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Boyne City Celebrating morels for 64 years!

BOYNE CITY – Each spring hundreds of morel mushroom lovers from around the state, country and globe travel to small-town Boyne City, Michigan seeking and celebrating the marvelous morel at the National Morel Mushroom Festival.

Found in the woods of beautiful northern Michigan, the elusive morel mushroom is savored by those lucky enough to find this delectable treat. The Festival is held the week-end after Mother's Day, and features morel tastings, national competitive hunt, seminar, arts & crafts show, concert, carnival, and MORE!

Festival proceeds go to area high school students for college scholarships entering the fields of Biology, Natural Science, Hospitality, or Culinary Arts.

National Morel Mushroom Festival
May 15-May 19
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Father's Day is just around the corner!

To the Editor,

For the last 101 years, East Jordan has honored the Fathers and Sons of East Jordan. It has been 67 years that East Jordan has honored one man as "Father of the Year." That tradition continues this year on June 15th, when the East Jordan Rotary Club will announce the 67th recipient of the award at the annual

Father-Son Banquet. If you have direct contact with a our community's children, encourage the children in your care to recognize their dad for all he does.

Possibly, the family is too humble to make the nomination itself. If so, could you help them with the nomination?

Those who are most worthy are often overlooked in the

nomination process. Please don't let that happen here in East Jordan.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Roberts, East Jordan Rotary Club
(231) 675-7859

Carol Timmer, East Jordan Rotary Club
(231) 487-0329

ENOS BACON
Welcome to East Jordan Public Schools! Superintendent of Schools

East Jordan School Board selects Enos M. Bacon III as next Superintendent

Completing its search for a new Superintendent, the East Jordan Public Schools Board of Education is pleased to announce that Enos M. Bacon III has been selected as the district's next Superintendent, effective July 1, 2024. Current Superintendent Matt Stevenson will be completing his term on June 30, 2024. Bacon and the Board are working on the terms of a tentative agreement, which will be finalized at a public meeting in the near future.

"The Board of Education interviewed several candidates, and with the feedback from staff, parents, and the community the field was narrowed to two finalists. We reference checked and invited the final two candidates back to the district for a second round of interviews," Board Chair, Ted Sherman, said. "We were impressed with both finalists, but Enos Bacon emerged as the right fit for our district."

Bacon has served successfully as a principal for the past 12 years and has served as an administrator for the past 16 years. Most recently, he has served Mancelona Public Schools as their Middle School Principal. He has also spent time as an administrator in Lake Havasu Unified School District, Daytona Public Schools and Pellston Public Schools. Mr. Bacon is also a proud 1993 graduate of East Jordan Public Schools.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to return home" said Bacon. "It has been a lifelong dream to return to my hometown and give back to the community that gave so much to me. I have seldom had the opportunity in my career to serve in the community in which I live. My wife and I are excited about returning to my hometown and living out this lifelong dream. Donning the Red and Black once again is a dream come true – something I will take great pride in!"

Bacon continued, "I have spent the last 25 years refining my practice as an educator, priding myself on being a lifelong learner, always looking for ways to improve and expand upon my skills as an educator and leader. The opportunity to make that step to superintendent is one that I have been seeking for some time, and a role that I am ready to embrace. I know there will be some challenges, but under the leadership of Matt Stevenson and his team, the district has done great things and leaves me in a great position coming in and I look forward to continuing that work."

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Boyne City's National Mushroom Festival Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

3-10pm: Schmidt Amusements Carnival
sponsored by Boyne Valley Lions, Veteran's Memorial Park
5 - 9:30pm: Battle of the Bands
sponsored by Boyne City PirateFest: Doors open at 5pm, and the Battle starts at 6pm. Heated Tent in Veterans Memorial Park

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

12 - 6pm: Arts & Crafts Show + Food Trucks, Veterans Memorial Park
Craft Show Vendor Application
Food Truck Vendor Application
3 - 10pm: Schmidt Amusements Carnival
sponsored by Boyne Valley Lions, Veteran's Memorial Park
3:30 - 4:30pm: FREE Morel Seminar: Morel Hunting
Seminar presented by Tony Williams, five-time winner of the "National Competitive Hunt." Heated Tent in Veterans Memorial Park
5:30 - 9:30pm: Morel Wine & Dine
sponsored by Boyne Area Chamber: This event sells out every year so reserve your tickets early online or by calling 231.582.6222, \$105 per person.
Beach House Restaurant
5:30 - 7pm Seating Reservation
7:30 - 9:30pm Seating Reservation
7 - 10pm: Karaoke Contest + Party
DJ T-Bone will be spinning tunes and hosting a Karaoke Contest with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Heated Tent in Veterans Memorial Park

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

7:30 - 8:40am: Registration for 64th Annual National Competitive Morel Mushroom Hunt
Boyne City High School
Online Pre-Registration (Recommended)
Competitive Hunt Rules & Information
8 am - Noon: Farmers Market, Veterans Memorial Park
9 - 11am: 64th Annual National Competitive Morel Mushroom Hunt
sponsored by Boyne City Kiwanis, Boyne City High School
Online Pre-Registration (Recommended)
Competitive Hunt Rules & Information
10am - 6pm: Arts & Crafts Show + Food Trucks, Veterans Memorial Park
Craft Show Vendor Application
Food Truck Vendor Application
10am - 6pm: Painting in the Park with Dan
Kids (and adults) can paint their own one-of-a-kind morel masterpiece alongside Daniel Duncan of Duncan Studios. Donations appreciated to cover the cost of materials. Veteran's Memorial Park behind Duncan Studios' booth in the Arts & Crafts Show.
10am - 6pm: Boyne Area Skate Park Fundraiser
Mini skateboard lessons on basics and tricks by donation benefiting the construction of the future Boyne Area Skate Park. Veteran's Memorial Park
11am - 10pm: Schmidt Amusements Carnival
sponsored by Boyne Valley Lions, Veteran's Memorial Park
12 - 3pm: TASTE OF MORELS, our Premiere Event:
Largest concentration of morel mushroom cooking in the WORLD.
Local Chefs prepare morel-infused delicacies and compete for the top three winning dishes as voted on by a panel of Celebrity Judges. Cash bar available.
\$10 Admission with tasting tickets for purchase.
Heated Tent in Veterans Memorial Park.
4 - 5pm: Great Morel Giveaway
Enter to win a pound of morels or a \$50 gift certificate at multiple participating downtown businesses.
Entries are free and can be made in advance at as many businesses you like. Drawings begin at 4pm at Freshwater Art Gallery and travel through downtown in the "Morel Mob" until drawings are done.
Must be present to win.
2024 Great Morel Giveaway Participating Businesses - TBD
7 - 11pm: 64th MOTHERLOAD BASH
presented by Boyne City Hardware & Boyne Mountain Resort: Rock out to The Family Tradition Band, voted "Best Band" by Hour Detroit Magazine specializing in classic country rock; 21+ older with cash bar.
\$10 Admission. Heated Tent in Veterans Memorial Park.

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

12 - 3pm: Paint & Sip with Duncan Studios
Create a one-of-a-kind Michigan Morel painting with detailed instruction by artist Dan Duncan, complimentary glass of wine or beer (cash bar afterwards), \$60 per person,
Heated Tent in Veterans Memorial Park.
Pre-registration is required
12 - 3pm: Arts & Crafts Show, Veterans Memorial Park
Craft Show Vendor Application
Food Truck Vendor Application
12 - 5pm: Schmidt Amusements Carnival
sponsored by Boyne Valley Lions, Veteran's Memorial Park

REMINDERS:

All city parks are tobacco, drug and weapon free.
Dogs are not allowed in city parks during special events and festivals.



COMMUNITY LEADER

TOM SCHULTZ

DO NOT JUDGE ONE ANOTHER. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

BY JOHN KEYSER

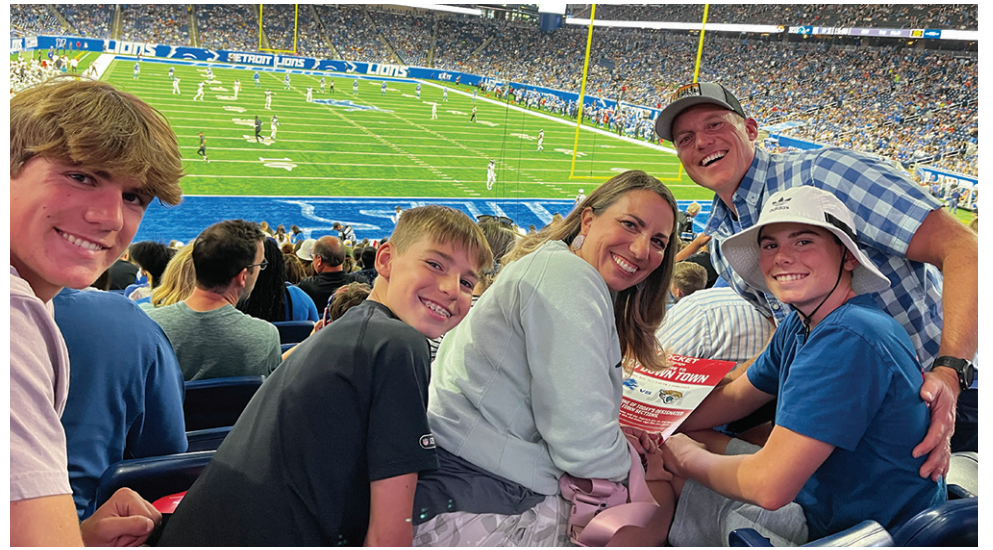
I was urged to meet Tom Schultz, a teacher at Charlevoix High School, former Robotics Team coach, overseer of the fishing club as well as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes group. He is also a realtor for Real Estate One. His values are outstanding! Let me begin with Tom's background. He grew up in Sterling Heights, knew his wife to be, Stacey, in high school.

