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MATT HAMILTON

## East Jordan Teacher, Matt Hamilton receives national teaching excellence award

### One of only five educators nationwide to receive the prestigious Award

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan Middle/High School's Matt Hamilton has been named one of only five educators nationwide to receive the prestigious Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence.

Announced October 7th, The award celebrates outstanding teachers who have made a lasting impact on their students and communities.

Awardees are selected based on their exceptional skill in the classroom, attention to equity and diversity,

engagement of families and communities, commitment to ongoing professional development, and advocacy for the profession. One of the highest honors in public education, the award will be presented at the Salute to Excellence in Education Gala on February 14, 2025, in Washington, D.C.

The Horace Mann Award is not Hamilton's first recognition for his educational contributions. Earlier this year, he received the Michigan Education Association's (MEA) 2024 Educational Excellence Award,

making him eligible for the national honor. Following this achievement, he submitted a detailed account of his teaching philosophy and flew to Washington, D.C., where he taught a lesson for a panel of judges evaluating finalists for the award.

In a profession with more than three million educators across the United States, Hamilton feels honored to represent not only his school but also the State of Michigan at a

**HAMILTON**  
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## Tricia Wilcox takes the reins of Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce

Tricia Wilcox has officially taken the reins as the Executive Director of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, beginning her new role on October 7th. As a former business owner, Wilcox brings experience and a fresh perspective to the chamber.

"I am honored and excited to step into this new role," said Wilcox, whose background and appreciation of the Boyne area make her well-suited for the position. Her journey from small business owner to chamber leader is marked by a love for the local community and a passion for supporting fellow entrepreneurs.

Wilcox's story began in 2016 when she launched her business in a renovated vintage camper, traveling across Michigan to craft shows, concerts, and events. Eventually, she found a permanent home for her shop, Whimsical Wit, in Ferndale, later expanding to a second location in downtown Boyne City in 2021.

Her time running the Boyne City store helped her create a strong network of friends and colleagues and deepened her appreciation for the community.

"I owned a business here in Boyne for about three years, and I absolutely love it here," Wilcox said. "It's just such a cool community."

Life changes led Wilcox to close her shop this past winter. Expecting her first child, she decided it was



TRICIA WILCOX

the perfect time to settle down in this area. "We just really wanted to raise our child in a smaller community surrounded by nature," she shared.

As the new Chamber Executive Director, Wilcox is eager to bring her experience as a small business owner to the role, helping revitalize events and finding new ways to serve the local business community.

"I've learned so much through the years with my own business, and I want to take all that knowledge and apply it here," she said.

Wilcox has immediate plans to update the chamber's newsletter, website, and social media presence to better connect with Chamber members and the broader community.

She aims to reestablish the chamber's role as a hub of activity in Boyne City, finding ways to enhance benefits for members and make the organization more interactive and involved. "There's so much room to grow," she noted, emphasizing the board's openness to new ideas. "Everyone is working really well together, and I feel we're going to get a lot done."

Wilcox's approach to events will reflect her creative thinking. She sees small events not just as social gatherings but as marketing opportunities for local businesses. She feels it will be a fun challenge to work with businesses and find ways to make events more engaging and beneficial.

Over the next year, Wilcox hopes chamber members will be able to

**WILCOX**  
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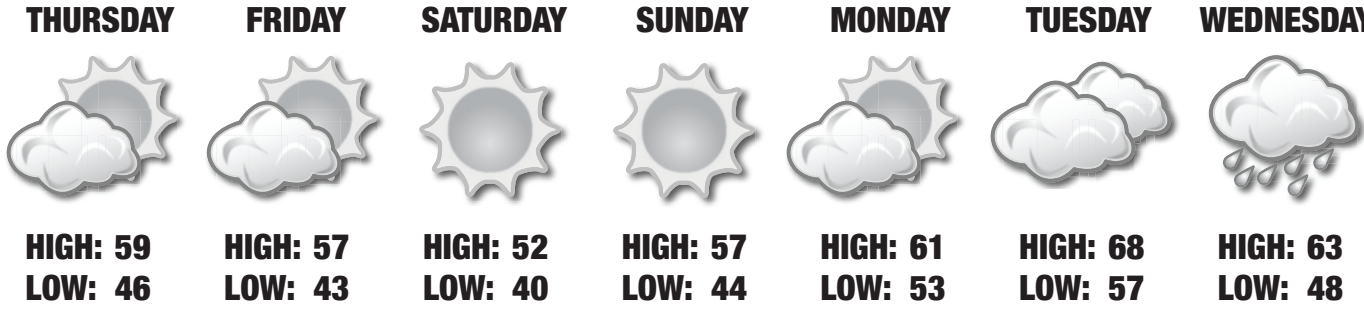


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Oct 25 ...	51	34	76	2012	22	1972				
Oct 26 ...	50	33	74	1989	18	1962				
Oct 27 ...	50	33	74	1955	20	1983				
Oct 28 ...	49	33	70	1955	17	1976				
Oct 29 ...	49	32	71	1989	14	1978				
Oct 30 ...	48	32	72	1956	17	1975				

