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Governor Gretchen Whitmer donates shoes to East Jordan Shoe Club

Governor visited East Jordan Middle School Tuesday

BY KATE DELANEY

One solitary pair of Stuart Weitzman pumps can sometimes make the biggest difference on election day. Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer arrived at the East Jordan Middle/High School on August 6 at 12:20 p.m. to present a personal pair of shoes to the East Jordan Shoe Club.

Matt Hamilton, founder of the club and a teacher at the middle school, met her with a few of his students and the press in a classroom.

After the students presented some of the projects they had completed, Hamilton showed Governor Whitmer around the room to look at the extensive collection of shoes that had been donated to the club, from athletes like Michael Jordan, Usain Bolt and Arnold Palmer to celebrities like Dolly Parton and Oprah Winfrey. Hamilton had contacted Governor Whitmer to ask if she could donate a pair of shoes in March of 2024, but he didn't think that she would be able to visit the school. A week-and-a-half ago, he got an email saying that she would be coming to East Jordan on August 6.

"I just want to put people in front of my students to inspire them to dream big, set goals, work hard and give back at the end of the day," he said. "That's pretty much it."

Hamilton added that the kids were used to having shoes sent to the club from famous people, but they had not often had those people deliver the shoes themselves.

Mailey Hamilton, a 19-year-old beginning her second year at the University of Michigan, was one of the students who presented a recent project to Whitmer. During her middle school years, she was involved in the club. When she became a high school junior, she shifted to being a mentor for the kids, helping them with chores and presentations.

Hamilton talked about how her involvement with the East Jordan Solar Spark Project influenced her to minor in sustainability at college.

"I didn't really know what sustainability was before the Solar Spark Project," she said. "And then, after learning so much about solar energy and renewable energy and learning about the benefits of that and how much it impacts the world, it was an incredible experience and something that my eyes were opened to."

Hamilton added that she has felt that rural areas don't get much attention or traction, and that it was great to see an influential person like Governor Whitmer be genuinely interested in what the students had to say.



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Governor Gretchen Whitmer presented a pair of Stuart Weitzman pumps on Tuesday to the East Jordan Shoe Club. Mailey Hamilton, Riley Cannon, The Governor, Vic Raona and Matt Hamilton. Photo by: Karen Walker

Whitmer did a presentation for the middle school club members, commenting that she had never given her shoes to a school before and hoped that they didn't look quite as big as Shaquille O'Neil's pair on display.

During her Q&A session with the students, Whitmer responded with a call to be active in the community, revealing that what she had learned the most during her terms as governor was the art of listening.

"Whether it's policy here at school, or it is policy and state government, or the national government, your generation is going to live with the consequences longer than any of the rest of us are," she said. "And that's why I hope that you guys are bold and that you jump in."

Whitmer said she has been writing down three



Governor Whitmer fielded questions from members of the Shoe Club. She responded with a call to continue to be active in the community. Photo by: Karen Walker

positive things that happen each day, even after the difficult ones. She added that it has been helpful to be intentional about seeking the good out, and that this conversation she had with East Jordan's middle schoolers would be on the list.

Whitmer addressed how her recent signing of the \$23 billion education budget for 2025 could affect a student's work ethic.

"I think potential is everywhere, but opportunity is not, and that's why leveling those barriers is so important," she said. "At the end of the day, the individual is going to be the one who earns the job or not."

The East Jordan Shoe Club's recent undertaking was the Honor and Service Project, where they partnered with The American Legion and raised 163,000 dollars to honor veterans. Among other things, they were able to create a Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Veteran's Park and write a 300-page commemorative book with the help of local veterans survey answers.

Hamilton said that the club has a more relaxed year between every big project to follow up on it and ensure its success. This year, he said the kids will be engaging with the community through taking trips and doing smaller projects, as well as starting a podcast.

For more information about the East Jordan Shoe Club, contact Matt Hamilton at Matthamilton@ejps.org.

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OBITUARIES

Donald Leroy Metcalf, 81

July 29, 1943 - July 29, 2024
EAST JORDAN

Donald Leroy Metcalf passed away at his home near East Jordan. No services are scheduled at this time.



Edward John Hara, 79

April 17, 1945 ~ Aug. 2, 2024
BOYNE CITY

Edward John Hara of Boyne City, and Venice, Florida, died in Charlevoix on August 2, 2024 from complications after heart surgery. He died peacefully with his wife, Sally Jo Hara, next to him as she had been for 57 years of marriage.

Ed was born on April 17, 1945, in Syracuse, New York. His family moved around a bit, but he grew up mostly in Pike County, Ohio, where he met his wife, Sally (Cunningham), in high school. He married Sally in 1966, with Sally in a homemade dress, and Ed in his horn-rimmed glasses. Ed taught high school in Oakland County, Michigan for many years and then earned a PhD in Education from Michigan State University. He then taught English at Oakland Community College for many years before retiring. Post-retirement, he earned his Personal Training certification to share his love of fitness and weight lifting with others. He taught his love of the gym to his son and his grandsons, all of whom love working out as much as Ed did.

