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4th Annual Jordan Art Walk Ribbon Cutting and Dedication

Members of the Jordan Art Walk Committee proudly announces their 4th Annual Ribbon Cutting and Dedication on Wednesday, June 12th, 10:00 AM in Memorial Park.

The group invites everyone to join the artists and sponsors to this cultural event. A brief program at the bandshell will kick off the venue followed by six ribbon cuttings at this year's sculpture additions by the sculptors. Sponsors will hold the ribbon for the artists at each sculpture.

The six incoming sculptures are coming from all over the State of Michigan. They will be on display on the Jordan Art Walk for the next three years. 2024 sculptures include: Great Blue Heron, Michigan Cat-tails, Kanoa & The Moth, Janus, Hardwoods II, Frog. Many of the sculptures on the Art Walk are available for purchase.



Artist Ann Gildner and Sponsors from Ellsworth Farmers Exchange cut the ribbon for Ducks Landing that was added to the Jordan Art Walk in 2023.

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If interested in purchasing a sculpture, contact Mary at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce.

Following this event, there will be 24 sculptures on the Jordan Art Walk.

Jordan Art Walk Committee Members include: Rich Dietrich, John Hunter, Nancy Carey, Jalessa

O'Neal, Babs Young, Tom Cannon and Mary Faculak.

For more information on the Jordan Art Walk or to become a sponsor for 2025, please contact Mary Faculak at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. 231-536-7351 or visit the Jordan Art Walk Website at jordanartwalk.org.

Bernadette Katheryn and the Lonely Days Band Takes The Stage in East Jordan

Nashville recording artist Bernadette Katheryn and the Lonely Days Band will be rocking the night away on Friday, June 14th, 7:00 PM in The East Jordan Memorial Park Bandshell. Bernadette and her band will be bringing their high-octane Detroit Country Rock to the stage. Get ready for a night of powerful vocals, electrifying guitar licks and original music that will have you dancing. Their



sound is a mix of classic rock, southern rock and modern country, spiced up with a healthy dose of Classic Nashville, but built on a

foundation that's uniquely Motor City.

The concert series is held each Friday June through July. If you would

like to make a donation to the concerts, please send your tax-deductible check payable to City of East Jordan with "Music In The Park Concert Series" in the memo section and mail to P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727, Proudly Co-Sponsored by East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, East Jordan Downtown Development Authority and Jordan River Arts Council.

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Ladies Clothing Giveaway

East Jordan Girls Youth Group Hosts 2nd Annual My Sister's Closet – Ladies Clothing Giveaway on June 29.

The Bright Lights girls youth group of East Jordan invites you to the 2nd annual My Sister's Closet, a morning of refreshments, fellowship and free shopping on June 29, 2024 from 9am - 12 p.m.

The event will be held at Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Rd., East Jordan. Their goal is to provide ladies of all ages with free, modest, gently-used clothing and apparel that works for them.

"During the month of June, we are accepting donations of clothing and apparel for all seasons, from girls size 6 through all women's sizes," shares Bright Lights members Madelyn Fagundo (14), and Laura Busick (12).

"We had a great turnout of people and donations last year, and it was exciting to see so many ladies blessed with free clothes."

Apparel could include pants, shorts, shirts, sweaters, dresses, skirts, shoes, purses, outerwear, pj's, belts or accessories. Donations can be dropped off at East Jordan Community Church on Sundays and at Lighthouse Missionary Church or St. Joseph's Catholic Church in East Jordan any day of the week.

Ladies, please mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join you on June 29th for this entirely free event! No donations are required to come and shop.

Bright Lights is a non-denominational discipleship ministry for girls ages 10-14, emphasizing Biblical teaching in an environment of positive peer pressure and accountability. East Jordan Bright Lights was established in 2022 and is a local chapter of the international Bright Lights organization, which has seen more than 800 groups form around the world since 1996.



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OBITUARY



Louise Sofia "Fia" Desch, 96
(Aug. 16, 1927 — June 3, 2024)
CHARLEVOIX

Louise Sofia 'Fia' Desch of Charlevoix passed away Monday, June 3, 2024, at her home with family by

her side, a loving, amazing wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will be forever missed by her family and all that knew her. She was born August 16, 1927, in Cologne (Köln), Germany. She grew up in Germany during World War II, before coming to the United States at the young age of 20. She settled in the Detroit area with her aunt and uncle who had sent for her. She became a U. S. citizen early on and worked at Bell Telephone for several years. With the help of their mothers, Louise met her husband, 'Abe', in Detroit at a German Club. They married in 1951 and started raising their family in Mt. Clemens. Once her oldest was

born, Louise 'Fia' became a loving housewife. They bought a cottage home in Charlevoix and when they both reached retirement age, they purchased their Florida home. They spent many years traveling back and forth between the two homes.

Fia enjoyed people, loved children, and her family, who meant everything to her. Life was precious and so were her memories. She had many stories to tell, especially of her life during the war in Germany. Not only did she know German history; she also had great knowledge of American history. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren took such an interest in her storytell-

ing that she spent many nights with them gathered around the table listening to her share her memories. Some even took notes and recorded her, to recall her life for years to come. She also enjoyed playing the harmonica for them, and played many old German love and war songs and Christmas Carols.

Her passion was in giving to the less fortunate. She enjoyed knitting, and a knitting machine she was. She knit many beautiful items for her family and close friends. She also donated countless items such as afghans, baby clothes, blankets, sweaters and toys to local churches, all handmade out of love. She never stopped, right up until

the last couple weeks of her life. She was sharp as a whip and an absolute joy to know.

She is survived by her children, Evelyn (James) Cattaneo of Harrison Township, Gordon Desch (Crystal Hawthorne) of Mancelona, and Caroline Desch of Petoskey; grandchildren, Branden (Catherine) Cattaneo, Justin (Lauren) Cattaneo, James (Pauline) Cattaneo, Gordon Desch, Molly Desch, Matthew Desch; great grandchildren, Jacqueline, Kaylee, Brooklyn, Anthony (AJ), Cadence, Kayden, Dylan, Mason, Briella, Elise, Stella and Celina. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Eberhardt 'Abe', and her

grandson, Jeffrey Moore.