While in high school was a soccer and track and field athlete, went on to Wayne State, and then to Oakland University as at the time he thought he wanted to be a nurse anesthesiologist.

While at Oakland U. he was introduced to Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and that changed his life. While he had thought about religion, Intervarsity helped him to see what he was seeking was more about a relationship with God.

Throughout college, Tom enjoyed his studies and decided to work a summer at Spring Hill Camp in Evart, Michigan as a High Adventure instructor / counselor. While there, Tom reflected on his motives for going into anesthesia thinking: I enjoy building up and inspiring kids at camp, and here I am going into a profession where I put people to sleep. Wanting to use his time and talents to glorify God, Tom made the switch to education. He wanted to work with students, to help them lead good lives, to help build them up and achieve their potential. He decided he actually wanted to be a high school science teacher, thankfully!

Tom student taught and had a job lined up at Lake Orion High School. He loved it. However, while working at Spring Hill, weekends were spent heading over to a friend's cabin in Cadillac and enjoying time outside, "up north". They both decided to seek



Tom Schultz Family

jobs "up north" – and in 2001, armed with resumes in hand and dressed in a jacket and tie in the middle of July, Tom and his friend solicited schools all the way from Traverse City up to Harbor Springs over a two-day period.

Tom was invited back and had a great interview with Charlevoix High School, was offered a position and accepted. Again, thankfully!

A year later, Tom and Stacey married. She is an OB nurse in Petoskey. They have three boys, each at Charlevoix High, though Joshua will graduate this May.

Tom's life, along with his faith and family, is devoted to helping our children grow up with the right values, that is being grounded in faith and being kind.

He oversees the student led Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) group at the high school. His son is currently one of the leaders. Its mission is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Tom desires for all students and people to know their worth, their value in God's eyes. Every person is a masterpiece, an amazing creation.

The program is not just for athletes. All students are welcome, whether they play sports or not. The conversations revolve around the trials, hard-work, discipline,

failures and celebrations that often come alongside athletics. FCA is all about athletes not just living for the podium, but using their platform. Back in the 50's there was a man that believed athletes shouldn't use their platform to sell products like tobacco, shaving cream and alcohol... but should use it to share Jesus Christ's love for His people as well as help athletes find the joy in their sport when they play for more than just themselves.

FCA meets for lunch on Fridays. These are called meetings are called "huddles" and are student led. There are currently around 40 students that attend. Sometimes collegiate athletes come as guest speakers to share about being a Christian collegiate athlete.

Tom doesn't want this article to be about him, but to remind each of us that we have an ability to provide a space, opportunity, or resources to inspire others to live into the potential God has for them. Many people seek after happiness, but happiness is based on happenings; it's temporary. You can get a job, a house, a relationship, or something, but it doesn't last and always has to be replaced with another thing. Where joy, on the other hand, comes from knowing who you are in God's eyes, that He has a purpose and plan for you and your life.



Tom Schultz

I don't claim to know God because I've got it all figured out... I claim to need God because I don't. Doing my best to walk with, and spend time with Him throughout my day helps me to live into my potential as a husband, dad, friend, teacher, etc...

Tom encourages all of us to move beyond practicing our faith with prayer, going to church, and reading the bible, he earnestly encourages us to develop our relationship with God, to walk with Him, being thankful for the salvation, identity, and grace we have because of Jesus.

We are blessed to have Tom here with our students and community. He emphasizes the difference in striving for joy to live your best life - not simply a fleeting happiness. We all have a role to play in loving one another and inspiring one another to live into the design God has for our lives.

64th ANNUAL NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM Festival

MAY 16-19, 2024

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- National Competitive Hunt
- Taste of Morels
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TOP OF MICHIGAN TRAILS COUNCIL NINTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF RACES MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Registration is still open for the Stafford's Top of Michigan Festival of Races Saturday, May 25, at Petoskey's Bayfront Park.

Now in its ninth year, the Festival of Races annually draws hundreds of runners and walkers who participate for fun or competition in this Memorial Day weekend tradition. The professionally-timed running event features a half marathon, 10k, and 5k distances and takes place on the Little Traverse Wheelway, Petoskey State Park, and a few local roads.

The start/finish line is near Lime Kiln Pond at Bayfront Park East in Petoskey. Start times are as follows: half marathon – 7:30 a.m., 10k – 8 a.m., and 5k – 8:15 a.m. There will be aid stations along the way, with volunteers offering water.

Proceeds benefit event organizer Top of Michigan Trails Council and Petoskey High School track and cross country teams.

Aside from a few other freebies, participants who finish the event will receive a custom-made race medallion created by Lake Art in Harbor Springs. Top finishers in each race will also receive recovery gear provided by sponsor High Gear Sports.

Race Director Becca Nelson said the annual Festival of Races is a growing regional event with runners and walkers from across the



Runners sprint toward the finish line near Lime Kiln Pond at Bayfront Park in Petoskey during the 2023 Stafford's Hospitality Top of Michigan Festival of Races.

state and beyond participating. "We love showing off Little Traverse Bay to our participants. It is truly a beautiful setting for this great event, which can be fun, competitive, or both, depending on the individual," she said.

Stafford's Hospitality is the event's title sponsor. Other sponsors include the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau, 4front Credit Union, American Spoon, Evening Star Joinery, Harbor-Brenn Insurance Agency, High Gear Sports, Oleson's Food Stores, The Outfitter, Rotary Club of Petoskey, Nub's Nob, Crooked Tree Breadworks, Grain Train Natural Foods Market, Brummeler

& Associates, Citizens National Bank, Bay Pines Veterinary Clinic, Bearcub Outfitters, Gurney's Bottle Shop, and the City of Petoskey.

Last year, Daniel Scarpino of Sault Ste. Marie was the top male finisher (1:18:05.3) in the half marathon event, while Samantha Jarrett of Detroit was the top female finisher (1:43:02.0). In the 10k race, Katie Connolly of Petoskey led the ladies' field (44:57.6), while Quinn Bonnett of Cheboygan locked down the men's race (40:19.0). The top male finisher in the 5k race was Chad Mikesell of Shorewood, Wis., (18:53.1).

Only one other runner outpaced him, and it was his own wife, Sarah Mikesell, also of Shorewood, (18:09.4). She led all 5k runners.

Same-day registration is available, but participants are encouraged to register in advance. To find complete details about the event and registration, visit <https://www.trailsCouncil.org/festivalofraces/>. Top of Michigan Trails Councils works to connect Northern Michigan by trail, providing recreation and transportation opportunities away from the busy roads. Learn more at www.trailsCouncil.org.

ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

Love Notes: The Power of Saying 'I Love You'

Dear Readers, this week, I was touched by the movie "Two Hearts," which tells the true story of a young man named Chris who tragically died from a brain aneurysm at just 19. The movie beautifully depicted how Chris's father, who often leaned towards criticism over affection, dealt with his grief. At a candlelight vigil, he gave a piece of advice that struck me deeply: he encouraged everyone to pick up the phone, call someone they love, and simply say, "I love you."

It made me think about what I call "Love Notes." These are the unplanned, no-hidden-agenda messages or gestures that show someone you're thinking of them, appreciate them, or just plain love them. Whether it's praising someone for a job well done, complimenting a stranger, or reconnecting with a friend, these acts of kindness can significantly brighten someone's day.

I remember once, a realtor friend called me out of the blue just to say I was on her mind. There was no pitch, no motive, just a genuine connection – a "Love Note." That call stuck with me, and when I later needed to sell my house, she was the first person I thought of. It wasn't just about her professionalism; it was how she made me feel remembered and valued.

Maya Angelou famously said, "People will forget



Laura Jasurda

what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." That's the essence of Love Notes. They're about living in the moment and nurturing connections without waiting for the "right" time.

So, dear readers, why not reach out today? Tell someone you love them. Listen to your heart and act when someone crosses your mind. Notice the good and speak it out loud. Let's live without regret and ensure the people in our lives feel cherished and recognized. Who knows, your call or compliment might be exactly what someone needs.

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.

OBITUARIES CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

There was a Celebration of her life at the Pleasant Valley Free Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

Burial in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 22324, New York, New York, 10087.

