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East Jordan Garden Club's 23rd Annual Show

BY KAREN WALKER

The Jordan River Arts Center hosted the East Jordan Garden Club's 23rd annual flower show last Saturday, July 27th. This year's theme was "Planes, Trains & Automobiles." Organized by show chair Kim Prebble, the event showcased an array of floral artistry.

Lucy Lercel took home the Best of Show award as well as first place in both the Miniature and Herb categories. Other first-place winners included Rusty Hart in the Themed category, Linda O'Leary for the top Single Stem, Kim Prebble in the General category, and Agnes Clark in both the Edible Arrangements and Dried Flower categories.

The non-standard flower show attracted 47 entries, all judged by popular vote. The theme for next year's show, to be held in July, will be chosen at the club's next meeting, giving the members lots of time to come up with their entries.

Beyond the flower show, the Garden Club sponsors the East Jordan farmers market and engages in various service projects, such as maintaining the Post Office flower box, collecting mittens, hats, and other cold-weather apparel for the East Jordan Care & Share food pantry during the holidays and contributes to a scholarship fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The club meets the third Monday of every month



The Best of Show winner, Lucy Lercel.

from March through November at 1:30 p.m. at the East Jordan Senior Center. New members are always

welcome to join and contribute to the organization's ongoing efforts.

Boyne Falls Polish Festival Schedule Of Events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

LOCAL'S NIGHT

4-9pm: Hudson Township Hall Bingo
5pm: Concessions Open
5pm: Local's Night in Polka Tent Opens
6pm: Car Show
12:30am: Polka Tent Closes

Bands

Everyone's favorite 1950's & 60's band, **Motor City Memories**, is back in the Polka Tent from 6:00-9:00pm. And back by popular demand... the local Classic Rock band, **Derailed**, from 9:00-12:00am.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

YOUTH DAY

11am-6pm: FREE Youth Day Games and activities
11am: Polka Tent Opens
Music begins at Noon
11am: Concessions Open
1pm: Youth Bike Parade
1pm-6pm: Boyne Valley History Exhibit located in the Township Hall next to the Polka Tent
2pm: Bump-N-Run Pits Open
4-9pm: Hudson Township Hall Bingo
6pm: Bump-N-Run Green Flag Drops
1am: Polka Tent Closes

Bands

The Mix Polka Band | The Natural Talent | Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds | Country Concert presenting Nashville singer/songwriter, Conner Sweet

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

FAMILY DAY

8am: The Galloping Golabki 5k presented by the Logger Enrichment Organization
11am: Polka Tent Opens - Music begins at Noon
11am: Concessions Open
11am: Grand Royale Parade
11am: Methodist Church Bake Sale During The Parade
12-6pm: Bounce House Mania! (set up next to Polka Tent)
12-9pm: Hudson Township Hall Bingo
12-6pm: Boyne Valley History Exhibit located in the Township Hall next to the Polka Tent
12:30pm: Recognition of Royalty, Parade winners & more at the Polka Tent
2:30pm: Cornhole Tournament Registration
3:00pm: Cornhole Tournament Starts
1:00am: Polka Tent Closes

Bands

Maroszek Brothers | The Natural Talent | New Generation | Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

FAMILY DAY

9am: Mass celebrated under the Polka Tent
11am: Concessions Open
11am-5pm: Boyne Valley History Exhibit located in the Township Hall next to the Polka Tent
12-4pm: Hudson Township Hall Bingo
12pm: Polka Tent Opens
12pm: 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run
10pm: Concessions Close
11pm: Polka Tent Closes

Bands

Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds | Vertigo (Classic Rock/Country)

*Band Line-up Subject to Change

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DISCOVER TREASURES AT THE "ART FROM THE ATTIC" SALE!

CHARLEVOIX — Charlevoix Circle of Arts is excited to announce the "Art from the Attic" Sale and fundraiser, taking place on Saturday, August 10, from 11 am to 3 pm, and Monday through Thursday, August 12-15, from 11 am to 4 pm. Join us in the lower level at Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Street, in downtown Charlevoix, for this unique event.

This sale offers a variety of donated art pieces, including paintings, sculptures, ceramics, and photographs, generously contributed by local artists and collectors. It's a great opportunity to find hidden gems at affordable prices.

As a nonprofit, Charlevoix Circle of Arts relies on community support.



Proceeds from the sale will fund our art programs, support local artists, and enhance our community outreach efforts. Attending "Art from the Attic" means directly contributing to the growth of arts in our area.

"We're thrilled to host 'Art from the Attic,' where

art enthusiasts can discover unique pieces while supporting our arts community," says Sarah Matye, Executive Director of Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

Don't miss this chance to uncover artistic treasures and support the vibrant arts scene in Charlevoix.

For more information, visit www.charlevoixcircle.org or contact us at (231) 547-3554 or info@charlevoix-circle.org.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts is a nonprofit organization that's mission is to cultivate a more inspired and educated community through the arts.

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Diane Jean Wilber, 80

Sept. 25, 1943–July 23, 2024
ELLSWORTH

Diane Jean Wilber of Ellsworth passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at The Brook in Boyne City.

Born in Durand, Michigan on September 25, 1943, she was the daughter of Melvin and Lelah (Pritch) Kieffer. On September 13, 2002, Diane and Daniel F. Wilber were married and have made their home in Ellsworth ever since.

Diane enjoyed gardening and working around her yard. She and Dan enjoyed their travels around Michigan and trips to Texas to visit family. Easy to talk to and loved by all, Diane was often thought of as a “second mom” to those around her.

She is survived by Dan, her husband of almost 20 years; her children, Jacqueline (William) Marlowe of Boyne City, Stephen Postleware of Arlington, TX, and Bradley (Shelly) Postleware of Midlothian, TX; grandchildren, Hayden Marlowe, Gavin Marlowe, Grace Postleware, David Postleware, Gabby Postleware, and Bailey Postleware; and a sister, Nancy Sewell of Boyne City. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Leonard Kieffer.

In keeping with her wishes, her family will remember her privately. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on the guestbook at www.Gaylordfuneralhome.com

Walny of Clinton Township and David (Lisa) Petrich of Olympia, Washington; five grandchildren, Christen (Daniel) Graham of Olympia, Washington, Zachary (Katie) Raines of Sterling Heights, Justin (Elizabeth) Petrich of Olympia, Washington, Jacob (Ally) Walny of Lansing and Austin Petrich of Olympia, Washington; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Patricia Purdy.

No services are scheduled at this time. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan. Memorials may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727 or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home of East Jordan



Michael S. Stachurski, 75

Aug. 11, 1948–July 29, 2024
BOYNE CITY

Michael S. Stachurski of Boyne City passed away Monday, July 29, 2024 at McLaren Northern Michigan. The family will remember him privately.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on his guestbook at www.Gaylordfuneralhome.com



Marlene Mae (Moyer) Groh, 88

May 24, 1936 - July 29, 2024
BOYNE CITY/CHARLEVOIX

Marlene Moyer Jenkins Groh, 84 years, left this world on the wings of her savior on July 29, 2024, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix, Michigan.

Marlene was born on May 24, 1936, to Harold and Zada (Gardner) Moyer. She was the fifth of nine children. Marlene graduated from Boyne City High School in June of 1955.

After she graduated, she married Mike Jenkins, and they were blessed with three wonderful children, Delores, Steven and Douglas.

On June 18, 1977, she married Floyd Groh who preceded her in death after 14 years of marriage.

Marlene was an avid reader and loved doing crafts and cooking and baking her

own bread and sweets. She always loved good meals for whoever visited her. They never went away hungry.

Marlene loved to go fishing and mushrooming. Also went blackberry and raspberry picking wild ones. They were made into jelly and jams. She had a large garden and canned all her vegetables and fruits plus pickles.

Marlene was preceded in death by her husband Mike Jenkins; her husband Floyd Groh; her children Delores and Douglas Jenkins; parents Harold and Zada; her brothers Leroy Moyer of Boyne City, Raymond Moyer of Alanson, Michigan, and Erwin Moyer of Boyne City; her sisters Clarabell Evans of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Shirley Griffin of Boyne City, Mildred Moyer of Boyne City, and Doris Ann Stillborn; and friend and doctor of 33 years Dr. John Lignells.