Louise 'Fia' will be having an immediate private service with her family, and she will be laid to rest with her husband at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly with a memorial service at a future date. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to Boystown, St. Jude, Disabled American Veterans, St. Joseph's Indian School or Wounded Warriors.

Please share your memories and personal messages on her guestbook at www.GaylordFuneralHome.com

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PET OF THE WEEK

JANICE

This pretty lady is Janice. Janice is a very good dog; she knows how to sit, and she doesn't pull a lot on walks. She'll likely do well with other dogs with a slow introduction. We are unsure how she would do with cats. Janice doesn't like her tail being touched, so she would do best in a home without children.

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COMMUNITY LEADER

MEL LINDENTHAL

BE A VOICE FOR THE COMMUNITY

BY JOHN KEYSER

Josh Chamberlain recommended that I meet Mel Lindenthal, who is very much a community leader in East Jordan.

Mel grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan Public Schools. She went on to Grand Valley State, where she studied radiation therapy, then began her career in Grand Rapids performing radiation treatments in area cancer centers. As her knowledge increased, she transitioned into the informatics realm. She took on new responsibilities training radiologists to maximize efficiency using technology, and eventually served as a liaison between the physicians and their contracted hospitals and clinics.

Subsequently, Mel joined Royal Solutions Group, headquartered in New York City, a provider of software and services in radiology to hospital systems across the United States.

Mel and her husband, Nick, moved from Grand Rapids back up to East Jordan in 2021, as they love our community and our people. They wanted to raise their young children, Lydia and Otto, here and especially for them to attend our school system, which they are now, in 4th grade and kindergarten.

Mel is driven by a strong motivation to give back to our community, which was instilled in her by her parents, the Skrocki's, and her many family members participating in numerous East Jordan boards and committees. They are always helping out, and now she is definitely following their lead.



Mel Lindenthal

Just this past November, Mel was elected to the East Jordan City Commission, thankfully, as she generates ideas and is a doer. She feels she brings a needed perspective as she has young children.

She also prides herself in her efforts to seek knowledge and training to better serve her community, especially having participated in the inaugural class of the Michigan Municipal League's Women's Elected Leadership Intensive.

She is doing a great many activities with youngsters, for example, she is a Troop Leader with the Girl Scouts (just this Sunday, they planted flowers at the East Jordan Senior Center) and she coaches Little League Baseball. Whatever else our children need, Mel will volunteer to do.

Mel's other activities include volunteering with the Fall Festival, community clean-ups, Busker Festival, the East Jordan & Southern #6 locomotive restoration initiative, work-

ing to launch an East Jordan City Commission newsletter, and other important assistance.

Actually, whatever is needed in our community – youths, adults, senior citizens – we may count on Mel's volunteering to help out, and not just to lend a hand, often to lead the initiatives.

Our East Jordan school system is very much appreciated by Mel. We are blessed with many great teachers who want to hear and understand the issues of their students and families. I asked Mel about messages she would like to share, which she said are:

- Get involved
- We, as individuals, must play a role
- Take action
- Collaborate

And then we will make headway to further improve our very special community.

Mel is a humble, dedicated, and exceptional community leader, for sure!



AMERICAN PICKERS to Film in Michigan

The American Pickers are excited to return to Michigan! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in August 2024.

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques.

They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable Characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics.

Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell...we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public. If interested, please send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184. facebook: @GotAPick

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This family friendly event, held Father's Day weekend, is a great way to launch into summer.

THIS YEAR IS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELLSWORTH'S UNIQUE LABYRINTH.

Come learn its history and participate in the Ellsworth Pig Roast Scavenger Hunt. Grab your phone/camera and post your photos on the Pig Roast Facebook page. The Scavenger Hunt will take you on a tour through historic Ellsworth.

Pancake Breakfast: Saturday • 8-10am
Banks Township Hall - By Donation
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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

6-8pm Family Waterslide & Ice Cream Social at Ellsworth Community Park
200 ft. slide for all ages. Hosted by Banks Township Fire Dept. along with an Interactive Firehouse Ice Cream Social, Food Truck, Kids Cake Walk, Cornhole Tournament, Evening Paddle hosted by Paddle Antrim

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- 11am Pig Roast Parade (Line-up starts at 10am)**
Starts at High School Parking Lot, ends at Community Park
- 12-2pm Roast Pork Lunch** at Ellsworth Community Park
Pulled pork, roll, coleslaw, mac & cheese, beans, cookie, & water for only \$15 (cash only). FREE Strawberry Shortcake (donations accepted) provided by Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church. Entertainment by Pine Lake Winds, Bounce House, Obstacle Course, Children's Games & Activities, 50/50 Raffle Tickets available all day, DNR Display, Petting Zoo, Sling Shot, Fairy Hair, & Tractor Display
- 1pm Horse Pull** by the Archery Range, Ellsworth Community Park
Teams from Northern Michigan will compete • Live Auction during the Horse Pull - Several items to be auctioned
- All Day Banks Township Historical Society Open House**
The Historical Society will be open all day for visitors
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District Governor Elect Dennis Gocha presented awards to the East Jordan Lions

Lion Jan Carr (not pictured) was recognized for her support of the Lions mint program. Lion Joe Krumholz (not pictured) received the Outstanding Effort Award for accommodating the selling of our Christmas trees and the great dinners he has provided.

Congratulations to all!



Lion Dan Miller received the Distinguished Service award for his outstanding commitment to the club and to the South Arm Classic Car Show.



Lion Adam St Onge received the Perfect Attendance pin for 6 years of attending every meeting.



King Lion Linda Chase received the Lion of the Year award.



Lions Bill Chase and Bob Pursel received the prestigious Melvin Jones award for their years of outstanding service.



Don & Eileen Klein Nature Trail A Universally Accessible Trail in East Jordan

A longtime dream for East Jordan came to fruition this spring!

The new Don & Eileen Klein Nature Trail from Sportsman's Park to the Rogers Family Homestead Nature Preserve is now complete. The universally accessible trail takes you along the beautiful Jordan River providing for a continuous walkable off-road route from downtown East Jordan to the north end of the Rogers Preserve trail, a total of two miles one way.

