

FRIENDLY & POSITIVE
NEWS AND SPORTS IN
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SUBSCRIBE LOCAL HOME DELIVERY:
only \$55.00/YEAR

Anniversary Sale
3 DAYS ONLY
April 18-20
See Our Ad Inside This Paper
277 EXPRESSWAY COURT
JUST WEST OF I-75
EXIT 282 • GAYLORD
NORTHERN MICHIGAN RV



Charlevoix County News STILL JUST 75¢

YOUR SOURCE FOR LOCAL NEWS & SPORTS

Thursday, April 18, 2024

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

CHARLEVOIX AUTO




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!

Sports AND OUTDOORS
2024 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS
ALL AREA BOYS BASKETBALL
DREAM TEAM
PLAYER OF THE YEAR
KEATON MATELSKI, BOYNE FALLS
COACH OF THE YEAR
ANTHONY TROSHAK, CHARLEVOIX



2024 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS
ALL AREA BOYS BASKETBALL

DREAM TEAM
PAGE 9 & 11

- NEWS**
- Weather - Page 2
 - Obituaries - Page 2, 12
 - Ask Laura - Page 4
 - Leadership - Page 4
 - Community Leader - Page 5
 - Student of the Week - Page 5
 - News Briefs - Page 8

- SPORTS**
- BASEBALL
- Rayders drop two to Rockford - Page 13
- GIRLS SOCCER
- Rayders battle hard in loss to St. Francis - Page 13
- GIRLS SOFTBALL
- Ellsworth Sweeps East Jordan in Double Header - Page 13

- CLASSIFIED ADS**
- Page 14-17, 19
 - Auctions - Page 14
 - Legal Notices - Page 15-17
 - Help Wanted - Page 15



After Years of Delays, Trail Linking Boyne City with Charlevoix Back on Track

Work on the third phase of the non-motorized, multi-use Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail commenced recently when contractors began clearing the way for the trail's extension.

Slated for completion this year, the 2.36-mile segment will begin at the north end of Springwater Beach Road (Evangeline/Bay Township line) and continue detached within the right-of-way on the Lake Charlevoix side of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road through Bay Township. Just east of the Village of Horton Bay, the trail will connect to the road's wide shoulder through the village. The trail will utilize the road shoulder due to the close proximity of homes.

The trail has been envisioned for about 22 years, and under active development since about 2010, but after the completions of Phases 1 & 2, Phase 3 got off track during the pandemic. In the last



year county staff, volunteer organizers, and stakeholders in northern Charlevoix County - particularly Bay, Hayes, and Evangeline townships - successfully jump-started the stalled plan.

Led by the Charlevoix County Trail Team and Top of Michigan Trails Council, the renewed effort focuses on connecting the remaining nine-mile stretch (Phases 3, 4, & 5) that would link the two towns.

"Charlevoix County staff and the Trails Council have continuously worked on

the Boyne City-Charlevoix Trail, but Phase 3 was extensively drawn out by the pandemic, and we are only now seeing that section come to fruition," said Brent Bolin, Top of Michigan Trails Council executive director. "The Phase 3 delays pushed Phases 4 and 5 to the back burner. But with Phase 3 back on track we are turning our attention to the final phases and are looking for ways to accelerate the last two segments."

TRAIL CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Boyne City has declared Friday, April 26th as Arbor Day, celebrating 20 years as a "Tree City USA."

To celebrate the City, the Boyne Valley Garden Club and the Friends of the Boyne River will be giving away trees at the Veterans Park Pavilion from 10am to Noon. Each tree will be accompanied by a brochure with planting and care instructions, making it easy for residents to start their own backyard arboretum.

Members of the Boyne Valley Garden Club, the Friends of the Boyne River and the Northern Michigan



Master Gardener Association will all be onsite to answer tree questions. In addition to the tree giveaways, the Boyne District Library Bookmobile will be on site. Local environmental groups will also have displays.

Commission reduces Property Taxes by 1.025 mills in Boyne City

The Boyne City Commission reduced property taxes by slightly more than one mill at their regular meeting on Tuesday. Mayor Tim Nemecek read a statement thanking city staff and department heads for their "dedication and hard work throughout the budgeting process. Their expertise and commitment have been instrumental in shaping the fiscal direction and success of our city."

He also thanked the other members of the City Commission "for their diligent efforts and commitment to making impactful changes for the future success of our community. Your dedication to rolling up your sleeves and delving deep into the budget material has not gone unnoticed."

Nemecek noted six areas

as key highlights of the new budget:

1. Reduction in Operating Millage: We successfully reduced the city operating millage from 15.51 to 14.95, demonstrating our commitment to fiscal responsibility and easing the tax burden on our residents.
2. Reduction in Debt Millage: The Debt Millage has been reduced from 1.70 to 1.235, further alleviating financial strain on our community members.
3. Total Millage Reduction: With reductions to both millages, we achieved a grand total millage reduction of 1.03, marking a significant milestone in our efforts to support our residents.
4. Housing Opportunity Initiatives: The City Commission has allocated budgeted funds towards housing opportunity initiatives, taking concrete steps to address the housing crisis and affirming our commitment to action.
5. Road Maintenance and Repair Plan: A new budget plan for road maintenance and repairs has been implemented, ensuring significant savings for taxpayers on future road-related expenses.
6. Capital Improvement Action Plan: We have introduced a 10-year capital improvement action plan to address all unpaved roads within Boyne City limits, aiming to transform local and major streets into paved roadways.

99¢
KIDS CONE OR CUP SOFT SERVE.
(WITH ONE FREE TOPPING)




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

30
1994 2024
It's our 30th Anniversary!

Watch for upcoming events celebrating our customers & the wonderful community we live in.

231-547-4411
www.charlevoixstatebank.com
Member FDIC

Charlevoix State Bank

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





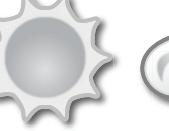




Standard Mail
US Postage
PAID
Gaylord, MI
Permit No. 70

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

weather forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
						
HIGH: 51 LOW: 40	HIGH: 48 LOW: 36	HIGH: 42 LOW: 34	HIGH: 49 LOW: 38	HIGH: 54 LOW: 39	HIGH: 50 LOW: 36	HIGH: 53 LOW: 38

record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	Year	Record LOW	Year
April 18	52	31	84	2002	16	1983
April 19	52	31	80	2005	11	1983
April 20	53	32	83	1987	13	1983
April 21	53	32	81	1952	11	1993
April 22	54	32	88	1980	11	1986
April 23	54	33	88	1980	12	1956
April 24	55	33	82	1990	14	1956



Rudolph "Rudy" George Rebec, 75
Aug. 7, 1948 - April 13, 2024
EAST JORDAN

Rudolph George Rebec of East Jordan passed away on April 13th, 2024 at Villa at Traverse Point with family members present.

He was born August 7, 1948, in Charlevoix. Surviving are his daughter Cassie (Kip) McPherson of Kingsley, MI, 4 grandchildren, Harlie, David, Kilee & Gracie; daughter Tammy (Russell) Rondeau of Holland, MI; brother Robert (Sandra) Rebec of Sunfield, MI; sisters Becky Rebec, of Fayetteville, NC, Dianne (Jon)Mussman, of Anderson, SC and Debbie (Steve) Bartlett, of East Jordan, MI; nephews, nieces & cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine (Micki) Pickard; daughter, Dawn Rebec; parents George & Marie Rebec and brother David. Rudy was a long time resident of East Jordan and enjoyed sitting on a bench outside of Rite Aid talking to everyone he knew. He enjoyed listening to anything Elvis, country music and watching old westerns. Rudy sometimes gave the impression of being a grumpy old man, until you spoke to him – then you learned of his quick wit and heard his infectious laugh.

Visitation will be at 1:00pm on Friday, April 19th, 2024, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, East Jordan, MI., followed by a funeral mass at 2:00pm. Arrangements were made by Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.



Pamela Jo Crouch, 64
Oct. 10, 1959 - April 9, 2024
BOYNE CITY

Pamela Jo Crouch passed away peacefully from complications due to cancer in her home, surrounded by family, on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, at the age of 64. Pamela was born to Jerry and Lucille Crouch on October 10th, 1959.

She was a kind-hearted, caring, and passionate woman with a knack for touching the lives of those she met. She was raised in Lansing, MI. Even as a kid, she knew what she wanted and approached things head-

on to get them. Pam always seemed to know how to make things happen. She went to Central Michigan University to study special education because she knew that helping students with special needs was how she could positively impact many people's lives. After working briefly at Colby Kansas Public Schools, Pamela found her way back to Michigan, settling in Boyne City. It was in Boyne City that Pamela made her home and found lifelong companionship with a group of women who affectionately called themselves the "Dirty Girl Scouts" (inspired by the famous bar drink). Being a part of this group was not just a pastime for Pamela but a significant part of her life and identity.

Her resilience and determination marked Pamela's journey. She dreamed of owning a house and raising a couple of kids in Boyne City. She turned that dream into a reality when she had her sons Caleb and Elliot. As a single mother, she worked tirelessly to ensure her sons never felt the absence of a second parent. Her devotion to nurturing and guiding them, instilling in them the values of kindness, resilience, and determination, was a testament to her strength.

She wanted her sons to feel supported and know that whatever they chose to do, she would make sure they could dive in head first.

In the latter part of her life, Pamela found a love that brought her immense joy and happiness. Anthony Bukrey became the love of her life, and together, they formed an inseparable bond, bringing out the best in each other. Anthony's presence in Pamela's life was a source of happiness that was visible to all. Their shared love for outdoor adventures, from camping and fishing to hunting and boating on "Little Ruby," the pontoon they "accidentally" purchased while shopping for strawberries. Pamela and Anthony's families merged, creating a new family unit. Pamela embraced her role as a step-parent to Holly and as a grandparent to Promise and Hailie. In the last year of her life, Pamela felt blessed to spend time with her newest granddaughter Elena.

Pam is survived by her husband, Anthony Bukrey; sons Caleb (Liz) and Elliot (Taylor); stepdaughter Holly Snider; niece Bree Peters (Derek); great-nephew Maddox Peters; nephew Mitchele; mother Lucille; sisters Vickie and Denise (Kathy Long); brothers Mike and Mark (Sherry); granddaughter Elena; step-granddaughters Promise Snider and Hailie Snider; and family friend Jan Hite. She was predeceased by her father, Jerry, and sisters-in-law Marlo, Mary, and Karen Bovin.

Instead of sending flowers, please donate to Boy Scouts of America Troop 4953 (checks can be made payable to Troop 4953), St.

Joseph Catholic Church, or Hospice of Michigan.

A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.



Margaret "Eloise" (Massey) McGeorge, 86
Nov. 10, 1937 - April 9, 2024
BOYNE FALLS

Eloise McGeorge of Boyne Falls passed away on April 9, 2024, in Petoskey. She was born Margaret Eloise Massey on November 10, 1937, in Boyne Valley Township, Michigan. Eloise was a proud resident of Boyne Falls, where she was born and raised.

In 1965, Eloise and her beloved husband, Bob, moved to Williamston, Michigan, where she lived until 2004. She returned to Boyne Falls over 20 years ago and was again an active member of the community she loved. Eloise was a special grandmother who enjoyed family visits and made them extra sweet with her amazing chocolate chip cookies. A sweets lover, she was also well-known for her delicious apple pies.