She is survived by one son Steven (Jackie) Jenkins of Boyne, Falls, Michigan; one brother Edward (Nancy) Moyer; son-in-law Walter Kroush of Boyne City; Step-son Floyd (Sharon) Anderson; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; 7 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; Phyliss Pider of Charlevoix, Michigan; Geneiva Kniat and Sally Gilmore; her great friend Darlene DeNike; her dear friend Raymond Weislerof of Ellsworth, Michigan. She loved her family, grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

A funeral for Marlene will be officiated by Pastor Lee Ecker at Stackus Funeral Home on August 1, 2024, at 11:00 AM. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM and burial will be in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City following the service.



Alvin ‘AI’ K. Bennett, 70

Aug. 13, 1953 – July 23, 2024
CHARLEVOIX

Alvin ‘AI’ K. Bennett of Charlevoix died July 23, 2024 at Boulder Park Terrace Assisted Living.

Al was born on August 13, 1953, the son of Gordon and Ina (Wickham) Bennett. He attended Pellston public schools and graduated in 1971.

In 1975, Al welcomed the birth of his daughter, Melissa Kay Bennett. She was the world to Al. Tragically she preceded him in death in 1993 at age 18.

He worked as a meat cutter for most of his life, first at Kroger, then Giantway Supermarket, and eventually Olesons.

He retired as the meat manager of Olesons. Al supported the local 4H

programs and tried to source local meats whenever possible.

Al adored the outdoors and all the beauty and abundance it offered. He loved hunting and fishing the most, and looked forward to the annual fishing weekend and trips to the hunting camp in Millersburg where he enjoyed many family gatherings. He shared his love of hunting with his brother, brothers-in-law, and nephews.

He was a talented carpenter and liked doing projects on his home and around his property. Sometimes just driving around the yard in his tractor was all it took to keep him happy. Al also enjoyed the art of taxidermy and had several pieces displayed in his home.

Al is survived by his siblings, Thelma (Don Bauer) Jurek of Pellston, Dale (Patty) Bennett of Florida, Kathy Bennett of Indian River, and Sheila (Jim) Melke of Charlevoix; several nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

He is preceded in death by his beloved daughter Melissa; sisters, Ruby Lechowitz and Rita Yarch; brothers-in-law Eugene Jurek, Norbert Lechowitz, and Pete Yarch; his parents Ina and Gordon Bennett; and his grandparents.

Al will be laid to rest at the Littlefield Township Cemetery in Alanson. There are no services planned at this time.

If you wish to make a charitable donation in his memory, please consider Karmanos Cancer Institute. Al’s family is extremely grateful for the wonderful care he received there. (karmanos.org or 4100 John R, Detroit, Michigan 48201) Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home, Petoskey.



Robert David ‘Vito’ Ladd, 35

Aug. 2, 1988 – July 26, 2024
CHARLEVOIX

Robert David ‘Vito’ Ladd of Charlevoix passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 26, 2024. He was born on August 2, 1988, in Petoskey, the son of David Ladd and Jane Thelen.

Bobby was a larger-than-life man with a larger-than-life heart of gold. He loved everyone he met and was the first to show up if someone needed help. There was nothing more important to him than his family and spending time with them. He enjoyed riding his Harley, sitting around a bonfire with a cold beer, and playing videogames with his nephews. He taught himself how to play guitar and was a very good singer –

depending on who you asked. Bobby’s passing will leave a massive hole in the lives of his family, friends, and all those who knew him.

Bobby is survived by his parents, Jane Thelen and David Ladd; his brothers, Ryan (Andrea) Thelen of Charlevoix, Nicholas Thelen of Jackson, and Jimmy & Bill Shively; his step-sisters, Hailey Ladd and Heather Ladd; his paternal grandfather, Robert Ladd; many aunts and uncles; his special nephews Logyn and Tristin, as well as several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Robert and Ann Thelen; and his paternal grandmother, Judy Ladd.

A celebration of Bobby’s life will begin at noon on Saturday, August 3, at his brother Ryan’s house, 9170 Shrigley Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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



Charles ‘Chuck’ Schmidt, 80

Aug. 28, 1943 – July 25, 2024
CHARLEVOIX

Charles Schmidt passed away on July 25th. He was born in Detroit on August 28, 1943. To those who knew and loved him, he was simply Chuck.

In 1958, his family moved from Detroit to New Baltimore where he attended the Anchor Bay school system. After high school Chuck worked in the trades for some time having apprenticed under his dad Gus.

For a few years he worked in local law enforcement. Eventually, opportunity came knocking and he was hired to open up and manage Macomb County’s first Humane Society operation where he learned how to manage a business which served him in his later years. After he left the Humane Society, he worked as a precision welder for some time then found himself working at Frank’s Nursery. While at the Nursery, he became the shop’s Union Steward. Though he never was a fan of unions, he was able to successfully perform his duties, resolving differences and settling disputes to the satisfaction of both Labor and Management.

An on-the-job injury caused him to have to leave Frank’s, but his legacy remained. He later moved to Beaver Island where he became the manager of the Island’s Transfer Station. During his tenure there, Beaver Island’s Transfer Station became a model for efficiency copied

by smaller communities not only in Michigan but neighboring states as well.

Throughout his life he was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing which he did with a great zeal all over the Midwest. For a brief period he took up Competition Archery. As with most things he undertook, he was very successful at that. His love of fishing never diminished but he eventually did stop hunting. He then discovered golf. His passion for the game soared and he played whenever and wherever he could for as long as he could.

During his lifetime, Chuck was married three times. His second marriage produced his son Jeff.

Chuck loved children. He was intolerant of bullying or any kind of abuse or neglect, especially of kids. He was a protector by nature but his sometimes-gruff nature made him hard to get to know. As a friend, he would do anything he could to help when asked. You could disagree with him but that didn’t mean you weren’t still friends.

Chuck’s retirement years were spent living in Charlevoix where he continued playing golf and, for a time, delivered Meals On Wheels. He is survived by his son Jeff; His three grandchildren, Francesca, Mason, and Dylan; His brother Stephen, and his sister Claudia.

Chuck’s family has chosen to celebrate his life privately.

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



Paul Nowak, 90

April 25, 1934 - July 25, 2024
CHARLEVOIX

Paul Nowak was born to Barbara and Gus Nowak and grew up in Highland Park and Detroit.

He graduated from Redford High School and continued his education at Highland Park Junior College and Wayne State University, earning a master’s degree in science education. He taught for the Detroit school system for several years. He continued his education at the University of Michigan, where he completed a PhD at the School of Natural Resources. During this time, he met and married Joan Louise Fryzel, the love of his life for 62 years. Together, they raised two children, Patricia Ann and Paul Franz. The family relocated to Carbondale, Illinois, where Paul taught at

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An artist works on a painting during the show. Photo by Michael Murphy IV Photography

Charlevoix Arts & crafts show draws national artists

Charlevoix features eclectic art pieces

BY KATE DELANEY

Wooden flowers and copper sprinklers may not often sit next to one another, but those and many other creations found a home this year at the Charlevoix Arts & Crafts show.

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual show at East Park and brought 85 vendors for the weekend of July 13 and 14.

Artists creations ranged from paintings and digital art to wood creations, clothing embroidery and Petoskey Stone art. Caitlin Cole, Charlevoix Chamber Events Coordinator, said. Several of the artists painted pictures during the show. Cole added that there was a larger crowd on July 14 due to the Boyne Thunder festivities happening in the area at the same time. The event drew a mixture of kids and adults of all ages.

While many vendors came from different areas in Michigan, like Traverse City and Grand Rapids, others traveled much further. Cole said that some of the crafters began their routes in the spring around Florida and Arizona and then worked their way up to

Michigan to finish for the summer.

“There’s a lot of unique jewelry—a wide range of old, modern, vintage,” Cole said. “There’s some new styles, like with the clay polymer that’s really in right now.”

Nicole Vanover is one such artist who has focused primarily on polymer clay products.

Fern and Co. is a small, local business founded in 2015 by Vanover with the inspiration she had drawn from the unique aspects of Michigan and the Great Lakes.

Expressing creativity in different directions has been a driving force for her.