You can hop onto the Don & Eileen Klein Nature Trail at Sportsman's Park, the Friends of the Jordan Watershed Center, or from the two parking areas of the Rogers Preserve. The trail crosses the wetlands of two additional LTC nature preserves and another preserve



A grant through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation funded the construction of two bumpout sections and an overlook at the new Don & Eileen Klein Nature Trail. Photo by John Doskoch.

lies on the opposite (east) side of the river. The trail itself is now owned and maintained by the City of East Jordan.

Completion of this trail was made possible by a lead donation from Don Klein, 152 additional donors, and a partnership between the City of East

Jordan, Little Traverse Conservancy, Friends of the Jordan Watershed Center, the East Jordan Chamber, and the East Jordan Trails Committee.

"This is the Conservancy's first partnership project to complete a universally accessible trail of this caliber," said Conservancy

executive director Kieran Fleming. "We are confident that the local community and many visitors will enjoy all that it brings for decades to come."

For a map of the trail, visit www.landtrust.org/explore.

LEADERSHIP

Helping Our Team Members Succeed

BY JOHN KEYSER

I had interesting conversation recently with a leader I very much admire. These messages are critically important, as they impact the motivation, engagement, happiness, and loyalty of our people.

The spirit of our people matters – matters greatly!

This leader is committed to helping her people with learning and development programs, including leadership.

The emphasis is on relational skills, such as:

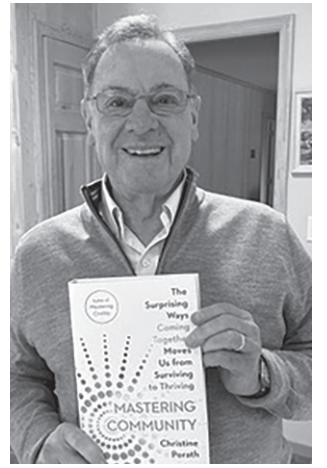
- emotional intelligence
- attentive listening
- timeliness and responsiveness
- being a good teammate
- maintaining healthy working relationships
- earning trust
- addressing problems and difficult issues promptly
- and other similar skills which affect relationships

She is totally dedicated to the success of her team members. She one-on-one time with them. They are all important to her, as are their ideas.

When we take good care of our people, they take good care of our customers.

Being a leader means valuing our people, helping them develop and succeed, and learning their ideas. We should be asking them:

- How they are doing?
- What are they learning from our customers?



John Keyser

What gets in the way of their doing their best work?

- How we could save time?
- What advice do they have for me?
- and other purposeful questions

Our people will appreciate our asking – and we will gain a wealth of helpful ideas.

And the best ideas are bottom up ideas!

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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LIBRARY MILLAGE

We personally became involved with the Charlevoix Public Library after attending meetings to discuss the future of the library from its former home, Circle of Arts, to its new home, the former Charlevoix Middle School. We were both impressed with the presentations, the open communication and the dedication to create a library like no other in Northern Michigan. Both of us helped with encouraging others to support the move to this location even when many were saying books do not appear to be forward thinking, any more than the need for a community room. Fortunately, the library went forward and we donned our hard hats to give tours and photograph the changes as history unfolded before our very eyes. Charlevoix has a beautiful historic building all residents can be proud of. You can visibly see how

many people attend books sales, check out materials and utilize the Community Rooms and we have the pleasure of listening to summer concerts and story time in the children's garden. Now that the 2004 bond/loan has been paid, it is time to vote for the operating millage of 0.8 mills that is being requested. With the bond payments eliminated, property owners will see an overall reduction of 0.75 mills in their property tax. Your "Yes" vote on August 6 is needed to pass the operating millage of 0.8 mills for the next ten years. We hope to still be around in ten years, and are comforted in knowing that our children and grandchildren will continue to enjoy this library. Please join us in voting "Yes" on the Library Operating Millage, Tuesday, August 6.

Sincerely,
Gayle and Lyle Gennett

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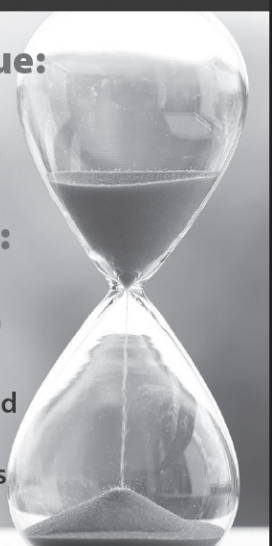
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For the June 20 issue:
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Embracing the Busy Summer Season

Dear Readers,

As summer rolls into Charlevoix, the pace of life shifts dramatically. A friend recently called it “hurry up and slow down,” capturing the whirlwind of activity that fills our short summer months. While winter is a time for hibernation and slowing down, summer is packed with events, activities, and endless to-dos. In this busy season, it’s crucial to maintain our peace and calm. Here are some tips to help you navigate the summer rush without losing your sense of balance:



Laura Jasurda

the stress out of cooking. A capsule wardrobe can streamline your mornings and reduce decision fatigue.

1. Prioritize and Simplify

With so much happening, it’s easy to feel overwhelmed. Take a moment to prioritize what’s truly important. Say no to activities that don’t align with your top priorities. Simplify your schedule by focusing on what matters most and letting go of the rest.

2. Create Margin

Think of your busy season as a fragile artifact that needs careful handling. Space out your commitments and create buffer time between activities. This margin allows you to absorb unexpected events and keeps you from feeling constantly rushed.

3. Say No When Needed

It’s okay to say no to additional commitments. Whether it’s a new project, an extra event, or a social invitation, give yourself permission to decline. Protecting your time and energy is vital to maintaining your peace and well-being.

4. Simplify Everyday Tasks

During busy times, simplify everyday tasks like meal planning and wardrobe choices. Consider a simple meal rotation to take

5. Embrace Intentional Busyness

Not all busyness is bad. Sometimes, we choose to be busy with activities that bring us joy and fulfillment. Be intentional about the busyness you embrace. Ensure it adds value to your life and aligns with your goals.

Summer in Charlevoix is fleeting, and it’s easy to get caught up in the rush. By prioritizing, creating margin, saying no when needed, and simplifying everyday tasks, you can maintain your peace and enjoy the season to its fullest.

