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Wilcox, Sisson and Spate named 2024 Rambler Impact Award winners

BY KAREN WALKER

Boyne City Public Schools and Boosters announced the winners of the first Rambler Impact Award.

The Rambler Impact Award is a new program sponsored by the BC Boosters and Boyne City Public Schools to promote and celebrate a current Rambler teacher, support staff member, coach, or director who inspires and has made an impact on students in Boyne City Schools. Three recipients have been chosen



to receive \$1,000 each to donate to a Boyne City Public School classroom, program, club, or activity. Nominations closed Friday, April 5th.

The 2024 Rambler Impact Award recipients are Erin Bybee-Wilcox, Interim Elementary Principal; Julie

Sisson, Middle School Counselor, WEB Advisor, Women in Sports Advisor, and Big Brother/Big Sister Coordinator; and Jen Spate, 4th grade teacher and community soccer coach.

Erin Bybee-Wilcox was nominated by Roger Coates, Carrie Stanek, Rebecca Wildman, and Jen Spate.

She is recognized for making every student and staff feel important at Boyne City Elementary School. She is a positive person and shares that energy with everyone she meets. She is incredibly or-

ganized and a skilled communicator. Her contagious laugh and positive outlook create an enthusiastic and supportive culture in the building.

Erin requested the BC Boosters donate \$1,000 in her honor to the 4th grade team to purchase a couple of small greenhouses along with supplies to outfit the greenhouses. She said, "The 4th team is very selfless. I know they would utilize this opportunity to help all 4th graders learn more about the planting and growing process, and the

kids would have a lot of fun."

Nominated by the Kozminski Family, Julie Sisson is known for going above and beyond in every aspect of her job. She plays a big part in keeping the Middle School together and helping all students coexist in harmony. Mrs. Sisson is a role model for students and adults alike as she is kind, caring, and the epitome of what it means to be a Rambler.

WINNERS
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Tips for Morel mushroom hunting

May is morel month in Michigan, but the actual fruiting period is from late April until mid-June, depending on the location and species. Morels are not just found in the north - some of the best picking is in southern Michigan. Remember: Morels found on public land are for personal use and cannot be sold!



and wet conditions are best, and cold and dry can mean almost total failure of the crop.

Mi-Morels map
Large burn sites in forested areas are ideal for morel mushroom hunting, especially in burned areas where

Finding morels in Michigan's forests

For the beginning mushroom hunter, morels are among the easiest to find and identify of the thousands of wild mushrooms found in Michigan. Like all wild mushrooms, morels require specific conditions of temperature and moisture to grow. Some springs are good for morels, others poor. Warm

MORELS
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More progress to develop housing on city-owned properties

The City Commission continued making progress towards possible future development of housing on city-owned properties at its meeting on Tuesday. The Commission awarded a contract to Gourdie Fraser Associates of Traverse City for \$12,305 to survey boundaries and wetlands and take soil borings and make environmental assessments on properties near the DPW facility off West Court and Robinson Streets.

In other action, the Commission:

- Awarded a contract for \$73,966 to E.F. Wilkinson & Sons of Cheboygan to repair a broken sanitary sewer line on Maple Street.
- Learned that the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and

Energy may require at least 50% of 195 homes in an area slated to receive new sewer lines to hook up to those sewer lines as part of a \$12.8 million grant. Homes in this area north and west of the Boyne City Public School buildings now use septic tanks since no sewer hookups are available at present. (A map of the proposed sewer expansion is on page 177 of the City Commission's April 30th agenda.) The Commission directed city staff to make plans to survey homeowners in the affected area to see if they are interested in paying for sewer hookups. The Commission then plans to reconvene on this issue in June.

- Voted to rescind action they took on February 20th to pursue a \$300,000 Mich-

igan DNR grant for further development of the Open Space park on North Lake Street. If approved, that grant would have required a local match of at least \$138,000. Commissioners stated that they wanted to see how things work out at the Open Space this summer with a temporary gravel parking lot and possible extra maintenance that will be required on the park before pursuing the grant.

- Scheduled a special meeting for 6 p.m. Monday, May 6, to review the process they use for the city manager's annual performance review.
- Approved a Proclamation honoring the Boyne City United Methodist Church/Compass Community Church on their 150th Anniversary.
- Approved a \$1,500 contract to HTSS LLC for Peninsula Park lift station repairs.
- Approved a \$25,419 contract to Truck & Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls for up-fitting a new pickup truck.
- Approved a number of 2023-24 budget amendments in compliance with accounting and budgeting standards.
- Tabled action on three items due to a lengthy agenda: selecting a vendor for development of a new city website, purchasing water fillable road barricades, and an agreement to authorize a rental car vendor to use the city airport.

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HIGH: 60
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FRIDAY




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LOW: 43

SATURDAY




HIGH: 56
LOW: 42

SUNDAY




HIGH: 59
LOW: 46

MONDAY




HIGH: 60
LOW: 47

TUESDAY



HIGH: 63
LOW: 48

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 64
LOW: 48

record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
May 9	62	39	85	1993	18	1955
May 10	63	39	87	2022	21	1961
May 11	63	40	86	2022	23	2009
May 12	63	40	90	2022	22	2020
May 13	64	41	90	2022	17	2020
May 14	64	41	85	2022	25	1992
May 15	65	41	89	1998	26	1984

OBITUARIES

Gordon "Brian" Neff, 82

May 9, 1941 - Jan. 17, 2024

PETOSKEY

Gordon Brynn Neff of Petoskey passed away on January 17, 2024, at The Birches of Perry Farm Village in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Son of Gordon N. and Catherine (Walgren) Neff, Brian was born on May 9, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up in Charlevoix, Michigan and graduated from Charlevoix High School. Brian then went to Detroit to a butcher meat vocation college.

Brian served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1965 during the Vietnam War. He was on a special rifle team that competed in shooting and sharp shooting competitions, Brian always won first. While in the army he was mainly stationed in Germany and worked with heavy equipment trucks and tanks.

On January 21, 1967, he married the love of his life, Betty Katherine Stoker. They married at the Presbyterian Church in Southfield, Michigan.

Brian owned and operated, with exquisite skill, Neff's Gourmet Sausage for 50 years. He was known

for his notorious hunter sticks, bratwurst and cherry bratwurst. Once the Traverse Magazine did an article on his Swedish potato sausage and how he could always have them available for sale during the holidays. Brian helped process meat for local farmers and hunters throughout the year. Before his store, Brian was the meat manager at Giants Supermarket in Petoskey and helped other local grocers set up their own meat department.

Brian was an avid hunter in many different seasons. He received two elk raffle tags throughout his life and was able to hunt a cow and bull. He also bear hunt and had went moose hunting in Canada. Brian received the Master Angler Award and the Michigan state record for the catching the largest Brook Trout, which was caught during the winter on Little Traverse Bay.