“I’ve always just been really interested in the arts, and I was just encouraged by some of the people who are close to me to share that with others, Vanover said. “And so, I decided to take a leap, and it’s been a really fun little adventure.”

Vanover’s process involves hand-baking her own clay before using it to form various types of dangle earrings and studs. While her personal style leans towards minimalism, she often has created

designs that are quite the opposite.

One thing she has noticed while participating in the Charlevoix Shows is a lack of negativity coming from the vendors. Every year, Vanover has found herself placed by an artist who is producing a much different product than her.

Cole said that she likes to mingle the vendors styles so that they don’t need to compete against one another for sales.

Vanover added that it’s not her goal at shows to make people stopping by her table feel like they need to make a purchase.

“If people want to look, if people want to gain inspiration, if people want to just speak with me about their interest in doing my particular craft, I’m very open about giving them tips and tricks and things to grow that,” Vanover said. “Because it’s important for me that people connect with what they’re buying or connect with the process of it more so [than] just making a purchase.”

Another art show is scheduled to take place in East Park during Charlevoix’s Apple Festival on October 11–13.

COMMUNITY LEADER

AMANDA LOPER

WHEN I AM NOT WORKING, I AM VOLUNTEERING

BY JOHN KEYSER

Mitchell Klooster recommended that I highlight Amanda Loper, the Principal of Boyne Falls Public School and a dedicated volunteer in our community.

Amanda and her husband Jeremy grew up in Boyne Falls and were high school sweethearts.

The Lopers have a daughter, Elleana, a sophomore at BFPS who is active in sports. Their son, Brendan, is starting 6th grade and is excited about being able to play football and basketball.

Graduating from Boyne Falls is a family tradition. Amanda, her mom, and her grandmother all graduated from Boyne Falls Public School.

After high school, Amanda enrolled at North Central Michigan College (NCMC) and thoroughly enjoyed her experience there. She appreciated the professors’ efforts to connect with and understand their students.

Upon completing her studies at NCMC, Amanda pursued a degree in Elementary Education, majoring in Science and minoring in Language Arts at Central Michigan University.

Afterwards, Amanda obtained her Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Grand Valley State University.

Before returning home to her roots as the principal at Boyne Falls Public School this past year, she taught for 17 years in Boyne City and managed a successful after-school program for many years.

I hardly know how to list Amanda’s leadership and contributions to our community, children, and residents.

Simply, they are endless. She says, “When I’m not working, I’m volunteering.”



The Loper Family

For the last twenty years, Amanda has been very involved with the Boyne Falls Polish Festival.

Her husband, Jeremy, is the festival’s president. Amanda loves the Polish Festival, which serves as a homecoming for many with Boyne Falls roots. This past spring, Amanda helped with a Polish Cultural Club at the school, where students learned about Poland, how to polka dance, and sampled several Polish dishes. Amanda enjoys helping the next generation learn about Polish heritage.

As the class advisor for the Class of 2027, Amanda helps the students learn to set goals, track progress, and emphasizes the importance of volunteering and giving back to our community throughout their lives. Amanda believes in the mantra “teamwork makes the dream work” and instills this principle in the students.

Another important principle guiding Amanda’s life is to make people smile.

This past year, she reintroduced Christmas Caroling around the Boyne Falls area, bringing students and families together to showcase community pride.

Amanda and her family enjoy spending their free time at their fishing resort, States Side Resort in Barbeau, located in the U.P.

They love helping people relax and spend time on the water while being able to fish. The Lopers are committed to continuing the tradition of the resort by assisting families in creating lifelong memories, much like the ones they have cherished with their own family.

Amanda feels very fortunate to have grown up in northern Michigan, where we look out for each other – when someone is in need, we step up.

I loved my conversation with Amanda. She is always eager to volunteer, help out as she can, and encourage others to do so. She has great values and is a highly effective leader.

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Friday night groups will be: The Foresters, from Nashville, TN, The Maendel Family from Petoskey, The Thurstons from Holt, MI, Gloria Lynne from Atlanta, MI, and The Paul Family Blue Grass band from western UP in Michigan.

Saturday night groups will be: Souls Harbor, The Maendel Family, Chosen, The Thurstons, and The Walkers, all from Michigan.

Each night ends with all the groups on stage singing together. This is a highlight for many.



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Helpful Leadership Principles

BY JOHN KEYSER

Here are leadership principles to keep in mind, always!

- A secret to success is always being 15 minutes early.
- Have regular one-on-one conversations with our team members.
- Ask lots of questions. Questions are our best friends.
- I am powerful when I am clear.
- Slow down conversations through the use of silence to allow insight.
- To listen to someone



John Keyser

with an open mind to understand and learn is a gift.

- Take notes.
- Be curious.
- Be a life-long learner.

- Volunteer in our community.
- We never really lose until we quit trying.
- Whether we think we can or we can't, we are right.
- Treat others with kindness. Kindness is motivating.
- Accept blame, share credit.
- Humility is the foundation of growth.

God gives us the weather; what we do with it is up to us. (a favorite) Are these all? Certainly not, though they do convey that a leader

always treats others respectfully and is selfless herself – a servant leader.

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.

Reminder: Trauma Doesn't Take a Vacation

BY ALISON NEIHARDT LPC

Your family has planned a wonderful vacation. You have worked hard to plan something fun for your family. Where is a big fancy vacation like Disney or a simple family camping trip, your family needs time together. Well, trauma comes along for the ride.

Trauma doesn't take a vacation. Trauma triggers and behaviors still happen while on vacation. As a matter of fact, they may even be worse. The reason being is that routines are different. Also, your child is an unfamiliar place. Children thrive on routine and structure.

When you are on vacation try your best to have the same routine as you would at home this includes mealtimes and bedtime. Let your child pick things they would like to do as well. Have some down time on your vacation. Let them rest when needed. Even if



Alison Neihardt LPC

it isn't the "plan." After all, part of a vacation is resting and relaxing.

Set appropriate boundaries with your child. Have safety plans in place for your child.

Talk to your children about strangers and staying together as a family. Remind them to not to go off by themselves, this applies to even teens.

Also, talk to them about the people you are visiting. Even if it is family, it is okay to set boundaries. It is okay to say no. Maybe have a key word or exit strategy for your kids or

family when they feel overwhelmed.

Kids don't want to hurt other people's feelings so they may hide how they truly feel.

Maybe they don't want all the attention and cuddling from family. Talk to your family before you visit to set boundaries with them to help your child feel more comfortable.

Make yourself available to your child if they need to talk just like you would at home.

Provide some calming activities for your child when they need a break. Make a calming kit to take with you. Take a bag and put quite activities in it for your child to do when there is downtime, things like books, coloring, simple crafts, fidgets, music, puzzles and so on. Don't rely just on electronic devices to occupy your child.

Remember trauma triggers can be anywhere, even on vacation. So, if your

child seems to be struggling try not to get frustrated. Try to talk to them and observe what is happening around you to see what may be upsetting your child. It could very well be a sensory issue. Too much of a good thing. Too many people. Too much activity for your child.

Check in with your child periodically to see how they are feeling. If they are feeling overwhelmed take a break. If they are bored, then figure out something for them to do to get them up and moving. Maybe they need a rest or a nap. Vacations can be tiring.

A vacation needs to be a family time full of fun memories for you and your children.

There are things you can do as a parent to prepare your child and help them with their trauma should the need arise. Be prepared to help your child with their trauma issues even on vacation.

ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

When Life Gives You Lemons

Dear Readers, last time, I shared about finding miracles in ordinary moments and how to pivot quickly when life throws you a curveball—like making lemonade out of lemons. Well, last week, I was given a firsthand opportunity to practice what I preach.

After 17 years of building a company I loved, I learned they were moving in a new direction and no longer required my services. It was a financial blow, and it hurt deeply. This business was my career love and our family's main source of income and retirement plan. There were tears, sleepless nights, and sadness. But amidst all that, I felt a peace and confidence that this wasn't happening to me; it was happening for me. I even heard a small whisper saying, "Just wait until you see what I do next."

I spent the first week meeting with CEOs from other companies and listening to numerous calls, but nothing felt like home. Then, a phone call with another leader in our industry changed everything. I'm now helping to build another startup, much like I did 17 years ago, and I have a strong feeling it will be even more successful than



Laura Jasurda

the last. This experience reminds me of a baby bird that gets comfortable in its nest, not realizing it's meant to soar. As I take this leap into a new chapter, I'm ready to spread my wings and soar higher than ever. And so can you. Whatever challenges or changes you face, remember that sometimes, the universe has something even greater in store.