Remember, it’s about finding balance and making the most of this vibrant, bustling time without sacrificing your well-being. Enjoy the beautiful summer, and let’s all “hurry up and slow down” together.

Laura Jasurda is not just a writer and columnist; she’s also a certified John Maxwell Leadership Trainer and Mentor, as well as a highly accomplished global business development executive and entrepreneur. Her passion lies in spreading positivity, nurturing personal growth, and fortifying our community bonds. Laura’s mission is to empower you to unlock your full potential and lead your best life, both individually and as an integral part of your community.

Celebrating Joppa House Ministries 10-Year Anniversary and 111th Graduate!

BY LAURA JASURDA

CHARLEVOIX – On June 1, Joppa House Ministries celebrated a significant milestone: their 10-year anniversary and 111th graduate! For the past decade, Joppa House Ministries has been a beacon of hope and support for women in active recovery from substance use disorders by providing a safe, sober residential program in Charlevoix. Their mission to uplift and empower women in need has touched countless lives right here in our community.



Photo credit: Joppa House Ministries

“We’re overjoyed to share that we recently celebrated yet another graduate from our program,” said Pastor Ginger Stevens, Founder of Joppa House Ministries. “Lisa, our 111th graduate, along with all the other graduates, will have an excellent start on reintegrating into our communities as sober individuals with the skills to make good choices in their lives. This accomplishment is a testament to the incredible strength and determination of our residents, and the un-

wavering support from our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners.”

Since they started, Joppa House has been all about creating a sense of family and belonging. Their life skills curriculum focuses on personal development, finances and budgeting, boundaries, employment, and holistic well-being, and ensuring every resident has the tools to build a brighter and sober future.

Joppa House is unique to

the recovery residence community by providing housing for women and their children as they work to establish independent and sober living. The success of Joppa House over these past ten years wouldn’t have been possible without the love and support from the community. As they look ahead, they remain committed to making a difference, one life at a time.

Since Joppa House Ministries, a faith-based organization, relies entirely

on donations and grants, they’re reaching out to the community for support. They are actively seeking corporate sponsors and individuals who want to support their mission on a monthly or annual basis. Every family has been impacted by substance use disorders in some way, and with a 70% success rate, the need for their residency program in our community is great. Your generosity helps them continue to provide these vital services and support to those in need.

For more information about Joppa House, their programs, or how you can become a sponsor, please visit their website at joppahouseministries.org. To volunteer and find out more ways that you can get involved, you can send an email to: joppahouseministries@gmail.com.

Thank you for being part of their journey over the past decade. Here’s to many more years of growth, hope, and transformation!



CITY AND LEADERSHIP OFFICIALS CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF BIKE ROUTE PROJECT

The City of Boyne City is delighted to announce that our Community Service Boyne City Connection Bike Route Project is completed. City and Leadership officials held a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday at the trail sign outside of City Hall. The Connection trail signs, part of the Leadership Charlevoix County Class of 2023 community project, have been installed and are contributing to guiding cyclists from the Boyne Valley Trailway to the Boyne City - Charlevoix bike trail.

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Concert Series 2024

The Boyne Area Chamber Summer Concert Series is back. Located at the pavilion in Boyne City’s Veterans Park for the 2024 summer season. Concerts are going on now every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm through August 28. Showcasing performers from all over Northern Michigan.

Grab a comfy chair or blanket, takeout food and beverage from your local favorite restaurant, and enjoy! Concerts are free thanks to sponsors like

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 7/10/2024 - Billy McAllister
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3-Day Pickleball Clinic held for local Cadette Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore and the Boyne City Pickleball Club joined forces recently to conduct a 3-day pickleball clinic for local Cadette Girl Scouts.

The clinic was planned by Cindy Fruge’ and supported by both the Boyne City Parks and Recreation Department and the Rotary Club of Boyne City. As follow-up to the clinic, at area pickleball players collected

16 paddles and 3 bags of balls to donate to the Boyne area Girl Scouts, which will help the girls continue to play the game and improve their skills while learning to love pickleball as much as the seasoned pickleballer players do.



Pickleball Clinic participants included local Cadette Girl Scouts and members of the Boyne City Pickleball Club

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Charlevoix County Jail Garden:

A Sustainable Initiative Feeding Inmates and Saving Money

BY LAURA JASURDA

In 2010, the Charlevoix County Jail initiated a garden project aimed at providing fresh produce to feed inmates while also cutting costs. With an initial investment of \$500 from the Sheriff's Office, the garden started with a variety of starter plants including beans, broccoli, cabbage, cucumbers, peppers, potatoes, squash, and tomatoes. The harvested vegetables, not used immediately, are prepared and frozen for later use, ensuring a steady supply of fresh produce year-round.

The garden project took a significant leap forward in 2018 when the Charlevoix County Community Foundation approved a \$12,000 grant to install a well and an advanced irrigation system. This drip irrigation system, designed to efficiently water selected portions of the garden, has significantly boosted the garden's productivity and sustainability.

"In spring 2024, we added a 96'x30' greenhouse to



Charlevoix County Jail Garden
Photo credit: Det Cody Wheat, County Sheriff's Office

the jail garden," said Sheriff Charles Vondra. "The addition of the greenhouse will allow us to extend the growing season further into the fall when temperatures start to drop. We anticipate getting two growing cycles of fresh produce now. This project cost approximately \$27,300 and was funded by our Inmate Trust Account, which is generated by inmate commissary purchases while incarcerated, not taxpayer monies."

The maintenance of the garden is managed by Jail Trustees/Inmates who are responsible for weeding,

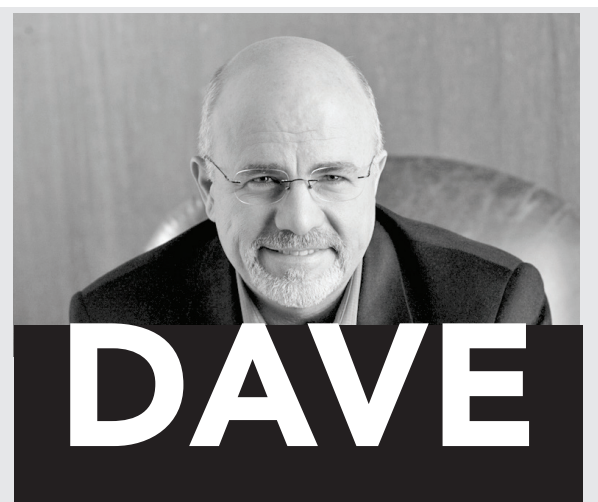
watering, and tending to the plants daily. This hands-on involvement not only keeps the garden flourishing but also provides the inmates with a constructive and rewarding activity.

