

FRIENDLY & POSITIVE
NEWS AND SPORTS IN
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SUBSCRIBE LOCAL HOME DELIVERY:
only \$55.00/YEAR

Michigan's newest
JAYCO
RV dealer!

23
YEAR
WARRANTY

Jayco

277 EXPRESSWAY COURT
JUST WEST OF I-75
EXIT 282-GAYLORD
SALES - PARTS - SERVICE - PROPANE
989.448.8700

NORTHERN
MICHIGAN
RV

Charlevoix County News STILL JUST 75¢

YOUR SOURCE FOR LOCAL NEWS & SPORTS

April 11, 2024

BOYNE CITY, CHARLEVOIX, EAST JORDAN, ELLSWORTH AND SURROUNDING AREAS

CHARLEVOIX AUTO

CHEVROLET DODGE RAM
Jeep CHRYSLER MOKE

06684 US-31, Charlevoix, MI 49720

charlevoixauto.com 231.547.9900

SCAN THE CODE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

BOYNE FALLS - Great 4-Plex unit opportunity set in Boyne Falls. All four units are rented, two are being used commercially and the other units are a two bedroom lower apartment and a two bedroom upper apartment. The largest of the units (the upper one) could be used as a personal home/condo or get-away, and have the other 3 pay your mortgage. The building has been well maintained, and offers the new buyer a great opportunity for growth in the Boyne Mountain 4-seasons community. The upper unit offers un-interrupted views of the Boyne Mountain complex and ski hills, offering seasonal rental opportunities as well. Hurry for your chance to pick one of these multi unit properties, as they don't come around to often. \$435,900

Lynda's Real Estate Service

www.whyLyndas.com
27 S. LAKE ST., BOYNE CITY
231-582-9555

Inside this week!



Obituaries Inside

Check inside this week's paper for local Obituaries.

- NEWS**
- Weather - Page 2
 - Obituaries - Pages 2, 8
 - Community Leader - Page 3
 - Leadership - Page 4
 - Ask Laura - Page 4
 - Dave Says - Page 5
 - Student of The Week - Page 9
 - Pet of the Week - Page 9
 - News Briefs - Page 10
 - Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail - Page 12

- SPORTS**
- All-State Team Girls Basketball - Page 11

- CLASSIFIED ADS**
- Pages 13-15, 17
 - Auctions - Page 13
 - Help Wanted - Page 14
 - Legal Notices - Page 15
 - Real Estate Feature - Page 17

St. Mary school students artwork selected for Michigan Art Education Association Show

CHARLEVOIX - Amy Baldwin, the preschool and art teacher at St. Mary School selected student artwork to participate in the Region 15 MAEA (Michigan Art Education Association) Show. She had 5 students in the K-5 grade category and 5 students in the 6-8 grade category. Pieces were submitted online with accompanying learning statements from each student. Students included Michael, Emily, Beck, Phaelynn, Caroline, Madison, Reagan, Tamas, Faolan, and Phillip. Elementary students' artwork have been selected to be part of the MAEA Top 100 State Show from Michael, Emily, Phaelynn and Caroline.



Matted and wrapped artwork moving on to Top 100 show and MDE building.

Middle School students' artwork selected from Madison and Tamas. The artwork will be on display at the Western Michigan University Gallery in Grand Rapids from March 14-April 9th.

There will be a reception on Saturday, March 16th from Noon-4pm.

Artwork from Beck and Reagan have been chosen to be on display at the Michigan Department of Education in Lansing for a year:

The eight pieces moving on were then matted and wrapped in acetate and learning statements attached. Faolan and Phillip's artwork is a part of the Crooked Tree Youth Art Show that opened on

March 19th in Petoskey. About 40 students' work will be on display for that show.

The MAEA K-12 State Art Exhibition is a platform for students across Michigan to showcase their exceptional artwork. Founded in 1949, the MAEA not only promotes artistic talent but also serves as a valuable networking opportunity and source of support for visual art educators throughout the state.



Left to Right, St. Mary School Students - Phaelynn, Reagan, Michael, Madison, Emily, Caroline, Faolan, Tamas, Phillip, Beck



Northern Symphonic

Free Admission to Annual Spring Concert this Sunday, April 14

BOYNE CITY - Immerse yourself into the enchanting melodies of the Northern Symphonic Winds at their Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, April 14, 4:00 P.M., at the Boyne City High School's Center for the Performing Arts. We will be showcasing the region's top wind instrumentalists, it's a must-attend event. Admission is free, with heartfelt donations welcomed at the door. Don't miss the chance to meet and chat with the talented group members at the post-concert reception!

The concert will be conducted by Dr. Timothy Topolewski. A native of Michigan, Dr. Topolewski began his professional career while in high school when he was selected, through international competition, to perform as soloist and conductor with band chorus and orchestra on a summer tour of the major cities of Mexico. He has appeared as conductor, clinician, or soloist on the conference programs of the American Bandmasters Association, Midwest Band and Orchestra Convention,

the College National Band Directors Association and the National Band Directors Association. He has conducted national and international orchestra and band festivals including performances in Melbourne and Brisbane Australia, East Berlin, Dresden, Potsdam and Leipzig Germany.

Prior to his appointment at the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, New York, Dr. Topolewski served as clarinet soloist with the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" in Washington, D.C. He holds a B.S. degree in music education from Michigan State University, a M.M. in music education from the Catholic University of America and a Doctor of Musical Arts as full scholarship recipient when he was selected, through international competition, to perform as soloist and conductor with band chorus and orchestra on a summer tour of the major cities of Mexico. He has appeared as conductor, clinician, or soloist on the conference programs of the American Bandmasters Association, Midwest Band and Orchestra Convention,

Dr. Topolewski retired as Distinguished Teaching Professor of Music from the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, New York in 2007. He currently resides in Williamsburg, Michigan.

This will be a great concert for music lovers to attend.

Charlevoix STATE BANK
Your Local Community Bank
Est. 1994
231-547-4411
www.charlevoixstatebank.com
Member FDIC

Good Luck to all our Spring Athletes!

Wishing you a great season!

#1

SOFT SERVE IS NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON

Come in for your favorite Flurry!

ALPINE CHOCOLAT HAUS
"A FAMILY TRADITION SINCE 1985"

2 LOCATIONS: 208 W. Main, Gaylord MI 49735 • 1 Water Street Boyne City, MI 49712

Subscribe TO THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS

Distributed to Boyne City, East Jordan, Charlevoix, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Ellsworth and Atwood.

friendly & positive news and sports covering all of Charlevoix County

PUBLISHED WEEKLY ON THURSDAY

Charlevoix County News 75¢

989-732-8160

E-Mail: Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com



112 E. SIXTH ST., GAYLORD, MI 49735 • (989) 732-8160 • OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

Standard Mail
US Postage
PAID
Gaylord, MI
Permit No. 70

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

weather forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
HIGH: 48 LOW: 40	HIGH: 43 LOW: 38	HIGH: 49 LOW: 43	HIGH: 55 LOW: 41	HIGH: 55 LOW: 42	HIGH: 59 LOW: 47	HIGH: 58 LOW: 44

record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
April 11	48	28	77	1977	10	1970
April 12	49	29	83	2023	9	1976
April 13	49	29	85	2023	12	1992
April 14	50	29	84	2023	10	1996
April 15	50	30	85	2023	11	2020
April 16	51	30	87	2002	14	1980
April 17	51	31	84	1976	14	1983

OBITUARIES



Mary J. (Bricker) Muma, 97

June 29, 1926 - April 2, 2024
EAST JORDAN

Mary Jeanette Muma of East Jordan died on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the American House in Charlevoix.

She was born on June 29, 1926, in East Jordan, the daughter of Zell and Jessie (Manke) Bricker. Mary grew up in the East Jordan and Ellsworth area. She graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1945. She married John J. Hoffman in 1947. He preceded her in death.

On April 5, 1970, in Charlevoix, Mary married Willard Thomas Muma. He preceded her in death on January 8, 2018.

Mary enjoyed bowling, fishing, camping, riding horses, going to the casino, but most of all, family dinners.

She is survived by two children, Richard (Carol) Hoffman and Sandra (Timothy) Pienta; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; three great, great grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Elwood Bricker; and one sister, Lillian Gee. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the East Jordan United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends on Monday from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Memorials may be directed to East Jordan Lions Club.



Stephan Paul Nagy, 51

(Aug. 22, 1972 - April 5, 2024)

EAST JORDAN

Stephan Paul Nagy passed away on Friday, April 5, 2024, at his home in East Jordan.

He was born on August 22, 1972, in Warren, Michigan, the son of David Charles and Christine Mae (Huhn) Nagy.

He graduated from Mesick High School in 1991. He served in the United States Marine Corp. for a couple of years. Stephan then attended college. Stephan worked on the Sherman Farm in East Jordan to grow produce for Burnette Foods in East Jordan.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles, his off-road pastime of Mudding, hunting, fishing and building. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Stephan is survived by three daughters, Melyni Nagy, Alek Sawyer and Stevi Sawyer; three grandchildren, Kayden Sawyer, Autumn Pinkerton and Zreh Pinkerton; two brothers, David Charles Nagy, Jr. and Adam Nagy; and his best friend, Kim Sawyer.

Friends are welcome to attend a memorial visitation at Stephan's residence at 8 Juniper Drive, East Jordan on Sunday, April 7, 2024, in the afternoon. Arrangements were made by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.



Veronica Lorraine Johnson, 26

(Jan. 7, 1998 - April 5, 2024)

BOYNE CITY

Veronica Lorraine Johnson, age 26 of Boyne City passed away April 5, 2024. A visitation will be held 4:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday, April 11, 2024 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with a time of sharing to begin at 7:00 pm and the reciting of the Rosary to be held at 7:30 pm.

Mass will be celebrated 11:00 am Friday, April 12, 2024 at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City with a gathering of family and friends being held from 10:00 am until the time of service. Burial will follow at Maple Lawn Cemetery. Stackus Funeral Home is serving the family and a full obituary will follow.



Kathleen Lewis, 75

April 20, 1948 — April 5, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Kathleen Lewis was born in Charlevoix on April 20, 1948 to Arthur and Martina (Tookolo) Lewis.

After graduating from Charlevoix High School,

she attended San Jose Community College in San Jose California.

Later, she also attended University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and North Central Michigan College in Petoskey.

She held many jobs throughout her years. Many people have fond memories of her while working at Hoskins Wire Factory in Charlevoix. She dedicated several years working as a CNA and particularly enjoyed her time as a hospice aide. She worked with Char/Em ISD as the Indian Education Home/School Coordinator. She also served as Secretary for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa during council's time in Washington securing federal reaffirmation for the community.