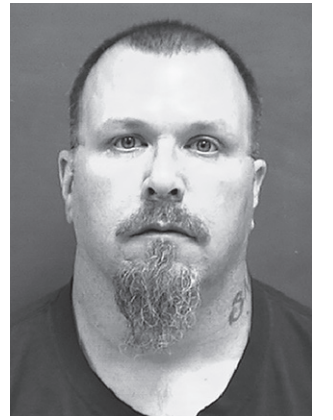
Laura Jasurda is not just a writer and columnist; she's also a certified John Maxwell Leadership Trainer and Mentor, as well as a highly accomplished global business development executive and entrepreneur. Her passion lies in spreading positivity, nurturing personal growth, and fortifying our community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

Boyne City man sentenced to 36 years in prison for First Degree CSC Charge

On July 26th, 2024 Defendant Jessie James Wisdom of Boyne City was sentenced after having been convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct, First Degree. The information uncovered during the investigation showed that Wisdom had abused five children over an extensive period, three of whom testified during the case. Wisdom was sentenced to serve a minimum of 36 1/2 years in prison at which time the Parole Board will make a determination of whether he is to be released. Because of Truth in Sentencing, that 36 1/2 years means exactly what it states.

Speaking about this case, conviction, and sentence, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Christopher "Kit" Tholen said "The sexual abuse of children is evil and those who perpetrate it need to be removed from society. This defendant committed countless sexual assaults on at least five vulnerable children leaving significant emotional scars.

The laws in Michigan do not allow for life without parole for child sexual abuse—no matter how extensive the behavior—and this 36 1/2 year sentence is a significant departure above the sentencing guidelines that have been



Jessie James Wisdom

established. I am pleased with this sentence because it ensures that the children of our community will be protected from him for, hopefully, the rest of his life."

Tholen continued "The victims who spoke out did so for a range of reasons but much of their strength was found in seeking to protect other children from the same behavior. While they will not be named here, they and others like them who have brought to light what was done in the dark deserve the deepest gratitude of our community for protecting other children from abuse. If you have remained silent about sexual abuse, please seek support and speak with that support about speaking with police. We will support you and walk with you through the process of seeking justice."

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Frederick Herbert Looze

The Veteran of the month for August 2024 is Frederick Herbert Looze. Born November 12, 1932 in Evangeline Township, Charlevoix County, to parents Perry and Frances Gould Looze.

Living in the Township his entire life, Fred graduated from Boyne City High School in 1950. He then attended Michigan State University for one year, graduating with a degree in Agriculture. He then worked for Consumers Power Company in Traverse City for a short time as Office Assistant.

On November 18, 1952 in Detroit Michigan, he was inducted into the United States Army. After receiving Basic and Advanced Infantry Training, he was then sent to the Korean Theater of Operations and assigned to HQ. Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment. Being in country for 1 year, 1 month, 5 days, Tech Sgt Looze returned to the United States. On November 17, 1954 at Fort Carson Colorado, Fred was given an Honorable Discharge and awarded the Korean Service Medal



with 1 Bronze Star; United Nations Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal.

On August 24, 1956 in Boyne City Michigan, he married Shirley Hampton. Fred began working at Boyne Products in 1955, which went through several name changes ending with United Technologies, ending 35 years service when the plant closed.

He was a member of the Boyne City Lions Club; The American Legion Post #228 in Boyne City, and the Monday night



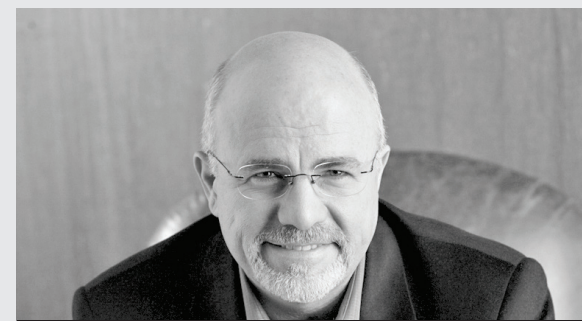
Frederick Herbert Looze

Business-men's Bowling League.

Fred loved bowling; golfing; hunting; fishing; and camping with family and friends. He was also an avid gardener at his

homestead in Evangeline Township.

On July 13, 1991, Tech SGT Frederick Herbert Looze answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Shirley, and family.



DAVE

Says...

By Dave Ramsey

It Gets Easier, and More Accurate, Over Time

Dave, Recently, I began running my farm operation debt-free. I have 350 acres, and all the varying expenses often makes it difficult to budget correctly. I also have about \$240,000 in debt from bad financial decisions in the past. Do you have any suggestions for budgeting in a volatile industry like mine?

—Thomas

Thomas,

First, you want to set up a separate budget and run a profit and loss statement. You'll want to estimate the income for the year as best you can, and you'll need to estimate your expenses item by item and category by category for the year. After that, you'll want to break it down by month. This is called laying out a business pro forma—a business budget.

Next, you've got two goals to work toward with your profits. By profits, I mean after you've paid household expenses. That includes a living wage, enough to operate, keep food on the table, the lights on and that sort of thing. After basic living expenses are out of the way, your net profit in the business should be divided between retained earnings—or savings—and debt reduction. The idea is that you're going to put the

lion's share toward paying off debt for now. Still, you need to have something set aside for a rainy day. In your case, that could be taken literally.

Keep in mind that in business, retained earnings are used for more than just emergencies. They're also for buying more land, equipment and anything else that'll grow your operation. But you always want a pad in there. What if you have an unusual year, and your budget estimates are way off? It could be unexpected expenditures, or the fact you simply had a bad year. In business, that's an emergency, and you'd take that out of retained earnings.

Doing a budget, whether it's in business or personal finance, gets easier and more accurate with time and practice. You won't get everything right the first couple of tries, but with a little time and experience your budgeting skills and estimates will become more accurate.

I hope this helps, Thomas. Thanks for all your hard work!

—Dave

Leadership and small-business expert Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored eight national bestselling books, including *EntreLeadership*, and is a host of *The Ramsey Show* and *The EntreLeadership Podcast*.

Michigan's Chief Medical Executive To Speak at NCMC on August 8

Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, Michigan's chief medical executive, will provide an overview of the state of public health in Michigan at North Central Michigan College on Thursday, August 8.

Her presentation is part of the college's Luncheon Lecture series and is underwritten in part by Friends of HDNW, a non-profit organization supporting the mission of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Dr. Bagdasarian provides overall medical guidance for the State of Michigan. She will discuss several pressing public health issues in our state: the COVID-19 pandemic, the opioid crisis, maternal and infant health, and vaccines for preventable diseases and sexually transmitted infections.

Prior to her current post Dr. Bagdasarian oversaw the SARS-CoV-2 testing strategy for the state and helped bring rapid testing



Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian

technologies to vulnerable populations.

The Luncheon Lecture will take place at noon in the college's Library Conference Center on Howard Street in Petoskey. Cost is \$15 and includes a buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m.

To register, go to <https://www.ncmclifelonglearning.com/events>. To purchase multiple tickets, contact: Cathy Degnan at 231-439-6378 or email cdegan@ncmich.edu. To view all of NCMC's lifelong learning events go to www.ncmclifelonglearning.com.

ADULT PROGRAMMING:

Jazz @ The Library (JATL)
Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Grandma Geri's Children's Garden
(Please bring your own chair)

The talented Jazz at the Library trio, Andy Evans on bass, Jon Lindeneau on drums, and Steve Stargardt on keys, will be performing with special guests throughout the summer.

In inclement weather, the concerts take place in the Community Room.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- August 7: Rick Stewart on Trumpet & Vocals, Mike Hunter on Trombone, & Bill Sears on Sax
- August 14: Nancy Stagnitta on Flute
- August 21: Family and Friends

SummerFolk Concert Series:

Jessica Dominic
Monday, August 12 • 6:30 pm
(second Monday of the month)
In our Children's Garden
(In Our Community Room if Rain)

Jessica is a soulful singer/songwriter who enjoys performing both original and great covers with a blend of power and beauty in her voice.