The impact of the Charlevoix County Jail garden has been substantial. In 2023 alone, the garden produced 25,923.46 pounds of fresh and healthy food, saving the county approximately \$35,915.41. Over the past 14 years, excluding the initial two years where records were not kept, the garden has yielded approximately 133,034 pounds

of produce and saved the county \$293,367.00, averaging \$26,669.73 per year.

This initiative not only provides nutritional benefits to the inmates but also represents a successful model of sustainability and cost-efficiency. The Charlevoix County Jail garden is a testament to the positive outcomes that can be achieved through community support and innovative thinking.

For more information about the garden project and its impact, please contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.



DAVE

Says...

By Dave Ramsey

Part of Your Monthly Budget

Dear Dave,

How important do you feel identity theft protection is today? Should my husband and I buy it just for ourselves, or should we cover the kids, too? Lastly, where does identity theft protection fall in your Baby Steps plan?

—Lanie

Dear Lanie,

Unless you've gone completely off the grid, and have been there for a long, long time, there's a good chance someone out there has a few of your numbers. Unfortunately, that's all part of living in today's world. Between consumer carelessness and data breaches—which have become an all-too-common occurrence these days—almost everyone has experienced, or will experience, some sort of identity theft during their lifetime.

So, yes. I recommend everyone have identity theft protection. I don't really consider it part of the Baby Steps, because in my mind it's like car insurance or life insurance, in that it's something virtually everyone needs. And things like that should just be part of your regular monthly budget.

Good question, Lanie!
—Dave

Dear Dave,

I own a small rental house, and for the most part my tenants have been conscientious people over the years. Recently, I learned my current tenant is subleasing the property for the short term as a vacation site. This kind of thing is prohibited in the rental agreement. He has always taken very good care of the place, so should I confront him about this, or just ignore it until it

becomes a real problem?
—Karl

Dear Karl,

This may sound hard-nosed, but it's already a problem. He's in obvious violation of the lease agreement. If it were me, I'd have a face-to-face talk with this guy today. I'd let him know how much I appreciate that he's been a good, respectful tenant in the past, but the subleasing has to stop.

An agreement is an agreement. I have several rental properties myself, and I always try to be gentle and nice, but really clear about things. You may not have experienced any problems up until now, but what happens next time? If you don't know and trust who's in the house, you could end up with holes in the walls, ruined carpets and worse. On top of all that, what if they don't have the money to fix things when they leave? It'll be on you, because you lost control of your property.

Again, be decent when you talk to this guy. It sounds like you two have a good history. But remind him he's in violation of the lease agreement. And gently let him know if anything like this happens again, you'll begin the eviction process.

—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.

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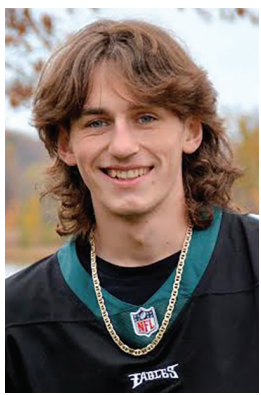
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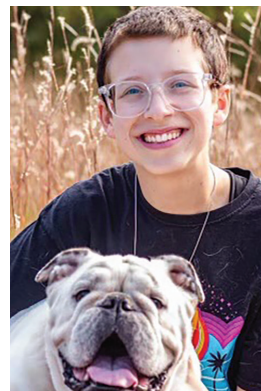
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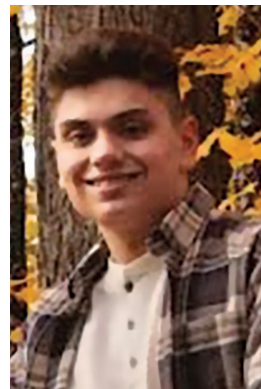
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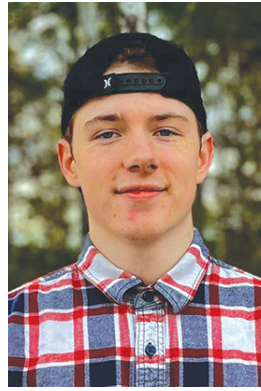
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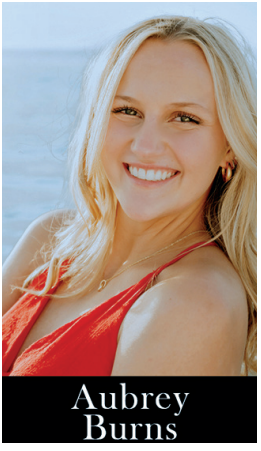
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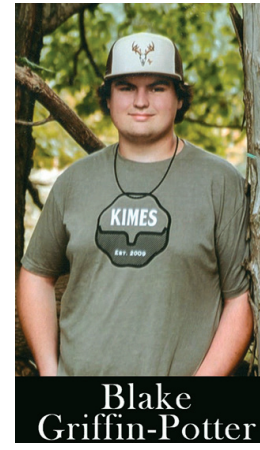
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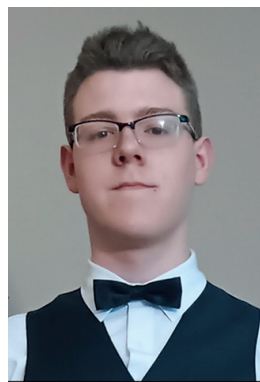
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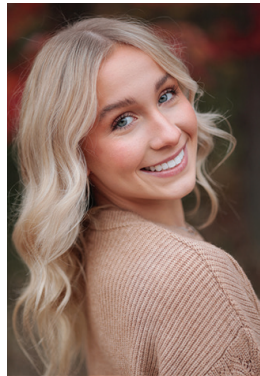
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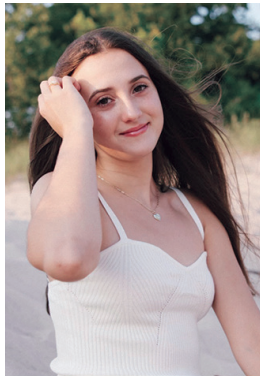
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Owen Waha
Charlevoix Rayders Baseball

In the 10-0 win over Grayling in the Regional semi-finals, Owen was the winning pitcher. He struck out five and walked none. In a 5-0 win in the quarterfinals over Pinconning, Owen had a strong showing on the mound. He struck out 10 and allowed three hits. The Rayder now head to the state semi-finals in Division 3.