## OBITUARIES



**John L. Massey, 78**  
(March 26, 1946 — Oct. 13, 2024)  
**BOYNE FALLS**

John Leon Massey of Boyne Falls passed away Sunday, October 13, 2024, at McLaren Northern Michigan. Born on March 26, 1946, in Boyne Falls, the son of Marion and Beulah (Baker) Massey.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling. For many years, he operated the family Moyer Trout Pond in Boyne Falls. He was a talented wood worker. Throughout the years, he worked at Boyne Falls Log Homes, Town and Country Log Homes, Boyne Mountain and Boyne Highlands. He loved talking to people and telling stories. He was very proud of each of his grandchildren. They were the apple of his eye.

He is survived by his daughter, Kelli (Todd) Gokee; grandsons, Jeffrey (Courtney) Howard and Cayden Howard; granddaughter, Kassidy Howard (Briar Bishop); brothers, Alan “Zeke” (Giselle) Massey, Leon (Kathy) Massey; sister-in-law, Ellen Massey; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marion and Beulah Massey; sisters, Margaret “Eloise” (Bob) McGeorge, Lila (Jay) Kelso and Peggy; brothers, Bill Massey and George Massey.

A memorial service will take place 11:00 AM Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at Boyne Falls United Methodist Church where the family will visit with friends beginning at 10:00 AM. A luncheon will follow.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on his guestbook at [www.GaylordFuneral-Home.com](http://www.GaylordFuneral-Home.com)



**Russell Allen Peck, 68**  
(Feb. 17, 1956 – Oct. 16, 2024)  
**EAST JORDAN**

Russell Allen Peck died at home near East Jordan on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. He was born on February 17, 1956, in Charlevoix, the son of Lyle “Pee Wee” and Delight (Lewis) Peck.

Russ graduated from East Jordan High School in 1974 and moved on to study Speech Therapy at Northern Michigan University.

Over his lifetime, Russ walked down many professional paths with the intention of fostering love, kindness, community, connectedness, empathy, and a darn good time. He dedicated much of himself to the Grandvue Medical Care Facility residents, starting as a Patient Aide in high school and retiring as a certified Laughter Specialist Activities Aide on April 8, 2020. His proud identity as a Laughter Specialist was earned when Russ graduated from the Gesundheit Institute, founded by Patch Adams. Working with Patch Adams was a distinguished honor for Russell and empowered him to practice the art of Laughology with everyone in his life. His jokes definitely made it into the FUNcle (fun uncle) Hall of Fame.

As a longtime public servant, Russ served as an East Jordan City Commissioner and Mayor for nearly 22 years. His work with the city began in 1988, when he was asked to fill the position of an outgoing Commissioner.

Over his extensive career in East Jordan city government, Mr. Peck shared this early noteworthy moment of community pride:

“Back when I was here the first time around, East Jordan was known as the fastest-growing city in

Michigan, and that was something I’ll treasure.” Russ was proud to be an active community member and a contributing factor in the expansion of East Jordan, as he wanted to share his beautiful city with the world. He was a long-time member of the Jaycee’s nonprofit organization. Russ was a founding board member of the first Miss East Jordan patent. He also served on the Freedom Festival board for many years and organized the parades while he was an active committee member.

Russ was East Jordan’s ‘Santa Claus’ for 30 years and took this responsibility very seriously. He not only rode into town on one of the city’s firetrucks kicking off the holiday season, but he also promised each child they would find something special under their Christmas tree. He loved to see their smiles and hear their laughter as they overflowed his happiness cup over and over. Russ was also a very beloved licensed marriage officiant, and these moments brought him the greatest joy. Witnessing and confirming love was such a special and sacred tradition for Russ because he believed love is one of the greatest gifts from our Father in Heaven that brings the truest form of happiness.

If anyone knew Russ, they knew his love of sports. He was an avid Detroit Red Wings, Tigers, and Lions fan jumping at the chance to go to a game anytime he could. He was a Michigan State Spartans fan too! He enjoyed local sporting events for East Jordan and Gaylord High Schools – especially Gaylord Blue Devil hockey and East Jordan Red Devil basketball.

Russ was an East Jordan Community Church member and a faithful servant of God. The fellowship and teachings from Rev. Jason Richey were always so special to Russ. He would often happily share his excitement about how his pastor and church family were “just so awesome.” Supporting the youth at church and in his community was always a top consideration for Russ, and seeing this prioritized at church made his heart sing.