Tech Class:

Let's Answer Your Tech Device Questions!
Thursday, August 15 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Community Room
Registration Required

Still confused by your iPhone, iPad, Android phone, laptop, or tablet? Come to the experts for an all-questions answered afternoon and let's solve it together.

Space is limited, registration is required.

BookTalkers:
A Fever in the Heartland
by Timothy Egan
Monday, August 19 • 6:00 pm
Armstrong Conference Room
Registration Required

Centered in Indiana, this historical thriller by the award-winning author Timothy Egan tells the riveting story of the Ku Klux Klan's rise to power in the 1920s, the cunning con man who drove that rise, and the woman who stopped them.



Book By Book: Summer Reading Challenge for Adults!
June 3 - August 31

Why let kids have all the fun? CPL is here to help grown-ups with the best reading challenge around, just for you! Read or listen to five books between June 3rd and August 31st, submit a completed "I read this!" form (available at the library) and be entered to win amazing prizes, including local gift certificates, fantastic bookish treasure, or a new Amazon Fire Tablet! Winners will be chosen from completed entries in a random drawing on Friday, September 6th at 3:00 pm. You need not be present to win. Enjoy your summer, BOOK BY BOOK.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

Big Trucks Day
Friday, August 2 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Library Parking Lot

The library will be hosting a variety of fun trucks and emergency vehicles for children and families to experience, rain or shine! Our parking lot will be closed during this event to allow freedom to browse and chat with the operators of these incredible machines. As a special treat, the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club will be serving free hot dogs! No registration required. For all ages.

Read with Gemme
Saturday, August 3 • 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Youth Department

Reading to a therapy dog is a great way to practice your reading skills while spending time with an adorable pup! Kids can practice reading to Gemme, a sweet Golden Retriever therapy dog, and her owner Karen in the Youth Department. Call the Youth Services desk at 231-237-7350 to schedule a 15-minute reading session with Gemme and Karen!

Crafternoon for Kids:

DIY Suncatchers
Monday, August 5 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Youth Activity Center

Stop by the Youth Activity Center between 2pm-4pm to create unique and fun coffee filter planets to take home! No registration required. Recommended for ages 6 & up. While supplies last.

CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Legos @ the Library

Tuesdays, August 6 & August 20
1:00 – 3:00pm

Ages 6 and up • Youth Activity Center

Get creative in the Youth Activity Center with other Lego fans! Legos and Duplos will be provided. You can add to your creation each time or make something entirely new! This is a drop-in activity; no registration is required. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Teen Time: Reinvented Art

Thursday, August 15 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Teen Lounge

Join us in the Teen Lounge and put your creative minds to work! Choose from our selection of thrifted art pieces and paint in elements to make it more fun and personalized! For teens ages 13 and up. No registration required.

Story Time at the Farmers Market

Thursday, August 8 • 10:30-11:00 am
All Ages • Odmark Pavilion at East Park

Join our community at the Charlevoix Farmers Market for delicious food, local vendors, and library fun! The Charlevoix Public Library will host a booth during the market from 9am to 1pm – join us for bookish crafts and keep an eye out for great prizes from the CPL Book Peddler! A fun, interactive story time will take place at 10:30am at the Odmark Pavilion. No registration required.

Story Time in the Garden

Thursdays: August 1, August 15,
August 22, August 29
10:30 - 11:00 am

Birth to 6 years • Children's Garden

Join us every Thursday for Story Time in the Garden! Gather with new friends as we read stories, shake our sillies out, sing, dance, and have tons of fun! In the event of inclement weather, story time will take place in the Community Room. Recommended for ages 0-6 years old. No registration required. Please note – story time on August 8 will take place at the Charlevoix Farmers Market.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Charlevoix Public Library at 231-237-7340 or email us at reference@charlevoixlibrary.org and visit our website at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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2024 ANTRIM COUNTY FAIR



YOUNG TIMER – Rolland Kotz, of Bellaire, pets goats at the Antrim County Fair Saturday. Kotz said being at the fair reminded him of the tough and trying times his family faced when he was a young child. “We raised goats and cows and other farm animals for food,” he said, adding that he was happy to see kids learning about farming at the fair.



A team of horses pulls weight at the Antrim County Fair in Bellaire Saturday night. Kevin “Doc” Todd, of Reed City, entered four Belgian teams into this year’s event. “The horses are bred to pull,” he explained, adding that when the horses no longer want to pull, they will quit. Todd said the horses are treated with the best care every day. “They have fresh bedding and are fed and washed daily.” His team of Tom and Cruise took first place.



MEET DALLAS – Parker Ducharme, 13, of East Jordan, holds her 10 week old Rex rabbit at the Antrim County Fair in Bellaire on Saturday. Parker said she has raised Dallas since his birth, and she enjoys the learning experience being involved with the fair. She hopes to show cows next year.



TOUGH DECISION – Catherine Coe, of Boyne City, takes another taste of a pie at the Antrim County Fair Saturday, where she served as the pie contest judge. Entered were a lemon custard and sour cherry pie, triple berry pie, and a peach blueberry pie. “This is a tough decision to make,” Coe said, while taking another bite. “I’ve had to taste multiple times to make a decision,” she laughed. Bobby Jo Pyle’s triple berry pie was awarded first place.

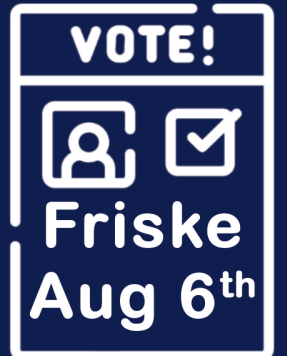


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JOANIE MOORE

Left: Owen Ducharme, 10, of East Jordan, holds his Blue Swedish Ducks at the Antrim County Fair Saturday. Owen said he also raises dogs, ferrets, a lizard, snake, cat and chickens. “It’s pretty fun” being in the county fair, he said. Owen won two Grand Champion Showmanship and Market ribbons, and said he hopes to enter cows next year.

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Gov. Whitmer Signs Historic FY25 Education Budget

LANSING — Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the \$23 billion education budget for fiscal year 2025 that continues record investments in education, from preschool to postsecondary, and supports students and educators. Highlights include:

- A guarantee to Michigan families of free, high-quality education beginning with pre-K
- A new record high for dollars into the classroom for the sixth year in a row
- Tuition guaranteed community college for every high school graduate
- Historic investment in teachers

“This balanced education budget—my sixth—makes record-breaking investments to support our students, invest in our schools, and empower our educators,” said Governor Whitmer. “With access to free pre-K for all, record funding for students, free school meals, on-campus mental health resources, and tuition-free community college for every high school graduate, this budget will improve outcomes, lower costs, and strengthen our education system. Since I took office, I have been a strong advocate for lifelong public education, and this budget delivers on so many of the goals and policies I proposed in my State of the State address and executive budget recommendation. Let’s keep getting things done to make a real difference in our children’s lives so they are set up for a bright future right here in Michigan.”

“Every Michigan family deserves access to a great public education,” said Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. “I’m proud of how this school aid budget continues historic investments to make a difference for students, educators, and schools in communities across Michigan. It delivers on the Michigan Guarantee, lowering barriers so more people can get skills training and associate’s degrees tuition-free. It continues free school meals for all 1.4 million public school students and expands Meet Up and Eat Up programs so every kid can eat free during the summer. Governor Whitmer and I will keep standing tall so that every kid can be their best selves right here in Michigan.”

“Our ability to work together and collaborate — to

Bipartisan, balanced budget supports students, continues free school meals, and guarantees a high-quality, public education from pre-K through community college

put political gamesmanship aside — has resulted in a balanced budget that serves the people of Michigan,” said state Sen. Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing), Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. “We’ve turned once-in-a-generation investments into sustained investments in both human infrastructure, such as education, workforce development, and social services, and physical infrastructure, including water systems and roads. We have delivered a budget that benefits everyone in Michigan.”

“This education budget proves that when we listen to our students, families and teachers, we can deliver smart, innovative investments that support every Michigan student’s education,” said state Rep. Angela Witwer (D-Delta Township), Chair of the House Appropriations Committee. “From guaranteeing affordable college for every student to expanding Michigan’s pre-K program, it was an honor to work on a budget that uplifts our students every step of the way. As the future of our state’s workforce, our students do a lot for Michigan. Today, we’re giving back to them by putting their education first.”