Brian was very involved in helping the community and anyone he could. While his daughters and grandchildren were growing up, he helped them and the community with Emmet and Charlevoix County 4H Market Livestock Program. He also helped with Camp Daggett end of the year clean up and his wife's Girl Scout duties. Brian was very active in the DNR in Gaylord, Michigan. He

helped pass a law regulating the size of a turtle someone can trap in Michigan. He also liked helping at Gruler's Farm Supply, especially on chick day. He loved his wife, daughters, grandchildren and friends very much. Brian also loved talking on the phone all morning and night.

Brian is survived by is wife Betty Neff of 56 years and just shy three days of 57 years; his children: Kathy (Jeff) Dufek, Michelle (Patrick) Fettig, and Holly (Chad) Howard; his grandchildren: Brooke Dufek, Elizabeth (Jacob) Coats, Heather Dufek, Nicholas Fettig, William Fettig, Claire Howard, Courtney Howard, and Cora Howard; his soon to be great-grandson Kevin Coats; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many many wonderful friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Gordon and Catherine Neff; and his sisters Marilyn Gibbons and Karen Hoffman.

A very heartfelt thank you to the wonderful care provided by Anna, Barb and all the staff at The Birches of Perry Farm Village. As well as the staff of Compassus Hospice by Debbie, Shay, Jill and Darla. Those wishing to make a charitable donation in Brian's

memory are asked to consider The Birches of Perry Farm Village: 4211 Village Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Visitation will be held at Stone Funeral Home on May 8, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A graveside service with military honors will be at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix will be on May 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home

He attended Central High School in Flint, and went on to graduate from Ferris State University. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam, and was a 50-year member of the American Legion. Rich spent his life in Flint and Grand Blanc where he owned Coldwell Banker Kuehnle & Associates.

Rich was happiest spending time with his family and loved ones in northern Michigan, in Atlanta on Clear Lake, Charlevoix, and in Boyne City where they have countless cherished memories.

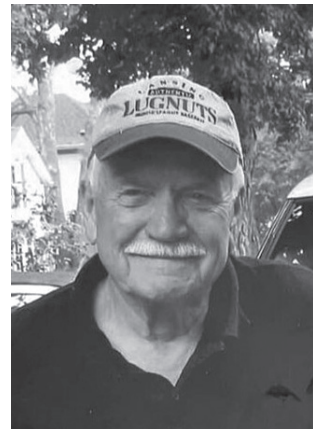
Rich is survived by his wife of 47 years Nancy (Kelly) Kuehnle, children Richard (Erin) Kuehnle, Jennifer Kuehnle, Martha (Tim) Sanford, Kelly (David) Roberts, and Bill (Danielle) Wentworth. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Barb Kuehnle. He loved his many grandchildren, Sarah Summers, Amara Whitmore, Will (Laura) Sanford, Kate (Jack) Malone, Molly Roberts, and William, Jackson, Andrew, and Eleanor Wentworth.

Rich is preceded in death by his parents William and Madeline Kuehnle, brother Bob Kuehnle, and granddaughter Paige Kuehnle. Service to be held at a later date.

Those wishing to honor Rich's memory can make a

contribution to the Boyne City FOE 1583.

Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com



Donald A. Monteith, 90

Oct. 10, 1933 - April 30, 2024

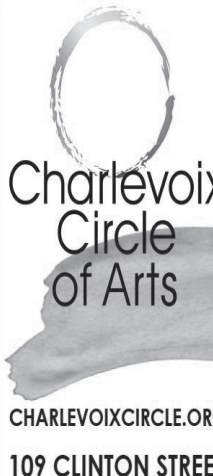
CHARLEVOIX

Donald A. Monteith of Charlevoix passed away on April 30, 2024.


Services are currently pending and will be announced in the near future along with a full obituary.

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

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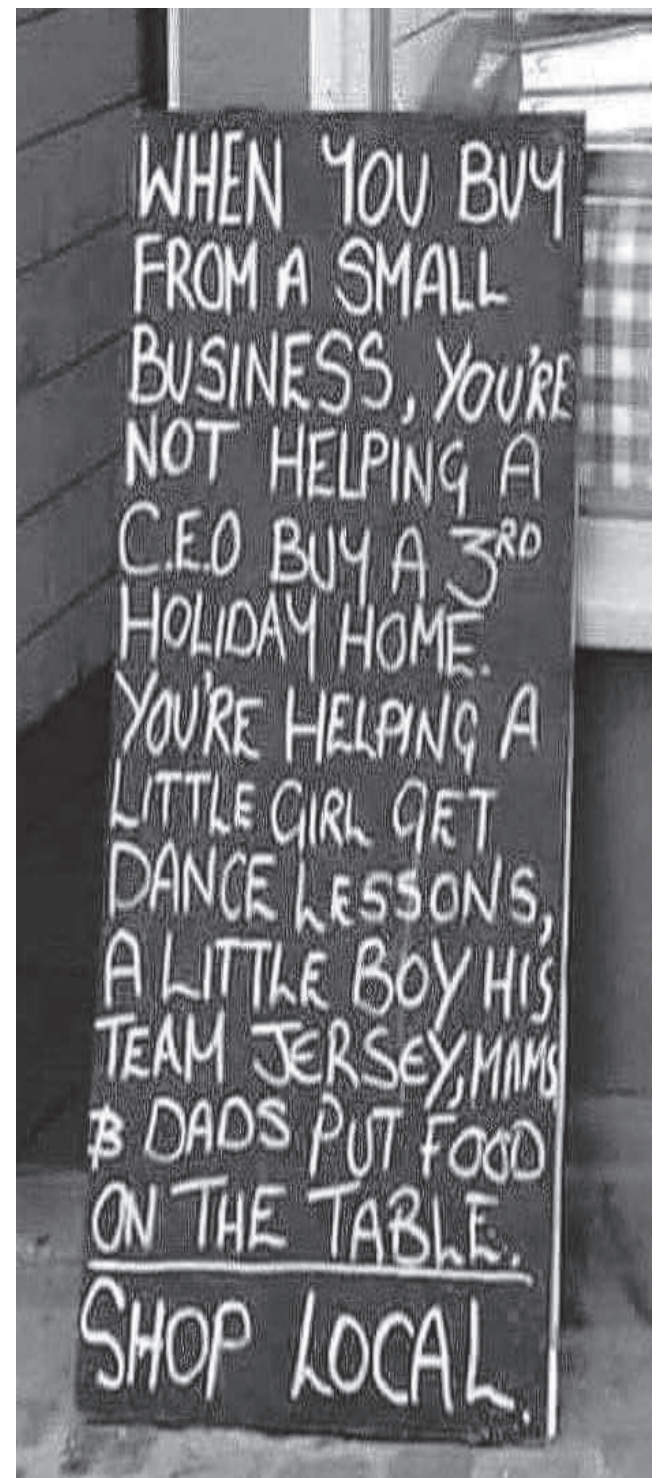
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jack, white or red pine once grew. Grassy and other non forest areas are not as likely to produce morels.