Russ is survived by his dog Darlene, two brothers, Wayne Peck and Gerald “Jay” (Autumn Vousboukis) Peck, both of East Jordan; seven nieces and nephews who were also always his

children, Stephanie (Kirby) Peck-Buchanan, Felicia Burks, Elizabeth Peck, Josh Peck, Taylor Hand, Ted (Kelsey) Peck, Jarica Peck and Nicholas (Rheanna) Peck; eleven great-nieces and nephews, Kristina, Bradley, Camron, Emma, Christian, Rosalie, Ryker, Anthony, Jocelyn, Zander, Lainey; honorary niece and nephew MaryJane and Andrew Orta-Garcia; special friends, Kevin and Susan Russell and family; as well as his special friend, Mary Black.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Kenneth Wayne Peck and Christopher Glen Peck.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, East Jordan. Rev. Jason Richey of the East Jordan Community Church officiated.

Memorials may be directed to The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center in East Jordan.



**Eugene Drenth, 74**  
(June 13, 1950 — Oct. 17, 2024)  
**ELLSWORTH**

Eugene Ray Drenth of Ellsworth passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 17, 2024, with his loving family beside him. He was born on June 13, 1950, in Charlevoix, the son of Gerrit and Wilma (Heeres) Drenth.

Gene graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1968, and went on to attend Grand Valley for two years before enlisting in

the United States Army in 1970 during Vietnam. Upon his discharge from active duty in 1972, he received training at RETS Electronic Schools.

He began working at Big Rock Nuclear Plant in 1976; he held several positions over the years, but his favorite was being an instructor, and teaching others. Before the plant shut down, they offered employees the opportunity to go back to school. He took advantage of the offer and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Spring Arbor University in 1997, and became an ordained minister in 2001 through Trinity Theological Seminary where he earned his Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry.

Gene dedicated much of his time in Ellsworth and the surrounding communities volunteering and teaching others. Over the years, he served on several boards including a local church, Ebenezer Christian School, Good Samaritan Family Services, and the American Legion Post 488. He also devoted much of his time to serving with Keryx prison ministry. Gene was a proud veteran and earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Aircraft Crewman’s Badge, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Medal, and Sharpshooter. He was also recognized as an honoree on a mid-Michigan Honor Flight and received a Quilt of Valor for his dedicated service in the United States Army.

Gene had little time for himself outside of serving his community which he truly loved.

However, when he had time, he enjoyed studying, gardening, and filling in for other pastors at several churches in the area.

On October 1, 1977, Gene married the love of his life, Patty (Wallick) Drenth, who survives. Also surviving are his two daughters, Faith (Jeremy) DeYoung, and Hope (Tim) Broxterman; his brother, Chet (Marlene) Drenth;

his sister-in-law, Brenda Drenth; and three grandchildren, Emma, Tyler, and Kerri.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Thelma (Henry) Koens; his brother, Gary Drenth; and his half-brother, Don Heeres.

Funeral Services will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2024 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, at the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. There will also be a time for visiting at the church on Friday from 1:30 p.m. until the time of services at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ebenezer Christian School, PO Box 158, Ellsworth, MI 49729 (online <https://ebenezerchristian.org/financial-giving/>) or Good Samaritan Family Services, PO Box 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729 (online <https://www.thegoodsam.org/give/>).

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

Please sign his online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

**Colette Reynolds, 68**  
(June 10, 1956 — Oct. 15, 2024)  
**CHARLEVOIX**

Colette Barbara Reynolds of Charlevoix passed away on October 15, 2024. She was born on June 10, 1956, in Petoskey, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Slocum) Deschermeier.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 26, from 11am until 1pm, at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Sign her online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

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## COMMUNITY LEADER

# LISA CLAVIER

## WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BY JOHN KEYSER

Shout out to Connie Roberts for urging me to meet Lisa Clavier and highlighting her initiative to found Kiersten's Ride and her tireless work to empower our community to help save lives.

Lisa grew up in East Jordan, where she resides with her husband, David, of 32 years. Her Mom and Dad still live here and she has four brothers. She and David had five children themselves, though they lost Kiersten to suicide when she was 17. After their loss of Kiersten, Lisa was driven to help others learn how to help prevent loss to suicide through education. She attributes her strength to her deep faith. Lisa also provides support to others when they experience the loss of a loved one. When this type of tragedy happens, many families need to talk with someone who they feel understands their pain.

As mentioned above, Lisa's faith has been, is, and always will be her guide. Her priorities are being a wife, a mom, and building relationships to help others. Community education is very important. We all will experience hard times in our lives and too often there is a fear of communicating our pain. This could be a young person wrestling with internal issues, mentioning it to a peer, parent, teacher or others, who may not feel comfortable with the conversation, or know what to do. This is a barrier for people getting to needed help, as open communication and informed discussion can be the fuel of life saving change. Potential helpers are usually kind, good and caring people, who just haven't had the opportunity to learn about creating safety from suicide. This education is Lisa's mission. These important conversations can't be kept quiet behind closed doors. They must be discussed if we want to save lives!