Ed was an avid reader, and family members could count on a book for a Christmas gift. He also loved nimble cars and took great joy in caring for his many Miatas and Subaru WRXs. He had warm relationships with car dealerships and gifted car wax often for birthdays. A summer tradition was for him to roll into his son's driveway, top down in the Miata, to pick up Mark or a grandson for ice cream or to get lunch.

If you saw Ed, he was probably driving around town, stopping for a coffee and, mostly, for a chat. He thrived on connections, and he would remember small details about the people he met and ask them follow-up questions the next time they ran into one another. At family dinners, he grilled way too much meat and urged everyone to eat more, just like his mother did in southern Ohio so many years ago. He wanted everyone else to live their best lives and was happy

to do everything he could to support them. When Sally wanted to change jobs, study yoga, get a new degree, or anything else, he would encourage her to do it and assure her they'd figure out how to make it work. He tried to attend every band concert, sports event, and awards ceremony his son and grandsons ever participated in, and he encouraged them with advice and support at every turn. He was a model of how to be a great father for his son, and he welcomed his daughter-in-law to the family with open arms. Whenever anyone was struggling, he tried to think of ways he could help.

Ed loved music, especially if it had big guitars and great lyrics. Near the end of his life, he sat in his hospital bed and quoted Bruce Springsteen and Social Distortion lyrics from memory to his son, as well as offering thoughts on Neil Young's latest album.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Midred (Tackett) Neihart; stepfather, Bill Neihart; and his father, Edward Hara, Sr. He became interested in his genealogy as he grew older and would delight his family with old photos he would find of family from Appalachia.

He is survived by Sally and his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Jami Blaauw-Hara, and grandsons Joad and Harper. His sister, Nancy, lives in Waverly, Ohio, where they grew up; he has two nephews (Nathan and Ryan) and a niece (Jennifer). His sister-in-law, Judy, lives in Columbus, Ohio, and thought of him as a brother.

The family is grateful to the staff at Mary Free Bed in Traverse City and the folks at University of Michigan's Cardiac and Neurology units for their thoughtful care. Munson Hospice provided excellent and welcome end-of-life care. A memorial is planned for a future time.

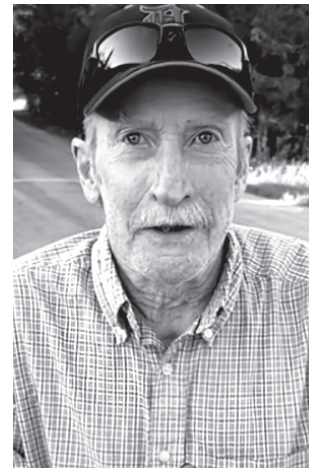
For now, any gifts or donations can be sent to Boyne City Public Schools. Ed would see coats on sale and buy them for any area youth who needed them. He was exceptionally generous and worried about people staying warm. Or, well-wishers are encouraged to support their local public library; Ed was very engaged with the Boyne District Library.

Ed loved many good authors, but one of his favorites was Wendell Berry, who wrote:

"But the mercy of the world is time. Time does not stop for love, but it does not stop for death and grief, either. After death and grief that (it seems) ought to have stopped the world, the world goes on. More things happen. And some of the things that happen are good."

Ed would want us to appreciate the good in our

lives, to talk to friends, to revel in the air in our hair on a summer night driving, to enjoy big plates of food with a lot of ketchup, and to support each other.



Larry Duane Peck, 71

Oct. 6, 1952 - Aug. 1, 2024
BOYNE CITY

Larry Duane Peck was born on October 6, 1952 in Petoskey, and passed away on August 1, at the age of 71 in Boyne City. Known for his humor and caring nature, Larry was a character who brought joy and laughter to those around him.

After graduating from Boyne City High School, Larry proudly served in the Army from 1972-1974, dedicating himself to his country during his years of service. After his military service, he pursued a career as a heavy equipment operator for H & D, where he was respected for his strong work ethic and expertise.

Larry's passions included hunting, fishing, and supporting the Detroit Tigers; activities he enjoyed sharing with friends and family.

Larry leaves behind his loving wife of 47 years, Bridget (Belford) and sons Travis (Amy) Peck and Jeremy (Heather) Peck. He was a cherished grandfather to Jagger, Rider, Saylor, Colter, Emerson, and Gracen. He is also survived by his mother Kathleen; brother Dennis (Kathy) Peck; sister Doreen (PC) Christensen; many loving in-laws, and nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Peck.

A burial service will be held at Maple Lawn Cemetery at 12:00 PM, followed by a Celebration of Life at the City Hall in Boyne City on August 24 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Larry will be remembered as a devoted family man, a jokester, and a true friend whose legacy will continue to live on through his family and the many lives he touched.

Family is suggesting that memorials be directed to Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.



Richard "Dick" Joseph, 67

d. July 30, 2024
CHARLEVOIX

Richard ("Dick") Joseph of Charlevoix passed away July 30, surrounded by family, after a courageous struggle against years of complications following a 2002 accident that had left him paralyzed from the waist down. Both before and after becoming paralyzed, Dick was a leader in his community, especially in business and education, and after his accident he became an inspiration to everyone who knew him. Time and again, he battled back against seemingly impossible odds. Over many years and right through to the end, his will to keep fighting never left him. Nor did his devotion to his family and community.