The DNR has put together a map of large burn areas that occurred within the past couple years. Zoom in close to see the type of ground cover in a particular area (conifer, wetlands, grass, etc.). Please note, the DNR cannot guarantee the presence of morels at these locations.

A link to the map can be found at www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/morels

This application contains a complex map. If you have questions or comments please contact a DNR Customer Service Center.

Tips for your morel search

- Bring a map and a compass or GPS unit when out in the forest to avoid getting lost off-trail.
- Wear sturdy, comfortable footwear, as you likely will have to go off the beaten path to find morels.
- Be prepared to experience disappointments when searching for morels - some spots yield mushrooms year after year, while others skip years between crops.
- Your "eye" for morels will sharpen with practice.

- Never rake an area for morels or drive an off-road vehicle cross country. A healthy forest floor allows morels to grow.
- Using a mesh bag (such as an onion bag) or a basket will allow your collected morels to stay dry; a plastic bag can speed up decay.

Collecting and preparing wild mushrooms

Mushrooms found on public land are for personal use only and cannot be sold. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has a curriculum to train and certify foragers who commercially harvest and sell wild mushrooms in Michigan.

- Cut mushroom stems with a pocket knife to collect.
- Collect mushrooms in a mesh bag.
- Select only fresh, young mushrooms that show no wormholes, damage or decay.
- Clean mushrooms with a brush or by washing and drying thoroughly. Open lengthwise to check for any bugs that may be inside.
- Refrigerate collected mushrooms in a paper bag.

Cooking and eating wild mushrooms

Morels have a distinct flavor unlike any other, and won't taste like supermarket mushrooms. The flavor

is delicate and easily diminished by overseasoning.

The simplest preparation for morels is to melt a generous amount of butter or oil in a frying pan, put in enough morel halves to cover the bottom of the pan, and salt lightly. Sauté about five minutes on each side, and serve immediately.

Morels can be added to soups, pasta, pizza and other recipes that call for mushrooms.

To preserve this short-term, spring crop, morel mushrooms can be dried in a dehydrator or frozen.

Safety

All wild mushrooms should be cooked thoroughly before eating.

All mushrooms, including supermarket and wild varieties, contain substances which can provoke allergic reactions in some people. Be especially careful if you have any history of allergies to fruits, vegetables or grains, and introduce new mushroom varieties by taking a few small bites and waiting. Don't assume that because you can safely eat a particular species of mushroom, all members of your family or your friends can. Individual allergic reactions vary.

If you become ill after eating mushrooms, seek medical aid promptly. If you believe you have eaten a toxic mushroom, call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222.

COMMUNITY LEADER

RANDY CALCATERRA

BE CREATIVE, TRY NEW IDEAS

At Mary Faculak's urging, I met with Randy Calcaterra, Boyne City High School's Visual Imaging Director, also working with CharEm ISD. Up until this season Randy coached the Ramblers basketball team. Now both of his sons play for Michigan Tech, and he and his wife, Christina, attend their games, their home games being a five-and-a-half-hour drive, even longer when away games are in Wisconsin and other states.



Randy Calcaterra

Randy and Christina grew up in Livonia, went through the school system there. However, Randy spent a lot of time up at Deer Lake, as the family vacationed here. Randy loves the area, literally from his early childhood on.

After high school, Randy went to Wayne State on a basketball scholarship, and played on a great team, which he very much appreciated. He knew then his real love is the outdoors, and after college, he earned his teaching certificate at U of Michigan.

He then worked briefly in the private sector, but quickly realized that he and Christina would be most happy living Up North. Also, they wanted to be near Randy's dad, who had developed cancer. Up North they moved, at that time without jobs. Christina is a physical therapist and she got a position first, with the Munson Hospital in

Traverse City, and Randy shortly thereafter joined Boyne City High School in a position, which with CharEm ISD, was created. His role combines visual imaging and marketing content.

They moved to Boyne City, and Christina now a PT in Petoskey, which was perfect as they had two young sons, Pete and Alex. They are now both at Michigan Tech in a wonderful engineering program, and as mentioned, on the basketball team at Tech.

Randy was part of an early Leadership Charlevoix County, ten or so years ago, and he has been a part of numerous community programs, using his leadership and marketing ideas and principles. Just a few examples are his work with the Boyne City Main Street Committee on projects such as Boyne City Main Street Project of the Year Campaign and Boyne Thunder, to name just a few.

Good leadership is important to Randy. As he is quick to share, leadership comes in many ways, e.g., it is:

- being creative
- solving problems
- contributing ideas
- being willing to fail at times

helping and empowering others.

Randy himself, is kind of a behind the scenes person, does not like talking about himself, is all about asking good questions and being an active, attentive listener.

When asked about messages he feels are important to share with our community, he says we should truly appreciate what a special area we have to raise our families and that we all should be active in being part of our special community, to be givers.

We are very fortunate to have Randy here helping our students and our community be so exceptional.

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People Fund awards more than \$146,000 in grants to local groups

In its first round of grants for 2024, Great Lakes Energy's People Fund has awarded 61 grants totaling more than \$146,000 to local non-profit organizations across the cooperative's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

Since its inception in 1999, the People Fund has awarded more than \$4.6 million in grants.

"The People Fund is one of the many ways GLE demonstrates our sense of belonging in the communities we serve," Great Lakes Energy President/CEO Shaun Lamp said. "The People Fund is a great example of 'the cooperative spirit' that is at the core of everything we do because it allows us to partner with our members to support the non-profit organizations that make a meaningful difference in the community."

The program's funding comes from electric cooperative members who agree to have their monthly bills rounded up to the next whole dollar. Members are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online at gtlakes.com or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's office.

Cooperative members also have the opportunity to increase their contributions to the People Fund through People Fund PLUS. This program allows members to choose an amount to contribute in addition to the monthly bill round-up.

Grants are awarded twice each year by volunteer board members representing the cooperative's north, central, and south regions.

Lamp added: "We are grateful for our members'



longstanding support for the People Fund and I encourage community non-profit groups in our service area to apply for the fund's next round of grants in the fall."

North Area:

The north region board awarded the following 21 grants totaling \$69,543.70 in the first grant cycle of 2024. Great Lakes Energy's northern service district includes the counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Montmorency, Otsego, and Oscoda. Information on grants awarded to organizations in GLE's central and south regions are listed at gtlakes.com/people-fund/.