Eloise was a dedicated mother to Karen (Doug) Kult and Robert (Amy) McGeorge, a much-loved grandmother to Riley Kult, Mackenzie Kult, Kellen McGeorge, and Kendall McGeorge, and a very proud great-grandmother to Samantha Kult and Liam Kult. She is survived by her brothers Alan "Zeke" (Gissele) Massey, John Massey, Leon (Kathy) Massey, brother-in-law Claude (Marilyn) McGeorge, sister-in-law Ruth (Gene) Hayden, sister-in-law Lois (John) Lewis, and many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews in both the Massey and McGeorge families. Eloise was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Robert E. McGeorge, whom she adored, her parents Beulah and Marion Massey, her sisters Peggy and Lila (Jay) Kelso, brothers George Massey and William (Ellen) Massey, brothers-in-law Cliff (Helen) McGeorge, John (Carol) McGeorge, and Norm (Sally) McGeorge, and sister-in-law Ramona McGeorge.

In her early years, Eloise worked at Boyne Mountain where she once had to take a huge container of chili up the ski lift to the Eagle's Nest restaurant and convinced the resort's owner to take it for her to avoid disastrous results. She later spent many years working at Fate's Pharmacy in Williamston where she enjoyed her time

and cherished her co-workers. She attended Boyne Falls Elementary School and graduated from Boyne Falls High School with many friends who she loved seeing at school reunions. Eloise attended Boyne Falls United Methodist Church, where she was baptized, and was a long-time member of Crossroads United Methodist Church in Williamston.

Eloise had a passion for knitting, crocheting, sewing, bowling, and traveling. She made beautiful afghans for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in colors chosen just for each of them. She and her husband, Bob, had beautiful gardens at their homes in Williamston and Boyne Falls and Eloise loved tending her flowers and caring for the birds living in her gardens. Eloise enjoyed traveling with Bob and cherished their adventures together, especially their cross-country driving trip filled with great memories. She also loved spending time with friends and her local senior groups, as well as visiting her children and grandchildren in Florida and Arizona. Eloise was a committed volunteer at the Boyne Valley Food Pantry where she served regularly up to the week prior to her death. She proudly volunteered at the Boyne Falls Polish Festival and enjoyed working on historical preservation of her hometown. Eloise regularly supported her nieces' and nephews' fundraising efforts to ensure that they could travel to a variety of destinations with the Boyne-area school districts. She served as an election volunteer in both Williamston and Boyne Falls, supporting almost every election including the recent primary a few weeks prior to her death.

Eloise was able to remain in her home independently because of the extraordinary support and kindness afforded to her by her Boyne Falls family. You know who you are and we are forever grateful.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 20, at 11 am at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The family will welcome visitors prior to the service beginning at 10am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boyne Valley Food Pantry, 3031 Main St. Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713.



Jessica K. (Robinson) Keys, 39
April 11, 1984 - April 7, 2024
BOYNE FALLS

Jessica Katherine Keys of Boyne Falls died April 7, 2024 at McLaren Northern

Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, after a lengthy battle with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Jessica was born April 11, 1984, in Petoskey, the daughter of Gary and Sandra (Massey) Robinson. She graduated from Petoskey High School in 2002. On October 2, 2010, she married the love of her life Danual Keys. They made their home in Boyne Falls and welcomed the birth of their twin boys, Noah and Elijah, in 2011.

Jessica loved being a mom. She was an active participant in everything her boys did. She enjoyed volunteering at their school events, watching them play sports, and boating together on Crooked Lake. She could often be heard "coaching" the boy's football and basketball games from the bleachers. She liked to play golf, work out, soak up the sun, and watch Detroit Lions football. She was a true fan of the Lions, in the good seasons and the bad, and tried to make at least one game in person every year.

Jessica was a believer in Jesus Christ. She was an active member at Genesis Church in Petoskey and belonged to a women's bible study group. Her true ministry was helping the unhoused population through work with the Nehemiah Project. She was always thinking of others and how she could help.

Although she was first diagnosed with cancer over twelve years ago, you'd hardly know it. She rarely complained about treatments or how she was feeling. She was a fighter. She prayed daily and kept a positive attitude throughout her cancer journey. Jessica's first priority was making sure those around her were taken care of, she was a force for good. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband Danual Keys of Boyne Falls; her sons Noah and Elijah Keys; parents Gary and Sandra Robinson of Petoskey; brother Joshua Robinson (Andrea Stine); sister Jordan Robinson (Justin Willson) of Elmira; nieces and nephews, Isaac and Kalob Fortune, Willow Willson, Zeta, Miles, Malcolm, Eris, Maisyn, Kyla and Moses Keys; her grandmothers, Virginia Stephenson and Joan Robinson; Danual's parents Lynn and Sheldon Robinson and Randy and Rae Keys; brother-in-law Randy (Katie) Keys, sister-in-law Dominique (Nick) Still; and brother-in-law Joey (Brittney) Keys. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Roy Massey and Louis "Dale" Robinson.

There was a memorial service at Genesis Church on April 16, 2024. Pastor Norm Byers officiated.

Friends and family wishing to make a charitable donation in memory of Jessica are asked to please

consider the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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



Richard Palmer Mueller Jr, 74
May 15, 1949 - January 6, 2024
CHARLEVOIX/ GULFPORT, MS

Richard P. Mueller Jr. passed away peacefully on January 6th, 2024, at 3:36 PM in Gulfport, MS, with his family at his side. Richard P. Mueller Jr. was born on May 15th of 1949 in Lakewood, Ohio.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Richard P. Mueller and Rosemary Allen Mueller; brother-in-law, Walter Baas, brother-in-law, Donald Holliday, Jr.; and nephew David Baas.

He was survived by his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 54 years, Linda Marie Mueller; their children, Richard Mueller, III (Stephanie) of Raleigh, NC, Kathy Barclay (Thom) of Atlanta, GA, Chris Mueller (Karrie) of Tampa, FL, and Mike Mueller of Tampa, FL; siblings, Carol Whitworth (Tom Leach) of Portland, OR, Shirley Baas (Walter, deceased) of Mitchell, SD, Phyllis Mueller (Glenn Warren) of Idyllwild, CA, Glenn Mueller of Pass Christian, MS, Rudy Mueller (Diane) of Lakewood, NY; sister-in-law, Patrice Holliday; brother-in-law, Tom Holliday (Ann); former sister-in-law, Val Mueller; aunt, Shirley Duff of Cincinnati, OH; seven grandchildren, Marc and Chris Burke, Alex, Emma, Lily, Luke, and Alice Mueller; many nieces, nephews, and a host of long-time friends.

At an early age, Richard developed a love for creating model layouts and collecting model trains. In high school, he developed a love for pizza stores while working at his uncle Harry's Pizza King in Ohio.

Richard began working at Domino's Pizza in 1967 while a student at the University of Michigan. He delivered pizza for a year before beginning to work inside the store and then dropped out of college to pursue his career at Domino's. Richard would sometimes give the Founder of Domino's Pizza, Inc., Mr. Tom Monaghan, suggestions on how to make the stores better.

In partnership with Tom Monaghan, Richard opened 60 Domino's Pizza stores in Ohio before age 30, and then

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

Open House

SAT. APRIL 20
11AM TO 1PM

CREEKSIDE'S CONDOS

317 N LAKE STREET
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727
UNITS 2 & 3
2 BED | 3 BATH | 1,155 SQFT

Jennifer Burr
Group

Jennifer Burr

Associate Broker

231-675-0157
www.JenniferBurr.com



231 E Water St | Boyne City, MI 49712
Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated. **COLDWELL BANKER** SCHMIDT REALTORS

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM



Challenge Mountain Resale Store offers gently used clothing, household goods, furniture, sporting equipment, tools and more to raise funds for Challenge Mountain adaptive recreational programs.

Sustainable Style: Challenge Mountain Resale Store's Commitment to EARTH DAY, EVERY DAY

The fashion industry churns out a staggering 100 billion garments annually with a whopping 92 million metric tons ending up in landfills, according to data from earth.org. This translates to the alarming rate of clothing being dumped into landfills every second.



When pondering the sustainability of purchasing gently used clothing from Resale shops like Challenge Mountain Resale Store, rest assured that you're significantly decreasing your carbon footprint. In fact, research from ecocart.io indicates that opting for second-hand items slashes carbon emissions and "reduces the carbon footprint by 82%."

But it's not just about clothing. By supporting the Resale Stores, you're diverting household goods, furniture, sporting equipment, tools, and more from landfills. This further diminishes our collective environmental impact in everyday life.

"One of my favorite aspects of working at Challenge Mountain Resale Store is the circle of life for our merchandise," expresses Alaina Farrington, Assistant Resale Store Manager. "Items that may otherwise end up in a landfill are donated to our store, sorted and then displayed on our sales

floor to find new homes and purposes. Not only do sales help to provide adaptive recreation to our wonderful participants, the Resale Store provides a safe place for our volunteers to donate their time, giving them a sense of pride while forming lifelong friendships with other volunteers," she adds.

Many area resale stores are operated by non-profits. For instance, each purchase and donation made at Challenge Mountain Resale directly contributes to enriching the lives of an expanding circle of children, youth and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities through adaptive recreation. "From adaptive skiing and biking to nature experiences and vibrant arts programs, participants derive immense benefits from these activities," emphasizes Executive Director Elizabeth Gertz.

"Reflecting on Earth Day 2024, take a moment to appreciate the impact of your support for Resale Stores," encourages Gertz.



Picture of all the girls from left to right: Anastasia Thompson, Chloe Persons, Zoe Bunker, Madelyn Hardy, Alyssa Sherman, Elizabeth Pop, Olivia Olund and Kitana Joseph

Madelyn Hardy crowned Miss East Jordan

BY KAREN WALKER

Eight ladies from the East Jordan High School senior class vied for the title of "Miss East Jordan" at the 36th annual Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant last Saturday. The theme for this year's event was "Fly Me to the Moon."

Madelyn Hardy was crowned Miss East Jordan for 2024, first runner-up was Zoe Bunker, and 2nd runner-up was Alyssa Sherman. Taking the title of Miss Congeniality was Olivia Olund.

Olivia was also tops in ticket sales. Contestants Anastasia Thompson, Chloe Persons, Kitana Joseph, and Elizabeth Pop rounded out the court.

High school senior boys Lucas Stone, Sam Wilson, Preston Worden, and Daniel Ziebarth were escorts, assisting the girls throughout the program. Rotary exchange student Yuzu Nakajima entertained the packed house with a piano performance. Past pageant winners Jeanetta Dawson and Amy Drenth served as Masters of Ceremony.

In the Prepared Speech portion of the pageant, Zoe Bunker took top honors for her answer to the question, "What is one positive change you would make to East Jordan to create a stronger future for our town and why?" Zoe answered the question by making a



Madelyn Hardy sings Bobby McGee

case for an additional hotel for the town.

Alyssa Sherman won the poise and presentation, as well as the spontaneous question portion of the program. The Creative and performing arts category was won by Madelyn Hardy with her vocal performance of the song "Bobby McGee."