Dick was born in Grayling in 1957 and graduated from Grayling High School in 1975. He competed on the ski team and served as class president while in high school, in addition to being a member of the National Honor Society.

In 1979, he received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, where he was a member of the Psi U fraternity. Dick attended law school at Detroit College of Law, graduating in 1985.

He began his legal career at Simpson and Moran in Birmingham, MI and then moved to the firm's Charlevoix office, as he wanted to get back to northern Michigan.

He married Allison Townsend in 1989, and they made their home in Charlevoix. Dick quickly became one of the leading business attorneys in Charlevoix and actively practiced until a few years ago when health issues began taking a toll. He also owned Charlevoix Abstract and Title Company.

Dick was admired for his leadership in the community. He served for years as president of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce and was an early member of the board of trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, serving from 1999-2005.

Dick believed strongly in public education, and he gave countless hours in support of school millage

campaigns. He was elected to the Charlevoix School Board, serving from 2012 to 2024.

The kind of business and community leadership Dick believed in was associated with his family's history in Grayling. In fact, Dick remained proud throughout his life of his family's connection to Grayling and their long history as business owners there who cared about and were involved in the community.

Between college and law school, Dick moved home to manage the Grayling Mercantile Co. ("The Merc"), a department store in downtown Grayling that his family had owned and operated since the 1880s.

Not surprisingly, Dick was among the first group of inductees into the Grayling High School Hall of Fame.

Dick loved his family, his community, and his profession. He was also a skilled debater and a tough fighter when it came to politics. He defended his liberal values with creativity and passion, but always argued against his many conservative friends with respect and wit.

Dick had a rare force of attraction about him, so that even those he debated -- even if they didn't share his liberal politics or root for U-M sports -- liked, respected, and admired him. He was loved for his warmth, his inimitable sense of humor, his intelligence, his willingness to stand up for his beliefs, and the irreplaceable part he played in his family as a loving father, husband, brother, and uncle. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, and he made so many lives so much richer.

Dick Joseph is survived by his wife, Allison, their two daughters Alyssia (Gary Pawson) and Savannah (Collin Bajko), their granddaughter Lilliana, brother William (Bill) and sister-in-law Linda Joseph, his faithful dog Oakley, and many, many friends, relatives and caregivers who were always there for him along his brave journey.

In honor of Dick's service to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, memorial contributions can be made to the Trustees Fund for the Community using the following link: https://cthref.fcscuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?fund_id=1426

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Boat-house in East Jordan on Sunday, September 1, from 3-6pm.

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The following members received ribbons in the different categories:

• Best of Show:

- Lucy Lercel
- Theme:** Rusty Hart and Lucy Lercel 1st, Agnes Clark, Lucy Lercel and Kim Prebble 2nd
- General:** Kim Prebble 1st, Lucy

Lercel 2nd, Rusty Hart 3rd

- Miniature (4”):** Lucy Lercel 1st, Kim Prebble 2nd, Lucy Lercel 3rd, Agnes Clark HM
- Single Stem:** Linda O’Leary 1st, Agnes Clark 2nd, Rusty Hart 3rd, Lucy Lercel HM
- Herbs:** Lucy Lercel 1st, Agnes Clark 2nd
- Dried:** Agnes 1st & 2nd, Rusty Hart 3rd, Lucy Lercel HM
- Edible Arrangement:** Agnes Clark 1st, Kim Prebble 2nd

East Jordan Residents Encouraged to Participate in Survey for New Economic Development Strategy

East Jordan residents, neighbors, and visitors are being encouraged to take an online survey to help guide local leaders as they set a new strategy for economic prosperity. The City, with assistance from the Networks Northwest Community Development team, is creating an Economic Development Strategy that will identify opportunities and challenges to the City’s

economic prosperity. The purpose of the Strategy is to support community revitalization, improve the local economy, and assist policymakers in the decision making process for future growth.

The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is available on the Networks Northwest website at nwm.org/EJEconDev.

COMMUNITY LEADER

BILL OLSTROM

ALWAYS TRY TO ADD VALUE

BY JOHN KEYSER

I’ve known Bill Olstrom as he is a mentor to our very special Leadership Charlevoix County program and I have admired his principles. Now, having a long conversation over coffee, my admiration has grown, with very good reason.

Bill grew up in East Jordan. His parents were farmers / builder / book-keeper on the Peninsula. Bill went through our school system, then was drafted in the Army and served in Germany, just 40 miles from the Iron Curtain. He was in operations.

When Bill was discharged, he returned to Freedman Artcraft / Harbor Industries, where he had worked before his military service, and he was a machine operator. Before long, he was asked to become the night supervisor. And then, another promotion after a few years, to overall plant supervisor, responsible for the performance of all employees, including 11 supervisors.

This quick advancement within a successful manufacturing company had to be because they realized Bill’s management and leadership principles, for example:

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- Take care of our people / Be fair
- Keep helping with positive reinforcement
- Teach our people
- Knowledge is power
- Put our full heart into what we are doing
- Be on time and be prepared, which shows we truly care
- and these are just some...