- Advance Board of Commerce, Boyne City: \$ 1,000 for a laptop and copy/printer/fax/scanner.
- Beaver Island Historical Society, Beaver Island: \$5,000 for Maritime Preservation: Saving a Great Lakes Fish Tug at the Beaver Island Marine Museum.
- Blue Lake Township Fire Department, Kalkaska: \$5,000 for sirens, radios, and lights for an off-road snowmobile and side-by-side rescue vehicle.
- Boyne Arts Collective, Boyne City: \$1,000 for a tent and assets for the Stroll the Streets Community Art events.

- Mount Carmel Centre, Inc., Gaylord: \$5,000 for exterior metal trim paint project.
- Otsego County United Way, Gaylord: \$2,600 for the final phase of the OCUW Community Service Building Renovation.
- Pigeon River Country Association Discovery Center, Vanderbilt: \$2,000 for a projector, screen, signage, and other assets to expand/enhance education for elementary and middle school youth.
- Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$1,950 artifacts and supplies for the Innovations Across the Ages Evolving Technology expansion project.
- Veterans Education, Training & Support, Inc., Gaylord: \$7,000 for The Landing Zone HVAC project.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1518, Gaylord: \$5,000 for specialized dome playground equipment for Phase I of a playscape in Veterans Community Park, contingent on raising the rest of the funding.
- Wagbo Peace Center, \$3,800 for a new door and window in the fiber arts & culture classroom.
- Boyne City Preschool, Boyne City: \$2,500 for gutters, contingent on raising the rest of the funding.
- Boyne Soccer Club, Boyne City: \$2,332 for a storage shed.
- Challenge Mountain, Boyne City: \$5,000 for an enclosed utility trailer for adaptive biking.
- Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Charlevoix: \$1,500 for an automated pool chemical mixing system.
- Crawford Ausable Day Care Inc., Grayling: \$2,061.70 for an infant and toddler room.
- Forest Home Township - Friends of Glacial Hills, Bellaire: \$5,000 for Friends of Glacial Hills (NMMBA) Vandermark Rd trailhead parking expansion.
- Gaylord Last Resort, Gaylord: \$5,000 for an electrical upgrade.
- Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Bellaire: \$1,800 for historical interpretive signage.
- Harbor Springs Area Historical Society, Harbor Springs: \$2,500 for exhibit lighting for the restoration of the Ephraim Shay Hexagon House and Innovation Museum.
- Manna Food Project, Harbor Springs: \$2,500 to update business management technology.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting applications from local non-profit organizations for the final 2024 grant cycle. The deadline for letters of intent is October 1 with grant applications due by October 15. Visit gtlakes.com/people-fund/ to learn more

ASK LAURA

YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

Choosing Authenticity Over People-Pleasing

Dear Readers,

I'd like to continue our exploration of Jamie Kern Lima's book *Worthy*, and delve into the theme of authenticity versus people-pleasing.

Jamie recounts a personal anecdote about choosing between a cinnamon bun and broccoli while dining with her mother-in-law. She worried about judgment for choosing the less healthy option, but in reality, her choice went without comment.

It's a powerful reminder that often, our fears of judgment are just assumptions.

This hit home for me during a recent leadership call. We were sharing our attendance goals for an upcoming September event.

When my turn came, I found myself inflating my numbers slightly, fearing judgment from my peers. After the call, I realized my error—I had assumed they would judge me, just as Jamie had with her mother-in-law.

It turns out, I wasn't alone. Other leaders had done the same, all of us acting under the assumption that we would be judged. We soon shifted our approach, choosing to be genuine rather than appeasing others. It was a liberating change, allowing us to drop our facades and embrace our true selves.



Laura Jasurda

So, dear readers, let's challenge ourselves to be genuine, to shrug off the assumptions and expectations, and to truly live as our authentic selves. When we stop trying to please everyone, we start to find peace and acceptance within.

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

—Oscar Wilde

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.

Embracing a New Wave of Non-Alcoholic Choices

How Health-Conscious Trends Are Influencing Beverage Options

BY LAURA JASURDA

Across the United States, a significant shift is taking place in the beverage industry, marked by a growing preference for non-alcoholic options. This trend, fueled by health-conscious consumers and the sober curious movement, has led to a 20% increase in non-alcoholic drink sales last year, totaling \$395 million according to market research.

Michigan is no stranger to this trend, with local craft breweries like Ellison Brewery & Spirits and Eastern Market Brewing Co. expanding their offerings to include non-alcoholic beers that rival traditional alcoholic beers in flavor and quality. Furthermore, Athletic Brewing Co., known for its dedication to crafting award-winning non-alcoholic beers, is a testament to the demand for enjoyable, hangover-free alternatives. Their beers are crafted with a unique process that preserves the full flavor, making them a popular choice among both traditional beer lovers and

those opting for alcohol-free lifestyles.

The surge in non-alcoholic beverages is reshaping bar menus and retail shelves, presenting local businesses with an opportunity to cater to a broader audience. By featuring such products prominently, establishments can attract not only those abstaining from alcohol but also those who occasionally seek lighter options.

This inclusive approach can position businesses at the forefront of a wellness movement that values health and social enjoyment equally. Offering these choices not only meets a growing consumer demand but also enhances the social experience by ensuring that everyone at the table has appealing options.

Discussion Point: As non-alcoholic options become more prevalent, how could our local community further benefit from this trend? What opportunities might this open up for local businesses to innovate and lead in the health and wellness movement?

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Rotary Performs Final Season of Variety Show

BY KAREN WALKER

The East Jordan Rotary Club drew the curtain on their 15th and final Variety Show performance last weekend. In total, the club estimates it has entertained over 14,000 community members with an evening full of laughter, comedy, and music. Debbie Chapuies, a dedicated participant commented, “We have given it our all to bring you a wonderful show.”

“We’re not getting any younger,” said Chip Hansen, the Show’s longtime Master of Ceremonies, adding, “and our audience is changing, too, so we just felt like this year should be our last, and we should go out on top.”

Judy Zorn directed this year’s show, working with Mark Penzien to select the chorus medleys and organize the music. Tammy Jackson helped plan the show by coordinating the production team and managing rehearsals. Steven Voci served as the Stage Manager, with Bob Bryan leading the Rotary Show Band, featuring Andy Ellison, Art Robinson, and John Slough. Many other



volunteers gave their time and talents to make the show a long-running success.

Proceeds from the show support the good work the East Jordan Rotary Club does throughout the year including scholarships for local students, youth leadership training programs, community improvement projects, and more.



DAVE

Says...

By Dave Ramsey

Which Comes First?

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have three young daughters. Is there a Baby Step for weddings? We didn’t see one in your plan, but I was wondering if it was included in any of the other Baby Steps.

—Cedric

Dear Cedric,

This is a really good question. I’m glad you’re thinking about the future and planning accordingly.

I don’t have a specific Baby Step for weddings. If I did, it would probably come after Baby Step 5, which is setting aside a college—or trade school fund—for your kids.