This year's event distributed over \$10,000 to the participants. Over its 36-year history, the pageant has awarded over \$180,000 to high school students. The scholarships are supported



Miss East Jordan Madelyn Hardy

by donations from local individuals and businesses as well as fundraising.

Miss East Jordan and her court will be on hand at

many events throughout the coming year. They will also be hosting the 56th Annual Mother Daughter Banquet on May 11th.



OUR MISSION is your HEALTH.

What is "Patient Centered Medical Home?"

Better Together.

Our Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) puts you at the center of your care.

Our Team Approach Offers:

- **Comprehensive care:** From prevention to chronic conditions, we've got a team to support your whole health.
- **Partnership:** You're an expert on your body. We work with you to create a personalized care plan.
- **Coordination:** We connect you seamlessly with specialists and services you need, no more running around.
- **Accessibility:** Reach us easily with convenient hours, online tools, and responsive communication. Ask about the Patient Portal!
- **Quality and Safety:** Evidence-based care and continuous improvement ensure you get the best.

Help Us Help You.

Be an Active Partner:

- **Talk openly:** Share your health story and goals.
- **Ask questions:** We're here to listen and explain.
- **Follow your plan:** This keeps you on track to feeling great.
- **Schedule follow-ups:** Keep your care on track. Call to schedule!
- **Schedule next steps:** Book follow-ups quickly.
- **Need to change?** Reschedule ASAP so someone else can use the slot.
- **New patient?** For a smooth first visit, please complete a "Record Release Form" when you schedule your appointment and bring any available prior medical records.

Call to schedule your appointment today!



PLEASE BE KIND TO OUR STAFF

Our Mission is Your Health.

601 Bridge St., East Jordan
Health Center: (231) 536-2206
Pharmacy: (231) 222-2235
EJFHC.org





Scan here to order tickets




The final curtain

MAY 3 & 4 / DOORS 6PM - SHOW 7PM

TICKETS

\$10 In-person: Charlevoix State Bank in East Jordan or from any Rotarian

\$15 Online: www.mynorthtickets.com

COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM AT EAST JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL
101 MAPLE ST, EAST JORDAN, MI 49727

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) and Maestro Libor Ondras presents . . .

“Dreams from Faraway Lands” on Saturday, April 20

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) and Maestro Libor Ondras open their Spring/Summer 2024 Concert Season with “Dreams from Faraway Lands” on Saturday, April 20th at 7 PM at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor, Petoskey.

Musical portraits by celebrated composers will transport the audience to the distant regions of the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Southern Europe in this smorgasbord-concert of distinct musical cultures presenting works such as Mozart’s Abduction from Seraglio and Turkish March, Rossini’s Italian Girl in Algiers, Turina’s Five Gypsy Dances, and Sibelius’ incidental score for the



Nancy Stagnitta, award-winning classical flutist and jazz artist

play Belshazzar’s Feast.

The highlight of the concert is Marcus Paus’ Portrait of Zhou for Flute and Orchestra. Paus is the most prominent contemporary Norwegian composer of our time known for promoting works that are influenced by folk music and non-Western

classical music, in this case Chinese music.

The piece will be presented by an award-winning flutist Nancy Stagnitta, who is a leading crossover artist as both classical flutist and jazz artist. Her passion, versatility, and elegant artistry have led to concert engagements in Africa, Europe, Asia, and across the U.S. In 2018, she gave the Asian premier of David Amram’s Giants of the Night Flute Concerto with the China National Symphony in Beijing. Stagnitta currently serves as Instructor of Flute at Interlochen Arts Academy and principal flutist with the Traverse Symphony and the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

At 6 PM Dr. Ondras,

GLCO Music Director and Conductor, will give an optional pre-performance talk about the music and composers, further enhancing the concert experience. “It never ceases to amaze me how opening our hearts, minds, and ears to musical traditions beyond the familiar can lead to something so unique, filled with colors, exotic spices, and dreams,” says Dr. Ondras.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is a nonprofit organization located in Petoskey, Michigan. Concert tickets are available at www.glorchestra.org/concerts. Complimentary tickets are available for veterans, active service members and students 18 and under by calling 231-487-0010.

LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIPS

BY JOHN KEYSER

While business is complicated, and managing our time is challenging, I do believe that leadership is basic; it’s common sense; it’s about our earning the respect of our people and continuing to earn relationships founded on trust.

Early in my career in New York City, I attended a Dale Carnegie training program and found it very helpful. The two fellows who taught our program were amazing. I was totally taken by their quiet confidence, poise and ability to communicate.

I am an ardent believer in reading leadership books like Carnegie’s enduring classic, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, which was published in 1937 and still holds true!

Like most people, I love the theory that simple is good.

That’s exactly what *How to Win Friends* is, the basics of leadership, and it makes so much sense. In fact, I fervently believe it makes even more sense today than when it was written 87 years ago. I’ll mention below some of

the “golden rules” that are Dale Carnegie’s principles.

These were keys to success then, always have been, and just think how vital they are now with endless information coming at us, e.g., social media, emails, texts, etc.

What would I like to see? I’d like leaders to be intentional about having conversations with their internal clients, their team members doing the work of their business – all the people, not just those who may be in more senior roles.

And I encourage leaders to check in with those working remotely, and not just by email or text. Pick up the phone. Conversations are way more important and effective than emails.

To be very successful consistently, year after year, leaders must make conversations a top priority. Quality conversations that treat each person as a teammate and show a genuine interest in them, their well-being, and their ideas.

Think about these golden

rules offered by Dale Carnegie (and these are just some examples). By embodying these, we’ll cultivate enthusiastic team members, a winning team.

- Remember and call people by their name
- Begin in a friendly way
- Be an attentive and interested listener
- Try to understand what others think and their reasoning
- Give honest, sincere appreciation
- Don’t criticize or complain
- Be genuinely interested in other people
- Encourage others to talk about themselves, and do a great deal of the talking
- Help others feel important, and do it sincerely
- Show respect for another person’s opinions
- Use encouragement
- Let people think the ideas are theirs

To me, these are the ABCs of leadership, the fundamentals. If we abide by these principles, with sincerity, because we genuinely care about our people and are not self-absorbed, those on our team will very

likely look up to us and be motivated to do their very best work, going the extra mile when needed. Happy employees do better work! We must bear in mind the importance of asking open-ended questions, asking people for their ideas, opinions, input, and feedback. We’ll learn a lot, gain great ideas, and our people will feel appreciated. This is very much of a success factor as the best ideas are bottom up ideas!

There is also the very effective approach of leadership by questioning. For example, when someone asks what action we should take, ask that person what she recommends and why. Leadership by questioning helps our people learn and grow. And isn’t that our responsibility as a leader?

Recently, while reading a paper, I highlighted

- A manager likes to talk, a leader likes to listen, and
- A manager thinks first about numbers, while a leader thinks first about people.

I hope these golden rules ring true to you, as they do for me, even more so many years after Carnegie’s debut in my life.

BDL Board Celebrates Contributions of Library Director

As the Boyne District Library (BDL) approaches the end of its fiscal year in April, and in recognition of National Library Week, which recently ran from April 7-13, the Library Board of Trustees is pleased to share and celebrate the exceptional 2023 accomplishments of BDL Director Monica Peck. To anyone familiar with BDL, it’s no secret that Peck’s outstanding leadership, dedication, and passion for serving the Boyne community shines through in her work at the library.

“We were excited when Monica was acknowledged as the Michigan Library Association’s Public Librarian of the Year in 2022, and it’s been even more exciting to see her continue to exceed all expectations of her job requirements in 2023. The library gets better every year, and we know that Monica and her team have a great vision for what is possible in the future,” stated Trustee Mitchell Klooster.

Peck oversees a BDL staff of 12 well-trained and friendly employees, and together, they provide outstanding library services to about 7,500 people in Boyne City, Bay Township,

Evangeline Township, and portions of Eveline and Wilson Townships.

In 2023, the library saw growth in library use and community connections, which included the circulation of 29,238 physical items from the main branch of the library and 6,510 from the library’s bookmobile. The library currently has 2,883 registered active cardholders, and in 2023, there were 67,831 visits to the library, with another 6,989 visitors utilizing the bookmobile. BDL’s Director is quick to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of the Friends of the Boyne District Library, a nonprofit group of volunteers that works closely with Peck to support many library activities through fundraising, purchase of equipment and supplies, program sponsorship, and volunteer services. Peck states that many of the library’s successes are in part due to the collaboration with the Friends group, “The Friends

of the Boyne District Library play a pivotal role in supporting our library’s mission. Their dedicated volunteerism and generous financial contributions amplify our impact far

beyond what tax dollars and our staff alone can do. Their invaluable support empowers us to fulfill our commitment to the community and enhance library services for all.”

BDL Director highlights for 2023 include:

- Completion of a comprehensive 3- to 5-year Strategic Plan that provides the library with a clear road map for work for future initiatives and helps ensure that BDL organizational goals are aligned with community needs
- Successful expansion and improvement in the BDL Bookmobile program that began with hiring the 2-person Bookmobile team of Tracey and Mark Yallup. The colorful BDL Bookmobile is regularly spotted at Boyne City Public Schools and at local senior living centers, BDL service area township halls, and other Boyne community gatherings like the Boyne City Farmers Market and summertime Stroll the Streets
- Appointment of a BDL Facilities Coordinator who collaborates closely with Peck to plan and execute various BDL projects that

ensure the library’s physical infrastructure is well-maintained

- Optimization of available financial resources and exploration of avenues for more sustainable fiscal growth that will provide additional funds for specific projects, like the renovation of BDL’s children’s area

Director Peck will continue to work closely with BDL staff, the BDL Board of Trustees, and Friends of the BDL in fiscal year 2024-25 to maintain and strengthen the library as a relevant and community-focused public service entity that offers a welcoming environment where people feel comfortable to explore, find information, and discover new things through education, engagement, empowerment, and entertainment.

Peck has been with BDL since 2010, serving as Children’s Librarian and then Assistant Director prior to becoming BDL Director in 2018. While she loves growth and continuous improvement, her 2024 goal to focus as well on acknowledging and celebrating positive outcomes and accomplishments will help remind everyone of the things that are already thriving at BDL.

EDDIE ESSAY CONTEST CELEBRATIONS

You are invited to the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City 5th and 10th Grade Eddie Essay Contest Celebrations.

Since 2006 Kiwanis Club of Boyne City has sponsored an Annual 5th and 10th Grade Eddie Essay Contest.

It is time to celebrate with our present Fifth Grade Students from three Boyne Area Schools, over 280 past winners and 64 local charitable organizations that were granted a contribution from a 5th or 10th Grade Winner of the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City Eddie Essay Contest.

Join with us to celebrate the Kiwanis motto of: “One can make a difference changing one child and one community at a time!”

5th and 10th Grade students from Boyne City, and Boyne Falls Boyne and Concord Academy Boyne, wrote an essay with the prompt “If I had \$100 to give to my favorite local charity which charity would you give the contribution to and why?”

5th and 10th Grade winners from each school will present \$100 for their chosen charity, and three \$150 awards then overall Silver Prize winners who will present \$250 to his/her charity and an overall Gold Prize winner who presented \$500.00 to his/her selected charity.