Lisa is a doer, a resourceful person! She is quick to ask for ideas and



LISA CLAVIER

help, and she is a lifelong learner.

She feels blessed to have an incredible Board of Directors helping her with Kiersten's Ride.

Her daughter, Kiersten, was an outstanding youngster and student. She loved horses and drawing.

From her early years as a Mom, Lisa was always involved with her children, their school and activities, e.g., a Brownie leader, coaching soccer and cheerleading. Her passions are her kids, grandkids and empowering those around her.

She is deeply involved with CAPE, a Child Abuse

Prevention and Education Council serving Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, and both CAPE and Kiersten's Ride work in partnership with Char-Em ISD to provide Continued Education credits to educators.

Lisa views her mission is not to save individuals herself, it is to help others guide those who are vulnerable, others being parents, siblings, children, educators, psychiatrists, psychologists, clinicians, social workers, law enforcement and others in our communities via education, conferences and other resources to know what to

do when people ask for help and when they sense others wrestling within themselves but hesitant to ask.

And Lisa points out that it is not simply children who have thoughts of suicide, but people of all ages including military veterans and our elderly.

Lisa's educational activities are literally all over the State of Michigan, including the U.P. and Lansing, but focused mostly here in Northern Lower Michigan. I asked Lisa about messages she'd like out to our community, which are:

- It is not our highlights, it is what we have in our quiet moments, in our hearts
- People can make it through hard times
- Do not fear the conversations, we need to talk openly
- We can all play a role in helping others, take a training to learn more
- Help is available and you are worthy of that help, you matter

God bless Lisa Clavier, her faith, her family, and her team for making such a positive difference in our community.

*If you are having thoughts of suicide, please reach out to the Suicide and Crisis Life Line by texting or calling 988. If you are unable to stay safe call 911 or visit your closest emergency room.*

## ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

# A Life Lesson in Selfless Love

Dear Readers, I came across a story that really touched me:

A father and son were at home, and the father kept asking, "What's that noise outside?" The son, growing frustrated, kept answering, "It's a bird, Dad." When the father asked again, the son snapped back, "How many times do I have to tell you, it's a bird!"

Without a word, the father brought back an old journal entry from the son's third birthday. In it, the father had written about how his young son had asked that very same question 23 times, and each time, the father had lovingly replied, "It's a bird, son."

The son felt remorseful, but his father reassured him, saying, "Don't feel bad. This is what unconditional love looks like. This is selflessness."

This story is a beautiful reminder that success isn't about titles, power, or wealth. It's about humility, patience, and serving others with love—whether in our families, communities, or workplaces. True greatness lies in those quiet



Laura Jasurda

moments of service when we show up for others, not for recognition, but out of love.

Until next week, may we all be inspired to lead with selflessness and humility in our lives.

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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## Celebrate Friends of the Library Week, October 20-26

The Boyne District Library is excited to announce the annual Friends of the Library Week, celebrated this year from October 20-26, and invite the community to join in recognizing the hard work and dedication of this incredible volunteer group. The Friends are the backbone of support for our library, helping make it a thriving center for our community.

Over the past year, the Friends of the Library have accomplished several remarkable projects that benefit patrons of all ages. Most notably, they made a generous \$25,001 donation to help renovate the Children's Department, ensuring a bright, welcoming, and engaging space for young readers. This renovation will include new furniture, updated technology, and more interactive learning opportunities, fostering a love of reading in our youngest community members.

Another exciting achievement is the installation of a solar-powered umbrella in the library's south-facing garden, allowing patrons to charge their devices while enjoying the peaceful outdoor space. This eco-friendly addition has already become a favorite among visitors who enjoy the garden while keeping their phones, tablets, and laptops powered.

Additionally, the Friends sponsored summer reading



**THE BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD**  
Julie Taylor, Larry Taylor, Monica Peck (Library Director), Jean Musilek, Donna Diaz, Ward Collins, Kendra Lake, Julie Hasse, and Robin Wright. Not pictured: Judy Smith

performances for children, bringing fun, interactive, and educational experiences to the library. These events have been a huge hit, encouraging reading and learning during the summer months.

To fund these valuable projects, the Friends of the Library sell donated used books at popular community events like Stroll the Streets and the Farmers Market. These book sales not only provide affordable reading materials to the public but also raise crucial funds for library improvements, programming, and services. The Friends of the Library will be hosting their annual BIG used book sale during "Earlier Than the Bird" on Saturday,

November 23 from 8:00-12:00 where shoppers can fill a bag for \$5.

As the largest volunteer group at the library, the Friends contribute countless hours to ensure the success of library events and initiatives. From organizing book sales to supporting library staff, their dedication is truly unmatched.