She enjoyed her time serving the Native American community and was proud of her Ottawa, Chippewa and Choctaw ancestry. She retired from Bay Street Orthopedics where she worked as a filekeeper.

She walked on peacefully in her home on April 5. She was attended by her dog, Chloe, her cat, Ruthie, and her son, Michael.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Lewis, and her mother, Martina Starr née Tookolo. She is survived by her son, Michael McCann.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 9, from 5-7 PM, at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, April 10, at noon, at St Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. A visitation will be held from 11 AM until the time of mass. Father Peter Wigton will be officiating. A luncheon will follow mass at the church.

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

Sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com



Carl Price, 86
(June 25, 1937 — April 4, 2024)

CHARLEVOIX

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Carl Richard Price at the age of 86. He passed away in his home in Charlevoix surrounded by his devoted and loving wife and family on April 4, 2024. Carl was born on June 25, 1937, in Bay Shore, MI, to his parents William and Thelma (Trautman) Price. He was the seventh of nine children and spent his childhood on the family farm in Bay Shore. After graduating from Petoskey High School in 1955, Carl joined the Army and was stationed in Germany, serving until 1958.

On October 7, 1961, he married Judith Lynn Jepsen at the St. Francis Church of Petoskey. They initially lived in Petoskey for six months before settling on their farm on Pincherry Road.

Carl owned and operated his Construction company for over 40 years, leaving a lasting impact on the industry. He also dedicated his time to serving the community in various roles. Carl volunteered for the Charlevoix Township Fire Department, was a 4-H leader for the Hayes Township Bay Shore community, served as a Building Trades instructor for Charlevoix High School, and acted as a County Commissioner for the people of Charlevoix County. His contributions to the community were highly regarded, and he played a significant role in its development.

Although he never really retired, Carl continued with small jobs and home caretaking services and enjoyed working with his sons and grandsons on building projects in the Charlevoix area. Carl had a collection of tractors that he enjoyed maintaining and displaying every summer. The tractors could be seen from Pincherry Road in the front yard of the Price family home.

Every holiday Carl would setup a light display on his barn for all to see from the highway and Pincherry Road.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Marylou, Alice, Peggy, and Linda, and brothers Bill, Jerry, and Tony, as well as his son Carl Jr.

He is survived by his wife Judy, sister Marie, and sons Mark, Scott (Kristen), Randy (Stacey), and Brent; grandchildren Jillian, Robert (Beki), Arlena, Ashley (Kevin), Carley, Matt, Jason, Kristina, Madison (Samarah), and Camden (Megan), as well as his great-grandchildren Emma, Addison, Claire, James, Chelsea, Blake, Savannah, Maliah, Kyver, Skylar, Julien, and Jameson.

No public services are scheduled, and the family requests that friends and acquaintances celebrate Carl's life, friendship, and service to the community by remembering the impact he had on their lives. If desired, monetary donations can be directed towards Veterans associations or a preferred charity.

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



Stacy A.C. Nelson, 43

May 7, 1980 — April 2, 2024

ELLSWORTH

Stacy Allen-Christopher Nelson of Ellsworth passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. He was born on May 7, 1980, in Muskegon, the son of Bruce Strickler and Cheryl Nelson.

There are no services planned at this time. Arrangements are in the care of the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

OBITUARIES
CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

CONNECTING Women in Business

Now Accepting Applications for Summer 2024 GO Grants!

Grants up to \$600 for girls in grades 5 to 10 in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties. Can be used to pursue a special interest, gain or improve a skill, participate in an outdoor experience and more.

March 22, 2024 deadline.

Jennifer Burr
REALTOR®

231-675-0157
Jennifer.Burr@CBGreatLakes.com
www.JenniferBurr.com

Jennifer Burr
Group

The housing market is **HOT**
and inventory is **LOW!**

Give me a call to discuss your Real Estate needs!

231 E Water St | Boyne City, MI 49712 | Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM



Pictured is last years winners, Alice & Isobel!

Annual American Girl Doll Tea Party, April 21

The annual East Jordan American Girl Tea Party will take place from 2 to 4 on Sunday, April 21 at East Jordan High School. This year's theme is "Iluau." There will be crafts, activities, desserts, door prizes and the top two door prizes will be the 2024 American Girl Doll of the

Year Lila and previous girl Nanea. Entry fee is \$6 girls and \$6 adults. Only girls can win a door prize and you must be present to win. Tickets are at the door or you can buy ahead. Call Connie Roberts to rsvp, or for questions, 231-675-4332.

Choice Publications
classifieds
 8 Word Classified Ad in any single publication
 Call **989-732-8160** **\$2.00** Addl. Words 25¢ Each

OPEN 24 HOURS

1ST CHOICE CAR WASH

NEW OWNERS!
 plus... New Automatic Car Wash
 Soft Touch or Touch Free Options

Marc Anderson 231-547-0742
 1400 Bridge Street Charlevoix, MI 49720



Preschool - 8th Grade
OPEN HOUSE · APRIL 16, 2024
 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Visit our school, meet our wonderful teaching staff and discover more about what makes St. Mary School such a special place.

We are committed to the spiritual and academic development of each child and provide a curriculum that nurtures creativity, academic excellence, and spiritual, physical and emotional growth.

Come visit us and see the St. Mary difference!

1005 Bridge Street • Charlevoix, MI (231) 547-9441
 stmaryschoolcharlevoix.com



- One Tuition Rate for all Families K-8
- Scholarships Available
- Christ-Centered Education
- All Faiths Welcome
- Small Class Sizes
- Caring, Certified Teachers
- Safe, Welcoming Environment
- After School Programs
- Family Atmosphere
- Hands-on Learning
- Individualized Instruction
- Preschool Program
- Pre-K Program
- Academics, Value, Growth
- Your Story Starts Here!

COMMUNITY LEADER

MICHELLE RICK-BIDDICK

I'VE NEVER WORKED A DAY IN MY LIFE

BY JOHN KEYSER

Michelle Rick-Biddick says she has never worked a day in her life, as she has loved contributing to the betterment of our community and our people here, year-round and seasonal residents, and our many visitors.

She certainly has done so very much. She is amazing!

As background, Michelle originally from Minnesota, attended Michigan State, focused her studies on Natural Resource Environmental Education and Secondary Education.

Early on, Michelle worked as the Field Director of Antrim, Emmet and Charlevoix Counties Girl Scouts, and for State of Michigan Department of Fisheries, also for the Department of Forestry, Leadership for Young Adults Conservation Corp., Youth Conservation Corp while working with youths in the field on math and science skills along with self-preservation skills.

She also taught outdoor education classes for SEE North – a science and environmental organization focusing on many areas of water quality, pond studies, orienteering, snow science, and more. She was also a substitute science teacher for several public schools in our area.



Michelle Rick-Biddick

Michelle was Executive Director of WATCH, (water and air quality team) for 30 years, and helped design and create Charlevoix's first recycling guide and served many years on the Charlevoix Recycling committee.

She spearheaded the initiation of our first recycling program and initiated a "Turn off your key and be Idle Free Campaign" (at the time, our shops had open doors during the summer months and when our bridge was up and cars might wait five to ten minutes with exhaust fumes entering these shops, which was a big problem).

Michelle was very involved with water and air quality issues in our county, our CARE Fair (conservation and renewable energy),

lake and land preservation, and she also initiated our free bike sharing program in Charlevoix.

She has been very involved with Mother Nature recycling programs with our schools, was Executive Director of Charlevoix Community Swimming Pool and herself a swimming instructor (one of her three daughters, Chelsea, now is the Program Director of the pool), and she created the TRI 4 Fun triathlon, a non-competitive triathlon for women for 5 years to raise money for free mammograms and breast cancer awareness for our county.

In addition, Michelle has served as Chairperson for the Hayes Township Parks and Recreation Committee, which includes Camp

Seagull and the other parks in the township.

Michelle is a certified personal trainer and spinning/aerobics instructor for many years, with a definite emphasis on helping people feel empowered and positive about themselves.

When asked about messages she would like to share with our community, Michelle encourages everyone to become involved, to help our community and protect our very special natural resources. She states that by doing so it will:

- Energize you
- Make you feel encouraged and help motivate others
- Give back 100 times more than you put into
- Give you a true feeling of belonging, community, and self-worth
- Feel like you are helping create change for a better world
- Help to be part of the solution; not the problem
- Help see things in a different way
- Be less judgmental; by seeing the whole picture; and understand the challenges

Meeting and learning about Michelle and the many wonderful, devoted community leaders in Charlevoix County and Up North Michigan is why I love writing for this newspaper. It is inspirational (and humbling as I know I could do more myself).

Michelle is very special!

Dr. Timothy Topolewski
 Conductor – Music Director

presents...

A Concert Celebration

Sunday, April 14, 2024
 Boyne City HS Performing Arts Center

Immerse yourself into the enchanting musical melodies of the
Northern Symphonic Winds

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

Noreen Aninos celebrates 25 years at Charlevoix Agency

Noreen came to work at the Charlevoix Agency, Inc. on April 15, 1999 after working at Mettlers in Charlevoix. Noreen moved to Charlevoix from Hudson, Florida where she was an Insurance Agent at an Independent Agency.

Noreen is one of the friendliest people you will ever meet and anyone that knows her or has worked with her over the years knows what a dedicated Agent and friend she is.

Please help us congratulate Noreen on her 25 years of service to the Charlevoix Agency, Inc.



Noreen Aninos

LEADERSHIP

Please Tell Me Something I Do Not Want To Hear

BY JOHN KEYSER

I wish I could remember who wrote the article suggesting leaders ask this question, "Please tell me something I do not want to hear." I would certainly credit the author. When I read this, I immediately took note, and am totally in agreement with its value.

We want to lead with humility and empathy, and it takes humility to want to hear how we and our team may improve. This signals our strength. We all, every one of us, have areas of potential improvement, and allowing ourselves to be vulnerable and sincerely wanting to learn how we may be more effective is very important.

Striving for improvement is a path to success.

Generally, as a manager, the less honest feedback we receive. People tend to tell us what they think we want to hear.

Sheila Heen, co-author of Thanks for the Feedback, offers an idea. Knowing that people are hesitant to deliver less than favorable feedback, and especially to those who may have



John Keyser

positions above theirs, she suggests an approach. She suggests sharing with people with whom we work that we are trying to improve, as we all should, and to ask them "Please tell me two things you feel I am doing well, and also two things you think I could do better."