Bill is thankful for the good coaches and mentors



BILL OLSTROM

Over the years Bill has served on several boards/committees; East Jordan School Board, East Jordan Family Health Center, Northwest Michigan Industrial Association, Charlevoix County DHHS Board / Grandvue Medical Care Facility, most recently volunteering with Little Traverse Conservancy doing trail maintenance, the American Legion and Leadership Charlevoix County mentor.

Bill is thankful for all he has learned over the years and he is passing it along to those he mentors in Leadership Charlevoix County.

He is an exceptional mentor!

As mentioned, I appreciate and admire Bill’s leadership qualities, and that the foundation of his effectiveness is his humility, no personal ego, just wants to help others. Amen to that!

And Bill shared with me a card he keeps in his wallet and lives by “Life is 10% what happens to us, and 90% how we react to it.”

he had along the way.

And he says the hard work and long hours were very rewarding, and fun!

Many of those with whom he worked over the years stay in touch to this day.

We did not discuss money. I am sure Bill did well, as he had important responsibilities, but really,

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mer deals at East Jordan's unique collection of shops and restaurants.

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Impact100 Little Traverse Bay Launches Newest Chapter In Charlevoix and Emmet Counties

BY JOHN KEYSER

Impact100 Little Traverse Bay is a new women's member giving collective awarding \$100,000 grants in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Impact100's global founder, Wendy H. Steele gave the keynote speech at the Launch Celebration on June 28, 2024, at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club where 240 women attended. She was voted one of USA Today's most influential women in 2024. Her model is to be an inclusive women's group and was built with member flexibility in mind as women's roles needed new and more flexible ways of making an impact together. Women have the power to transform their communities through collective giving. This was the premise for Impact100. In our area, we



have local and seasonal women making contributions to help our nonprofits in both Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

The Impact100 model awards high-impact, sustainable grants. Members pool their \$1000 annual dues to award \$100,000 grants to area nonprofits in five Focus Areas: Arts & Culture, Education, Family, Health & Wellness and Environment. One membership is one vote, \$1000 and one meeting per year. There are many ways to get more involved if the member so chooses. Every dollar given goes directly to the nonprofits. We raise administrative fees separately. Lloyann Curtis, Impact100

LTB's founding president explains, "What makes Impact100 Little Traverse Bay relevant to the community and different is that our grants will never be below \$100,000 for the worthy nonprofit(s) that are selected. The membership itself votes on where the grants get awarded with the five focus areas we fund. Our \$100,000 grants are designed to get the non-profits to think outside the box, dream big and propose projects that will be transformational and sustainable."

"Because the smallest grant we give is \$100,000, we need at least 100 women to join us as founding members". Right now, we already have 140 members,

with our goal being 200 at the end of August. This means we have already funded one \$100,000 gift, and we are well on our way to funding a second one. Founding membership closes on December 31, 2024. In October, workshops for nonprofits will be held in Charlevoix and Harbor Springs. Grant applications open in January 2025.

Impact100 Little Traverse Bay is part of the Global Impact100 movement 73 chapters strong, 50 chapters in development, and 30,000 members who have collectively given \$140,000,000.

Member and prospective members interested in learning more can check out our website at www.Impact100LTB.org. Cordelia Bacher Sweetland 626-755-3455 cbacher12@gmail.com

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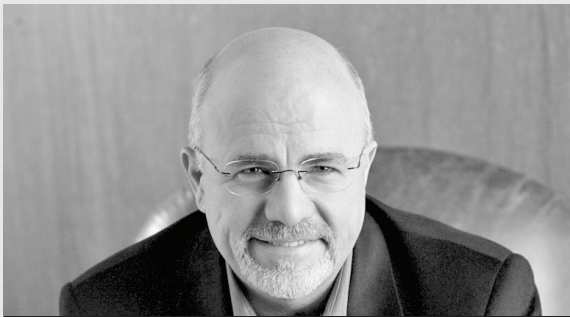
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DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

What's Best for Me?

Dear Dave,

I was talking to some friends the other day about wills and trusts. They seemed to have a variety of opinions, so can you straighten things out for me? I don't have a will or a trust, and my financial situation is pretty simple. I just want to make sure I do the right thing.

—William

Dear William,

This is a great question. I'm sure your friends are smart folks, but I'm glad you're looking for more answers. I'm not a lawyer, so I'm just going to give you a few simple things to think about. Also, I'd strongly suggest you talk to an experienced will and trust lawyer, one with the heart of a teacher, who will give you all the facts and put your best interests first.

Basically, a will is a legal document that explains what you want to happen with your stuff when you die and puts it all in writing. There are many different types of wills, but for most people a simple will is all you need to establish a solid estate plan that protects your family if something happens to you.

Trusts tend to be geared toward people with more assets and unique or complex estate issues. They also come in lots of different forms like, living trusts, revocable and irrevocable trusts and special needs trusts, just to name a few. In my mind, if you have less than \$1 million in assets—and your financial world is pretty simple and straightforward—a will gets the job done just fine.