As we celebrate Friends of the Library Week, we encourage everyone to learn more about this incredible group and how they continue to enhance the library and the community. Whether through volunteering or donating, there are many ways to get involved and make a difference.

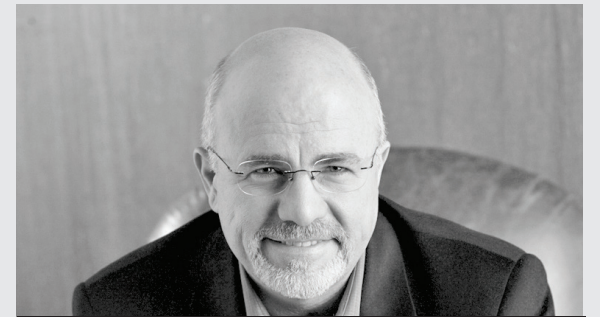
For more information about the Friends of the Library or to become a member, visit [www.boynelibrary.org](http://www.boynelibrary.org) or stop by the library.

Let's give a round of applause to the Friends for their tireless commitment and generosity!

### About the Friends of the Library:

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit volunteer organization that supports the library through fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer efforts.

Their mission is to enhance library services and ensure the library continues to serve the community as a vibrant center for education, culture, and engagement.



## DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

### Hang Around for Benefits?

Dear Dave,

I am currently serving in the military, and I'm not sure I like the life, or what I'm doing, as much as I did a few years ago. Recently, I was approached with some exciting opportunities outside the military in a different field. I'm not sure what to do. Do you think I should make plans to take advantage of these new opportunities, or should I stick with the military and receive full benefits when I'm eligible to retire in 10 years?

—William

Dear William,

There are people who absolutely love the military. It makes a great career for some folks, and I think that's awesome. God bless them—and you—for serving their country that way. But whether you're in the military or a civilian, I think you should do what you love doing.

If you were just a few months away from retirement, I'd probably

tell you to bear down and tough it out. That way, it wouldn't be too long before you could explore the new opportunities and have a nice pension coming in. But 10 years is a long time to do anything when your heart's not in it.

Long story short? If you love it, stay. If you don't, get out. Serving in the armed forces is voluntary, and in a sense, that makes it a little like other jobs. Regardless, hanging around for a decade in a job where you're miserable just to collect benefits? That's not a good plan.

— Dave

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The marks of an exceptional House Representative are passion and commitment to his or her constituents. Jack Bergman shows neither of these qualities. He regularly avoids town halls and media interviews, having his staff handle calls and email responses. He

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She is a fighter. Vote for Callie Barr—a fresh voice for northern Michigan citizens.

Beth Freeman  
Boyne City

**PET OF THE WEEK**

# CEDAR

This little guy is Cedar. He is a playful and energetic little guy, and he loves everyone. He can be timid at times but also has a calm demeanor. Cedar came to us in a group of 5 surrendered puppies. We are unsure how he is with cats and children, and he's not very fond of the big dogs here. However, he's very young so he'd be fairly easy to train.

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look back at the organization's accomplishments and see the clear value in being a part of it. To foster open communication, she plans to hold regular office hours where members and prospective members can drop by to meet and chat about their ideas and needs. "I want the chamber to be something that's truly benefiting the businesses we represent," she said.

With her enthusiasm and strong sense of community, Wilcox is ready to guide the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce toward a future of growth and collaboration. Her vision is one where the chamber is not just a support network but an active partner in the success of local businesses.

As she steps into this role, the Boyne community can look forward to a new chapter of creativity and engagement.

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# News

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## LEADERSHIP

### Our Conversation Is The Relationship

BY JOHN KEYSER

Conversations are the work of a leader. I am borrowing this title and also the phrase “Our conversation is the relationship”, from the excellent book, *Fierce Conversations* by Susan Scott.

As leaders, we inspire and motivate people when we spend time with them in conversation, letting them know they are valued, that their ideas are heard and appreciated, and that we are eager to help them grow and succeed.

So much of our life is about our relationships. Are they quality relationships, founded on respect and trust?

Purposeful, ongoing conversations are the way to develop effective relationships and an energetic organizational culture. Through these conversations, we will gain valuable ideas about how we can help people succeed, what we are doing well, what people value and appreciate about our organization, how we can improve, and a wealth of other helpful ideas.



John Keyser

When we make conversations and relationships high priorities within our organization, we will significantly improve our working relationships, our organization’s morale and our effectiveness as a leader. People who feel valued and heard are highly productive and loyal.

Our people need to be with us, face to face, in order to feel we are genuinely interested in their ideas, their success, their wellbeing, and that we truly want to help them. This is how we inspire trust and loyalty.

Even brief conversations are opportunities to check in with our people and to demonstrate we genuinely care.