“Providing excellent, equitable public education is the key ingredient for building stronger communities, a stronger Michigan, and a stronger society overall. It is important not just for producing talented professionals for the workforce, but creating compassionate, thoughtful neighbors and residents,” said state Sen. Darrin Camilleri (D-Trenton), “Having served as Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Pre-K-12 School Aid, and as a former teacher, I am proud to see the governor sign this school budget into law and look forward to continue fighting for Michigan’s students and teachers.”

“We’re continuing to invest in Michigan’s kids by putting more money into the classroom, increasing academic supports, and providing more equitable funding to meet the individual needs of every student in the state,” said state Rep. Regina Weiss (D-Oak Park), Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on School Aid and Education. “We’re doing all we can to ensure every child, regardless of

their background or ZIP code of their public school district, has the chance to sit in a classroom where their potential can be nurtured, their curiosity can be encouraged, and their dreams can be ignited.”

“This budget provides every Michigan child the guarantee of a free, high-quality education from preschool through community college—that’s a big deal,” said State Budget Director Jen Flood. “We’re laser focused on providing our kids a world class education while saving families money: from ensuring students get free breakfast and lunch at school to cutting the cost of a four-year degree by more than \$25,000.”

A Better, More Affordable Education K-12 Education – Helping Kids Learn

- For the sixth year in a row, this budget sets a new record high for investment in K-12 education, with an additional \$600 million going into classrooms—the equivalent of more than \$400 per pupil.
- \$134 million, including \$25 million in new funding, to continue historic investments for student mental health and school safety needs.
- \$181 million to help students reach their full academic potential, including continuation of payments for literacy grants and literacy coaches.
- \$200 million to continue providing universal-free breakfast and lunch to Michigan’s 1.4 million public school students, helping students focus on learning and saving families \$850 per year.
- \$130 million for continued expansion of free pre-K to every 4-year-old in Michigan—two years ahead of schedule—saving families \$10,000 a year.
- \$54 million to serve an estimated 5,300 additional children.
- \$31 million to increase the full day per child allocations to \$10,185.
- \$25 million to open new classrooms in underserved areas.
- \$18 million to contin-

- ue higher payments for student transportation (total funding of \$28 million).
- \$2 million to provide marketing and outreach support to ensure families are aware of programming options in their area.
- \$100 million in recognition of the crucial role high-quality teachers play in the success of their students.
- Continued support of the MI Future Educator Program, a tuition-free program for college students to become certified teachers and to provide stipend payments to student teachers.
- Funds to retain and develop existing teachers through mentorship programs.
- Continued support for payments to offset the cost of student loans for educators.
- \$97 million in funding to support academically at-risk students (9% increase), English language learners (26% increase), career and technical education students (6% increase), and students in rural school districts (6% increase).
- \$125 million to help rural districts with transportation costs—to put more dollars into the classroom.
- \$75 million to support students and parents through before and after school programming.

“We’re glad to see that the K-12 budget for FY2025 continues the trend of making real investments in Michigan’s public education system by putting fairness and equity first,” said Terrence Martin, President of AFT Michigan. “The moves to expand Pre-K, the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and free break-

fast and lunch programs will help ensure that every child in Michigan can get a quality education regardless of their ZIP code. The budget’s MPERS reductions will mean that K-12 educators can see more money in their pockets. By making substantial contributions towards the future of our students, teachers, and school support staff, Gov. Whitmer and the Legislature have once again proven to our union members that they have our backs.”

“We are grateful for Governor Whitmer’s leadership and are excited to see much needed investment and commitment to young children and their families to ensure access to high-quality early care and learning opportunities from birth through PreK,” said Alicia Guevara Warren, CEO of the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC). “ECIC is looking forward to continuing our ongoing collaboration with partners, including the new state department, MiLEAP, to ensure that every family in Michigan can send their 4-year-old to a program that meets their needs.”

Higher Education & Workforce Development

- A 2.5% increase for university and community college operations to support higher education learning and to advance the Governor’s goal of 60% of working adults earning a degree or skills certificate by 2030.
- \$30 million investment to increase funding for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, the state’s flagship scholarship program, providing a pathway to community college, tuition guaranteed.
- Expands the Michigan Achievement Scholarship with the Michigan Guarantee to ensure every Michigan high school

graduate can receive an associate degree or skilled certificate tuition-free at a community college, saving more than 18,000 students up to \$4,820 on tuition each year.

- Equivalent of up to \$27,500 toward the cost of attendance for a bachelor’s degree for eligible high school graduates.
- \$52 million to continue Michigan Reconnect, providing a tuition-free pathway to adult learners 25 and older.
- \$20 million increase in the Tuition Incentive Program, which provides tuition support to lower income students in Michigan’s community colleges, public universities, and private universities.
- \$14.5 million for the North American Indian Tuition Waiver, to provide tuition-free education to eligible Native Americans at Michigan public universities and community colleges

“With today’s education budget signing, the Community College Guarantee becomes a reality for recent high school graduates entering college this fall,” said Brandy Johnson, President of the Michigan Community College Association.

“More Michiganders will be able to obtain an associate degree or skills certificate thanks to this tuition-free path for in-district students, a significant award capped at the in-district rate for those not eligible for in-district tuition, and an additional \$1,000 for students who qualify for the federal Pell Grant to cover non-tuition costs of attendance like textbooks and transportation. The Community College Guarantee will greatly bolster Michigan’s workforce and help us move closer to the Sixty by 30 goal, thanks to the efforts of Gov. Whitmer and our state lawmakers.”

—Submitted by Governor Whitmer’s office

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor.

We all know how critical affordable and attainable housing is throughout our county.

There is a proposal on the August 6 ballot in Marion Township, just alongside Charlevoix, on M-66, directly across from Castle Farms. There is a 90-acre parcel of land which Scott Philp, a respected community leader, wishes to develop as a huge step towards solving the need for available year-round housing. It would be developed as premanufactured homes in price ranges that teachers, healthcare workers, police officers, and workers needed in local shops and restaurants can afford.

The vote is to allow the already approved rezone for this single property to be enacted. It will not carry through to other Township zoning matters or property.

Project details, e.g., layout, numbers of houses, and price points, will be

reviewed upon approval of the rezoning. It will be a public process with multiple governmental agency approvals required.

I know from personal experience that premanufactured housing has come a long way and can be way more fitting than ever before in our beautiful Charlevoix County.

About two thirds of the property would be developed, leaving about 30 acres of nature preserve.

One reason why this proposal has attracted so much attention is that Charlevoix schools need more students, thus more families living in the area and being able to attract and hire teachers.

I understand the City of Charlevoix has indicated they are absolutely “open to discussion” about extending water and sewer lines to the property. The sewer plant has capacity, and the water pressure is sufficient to serve this proposed neighborhood.

Also, important to know is that the Michigan Department of Transportation would approve the safety the property housing entrance and exit on M66 and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy would approve the site design and protect all wetlands currently on site.

In essence, the proposal requires that the property be rezoned from agricultural to mobile home zoning. There are Marion Township residents who are against change, and do not want this in their immediate area. There are many other residents who realize that this would help their population grow, not shrink as it has been for a number of years, would help their schools to grow, and that this would generate increased tax revenue for the township.

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Tippy canoe and 'possum too: Lessons learned

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

It started harmlessly enough. My brother and I were recently preparing to load my (or his depending on how you look at it) canoe into his pickup truck bed when the "encounter" happened. There was plenty of snow still on the upside down canoe so I was smart enough to know that it made a nice "home base" for some area critters (I live in the woods). Using a stick, I banged on the side and top, which then produced some scratching sounds from underneath.

"Uh oh, it might be a skunk" I said to my brother who was starting to lift the front end of the 17 foot, square-stern canoe. That slowed him down. We didn't smell anything and after some thought, we proceeded to slowly lift the canoe, front end first since the sounds came from the stern.

"We've got company." I told my brother as he pushed the bow over his head, leaving the stern on the ground. I could then clearly see not one, but two full-grown opossums in a nicely made "nest" of leaves, bark, Styrofoam (from under the canoe seat), and sticks. They were not happy.