Maybe you could look at it as Baby Step 5b. Once you have retirement, education savings and extra house payments underway, you could start putting aside a little something for weddings.

Don’t get me wrong, weddings are special. You absolutely should mark these kinds of milestones with a celebration. But a wedding is only a one-day event. And to be blunt, a good education is more important than a fancy wedding. This idea may not make me popular with some folks, but it’s the truth.

Maybe this is the dad in me coming out, but if I had to choose between paying for more education and paying for big weddings, I’m going

to pay for school every time. Besides, there’s no correlation whatsoever between the size and/or cost of a wedding, and the happiness and success of the marriage.

Good luck, Cedric!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have our emergency fund account in the same bank as our checking and savings accounts. Do you think we should move the emergency fund to a different bank? A friend suggested doing this, but I wasn’t clear on why he thought this.

—Shari

Dear Shari,

Honestly, I wouldn’t worry about it too much if I were you. The only exception to that might be if you had loans you owed to that same bank.

Some commercial loan documents give banks the right to take money out of your accounts—without your permission—to pay the loan. This isn’t a common practice, and it usually doesn’t happen unless someone gets way behind on a loan. If you had a car loan with a particular bank, for instance, I wouldn’t keep a lot of money in that bank.

But in your situation, Shari, I think everything’s fine.

—Dave

Raven Hill 2024 Adventures

Get ready to dive into a world of creativity and exploration! Our spring and summer programs are back, brimming with exciting events, exhibits and programs that promise endless fun and learning. Join us as we embark on a journey filled with science, history and the arts AND unforgettable experiences. Don’t miss out – let the adventures begin!

Saturday, May 11, 2024, is FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturday. Experience the magic of Raven Hill Discovery Center with your family, absolutely FREE! Explore, discover, and engage in interactive exhibits and activities. Dive into a world of learning and fun—where every moment sparks wonder! These special days are back just for May, June and July of 2024, due to road construction later in the summer. For three months, May 11, June 8 and July 13, Raven Hill will offer free admission for family adventures from noon to 4pm. NO groups, please, as we need all parents to be watching their own children. 2024 FREE Second Saturdays are in honor of Diane Strzelinski, a Raven Hill volunteer and supporter for more than 25 years.

Be sure to visit on **Saturday, May 25** from noon to 4pm for the Grand Opening of Raven Hill’s Under Michigan & Beyond exhibition. This interactive and ever-evolving display of rocks and minerals from Michigan and around the world will engage and excite all ages. Prepare to be transported on a journey beneath the Earth’s surface. Delve into the fascinating realm of rocks and minerals, from the depths of Michigan and Earth’s exotic locales worldwide and how Earth’s resources are used in our daily lives.

Discover the hidden treasures of our planet and uncover their incredible stories. Don’t miss this extraordinary interactive and ever-evolving adventure! Under Michigan & Beyond opens May 25 and



will remain open through the end of 2025, so you can get involved in new rock & mineral adventures time and again right here at Raven Hill.

The SACK (Summer Adventure Classes for Kids) Program begins **Monday, June 17** for kids 5 to 14 years old.

Raven Hill has fun and instructional classes for younger and older explorers. Embark on an odyssey of artistic, historic and scientific discovery. Dive into the wonders of our world with hands-on experiments, thrilling adventures and endless fun! Sessions are available morning, afternoon or both with countless adventures! Summer classes can play a significant role in a child’s development by providing countless opportunities for growth and learning, such as extended education to exploration of interests, socialization, confidence building, independence, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. SACK Programs are Monday through Thursday. Kids can come for a four-day morning or afternoon class session or children can bring a lunch and attend both morning and afternoon class sessions.

Children can also sign up for a single morning, afternoon or full day of class. Pre-registration is appreciated and there are no minimum numbers for the SACK Programs. For more information you can email info@miravenhill.org or go to Raven Hill’s website www.MiRavenHill.org to download a SACK Program flyer.

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Please remember that summer hours go into effect this month. The Center will be open daily between Memorial Day and Labor Day for family and friend adventures. Weekday hours are 10am to 4pm—Monday through Friday. Weekend hours are noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays. All other times, the Center is open by appointment. Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for reservations.

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2023 South Arm Classics Car Show

Classic Cars On The South Arm

With the beautiful South Arm of Lake Charlevoix as a backdrop and the lovely Memorial Park as its location, the renown South Arm Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday, July 13th in East Jordan.

Classic car owners and enthusiasts are invited to participate and enjoy this popular event sponsored by the East Jordan Lions Club. Registration will start at 7:00 AM and the show opens at 10:00 AM. Awards presentation will be held at 2:00 PM in the Memorial Park Bandshell. Besides

spectacular classic cars and trucks on display, there will be a DJ for entertainment, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and food trucks.

Just one block away from the show is the downtown district featuring shopping and dining. Proceeds from the show will benefit two vocational high school scholarships and other community activities.

For more information visit the South Arm Classics Facebook page or email: southarmclassics@gmail.com



Co-Chairs of the South Arm Classics Car Show John Hunter & Devin Butterbrodt at the 2023 event.

LEADERSHIP Life Is For Service To Others

BY JOHN KEYSER



John Keyser

I just watched a video of a commencement address at Rollins College titled “Be the Light” by Elizabeth Bonker. It is so inspirational. Please, please Google Rollins College commencement address by Elizabeth Bonker.

Her message is Life is for service. This was the theme of the beloved Mr. Rogers, also a Rollins College graduate and the principal in “It’s a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.” For sure, if there were more Mr. Rogers, our world would be better.

While Fred Rogers is so very special in his character and values, there are so very many people here in Up North Michigan who definitely have “service to others” embedded in their lives. Up here, life is simple compared to metropolitan areas in that we take more time to know one another, to care about others, and how we may be helpful.

Our neighbors, their well-being, and our community very much matter to us.

It is often the little things we can do which lift a person up, e.g. – a smile, a warm greeting, a wave, comfortable eye contact, a generous gratuity, attentive listening to understand, reflecting back what we hear, an open mind, catching someone doing a good job.

And ask questions. It is said that questions are our best friend, and they sure can be. Ask how someone is doing, feeling, what are their dreams, needs, how we may help. Let them know we want to be there for them.

I had the good fortune to be educated by Jesuit priests, who emphasized, it seems daily, that we are meant to be “men and women in service for others” and to keep that in the forefront of our minds.

Really knowing another person usually leads to caring about their well-being, and that is so evident here in our community, our churches, at the grocery store, post office, in a coffee shop or café, our schools, library, and sporting events. People here are happy to see one another. We treasure friendships.

Writing this short article

reminds me of a large print over the sofa in a friend’s den “Helping the other person out, that is what life is all about.”

Let’s commit to slowing down and taking time to recognize the people we are with, even those we pass on the sidewalk – every day, and let’s do what we can to help our community and those who are less fortunate and are in need.