If they realize we are genuine, that we want their help and will not be defensive or angry, the pressure is off, and we will gain valuable ideas.

Of course, the request "Please tell me something I do not want to hear" will also lead to our gaining rich information, information that could well help us become better, be it our self, our team, business.

The most effective leaders I have been fortunate to

work with do not have big egos.

They know they may be good at what they do, and they also know they can be even better. They seek honest and timely feedback.

In a conversation with a pastor, he said everyone he greets after church says "Nice homily", and while he certainly loves seeing them, he wishes for feedback that could help him improve as he is genuinely striving to be as effective. Honest feedback would be helpful.

Let's embody humility, seeking honest and timely ideas for improvement. Let's consider requesting selected people to "Please tell me something I do not want to hear."

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.

ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

Uncovering Your Masterpiece: The Journey to Self-Discovery

Dear Readers, last week, a quote struck a chord with me: "Maybe the journey isn't about becoming anything. Maybe it's about unbecoming everything that isn't really you, so you can be who you were meant to be in the first place." This perspective is a powerful reminder of the process of self-discovery and authenticity.

Several years ago, I came across an analogy that beautifully captures this idea, using Michelangelo's renowned sculpture, David. When Michelangelo was presented with a large block of marble, he didn't just see a stone; he saw David in it. His task was not to create but to chip away the excess marble, revealing the masterpiece that lay within.

The profound lesson here is that David was always there, hidden inside the marble. Michelangelo's genius was in removing what was unnecessary,

allowing David's true greatness to shine. This is a metaphor for our own lives. We often feel inadequate or believe we're not enough. But the truth is, our worthiness, our greatness, is innate. It has always been there.

As Jamie Kern Lima explores in her book "Worthy," our journey is about unlearning the lies we've been told about ourselves, chipping away at the doubts and fears that cloud our true selves. It's about recognizing that we don't have to strive to be worthy; we were born worthy.

So, as we go about our daily lives, let's remember to chip away at whatever doesn't serve our true selves. Let's unlearn the falsehoods that dim our inner greatness. By doing so, we allow our true selves – worthy and extraordinary – to emerge and shine.

Until next time, dear readers, remember: you



Laura Jasurda

are the masterpiece; you always have been.

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.

Charlevoix County Adult Drug Treatment Court

Controlled substance addiction has devastating impacts on people, families, and communities. Charlevoix County has long sought to address those impacts through several means and recently has added another tool—an Adult Drug Treatment Court. According to Michigan's State Court Administrative Office, the purpose of adult drug treatment courts is "to achieve a reduction in recidivism and substance abuse among nonviolent substance abusing offenders and to

increase the offender's likelihood of successful habitation."

After individuals have been arrested for an offense involving controlled substances, they will be assessed to determine whether they are an appropriate candidate for the program. Participants who are offered admission into the program by the Prosecutor's Office will then undergo intensive counseling, drug testing, and supervision by the Michigan Department of Corrections and 33rd Circuit Court.

Speaking on the formation of the program, Charlevoix County Prosecutor Christopher Kit Tholen said "this program was started because of the empathy and vision of Judge Roy C. Hayes, III and Sheriff Chuck Vondra. It will be an excellent tool to return people from addiction back to their families and employers. Finally, placement will only be offered to deserving candidates; the drug dealers who sell this poison need not apply."

East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

2024-2025 VISITORS GUIDE & BUSINESS DIRECTORY

All Members Listed - Free!

Created & Produced by Members of YOUR Own Community!

New Theme & New Articles
Calendar of Events & Area Attractions
Photos, Photos, & More Photos!
(Send us some of YOUR great photos and we may use them, too!)

Reach both residents and visitors throughout the area, state and beyond!
A great opportunity to showcase YOUR products & services!

East Jordan, Ellsworth & Atwood

Don't wait!
Don't hesitate!
Reserve Your Ad Space Today!



Contact Mary or Shannon
231-536-7351



Charlevoix CHAMBER

2024 EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

- INDOOR SIDEWALK SALES | February 16-19
- ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS | February 23
- BUSINESS EXPO | March 13
- EASTER EGG HUNT | March 30
- BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | April 17
- REGIONAL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | May 22
- GOLF OUTING | June 6
- SUMMER OPEN HOUSE | June 13
- BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | June 19
- SUMMER ART SHOW | June 29 & 30
- ART & CRAFT SHOW | July 13 & 14
- SIDEWALK SALES | August 15-17
- BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | September 18
- APPLE FEST | October 11-13
- BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | October 16
- STATE OF THE COMMUNITY | November 1
- BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | November 13
- HOLIDAY PARADE | November 29
- HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE | December 7
- BUSINESS AFTER HOURS | December 11

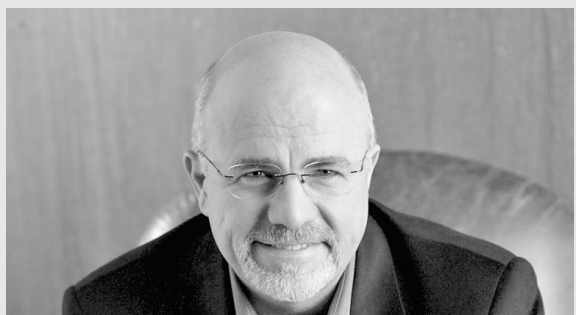
WWW.CHARLEVOIX.ORG

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

— A MOTHER’S STORY —

“Is that a Muskrat in my sink!?”



DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

A Safety Net, Not a Hammock

BY JACOB W. VANHOUTEN

“If that’s another one of your muskrats floating in the water with my nylons, you’re in deep trouble Mister” my mother sneered through gritted teeth.

“Ahh, I’ll move ‘em mom, but they had ice frozen in their fur and I was just thawing them out” I explained.

It hadn’t occurred to me the reason there was a wash tub full of water in the basement waiting when I got home from running my trap line, was because my mom had put her “delicates” to soak while doing the laundry. I just thought it was great that I had a place to soak my delicates... muskrats!

My mother has this uncanny ability to deal with the most interesting of events. She’s had to, having raised five kids, including two sons who would hunt, trap, skin, stretch or catch just about anything... “Lookie what I got!” This includes the white-striped black “kitty” with a funny smell that my brother brought home in a bushel basket. You have to understand that my father has to take some of the blame... he’s the one who showed us the way of the wild. He moved our family onto a 5 acre woodlot complete with a creek, pond, and way too much wildlife for two boys, and yes, three sisters as well. We were in critter heaven. Frogs, salamanders, muskrat, mink, raccoons, rabbits, box turtles, blue racers, garter snakes, and... well, you get the picture.

I just wanted to say a big “thanks mom” for being there and most of all, understanding how important it was (and is!) to a little boy to have his mother cook the legs from the pile of dead frogs that he shot with his BB gun. I can’t believe she cooked them all... even if they didn’t “taste like the ones at the restaurant” (maybe it was because they were so old!). Thanks for understanding during all of the following:



The author as a “school boy trapper” with his catch.

- Boiling gallon after gallon of “sap” from maple trees to make one pint of “real home-made syrup”!
- Cooking innumerable critters that you swore looked like “dead rats” (I promise, they really were squirrels... they just look like dead rats when they’re skinned!)
- Acting really happy that I shot my first rabbit with my .410 and then cooking it for supper.
- For looking for me when I used to slide down into the bottom of my sleeping bag during our many camping trips.
- For always combing my hair before I went out... even to go hunting... because after I complained that “it’s windy out and I’m wearing a hat anyway” and you’d answer, “well, you can at least start out looking good”.
- For watching for me out the kitchen window late... waiting for me to return home from running my trap line or getting in that last pass through the field while pheasant hunting with our Irish Setter Kelly.
- For telling my brother Dave and me that dad wouldn’t “kill” us for breaking the Stevens .410/.22 stock over the head of fox we had trapped.
- Pretending to “like” the snakes we brought home... in particular the blue racer named King.
- And for boiling up my “crawdads” from Plaster

Creek and making it a feast.

I’m sure my mom remembers the time I decided that it was too cold to clean and stretch my muskrats out in the garage and so I took them downstairs to the basement. I would hang each one by the hind foot from the pull cord on the light switch so they would be just about “face high”. Then I would skin and stretch the pelt, clean and flesh it, and move on to the next one. It worked great. One problem though... I was in such a hurry to clean up and get upstairs that I sort of forgot and left one hanging there... it’s little beady black eyes sticking out with a dead “rat tooth” grin on its face. Of course mom decided to head downstairs to the laundry room, reaching out for the pull cord in the darkness, she missed the cord and came “face-to-

naked muskrat” and let out that unforgettable scream. “JACOB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

I spent the remaining years of my trapping career trying to make up for that one. Pretty much failed but did learn to clean my catch very quickly since I had to stay outside in the garage from then on.

I remember all the things she did for us kids during our youth, and for the things she continues to do. They seem like little things but they meant so much to me (and more so now), and to my brothers and sisters... and to dad. The home-made chicken & dumpling soup you made for deer camp. Even though our “camp” may have only been the back of a ’67 Chevy station wagon, your food kept up our spirits as the snow and/or rain came down. We had to cut the chili up with a buck saw one time it froze so solid. Believe me, the things she did amaze me to this day... I can still see the look in her eyes when we came home from deer camp, fishing in Canada, or whatever.

Mom, you cared so much and put such tremendous energy into every day, you make it all feel right. You’ve taught me so much. You’ve made me a better hunter, fisherman, camper, outdoorsman, writer, and of course you made me! But most of all, you’ve made me a better man. Thanks “Muzzy Lois”... and fire up the stove, I’m coming for a visit and I’m bringing some venison!

—The End

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are in a bad situation, and we’re thinking about taking my parents up on their offer to move in with them. We both work two jobs. I’m a medical transcriptionist with a small business on the side, and he’s a warehouse clerk who is also trying to get a business off the ground. Combined, we bring home about \$70,000 a year, plus we have \$80,000 in debt between credit cards and a car loan. On top of all this, our rent went up 18% at the first of the year, and we can’t afford the increase. Should we move in with my folks?

—Melissa

now. Neither one of you is afraid of work. That much is obvious. And you’re working four jobs between the two of you, so there’s no lack of effort. But you’re not gaining any traction. You’re not making a lot of money, and the debt hanging over your heads isn’t helping either.