One of the most important differences between wills and trusts is the ability to name a guardian for your minor children. You can name a legal guardian in your will, but you can't in a trust. So, even if you have

a trust, you'll still need a will to make sure your kids are taken care of after you die.

Another important distinction between the two is that a trust lets you skip probate court—a will doesn't. Probate court cases can drag on forever. Plus, they can be expensive. If your estate gets mixed up in probate court because someone challenges the will, it could mean your family has to spend months in court while grieving. No one wants to go through that. While we're on the subject of probate court, let's talk about another sticky subject.

There's a little bit of crazy in every family. You probably know who they are in your family, but if you don't, it might be you. Seriously, though, we all know some families that seem to have more than their fair share of crazy and drama, and wills are best for families that struggle with these issues and tension between family members. Probate court can resolve those problems. On the other hand, families who can handle healthy conflict, and who trust each other, are better off with a trust, since they don't need a probate court to babysit them.

And if you're wondering if you can have both a trust and a will, the answer is yes. In fact, most people who have a trust have a will, too.

I hope this little bit helps!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is a 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.

Charlevoix Rotary Club Welcomes Rotary International Leaders

BY LAURA JASURDA

This past Thursday, the Charlevoix Rotary Club had the honor of hosting two distinguished guests: Stephanie Urchick, the 2024-25 President of Rotary International, and Brianna Scott, the 2024-25 District Governor. Brianna Scott took the stage and delivered a heartfelt address, filled with recognition, encouragement, and a shared vision for the future.

Brianna Scott acknowledged the Charlevoix Rotary Club for being only \$8,000 away from reaching the financial goal for the community project at Mt. McSaubach Beach. This project, which involves installing a new playground, is a testament to the commitment to enhancing the community. In an exciting announcement, Brianna pledged to return in May to assist with the playground build, reinforcing Rotary's hands-on approach to service.

The club was also praised for embodying all

four quadrants of Rotary International's new Action Plan:

- **Increasing Impact:** Through initiatives like the Mt. McSaubach Beach playground project, making tangible improvements in the community.
- **Expanding Reach:** By engaging with a broader audience and building connections, spreading the values and mission of Rotary further than ever before.
- **Enhancing Participant Engagement:** The vibrant meetings and active participation showcase a dedication to keeping members involved and motivated.
- **Increasing Ability to Adapt:** Through partnerships and collaborations, demonstrating flexibility and willingness to innovate to meet community needs.



Stephanie A. Urchick, 2024-25 President of Rotary International, Brianna Scott, 2024-25 District Governor of Rotary International, and Mark Andresky, Foundation Chair, left to right: Abbie Hart President, Brianna Scott, Mark Andresky. Photo credit: Laura Jasurda

For more information about the new Rotary International Action Plan, visit www.rotary.org/actionplan.

Brianna's challenge for the club was clear: to increase membership. She highlighted the unique benefits the club offers, including a great breakfast at the Happy Troll every Thursday morning from 7:30-8:30am, breathtaking views of Lake Charlevoix, and a lineup of amazing speakers. It's an invitation to all community members to experience the

camaraderie and sense of purpose that comes with being a part of the Charlevoix Rotary Club.

As efforts continue to serve and improve the community, the club looks forward to welcoming new members and achieving new milestones together. Join us next Thursday morning and see firsthand the positive impact being made. Your presence and participation can help achieve goals and make Charlevoix an even better place to live.

Hundreds attend annual Portside Arts Fair

BY KAREN WALKER

EAST JORDAN – Artists from across the region gathered at East Jordan's Elm Pointe Estate last weekend for the 61st annual Portside Arts Fair. Hundreds of art enthusiasts arrived by car and by boat to explore dozens of artists' booths on the picturesque grounds of the city-owned park.

Art Fair volunteer Debbie Carey commented that she enjoys the beauty and peacefulness of bringing art and nature together. She said many artists consider it their favorite event of the year.

In addition to the diverse array of art for sale, attendees enjoyed live music and food concessions provided by the Depot Teen Center of East Jordan. The art fair serves as a significant fundraiser for the Teen Center and also the East Jordan Historical Society.

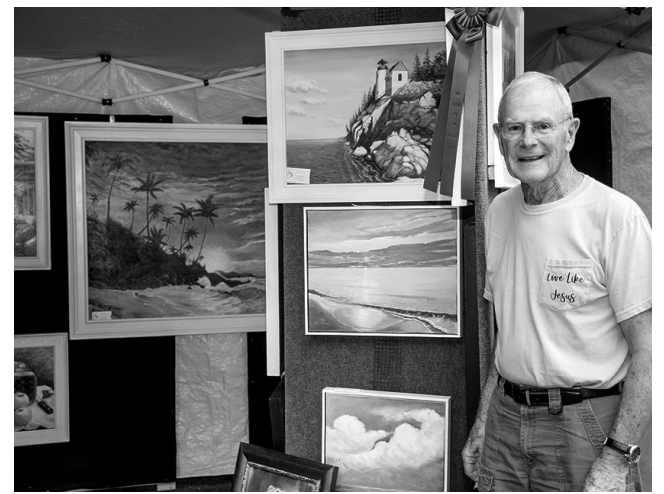
Awards were presented for the best displays in both two- and three-dimensional

art, as well as for top student artists. James Prince from Traverse City won the two-dimensional category for his oil and watercolor paintings, with Kendall Hornsby of Petoskey receiving honorable mention. In the three-dimensional category, Angela and Bill Kuhn from Boyne City were the winners, and Jasmin Petrie of East Jordan received an honorable mention.