Apparently we had interrupted their attempt to make more 'possums if you know what I mean.

The smaller female decided to "play 'possum" on the ground, while the big silver-back male stayed in the nest hissing at me. The female was on her back, teeth showing, tongue hanging out... looking quite dead.

"We'll have to lift and roll it off them slow" I told my brother who was getting tired of holding the front over his head. I knelt and with both hands began to



move the canoe. As we did, the edge shifted onto the neck of the female 'possum which was now in obvious "distress"... and not feeling too well. She had stopped "playin' 'possum" and was about to expire for real.

"Move it back, move it back" I said with some urgency... and as I did, I slid my right leather-gloved hand down a bit closer to the 'possums head to relieve the pressure. Looking up at my brother, I said "Let's move it now"... that's when she nailed me... as in bit... hard.

"Ahhh, she bit me!" I yelled and proceeded to shake her off my right hand and fingers (with a brotherly love laugh from my sibling). She dropped off my hand and started waddling towards my barn. We lifted the canoe off the male and shook him out of the back where he started running around trying to get back underneath. We finally kicked at him and poked him with sticks enough that he moved on as well.

We loaded the canoe into the bed of the truck and as I removed my glove, I stated flatly "I think she really got me". That's when the blood started to flow. Pretty good bite through thick leather work gloves. Two distinct puncture marks, not deep, but deep enough, we clearly present in my right hand fingers. "D--- it!" was all

I could say. My brother stopped mocking me... at least for minute. How ironic, I thought, since I lecture all the time about the number of teeth a opossum has and how "successful" these animals are (as in having been around way before us).

Biology Lesson

Being a biologist, my mind immediately screamed: "RABIES!" Then again, being such, I also knew it was extremely rare that opossums carry or cause rabies. It's thought to be their body temperature which is around 94 degrees; too cold for the virus to thrive. I did a little on-line "WebMD" and CDC research to confirm it... if you are going to get bitten by a wild animal and you don't want rabies, choose a 'possum (I recommend not getting bitten at all).

The "hit list" of carriers includes bats as number one (18 out of 26 cases of human rabies since 1995 were from bat bites), raccoons second, and fox third (this is in Michigan... the list varies from state to state and time to time). The opossum doesn't even show up on the list. I tried telling that to my wife after the 5 th time she told me "You're going to the doctor".

I went to "Urgent Care" instead of the ER since it was a Sunday (less wait time). I was actually more



concerned with infection as 'possums have nasty, dirty little mouths (and the most teeth of any mammal in North America). Everyone had a good laugh at that office after hearing my tale, but I was finally sent home with antibiotic prescription and a tetanus booster shot, along with a warning to "Call the Midland County Dept. of Public Health tomorrow since they are closed today"...which I did.

They of course recommended the rabies vaccine (what else can they do? Liability issues and although rare... rarer than winning the lottery...consequence is "DEATH"). After several calls, I found that the only place to get it (within 7 days of bite) is the local hospital ER... which I went to on Tuesday AM. Waited hours, got the same story and gave a good laugh for the staff over the 'possum victim (my friends call me Cujo now), and received advice from the county again...just give him the vaccine, no immuno-globulin shots. This of course changed the next day when

they called me at home... "You had better get the immuno-globulin series as well". So back I went. One of my favorite memories from this experience was from a nurse as well as the county health department employee... "Are you sure it was a 'possum?". Well, other than being a biologist, trapper and hunter, I had a "baby" one for a pet (for two weeks until my dad made me release him... "But Dad, he followed me home!") when I was young, so yup, I'm pretty sure it was a 'possum.

Thirteen (yes 13) shots later, on March 8th , I finished the vaccine series (and yes it is better than the "old" days of stomach shots), fourteen days after day "zero". This included, all in one sitting, eight (8) shots of human immuno-globulin... two in each thigh, two "in the wound site", one in the "butt", and one in the opposite arm from the vaccine location. Four shots of rabies vaccine given day zero, day three, day 7 and day 14. I was a pin cushion.

Main lesson here is a simple one. I knew it before and know it now. If you are bitten, try to capture the animal (dead or alive, you're coming with me), that way the animal can be tested and if negative for rabies, no shots for you the "victim". Of course Mr. and Mrs. Opossum were long gone when I removed the glove and figured out that the bite had broken skin. All of this could have been avoided in the first place if I had just killed the 'possums in the first place which is what everyone told me to do... except for my wife, who was proud of me for trying to "save" them. She forgot that I used to trap and skin the darn things when I was younger. You know what? All the shots really didn't hurt that bad so it was worth it I guess. But remember, as with any "shot"/immunization, there can be "reactions" to the vaccine... which of course are also "extremely rare". So be safe out there and maybe consider dispatching the critter before it gets you!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BOYNE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to rules and regulations as outlined in the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance, a public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Boyne City Planning Commission on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to review and consider the following proposed map amendment to Boyne City Zoning Ordinance:

A Public Hearing to consider the zoning of the following areas to Multi Family Residential District: Lots 1-8 Block 13 and lots 7 thru 15 Block 12 of Hiram B Chapman & William T Addis addition to Spring Harbor to include adjacent alleys and sections of Ridge Street and Addis Street.

For further information contact the City Planner's office at 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712, phone (231)-582-0343, email smcpherson@boyncity.com. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and participate in the discussion.



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If anyone has any questions regarding the overflows or actions taken, please contact Kate Mowbray, Wastewater Plant Operator, at kmowbray@eastjordancity.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The East Jordan City Commission Meeting regularly scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. has been moved to the **Emergency Services Facility, located at 555 Maple Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 due to the election being held at City Hall.**

Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MIPMC
City of East Jordan, City Clerk

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

The East Jordan Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to hear any comments or concerns regarding the following proposed zoning ordinance amendment:

- Ordinance 145-J Section 46-873, Section 46-874, Section 46-845, Section 46-878 Signs Permitted in All Districts

The Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI, 49727. Any written comments may be addressed to City of East Jordan, C/O City Clerk, PO BOX 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Clerk's Office via phone, mail or email. A 10-day notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodations requests and we will attempt to handle each request on a case-by-case basis.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NOTICE

On JULY 1, 2024, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FILED A NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN (MMP) AND HAS BECOME THE COUNTY APPROVAL AGENCY as required per Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY intends to develop a single-county Materials Management Plan. The Board of Commissioners has appointed Networks Northwest as the Designated Planning Agency (DPA) and will appoint a Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) whose meetings will be open to the public. Notices of the MMPC meetings will be posted at the following locations:

- Charlevoix County website: www.charlevoixcounty.org, on the Calendar and under News & Information
- Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Center, 13513 Division Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

In addition, each municipality in Charlevoix County will receive notices of the MMPC meetings and will be asked for their assistance in making these notices available to the public.

Charlevoix County's Notice of Intent to Prepare a Materials Management Plan is available at www.charlevoixcounty.org, under News & Information.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Kiersten Stark
Planning Director
Charlevoix County Planning Department
(231) 547-7234
starkk2@charlevoixcounty.org

CITY OF BOYNE CITY PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN ALLEY VACATION REQUEST

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to rules and regulations as outlined in the Streets and Alley Vacation Ordinance A-42, a Public Hearing will be held at the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 319 N. Lake Street, to consider the following:

The following streets and alleys are being proposed to be vacated. Ridge Street from east side of Robinson to west side of Addis, 66' x 280.5'; Addis Street from north side of Court to north side of Ridge, 66 x 330'; Alley between Robinson and Addis from Court to Ridge, 16.5 x 264'; Alley between Ridge and Court from Addis to Escape, 20' x 330.5'; Alley between Addis and Escape from Ridge to Court, 16' x 264'.

More details and a map of the streets in question are available for review at the Boyne City Planning Department during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All property owners abutting this street will be notified by U. S. Mail of this hearing. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and participate in discussion. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, any input for or against the request can be submitted to the City Planning Director, Scott McPherson, prior to the public hearing. For further information contact the City Planning Director at 319 N. Lake Street, smcpherson@boyncity.com, or call 231-582-0343.