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Charlevoix Rayders Win Regional!

BY TODD VANSICKLE

The Charlevoix Rayders varsity baseball team is heading to the Division 3 state semi-finals after knocking off two opponents — Gladstone and Pinconning — in the Division 3 regional tournament at the Trojan Athletic Complex in Traverse City on Saturday.

In Charlevoix's first game, under rainy, wet conditions the Rayders beat Gladstone, 12-1.

On the mound, Bryce Johnson allowed three hits and one run over five innings. He struck out six and walked five.

On offense, Aiden Speigl led the Rayders with three hits, including a triple in the sixth inning.

Charlevoix's catcher Ryan Pearl scored a run on a sacrifice bunt, while Max Reynolds doubled in the top of the third to score three runs.

"Both games we had high energy coming out of the gates," said junior Speigl. "They were good team wins. We hit good in both games, and we seen some



Charlevoix's Bryce Johnson delivers a pitch against Gladstone.

good pitching."

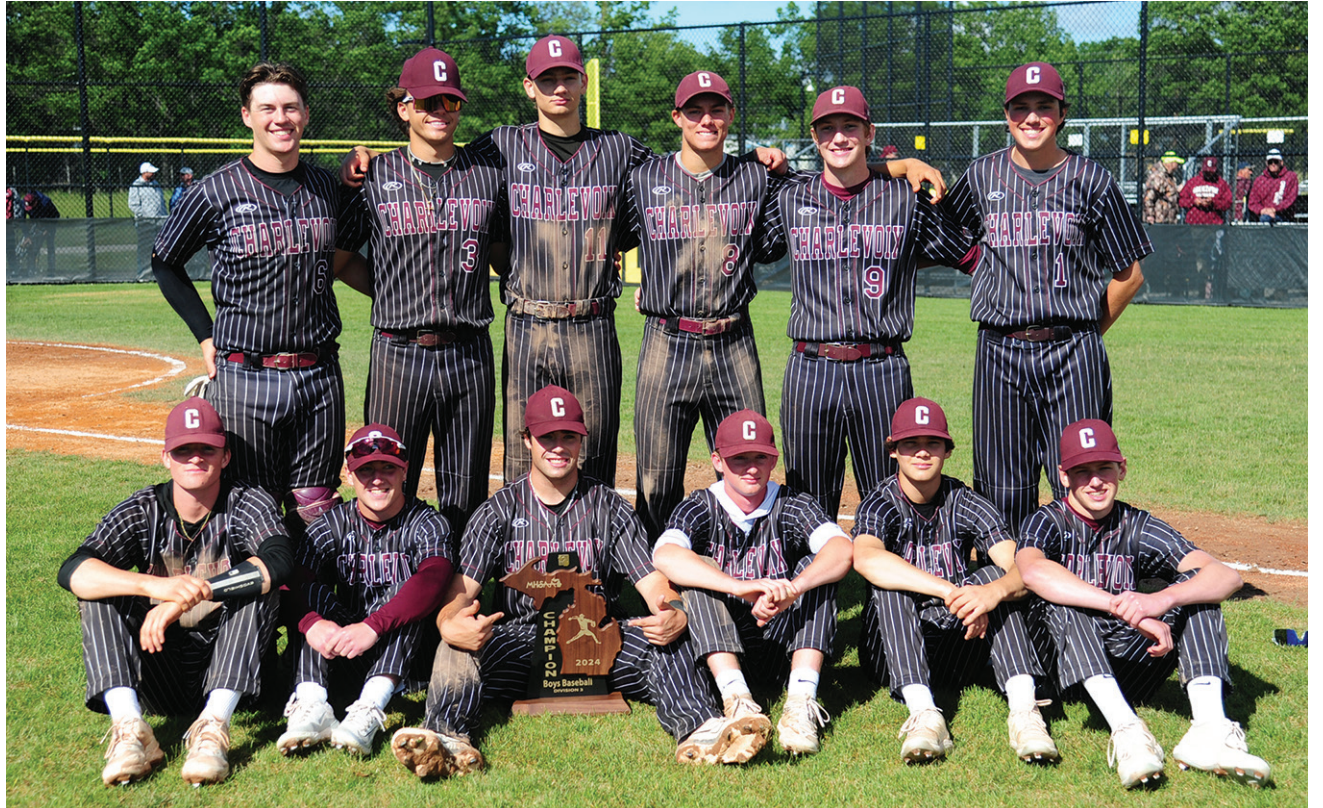
In the final, Charlevoix took a comfortable win over Pinconning, 5-0, to claim the regional title.

Last year, Charlevoix lost in the regional final to Standish-Sterling, 10-6.

"Last year we got cut short," Speigl said. "We have been putting in a lot of work during the off season, so this a really good opportunity for us."

Owen Waha had a strong showing on the mound in the second game. He struck out 10 and allowed three hits.

"My change up was working pretty well today," said Waha. "Last year we



Charlevoix won the Division 3 Regional at the Trojan Athletic Complex in Traverse City on Saturday.

weren't as big as we were are now."

The pitcher said his team was confident that they were going to walk away with the win.

"We are a good enough team to not feel like we are going to lose," Waha said. "We live by: They have to play us."

At the plate, Pearl knocked in two runs, while Speigl went 2 for 2 and had three stolen bases in the win.

On June 13, the Rayders will face Jackson Lumen Christi at the Drayton McLane Baseball Stadium at Michigan State University in East Lansing. On June 15, the winner will play the winner of Detroit Edison and Watervliet.