The top high school student artist was Cole Zellers of Pinckney, and Jay Fazio of East Jordan was recognized as the top college student artist.

Long-time participant, East Jordan watercolor artist Pat Tinney praised the show as an excellent opportunity for students to gain art fair experience and learn valuable tips from fellow artists.

Always the first full weekend of August, next year's art fair is planned for Saturday and Sunday, August 2nd and 3rd.



James Prince from Traverse City won the two-dimensional category for his oil and watercolor paintings. Photo by Karen Walker.



Winners in the three-dimensional category were Angela and Bill Kuhn from Boyne City. Photo by Karen Walker.

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Kiwanis Club to Host Annual Labor Day Weekend Car Show in Boyne City

BOYNE CITY – The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is thrilled to announce its annual Labor Day Weekend Car Show, set to take place on Saturday, August 31 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Boyne City Veteran's Park.

Festivities will kick off Friday night with a free Drive in pre-view in the 100 and 200 blocks of Water Street during Stroll The Streets from 6-9 pm.

Car enthusiasts and families alike are invited to join us for a day of automotive fun, featuring a dazzling display of classic cars, muscle cars, vintage vehicles, and custom hot rods. The event promises something for everyone, including:

- **CAR EXHIBITS:** Over 100 classic and custom cars on display.
- **FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS:** BC Pizza food truck will be offering delicious treats.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** Enjoy performances by local band, the Pine River Jazz Band, in addition to a DJ playing throughout the day.
- **RAFFLE & PRIZES:** Exciting raffles with chances to win fantastic prizes.

Proceeds from the event will support the Kiwanis Club's local community projects, including youth programs, scholarships, and various community service initiatives focusing on the health and literacy of children.

"We are excited to host this event and bring the community together for a great cause," said Mike



Despite questionable weather; over 80 car owners came to be judged and hundreds of visitors enjoyed the last year's show. Photo credit: Norma Jean Babcock

Lalande, Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City, and car show organizer. "The Labor Day Weekend Car Show is a wonderful tradition, and we look forward to seeing everyone there."

Admission is free for spectators. Car owners interested in showcasing their vehicles can register online at Mynorthtickets.com or on the day of the event. The pre-registration fee is \$20 per vehicle, with all proceeds benefiting the Kiwanis Club's charitable efforts. Day of registration will be \$25 per vehicle. Registration will open at 8am, and judging will begin at 10am.

For more information, please contact Syrina Dawson at syrina@charter.net or 231.675.2492, or visit our website.

About Kiwanis Club of Boyne City: The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the local community through various service projects and initiatives aimed at improving the lives of children and families.



Car owners showed off not only their cars spectacular bodies; but powerful engines as well. Photo credit: Norma Jean Babcock



Unique cars such as the Amphibian Car were a crowd favorite. Photo credit: Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY KIWANIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND CAR SHOW



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BOYNE CITY PIRATEFEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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TUESDAY - ARRGUST 6

RIVER CLEANUP

Meet at the Cabin in Sunset Park at 4:30pm.
Bags and rubber gloves provided

WEDNESDAY - ARRGUST 7

Keep Yer Powder Dry.

THURSDAY - ARRGUST 8

PIRATE PRINCESS AND QUEEN PAGEANT

This here be the crownin' of the official PirateFest Princess & Queen who will reign over TreasureTown and all of Lake Charrlevoix. Location: Entertainment Tent in Sunset Parrk from 6p to 10pm.

FRIDAY - ARRGUST 9

7p - THE INVASION!! Decorate Yer Ship and Join the Fun!! Pirates invade Treasure Town, USA by way of a Crazy Flotilla led by arrr flagship, the 95' schooner "Madeline" and the Little Traverse Bay Ferry. The good ship Madeline will be docked at the city T-dock, and the LTB Ferry will do tours throughout the weekend from the Shopper's Dock. Bear witness behind Boyne City's Sunset Parrk as the Pirates disembark & start their search fer the Treasure.

6-11p - It Be An Entertainment Filled Evening Under The Tent with "THE REMEDEE"

6 pm - Costume contest at the Eagles Club!

Prizes and Pirate Drink Specials! Open to the Public.

Let there be drinks, laughter, and stories to tell. Mingle with pirates, and all shall be well. Bring a lawn chair or throw down a blanket. Also 6-7 Pirate Costume Contest at the Eagle's Club

SATURDAY - ARRGUST 10th

10a - PIRATEFEST PARADE

Parade begins in SOBO, travels down Lake Street, and ends at Veteran's Park.

11a-3p - CAP'N KID'S FAIR, where the Kids Arrr the CAP'Ns. Old City Park.

Includes - "BC Rocks" Treasure Hunt, Kid's Crafts, Face Paintin', Juggling & Much More.