Your parents are obviously good-hearted people, Melissa. If you do this, I want you, your husband and your folks to go into it with this mindset—your stay with them is a brief stopover on your way to prosperity. Don’t go into this—any of you—with an attitude of the world is mean, rent went up, and we can’t make it out there. This is a safety net, not a hammock. Use this time to begin addressing your financial issues, and take a long, hard look at your career and income situation. If you use this opportunity wisely, you can emerge in a better place with your money and with getting ahead in your careers.

God bless you all!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, the second-largest syndicated talk radio show in America. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.

Dear Melissa,

I’m not opposed to families jumping into a situation together to solve a problem. That includes grown children moving back home for a short period of time. Sometimes, when the right people are involved (and proper boundary expectations are established and agreed upon), it can work out well for everyone. I just want you to be very careful that you’re not using a move like this to mask the real problem.

I’m going to shoot straight with you. The real problem isn’t an 18% jump in rent. The real problem is what that rent increase revealed about you both—the fact that you have weak careers. You guys are like two hamsters in a wheel right

BOYNE AREA FREE CLINIC



NEW YEAR - NEW CLINIC HOURS
WE WILL BE SEEING PATIENTS ON

TUESDAYS 10 AM TO 12 PM

&

FRIDAYS 8 AM TO 4 PM

PLEASE STOP IN & SEE US! WE WILL ALSO BE DOING WELLNESS CHECKS DURING THESE TIME. WE HAVE FLUE SHOTS AVAILABLE ALSO.

BRIGHTER DAY DANCE BAND

Ballroom Dance

Ballroom Dance Music for your listening pleasure and dancing



Fox Trot
Swing

Waltz
Polka

Cha-Cha
and others!

Brighter Day Dance Band is pleased to announce we will be performing at the Barnard Grange in Charlevoix!

Saturday, April 20, 2024
5:00pm to 8:00pm.

Barnard Grange | 15975 Klooster Rd | Charlevoix

Featuring Ballroom Dance Music and Dancing with Potluck Meal (please bring a dish to pass). Admission to this fundraising event by free-will offering at the door.

For more information, call

Reg at 231-533-8368 or Randy at 231-675-0004

NOW HIRING!

Weekly Choice County News

LOCALLY OWNED, LOCALLY OPERATED LOCAL NEWS, LOCAL SPORTS

We have an immediate opening in this area. We are adding a writer to our staff of Northern Michigan's popular local newspaper. Nice extra income for a few hours of work. You will need dependable transportation and a digital camera. Feature local people, events and businesses. This is an independent contractor position. E-mail Office@WeeklyChoice.com or call Dave at 989-732-8160.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER

We have an immediate opening in this area. We are adding a photographer to our staff of Northern Michigan's popular local newspaper. Nice extra income for a few hours of work. You will need dependable transportation and an SLR digital camera. Feature local athletes and teams. This is an independent contractor position. E-mail Office@WeeklyChoice.com or call Dave at 989-732-8160.

Limited time only Spring SALE

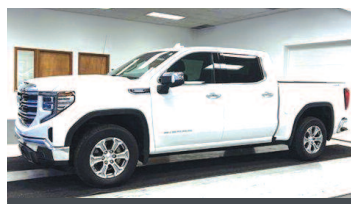
ON OUR ENTIRE USED VEHICLE INVENTORY!



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2022 GMC SIERRA 1500 LIMITED #B2095A
1-OWNER, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START
SALE PRICE
\$35,553*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS. @ \$761 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 GMC ACADIA SLE AWD #B1924A
1-OWNER, NEW TIRES, PWR. LIFTGATE
SALE PRICE
\$28,745*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS. @ \$499 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2022 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT CREW CAB #B2030
SHORT BOX, 1-OWNER, HEATED STEERING WHEEL
SALE PRICE
\$51,163*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS. @ \$887 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2023 CHEVY SUBURBAN PREMIER #B1987
4WD, HEATED & COOLED LEATHER, 7 PASSENGER
SALE PRICE
\$67,774*
FINANCE FOR 84 MOS. @ \$1089 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2019 CHEVROLET BLAZER AWD #B2100
PWR. LIFTGATE, HEATED FRONT SEATS
SALE PRICE
\$24,737*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS. @ \$492 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 GMC ACADIA AWD SLE #B2134
1-OWNER, BISE AUDIO, PWR. LIFTGATE
SALE PRICE
\$28,553*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS. @ \$496 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE LTC #B2071A
TONNEAU COVER, BOSE AUDIO
SALE PRICE
\$37,869*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS. @ \$657 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2019 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 SHORT BOX #B1983
CREW CAB, 4WD, 1-OWNER, NEW BRAKES, REMOTE START
SALE PRICE
\$29,999*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS. @ \$592 /MO.



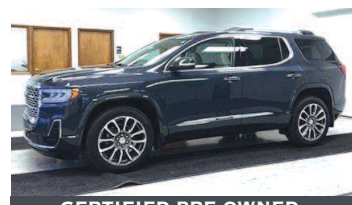
CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2022 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD #B2106A
HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START
SALE PRICE
\$44,961*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS. @ \$779 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2022 GMC SIERRA 1500 LIMITED #B2041
REGULAR CAB, LONG BOX, VINYL FLOORS
SALE PRICE
\$35,889*
FINANCE FOR 84 MOS. @ \$561 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2019 GMC TERRAIN AWD SLE #B2121A
REAR CAMERA, BLUETOOTH, TIRE PRESSURE MONITOR
SALE PRICE
\$19,338*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS. @ \$384 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 GMC ACADIA AWD DENALI #B1998A
1 OWNER, SUNROOF, BOSE AUDIO
SALE PRICE
\$34,640*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS. @ \$599 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 ELEVATION DBL CAB #B2158A
31K MILES.
SALE PRICE
\$37,751*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS. @ \$645 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2019 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT CREW CAB #B2169A
74K MILES.
SALE PRICE
\$36,025*
FINANCE FOR 66 MOS. @ \$689 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2023 GMC ACADIA AWD AT4 #B2115A
1-OWNER, BOSE AUDIO, SUNROOF
SALE PRICE
\$39,656*
FINANCE FOR 84 MOS. @ \$599 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2022 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB #B2067A
1-OWNER, NEW TIRES, TONNEAU COVER
SALE PRICE
\$43,868*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS. @ \$761 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2010 FORD F150 XL SUPERCAB. #B2059B
172K MILES.
SALE PRICE
\$5,935*
FINANCE FOR 24 MOS. @ \$269 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
1999 DODGE RAM 1500 #B2059B
FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, ABS, CRUISE
SALE PRICE
\$4,737*
FINANCE FOR 18 MOS. @ \$279 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2015 FORD F350 SRW CREW CAB XL. #B2056A
1-OWNER, SUNROOF, TONNEAU COVER
SALE PRICE
\$35,938*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS. @ \$714 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 FORD BRONCO SPORT BIG BEND #B2027
4X4, BLUETOOTH, DRIVER ASSIST
SALE PRICE
\$24,587*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS. @ \$489 /MO.

* WITH APPROVED CREDIT. PAYMENTS ARE PLUS TAX, TITLE, LICENSE AND DEALER FEES. SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.



News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

we insure your car.
because some people
never learned to park.
simple human sense



Call Don Jess today for a "No Problem®" quote.

CHARLEVOIX AGENCY, INC.
Charlevoix • 231-547-4441

Auto-Owners
INSURANCE
LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS

CIRCLE OF ARTS HOSTS ...

Prestigious Michigan Water Color Society Signature Exhibition

CHARLEVOIX — Charlevoix Circle of Arts is thrilled to announce its upcoming show, the Michigan Water Color Society Signature Exhibition. Running from April 19th to May 18th, the exhibition will kick off with an opening reception on Friday, April 19th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, where attendees will have the opportunity to engage with the artists and enjoy light refreshments.

This Signature Exhibition will spotlight 40 watercolor artists from all regions of Michigan, including 19 Great Lakes Fellows and 21 Signature status members of the Michigan Water Color Society. Signature status is conferred upon artists who have successfully passed the rigorous jury process for a minimum of four annual exhibitions within the past 12 years. Presently, there are 68 remarkable artists who have achieved this prestigious status. Furthermore, those Signature status members who have

Exhibit Dates:
April 19–May 18, 2024
Location:
Charlevoix Circle of Arts,
109 Clinton Street,
Downtown Charlevoix
Gallery Hours:
Monday to Friday:
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Admission: Free

completed a three-year term on the Water Color Society's board receive the esteemed Great Lakes Fellow designation, acknowledging their invaluable volunteer service.

This marks the 2nd Signature Exhibition for the Michigan Water Color Society. The introduction of Signature status took place at the 73rd/74th Annual Exhibition in 2021.

For further information about the exhibition, related events, or the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, please contact (231) 547-3554 or visit www.charlevoixcircle.org.

M I C H I G A N
WATER COLOR SOCIETY

Signature Exhibition



APRIL 19 - MAY 18, 2024

SAVE AN ADDITIONAL
\$250
OFF YOUR
RV PURCHASE

When you mention you saw our ad
in the Charlevoix County News

SEE OUR
AD INSIDE
ON PAGE
12



2215 US31 N. Petoskey
231-347-3200
www.petoskeyrvusa.com

BERGMANN CENTER RESALE SHOP

"MAKING
A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES
WE SERVE"



Watch us on
facebook for
our specials!

Open Mon-Sat
10am-5pm

Bergmann Center

6585 M-66, Charlevoix MI • 231-547-9624
www.bergmanncenter.org



STONE CREEK
FISHERIES &
EQUIPMENT, INC.

Get your
catalog today!
stonecreekequip.com
800-448-3873

Live Fish for Pond Stocking • Lake & Pond Management
Water Gardening Supplies • Water Features

Monday - Friday: 8am - 5pm
Saturdays from April 13 - June 29: 8am - 3pm. Closed all other Saturdays
Closed Sundays and Holidays.
Call Ahead for Fish Availability 800-448-3873

CHECK OUT OUR FISH FARM & RETAIL STORE!
11073 Peach Ave. Just 6 Miles East of Grant

BETTER CARS AT FAIR PRICES

We offer good quality used vehicles for everyone, regardless of your credit history. Low down payments and easy financing are available to everyone.

BUY HERE PAY HERE
byrider
BUY. FINANCE. DRIVE ON.
www.byrider.com

2013 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE
120,219 MILES ▶ 17 / 25 MPG

2015 CHEVY EQUINOX LT
Rear camera, 115 K miles



STOP BY AND LET ZEKE EBERLY
HELP YOU SELECT A NEW VEHICLE!