5th Grade Celebration	
WHEN:	Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 7:00A.M.
WHERE:	Boyne City Educational Center 321 South Park Street
R.S.V.P.:	By Monday, April 22th To Scott MacKenzie 231-420-0903, Director@charlevoixhumane.org
10th Grade Celebration	
WHEN:	Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7:00A.M.
WHERE:	Boyne City Educational Center 321 South Park Street
R.S.V.P.:	By Monday, April 29th To Scott MacKenzie 231-420-0903, Director@charlevoixhumane.org

Kiwanis invites the winning essayist, their teachers, family and the student’s charity of choice to a wonderful breakfast prepared by the Boyne City Hospitality program students, where the student will publicly read their essay and present the check to the charity.

This year is the celebration of the 18th year of the Eddie Essay contest.

We hope you can attend!

ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

Reframing Labels: From ‘Crazy’ to ‘First’ — Discovering Our True Worth

Dear Readers, this week, I want to dive deeper into the insights and personal “aha” moments I’ve discovered while reading Jamie Kern Lima’s book, *Worthy*. Jamie often felt like an outsider, nicknamed “crazy” by her family for her ambitious dreams and innovative ideas. This label, which carried feelings of isolation, led her to seek therapy—a step her family never understood.

In therapy, Jamie received a life-changing perspective. Her therapist told her, “You’re not crazy; you’re just first.” She was the first in her family to attend college, the first to aspire to meet Oprah and host a talk show, and the first to start a cosmetics line in her basement that would grow into a billion-dollar empire.

The therapist suggested reframing “crazy” to “first,” “trailblazer,” or “visionary.” This shift was not just powerful for Jamie—it speaks to all of us.

I recall being called “bossy” as a young girl, which bothered me as much as “crazy” did for Jamie. Over time, I learned to reframe this label, too, now defining the word as “leader” vs. “bossy.” This redefinition has transformed criticism into empowerment, much like Jamie’s shift from “crazy” to “first.”

So, dear readers, what labels have you carried



Laura Jasurda

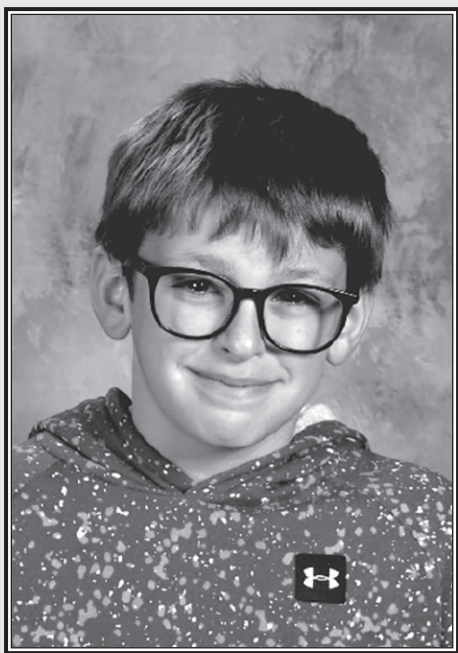
that might be reframed? Recognizing these can be a profound breakthrough, offering a new path to self-worthiness and acceptance. If you’re interested in learning more about how to make these kinds of reframing transformations, I highly recommend picking up a copy of *Worthy* by Jamie Kern Lima. It’s a treasure trove of inspiration and practical advice for anyone on a journey toward personal growth. Let’s embrace this powerful opportunity together.

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.



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:

Payton's favorite book is Dog Man the Scarlett Shedder.

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

Arbor Day is April 26, 2024

BOYNE CITY – Tim Nemecek, Mayor of the City of Boyne City has declared April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day marking the 20th consecutive year of the City's recognition as a "Tree City USA." This declaration comes as a testament to Boyne City's commitment to protecting the environment and urban forest preservation.

In honor of Arbor Day, the City of Boyne City, alongside the Boyne Valley Garden Club, and the Friends of the Boyne River, will distribute evergreen seedlings and small deciduous trees. Additionally, representatives from Michigan Butterfly Habitats and the Boyne District Library's Bookmobile will be present along with many other environmental groups. It will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park Pavilion

located at 207 N Lake St from 10:00 am until Noon.

Expert Northern Michigan master gardeners and sponsoring members will be available to offer advice on planting and caring for the trees, each of which will include planting instructions.

Arbor Day serves as a special occasion to celebrate and recognize the vital role trees play in our world.

By planting trees, we contribute to a healthier, more sustainable environment for future generations.

Boyne City's commitment to urban forestry and street tree program reflects its dedication to fostering a greener community. City residents interested in having a tree trimmed, planted or removed from the City right-of-way at their property may contact City Hall at 231.582.6597.

BY JOHN KEYSER

Rachel Sytsma-Reed, a superb community leader herself, as is her family, encouraged me to meet Sean Simney, and I am so glad I have. His initiative to form North Sport Athletic Center and his leadership values will be a huge asset to our area.

Sean Simney is a 35-year-old carpenter turned entrepreneur with the opening of the North Sport Athletic Center.

What makes this so special is not just its transformation of the Charlevoix Academy Montessori School into an indoor soccer complex as well as his deep-rooted focus on leadership principles and personal growth, inspired by his own journey through sports.

Sean's passion for soccer traces back to his early years, where he excelled as a goalkeeper at Novi High School, followed by collegiate play at both Schoolcraft College and Concordia University Ann Arbor. Despite a promising career cut short by injury during his time with "semi-pro" Detroit City F.C., Sean found his true calling in coaching, drawn by the opportunity to mentor youth both on and off the field.

"Soccer has always been more than just a game to me," Sean shares. "It's a platform for learning and acquiring the tools necessary to succeed in life."

His coaching philosophy emphasizes the importance of devotion, teamwork, and personal growth. "If you're going to commit to something, then do just that - commit. Give it your all," he states. "Not only does it build character, it'll

COMMUNITY LEADER

SEAN SIMNEY

STRIVE TO BE BETTER THAN YOU WERE YESTERDAY



Sean Simney and wife, Erin Simney.

help you discover your true potential."

Sean now is head coach of both the boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams at Charlevoix High School, and is instilling in our players the values of resilience and continuous improvement. "We aim for progress, not perfection. Each player should strive to be better than they were yesterday, both on the field and in life. That's a task easier said than done, but that's the beauty about being a part of a team, we're here for each other and we embrace the lofty task as a family."

North Sport Athletic Center offers a range of programs, including youth and adult leagues, development classes, and private training sessions. Sean is committed to a supportive environment where individuals can challenge

themselves, push past their comfort zones, and ultimately thrive.

"It's about creating an atmosphere where people feel empowered to grow. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just starting out, there's always room for improvement."

Sean is grateful to those who have stood by him throughout this journey. Reflecting on the immense undertaking of transforming the Montessori School into a vibrant sports complex, Sean emphasizes that none of it would have been possible without the unwavering support of his wife, Erin.

Currently expecting their first child, due early August, Erin has been a pillar of strength and encouragement for Sean, enabling him to pursue his passion and turn his vision into reality. "Erin's love and support

have been amazing in this endeavor. I could not have done it without her by my side every step of the way."

In addition to Erin's support, Sean extends his gratitude to the broader community, including family, friends, and neighbors, whose kindness and assistance have been instrumental in bringing North Sport Athletic Center to fruition. From lending helping hands during the renovation process to burning the mid-night oil to meet deadlines, their collective efforts have been invaluable.

With a growing family and our new athletic center, Sean looks forward to continuing to serve our community and inspire others to pursue their passions with dedication and perseverance. As North Sport Athletic Center opens its doors to the community, it not only serves as a hub for soccer enthusiasts but also as a testament to the power of leadership, mentorship, and personal development. Under Sean's guidance, the center aims to cultivate not only skilled athletes but also confident, resilient individuals prepared to tackle life's challenges both on and off the field.

Sean's values are right on! He emphasizes that as important as soccer and other sports are, we should prioritize our faith and family.

Sean's presence in Charlevoix County and Northern Michigan promises to be a positive influence on our youth, both on and off the soccer field.

Let's join in spreading the word throughout our county and well beyond about North Sport Athletic Center!

Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce presents:

Small Steps for Big Change – A Thriving Petoskey Panel Discussion

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Heather Highlands Inn

All area employers and employees are invited to join the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce for a discussion panel to hear what local businesses are doing to maintain their thriving business status. The focus of this panel, Small Steps for Big Change- a Thriving Petoskey Panel Discussion will be on employees, environment, and community. Representatives of businesses from different sectors and of varying sizes will share what steps, both big and small, that they take to keep their businesses moving in a thriving and sustainable way. The discussion will be held at the Champions Room in the lower level of the Heather Highlands Inn at The Highlands at Harbor Springs.

Special thanks to our sponsors for this event, The Highlands at Harbor Springs and Bearcub Outfitters.

The chamber is excited to welcome the following expert panelists to our discussion: Jenna Lindenberg, human resources manager at Drost Landscaping; Bob Struthers, general manager at The Grain Train Natural

Foods Market in Petoskey; Cherell Granger, development & communications coordinator at Manna Food Project; Mari Kissinger, director of skier services and sustainability at The Highlands at Harbor Springs; and Caroline Barlow,

artistic director of Bliss-fest Music Organization. Chamber President, Nikki Devitt will be moderating the panel discussion.

The cost is only \$25 for the session, or it is included as a part of the Winfluence programming subscription.

Light refreshments will be provided. You can register by visiting our website petoskeychamber.com, or by clicking here.

Contact Emily at 231-347-4150 or emily@petoskeychamber.com for further information and to register.

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

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

Celebrating Charlevoix Historical Museum

In-person Tour by
Trevor Dotson and
David Miles

~
Wednesday,
May 1st • 10:30 AM

In celebration of International Museum Day and its theme for 2024 - "Education and Research", go behind the scenes and learn how the Charlevoix Historical Museum is able to take astonishing amounts of written and photographic information and turn it into the award winning publications and exhibits they are known for.

Attendees will learn from Trevor Dotson, Museum Manager of Operations, how the museum attains its ongoing stream of important acquisitions and logs them into digital files for ready access for the public and Museum to use for investigative purposes. Ole Lyngklip,



member of the Museum Board of Directors, will hone in on the preserving of museums growing library of photographic archives--a mammoth process the size of which is mindboggling. To complete the presentation museum curator David Miles will give an overview of how the museum puts all of this to work in

the form of multiple (even award-winning) publications, exhibits, events, PowerPoint lectures and programs for the community and surrounding area.

After the presentation, attendees will tour the new and popular exhibit titled "The Maritime History of Charlevoix—The City on Three Lakes". The mu-

seum officials will be on hand to discuss the exhibit and answer questions. Also included in the tour will be the Harsha house itself, home of the museum and 3 Victorian period rooms, with many fascinating local historical artifacts. Register on-line at www.ncmclifelonglearning.com/event-5669730

Students from East Jordan High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter will attend the 2024 BPA National Leadership Conference

Students from East Jordan High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter will attend the 2024 BPA National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois, May 10-14th.

The conference will bring together an estimated six thousand delegates from across the country to compete for top honors in business and information technology skills competitions, attend leadership and professional development workshops, receive awards for community service activities and elect BPA's 2024-25 national student leadership team.