Let’s be a giver, and that includes being friendly and kind, developing relationships – relationships founded with conversations.

I have been writing short articles about community leaders in our area. The more I learn about these servant leaders, and others I will be writing about, the more grateful I feel to be here. They each love being here, our people, and our community, and giving back is a primary focus in their lives.

We all can follow Mr. Rogers’s example, being friendly and smiling, taking an interest in others, having conversations with an open mind, letting the people know we genuinely care about them and their ideas, and their well-being.

To a great extent, how we feel about our self and our life is based on our relationships.

Let’s appreciate the blessing we have to be here in Charlevoix County.

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, Chicago and DC, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic, and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team’s. John is a graduate of Georgetown’s Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute. Kerry teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.

youth basketball, youth soccer, and has helped start Boyne United travel soccer. She not only gives her all in the classroom to help teach her students academically but she also teaches them to be good humans.

She will have the BC Boosters donate the \$1,000 to a yet-to-be-determined project at Boyne City Elementary School.

BCPS Superintendent Patrick Little remarked, “The whole process of getting nominations and the community’s support has been terrific. It was hard to pick just three from the 16 nominees that were made by BCPS families.”

The Boyne City Booster Foundation’s mission is to promote and enhance all school programs that encourage students to attain the highest educational opportunities and to make a difference in the schools by having resources to help staff and organizations with funding.

WINNERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Mrs. Sisson has asked for the donation in her honor to go to WEB (Where Everyone Belongs), a program that helps 5th graders transition successfully from elementary to middle school, and the Middle School Winter Gear program. She says, “I have been involved with WEB from the start of my career at BCMS, and the impact the program has on the incoming 5th graders and 8th grade mentors is invaluable and lasts a lifetime. The Winter Gear program is something I have seen a need for, and with the help of my assistant, Libby Pearson, we have been able to supply winter gear to many students.”

Nominated by the McHugh Family, Jen Spate is praised for the empowering relationships she creates.

Mrs. Spate has coached

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City votes to Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations
BY KAREN WALKER
The Charlevoix City Council held a special meeting last Friday, April 3, to consider an ordinance to temporarily suspend short-term rental operations within the city. The ordinance would require all short-term rental units to be licensed and inspected by the city. The ordinance also requires all short-term rental units to be licensed and inspected by the city.

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Schools to Tools at Ellsworth Community School

Ellsworth Community School partnered with Schools to Tools to bring an interactive field trip to 4th – 12th grade students. Schools to Tools aims to provide students, teachers,

and families with information, training, and hands-on experiences in order to help make informed career decisions and foster awareness of career options. The mobile field trip was

staffed by carpenters and millwrights from around the state who provided engaging hands-on challenges and virtual learning activities.



Pictured above: Kate C., Millie M., Sydnie F., Hazel F., and Grace H.



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EAST JORDAN CANCELLED DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The EJ Lions Club. Have cancelled the Disc Golf tournament that was scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at East Jordan Community Park.

BANKS TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEANUP

Residents and property owners of Banks Township can once again dispose of hard to get rid of items at no charge. Drop off site is at 7111 Essex Rd, former site of Drenth Brothers Gravel Plant. Collection begins at 8AM and will close at 11AM. NO household garbage or hazardous wastes on May 11. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. Bring some form of proof of ownership. NOT ACCEPTED: Building materials – shingles, insulation, drywall, Household trash

CHARLEVOIX FREE MOVIE

Free Community Movie of THE CROODS at Charlevoix Cinema in partnership with an anonymous donor. May 11 at 11am. Doors open at 10:30am. Concessions available for purchase. Bring a canned or dry good to donate to Charlevoix Rayder Den.

GAYLORD SOUNDS OF SPRING CONCERT

The Gaylord Community Orchestra invites you to enjoy the spring concert Sounds of Spring. It will be May 11 at 7:30p with the conductor's talk beginning at 7:00p. The concert is to be held in the Gornick Auditorium at the Gaylord High School. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$15. Students and children are free. The concert will feature Dr. Andrew Sprung playing the clarinet concerto by Leopold Kozeluch. Also on the program are works by Katahj Copley and Aaron Copland.

EAST JORDAN MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

Saturday, May 11 is the 56th Annual Mother Daughter Banquet/Brunch. Join us for the 56th Annual Mother Daughter Banquet! Tickets will be available at the Miss East Jordan Pageant or reserved via a Miss EJ board member! They will also be available at the door. Tickets are \$10. 5 and under are free! We hope you will join us for brunch and celebrating the women in our lives! If you know of someone who is deserving of the title Mother of the Year, please email your submission with an explanation as to why you think she should be crowned Mother of the Year to missejboard@gmail.com

VANDERBILT HEMINGWAY PRESENTATION AT THE DISCOVERY CENTER

Ernest Hemingway's time in northern Michigan will be the subject of a presentation on May 15th, from 6 to 8 pm. The Pigeon River Country Discovery Center has invited Chris Struble, President of the Michigan Hemingway Society, to discuss the influence Northern Michigan and the Pigeon River Country (PRC) area had on Hemingway. The presentation will be at the Discovery Center, located in the heart of the PRC. Registration is required to attend this event free event. Go to www.pigeonriverdiscoverycenter.org. Under the "Events" tab. You will find the rest of this year's Community Event Series on the website. The Pigeon River Country Discovery Center is located behind the DNR Headquarters building in the Pigeon River Country State Forest, east of Vanderbilt.

BOYNE CITY REGIONAL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The Boyne Area Chamber is excited to be hosting the annual Regional Chamber Business After Hours at 5pm Thursday, May 16th at Farm at Frog Hollow, 2750 M-75N, Boyne City. Admission is \$10. Network with members and staff from Boyne Area, Charlevoix and East Jordan Chambers of Commerce. Enjoy cocktails and catered hors d'ouvres.

BOYNE CITY NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

The National Morel Mushroom Festival is thrilled to announce the dates of the 64th Annual Festival: May 16-19 in beautiful Boyne City. Confirmed events include a Craft Show, Food Trucks, Carnival, Wine & Dine, Competitive Hunt, Taste of Morels, Morel Seminar, Paint & Sip, Great Morel Giveaway and a Concert featuring the return of The Family Tradition Band, Detroit's award-winning country rock band! It's gonna be one heck of a festival, so put it in your calendar now! More events and details to be announced as confirmed. Check their website for details www.bcmorelfestival.com. Festival proceeds go to eligible Charlevoix County graduates. www.bcmorelfestival.com/uploads/3/1/3/9/31393017/2024_scholarship_app.pdf

The festival is non-profit and relies entirely on volunteers and sponsors. If you want to see it continue, we need your help! Contact Jessica White at jessicaboyneace@gmail.com.