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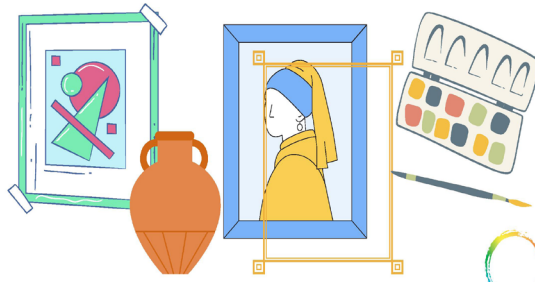
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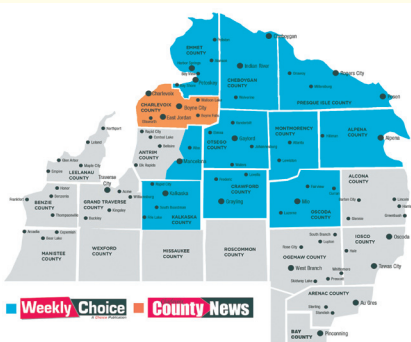
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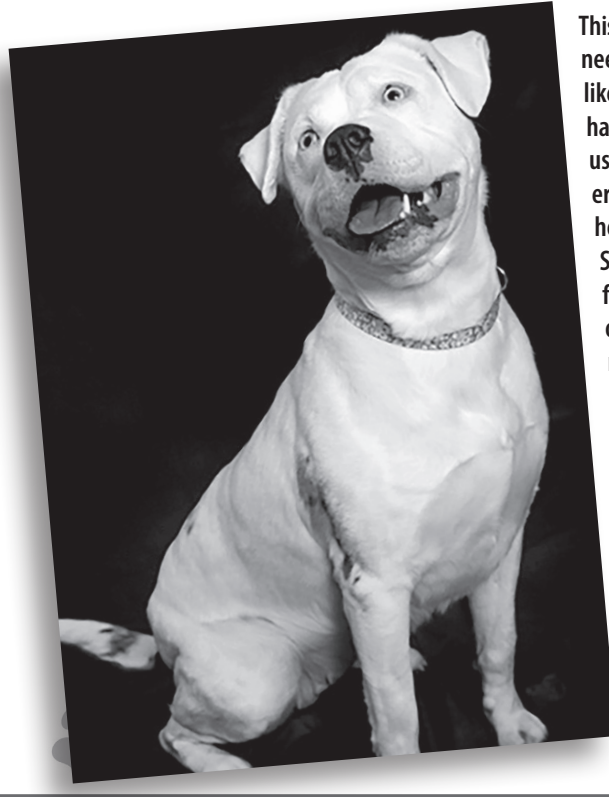
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PET OF THE WEEK
SNOWBALL



This cutie patootie is Snowball. Snowball is considered a special needs dog as she is totally deaf, but she doesn't let a little thing like that get in her way! Snowball is full of spunky sweetness and has wonderful manners. Snowball was originally adopted from us several years ago but was found running as a stray in another county and was never picked up. After that Snowball found herself back at CAHS in search of a lasting forever home. Snowball has won all of our hearts over and loves spending time in our front office greeting anyone who enters. She loves to sit in chairs or on our front bench staring out the window. She loves everyone that she meets and we just can't believe she is still with us. Snowball is a bit cautious of other dogs and we think she would be fine with cats. She is also house trained. Open your home to this little lady and we promise she will warm your heart! Snowball is currently in a wonderful foster home, but still in search of a permanent place to call her own.



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Southern Illinois University. When the opportunity presented itself to return to the School of Natural Resources at U-M, the family moved to Ann Arbor, and Paul taught there until his retirement. As a professor at the U-M, he ran a program called the National Consortium for Environmental Education and Training, a US EPA-funded program, for several years. Upon retirement, Paul and Joan relocated to Charlevoix. Paul was a big fan of University of Michigan football and basketball, as well as other sports. He enjoyed all the games – cribbage with Jonathan Friendly, poker with Ken Polakowski and fellow U-M professors, and blackjack at the casino. Paul played squash against his fellow faculty in a league at the

Campus Recreation Building. This summer, he was dealt the perfect cribbage hand after 40 years of playing the game.

Paul owned a 1952 MG TD that he drove off and on since 1955, including to his first date with his wife Joan. He painted this car several times and rebuilt the engine both when he first bought it and in the 1980s when the crankshaft cracked in half going around a corner. Even with a cracked crankshaft, the car made the trip home. He was on the board at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, the Historical Society, and was on the boat counting committee for the Charlevoix Lake Association. Paul was an avid camper and boater, taking his family on camping trips throughout Michigan and Canada and as far as Arizona and California when the kids were young. He loved

being outdoors with family and friends. Paul always had a dog by his side and cherished his pets. His beloved dogs included Tippy, Scooter, Ginger, Webber, and Camber. They were his loyal companions and brought immense joy to his life.

Paul will be remembered as a dedicated educator and environmentalist who inspired countless students and colleagues through his passion for teaching and commitment to environmental conservation. His work with the National Consortium for Environmental Education and Training left a lasting impact on the field. His contributions to the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Charlevoix Lake Association demonstrated his dedication to preserving Michigan's natural resources. Paul's love for life, his family, and his community

will continue to inspire all who knew him. He will also be fondly remembered for his adventurous spirit, whether it was driving his cherished 1952 MG TD or exploring the great outdoors on camping and boating trips with his loved ones.

Paul is survived by a large extended family, including many nieces and nephews, who will miss him dearly. A memorial celebration is planned for September. If you wish to make a memorial donation, please consider the Lake Charlevoix Association, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, or the Humane Society in Boyne City.

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

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REAL ESTATE FEATURE



SPACIOUS RANCH HOME WITH SHARED LAKE CHARLEVOIX FRONTAGE

BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a wonderful ranch-style home near East Jordan with approximately 100 feet of shared Lake Charlevoix frontage.

This three bedroom, two bath home has just over 1,750 square feet of finished space, with approximately 1,172 square feet on the main floor and the remainder in the finished walkout basement. Interior highlights include an open kitchen, dining and living area floor plan with gorgeous flooring, cathedral ceiling and a magnificent stone fireplace.

Large windows and a sliding door leading to the deck frame views of Lake Charlevoix.

The bedrooms are generously sized and the home has an attached two-car garage to keep vehicles sheltered from the weather.

A raised deck on the back of the home offers an ideal place to sit back and enjoy the views or to entertain. The 100 feet of shared Lake Charlevoix frontage provides a private beach area and swimming, kayaking, fishing or simply relaxing by the shore.

This spacious, ranch-style home with approximately 100 feet of shared



Lake Charlevoix frontage is located at 110 Woodland Drive near East Jordan and is listed at \$299,900.

For more information visit jenniferburrgroup.com or to arrange a home

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Should I Buy or Sell First?

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Brisk selling conditions in some parts of the country require more aggressive tactics.

Brett Furman, a broker in suburban Philadelphia, says the strong market dictates that homebuyers focus on buying first, and selling later.

"The housing market in the suburban Philadelphia market is moving very quickly," said Furman. "Normally we advise our buyers to sell their home first and buy second ... However with the faster moving market, we are advising many of our buyer clients to obtain a mortgage commitment that is not contingent upon selling their existing house."

In their book, House Selling for Dummies (Hungry Minds Inc., 1999), Eric Tyson and Ray Brown "strongly recommend" that you sell first.

"Even in good real estate markets, sales frequently drag on much longer than you expect," the authors say. "Selling in a weak market usually compounds the problem. Homeowners tend to overestimate their house's resale value and underestimate the length of the selling process -- a fiscally deadly one-two punch."

The Dummies book says selling first eliminates financial risk -- no dou-

ble mortgages and double payments for property taxes and insurance payments. And no worrying about how you'll come up with a down payment.

But selling first isn't the perfect solution. Some of the issues that may come up include:

- Being forced out of your house before you have a new place available. Where will you live? Where will your kids go to school?
- Having to move twice. Do you want to go through the hassle? Where will you store your extra furniture while you live with family and friends or rent an apartment?
- Not being able to find a house you like. How long are you willing to live in temporary quarters until you find a suitable house?

Whichever way you go, it always seems to work out in the end, at least in Gregor's experience.

"I've been in the business for 30 years," he said. "We've never had anyone out on the street and the vast majority of our clients that make double moves are those building new homes that had to have their property sold first."



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