"For students and

chapter advisors attending the National Leadership Conference, the event is the culmination of a year's work," said Steven J. Mitchell, BPA's executive director/CEO. "We can't wait to celebrate these students for the energy they have devoted to advancing to nationals in competitive events, sharpening their leadership and career skills, and contributing to community betterment through service initiatives."

The students from the East Jordan BPA chapter attending the conference are: Alyssa Sherman, Izzy Boyer, Lila Kelly, Yuzu Nakajima, Freddie

Thompson, Lindsey Jibson, Sienna McLeod, Madison Guerriero.

The 2024 National Leadership Conference is presented by Certipoint, a Pearson VUE business, the leading provider of certification exam development, delivery, and program management services. Conference attendees can obtain valuable industry certifications during the event.

While in Chicago, participants will also have opportunities to network with other BPA members and business leaders, visit famous Chicago attractions, and participate in community service activities.

The conference's opening session on May 10 and awards ceremonies on May 14 will be streamed live online at www.thinkcybis.com/bpa-live/.

About Business Professionals of America Business Professionals of America (BPA) is the premier Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for middle, high school, and college/university students preparing for careers in business and information technology. BPA provides opportunities for growth through education, competitive events, leadership development, and community service. The organization has more than 51,000 members in schools in the United States and China. Learn more at www.bpa.org

Progress on Recent Cases by Charlevoix County Prosecutor

Several notable cases have recently come to or are approaching resolution.

People v Kenneth Carcelen and People v David Cox: Carcelen and Cox both traveled from out of the area and sexually assaulted a Charlevoix County teen. Carcelen traveled from California, Cox from Southeast Michigan. Cox traveled to Charlevoix on one occasion and has pled guilty to Criminal Sexual Conduct, Third Degree (victim 13-15 years old) for his actions. He is incarcerated in the Charlevoix County jail pending sentencing. Carcelen traveled to Charlevoix County on multiple occasions and has pled guilty to two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct, Third Degree (victim 13-15) as well as Aggravated Child Sexually Abusive Activity related to his recording of the assaults on video. Carcelen is also incarcerated in the Charlevoix County jail pending May 24 sentencing. Both will be registered sex offenders for the rest of their lives.

Speaking about these cases Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Christopher "Kit" Tholen said "these convictions will provide great latitude for the sentencing judge to incarcerate these predators and deter others from acting in a similar way. These cases show the importance of police officers in schools

because the relationship a school officer fostered with students, parents, and school officials is the reason this case could be addressed so quickly by police. To fully prevent crimes like this, parents must be vigilant about who their children are communicating with on their phones and the internet."

People v Dameon Spencer: 26 year old Dameon Spencer of Charlevoix and Petoskey was sentenced on April 12th, 2024 for sexual assaults he committed upon family members when he was 15 years old. Following a hearing to determine whether he would be sentenced as a juvenile or an adult, he was sentenced as an adult to 20 months in prison. He will be subject to Sex Offender registration for 25 years. Commenting on this case, Prosecutor Tholen stated "it is my sincere hope that this sentence brings closure to Spencer's victims and will result in people being more cautious about who they permit to be unsupervised around their children. The vast majority of child sexual assaults are committed by individuals who are trusted such as relatives and romantic partners. An especially saddening aspect of this case is how long those in Spencer's life protected him from accountability for this concerning part of his past."

People v Cedar

Strzyzewski: Cedar Strzyzewski of Charlevoix was sentenced on April 12th, 2024 for a 2020 sexual assault upon a family member. He was sentenced to 38 months in prison in addition to lifetime registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act. Regarding this case, Prosecutor Tholen said "Strzyzewski claimed that his actions were the result of drug intoxication. There is absolutely no excuse for sexual assault and I am pleased that he has been held accountable. I truly hope that the conviction and sentence will help the victim feel believed and valued."

Both the Spencer and Strzyzewski cases involved the victims not reporting the assaults to police for several years. Such delays are the norm in these cases. No DNA, video, or eye-witnesses were present for any of the assaults. Despite these factors, justice has been done due to the courage of the victims and a justice system that supported them.

Unnamed case: in the summer of 2023 a home in the Boyne City area was destroyed by fire. Through excellent police work by the Michigan State Police and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office a suspect was identified and charges were issued by the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's Office which

included an offense which carried the possibility of up to life in prison.

The suspect chose to go to trial but, during the trial, passed away from a suspected suicide.

Prosecutor Tholen extends his sympathy to the family of the defendant.

"This man's death is another indication of how misguided our State Legislature is with their changes to bail practices. People who commit crimes are often in crisis or headed there. For many of these people, jail is the only safe place for them until they can withdraw from substances, stabilize mentally, and reflect on their actions and patterns of living. There are also a significant number of people who simply need to be incarcerated for the public's safety. The current Legislature's efforts to get such people immediately back on the street are not ultimately good for the criminals, their families, their communities, or the public at large."

Tholen continued, "on April 26th at 6pm at the Emmet County Building, Representative Friske will be hosting a Criminal Justice Roundtable where changes in the bail laws will be a topic of discussion. I am honored to have been asked to be part of this and will be present to discuss my experiences within the system."

Attorney General Nessel Charges Former State House Speaker Lee Chatfield with 13 Felonies, Conducting a Criminal Enterprise

LANSING – Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced 13 felony charges against former Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives Lee Chatfield, 35, of Levering, for orchestrating a scheme of self-enrichment against state, campaign, and non-profit funds. She additionally charged Mr. Chatfield's wife, Stephanie Chatfield, with two felonies.

"Our investigation has uncovered evidence that Lee Chatfield used various different schemes to embezzle, steal, and convert both private and public monies to fund a lavish lifestyle that his state salary could not possibly afford," said Nessel. "While the entirety of our investigation is not yet completed, my department is moving forward with 13 charges against Lee Chatfield alleging rampant and flagrant misuse and misappropriation of political non-profit funds while Speaker of the House, including Conducting a Criminal Enterprise."

Lee Chatfield is alleged to have illegally converted to his own personal use funds from the 501(c)(4) Peninsula Fund, his own electoral political action committees, The Chatfield Majority Fund and The Chatfield Majority Fund 2, and the state budget of the Michigan House of Representatives. The State alleges Lee used non-profit funds to pay off personal credit card expenses, sought improper mileage reimbursements from the House of Representatives for district-to-Lansing travel that never occurred, implemented a check kickback scheme to move PAC money through staff and back to his pocket, and sublet an apartment, paid for by the Peninsula Fund, for his own profit.

"Public integrity matters and holding accountable corrupt elected officials who abuse their authority has been a top priority for this office during my administration," Nessel continued. "This case highlights the many ways Michigan's current campaign finance and disclosure laws make concealing enormous amounts of fundraising and spending far too easy. The Michigan Campaign Finance Act does not serve as an adequate deterrent, and the inherent weaknesses of our laws in this arena not only allow for pervasive, corrupt behavior, it encourages and fosters it. My department will continue to pursue public corruption and bad actors who violate the law with the tools we have available, and will persist in our efforts to encourage legislative change to increase transparency and good governance in the ways in which our state government operates."

Lee Chatfield has been charged with the following:

One count of Conducting a Criminal Enterprise, a 20-year felony;

Four counts of Embezzlement from a Non-Profit Organization, \$1,000 to \$20,000, a felony punishable by 10 years' incarceration and/or a \$15,000 fine;

Three counts of Embezzlement by a Public Officer Over \$50, a felony punishable by 10 years' incarceration

and/or a \$5,000 fine;

One count of Conspiracy to Commit Embezzlement from a Non-Profit Organization, \$1,000 to \$20,000, a felony punishable by 10 years' incarceration and/or a \$15,000 fine and an additional \$10,000 fine;

Three counts of Embezzlement, \$1,000-\$20,000, a felony punishable by 5 years' incarceration and/or a \$10,000 fine; and

One count of a Felony Violation of the Charitable Trust Act, a felony punishable by 5 years' incarceration and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Stephanie Chatfield has been charged with one count each of the following:

Embezzlement from a Non-Profit Organization, \$1,000 to \$20,000, a felony punishable by 10 years' incarceration and/or a \$15,000 fine; and

Conspiracy to Commit Embezzlement from a Non-Profit Organization, \$1,000 to \$20,000, a felony punishable by 10 years' incarceration and/or a \$15,000 fine and an additional \$10,000 fine.

The investigation into the former Speaker began with allegations from Rebekah Chatfield against her brother-in-law, Lee, that he had sexually assaulted her beginning when she was a teen and he was employed at her high school. A criminal complaint was filed with the Lansing Police Department and the investigation was soon turned over to Michigan State Police. By time the matter came to the Department of Attorney General for further investigation and prosecutorial review, the allegations had expanded into widespread financial crimes pertaining to various regulated accounts. The investigation of alleged sexual assaults by Lee Chatfield has concluded without issuance of charges, as the Department's exhaustive investigation did not reach the appropriate proofs required and did not produce sufficient evidence under the appropriate criminal statutes.

The investigation into Lee Chatfield's alleged financial crimes continues and further criminal charges are possible for both Lee and Stephanie Chatfield, as well as additional defendants.

A video of Attorney General Nessel announcing the charges at a Lansing press conference can be found on her YouTube channel.

The felony summons enumerating the criminal charges filed against Lee Chatfield can be found on the Attorney General's website (PDF).

The sworn affidavit in support of the criminal charges filed against Lee Chatfield (PDF) is also available on the Attorney General's website.

The felony summons enumerating the criminal charges filed against Stephanie Chatfield (PDF) can also be found on the Attorney General's website.

The sworn affidavit in support of the criminal charges filed against Stephanie Chatfield (PDF) can also be found on the Attorney General's website.

News

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM



Our newly discovered veteran along with this wreath, flag and Civil War marker at the site the monument. The foundation, covered with hay for curing, was laid in November and is waiting for his and the 49 others' monument to arrive later this month. He will be honored with a wreath every year going forward.

Eveline Township Cemetery Monument to be Dedicated

As many local residents know, Chief Shawano Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been honoring veterans buried in Eveline Township Cemetery for several years with a wreath on their grave at Christmastime. Chapter members, Township officials and faithful residents of the Township show up every year and help lay the wreaths.

This year we added another Civil War veteran to our wreath count. This man had never received one, as he was buried in the old section which appeared to not have many burials. A couple of years ago the township did a scan and found 100+ unmarked burials, no marker or stone, including our Civil War veteran.

Two chapter members, Christine Brown and Yvonne Pentecost, set out to find these people.

This was over a year and half ago. Many obstacles. Fire at the county clerk's office in 1867.

No existent burial records for the old section at township office. How do we find them without a name? Well, there are ways, online genealogy

On April 29th we are having a dedication at 1:30, rain or shine, hopefully shine. We are expecting township and other local officials, DAR officers and members, local donors and residents, and extend an invitation to any interested persons. If you have any questions, please contact Christine at 231-582-9337, 231-838-3449 or cmjbrown@live.com.

sites. State archive, Greenwood Cemetery regional records, and other obtuse sources. After about a year and a half of searching, we found 50, enough to justify the monument. Every person was a celebration. At the same time we were raising the money for the monument. A grant from Great Lakes Energy, generous donations from local residents and our chapter, along with other fund-raising, brought us to the \$12,000 mark, just what we needed. And, we have 50 souls resting there, waiting for their monument, which is coming this month. We will continue to search for more, who will be added on the other side of it, as we find them.