Arrangements are in the care of the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Marilyn Rose (Bearss) Jarema, 92 (March 27, 1932 - May 8, 2024)

BOYNE CITY

Marilyn Jarema lived a faith filled life for 92 years before she passed on peacefully at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey, Michigan. She was born March 27th, 1932, in Manitowac, Wisconsin. Her parents Ralph, Sr. & Ethyl (Lynch) Bearss moved to Boyne City, Michigan to raise her & 6 siblings.

Marilyn said the rosary every morning before her day started. She had a strong spirit for life but her heart became weak. She loved her family, food & her faith gave her the strength to endure many tragedies. She gave birth to

8 children in the span of 11 years. She raised her family in Flint, Michigan until they moved up north to the Farm in Boyne Falls, Michigan. They eventually found a home in Boyne City to house 10 people in 1967. Marilyn leaves behind her 4 daughters: Judy (Tony) Pellerito, Sandy (Dave) Bellmer,

Theresa Jarema, Frances Morey all live in Boyne City. Her son Fr. Bill Jarema in Colorado Springs, Colorado. 12 Grandchildren: Derrick Lamy, Anthony Pellerito, Olivia Pellerito, Amanda Loper, Erika Blackwell, Joshua Jarema, Bridget Tursunboev, Angela Hecker, Ryan Cribb, Jessica Colbeck, Hunter Jarema, Stephanie Jarema.

14 Great Grandkids: Gabe & Dylan Pellerito, Elleana & Branden Loper, Braylon & Grayson Blackwell, Saige Lamy, Trent Cribb, Ember Jarema, Charlotte Grace & Connor Keyes, Reagan & Luke Cribb, Gracelynn Smeltzer. Great-Great Grandmother to Declan Lamy.

Marilyn's greatest joy was holding her grandkids & visiting with them. She looked forward to her Euchre games with Fr. James & Joe and Sister Carol Bearss. She was treated like a queen by her relatives Chris (Kit) & Libby Bearss, Larry & Julie (Bearss) Taylor and all that cared for her. She was the matriarch of the clan. She was a strong-willed woman and knew how to take of everything & everyone.

A special Thanks to Shelly Young for being her traveling hairdresser & making her feel beautiful! Preceded in death by her ex-husband Fritz (Francis) Jarema, her sons, Gerry,

Randy & Larry. Her siblings/sisters-in-law, Ralph Jr. & Jenny, Norman & Alice, Bob, Bernice & Lyle Bearss.

She is survived by her sister Carol Bearss. Sisters-in-law Phyllis Bearss & Kate Marker. Too many nieces & nephews to name. Her second family were all her friends at Deer Meadows that she loved playing bingo and sharing potlucks and socializing.

Services will be held on Saturday May 25, 2024, at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City. Visitation 10:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Rosary 10:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Luncheon immediately after mass followed by Interment at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. Officiated by Fr. Dennis Stillwell & Fr. Bill Jarema.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your local food pantry in Memory of Marilyn Jarema.

Cremation has taken place and arrangements are handled by Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Lyle Taylor, 84 (March 19, 1940 - May 7, 2024)

BOYNE CITY

Lyle Dean Taylor, of Boyne City passed away on May 7, 2024, at the age of 84, doing what he loved to do. He was born to Charles and Laura (Schapler) Taylor in Petoskey, Michigan on

March 19, 1940.

He grew up in Bay Township and went to Boyne City School. He held many jobs in his life from maintenance to carpentry. He retired from Camp Michigan in May 2006. He also loved to farm, raise cattle, and grow crops.

On January 1, 1972, he met his future wife, Rita Luczek on a blind date. They were married on October 21, 1972 in Traverse City, Michigan. He and Rita were married for 51 years.

Lyle is survived by his wife Rita; a daughter Anna (Dave) Hofbauer; and granddaughter Taylor, of Petoskey, Michigan, who he was very proud of. His brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Leslie and Theresa Luczek of Indiana and Herb and Teresa Bohr of Harrison, Michigan; and many nieces and nephews. He had special people he also called his kids: John (Amy) Birchfield of Mackinaw City, Michigan, Joel (Linda) Marshall of Stockbridge, Michigan, Belinda Jane (Greg) Coffey of Australia, Steve (Michelle) Anderson of Canada, Jacob Robinson of Rockford, Michigan, Josh Robinson of Boyne City, and Shannon Dreyer of Petoskey.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, and his brother and sister-in-law Homer and Juanita Taylor.

A funeral Mass for Lyle was officiated by Father Dennis Stilwell on May 11, 2024, at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Burial at the Dyer Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

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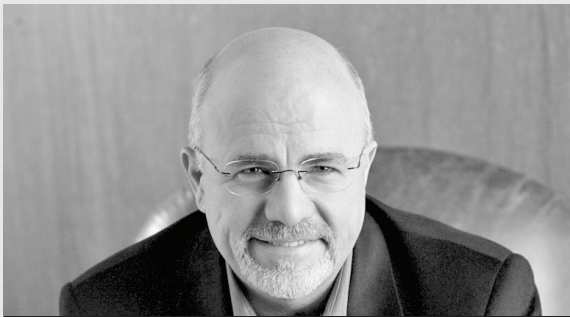
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DAVE

Says...

By Dave Ramsey

That's a Pretty Good Deal

Dear Dave,

I'm in college full-time right now, and my parents have been generous enough to pay for some of my school expenses. In addition, they let me live at home while I complete my degree. I work some nights and most weekends so I can go to school debt-free, but I'm trying to figure out how to move out on my own and continue working, while remaining a full-time student and attending career-related campus events. The cost of living is high in our area, so I'm having trouble figuring out how to make it all work. Do you have some advice?

—Will

Dear Will,

You sound like a very driven and mature young man. Congratulations on everything you've been able to accomplish so far. I'm glad you're working hard in school with an eye toward the future. First off, out of the three considerations you mentioned—school, work, and cost of living—I think you need to decide which is your number one priority. If I were in your shoes, school would come first.

Now, to go to school without borrowing money, you're going to have to keep working. But finishing school on time, while attending some of the extracurricular events that will move you toward your career, might pre-empt work. You'll have to work enough to pay for things, but if you can finish school and hit your academic and graduation goals while

staying at home just a little bit longer? That sounds like a winner to me. It's a pretty nice deal your parents are offering, but I can understand your desire to be out on your own, too.

I want you to be out on your own as soon as you can, as well. But if you do that right now, you're going to have extra bills and be forced to work even more. That's going to throw your entire school process out of whack. Guess what your number one priority was in that scenario? Right, moving out. If it's the tail that's wagging the dog, it has become the number one priority. If it's disrupting work, and thereby disrupting your academics, then in my mind you've put your focus on the wrong thing.

Your number one goal should be finishing school on time, while attending as many connected events as possible. Meanwhile, keep working enough so that you're able to continue doing all this debt-free. If that means you're staying at home a little bit longer to pull it off, I'd do it!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.

Trails Council, High Country Pathway Form Partnership

A new partnership between Top of Michigan Trails Council and the Friends of the High Country Pathway will boost volunteerism and help spread awareness of the 80-mile hiking and mountain biking loop trail that cuts through the heart of the Pigeon River Country in Montmorency and Otsego counties.

The Trails Council, a Petoskey-based nonprofit, oversees a 325-mile nonmotorized multi-use trail network in Northern Michigan, including the Little Traverse Wheelway, Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail, North Western State Trail, and more.

Mark Kunitzer, the Pathway's lead volunteer, said he's excited about the new partnership's potential.

"The High Country Pathway is one of the most unique and longest hiking/mountain biking trails in the state," he said. "It is also one of the lesser known trails. By partnering with the Trails Council, the path will have the support of an organization that is well known for advocating and promoting trails in northern Michigan."

Trails Council Executive Director Brent Bolin said aside from lending the trail some financial management and fundraising support, his organization will also actively promote the High Country Pathway - something Kunitzer welcomed for different reasons.

"My hope is that with TOMTC on board we can get more people using the trail and possibly even get a few more people volunteering," Kunitzer added. "The Trails Council will also be handling donations for the trail as maintenance is almost exclusively handled by volunteers. This will allow for continued trail improvements."

Bolin said the Trails Council has similar agree-



A clear fall day greets hikers near Rattlesnake Hill on the High Country Pathway. (Photo courtesy of Friends of the High Country Pathway)



Brent Bolin

ments with Wildwood Hills Pathway and Black Mountain Recreation Area - both cared for mostly by volunteers.

According to Kunitzer, the High Country Pathway is an 80-mile loop trail system that passes through habitats ranging from rolling hardwood forests to cedar swamps, and is the home to one of the largest free-roaming elk herds east

of the Mississippi.

According to the Michigan DNR's web page for the trail, "There are nine state forest campgrounds along the pathway for backpackers to spend the night or to access to the trail from. The trail can also be accessed at the Pigeon River Country State Forest Headquarters, found on Twin Lakes Road in Vanderbilt."