I know, it’s a challenge today to make the time for conversations. Yet, it is our responsibility as leaders to find the time!

Some days we may have only a few moments to say, “Hi, how are you?” That’s okay. Again, a short conversation is better than no conversation.

When we pick up the phone to check in with someone at a different location, it means the world to them.

Our relationships are vitally important, and let’s remember: Our conversation is the relationship

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.



EAST JORDAN STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

Left to right: School Superintendent Enos Bacon, EJ City Administrator Tom Cannon, Chamber President Mary Faculak, County Commissioner Josh Chamberlain, Charlevoix County Community Foundation President Sara Ward, East Jordan Family Health Center Medical Director Joelle Woodruff, East Jordan High School Student Rylan McVannel, Grandvue Medical Care Facility Administrator Joe Taylor, DDA Vice-chair John Hunter, City Mayor Mark Penzien.

### WOW... There is a lot of good things happening in East Jordan!

## Chamber hosts State of the Community

BY KAREN WALKER

Tuesday, the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual State of the Community Forum at the East Jordan School auditorium. The event drew over 100 attendees, including local business leaders, community members, and the East Jordan High School senior class.

Chamber President Mary Faculak remarked on the importance of having the seniors present as it is very important to have them learn about their community and understand what’s happening and what’s ahead for their community. She stated it’s an exciting time to be in East Jordan, and there is so much to celebrate.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation President Sara Ward explained the role of the Community Foundation is to encourage vibrant communities where all people can thrive by connecting people who care with local needs and opportunities. Recent projects the Foundation has supported include a new partnership with Michigan Works to expand job training, grants for the Don and Eileen Klein Nature Trail, the East Jordan Public School’s “Seed to Salad” composting and gardening program, and the revival of the school drama program.

Charlevoix County Commissioner Josh Chamberlain discussed proposed legislation that would mandate inspections of private septic systems every five years and a materials management plan to reduce organic matter in landfills. He shared some positive news as well: the Beaver Island lighthouse will be repaired without

taxpayer funding, thanks to HGTV featuring it in an upcoming show. Additionally, he announced the completion of the boat launch at Whittings Park, with Stage 3 of the bike trail nearing completion.

East Jordan Public School’s new superintendent Enos Bacon expressed his enthusiasm for his role. He stated, “Serving as your superintendent is a privilege and a responsibility I carry with great pride and care.”

It’s a dream come true, and something I do not take lightly.” He said he is filled with optimism and excitement for what lies ahead, remarking, “Our students have the potential to achieve incredible things.”

Student moderator Rylan McVannel introduced Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Vice-chairman John Hunter and East Jordan City Administrator Tom Cannon. Hunter described the DDA’s focus on enhancing quality of life and economic opportunities. He reported on the project to remove and replace trees and remove broken flower boxes on Main Street, creating additional sidewalk space.

Cannon highlighted four major projects in the city including improvements to Memorial and Sportsman Parks as well as GAR Park and the Don & Eileen Klein Nature Trail. Nearly \$3 million was invested in these projects, with only 4% funded by local taxes, the rest coming from partnerships and private donors.

Currently, the City is working with private developers to redevelop the Civic Center for retail and long term housing. They are also working to develop 38 acres

near the Industrial Park for long term housing.

Further, Cannon noted the City is updating their logo, Sunset Street will be reconstructed next year and there’s a collaborative effort underway to get the train repainted and a new roof constructed.

Reporting on health care for area residents, Joelle Woodruff, Medical Director for the East Jordan Family Health Center explained their role as a federally funded facility and their pharmacy services. Also, Grandvue Medical Care Facility Administrator Joe Taylor outlined the services they provide for the area and the ongoing challenge of staffing shortages.

Faculak also shared highlights from the Chamber, including the success of the visitor’s guide distributed at welcome centers in Clare and Mackinaw City, the popularity of the Don & Eileen Klein Nature Trail, the 20 sculptures along the Jordan Art Walk, the annual Breezeway color tour, and the potential for tour buses to visit East Jordan.

East Jordan Mayor Mark Penzien reported the City has recently updated its mission statement. He commented that all the things that are happening for the town, didn’t happen overnight. He described it as a “silent, slow process that culminates in an abrupt celebration of accomplishment.” He says we are in the process of becoming a better East Jordan.

The program concluded with Faculak encouraging the senior students to remember they “graduated from a community that cares.”



## East Jordan Lion’s Club Poster Contest Winner Announced

East Jordan Lions awarded Nevaeh Cahoon \$50 for winning the Lions Peace Poster Contest. This is the second time in a row she has won this award. Her poster will now be judged at the district level on November 3rd. Pictured are East Jordan Lion’s Secretary Linda Gocha, District Governor Dennis Gocha, Nevaeh Cahoon, art instructor Mike Schroeder, and Lion Linda Poole.