12-6p - There's a Pirate Rivarr Raft Adventure with pirates, mermaids, and water battles.

12p - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT all day in Sunset Parrk with bands provided by Black Diamond Broadcasting, Cap'n of the Airwaves!!

12pm-after dark - NON_STOP STREET SHOWS in Sunset Park and various locations around town. Sword Swallowing, Juggling, Acrobats, Animals, Escape Artists, and more!

7:00-11pm - Live Music by Yankee Station

12p-9p - PIRATES, BUSKERS & MERMAIDS, BLIMEY. Catch these entertainers all throughout Treasure Town USA.

Beware. They might catch you fer their crew.

1p - KIDS PIRATE COSTUME PARADE IN OLD CITY PARK.

See our Junior Pirate Mateys in their finest, with the Kids Pirate Costume Contest to follow.

3p - THE BATTLE OF THE BOYNE RIVER.

Townfolk be gatherin' in Old City Park to lead a march to drive the Pirates out. Soon, a zany re-enactment of the famous "Battle of the Boyne River" ensues.

SUNDAY - ARRGUST 11

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LEADERSHIP

Being An Excellent Communicator

BY JOHN KEYSER



John Keyser

Being an excellent communicator, of course as well as being a very good listener, are vitally important to positively influencing people. Well, why do so many struggle with communication?

A great many are unaware that their communication could be improved. They assume they are timely, thorough, and clear while others do not think they are.

We could rationalize, e.g., the busyness of our lives, endless information coming at us, and distraction by the internet and our smart phones. These surely make it difficult for us to focus on our team members and others. Yet, leadership – and good communication – stem from our attitude, and our attitude must be based on connecting with and serving others!

Serving others means helping others be successful and feeling good about themselves.

Yes, feeling good about themselves is key. Everyone wants to feel:

- Appreciated and valued
- They are heard
- Their ideas matter
- They are an important member of the team
- They are kept informed

This means that they feel connected, cared for and supported.

Being a good communicator, sharing information, and feelings, completely and honestly – on a timely basis – make an important

positive difference... as does being an active listener. Being truly interested and listening to understand and learn, without a personal agenda, are key to effective communication.

Our timely responsiveness and being accessible are critically important!

I have encountered a surprising number of situations when people simply were not responsive. They are people who should be leaders, but definitely fall short in timely responsiveness.

Also, bear in mind that clarity is a strength!

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.

STUFF THE BUS!

Help the Salvation Army 'Stuff the Bus' with school supplies for local children

PETOSKEY – The Salvation Army will be at Petoskey's Walmart on Friday, August 9th and Saturday, August 10th from 10AM-6PM to Stuff the Bus with school supplies for children of low-income families. Lite 96.3 will be there to kick off the event and bring awareness to the community. Flyers with needed supply items will be handed out at each door by volunteers from community organizations such as the Emmet County Republican party and Little Traverse Bay Kiwanis Club.

Summer "fun in the sun" will quickly be morphing "back to school" and this year more than ever, low-income families need help affording the high cost of school supplies that have nearly doubled in cost over the last couple of years due to inflation. While some children are anxiously awaiting seeing their friends again and fun shopping trips for the latest trends, some children are dreading the return because their parents are simply unable to afford items that are vital to their education.

This not only puts more stress on children who already have stress from maintaining busy schedules between homework, sports and other activities, but also on parents who are trying their best to provide while



rushing to the next event and on teachers managing under-equipped crowded classrooms.

"When one child has highlighters, sticky notes and colored pencils and another child doesn't, it makes it more difficult for them to navigate through the curriculum being taught" says Jenni Hand, Pellston Middle School Teacher. When asked, a local high schooler said he would not only feed ill-prepared, but also feel embarrassed if he didn't have access to the supplies his peers had and that he needs to succeed.

Stuff the Bus donations are distributed to local schools in Emmet, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties. Two school districts are cho-

sen to be the recipients each year on a rotating basis. For example, last year Mackinaw Public Schools and Boyne Falls Public Schools were chosen while the year prior they were distributed to Pellston Public Schools and Alanson Public Schools. By allowing schools to have the supplies on hand, they are immediately accessible to the children who need them and because they are given confidentially, children do not experience a feeling of shame because their family cannot afford the same items their peers have.

If you are unable to get to Walmart you can find Walmart's online "Registry for Good" and purchase supplies that will be shipped

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Meet the Moment

Dear Readers, "Decision" is a word we use often, but have you ever considered its Latin roots? "De" meaning "off" and "cision" meaning "cut." To make a decision is to cut off all other options. This idea has resonated deeply with me, especially as I reflect on my journey and the twists and turns that have brought me to this very moment.



Laura Jasurda

Life is full of unexpected challenges and opportunities. Each high and low, each success and setback, has a purpose. They shape us, teach us, and prepare us for the moments that matter most. I've had my share of ups and downs, each one a stepping stone, guiding me closer to my true path.

Recently, as I shared last week, I faced a significant change that could have easily been a devastating blow. Instead, I chose to see it as a pivotal moment, a chance to realign and refocus. In those challenging times, I leaned into my faith, trusting that every twist and turn was part of a greater plan. I remembered the whisper I heard in my heart: "Just wait until you see what I do next."