Bolin said the Trails Council is developing a High Country Pathway web page for its own website, trailsCouncil.org.

Both Bolin and Kunitzer agree that for many multi-use recreational trails, volunteers play an important role in day to day trail management.

"While they may own the land, logistically it's nearly impossible for governments to maintain these long stretches of trail,"

Bolin explained.

"Volunteers pick up a lot of that slack, investing their own time, sweat, and money to ensure trails remain viable throughout the seasons. Trimming back brush, removing fallen trees and low-hanging branches, repairing bridges, installing signage, grooming for skiing, fat biking, etc. — that's all difficult work. And it's sometimes expensive work with volunteers often dipping into their own pockets for tools, machinery, fuel, and other hardware."

One of the partnership's goals is to establish a donation portal on the Trails Council website in hopes of gathering volunteer support. Like with Black Mountain and Wildwood Hills, the plan is to use donations to offset volunteer fuel expenses, equipment costs, repairs, etc.

My Grandmother's Table Warms Hearts with Budget-Friendly Winter Meals

BY LAURA JASURDA

CHARLEVOIX - This past winter, Jozef Zebediah and Nick Easton, owners of My Grandmother's Table, launched an initiative to deepen community bonds and alleviate the economic strain felt by many.

From late November through early May, the restaurant offered homemade meals for \$2, \$3, and \$4—a gesture of gratitude to a community that has steadfastly supported their venture.

"It was our way of saying thank you," says Jozef. "We aimed to allow everyone, regardless of their financial situation, to enjoy



My Grandmother's Table in Charlevoix (photo courtesy of Jozef Zebediah)

a worry-free meal out." "We were told it was a risky move," Nick admits, "but the joy of bringing people together made it worthwhile. It's about more

than just food; it's about creating a place where everyone feels they belong."

Inspired by the inclusive spirit of Jozef's grandmother, My Grandmother's

Table has become more than just a restaurant; it's a community hub that embodies the true essence of inclusive hospitality. This commitment to community has drawn attention and praise from entities like American Express and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, celebrating their focus on communal well-being.

"Come for the food, stay for the warmth," Jozef invites, channeling the welcoming spirit of his grandmother. Congratulations to Jozef and Nick—your efforts are a testament to the power of community and the enduring warmth of a grandmother's legacy.

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YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS
 left to right: Back row: Elijah Pulver, Ricky Bristol, Jack Van Zee
 Middle row: Katie Schepperley, Catherine Hayes, Eeva Rintala, Blaise Sytsma-Reed
 Front row: Marial Brooks, Josie Kolka, Lena Sytsma-Reed, Addie Kolka

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra holds annual Young Artist Competition

Eleven young area musicians competed in the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's (GLCO) annual Charles F. Davis Young Artist Competition held Sunday, April 21, 2024, at Petoskey United Methodist Church. Students entering the competition this year were from Boyne City Public Schools, St. Michaels of Petoskey, Charlevoix Public Schools, Harbor Light Christian School of Harbor Springs, and home school settings, performing on violin, viola, cello, and voice.

Cellist Lena Sytsma-Reed, a junior at Charlevoix High School, was awarded Grand Prize Winner, performing Haydn Cello Concerto #1 in C Major. Lena is a student of the Dorothy Gerber Springs Program of the Great Lakes Center for the Arts, led by director Dr. David Reimer.

Lena will have the opportunity to perform the same concerto with

the GLCO orchestra in the 2024-25 Season. Mezzo-Soprano Catherine Hayes, a senior at St. Michaels of Petoskey, won First Place. Catherine will also be invited to sing at a GLCO concert in the coming season and will be attending Hillsdale College in the fall.

Tied for Second Place were Katie Schepperley and Blaise Sytsma-Reed. Katie auditioned on both viola and violin, winning with her viola piece. A homeschool student from Indian River, she will be attending college this fall. Blaise is a violinist and sophomore at Charlevoix High School.

Both Katie and Blaise have been invited to per-

form at a Sunday Series recital next season along with a GLCO ensemble.

Winners were given cash awards to be used toward music lessons or summer music camp.

GLCO violinist Maggie Stewart organized and emceed the event. The three Judges were Dr. Libor Ondras (GLCO Music Director & Conductor), Cheryl Staats (GLCO vocalist and pianist), and Rodrigo Quintana (GLCO violinist).

Providing musical performance and educational opportunities for Northern Michigan students plays an important role in fulfilling GLCO's mission, according to Dr. Libor Ondras. "There are many talent-

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Cellist Lena Sytsma-Reed, Grand Prize Winner

ed student musicians in our local area," said Ondras. "We appreciate the time and effort students take to prepare for this valuable experience. Hats off to their music instructors and families as well!"

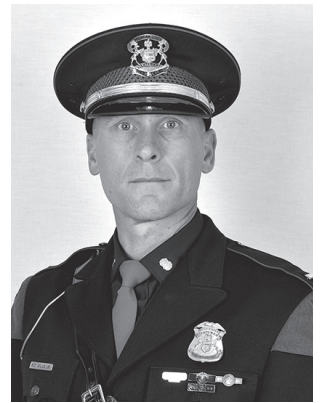
For more information about the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, visit www.glcorchestra.org.

Inspector Mike Bush Promoted to Assistant District Commander at Seventh District Headquarters

GAYLORD – The Michigan State Police is proud to announce the promotion of Inspector Mike Bush as the Michigan State Police (MSP) Seventh District Assistant Commander. As the assistant district commander, Inspector Bush will assist the district commander in the coordination and provision of state police activities and services within the district. Evaluate the activities of each work site within the district and works with work site commanders to maximize crime prevention, traffic safety, and community outreach efforts. He will also work with the MSP Professional Development Bureau to implement the department-wide plan for in-service training, leadership development, wellness, and career development.

Inspector Bush is a native of Charlevoix. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Michigan State University. Inspector Bush began his career with the MSP on July 25, 1999, as a member of the 118th Trooper Recruit School. His first post assignment was at the Grand Haven Post as a trooper.

Inspector Bush was accepted into the MSP Canine



Mike Bush

Unit in 2006 and served as a canine handler at the Reed City, Grand Haven, Rockford, and Gaylord Posts. He was promoted to sergeant at the Cadillac Post, and detective sergeant at Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement where he also served on the HSI Task Force. He was promoted to detective lieutenant in 2019 at the Traverse Narcotics Team, and later transferred to the Gaylord Post as the assistant post commander. His most recent assignment was as a Field Investigator at the Professional Standards Section.

In his new role he will be based at MSP Seventh District Headquarters in Gaylord and will oversee posts in Cadillac, Houghton Lake, Gaylord, and Alpena.

D/F/Lieutenant Mark Harris Retires After 31 Years of Service

GAYLORD – After 31 years of service, Detective First Lieutenant Mark Harris will be retiring from the Michigan State Police (MSP) effective June 1, 2024.

D/F/Lieutenant Harris is a native of Boyne City. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Western Michigan University. D/F/Lieutenant Harris began his career with the MSP on June 6, 1993, as a member of the 108th Trooper Recruit School.

His first post assignment was at the Flint Post as a trooper. From there he went to Kalkaska Post and the Gaylord CIU (fugitive team) as a detective trooper, he was promoted to sergeant then detective sergeant at the Traverse City Post. He served as a detective sergeant Kalkaska and Gaylord Posts until he was promoted to First Lieutenant as the Gaylord Post Commander in 2016.

In 2019, he was assigned as the Seventh District Special Investigations Section Commander as a detective first lieutenant overseeing the detectives, fugitive team, and hometown security team personnel assigned to district headquarters.

D/F/Lieutenant Harris has received two Meritorious Service Awards, two Professional Excellence Award, and two Unit Citation Awards for homicide investigations he's investigated during his career.

D/F/Lieutenant Harris plans to enjoy retirement with his family and church members.



Mark Harris

POLICE REPORT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 3:36 p.m., Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the intersection of M-66 Hwy and Rogers Rd. in Charlevoix County's South Arm Township for a crash involving a motorcycle and an SUV. The driver of the motorcycle was thrown from the motorcycle and pronounced dead at the scene. The Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the East Jordan Police Department, Jordan Valley EMS Authority, East Jordan Fire Department, and Charlevoix County Victim Services Unit.

On May 7, 2024, at 4:58 p.m., the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to M-66 near Stover Road for a four-vehicle property damage accident in Charlevoix County.

A black Ford pickup truck driven by 35-year-old Spencer Ross of Charlevoix rear-ended a blue Advance Auto Parts Store Ford Focus, that car was driven by 39-year-old Bryan Best of Ellsworth. The blue Ford Focus then rear-ended a black BMW driven by 82-year-old Anthony England of Ellsworth. After the black BMW was struck it crossed the center line causing him to side swipe a grey Jeep Cherokee driven by 65-year-old Debra Vancour of Charlevoix.

Two of the four people involved were evaluated by the Lake Charlevoix EMS authority and refused transport. Weather and speed are believed to be factors in the crash.