EAST JORDAN SPONSORS WANTED FOR JORDAN ART WALK SCULPTURES

The Jordan Art Walk Committee is busy organizing the 4th Annual Jordan Art Walk Dedication of the new sculptures that will be added to our amazing sculpture walk, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 at 10:00 AM. We are in need of sculpture sponsors for our incoming sculptures. This sponsorship runs for three years and includes your business, organization or family name on the sign at the sculpture, listing on the Jordan Art Walk website, recognition and participation at the Ribbon Cutting/dedication and on press releases and sponsorship recognition on the Art Walk brochure. Please contact Mary H. Faculak at 231-536-7351 for more information

BOYNE CITY RUBBISH PICK UP

Spring City-wide rubbish pick up for 2024 has been scheduled for Saturday, May 18. Place material on the street after 5pm Friday and it must be out no later than 7am Saturday. This is for larger items that cannot be disposed of with your household trash such as mattresses, furniture and light construction debris. This is available for residential properties of 3 units or less (not commercial properties) within the city limits. The total volume of all items that may be placed out for collection per house is limited to two cubic yards, about the size of a regular pick-up truck bed. Details and acceptable/non-acceptable items at www.cityofboyne.com/trash--rubbish--disposal-47/#-sect-110.

EAST JORDAN GARAGE SALES ACROSS THE BREEZEWAY

Experience 26 miles of scenic beauty and garage sales dotted along C-48 "The Breezeway" this Memorial Day Weekend. Shop 'til you drop on Friday and Saturday, May 24-25, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at a number of residential sales and commercial business sales. To add your sale to the list to the Breezeway event contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351, email info@ejchamber.org or visit at 100 Main Street, Suite B downtown East Jordan.

CHARLEVOIX SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 25, 8:30 am - Noon at Ferry Beach Park. Welcome the start of planting season and support our Club by purchasing plants during our annual Spring Plant Sale at Ferry Beach Park. A large selection of perennials and annuals will be available. We will also have a wonderful selection of garden gloves and tools for sale. Come early for the best selection of plants.

WALLOON LAKE WET PAINT ART & CRAFT SHOW

May 25-26, 10am - 5pm and May 27 10am - 5pm at Emmet County Fairgrounds. Join us for the 1st of four Art in Craft shows at Village Green in the heart of downtown Walloon Lake for 2024. Big Art loves displaying in Walloon, painters, sculptors, mixed media art, functional art and so many other interesting creations. Hours are 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday with the addition of Monday this year with artists open until 3pm. Free admission.

NATIONWIDE MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 27

INDIAN RIVER REGISTRATION FOR KAYAK-BIKE BIATHLON

Registration for the 17th annual Indian River Kayak-Bike Biathlon, set for Sunday, July 21, is now open. Of the 100 participant slots available, about 80 remain. Registration, available at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/IndianRiver/IndianRiverBiathlon, includes free refreshments, free T-shirt and entry into prize drawings. All proceeds support the Trails Council and the Northern Michigan trail network.

CHARLEVOIX CAREER JOB FAIR

Please join us on June 1st for Station Charlevoix's Career Job fair. It will be at the Station located at 101 Coast Guard Drive from 1200-4 PM. If you have any question regarding the job fair please reach out to the station or if you have any questions about joining the Coast Guard visit www.coastguard.com.

EAST JORDAN FATHER SON BANQUET

Rotary Club 101st Father Son Banquet June 15, 6:00 PM East Jordan Middle/High School Cafeteria

CHARLEVOIX EARLY REGISTRATION FOR BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Mary Parish Bible School is June 24-28, 9am - Noon for grades 1-5. Early bird registration is \$35 per child by May 31. \$40 after May 31. Family registration rate available. Contact Liz Gengle with questions, egengle@stmmaryschoolcharlevoix.org.

PETOSKEY BAY VIEW HISTORY WALKING TOUR

In-person tour with Bay View Staff. Have you ever driven on US 31 and passed those charming Victorian cottages and wanted to know more? Now is your chance to step inside the Bay View campus with a resident tour guide. Bay View Association is a National Historic Landmark right in your back yard. See first hand where our programming takes place. Your tour will begin at Hall Auditorium and stroll through campus, while talking about the history of the buildings and taking a peek inside some of them too. Wear comfortable shoes and be educated and entertained on this Northern Michigan treasure. 4 dates to choose from. Tue., Jun. 4th, 10AM; Mon., Jun. 10th, 1PM; Wed., Jun. 12th, 3PM; Wed., Jun. 19th, 10AM. Register online at www.ncmclifelong-learning.com/events

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EAST JORDAN SERENDIPITY ART WORKSHOP

Serendipity art workshop at Raven Hill Discovery Center with Kelly Boyle on June 21 and 22 from 9 to noon both days.

EAST JORDAN SUMMER ADVENTURE CLASSES

Summer Adventure Classes for Kids (SACK) programs #1-9. Classes are scheduled Mondays through Thursdays each week. SACK programs run from June 17 through August 22. AM classes run from 10:30AM to noon. PM classes run from 12:30PM to 2PM

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

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

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

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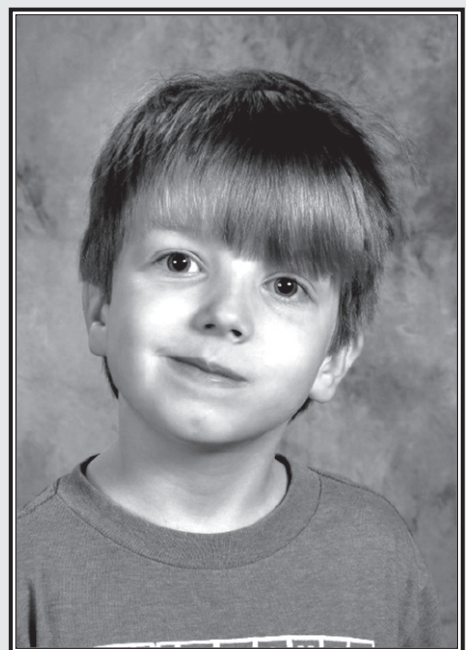
EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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



Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Bryce Florenski

- Grade:** Kindergarten
- Parent's Name(s):** Jennifer and Ed Florenski
- What do you want to be when you grow up?:** Bryce wants to be a builder when he grows up.
- Favorite Book:** Bryce likes the book The Grumpy Monkey Stays Up All Night.
- Hobbies and Interests:** Bryce really enjoys playing his PS5 and playing with all his toys at home.
- School Activities:** Bryce enjoys learning about letters and sounds on our computer program Lalilo and he likes learning math on Splash Learn.
- Staff Comments:** I am so proud of Bryce. He is such a hard worker and always tries his best and uses his stamina. Bryce is kind and helpful to all his peers and teachers. He always follows our Logger Agreement and is a good example to his friends. He speaks up and always makes good choices even when it is a tough situation. I am so happy to have Bryce in my Kindergarten classroom.
- Submitted By:** Mrs. Riccinto

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In an 18-1 win over Greenville, Owen Waha threw a no-hitter for the Rayders, finishing the game with five strike outs as well in just three innings with the game shortened due to the mercy rule. At the plate, Waha had three hits, with two doubles, and five runs batted in.