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national level. “Michigan is known for having great teachers, and I’m honored to be the first from the state to receive this award,” he said.

Hamilton’s recognition is not only a testament to his commitment to education but also brings attention to the innovative work at East Jordan schools. As the founder and leader of the Shoe Club, Hamilton has taken a unique approach to teaching life skills and

leadership. The club, which collects autographed footwear from notable figures around the world, serves as a vehicle to inspire 7th and 8th-grade students to become the best versions of themselves, stressing the importance of perseverance, dedication, and community service.

Hamilton’s teaching philosophy centers on the belief that every student has unique talents and abilities — what he calls their “superpower.” He strives to help students discover and develop these strengths, empowering them to

achieve great things. “I believe every kid is valuable and every kid can achieve great things. We just have to find their talents and help them excel,” he explained.

Hamilton’s achievements bring well-deserved recognition to East Jordan. As a Horace Mann Award recipient, Hamilton is also a finalist for the NEA Foundation’s NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence. The award recognizes K-12 public school educators from around the country for excellence in the classroom.

## Boyne City Kiwanis to Host 14th Annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day

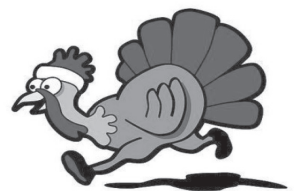
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The Turkey Trot is a 5K run/walk that welcomes participants of all ages and fitness levels. Whether you’re a seasoned runner or just looking to enjoy a leisurely stroll, this event is a great way to kick off your holiday festivities while supporting a good cause.

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# athletes of the week



**Logan Shooks**  
East Jordan  
Red Devils  
Football

In a 33-6 win over Frankfort, Logan Shooks led the way on the ground, rushing for 193 yards and scoring two touchdowns on the ground.

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**Ian Moran**  
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In a 38-0 shutout win over the Tawas Braves Ian Moran has begun to settle into his new role as the Rayders starting quarterback, and the numbers show it. Friday night he collected 88 yards on the ground and scored a pair of touchdowns while carrying it six times. Although he threw only four passes, he completed two for 38 yards and a score.

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### GIRLS GOLF



## Hannah Fortune makes State Finals for 3rd year in a row

The East Jordan Girls Golf Team competed at Regionals on October 7th at Huron Breeze Golf Club in Au Gres.

The team had hopes of getting past regionals and making it to the State Finals for the 3rd year in a row. The team fell short, however, placing 4th out of 15 teams.

East Jordan did, however, have its Number 1 player Hannah Fortune qualify as an individual to this year's State Finals October 18-19 at MSU.

A person who has had an influence on Hannah and the team is Chuck Sine-way. Chuck is Hannah's grandfather and has always

been passionate about golf. During the 4 years that Hannah has been on the team, Chuck has passed on his knowledge of the sport to her and the team as well. "Grandpa Chuck" attended practices, matches, and walked the course every week always encouraging the team to do well.

Varsity Coach, Darrin Podskalny, said "Coaching today's youth takes more than one person. In order to promote success, positivity, and passion for the sport, it takes many people." The Red Devil Team would like to thank all of the generous community members that played a part in their success this season.



### FOOTBALL

## Ramblers shutout Oscoda Meet St. Francis in final regular season game Friday

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Oscoda wasn't at full strength for last Friday night's football game with Boyne City, which is not to take anything away from the Ramblers thorough dismantling of the Owls for a whopping 36-0 shutout win in non-conference action.

It's just stating a fact. Even coach David Suttle said the Owls probably weren't at their best.

The Ramblers wanted to establish a balanced offensive attack, with only

one game remaining before the state playoffs kick off in two weeks, and they accomplished that with ease.

"Our kids executed very well," Suttle said. "Drew (Neer) threw the ball really, really well. If he wanted to, Ryan (Spate) probably could have rushed for 1,000 yards Friday night.

"But overall it was good. The kids were focused, ready to go. They came out right away and played fast. I was pleased with the tackling, and just the overall execution was pretty good."

Spate, in fact, didn't even finish with 100 yards, settling for 90 on just five carries. On two of those carries, Spate raced into the end one for a pair of touchdowns.

The Ramblers also scored another touchdown on the ground compliments of Leon Xiong.

Neer shredded the Owls for 195 yards through the air, finishing a near perfect 10-of-12 passing and two touchdowns. Owen Hewitt caught three balls for 87 yards and a score, while Jaden Alger made three

receptions for 78 yards and a TD.

Running for 147 yards for the game, the Ramblers compiled 342 yards of total offense.

Boyne City is now 6-2 overall and has a chance to gain a share of the Northern Michigan Football Conference Legends Division title this week when the Ramblers host Traverse City St. Francis.