LEADERSHIP

Important Leadership Principles and Practices

BY JOHN KEYSER

This is a theme I hear too often in my leadership consulting and coaching work.

"He does not seem to care what I think, as he does not really listen to me, or when he does he seems to be merely going the motion of listening, but I can tell he's not fully present, or does not have an open mind. He is going to do what he wants to do. His listening to my ideas seems like a bother to him."

"Does she think I am not important, or what I do is not important?"

As a leader we must be encouraging to our people, let them know we care about them and their success and wellbeing. We must have regular one-on-one conversations with each one of them.

Everyone, each of our team members, wants to feel:

- Appreciated and valued
- That they are heard
- That their ideas matter
- That we are helping them succeed



John Keyser

Often when I discuss this with people in leadership positions, they invariably say, "I know, I'm just so busy. I just don't have the time." We cannot afford to make excuses.

The culture and greater success of our businesses depend upon our effectiveness as communicators.

Busyness is not an excuse! There is no magic bullet, though there are steps we can actively take. We must determine how to manage our schedule and time so we are available to our people.

Each of us has different circumstances and levels of support. We each need a

customized plan to manage our time and attention. It surely means less time being captured by our smart phones and computers.

We all make time for our external customers. We need to do the same with our internal clients, our people!

It is our people who serve our customers and who produce our results. Our people need to be as high a priority as our external customers if we are to have a healthy business with energetic, enthusiastic and engaged team members and consistently earn the results we desire.

Easy? No! – Necessary? Absolutely!

It's also the little things that can go a long way to communicate our respect for our team members. For example, if we receive a request and we're totally swamped, we can respond immediately, briefly explain, and ask if we can get back this afternoon, tomorrow or whenever we can be available. Our timely response is important and will be appreciated.

There are resources to help us, e.g., helpful articles, videos, books, coaches.

Let's realize the importance of our attentive listening, timeliness, responsiveness, and attention if we are to be helpful and respectful to our people (and not frustrate and disappoint them).

Successful leaders have control of their attention, are open-minded and attentive listeners, and are responsive and timely.

Let's make these critically important principles of our leadership. In doing so, we increase the trust, respect and rapport between us and our team members, and we fuel our business with positive energy.

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.

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Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Evelynn Rogerson

Grade: Boyne Falls Preschool GSRP Classroom
Parent's Name(s): Hanna Coveyou and Mike Rogerson
What do you want to be when you grow up? When Evie Lou grows up, she wants to be a Chef and an Artist
Favorite Book: Her favorite book is Charlie Anderson by Barbara Abercrombie

Hobbies and Interests: While at school, Evie enjoys drawing, painting, and creating in the art area. At home she enjoys baking with her mom and playing outside with her big brother.

Staff Comments: Evie Lou is a delightful student to have in our class. She brings joy to everyone with whom she interacts and always arrives at school with a cheerful smile on her face. We are incredibly proud of her and are looking forward to seeing how she thrives in kindergarten next year!

Submitted By: Ms. Iysha (Shelton), Ms. Jenn (Wruck) & Ms. Haylee (Anthony)

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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.cityofboyncity.com/trash--rubbish-disposal-47/#sect-110.

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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.

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EAST JORDAN FATHER SON BANQUET

The Rotary Club is hosting a father son banquet June 15, 6pm at East Jordan High School auditorium. They will announce the Father of the Year award.

EAST JORDAN

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.

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EAST JORDAN SUMMER ADVENTURE CLASSES

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EAST JORDAN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Library's summer entertainment for the summer reading program is Wednesday, June 19th at 10:30am in the Library's community room. It is free to readers. Joel Tacey is the entertainment as Indiana Joel as a park ranger in his magic show with stunts, upbeat music and lots of audience participation. Summer Reading program begins May 15th for sign up.

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.

CHARLEVOIX BIBLE SCHOOL

Scuba Diving into friendship with God bible school, June 24-28, 9am to Noon at St. Mary Parish, 1005 Bridge St. Grades 1-5.

EAST JORDAN MASS

Mass at 6:00 P.M. Saturday May 25 at St John Nepomucene Catholic Church, [STONE CHURCH] M32, East Jordan

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MHSAA Representative Council Approves Sponsorship of New Sports, Adjusts Winter Finals Schedule Among Several Actions at Spring Meeting

EAST LANSING – The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association took several actions during its Spring Meeting, May 5-6 in Gaylord, including approving the addition of boys volleyball and girls field hockey to the lineup of MHSAA-sponsored tournament sports beginning in 2025-26 and reorganizing the winter championship calendar to end one week earlier.

The Spring Meeting of the 19-member legislative body of the Association's more than 1,500 member schools is generally the busiest of its sessions each year. The Council considered 28 committee proposals and dealt with a variety of eligibility rule, postseason tournament and operational issues.

After a yearlong conversation about emerging sports at MHSAA member schools, the Council approved a Volleyball Committee recommendation to begin sponsorship of boys volleyball with the 2025-26 school year. The Council also voted to begin sponsorship of girls field hockey beginning with 2025-26. Girls field hockey will be played during the Fall season, and boys volleyball during the Spring season, with the 2024-25 school year to serve as a development period as the MHSAA works with the current governing organizations for those sports. These will be the first sports added to the MHSAA's tournament offerings since girls and boys lacrosse joined the lineup during the 2004-05 school year.

Changes to the MHSAA Winter Calendar will take effect in 2025-26 and include several adjustments to Finals schedules and practice starts that overall will lead to the winter sports season ending one week earlier – reflecting a fall survey that showed nearly 80 percent of MHSAA member schools felt the winter should be shortened. The reshaped winter sports calendar also completes competition before schools begin their spring breaks – which are being scheduled earlier than in the past – and places championships on dates that avoid potential facility conflicts.

Beginning with 2025-26, the last weekend in February will include the Team Wrestling, Bowling and Competitive Cheer Finals (with Skiing Finals remaining on the Monday of that week). The first weekend in March will include the Individual Wrestling, Boys Ice Hockey and Girls Gymnastics Finals. The Boys Basketball Finals will move to the second weekend



of March with the Lower Peninsula Boys Swimming & Diving Finals, and the Girls Basketball Finals will permanently conclude the winter season during the third weekend of March. The Upper Peninsula Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Finals will remain in mid-February. With basketball seasons ending earlier, basketball practices will be able to begin five days earlier (on a Wednesday) to keep tryouts/first practice dates from falling during Thanksgiving week.

More changes to MHSAA Tournament competition will begin in 2024-25. The Council voted to add a team championship for girls wrestling to be awarded to the school with the most success in the girls bracket of the Individual Finals. A girls individual bracket was added for the 2021-22 season, and the team championship will be awarded based on individual finishes similarly to how boys team championships were awarded before the dual format Finals were created with the 1987-88 season. Also for 2024-25, the Council approved Basketball and Soccer Committee recommendations to seed the entire District tournaments in those sports using Michigan Power Ratings (MPR) data, which previously was used to seed only the top two teams in each bracket for girls and boys basketball and girls and boys soccer.

The Council also approved a classification change in football intended to protect the state's smallest schools sponsoring the 11-player format. Continuing a conversation from its Winter Meeting in March, the Council approved a Football Committee recommendation to cap the enrollment of Division 8 schools at 250 students, and then divide the rest of the 11-player schools evenly to determine the enrollment lines for the other seven divisions. As more small schools have switched to 8-player, larger schools have shifted into Division 8 for 11-player – and this change guarantees Division 8 schools will play only similarly-small schools during the postseason, taking effect with the 2025-26 school year.

To continue supporting schools providing teams at multiple levels despite low participation, the Council voted to allow athletes in

two more sports to compete on teams at two levels on the same day. The Council approved a Bowling Committee recommendation allowing bowlers to participate in subvarsity and varsity competition on the same day, provided the events are separate – bowlers may still be listed on only one match roster and bowl for one team during each event – and also approved a Girls Lacrosse Committee recommendation to allow athletes to play in no more than five quarters in one day, with overtime an extension of the fourth quarter. At multi-team girls lacrosse tournaments where both school teams are playing, an athlete would be allowed to play in as many halves or quarters as what the school's highest team level that day is playing.

The Council bolstered the penalty for inappropriate behavior toward game officials, approving an Officials Review Committee recommendation modifying the penalty for any coach or athlete who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and/or aggressively physically contacting a game official at any time during that competition or after being ejected. The offending coach or athlete shall be suspended from competition for the next 14 calendar days and must complete an online sportsmanship course. The offending coach also will not be eligible to coach in the MHSAA Tournament for that sport during that season, nor be allowed to be present at the site or within sight, sound or communication of a tournament event for that team.

Here is a summary of other notable actions taken by the Representative Council at the Spring Meeting, which will take effect during the 2024-25 school year unless noted:

Regulations

- The Council approved a change to the athletic-related transfer (link) rule stating that an athlete is ineligible in all sports participated in during the current or previous school year if that student has transferred to a school where a coach is employed who previously was a school employee or third-party contractor at the athlete's former school. This change of language

bolsters the regulation to include links to a coach at the new school who previously was employed in any way by the previous school.