When we embrace the unknown with an open heart, we allow ourselves to grow and evolve. "This isn't happening to me; it's happening for me" are words I tell myself. It's in these moments of uncertainty that we discover our true strength and resilience. We learn to pivot, adapt, and ultimately thrive.

My journey has taught me that we are never alone.

There is always a greater force guiding us, whether we recognize it or not. Each step, whether forward or backward, is part of a larger dance that leads us to our destiny. I've found that by embracing this perspective, I'm able to meet each moment with grace and gratitude, knowing that everything is unfolding exactly as it should.

So, dear readers, when life throws you a curveball, remember to meet the moment. Trust that every decision, every twist and turn, is preparing you for something greater. Embrace the journey, and you'll find that each step brings you closer to your true purpose.

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.

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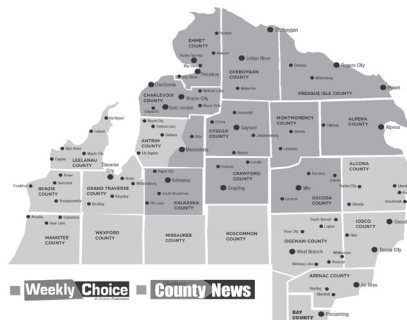
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PET OF THE WEEK

ANNA MAY



Hi guys!! I'm Anna May and I'm SO excited to meet you! I just love people! I am still learning manners and how to control my excitement so you may see me quite literally jump for joy at times, I promise it's something I'm working on though. I just need a nice human to come along and teach me some basic etiquette. I'm still young and very eager to learn! You may wonder why I'm a year old and don't have much training, well, I have spent almost my whole life in shelters. I was brought to a shelter out of town at about 4 months old and that's all I've ever known or been exposed to. I'm learning to go on walks now and how to walk nicely and the people here say I'm a quick learner! Unfortunately since shelter life is all I know, I can be standoffish with other dogs. Who wouldn't be a little reactive to a bunch of strangers barking at you though? I'm sure with the right human and some patience we could work through this. I haven't experienced those little fuzzy things called cats so I'm not sure I'd want to coexist with any, but again, maybe it's something I could learn to live with. Give me a chance and I promise to be the best girl I can be!



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REAL ESTATE FEATURE



RANCH STYLE HOME WITH VERSATILE LAYOUT ON THREE LOTS IN BOYNE CITY

BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a ranch style home with a versatile layout, situated on three city lots just four blocks from downtown Boyne City.

This three bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home has just over 1,900 feet of finished space. The layout offers two bedrooms and one-and-a-half baths on one side and the third bedroom with bath and a second kitchen on the other side off the garage. This provides great versatility for the growing family or for an in-law suite just off the main home. Interior amenities include a large living room with bay window, dining area with sliding door access to the outdoor deck, a good sized kitchen that opens to the dining and living areas, and much more.

The large deck is covered and offers great views of the huge property.



The location is conveniently located near parks, schools and is on the bike trail to Boyne Mountain. There is a one-and-a-half car garage to keep your vehicle out of the weather and a partially finished full basement for extra storage needs and workspace.

This ranch style home on three city lots is located at 1029 East Main

Street in Boyne City and it is listed at \$375,000. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com.



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Paint Brighter - A little brightness is always needed, when you want to decorate your home! Don't adopt the neutral one paint approach; rather paint little things to the brightest hues to bring that touch of life. So pick up your paint spray and do it with love.

Family Photos also do the magic - Instead of buying expensive wall hangings, print some cool family photos and get them ready in simple wooden frames. You can hang them all around the corridor for a royal look.

Say it with Nature - Nature is the best thing, when it comes decorating your home frugally. So bring in some shade loving plants and nurture them in beautiful self-painted cases. You can also use pebbles, rocks and shells around them to create a beautiful look indoors.

Mirrors on the Wall - So what if your home is a little small, you can create a wide spacious effect by using mirrors. Yes, mirrors are great to make your home look

spacious. So use mirrors all around your home. Sweet Little Things - Vases look charming, with or without flowers, and the best vases that you can place are your antique perfume bottles! Why go to market to spend dollars on vases. Just grab those empty perfume bottles, you've been hiding in drawers for years and use them. Pretty Fabrics & Frills - Frills are the best thing to give your home a soft and romantic effect. So use lots of soft pillows with frills. Buy bed sheets in soft colors and frills to create an effeminate look.

Creative Handmade crafts - Believe me, there is nothing more powerfully appealing than handmade crafts. If you have that artist eye, you can create creative hand crafts, if not, use the internet and books to spice you up with ideas. You can use cute little button on cushions. Grab large pieces of checkered or polka dot clothes to create cute handcrafted items.

Sparkle it up with Candles - Candles are the best thing to decorate your home. You can reserve a special shelf for candles and fill it up with different colored candles for a tranquil soothing environment.

Be yourself - Well, decorating a home is all about you and how you do it! Just don't copy other's ideas, instead get inspiration and also add sparks of your own personal taste to decorate your home frugally.



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