Quack-tastic shopping extravaganza in Petoskey

From April 19th to April 21st, join us for Petoskey's Quack Walk Sale, where beloved local businesses will be offering irresistible sales!

Embrace the spirit of spring and dive into savings while enjoying the charming atmosphere of downtown Petoskey.

Pick up a shopping passport at Grandpa Shorter's Gifts, and get it stamped at each participating business to enter a raffle.

The winner will get a huge rubber ducky filled with various prizes!

For more information, visit Grandpa Shorter's Facebook page.

Former Veterans Affairs employee accused of embezzlement

PETOSKEY — A Northern Michigan man is accused of distributing \$50 Meijer vouchers to dead



Joshua Galle

veterans and then using them himself, officials said.

Joshua Galle, of Petoskey, a former employee of Veterans Affairs for Charlevoix County, is charged with 27 counts of felony embezzlement by a public official.

While working at the VA, Galle had the authority to distribute the Meijer vouchers, the report said. He allegedly recorded that he distributed them to 27 veterans, including two who were dead. The vouchers were then used at a local

Meijer store. During the investigation, the veterans and their families confirmed that they had not received a voucher and had no knowledge of the program.

On Feb. 5, 2024, VA director Kaylee Wells met with detective Fred Hasty regarding alleged misconduct by Galle, according to an affidavit sent by Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Christopher "Kit" Tholen.

The affidavit states that during his time working for the VA, Galle had the authority to disburse vouchers to veterans that could be exchanged for \$50 worth of items at Meijer stores.

The spreadsheet provided by Wells shows that 27 vouchers were issued by Galle between Feb. and Sept. of 2022.

This case was investigated by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

Ellsworth Community School learned about solar eclipses

Science education had an exciting hands-on application on Monday as students at Ellsworth Community School learned about solar eclipses! Using solar viewing glasses, students and staff in various science and social studies classes were able to experience part of the April 8 Solar Eclipse, at the end of the school day. Solar eclipses provide a great opportunity for students to understand astronomical activity and the interactions between the Earth, the Moon, and the Sun.



Marlee Pletcher and Julia Nagy



Billy Hopp, Max Muladore, and Nolan Essenberg



Circle of Arts hosts prestigious Michigan Water Color Society Signature Exhibition

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 water-color 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 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.

Event Details:

- 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 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
W A T E R C O L O R S O C I E T Y

Signature Exhibition



Michigan Water Color Society

APRIL 19 - MAY 18, 2024

we give you peace of mind, which gives us peace of mind.

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

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

PETOSKEY RV USA

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

Sports AND OUTDOORS



CALL (989) 732-8160

SPORTS@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM



2024 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL AREA BOYS BASKETBALL

DREAM TEAM



PLAYER OF THE YEAR KEATON MATELSKI, BOYNE FALLS

COACH OF THE YEAR ANTHONY TROSHAK, CHARLEVOIX

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Coaches like to say that each season is a new adventure, even if they have a team full of senior veterans who bring a wealth of experience to the table.

There's always a surprise or two possible. Younger players have breakout years, and make a statement for the future. Others expected to shine falter.

But one thing is constant. The Charlevoix County News recognizes what it and the coaches consider the best players in the paper's coverage area.

So it is that with another basketball season in the books, and spring sports just getting started, the paper releases its post-season awards for 2024.

First up are the boys, chosen with

nominations from the coaches. Choosing a Player of the Year was extremely difficult as everyone had almost identical numbers, consistent but not overwhelmingly impressive.

No 25-30-point scorers, or big time assists or steals numbers ... or anyone averaging 15 or more rebounds a game.

It's much more balanced than that, and these players provided numbers that keep their teams in games, whether or not they win a lot.

A year ago, Boyne City garnered top honors for both Player of the Year and Coach of the Year after the Ramblers compiled a 20-5 record, including 13-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference to tie for the title and won the district and Alex Calcaterra scored

19 points a game for his father coach, Randy Calcaterra.

That made it an easy decision for the two top awards.

But this year was much different, as no team in the paper's coverage area got out of the district ... and no one averaged more than 16 points a game.

The paper chose Keaton Matelski from Boyne Falls as its Player of the Year. He led the area in points and rebounds while the Loggers went 5-16.

No one meant more to his team.

Charlevoix's Anthony Troshak was selected as the Coach of the Year after guiding the Rayders to a 17-6 record in his first season on the bench.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR KEATON MATELSKI BOYNE FALLS

Despite the Loggers' struggles this season, which included an inconsistent offense, Matelski was the one thing they could count on game to game.

Matelski scored 353 points on the season to average 16.8 per game on 52 percent shooting, and although being a guard he also led the Loggers with 178 rebounds. He also had 17 assists and 85 steals.

COACH OF THE YEAR ANTHONY TROSHAK CHARLEVOIX

Taking over a program is never easy, but it didn't hurt that Troshak had some outstanding players who played for the Rayders a year earlier and that experience certainly made things run smoother for the new man.



Joe Gaffney and Hudson Vollmer was a devastating one-two punch for the Rayders, and as coaches typically say it's the players who are the difference.

Yes, their scoring played a major role in the team's success, but even more important was how their work ethic and leadership qualities that provided the glue that kept everyone on the same page.

Obviously, the Rayders put together the most successful season of any team in the area, and while Troshak might give his players the credit, his ability to bring them all together to form a cohesive nucleus can't be ignored.

ELLSWORTH PATRICK PUROLL SENIOR

Patrick closed out his career as a Lancer with 928 career points. This year he averaged 17.3 points per game, 7.3 rebounds for a guard is great, 4.3 steals and 5.5 assists. On defense, he has an uncanny ability to steal the ball

SOPHOMORE JOE GAFFNEY CHARLEVOIX

The beat goes on for young Gaffney, who has two more years remaining at Charlevoix, which has the Rayders' fans buzzing with anticipation of what he might accomplish next season.

An All-Conference selection, he climbed up the ranks of the Charlevoix County News' honors list by leading the Rayders with an average of 13.2 points, 2.4 assists and 1.8 steals a game.

"He has a tremendous work ethic, and really loves the game of basketball," Troshak added. "He's always in the gym. He's a gym rat. He's competitive, defends really well and for his size either rebounds or boxes out really well."

SENIOR HUDSON VOLLMER CHARLEVOIX

Vollmer finished second in scoring to Gaffney, with an 11.2 points per game average and was the leader in rebounds (4 a game) and nearly 3 assists.

Outside of the numbers that everyone can see, Vollmer brought a lot of energy according to Troshak and had the ability at times to carry the team.

"He's an athletic kid," said Troshak. "He was a really good football player. That athleticism transferred to the basketball court."

JUNIOR KORBYN RUSSELL EAST JORDAN

Another repeat selection to the First Team, Russell has one more season left and Blue Devils coach Nathan Dzwik doesn't see a sealing on just what he can achieve.

He scored 13.9 points a game and was a decent 3-point shooter, canning 33 percent of his attempts from that range, and managed to snare nearly 6 rebounds a game.

The Lake Michigan Conference picked him for the First Team for its honors, and his leadership abilities were recognized by his teammates who voted him Team Captain.

SENIOR CHAS STANEK BOYNE CITY

The Ramblers turned things around after finishing 4-16 a year ago and went 13-11 despite heavy graduation losses that forced coach Rob Jensen to rebuild his starting lineup.

Stanek, though, was a key piece that came back. And not just because of the numbers that he put up, although they were impressive ... 12.3 points and 6.1 rebounds.

"We knew he was going to be big," Jensen said. "He showed what kind of potential he had last year, and really stepped up his game in his senior season. He was also a team leader in every sense of the word, showing the younger guys the kind of hard work and dedication to be successful, and taking them under his wing."

JUNIOR JADEN ALGER BOYNE CITY

Talk about stepping up in a huge way, Alger had a breakout season with 14.9 points and 10.9 rebounds a game and was certainly another reason the Ramblers had a winning season. "I expected it, but I don't know if anybody else did," Jensen said. "He ended up big a team leader in almost every category."

ANNIVERSARY SALE 3 DAYS ONLY APRIL 18-20

NORTHERN MICHIGAN RV

NEW 2024 KEYSTONE RV HIDEOUT SPORT SINGLE AXLE 175BH AS LOW AS \$152 MONTH

NEW 2024 JAYCO JAY FLIGHT 264BH BUNKHOUSE AS LOW AS \$252 MONTH

989.448.8700
WWW.NORTHERNMICHIGANRV.COM

277 EXPRESSWAY COURT JUST WEST OF I-75 • EXIT 282 • GAYLORD

TURN NORTH AT MEECHER ROAD (TRAFFIC SIGNAL BY WALGREENS ON M-32 WEST) • NORTH 2 BLOCKS TO EXPRESSWAY COURT
OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY, 9AM - 5PM • SALES AND SERVICE

Anniversary **SALE**

3 DAYS ONLY! APRIL 18-20



SAVE \$5,801

NEW 2024 KEYSTONE RV HIDEOUT SPORT SINGLE AXLE 175BH

AS LOW AS \$152/MO.

\$15,995



SAVE \$10,731

NEW 2024 JAYCO JAY FLIGHT 264BH BUNKHOUSE

AS LOW AS \$252/MO.

\$26,995



NORTHERN MICHIGAN RV

SALES • PARTS
SERVICE
PROPANE

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

TURN NORTH AT MEECHER ROAD (TRAFFIC SIGNAL BY WALGREENS (ON M-32 WEST) • NORTH 2 BLOCKS TO EXPRESSWAY COURT

WWW.NORTHERNMICHIGANRV.COM

VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS SAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$500 ON ALL NEW RV'S!

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



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



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



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

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

RECEIVE A \$50 GAS CARD

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



North Fin AUTOMOTIVE

www.NorthFinAutos.com



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



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



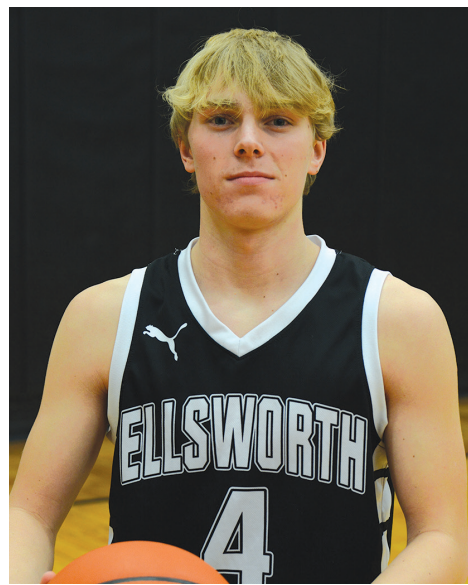
2012 Dodge Avenger SXT,
45 K Miles
\$7,995
As low as \$199 a month.