- The Council approved a change to the football practice and competition rule to state that a school may not take part in an interscholastic scrimmage with another school until the Wednesday of the second week of practice and only if the team has conducted football practice on at least seven separate previous days. A joint practice with another school is considered a scrimmage and may not take place until those seven days of practice have been completed.

Sports Medicine

- The Council approved a Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommendation to require high schools to attest by each season's established deadline that their high school sports coaches have emergency action plans specific to location which are posted, dispersed, rehearsed, discussed and documented within their practice plans.
- The Council also approved a Committee recommendation requiring MHSAA Tournament host sites to have an AED (automated external defibrillator) within visible distance of the event.

Officials

- The Council approved an Officials Review Committee recommendation requiring a set minimum number of officials required to work an event, designated by sport and level (varsity or subvarsity).

Sport Matters

- **BASEBALL:** The Council approved a Baseball Committee recommendation requiring varsity teams to submit their pitch count information electronically by noon the day following every game(s).

- **BOWLING:**

The Council approved a Bowling Committee recommendation allowing for Regionals – Team and Singles – to be competed on consecutive days between Wednesday and Saturday of that week to increase the possibility of more bowling centers being able to host. Previously Regionals could be bowled only on Fridays and Saturdays.

- **COMPETITIVE CHEER:**

The Council approved three Competitive Cheer Committee recommendations related to stunting while also prioritizing safety. In a braced suspended forward roll pyramid, the flyer and at least one bracer will be required to have a hand-to-hand/arm con-

nection, with one or both hands/arms of the bracer connected to one hand/arm/foot of the flyer, and with this maneuver performed only to a cradle position or in a forward suspended role without twists.

Another change will allow a backward suspended roll when it originates from the cheering surface as long as both hands of the flyer maintain continuous hand-to-hand or hand-to-arm contact with the original bases or back spot.

A third change allows during an inversion the temporary loss of contact with the flyer while transitioning to a double-based sponge with both feet of the flyer in the hands of the bases, or to a cradle or shoulder-level or below stunt.

- **GOLF:**

The Council approved a Golf Committee recommendation to form a Golf Site Selection Committee to review Regional tournament groupings and determine host schools and courses.

- **SOCCER:**

The Council approved another Soccer Committee proposal to institute a running clock during the first half of matches when the goal differential is eight or more.

- **SWIMMING & DIVING:**

The Council approved a Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation requiring all times entered for MHSAA Finals for both individual and relay swim events to be the times that are the fastest achieved in varsity competition during the current season and electronically verifiable on SwimCloud.com.

- **TENNIS:**

The Council approved a Tennis Committee recommendation requiring the MHSAA to reduce the number of Regional tournaments for a season from eight to six if the number of teams participating that season is fewer than 288.

- **TRACK & FIELD:**

The Council approved a Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation allowing for athletes to qualify for MHSAA Finals by reaching predetermined standards during a window beginning April 1 of that season and extending until that athlete's Regional meet.

- **WRESTLING:**

The Council approved a Wrestling Committee recommendation to amend the penalty for a team when a wrestler competes at an ineligible weight class during a dual event. If the ineligible wrestler is discovered during the involved match, that wrestler forfeits

that match and the opposing team will be awarded six team points, plus the head coach of the team with the ineligible wrestler will be assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty resulting in a one-point team score deduction. If the ineligible wrestler is discovered after the involved match, any points earned by the offending wrestler are removed from the team score, along with the point for unsportsmanlike conduct, and six points are added to the offending team's total. In both instances, neither wrestler involved in the match in question may compete again in that dual. If the ineligible wrestler is discovered after the dual is completed, the teams have left the mat area and the scorebook has been signed by the official, the results and team score will stand.

The Council also reviewed reports on membership, with 754 senior high schools and 774 junior high/middle schools in 2023-24 plus 60 elementary schools with 6th-grader participation; cooperative programs, with 392 high school programs for 720 teams during 2023-24; eligibility advancement applications, which totaled one; the use of Educational Transfer Forms, of which there were 128; school violations, attendance at athletic director in-service workshops and Coaches Advancement Program sessions; officials' registrations (which were up 4.8 percent from 2022-23), rules meetings attendance, and officials reports submitted for the past three sports seasons. The Association's \$14.8 million budget for the 2024-25 school year also was approved.

The Representative Council is the 19-member legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.



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athlete of the week



Eli Burns
East Jordan Red Devils
Baseball

Eli tossed a no-hitter against Bellaire late last week with 10 strikeouts and just one walk. He also tripled in the game, a 6-0 win.



Sidney Bush
Boyne City Ramblers
Softball

In a 9-0 shutout win over the East Jordan Red Devils, freshman Sidney Bush picked up the win in the circle, throwing six innings of one-hit ball with five strikeouts and two walks. It was also Bush leading the offense, going 4-for-4 at the dish with a double and three RBIs.

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SOFTBALL

Ramblers sweep Red Devils

BY GREG GIELCZYK

It was a big night for the Boyne City girls softball team as the Ramblers swept East Jordan, 10-8 and 9-0 in a Lake Michigan Conference double-header on Monday night.



Delaney Vollmer



Sidney Bush



Katelyn Dittmar

The Ramblers struck first, scoring two runs in the first inning when Delaney Vollmer stroked a run-scoring single following a sacrifice fly by Sidney Bush and Katelyn Dittmar singled home the second run.

But the Red Devils came back to climb into a 6-3 lead in the bottom of the second with Sydney Guerriero and Alley Whiteford each singled.

East Jordan's lead didn't last long, as the Ramblers again answered, leaping into a 7-6 lead in the top of the third with Ellie Clausen driving in two runs on a single and Dittmar pushing home the other.

Vollmer did the pitching for the Ramblers, picking up the win after allowing 12 hits and seven runs in four innings. She had seven strike outs and two walks.

Lizzie Pop was the Red Devils starting hurler and gave up 10 runs (one unearned), striking out three

and walking 10 through the first four innings.

Guerriero stepped in the circle in relief for the Red Devils and worked two innings, not giving up a run and only one hit with two walks.

Despite hitting in the eighth hole, Clause drove in two runs while getting just one hit. Morgan Erickson, Dittmar and Vollmer also collected hits for the Ramblers. Lucy Uy worked her way on with three walks. Overall, the Ramblers drew 12 walks.

Natalie Grobaski and Uy each stole multiple bases for the Ramblers, who finished with five thefts overall. The Rambler defense turned one double play.

East Jordan accumulated 13 hits with Whiteford leading the way with four RBI. Lillian Stone and Mylee Pinney each had more than one hit and Stone had two steals.

Boyne City out-hit the Red Devils 10-2 in the nightcap, and East Jordan committed seven errors on defense to assist the Ramblers offense.

The Ramblers big inning was the third when they put up five runs to pretty much put the game way since Bush and Dittmar kept the Red Devils offense handcuffed.

Bush picked up the win in the circle, throwing four innings of two-hit ball with one strike out and two walks. Dittmar finished the final two innings and strucko four, walked one and did not give up a hit.

It was also Bush leading the offense, going 3-for-4 at the dish with two RBI. Uy finished with two RBI, and Dittmar drove in two runs on two hits. Vollmer and Clausen each drove in a run.

SOFTBALL

Red Devils drop double header to red hot Bellaire

BY GREG GIELCZYK

A red hot Bellaire team proved to much for the East Jordan Red Devils as they dropped a Lake Michigan Conference doubleheader to the Eagles last Friday, 12-2 and 21-11.

Bellaire exploded for eight runs in the fifth inning of the first game to all but decide the issue as the Red Devils couldn't match the Eagles offense.

East Jordan gained a tie in the top of the second when Jojo Kirkpatrick singled, but the Eagles reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the third.

The Eagles pounded out two doubles in their big fifth inning, and they also had a pair of singles while the Red Devils pitching also aided their cause with a couple walks.

Despite knocking out eight hits, the Red Devils struck out 12 times and did



East Jordan's Sydney Guerriero connects with the ball at Bellaire on Friday, May 10. The Red Devils fell to the Eagles in both games. Photo: Joanie Moore



East Jordan Red Devils pitcher Lizzie Pop (24) sends a pitch to the Lady Eagles on Friday, May 10 at Bellaire. The Lady Eagles defeated East Jordan in both games. Photo: Joanie Moore

not get a walk, denying them the baserunners they very much could have used.

Lizzie Pop was in the pitcher's circle for the Red Devils and took the loss, working 4 1/3 innings. She gave up 11 runs on seven hits, struck out three and walked nine.

On offense Pop and Lillian Stone collected two hits apiece for East Jordan while Olivia Olund and Kirkpatrick each drove in a run. The Red Devils did

not commit an error, with Patrick having the most chances with eight.

The two teams combined for 25 hits in the second game, with the Red Devils hitting 10 of them.

East Jordan opened a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Eagles scored six

in the bottom half with the big blow a three-run single. Bellaire scored seven in the third to take a 14-9 lead.