Charlevoix's coach Steve Speigl said the team is focusing on one game at a time.

"You can't get to game two, if you don't play game one," said Charlevoix's coach. "We are very excited to be heading down [to MSU]. It looks like we have Lumen Christi. We have another week of practice."

Charlevoix's record is now 29-10-1.



Charlevoix's varsity baseball team celebrates after being awarded the Division 3 Regional trophy.



Emmett Bergmann slides safely back to first base against Pinconning in the Division 3 Regional final at the Trojan Athletic Complex in Traverse City on Saturday.



Charlevoix's Troy Nickel attempts to turn a double play at second base.



Charlevoix's Max Reynolds lays down a bunt against Pinconning.



Charlevoix's Hunter Lemerand is congratulated after closing out the game against Pinconning.

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SOFTBALL

Ramblers fall in Regionals to state ranked Gladstone

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Anytime you lose to end the season it's a bad feeling. But for the Boyne City softball team it stung even worse Saturday when the Ramblers couldn't get their bats around enough to get the hits they needed and lost a 7-1 decision to state power Gladstone in the Division 3 regional semifinal.



Morgan Erickson



Natalie Grobaski

But, despite how badly everyone felt about bringing a close to a fine season, the Ramblers certainly had no reason to hang their heads afterward.

Gladstone, which will now face No. 4 Evart (34-4) in the state quarterfinals in Cadillac with a chance to reach the Final Four, is a team with all the necessary ingredients to go far in the tournament -- pitching, defense and hitting.

"We didn't quite play up to par as far as hitting the ball and getting girls on base," said Ramblers coach Josh Bush. "But, they battled.

"It was tough. Gladstone's pitcher was throwing 60-plus miles per hour, and she had a little bit of movement. She kept our girls off balance."

The Ramblers did gather up five hits, with Morgan Erickson, Sidney Bush, Lucy Uy, Katelyn Dittmar and Natalie Grobaski each managing to collected one apiece. Grobaski had the only run batted in.

Delaney Vollmer went out to the circle at the start of the game and worked three innings, allowing six runs (only two earned) on six hits while striking out six and walking three.

Bush finished the last three innings in relief and allowed one earned run on two hits, struck out two and walked one.

"We threatened a few times, had the bases loaded and a strike out on a high pitch ended it," Bush added. "Overall we played well. I think Gladstone was just a better team.

"That's just kind of how it works. I couldn't be more proud of the girls. They battled all year. I loaded their schedule with super tough teams and they competed just about every game."

It was just a case of the Ramblers unable to come up with the clutch hits at the right times, particularly with the bases loaded, to drive in runs.

Defensively, the Ramblers played a relatively good game, but committed three errors that unfortunately ended up costing them in the end.

Boyne City carried a four-game winning streak into the regionals and closes its season with a 20-18 record.

Central Lake – Ellsworth Track Teams had 10 Athletes Compete at the MHSAA State Finals

BY ROBERT DELONG

What a fantastic year for the Central Lake – Ellsworth, (CLE), track team in 2024! Just 10 days after the CLE girls' team won the Ski Valley Conference meet and the boys finished second in that same meet, 10 athletes qualified and competed in six different events at the MHSAA State Finals in held at the Baldwin Track and Field Complex in Hudsonville, Michigan.

Head coach Kathy Patton probably said it best, "Last year we had four kids qualify in two events and this year we had 10 kids in six events." Amazingly, five of the 10 athletes who qualified and ran in the state meet were freshman!

Sophomore Aspen Evans led the way for CLE as she placed second in the high jump with a leap of 5' 2", for a personal and school record, earning all 8 of the points for her team in the state meet. Evans was only 3" behind the winner of the high jump, Olivia Findley



Aspen Evans and Ruby Pletcher Photo credit: Robert DeLong

of Marlette, who is a senior.

Ruby Pletcher, just a freshman, incredibly, qualified in four events at the state meet! Pletcher was so close to placing in the top 10 in three individual events, (a Top 10 finish would have given her an "all state" recognition). In the 400 Meter Dash, Pletcher was just .47 seconds from the top 10; in the 100 Meter hurdles she missed by getting into the final heat by five spots and in the 300 Meter hurdles she

missed the podium by .57 of a second. Molly Brown, a junior from Addison won both hurdle events and Aidan Harrand, a senior from Buckley won the 400 Meter Dash.

Pletcher, along with sophomore Claire Shooks, and freshmen Pascal Wallis and Ellie White teamed up to qualify in both the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relays. The speedy young quartet finished 22 nd and 23 rd respectively in the state championship races, (less

than four seconds from placing), but they were the only team to have three freshmen runners as part of their squad.

Freshman Jayce Trupp did well in his best event, running a blistering 52.84 in the 400 Meter Dash, good for 14 th, less than a second from gaining "all state honors. Trupp was the only freshman runner of the 22 runners who qualified and ran in the event.

Trupp, who also anchored the 4 x 400 M Relay, along with seniors Iziah Potter, Patrick Puroll and Jurgen Griswold, and they set a school record of 3:40.79 finishing 18 th in the event, only a bit over three seconds from earning all-state honors.

Fowler, won both the girls and boys team events, but their team was littered with upperclassmen. As their youth matures, look out for Central Lake – Ellsworth in the coming years in track and field, not only in the Ski Valley Conference, but the MHSAA state meet as well.