ALL AREA BOYS BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



KEATON MATELSKI



PATRICK PUROLL



JOE GAFFNEY



HUDSON VOLLMER



KORBYN RUSSELL



CHAS STANEK



JADEN ALGER

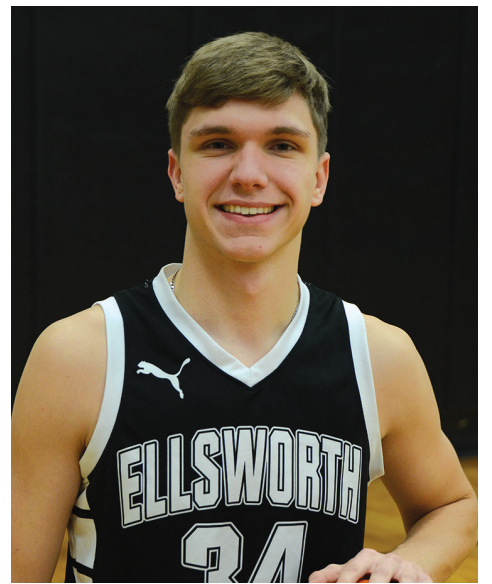
HONORABLE MENTION



TROY NICKEL
SENIOR - CHARLEVOIX



EVINCIO LACOUNT
SOPHOMORE - ELLSWORTH



CAMERON SNYDER
JUNIOR - ELLSWORTH



RYAN SPATE
JUNIOR - BOYNE CITY



LUCAS STONE
SENIOR - EAST JORDAN



ANGEL DELGADO
SENIOR - EAST JORDAN

OBITUARIES

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

merged with Domino's to become 10% owner and Vice President of Operations. In 1981, Richard sold his stock in Domino's Pizza, Inc. and received franchise development rights to the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. Richard asked his brother Glenn to join him in founding RPM Pizza, LLC in 1981, and together with brother-in-law Tom Holliday they opened hundreds of stores, operating the largest Domino's franchise in the United States for over four decades.

Also in 1981, Tom Monaghan made a \$50,000 bet with Richard that he would not be able to run a marathon within a year of the bet. Richard trained hard, lost 100 pounds, and finished the Baton Rouge marathon by year end. He put that \$50,000 into his Domino's Pizza franchise. In 2001 Richard and wife

Linda purchased Castle Farms in Charlevoix, Michigan, which is now a multiple award-winning wedding destination and event venue housed in 100-year-old stone French chateau style buildings that Richard and Linda lovingly restored. www.castlefarms.com.

In 2003, Richard retired from RPM Pizza and Glenn became the official franchisee with Richard Mueller III, as Chief Operating Officer. In 2005 Richard returned to help RPM Pizza with recovery from Hurricane Katrina and in 2008 returned to help with marketing.

In 2022, Richard opened Hungry Ducks Farm in Charlevoix, Michigan after restoring the 100-year-old wood barns. It is a non-profit interactive petting farm with farm animals, a carousel, a tram ride, and historical collections of antique toys and dolls, doll houses, quilts, and more. www.hungryducks-farm.com.

In 2023, Richard and Glenn founded TrainTastic in Gulfport, MS as a non-profit organization -- the largest and most exciting Model Train Museum in the U.S. with large, scenic, and interactive model railroad exhibits, riding trains, activities, party rooms, and a playground. www.traintastic.com.

Of special interest, Richard was a Life Master Bridge player. He was a collector of vintage pull toys, and accumulated one of the largest antique pull-toy collections in the world. He was a member of the Antique Toy Collectors of America. Richard brought an unparalleled passion to everything he did and cherished his time with family and friends. His special love for Domino's and RPM Pizza included countless innovative ideas that he brought to life, which reflect his remarkable dedication and vision. He fostered a sense of community and inclusion wherever he went and faced every challenge with unwavering determination. Remember to hug your loved ones and never stop playing.

In lieu of flowers, Linda and the family would prefer

donations be made to their favorite charitable organizations: TrainTastic (the Designated Richard Mueller FUN Fund) www.traintastic.com, to Hungry Ducks Farm www.hungryducksfarm.com, or to Grace Lutheran Church in Long Beach, MS. https://gracelongbeach.com.

Graveside Services will take place Sunday, July 28th, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery, in Charlevoix with Pastor Sarah Schaeffer officiating.

Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com



Marvin Lee Roskamp, 90

April 16, 1933 – April 11, 2024 ELLSWORTH

Marvin L. Roskamp passed away April 11, 2024, five days short of his 91st birthday. He was born in Coopersville to Edward and Minnie (Terpstra) Roskamp. He attended and graduated from Coopersville Public School. He joined the Air Force at 18 and served in the Korean War. Upon discharge he came back to Coopersville and met his future bride, Patricia (Bulliss). They shared a rich life for 66 years. There were three children: Cindy (Kurtis Busman), Amy (Doug DeJong), and Mark (Kelly Parkes). He

started and owned Roskamp Oil Company for 25 years. The family lived in Coopersville until 1980. During those years he was very active in the community, serving on the school board, in Rotary Club, the Lion's Club, and C'ville Swim Club. He was a deacon at Church of the Savior.

Later he and Pat moved to northern Michigan where he pursued his passions of hunting, fishing, and golf. He was General Manager of A-Ga-Ming Golf Course for 18 years. Then they moved to Florida where he was again very involved in golf. He made many new friends and took up woodworking, making fine furniture pieces for their home and his family.

About four years ago he and Pat made the move back to Ellsworth to be closer to family and continue with the projects he loved to do.

He is survived by Pat and his children as well as his adored grandkids: Alex (Emily), Stephanie, and Polly Busman, Trevor (Amanda), Jessica, and Shelby (Bradley) DeJong, and Cody (Jillian) and Wyatt Roskamp. He loved to spend time with his great grandchildren – Gunnar, Lexi, Audi, Reagan, BreeAnne, Luke, Tommy, Dakota, Sawyer, and Walker. He was preceded in death by both parents, brother Bob, and sister Marilyn. He is survived by sister Janice.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Marv with a contribution to Belltower Reformed Church, (8033 Church Rd, Ellsworth, MI 49729) or Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

There will be a memorial service at 1:00 p.m. on June 8, 2024 at Belltower Reformed Church.

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

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 10

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

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

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

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

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.

\$250 OFF YOUR RV PURCHASE
When you mention you saw this ad in this paper!

Petoskey RV USA
PetoskeyRVUSA.com
231-347-3200

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.

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 \$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 \$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

Sports

OFFICE@CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

GIRLS SOCCER

Rayders battle hard in loss to St. Francis

BY GREG GIELCZYK



Addison Boop

It was there for the taking. Holding the visiting Traverse City St. Francis girls soccer team at bay the entire game with some outstanding defensive play, the Charlevoix Rayders had an opportunity to pull off an early upset in the Lake Michigan Conference.

But, alas, the Rayders were unable to convert on a couple of excellent scoring chances and would wind up dropping a heartbreaking 2-0 decision last Thursday.

Three of the Rayders' best chances came early in the game, but two were stopped by the Gladiators' goalkeeper and another was cleared off the line by a defender.

Responding to the Rayders' pressure with some of their own, the Glads put the Charlevoix back line to work, breaking down the defense once from a combination play coming from wide area and once through the middle.

St. Francis had impressive speed up top, and made sure to utilize it, notching it second goal on a rocket that burned into the top left corner.

It elicited praise from Rayders' coach. "Some shots are just so

good that you have to step back, applaud the effort and move on," said the Rayders' Sean Simney. "And move on is exactly what we did.

"The game was like observing a well fought boxing match. They put us on the ropes and applied pressure, and we had moments of doing the same. TCSF has a good team and they are well coached. They had a battle plan and they executed it well."

Charlevoix had chances in both halves, but just couldn't quite get the final touch to hit the back of the net.

"Every player that saw the field for the Rayders contributed in a meaningful way, and I'm encouraged by the effort we put forth," Simney added.

Charlevoix goalkeeper, Addison Boop, made 12 saves on the day.

TRAIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

When the project began, citizens from Boyne City, Charlevoix, and Bay, Hayes, and Evangeline townships decided to study a connective trail. They formed a committee to push the endeavor forward, now known as the Charlevoix County Trail Team. The group currently consists of Mike Sheean, Steve Van Dam, Brent Bolin, Bob McLain, Paul Silva, and Todd Wyett.

By 2010, an engineering firm had completed a county-funded study that detailed a five-phase construction plan. Though COVID-19 and other challenges pushed construction off schedule, progress is still being made, according to Bolin.

The first phase (a little over three miles of paved trail from Boyne City northward) was completed in 2017. The following year, Phase 2 saw just under three miles of paved trail installed from Charlevoix southward, leaving the current nine-mile gap.

The plan's third phase, now underway, will be completed this year and will extend the southern leg by 2.36 miles, running north to Horton Bay.

According to Bolin, trails are typically funded by a mix of private donations, state and federal grants, and local matching funds. MDOT helped close

a significant funding gap to get Phase 3 under construction and the Charlevoix County Trails Team and Trails Council are actively fundraising for phases 4 and 5.

No dates have been set for the two remaining phases, which account for the remaining six-plus miles that will connect the entire trail. However, the work to get Phase 3 completed has reconnected and re-engaged the three townships and the trail team, Bolin said.

The trail team and county staff each came up with the idea to bundle the final two phases together to save time and money. This prompted the Charlevoix County Commission to budget \$200,000 for engineering services this year.

Trail completion is of particular importance to Hayes Township, with Hayes Township Park (Camp Seagull) planned as a trail head and the connection point between Phases 4 and 5.

"Hayes Township is glad to hear this project is moving forward," Ron Vanzee, Hayes Township supervisor, said. "Having the trailhead at Camp Seagull will be an exciting addition to our park."

This fall the Charlevoix County Trail Team will begin conducting public outreach on plans to finish the trail.

BASEBALL

Rayders drop two to Rockford

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Charlevoix's baseball team traveled to Rockford for a non-conference doubleheader on Saturday and lost both games by 12-1 scores and fell to 2-3-1 on the season.

The Rayders trailed 6-1 going into the top of the fourth inning when they scored their only run of the first game, and were out-hit 8-3.

Getting the hits for the Rayders were Owen Waha, Ryan Pearl and Dylan Capp. Emmett Bergman scored the only run for Charlevoix. He was driven in by Pearl.

Pearl started the game on the hill for the Rayders and



Emmett Bergman

went the first three innings, allowing six earned runs on five hits while walking two and striking out two.

Hunter Lemerand pitched 1 2/3 innings of re-



Ryan Pearl

lief and gave up four runs, two earned, on just one hit, walked four and struck out a pair.

Aidan Speigl finished the game and gave up two

earned runs on two hits, walked one and struck out one.

In the nightcap Rockford built a 9-0 lead after two innings, with the Rayders avoiding a shutout with a run in the fourth. Rockford out-hit the Rayders 11-2.

Speigl and Pearl were the only Rayders with hits in the game. Bergman scored the only run.

Waha got the start on the mound for the Rayders and allowed nine 9 runs, 5 of them earned, on nine hits while walking one in 2 2/3 innings. Troy Nickel pitched the last 2 1/3 innings and allowed three earned runs on two hits and walked one.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Ellsworth Softball Sweeps East Jordan 8-0 and 8-1 in Non-Conference Double Header

BY ROBERT DELONG

Just a week after dropping a game to East Jordan in the tournament by a 7-0 score, the Ellsworth Varsity Softball Team swept the Red Devils at East Jordan by 8-0 and 8-1 scores this past Monday night.

In game one Avery Strange pitched a two hitter, walking only three while striking out 13 East Jordan hitter earning the shutout 8-0 victory. Caitlyn Burks and Kendal Saganek got the only two East Jordan Hits.