Sydney Guerriero, Olund and Stone had two hits apiece to lead the Red Devils offense. Maddy Bearden, Stone and Kirkpatrick each drove in a run.

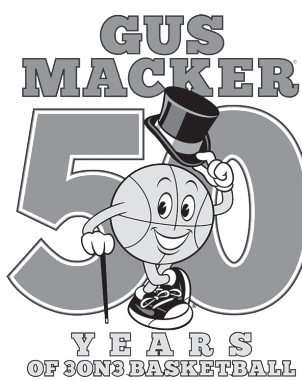
3 on 3 Gus Macker Basketball tournament is coming back to Gaylord

BY DAVE BARAGREY

GAYLORD – Gus Macker Basketball is returning to Gaylord, June 8 - 9 at the Otsego County Sportsplex.

Gus Macker Tournaments are designed for basketball players who love the fun of the driveway game – male or female, from age 7 to 70-plus, short and tall, the most experienced or those with little or no experience who just want to play. Teams are computer-matched into male and female divisions in one of three categories: Junior, Adult, or Top. The age, height and experience of all four players on each team are considered in bracketing. Teams receive at least three scheduled games each tournament. Gus Macker is a double-elimination tournament, but with a consolation bracket historically called "The Toilet Bowl" for teams that lose the first two games.

In addition to the economic impact of bringing thousands of players and fans into the community, the charitable aspect of the Gus Macker Tournament is very important. At each tournament site the local organizing committee donates proceeds from their event to a local charity or charities. Also, in many cities local non-profit clubs, groups and organizations raise funds through on-site food concession sales, special events and other on-site activities. The total amount



donated to local charities by the local committees has steadily increased over the past few years. Gus Macker estimates that since 1987 – approximately \$16 million has been raised for worthwhile local charities.

Family fun in a festival atmosphere is always the goal of a Gus Macker Tournament, and we proudly serve as the most popular basketball tournament for outdoor play in downtown streets, parking lots and community parks across the country.

The tournament is returning to Gaylord for a third year but will be moving dates to June 7-9 said James Vanderveer, director of the Otsego County Sportsplex. Vanderveer is a longtime registered basketball referee and has officiated state tournament and college games. The tournament again will be held in the parking lot of the Sportsplex. Vanderveer commented, "I am excited to have Gus Macker return for our third year to Gaylord. A tournament like this brings a lot of excitement to the community and to the sport of basketball. We will



also bring back the corn-hole tournament on Friday night."

Gaylord first hosted the Gus Macker tournament in 1991. Then Gaylord Chamber of Commerce director, Bill Wishart, was a basketball fan and referee and connected with the McNeal brothers to bring this popular basketball tournament to the Alpine Village. At the height of its popularity the Gaylord Gus Macker tournament hosted as many as 5,000 players and an estimated additional 20,000 fans. Gaylord hosted the Gus Macker tournament for 15 years until 2006.

In 2023, the return of the Gus Macker tournament to Gaylord saw 154 teams participate which was a 20% increase from the year prior. The charity tournament saw over \$4,000 raised for local sports organizations. Vanderveer said, "We were very happy with the increase in results from last year. There was a lot of excitement following the event last year and many families said they planned to get a team together for 2023."

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SOFTBALL

Boyne Falls Loggers sweep Harbor Light Christian

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Lauryn Matelski had a big day for the Boyne Falls girls softball team Monday night, collecting eight runs batted in as the Loggers swept Harbor Light Christian, 18-11 and 18-16 to stretch its winning streak to six in a row.

She got her day started in the third inning of the opener, driving in three runs with a double and then she hit another double in the fifth and scored a run.

Harbor Light Christian tried to keep pace with the Loggers, enjoying almost as much success at the plate, but Boyne had an 18-10 advantage in hits for the game.

The Loggers scored first when Lilli Fenske singled and came around to score in the first inning, and then scored five runs in the top of the second on two hits, one of them Matelski's

double. Fenske singled later in the inning and scored a run.

But Harbor Light exploded for seven runs on five hits in the bottom of the fourth inning, making things a whole lot tighter in the middle innings.

Fenske was the Loggers leading hitter, going 5-for-5. Matelski also had a multiple hit game.

Matelski also drove in four runs for the Loggers in the nightcap, beginning with a run-scoring single in the fourth, then hit a two-run double in the fifth and a one-run single in the sixth.

The Loggers finished the game with 19 hits, while Harbor Light knocked out 10.

Boyne scored seven runs in the top of the fifth, Matelski's two-run double the major blow in the inning.

Harbor Light gained a two-run lead 16-14 in the bottom of the fifth. The



BOYNE FALLS GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

Loggers tied the game courtesy of a ground out by Cadence Matelski and a single by Lauryn Matelski.

A two-run seventh put the Loggers on top, 18-16 highlighted by a run-scoring

single by Mackenzie Brown. Elleana Loper drew a bases loaded walk to force in the other run.

Brown was the winning pitcher for the Loggers, who improved to 9-5 on the

season, despite surrendering 10 hits and 16 runs, only three of which were earned, while striking out 10 and walking only four.

Matelski and Brown collected four hits apiece to

lead the Loggers, who had 19 for the game. Cadence Matelski, Elleanna Loper, Mackenzie Smith and Fenske also had multiple hits. The Loggers also drew eight walks.

STATE RANKINGS FOR GIRLS SOCCER

Soccer rankings are produced by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. May 13, 2024

DIVISION 1

Rank	Team
1	Hudsonville
2	Ann Arbor Skyline
3	Troy
4	Saline
5	Portage Central
6	Hartland
7	Rochester Adams
8	Utica Eisenhower
9	Midland Dow
10	Troy Athens
11	Rockford
12	Canton
13	Muskegon Mona Shores
14	Byron Center
15	Rochester Hills Stoney Creek

DIVISION 2

Rank	Team
1	Spring Lake
2	Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
3	Richland Gull Lake
4	Bloomfield Hills Marian
5	Stevensville Lakeshore
6	Midland
7	Plainwell
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9	Middleville Thornapple Kellogg
10	Petoskey
11	New Boston Huron
12	Mason
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DIVISION 3

Rank	Team
1	Hudsonville Unity Christian
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3	Flint Powers Catholic
4	Grand Rapids South Christian
5	Grosse Ile
6	Warren Regina
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9	Detroit Country Day
10	Grand Rapids West Catholic
11	Essexville Garber
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13	Freeland
14	Almont
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Rank	Team
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3	North Muskegon
4	Manchester
5	Leland
6	Kalamazoo Christian
7	Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian
8	Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Prep
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11	Clarkston Everest Collegiate
12	McBain Northern Michigan Christian
13	Jackson Lumen Christi
14	Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central
15	Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett

SOFTBALL

Ellsworth whips Wolverine twice

BY BOB DELONG

It looks like the Ellsworth High School varsity softball team is peaking at the right time of year, just before the MHSAA D4 districts! The Lady Lancers merced Wolverine twice last week with dominating 17-1 and 23-7 scores. Ellsworth is perfect in the Northern Lakes Conference

with a perfect 8-0 record and they are 12-4 overall.

In game one Avery Strange toed the rubber and threw a three inning no hitter as she stuck out eight of the nine batters she faced.

Callista Hoeksema and Ella Sponable both scored three times while Molly Muladore, Strange, Kylie Fuller and Julia Sundstrom all scored twice to lead the

offensive attack for Ellsworth.

In the second contest, Bella Essenberg got the win on the hill striking out 10 Wildcats in just four innings of work.

Lancer head coach Cory Essenberg was able to play his entire roster on the day and everybody contributed to the pair of victories. In the second game

Madison Richards scored a whopping five times, Jaque Gibson crossed the plate four times, Minchey Kim, Lauren Rasmussen, DeYoung each score three times and both Avery Potter and Maddy Zipp scored twice.

DeYoung led all players with six hits on the day for the Lancers.