2215 US HWY 31 N
PETOSKEY
(231) 347-3200

2019 CHEVY CRUZE
2019 Chevy Cruze. Low miles, great MPG

2013 FORD F-150
150,928 MILES ▶ 14 / 19 MPG

2015 FORD ESCAPE SEL
Ecoboost, tow pkg. leather, 71 K miles.

2013 KIA OPTIMA GDI
Bluetooth, 119 K miles

RECEIVE A \$50 GAS CARD

When you mention you saw
this ad when you purchase your
new vehicle from us!

2020 Toyota Corolla XSE
Leather, bluetooth, moon roof,
67 K miles. Sharp car!
\$20,625
As low as \$319 a month

2021 Volkswagen Tiguan
66 K miles
As low as \$399 a month
Cash Price \$21,075

North Fin
AUTOMOTIVE
www.NorthFinAutos.com

2017 Ford Focus
42 MPG hwy, 143 K miles.
\$8,995
As low as \$149 a month

2019 Subaru Legacy
AWD, 82 K miles.
As low as \$305 a month
Cash Price \$18,995

2009 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sahara 4x4
4x4, removable hard top, 149 K mi..
\$13,995
As low as \$399 a month

2021 Chrysler Voyager
\$20,995
As low as \$349 a month

2018 Toyota Tacoma TRD Sport
4x4, fiberglass topper, tow pkg,
\$27,005
As low as \$419 a month

2012 Kia Soul
121 K miles.
Cash Price \$6,995
As low as \$199 a month.

2021 Hyundai Palisade
H-Trac AWD, leather, 3rd row
seats 8, rear camera. 51 K miles.
\$32,995
As low as \$488 a month

2012 Chevy Impala LT
167 K miles.
\$6,995
As low as \$199 a month

2009 Toyota Corolla
192 K miles.
\$5,995
As low as \$199 a month

2015 Chevy Silverado 1500
4x4, double cab, hard tonneau cover,
rear camera, tow pkg, 108 K mi.
\$23,995
As low as \$399 a month

2013 Ford Fiesta,
\$7,495
As low as \$199 a month

2012 Dodge Avenger SXT,
45 K Miles
\$7,995
As low as \$199 a month.

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

When Trauma Comes to Church, Part 3 of 3

ALISON NEIHARDT LPC

It has been said that the church is a place for the wounded and broken. But what does that really mean? What does that look like in the day-to-day life of a church? Of course, we pray for those who are hurting and suffering, but what else can we as believers do to help the hurting and broken?

The church as a whole need to be more aware of the trauma and hurt people are enduring every day of their lives. Mental health issues can be very hard to see. It isn't like someone walks around wearing a shirt that says, "I am struggling." We as Christians need to be there for each other. Hold each other up when each other is struggling with life.

Trauma and mental health issues can happen at any age, at any time.



Alison Neihardt LPC

The Bible talks of people who struggled with mental health issues. Those who had trauma in their lives. We live in a broken world. We live in a sinful world.

So, we know there is a problem. That is the first step is acknowledging the problem of mental health and trauma. The next thing we need to do is be willing to help. Many times, people just need a listening ear and an understanding heart. It isn't just up to the pastor to counsel and help people.

God has called us all to be a light in a dark world.

How do we shine that light? Making yourself available is a good place to start. Open your home to people for a Bible Study or Life Group. Get to know people on a personal level. For many people in your church, they have been hurt before so being open and vulnerable is no easy task for them. Especially if they have been hurt by the church.

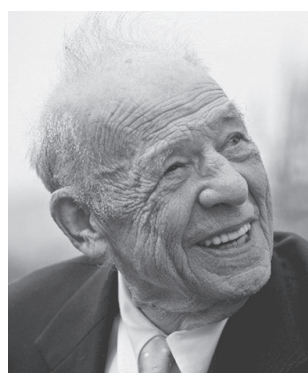
Have trainings for people in your church to be able to minister to hurting people. Know when to seek professional help from a qualified Christian mental health professional. Offer support groups to people in your church and in your community that can help with things like divorce or grief. Have leaders or point people in your church who can step in when there is a crisis in your church or

community.

Provide a safe space for kids and adults alike where they can come and be in community with other believers. Have safety protocols in place for kids in your children's and youth ministry. Have a safety team who watches out for the safety of the congregation. Have a list of community resources that are available to help people when the need arises.

Trauma and mental health are very real issues in our time. It is not going away; matter of fact I believe it is getting worse. We need to, as a church, be willing to step in and help with needs as they arise. We need to be the hands and feet of Jesus, after all He is the Great Physician. The goal of any church should be to point people to Jesus, who can heal the hurt and broken.

OBITUARIES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2



John Monroe Frey, 84

Nov. 23, 1939—March 28, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Environmental steward, conservationist, art and nature lover, actor and philanthropist John Monroe Frey passed away peacefully in his Charlevoix home on March 28, 2024, surrounded by family. He was 84.

John's roots ran deep in Michigan soil. Born and raised in East Grand Rapids, he lived his adult life on his beloved farm in Charlevoix, where he and his wife, Hilda, raised their five children.

Warm and multi-faceted, he was a champion of exploring one's passions and talents. From his time as an all-star athlete at East Grand Rapids High School, then graduating from the University of Hartford, to his senior years as a self-employed investor, he had a zest for life, diverse interests, and unlimited curiosity that led him to create life on his terms.

As a young man, he expressed his passion for the theater as a stage actor at the Grand Rapids Civic Theater, the Red Barn Summer Theater in Saugatuck and later in life at the Hartford Stage Company in Connecticut. John used his humor and storytelling to captivate others, often with a panache for facial expressions, accents, punctuation,

and comedic timing. When you were in conversation with him you felt his words as much as you heard them. He loved the written word, as well, handwriting personal letters – often on yellow legal pad paper or a card with one of his hand drawn birds – to let others know he was thinking of them.

He loved travel and was just as comfortable taking in theater in New York City as he was exploring Patagonia, camping under the stars, or at his cabin in the Upper Peninsula where he studied wolves, coyotes, and bears. But, of all his interests and adventures, it was the Charlevoix farm and nature that surrounds it that held his heart. He loved knowing the names of the trees and birds and which animal tracks were found where. He was a talented fly fisherman and bird hunter, at his best when accompanied by his beloved English Setter, Kate. He created several ponds throughout the farm for migratory birds, delighting in the cacophony of cranes, mallards, and geese. He set up conservation easements to ensure protection and greenways for wildlife.

His philanthropy was heartfelt and hands-on. He was a founding board member of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and was engaged with the Frey Foundation throughout his adult life, helping shape the foundation's philanthropic priorities, first as trustee, then vice-chair and finally trustee emeritus.

John is survived by his wife of 49 years, Hilda Carey Frey; and his children, who affectionately called him "Papa"; William Frey of Virginia, Eleonora H. Frey Zagel (Chad Zagel) of East Grand Rapids, Johannes Frey of Spring Lake, MI, Laura Frey (Er-

ico Franco Gomes) of San Francisco, and Katrine Frey of Miami; and grandchildren Jeremy Frey, Dylan Frey, Izabel Frey, and Steven Zagel. He is also survived by sister, Mary Caroline "Twink" Frey. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward J. and Frances M. (Tallie) Frey, and brothers David G. Frey and Edward J. (Ted) Frey, Jr.

The family is planning a private celebration of life. Memorial gifts may be made to FLOW (For the Love of Water), 440 West Front Street, Suite 100, Traverse City, MI 49684. Or gifts can be directed to a charitable organization of your choosing that supports mental health for youth. Donation link: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/flow-for-love-of-water>

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

Carolyn was born on January 18, 1936, in Ecorse Michigan to parents Ida and Edward Daniel Smith. She was a graduate of Ecorse High School and was a long-time employee of Ford Motor Company before her retirement.

On November 16, 1957, she married James R. Cloutier, also of Ecorse. They were happily married for 66 years and enjoyed golf, tennis, skiing and traveling together. She and James were also avid fans of the Harbor Springs Rams sporting events. Carolyn was a long-time member of the Harbor Springs Presbyterian Church.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, James; sisters, Janet Richards, Catherine Muniz, sisters-in-law, Ancolette Smith and Cheryl Smith and many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her parents Ida and Edward Daniel Smith, brothers Edward Ralph Smith, Robert Curtis Smith; niece, Suzanne Smith; brothers-in-law, George P. Richards and Aniceto Muniz Jr.

Thank you to the staff of The Brook Retirement of Boyne City and McLaren Hospice of Petoskey for their kindness, caring and support.

Per Carolyn's wishes there will be no funeral or memorial service. She will be interred at Harbor Springs Lakeview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Carolyn's honor to McLaren Hospice of Petoskey or the hospice of your choice.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on her guestbook at www.gaylord-funeralhome.com




Carolyn Ann Cloutier, 88

(Jan. 18, 1936 — April 6, 2024)

BOYNE CITY

Carolyn Ann Cloutier of Boyne City, formerly of Harbor Springs, passed away on April 6, 2024. She was a loving daughter, wife, sister and aunt.



VOLUME 15 ISSUE 43

E-Mail News Releases and Announcements to
Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com

MICHIGAN MEDIA INC.
112 EAST SIXTH ST., GAYLORD, MI 49735
PHONE 989-732-8160

The Charlevoix County News is published weekly on Thursdays
Published by Michigan Media, Inc., 112 East Sixth St., Gaylord, MI 49735

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to
Charlevoix County News, 112 East Sixth St., Gaylord, MI 49735

Distributed to Boyne City, East Jordan, Charlevoix,
Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Ellsworth and Atwood
Available on Newsstands: 75 cents a copy

Subscriptions:
Local Home Delivery of the News: \$55.00/year
Out-Of-County Delivery of the News: \$75.00/year
(Local area includes Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth, Petoskey, Gaylord)

ADVERTISING DEADLINE MONDAYS AT NOON
Place Classified ads on-line at 25 cents/word, \$2 minimum
Office: 989-732-8160

Publisher: DAVE BARAGREY 1 Office@WeeklyChoice.com	Sports Reporters: BOB DELONG RobertDeLong48@yahoo.com
Office: CATHY BARAGREY CB@WeeklyChoice.com	MIKE DUNN 989-370-0605
KARI BARAGREY Office@WeeklyChoice.com	GREG GIELCZYK ggielczyk@jackpine.net
MARISA MARCENARO	BEN MURPHY benmurphysports@yahoo.com
Reporters: JIM AKANS Jim@WeeklyChoice.com	JIM RUTKOWSKI JR@WeeklyChoice.com
ANGELA GONZALEZ Angela@WeeklyChoice.com	ANDY SNEDDON
MARK HUNTER	TODD VANSICKLE landho22@hotmail.com
LINDA ROGERS	Advertising Sales:
KAREN WALKER	DAVE BARAGREY 1 Office@WeeklyChoice.com 989-732-8160
MEGAN WILSON Megan@WeeklyChoice.com	SHERRY KILBOURN Shersk1942@gmail.com
Photographers:	SHANNON KNOWLTON Shannon@WeeklyChoice.com 989-390-4542
KIM CULVER	PAUL PANOSSO Paul@WeeklyChoice.com
CHRIS FIEL	KEN SCHOENBERG KenSchoenberg@yahoo.com
BRADY HEBERT	National Account Rep
JOANIE MOORE	DAVE BARAGREY 2 Dave2@WeeklyChoice.com
SCOTT RICHARDS	
KENNY RIVERS/IN MOTION IMAGES	


Notice to Readers - Typically most advertising is honest and clear about special offers, however, please be sure to read contents thoroughly to avoid misrepresentation. Michigan Media does not warranty the accuracy or reliability of content and does not accept any liability for injuries or damages caused to the reader or advertisers that may result from content contained in this publication. Errors in advertising should be reported immediately. Damage from errors will not exceed the cost of the advertisement for one issue. Michigan Media Inc. reserves the right to publish or refuse ads in their discretion.