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Lauryn Matelski
Boyne Falls Loggers
Softball
In a 16-5 win over Wolverine last week, Lauryn Matelski had her hitting shoes on in the first game, going 3-for-4 that included an inside-the-park home run in the fourth inning. She had singles in the first and second innings.

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BASEBALL

Rayders sweep Ramblers

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Charlevoix saw a four-game winning streak ended with a 3-0 loss to Spring Lake, which was the second



Owen Waha



Bryce Johnson

ranked team in Division 2, in last Saturday's tournament at Petoskey. But the Rayders bounced back to take down Division 1 Greenville 4-0, and then swept a double-header with Boyne City by 18-1

and 3-0 scores on Monday night to stretch their current winning streak to three straight. The Rayders gained early command in the first game against the Ramblers, opening up a substantial 9-1 lead after the first inning and then scored six runs in the top of the second and were never threatened by Boyne.

Owen Waha threw a no-hitter for the Rayders, finishing the game with five strike outs as well in just three innings with the game shortened due to the mercy

rule. Bryce Johnson went 4-for-4 to lead the Rayders at the plate, while Waha had three hits, with two doubles, and five runs batted in. Ryan Pearl contributed three hits and three RBI.

Aidan Speigl had two hits and three RBI. Troy Nickel, Hunter Lemerand and Dylan Clapp also had two hits apiece. Lemerand and Clapp collected one RBI apiece.

In the second game the Rayders out-hit the Ramblers, 6-1 as Johnson kept them off the bases with 12 strike outs. He walked only three batters on the night.

Bergman was the leading hitter, going 2-for-3 at the plate with one RBI. Nickel, Lemerand and Matthew Jarema each had a hit, with Lemerand getting an RBI.

Charlevoix had just two hits in the 3-0 loss to Spring Lake in its opening tournament game, one apiece by Waha and Johnson. Nickel took the loss, allowing two runs.

Waha and Pearl combined for a two-hitter in the Rayders 4-0 shutout over Greenville. Waha struck out five and walked none, while Pearl had four punch outs and walked one.

Johnson had two hits and drove in two runs, while Waha also had two hits.

Charlevoix improved to 15-6 on the season.

SOFTBALL

Ellsworth sweeps Burt Lake NMCA and Alanson to Stay Undefeated in Double Header Conference Play

BY BOB DELONG

The Ellsworth High School varsity softball team continued its fine play in the Northern Lakes Conference with a pair of double header sweeps over the past week. Last Thursday the Lancers mercied Burt Lake NMCA twice by 17-0 and 11-1 scores in three and five innings respectively.

This past Monday night Ellsworth continued to roll by earning a pair of easy victories over Alanson. The Lancers beat the Vikings in game one 16-6 in four innings and 10-1 in six innings in the nightcap.

Burt Lake NMCA

Bella Essenberg got the win in game one striking out six batters in three innings pitched. Essenberg helped herself at the dish as well going three for three



Bella Essenberg



Julia Sundstrom

with a walk and four runs scored to lead the offense to a 17-0 victory. Every position in the lineup scored at least one run in the game. Jaque Gibson went two for four, including a double and a run scored; Julia Sundstrom and Kylie Fuller both had a hit and scored three times; Avery Potter had a hit and scored twice; Callista Hoeksema had a triple and scored a run; Avery Strange

had a hit and a run, and both Molly Muladore and Lauren Rasmussen both also scored a run each.

In game two vs the Eagles, Avery Strange struck out 15 hitters, (recording a strikeout for every Burt Lake NMCA out), and Ellsworth scored four runs in the third and six more runs in the fifth to put the game away after leading only 1-0 after two innings of play.

Gibson led the Lancer offense going three for three with three runs scored, including a double; Hoeksema had two hits and strange also had a hit and scored twice. Ellsworth had nine hits in route to the 11-1 victory.

Alanson

This past Monday Ellsworth scored nine runs in the first inning and rolled to the 16-6 win in five innings.

Strange got the win on the mound striking out 10 Eagles in her five innings of work.

The Lancers smacked out 14 hits in the win, including three by Hoeksema; two each by Ella Spoonable and Bella Essenberg as 11 different Ellsworth players got a hit in game one.

In the second game Bella Essenberg had nine Ks over six innings as she pitched a no-hitter over Alanson. Once again, a very balanced lineup was the key to the Ellsworth offense as seven different players had a hit.

Both Strange and Hoeksema went two for three with two runs scored; both Fuller and Kerri DeYoung each scored a pair of runs and Muladore had a hit and scored a run.

BASEBALL

Red Devils drop two to Elk Rapids in LMC

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Despite coming up with the same number of hits as Elk Rapids in each game, the East Jordan baseball team lost both ends of a Lake Michigan Conference doubleheader 5-2 and 2-1 last Thursday.

The Red Devils and Elks each collected 10 hits in the two games combined, but the Elk was the more effective with their opportunities as the final scores testify.

In the first game the Elks scored all of their runs in



Eli Burns

the first inning, and grew a little nervous in the top of the fifth when the Red Devils sent two runners across

before the rally was snuffed out.

East Jordan had six hits, the same number as the Elks. Two Red Devils collected two hits apiece. Eli Burns was 2-for-4 at the



Ryder Malpass

plate and Hunter Cesaro went 2-for-3. Ryder Malpass drove in two runs. Burns started the game for the Red Devils and gave up five runs, all earned, on three hits, struck out one and walked four in 2/3 of an inning.

Lucas Stone threw 4 1/3 innings and didn't allow a

run, gave up three hits and struck out one while not walking anyone.

The Red Devils trailed the Elks 2-0 after three and broke the shutout bid with a run in the fourth. But that was the last of the scoring.

Malpass led the Red Devils at the plate, going 2-for-3. Miles Raymond had the only RBI.

Korbyn Russell started and pitched the whole five innings for the Red Devils, allowing both runs on four hits, chalked up 11 strike outs with five walks.

SOFTBALL

Ramblers split with Grayling

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Boyne City's girls softball team was missing Anna and Ayla Kemp because of injuries, but managed to split a Lake Michigan Conference doubleheader with Grayling at home last Thursday afternoon, winning the opener 7-1 and dropping the nightcap 7-0 for a 1-4 record.

The Ramblers had five hits in the first game, with Avery Kita and Mary Lentz each knocking out two. Lentz drove in one run. Emma Meadows also had a base hit.

No pitching stats were available.

In the nightcap Boyne had just one hit, that coming from Macey McKeown.

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