Ellsworth scored 4 runs in the first inning and never looked back in the convinc-



Avery Strange

ing win. Kerri DeYoung went 2-3 for the Lancers while both Molly Muladore and Collista Hoeksema also added safeties. The difference in the game was base



Kerri DeYoung

balls. Red Devil pitching issued 13 free passes to Lancer hitters.

In the second game Ellsworth also scored 8 runs and allowed only a sin-

gle tally to East Jordan as they completed the sweep. The game was 2-0 until the top of the 4th when the Lancers put the game away with a 4-run rally. Bella Essenberg pitched the first 4 innings to get the win, while Strange pitched the last 2 innings to secure the victory.

Lillian Stone, Sydney Guerriero and Olivia Maher each collected a hit for the Red Devils and Burks scored the only run after earning a walk. Strange and Essenberg both had 2 hits and 2 runs score for Ellsworth.

DRY FIREWOOD
Delivered within 30 miles of Boyne and Mancelona.
231-631-9600
Burt Moeke & Son Hardwoods.

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

BERGMANN CENTER RESALE SHOP

"MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES WE SERVE"

CHANGING THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME

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

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

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
888-373-7888

PET OF THE WEEK SNOWBALL

This little cutie is Snowball. Snowball is considered a special needs dog as she is totally deaf, but she doesn't let a little thing like that get in her way! Snowball is full of spunky sweetness and has wonderful manners. Snowball was originally adopted from us several years ago but was found running as a stray in another county and was never picked up. After that Snowball found herself back at CAHS in search of a lasting forever home. Snowball is a bit cautious of other dogs and we think she would be fine with cats. She is also house trained. Open your home to this little lady and we promise she will warm your heart!

CHARLEVOIX AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

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

CHEVROLET  Together let's drive™

Limited time only

Spring SALE

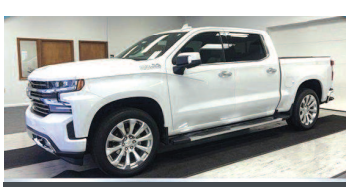
ON OUR ENTIRE USED VEHICLE INVENTORY!



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 #G2843
All Star Edition, Heated Front Seats
SALE PRICE
\$34,295*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$593 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2022 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE 1LS #G2722A
1-Owner, Low Miles, Remote Start
SALE PRICE
\$30,234*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$525 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2022 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 #G2849A
1-Owner, BOSE Audio, Sunroof
SALE PRICE
\$41,478*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$806 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LS #G2930
1-Owner, AWD, Certified
SALE PRICE
\$21,195*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$368 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 #G2647A
1-Owner, New Tires, Remote Start
SALE PRICE
\$31,495*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$546 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 #G2769A
Crew Cab, Short Box, New Tires, 1-Owner.
SALE PRICE
\$34,995*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$605 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2018 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT Z71 #G2770A
Dbl Cab, 4WD, 1-Owner, New Brakes
SALE PRICE
\$27,495*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$545 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2022 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LTD #G2541A
1-Owner, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Seats
SALE PRICE
\$30,495*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$529 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLE #G2935
1-Owner, Heated Seats
SALE PRICE
\$35,495*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$616 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LS #G2964
All Wheel Drive, 27K Miles
SALE PRICE
\$21,995*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$382 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT ALL STAR #G2460A
3.0L Diesel, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Seats
SALE PRICE
\$35,504
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$616 /MO.



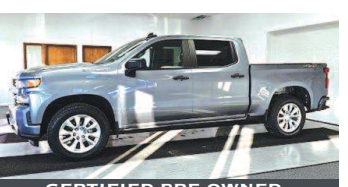
CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2018 CHEVROLET TRAX LS #G2952A
1-Owner, AWD, 2 Fobs
SALE PRICE
\$14,995*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$219 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2023 CHEVY SILVERADO RST #G2966
1-Owner, BOSE Audio, Pwr. Sunroof
SALE PRICE
\$49,995*
FINANCE FOR 84 MOS.
@ \$782 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE 1LT #G2951
1-Owner, 6-Passenger, AWD
SALE PRICE
\$28,995*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$503 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 #G2707A
Crew Cab, Short Box, 1-Owner, New Tires
SALE PRICE
\$31,595*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$548 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 RAM PROMASTER CARGO VAN #G2932
1-Owner, Spacious, Bluetooth
SALE PRICE
\$28,995*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$533 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2013 FORD EDGE SEL FWD #G2525B
New Tires, Power Liftgate
SALE PRICE
\$8,995*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$190 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2022 TOYOTA COROLLA CROSS #G2716A
1-Owner, Spacious, AWD
SALE PRICE
\$24,895*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$432 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2013 GMC SIERRA 2500HD SLT #G2811B
Turbo Diesel, Cruise, Bluetooth, Ext. Cab
SALE PRICE
\$14,995*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$298 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2021 TOYOTA TACOMA SR 4WD #G2950
1-Owner, Tonneau Cover, New Tires
SALE PRICE
\$32,995*
FINANCE FOR 72 MOS.
@ \$573 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2015 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED #G2789A
1-Owner, New Front Brakes, USB Ports
SALE PRICE
\$12,995*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$289 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2020 GMC SIERRA 1500 #G2727
One Owner, Turbo Diesel, Leather
SALE PRICE
\$31,995*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$555 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2017 CHEVROLET EXPRESS #G2594A
12 passenger, New Rear Brakes
SALE PRICE
\$19,995*
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$399 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2019 CHEVY SILVERADO LTZ #G2876
New Tires, BOSE Audio, Tonneau Cover
SALE PRICE
\$36,487
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$725 /MO.



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
2017 GMC TERRAIN SLE-1 AWD #G2838B
New Tires, Cruise Control
SALE PRICE
\$10,995
FINANCE FOR 60 MOS.
@ \$219 /MO.



Together let's drive™



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED



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



APRIL SPRING EVENT 17-30

NEW IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The latest gear from the Best Brands

NEW AT ACE \$1,199.00

EGO POWER+ 56 Volt 22" Touch-Drive™ Self-Propelled Mower



Up to 70 minutes of run time on single charge with included battery

Pre-seasoned and ready to cook right out of the box

22-inch cast aluminum deck protected by a lifetime warranty (with registration)

BUY THIS GET THIS

FREE EGO BATTERY

Additional 5 Ah Lithium Battery \$299.00 VALUE



Rust-resistant carbon-steel cooktop is ready, not rusty, use after use

Includes 2 pc. transport caddy

Stainless steel cooking grates heat quickly and are highly durable

Extra large sear zone to cook multiple steaks at once

ACE EXCLUSIVE COLOR

NEW AT ACE \$749.00

Weber® 30" Slate 3-Burner Outdoor Griddle

8091391 Silicone Breakfast Kit, 8082952...\$29.99. Griddle Cover, 8092236...\$99.99. Grill Spatula, 8082941...SALE \$21.99. RED HOT BUY

NEW AT ACE \$899.00 each

Weber® Genesis® SA-E-325™ Gas Grill

8091361, 8091363 Genesis® SA-E-330™ Gas Grill, 8091382, 8091383...\$1,099.00 each. RED HOT BUY



EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR THE SEASON!



SALE 3 FOR \$9.99#

Scotts® Nature Scapes® Color Enhanced Mulch, 2 Cu. Ft.

Prevents weeds naturally - use a 3" layer to block growth and access to sunlight. 1-year color guarantee. 7394695, 7394711, 7394703 Limit 120. RED HOT BUY

#MUST BUY IN MULTIPLES OF 3



33% MORE THAN 1.5 CU. FT. BAGS SOLD ELSEWHERE

SALE \$119.99 - \$20 ACE REWARDS EXCLUSIVE \$99.99

Scotts® 4 Step® Annual Program

Covers 5000 sq. ft. 7287154 Limit 2 at this price: 15,000 Sq. Ft., 7287162...\$289.99 - \$50.00 Ace Rewards Exclusive,* You Pay \$239.99. Limit 2 at this price. RED HOT BUY

SALE \$139.99 - \$30 ACE REWARDS EXCLUSIVE \$109.99

Scotts® 4 Step® Annual Seeding Program

Covers 5000 sq. ft. 7287188 Limit 2 at this price: 15,000 Sq. Ft., 7287618...\$349.99 - \$75.00 Ace Rewards Exclusive,* You Pay \$274.99. Limit 2 at this price. RED HOT BUY



\$319.00 - \$90 ACE REWARDS EXCLUSIVE \$229.00

EGO® POWER+ 56 Volt Trimmer & Blower Combo Kit

Includes 4 amp lithium battery and charger • 15" trimmer with Rapid Reload Head • 530 cfm handheld blower 7010988 Limit 1 at this price. RED HOT BUY



\$269.00 - \$40 ACE REWARDS EXCLUSIVE \$229.00

EGO® POWER+ 56V 670 CFM Handheld Blower

7018658 Limit 1 at this price. 615 CFM Handheld Blower, 7014318... \$199.00 - \$20.00 Ace Rewards Exclusive,* You Pay \$179.00. Limit 1 at this price. RED HOT BUY



\$17.99 each

EGO® Work Gloves

7834344, 7834310, 7834302 RED HOT BUY



FREE EGO BATTERY WITH THE PURCHASE OF SELECT EGO™ PRODUCTS

BUY ONE OF THESE GET THIS FREE

Additional 2.5 Ah Lithium Battery

7809304 NO LIMIT.

\$179.00 VALUE

SALE \$299.99 each

EGO® POWER+ 56 Volt 765 CFM Handheld Blower

7026058 RED HOT BUY

EGO® POWER+ 56 Volt 16" Line IQ™ String Trimmer

7026061 RED HOT BUY



BUY THIS GET THIS FREE

SALE \$599.00

EGO® POWER+ 56 Volt Select Cut™ Touch Drive™ Self-Propelled Mower

Includes 7.5 amp lithium battery and charger • Up to 60 minute run time • 21" multi-blade cutting deck • Mulch, side discharge, bag 7006686 RED HOT BUY



Additional 5 Ah Lithium Battery \$299.00 VALUE

7809312 NO LIMIT.



ON SALE \$139

Retrospec Rover Waggin Fabric/Steel Pet Trailer

50 lb., Black #8072022



ON SALE \$79.99

Retrospec Lenox Steel Car Rack 4-Bike Black; Mounting Type: Hitch Mount WHAT'S INCLUDED: Minor Assembly Tools #8068523



ON SALE \$899

Retrospec Unisex Electric Bicycle Eggshell #8098224



Retrospec Judd Unisex 20 in. D Folding Bicycle Matte Black; Rear Brake Style: Coaster; Frame Material: Aluminum; Weight Capacity: 250 lb. capacity; 2-color choices; Folding Bike Great for Boating or R/Vs #8061541



ON SALE \$279

Retrospec Jax Rev 750 Folding Electric Bicycle Unisex 20 in. D Electric; Jax Rev 750 Material: Front Brake Style: Disc; Rear Brake Style: Disc; Frame Material: Aluminum; Rider Height: 5 - 6 ft 4 in.; Black or Olive Drab, your choice. #8070638



ON SALE \$995 Save over \$200

ON SALE \$149

Retrospec Rover Fabric/Steel Child Trailer 80 lb Black; Seating Capacity: 2 Passenger #8071983