RECEIVE A

\$50

GAS CARD

When you mention you saw the Byrider ad inside the Charlevoix County News when you buy your next vehicle from them.



SEE OUR AD INSIDE ON PAGE 7

2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-3200 • www.byriderpremium.com

CUSTOM & ANTIQUE FURNITURE



In the Rough, Professionally Painted or Completely Restored

Over 7,000 sq. ft. of Furniture, Antiques & Goodies

FURNITURE BARN

06176 Old U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-0133 • Cell (231) 881-0353

Web: dkellyantiques.com
E-Mail: donkellyantiques@yahoo.com

LEGENDS

Auto Glass

I DRIVE TO YOU!

- Free Mobile Service
- Insurance Work
- Repair or Replace
- All Makes & Models

Troy LaCount • Owner N.G.A. Master Certified

231-675-2348
Fax: 231-588-6088

www.legendsautoglass.com • Ellsworth

"No Leaks For Life"

DRY FIREWOOD

Delivered within 30 miles of
Boyne and Mancelona.

231-631-9600

Burt Moeke & Son Hardwoods.

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM



Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Payton Padgett

Grade: 5th

Parent's Name(s): Tony and Kayla Padgett

What do you want to be when you grow up?:

Payton would like to be a YouTuber when he grows up. He wants to make videos based off of video games.

Favorite Book: Dog Man the Scarlet Shredder.

Hobbies and Interests:

Payton enjoys building with Legos. His favorite item that he has built with Legos is a Dodge Charger car. An outdoor activity that Payton enjoys is riding go-carts in his backyard!

School Activities:

Payton enjoys gym and art class. He also enjoyed Snowshoeing this past winter for Winter Recreation. He isn't sure right now if there are any school activities that he would like to participate in during middle school next year.

Staff Comments:

It has been wonderful having Payton as a student! He has such a bright smile and positive attitude! He follows the Logger Agreement every day by being safe, speaking up, and working as a team. He checks in on his friends when they're feeling down and asks if they're okay and he speaks up when something is wrong. Additionally, Payton always has a clean desk and locker, he turns assignments in on time, and he always does his best work! Thank you for making Boyne Falls Public School a great place to be, Payton!

Submitted By: Mrs. Emily Jennings



Northern Michigan Chorale

Blooming with Song Concert, April 27

Northern Michigan Chorale (NMC) presents "Blooming with Song!" on Saturday, April 27 at 7 PM and Sunday, April 28 at 3 PM at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor.

The spring concert, featuring popular music from Broadway, film and the American Songbook, performed by this long-running community group, is

GREAT LAKES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



directed by Hannah Hoffman, and accompanied by Cynda Coleman.

Tickets (\$15 general public, \$12 for students

and seniors, free for age 10 and under) are available from chorale members and will also be available at the NMC welcome table in the

lobby before the show.

In addition, they are available online at www.greatlakescfa.org.

This concert is presented with generous support from NorthGoods in downtown Petoskey.

For further information, visit their website at www.nmchorale.org.

PET OF THE WEEK HONEY



This little doll is Honey! Honey found herself her as a stray and looked like she had recently had puppies. We were able to get her spayed, current on vaccines and microchipped. Now she is ready to find her forever home!

Honey is very sweet to her people and loves attention. She could use a little refresher on her manners as she does tend to jump up. Honey is very small for her breed weighing in at only about 30 pounds full grown.

She is not a fan of the other dogs here and we are unsure of how she would be with cats. Besides the jumping, Honey would likely do well with children.



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

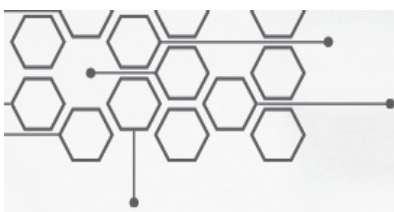
Northern Lakes Economic Symposium & Showcase, May 17th

The Northern Lakes Economic Symposium & Showcase will be Friday, May 17th at Boyne Mountain. The event is a forum for everyone committed to the economic vitality of our region. It is an opportunity to come together to tackle complex challenges, to make strategic connections, and to celebrate the successes of our communities and businesses in Northern Michigan.

Innovation—the act of introducing new products, methods, or ways of thinking—is integral to thriving businesses and communities. Discussions will offer answers to the question, how can the businesses and

communities of Northern Lower Michigan continue to foster innovation for our region's success now and into the future?

Symposium attendees will engage with experts who have fostered innovation through new practices and policies. Between the mainstage and breakout sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to examine innovation through community, industry cluster, and business lenses. Register online at events.anr.msu.edu, type Northern Lakes Economic Symposium in the search bar before May 2nd. Cost is \$90. Price will increase to \$100 on May 4 if seats are available.

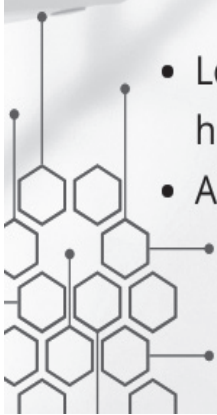


BOYNE AREA FREE CLINIC

We are in need of Volunteer Providers

- Looking for Doctors', PA's & NP's dedicated to helping our community
- Also openings for RN's, LPN's & Medical Assistants

Email us at BoyneAreaFreeClinic@yahoo.com



Sports

AND OUTDOORS

CALL (989) 732-8160 EMAIL SPORTS@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

ALL-STATE TEAM GIRLS BASKETBALL

The 2024 Michigan Associated Press All-State girls basketball team, which was selected by a panel of 15 sports writers

DIVISION 1

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Summer Davis, West Bloomfield

ALL-STATE

Summer Davis, West Bloomfield, Sr.
 Gabby Reynolds, Holland West Ottawa, Sr.
 Lily Zeinstra, Byron Center, Sr.
 Anna Wypych, Rockford, Jr.
 Indya Davis, West Bloomfield, Sr.
 Sydney Savoury, Belleville, Fr.
 Anaya Hardy, Detroit Renaissance, Sr.
 Madison Morson, Salem, Sr.
 Victoria Gray, Temperance-Bedford, Jr.
 Maddy Benard, Grosse Pointe South, Jr.
 Braxcynn Baker, Lowell, Sr.

CO-COACH OF THE YEAR

Jason Wilkens, Belleville.
 Bill Ryan, Temperance-Bedford.

SECOND-TEAM ALL-STATE

(nominees receiving at least two votes)

Mariah Sain, Muskegon, Soph.
 Lexi Ringley, Saginaw Heritage, Sr.
 Anna Lassan, South Lyon East, Sr.
 Payton Pudlowski, Temperance-Bedford, Sr.
 Colleena Bryant, Wayne Memorial, Jr.
 Alena Blumberg, Dexter, Jr.
 Tayla Dillard, Kalamazoo Central, Sr.
 Lucia France, Traverse City Central, Jr.
 Aizlyn Albanese, Farmington Hills Mercy, Jr.
 Anayya Davis, Utica Ford II, Jr.
 Piper Risdon, Lowell, Sr.

COACH

Kyle Theisen, Midland Dow, Coach

HONORABLE MENTION (nominees receiving one vote)

Keira Roehm, Saline, Soph.
 Macy Searles, Portage Central, Sr.
 Iliana Williams, Port Huron, Sr.
 Christian Sanders, Detroit Renaissance, Sr.
 Mara Mitchell, Jackson Northwest, Sr.
 Camiyah Bonner, Muskegon, Sr.
 Madi Uyl, DeWitt, Jr.
 Tara Kurncz, DeWitt, Jr.
 Brooklyn Tornes, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, Sr.
 Sienna Wolfe, Rockford, Soph.
 Santana Eubanks, East Kentwood, Sr.
 Kayla Mount, Detroit Cass Tech, Sr.

COACH

Mike Leitheim, White Lake Lakeland

DIVISION 2

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Vanessa Rodriguez, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard

ALL-STATE

Vanessa Rodriguez, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, Soph.
 Mia McLaughlin, Frankenmuth, Sr.
 Leila Wells, Chelsea, Sr.
 AJ Rickli, Paw Paw, Jr.
 Karie Keefer, Freeland, Jr.
 Lillie Johnson, Gladstone, Soph.
 Riley Abney, Ortonville Brandon, Sr.
 Anna Richards, Lansing Catholic Central, Sr.
 Alli Zajac, Tecumseh, Jr.
 Ella Mason, Negaunee, Sr.
 Isis Johnson Musah, Detroit Edison, Jr.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Kristy Zajac, Tecumseh

SECOND-TEAM ALL-STATE

Charlotte Miller, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, Jr.
 Cece Arico, Detroit Country Day, Fr.
 Kayla Hairston, Goodrich, Soph.
 Iyanna Davis, Ferndale, Fr.
 Maddison Diekman, Vicksburg, Sr.
 Addi Zajac, Tecumseh, Fr.
 Katelyn Baney, Paw Paw, Sr.
 Avery Wolters, Marysville, Sr.
 Keira Maki, Escanaba, Sr.
 Isabella Edwards, Croswell-Lexington, Sr.