Charlevoix at East Jordan Tennis Match

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This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Boyne City
By: Michael Cain
Title: City Manager
Date: April 29, 2024

CITY OF BOYNE CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTE SYNOPSIS

April 30, 2024 - Approve to excuse the absence of Tim Nemecek; motion carried. Approve the April 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented and Approve the purchase order contract to HTSS LLC for the Main Lift Station repairs in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500 per the bid dated April 24, 2024 and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; motion carried. Approve to remove agenda items 8A City Manager's Annual Performance Review, 9D Development and Design of Municipal Website, 9E Water Fillable Road Barricades Purchase, 9H Boyne City Municipal Airport Rental Car Agreement; motion carried. Approve to schedule a special meeting for City Manager's Annual Performance Review on May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.; motion carried. Approve to rescind the previous motion and extend indefinitely the request for the Open Space for the Trust Fund Grant; motion carried. Approve to adopt the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget amendments as presented in compliance with the accounting and budgeting standards; motion carried. Approve to instruct C2AE to get connection requirements, started on the bid process so we know what the connects are going to be and buy us time to get Varney's answers to his loan aspect, and we will reconvene on this by July 9, 2024 at the latest time; motion carried. Approve to award a purchase order contract to Truck & Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls, MI for the purchase of an Up-Fitting Package as outlined for the One-Ton F-350 Pickup Truck in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,419.37 per the bid proposal dated March 15, 2024 and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; motion carried. Approve to recess the meeting for 5 minutes; motion carried. Approve the first reading of an amendment to Chapter 70 of the Boyne City Code of Ordinances, to enact Article IV, Sections 70-243 and 70-425 and schedule a second reading at the City Commission's June 11, 2024 meeting; motion carried. Approve to receive, file and forward the Airport Approach Plan and Airport Layout Plan for the Boyne City Municipal Airport to our Planning Commission to be included in the City of Boyne City's Master Plan and authorize the City Clerk/Treasurer to document this action and confirm it with the Michigan Department of Transportation; motion carried. Approve to award a purchase order contract to E.F. Wilkinson & Sons Inc. in the amount of \$73,936.33 to begin replacement of the 12" sanitary sewer on Maple Street, and authorize the City Manager to execute any documents; motion carried. Approve the April 3, 2024 Budget Work Session meeting minutes as presented; motion carried. Approve to award GFA a not to exceed fixed price project \$12,305 and authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documents; motion carried.

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We will seek bids beginning May 16, 2024 and continuing through May 31, 2024.

Any interested parties should refer to the Melrose Township website at Melrosetwp.org for truck specifications at Melrosetwp.org.

Further inquires or questions can be directed to the Fire Chief Andrew Marihugh at firechief@melrosetwp.org

PUBLIC NOTICE

**City of East Jordan
County of Charlevoix**

Hereby ordains: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN CODE OF ORDINANCES

At a regular City Commission Meeting to be held at City Hall on May 21, 2024, at 5:20 p.m. an amendment to the City of East Jordan Code of Ordinance will present its second reading for **An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of East Jordan: Amend Section 1-34 Civil Infractions Definitions, ADD: Amend Section 42-50 Stopping, Standing and Parking; Add Section 14-51 Parking Violations Bureau.**

Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MiPMC
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eveline Township Planning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** At the Eveline Township Hall, 8525 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727. Regarding the proposed rezoning request from Single Family Residential Class B to Residential Class A Property ID 15-006-030-075-00, 5174 Lake Shore Road, Boyne City MI. Joel LaFontaine

The Planning Commission will also hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eveline Township Hall, 8525 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727. Regarding the proposed rezoning request from Single Family Residential to Rural Residential. Property ID 15-006-128-019-10, 1448 N. M-66 North. Mitchel and Andrea Farrell

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Project Number: 24017

FROM:

The Owner:
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301 State St.
Charlevoix, MI 49720
Phone: 989-619-6200
Contact Person: James Spires
Charlevoix County Park Operations Manager
spiresj@charlevoixcounty.org

The Engineer:
Nealis Engineering, Inc.
1419 Industry Drive
Traverse City, MI 49696
Phone: 231-933-0510
Contact: Jason A. VanBrocklin, P.E.
jvanbrocklin@nealisengineering.com

Advertisement Date: May 20th, 2024

TO: POTENTIAL BIDDERS

The Owner will receive sealed bids for a Single Prime, Stipulated Sum Contract for Whiting Park Electrical Upgrade project located at 05820 Lakeshore Road, Boyne City, MI 49712

Bids will be received by **10:00 AM on June 18th, 2024**, at the County Parks Department, 05820 Lakeshore Road, Boyne City, Michigan. Sealed Bids may be delivered, or sent by mail to the Park Operations Manager, Charlevoix County, 05820 Lakeshore Road, Boyne City, MI 49712. Please mark the bid "Whiting Park – Electrical Upgrades".

Project Description:

The scope of the work includes but is not limited to: Disconnect & remove the two (2) existing electrical services, and existing RV/campground pedestals as noted and provide & install two (2) new electrical services, two (2) new Main Distribution Panelboards, two (2) new branch circuit panelboards, a new feeder to the existing Toilet/Shower Building, and new RV/campground pedestals for a complete operational installation. Work shall be bid in up to four (4) phases as described in the specifications and on the drawings.

Schedule:

Bids Due: **10:00 am, June 18th, 2024**
Bid Opening: **10:05 am, June 18th, 2024 on-site in the Log Cabin.**
Bid Award: **July 11th, 2024**
Substantial completion: **April 15, 2025**

Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: **June 4th, 2024 – 10 AM on site.**

Bidding Documents:

Requirements, drawings, and specifications for submissions are available through the Owner or Engineer. Fees for drawings shall be the Bidder's responsibility.

The proposals shall be submitted on Proposal Forms furnished by the Engineer as part of the Contract Documents and shall be completely executed in strict accordance with the Plans and Specifications. Telegraphic or telephonic bids will NOT be received, accepted, or read.

Pre-Bid Walkthrough:

Bidders are instructed to inspect the site and condition under which the work is to be performed, and any obstacles which may be encountered. No extra will be considered because of Bidder's failure to inform himself of the site conditions, which can be verified by inspection. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference and walkthrough will be held on 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, June 4, 2024, open to all Electrical Contractors. The Pre-Bid Meeting will commence at the Log Cabin at Whiting Park. Supplemental conferences will not be held.

It is expected all bidders will be familiar with the site, project, and existing conditions at the time their bid is submitted. Charlevoix County will make every effort to accommodate site visit requests.

Bidding:

Bidders are required to provide Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond of a sum no less than 5 percent of the Bid Amount.

Refer to other bidding requirements described in: 00 21 13 - Instructions to Bidders
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Bids shall be accompanied by sworn and notarized statements:

- Proposal Supplement for Electrical Trades

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BOYNE CITY FOUR-BEDROOM HOME OVERLOOKS BOYNE RIVER

BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a four-bedroom home in a great location... just a half block from downtown Boyne City on a large lot that overlooks the Boyne River.

This four-bedroom home encompasses just over 1,300 square feet on two levels plus it has a full block basement for lots of storage and work space. The home offers an attached two-and-a-half car garage, a spacious main living room with gas fireplace and a convenient main floor laundry room.

A large 28x30 foot deck is accessed off the kitchen/dining area and overlooks a large back yard and the beautiful Boyne River. The deck has a 16-foot awning to provide shade during hot summer days. The property consists of the lot the home sits on, plus three additional lots.

While the setting is pure country, the shopping, dining, Riverside Park and all the amenities of downtown Boyne City are less than a block away. What an excellent location!

This wonderful home on a large lot that overlooks the Boyne River is located



at 434 Poplar Street in Boyne City and it is listed at \$374,900.

For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Lynda Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Lynda@lyndasrealestateservice.com.



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Yet, you really want to buy a home. You know that few purchases will provide you the quality of life that a home of your own does. There are plenty of advantages, as well - tax breaks, rising real estate values, a stable environment for the family, to name only a few. So you stifle your worries and keep looking for homes. You just can't find the one that's just right for you. It might be time to back this train up and examine what is causing the conflict between wanting to buy and being unable to make a decision. There is a cause, and its name is money. The question is, which aspect of money is stopping you from moving forward?

Fear of spending too much

Lenders will loan you money at the top of your ability to borrow. Realtors will suggest

that you will be happier in a "bigger, better" home, eliminating the need to "trade up" in a few years. Stretching to buy the most home you can possibly afford is a good strategy, but only under certain conditions - that you have confidence that your salary will rise, that your income is stable, and that you can handle large surprise expenses.

If you've been pre-qualified, you are already looking at bigger, better, more beautiful homes at the top of your range. But something isn't quite right. Even though you may feel that your income is stable, a feeling is telling you that if you buy in this range, you won't have enough in reserves should something happen. Those are your instincts talking, and you should listen, because your desires have been doing the talking up to now. Your instincts are telling your desires to scale back a little. That means backtracking. Talk to your Realtor and ask her to show you less expensive homes. You can't go wrong buying slightly under your ability. In fact, many financial advisors tell their clients to budget about 25% of their income for housing in order to position them to build reserves for savings, investments, home improvements, emergencies and dozens of other reasons.

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Instructor - Sue Sutton
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INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED 6:00 PM

Additional classes and times will be added throughout the agility season

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- Puppy Class - Puppy's less than 1 year old, new to agility.
- Beginner Class - dogs older than one year, knows basic commands, sit, stay, come, new to agility or limited experience.
- Intermediate Class - dogs older than one year, has had experience with obstacles, learning to run courses.
- Advance Class - dogs older than one year, working toward or experienced in agility trials.

Class Information:

- Classes are 1 hour and limited to 6 dogs/handlers.
- Minimum age for handlers is 10 years old.
- Classes run for 6 weeks at \$15.00 per class (\$90 total)
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I joined the Boyne Chamber last week and was welcomed in the Thursday newsletter. I got two inquiries through the chamber website Thursday morning!! I'm cleaning for one of them starting on the 21st, and I'm still waiting to hear back from the other.

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