MHSAA Regional Softball Tournament Results for local teams and Quarter-finals, semi-finals and Finals schedule

Division 2 Regional

- 6/8 Escanaba 8 vs. Freeland 4
- 6/9 Essexville Garber 1 vs. Gaylord 9
Regional Final Gaylord 12, Escanaba 2
- 6/11 Quarterfinal at Ferris State University, Big Rapids:
Gaylord vs. Muskegon Oakridge
Milan vs. Carleton Airport
St. Clair vs. North Branch
Hudsonville Unity Christian vs. Vicksburg

- 6/13 3:00pm - Semi Final at MSU-Secchia Softball Stadium
- 6/15 12:30pm - Final at MSU-Secchia Softball Stadium

Division 3 Regional

- 6/8 Houghton 2 vs. Grayling 9
- Boyne City 1 vs. Gladstone 7
- Gladstone 2 vs. Grayling 0

Division 4 Regional

- 6/8 Rudyard 1 vs. Hillman 12
- Inland Lakes 9 vs. Harbor Springs 3
- Regional Final Hillman 17, Inland Lakes 2
- 6/11 5:00pm - Quarterfinal at Pickford – Hillman vs. Hancock
- 6/14 3:00pm - Semi Final at MSU-Secchia Softball Stadium
- 6/15 5:30pm - Final at MSU-Secchia Softball Stadium

MHSAA Regional Baseball Tournament Schedule for local teams

Division 2 Regional

- 6/5 Petoskey 3, Escanaba 0
- 6/8 Regional Final – Petoskey 2, Saginaw Swan Valley 1
Quarterfinal – Spring Lake 11, Petoskey 5

Division 3 Regional

- 6/5 Charlevoix 10, Grayling 0
- 6/8 Regional Final – Charlevoix 12, Gladstone 1
Quarterfinal – Charlevoix 5, Pinconning 0
- 6/13 Semi-Final – Charlevoix vs. Jackson Lumen Christi – 9:00am at MSU-Drayton McLane Baseball Stadium - East Lansing

- 6/13 Semi-Final - Detroit Edison vs. Watervliet – 11:30am at MSU-Drayton McLane Baseball Stadium - East Lansing
- 6/15 Final – 9:00am at MSU-Drayton McLane Baseball Stadium - East Lansing

Division 4 Regional

- 6/5 4:30pm - Onaway 7, Alcona 2
Inland Lakes 8, East Jordan 5.
- 6/8 Regional Final – Onaway 3, Inland Lakes 1
Quarterfinal – Norway 7, Onaway 1

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Grayling	Edith Boik	Kayman McColley
Harbor Springs	Sophie Bamadyn Mckenzie Bowman Stefi Reskevics	Lizzie Bassett Lilly Barnadyn
St. Francis	Paisleigh Upshaw Riley Collins Grace Rowe Lillianna David Sidney Peters	Reese Muma Mary Kate Carroll Adrianna Spranger Betsy Skendzel

BASEBALL

Rayders plunder Vikings

BY TODD VANSICKLE

The Grayling varsity baseball team's playoff run in the MHSAA state tournament came to an end on June 5 when the Vikings lost to the Charlevoix Rayders, 0-10.

The game was supposed to be hosted by Boyne City, but wet and soggy field conditions prompted organizers to move the Division 3 semifinal regional game to Charlevoix's home field.

Charlevoix wasted no time getting on the board. The Rayders scored a run in the bottom of the first and

then five more in the second inning to take an early 6-0 lead.

Troy Nickel of the Rayders went 2 for 3 with two RBIs.

Owen Waha was the winning pitcher. He struck out five and walked none.

Brodie Gross was the starting pitcher for the Vikings. He went one and two-third innings. He struck out two and walked one.

The Vikings struggled at the plate and did not have any hits in the game.

The Vikings finish the season 10-23.

BASEBALL

Red Devils win Districts then fall to Inland Lakes

BY GREG GIELCZYK

It was just the kind of closely contested ball game you expect in a regional tournament, but it didn't end the way East Jordan's baseball team wanted.

A two-run sixth inning proved the difference as the Inland Lakes Bulldogs sent the Red Devils home with an 8-5 regional semifinal loss that effectively brought the curtain down on their season.

The Bulldogs jumped on the Red Devils for two runs in the top of the first inning, and held the lead until the bottom of the third when the Red Devils scored a pair to tie the game at 2-2.

Neither team scored in the fourth, but the Bulldogs scored three in the top of the fifth to take a 5-2



Lucas Stone takes a big cut at a pitch. In Motion Images

lead and added two more in the sixth to build its advantage to 7-2.

A single run in the seventh gave the Bulldogs a 9-2 lead, but the Red Devils didn't give up and came back with three runs

in the bottom half.

But it was three runs shy of what they needed.

"We played solid baseball against a good team," said East Jordan coach Adam Grybauskas. "It was great seeing our guys

battle back at the end, and never give up.

"We had some opportunities we did not capitalize on but still played well. It was a great season. I'm really proud of these guys and what they accomplished this season."

Grybauskas added that the Red Devils competed well in the Lake Michigan Conference and won a district championship, playing through a tough schedule and won 23 games. The team improved throughout the season.

East Jordan collected seven hits, with Lucas Stone driving in three runs. Korbyn Russell was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and Ryder Malpass also had two hits with a run batted in.

Also getting hits for the Red Devils were Elijah Burns and Hunter Cesaro.

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- Simple, reliable, and convenient starting procedure
- Fuel-efficient, low exhaust emission engine

STIHL GREAT FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

ASiM SYSTEM

GTA 26 BATTERY GARDEN PRUNER SET

With AS 2 battery and AL 1 charger

\$179.99 BES-SRP

- Versatile, handheld, high-power pruning tool
- LED battery indicator

GTA 26 EXTENSION GARDENING ACCESSORY

\$89.99 BES-SRP

- Increase the reach of the GTA 26 by nearly five feet
- Convert the GTA 26 to a pole pruner
- Long handle shaft as a second grip point
- Branch hook for removing loose branches

SAVE ON ALL STIHL GAS PRESSURE WASHERS

SAVE \$50*

RB 400 DIRT BOSS® HIGH PRESSURE WASHER

WAS \$849.99 BES-SRP
\$799.99

- High-power, commercial-grade engine delivers optimal performance

RE 90 PLUS ELECTRIC PRESSURE WASHER

\$219.99 BES-SRP

- Integrated pressurized hose reel
- Anti-twist couplings on high pressure hose

ASiM SYSTEM

HSA 26 BATTERY HANDHELD GARDEN SHEARS

With AS 2 battery and AL 1 charger

\$149.99 BES-SRP

- Lightweight construction, ergonomic design
- Two easily interchangeable blades
- Unparalleled precision and power

ASiM SYSTEM

SEA 20 BATTERY HANDHELD VACUUM

\$159.99 BES-SRP

With AS 2 battery and AL 1 charger

- Includes nozzle extension tube, flexible hose brush, and crevice nozzle
- Features battery level LED indicator

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