COACH

Brad Crighton, Orchard Lake St. Mary's

HONORABLE MENTION

Sadie Dykstra, Yale, Soph.
 Ashlyn Upton, Armada, Jr.
 Ella Andree, Spring Lake, Sr.
 Julie Ashbaugh, Grant, Sr.
 Layla Stewart, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Fr.
 Allie Crighton, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Fr.
 Reese Polega, Grand Rapids West Catholic, Jr.

COACHES

Joe Jacobs, Frankenmuth
 Tim Cain, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard.

DIVISION 3

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Stephanie Utomi, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep

ALL-STATE FIRST TEAM

Stephanie Utomi, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep, Sr.
MacKenzie Bisballe, Lake City, Sr.
 Jordyn Bonnema, Kalamazoo Christian, Jr.
Alie Bisballe, Lake City, Sr.
 Averie Zinn, Genesee, Soph.
Olivia Flynn, Harbor Springs, Sr.
 Taylor Wallace, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep, Sr.
 Avery Collins, Blissfield, Sr.
 Halen McLaughlin, Sanford Meridian, Jr.
Kendall Standfest, Elk Rapids, Sr.
 Lillie Johnson, Gladstone, Soph.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Josh Hood, Niles Brandywine

SECOND-TEAM ALL-STATE

Ellie Knapp, Niles Brandywine, Sr.
 Brook Simpson, Saugatuck, Sr.
 Madelyn Geers, Kent City, Sr.
 Stacy Utomi, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep, Sr.
 Maddux Locke, Springport, Sr.
 Megan Zeitz, Dansville, Sr.
 Kate Starkey, Grass Lake, Jr.
 Reese Gohsman, Millington, Jr.
 Grace Guibord, Sandusky, Jr.

COACH

Al DeMott, Sandusky.

HONORABLE MENTION

Elli VanDusen, Kalamazoo Christian, Fr.
 Aubree Calloway, Bronson, Jr.
 Lauren Wilder, Manton, Sr.
Abbey Wright, Charlevoix, Sr.
 Lauren Zawada, Bark River-Harris, Sr.
 Danica Shamion, West Iron County, Sr.
 Ashley Folkema, Western Michigan Christian, Jr.
 Shayler McIntyre, Cass City, Fr.
 Mariah Jahn, Harbor Beach, Sr.
 Brooke Mossburg, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, Jr.
 Aubree Ervans, Reading, Jr.

COACH

Tanner Smith, Sanford Meridian.

DIVISION 4

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mia McGregor, Mio

ALL-STATE FIRST TEAM

Mia McGregor, Mio
 Reese Williams, Colon, Sr.
 Delaney St. George, Kingston, Sr.
 Emily Jokela, Lake Linden-Hubbell, Jr.
Ella Szatkowski, Posen, Sr.
 Jenna Maki, Ishpeming, Sr.
 Ava Mallar, Pittsford, Jr.
 Annaka Neetz, Bay City All Saints, Sr.
 Katie Spicer, Fowler, Jr.
 Tamerah Peterson, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Jr.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ryan Reichel, Ishpeming

SECOND-TEAM ALL-STATE

(nominees receiving at least two votes)

Evelyn VanTol, Frankfort, Sr.
 Laynie Meredith, Portland St. Patrick, Sr.
 Aubrey Rogers, Morrice, Sr.
 Emersyn Bachelder, Morenci, Jr.
 Eleanor Valkner, Maple City Glen Lake, Sr.
 Jenessa Eagle, Ishpeming, Soph.
 Audrey Johnson, Livingston Christian, Jr.
 Haven Chapman, Genesee Christian, Jr.
 Molly Walker, Kingston, Soph.
 Madeline Langenburg, Ubly, Sr.
 Libby Tank, Deckerville, Soph.
 Anyieth Nhial, Wyoming Potters House, Sr.

COACHES

Nathan Goerge, Fowler; Ashley Joughin, Morenci;
 Arshawn Parker, Concord; Jay Green, Kingston.

HONORABLE MENTION

(nominees receiving one vote)

Bradie Lehman, Concord, Fr.
 Sadie Day, Midland Calvary Baptist, Soph.
 Megan Goward, Breckenridge, Sr.
Gracie Beauchamp, Mackinaw City, Sr.
Payton Glasby, Gaylord St. Mary, Soph.
 Emma Besonen, Ewen-Trout Creek, Soph.
 Makenna Hendrickson, Baraga, Sr.
 Keira McGarvie, Kingston, Sr.

Northern Michigan RV is proud to announce we are Michigan's newest JAYCO RV dealer!



Jayco is one of the top brands in the world and is now available in this area. The Jayco limited warranty covers you for 24 months, or 24,000 miles for motorized products, whichever comes first. That's 730 days, two full camping seasons. No matter how you slice it, it's coverage that lasts twice as long as the industry standard. And the support from Jayco doesn't end there! Starting with select 2020 models, a third year of structural warranty coverage is also included, standard.

277 EXPRESSWAY COURT • GAYLORD • JUST WEST OF I-75 EXIT 282 • 989-448-8700 • NORTHERNMICHIGANRV.COM

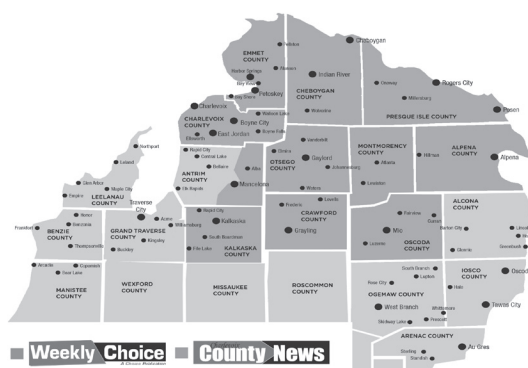
LOCALLY OWNED, LOCALLY OPERATED LOCAL NEWS, LOCAL SPORTS

The Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News are locally owned newspapers
 We are independently owned newspapers based in Gaylord, Michigan

Dave Baragrey and the staff of news writers, sports writers, photographers, graphic designers, delivery people and sales people all live and work here and care about our local communities we serve.

We hear from readers every week how much they appreciate all the local coverage. We appreciate all the positive response from both readers and advertisers to our newspapers that we hear so frequently.

So many newspapers in the area have dropped 30% and as much as 50% in circulation over the past year. Our newspaper distribution has remained steady and in many towns has grown in circulation.



We of course REALLY appreciate the advertisers. That is our primary source of revenue that allows us to publish our popular newspapers every week covering all over Northern Michigan.

If you are an advertiser that has become disappointed with the results of your

newspaper advertising that is costing you way too much while reaching way fewer readers, you should try our newspapers. You will likely pay less money for far more circulation and reach readers in a much larger area.

The Weekly Choice is distributed free every Thursday at almost 600 locations around Northern Michigan.

The Charlevoix County News is distributed every Thursday in Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth to subscribers and on newsstands and wherever newspapers are sold. Cost is still just 75 cents (not \$1.25 or \$2.00).

If you want to reach more consumers with your advertising and pay less money for advertising, give Dave Baragrey a call or email. You can even stop into our office (we still have our office open).

CHOICE PUBLICATIONS AND MICHIGAN MEDIA

Publisher of the Weekly Choice, Charlevoix County News, Michigan MoneySaver and APS – Advertisers Postal Service

112 East Sixth St., Gaylord • Office – 989-732-8160, Cell – 989-350-9235 • Office@WeeklyChoice.com

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

33rd Circuit Court Hybrid Drug/DWI Program

Roy C. Hayes III, chief judge of the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County is pleased to announce the establishment of a substance abuse treatment court for non-violent adult offenders in felony controlled substances and driving while intoxicated cases.

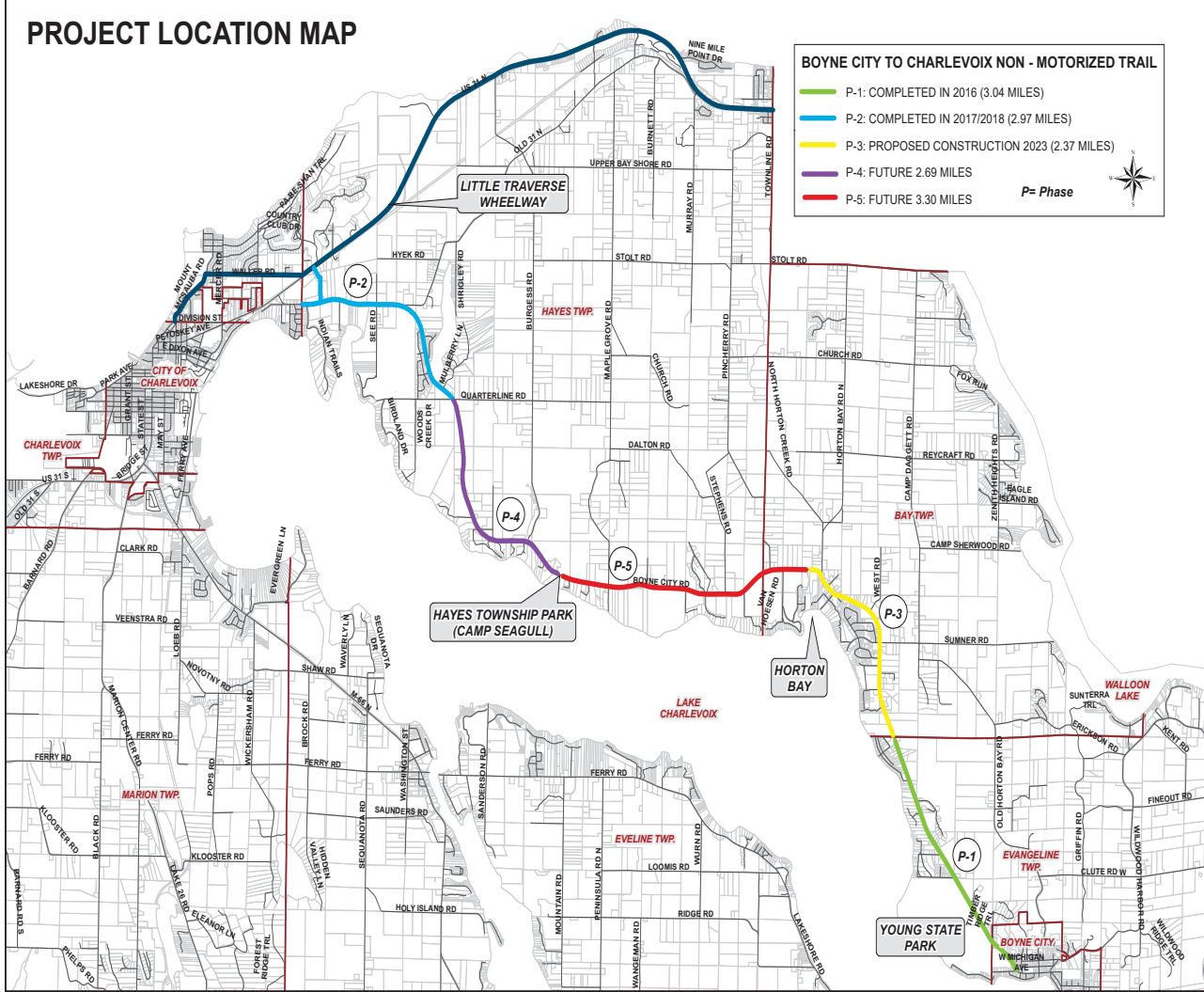
The treatment court is intended to address the revolving-door cycle, in which drug and alcohol offenders move in and out of the justice system. The court will attempt to treat addiction as a complex disease and provide a comprehensive, sustained continuum of therapeutic interventions, treatment, and other services to increase abstinence and reduce the rate of relapse, re-arrest, and incarceration with early, continuous, and intense judicially supervised treatment, mandatory periodic drug testing, community supervision, and use of appropriate sanctions, incentives, and rehabilitative services.

Michigan has been a pioneer in the drug treatment court movement, and the 33rd Circuit Court has joined 32 other adult drug courts and 23 DWI courts operating in 40 counties. The Michigan

Supreme Court granted provisional certification to this Hybrid Drug/DWI Court on February 9, 2024. The court's first participant has recently been accepted into the program.

The treatment court team consists of the judge, the prosecutor, defense counsel, program manager, probation officer, treatment provider, law enforcement and community mental health. The program is expected to be primarily grant funded. Judge Hayes expressed the following "My sincere thanks go out to Charlevoix County Commissioner Anmarie Conway, Charlevoix County Sheriff Charles Vondra, MSP F/Lt Post Commander Carl Rothenberger, Charlevoix County Prosecutor, Christopher Tholen and the remaining members of our steering committee for their support and hard work in the making this very important program a reality. I am also thankful that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners has given its approval for the court to pursue the endeavor. This program has the potential to save lives and improve the community."

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail – Phase 3

Approximate Project Schedule: April 1, 2024 to August 30, 2024

After years of planning, discussion, design engineering, and fundraising, Phase 3 of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail is finally becoming a reality! Construction is scheduled to begin in April and run to the end of August.

Once completed, this phase will begin where Phase 1 ends at N. Springwater Beach Road (near Park of the Pines) and will continue along

Boyne City Road, within the road right-of-way, to Horton Bay. On the east side of Horton Bay, the trail will connect to the shoulder of the road. The trail will utilize the existing 6-foot-wide paved shoulders of the road through Horton Bay to the Rufus Teesdale Nature Preserve just east of Horton Creek. The total length of this phase will be 2.37 miles.

Questions about this project?

Please contact either of the following:
 Charlevoix County Parks Department (231) 582-7040
 whitingpark@charlevoixcounty.org
 Charlevoix County Planning Department (231) 547-7234
 planning@charlevoixcounty.org



SAVE \$33,686

NEW 2022 CHEROKEE WOLF PACK 27 PACK 10 TRAVEL TRAILER/TOY HAULER
 Slideout, fireplace, party patio, sleeps 8, outdoor kitchen, outdoor shower. MSRP \$75,681.
SALE PRICE \$41,995

\$250 OFF YOUR RV PURCHASE

When you mention you saw this ad in this paper!



Petoskey RV USA
 PetoskeyRVUSA.com
 231-347-3200



JUST ARRIVED. 2024 TIMBERWOLF 16 ML MINI LOFT TRAVEL TRAILER.
 This 2-story RV is a unique design with an upper loft bedroom. Includes dishwasher, clothes washer/dryer & more.
PRICE \$36,995
 AS LOW AS \$299 A MONTH.



SAVE \$20,059

NEW 2023 CHEROKEE 243 TR TRAVEL TRAILER
 Slideout, sleeps 4, fireplace, outdoor shower, outdoor kitchen. MSRP \$48,054.
SALE PRICE \$27,995



STOP BY AND LET BRODY & CLIFF GALER HELP YOU SELECT A NEW RV!
 They have sold thousands of Travel Trailer, Fifth Wheels and trailers to people from all over Northern Michigan for over three decades.



SAVE \$15,390

2024 CHEROKEE WOLF PUP 16 FQW TRAVEL TRAILER
 Outside mini kitchen, lightweight and easy to tow, power awning. MSRP \$37,385.
SALE PRICE \$21,995



SAVE \$15,551

2024 IMPRESSION 242 RD 5TH WHEEL
 Slideout, walk-in shower, sleeps 6. MSRP \$56,546.
SALE PRICE \$40,995
 AS LOW AS \$349 A MONTH.



SAVE \$6,235

2024 ROCKWOOD GEO PRO G20 BHS
 Slideout, bunkhouse sleeps 6, outside griddle under 14' power awning, exterior bike door, power tongue jack, easy to tow. MSRP \$36,230.
SALE PRICE \$29,995



DUMP TRAILERS
 STARTING AS LOW AS
\$3,995



CARGO TRAILERS
 STARTING AS LOW AS
\$3,095



UTILITY TRAILERS
 STARTING AS LOW AS
\$2,995

SALES, SERVICE, PARTS • EXPERIENCED SALES AND SERVICE

2215 US31 N. Petoskey • 231-347-3200

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 - 5:00

SATURDAY 9:00 - 2:00, SUNDAY: CLOSED

WWW.PETOSKEYRVUSA.COM



EAST JORDAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Whether you choose to visit us for days or move here for years, you will not be without a lack of activities, dining choices, retail offerings, educational opportunities, plus much more!

Registration Open Soon
for the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce 27th Annual Spring Golf Outing

Contact us: 231-536-7351

Friday, June 7, 2024
Mallard Golf Club

Sponsorship Opportunities Available –
Contact the Chamber Office

East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce
Business After HOURS

April 18, 2024 – Active Recovery Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab
250 S. Lake Street, East Jordan
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

May 16, 2024 – Regional BAH – East Jordan, Boyne City & Charlevoix Chambers of Commerce host
Farm at Frog Hollow
2750 M-75 Boyne City
5:30 PM

May 23, 2024 – MOM's (Marty's On Main Street)
115 Main Street, East Jordan
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

<p>East Jordan Music in the Park Concert Series Summer 2024</p> <p>June 7 – Soul Xpress June 14 – Bernadette Kathryn & the Lonely Days Band June 28 – Crosscut Kings July 5 – Pine River Jazz July 12 – Two Beats July 19 – RPM July 26 – Union Guns</p> <p>All Shows – 7:00 PM East Jordan Memorial Park 101 Spring Street</p>	<p>Ellsworth Concerts on the Square Summer 2024</p> <p>June 26 – Lou Thumser July 3 – Country Thunder July 10 – Cyndel Thompson July 17 – Two Beats July 24 – OJ Adkins July 31 – Strings Attached August 7 – Foghorn Jazz</p> <p>All Shows – 7:00 PM Ellsworth Community Square</p>
--	---

Jordan Valley Community Band
Will play in the Memorial Park Band Shell
July 11, 18, 25 at 7:30 PM

Dahlia Class
With Rusty Hart
April 17th at 6pm
Call to RSVP
231-222-2171

THANK YOU TO THESE SPONSORS

Mike & Holly Stark
Associate Brokers

exp REALTY

231-675-3105 Holly
231-357-2347 Mike
Hollysupnorth@gmail.com
HollysUpNorth.com

COASTAL
CONSTRUCTION

231-350-3578
coastalnomi.com

BUILDING LOCAL. SUPPORTING LOCAL.

Computer Center Inc.
PC & MAC

Sales* Service* Repair* Training
Supplies & Accessories

128 Main Street
P.O. BOX 589
East Jordan, MI 49727
email: jvcej@gmail.com

Sandi Whiteford
(231) 536-0870
FAX: (231) 536-0914

B.C. PIZZA

EAST JORDAN
101 N. Lake St.
231-536-5555

BOYNE CITY
MAIN LOCATION
1191 S. M-75
231-582-2288
NORTH LOCATION
"NOW REOPENED"
472 N. Lake St.
231-582-6050

www.bcpizza.net

1922 2022
BARDEN LUMBER
BUILDING & HOME CENTER
100 YEARS BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN

(231) 582-9961
Downtown Boyne City

Serving the East Jordan Area for Over 35 Years

The Insurance Shop
OF EAST JORDAN

824 WATER ST. • EAST JORDAN, MI
INFO@THEINSURANCESHOP.NET

(231) 536-3331

ej

Innovative. Growing.
Global.

Join our team!
ejco.com/careers

DELIVERY AVAILABLE

ELLSWORTH FARMERS EXCHANGE
SINCE 1918

* BAGGED & BULK LIVESTOCK FEED & FERTILIZER
* AGRICULTURAL, LAWN, GARDEN & WILDLIFE FOOD PLOT SEEDS
* TIRES FOR TRUCK, AUTO, TRACTOR, ATV, SEMIS & TRAILERS
YOUR LOCAL PROPANE, OIL, LUBRICANTS & REFINED FUEL SUPPLIER OF CHOICE!

ELLSWORTH • ATWOOD • MANCELONA • ALANSON
www.ellsworthco-op.com • 231-588-2300 / 877-885-0095

Your Local Community Bank
has 6 Locations to Serve you!

- Downtown Charlevoix
- Charlevoix Southside
- Beaver Island
- Boyne City
- East Jordan
- Ellsworth

Charlevoix STATE BANK

www.charlevoixstatebank.com Member FDIC



One of the largest business networking events in Northern Michigan is organized by the Boyne Area Chamber and is back by popular demand!

Business Expo & Taste of Boyne

Double Diamond Sponsor:

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17
2024**

The 12th Annual
**BUSINESS EXPO AND
TASTE OF BOYNE**

50 exhibitor booths from area businesses and organizations

**BOYNE
MOUNTAIN
CIVIC CENTER**

**This exciting event includes
Great Food, Networking,
Music, Business Exhibits
And More!**

**4:00 TO
7:00 PM**

Admission is \$10 and includes All Taste of Boyne booths. Boyne Mountain will be providing a shuttle bus to and from all parking lots.

Blue Square Sponsors

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Media Sponsor:

Charlevoix County News

Green Circle Sponsors

O'Brien & Associates

BARDEN LUMBER

Preston Feather