St. Francis is 3-0 in the conference and also 6-2 overall. The Ramblers are 3-1 in conference.

### FOOTBALL

## Red Devils improve to 6-2 on the season

BY GREG GIELCZYK

It took the East Jordan football team to figure things out against Frankfort, but after leading just 6-0 at halftime the Red Devils dominated the Panthers in the second half for a big 33-6 win last Friday in the Northern Michigan Football Conference's Legacy Division.

The final score might come as a surprise to Red Devil fans, who grew accustomed to seeing the these two teams engage in thrilling, heart-stopping battles typically decided in the last flickering moments of the final quarter.

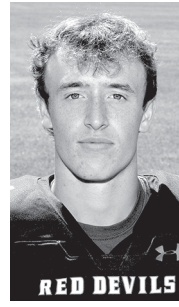
After that close first half, it was no contest.

Maybe it was fortunate for the Red Devils at that, with regular starting quarterback Korbyn Russell still not quite at 100 percent yet after getting hurt the previous game, coach Adam Grybauskas was able to rest him after a cameo appearance for a couple of snaps.

Which meant running back William Webb, who



Logan Shooks



Max Beal

was pressed into service when Russell was injured two weeks ago, took every snap and wound up a completing 8-of-15 passing for 137 yards, while adding 107 rush yards.

"He did a good job," said Grybauskas. "It

was a good, all around win for us with the situation we were in. We're a little bit different without Korbyn, and William in, but we were able to adjust a work on it during the week (of practice).

"I thought our kids executed pretty well what we wanted to do for the game plan. Korbyn should be good to go moving forward, but it was good to see Wil-

liam be in there and still be able to run the offense.

"If it's Week One of the playoffs, I think Korbyn's probably playing. But, with the situation the way it was, and really needing him for the playoffs, we had to make sure that he was healthy and ready to go." Frankfort was 6-1 coming in, and had the Red Devils off balance for a time.

But not for long. "Ed Schindler, the Panthers coach, and his staff does a great job over there, they've got a great program," Grybauskas said. "They're always prepared, they always have a good game plan.

"We've had some battles with them since I've been here, and the last three games have been decided by less than a touchdown and right at the very end.

"To be able to take over a game against them, and really play well in the second half was good to see."

Logan Shooks as usual led the way on the ground, rushing for 193 yards and scoring two touchdowns on the ground.

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## CROSS COUNTRY

# Rambler Boys Bring the Speed at CHX Muni 2-Mile

BY CHELSEY HERRMANN

It was a short but fast race for the Boyne City boys' cross country team on Saturday, as they took on a flat 2-mile course in Charlevoix.

"We came to this race last year for the first time and absolutely loved it," said Coach Herrmann. "It's a low-pressure opportunity to do something different, run a different pace and distance without trying to chase a PR or trophy. These boys really showed up and got in a fantastic tune-up for regionals."

Instead of traditional medals to the runners who finished in the top places, the Charlevoix Muni 2-Mile recognizes all of the participating seniors in a special ceremony. Each coach introduced their seniors, and the runners were awarded with t-shirts.

"We were so grateful to be able to honor senior Brady Bearss," said Herrmann. "Brady has run cross country all four years of high school. I remember his first day of practice; there were maybe one or two other guys who were there. I was so afraid Brady wouldn't come back! But he wasn't intimidated. He kept showing up and emerged to be a strong leader for our boys' team. Thanks in large part to his example, the boys' team has gone from four runners to thirteen, from last in the conference to third during his high school career. He is thoughtful, considerate, hardworking, and resilient. We can't wait to see what amazing things he does with this life, and he will leave behind a tremendous legacy at Boyne City cross country."



**Freshman Hunter Betz**  
Photo Credit: Patty Sutton

Sophomore Finn Parish was first across the finish line for the Ramblers, finishing 9th with a time of 10:55, a full minute faster than he was last year. "This was Finn's first race back last year from his neck injury," said Herrmann. "Seeing how far he's come was really special."

Following Parish were sophomore Isaac Dionne, junior Ayden Cady, senior Brady Bearss, and junior Deegan Anthony. Cady, Bearss, and Anthony all improved on their times from last year.

"These five boys have really emerged as a strong pack for us," said Herrmann. "Isaac is always a leader with high expectations for himself. Ayden had a fantastic race and on his birthday, nonetheless. He went for it today and proved that he can race just as strong as he works in practice. Brady showed his determination and consistency; he never gives up in a race and runs with such courage and persistence."

And Deegan has really stepped up this year in that number-five spot for our team. He had a nice improvement from last year and is a big contributor to this group."



**Freshman Matt Craw** Photo Credit: Patty Sutton

Eli Pope continued his late-season surge, finishing sixth on a team with a strong time of 12:49. He was followed by sophomore Peyton Richards, junior Caleb Daniels, freshman Matt Craw, sophomore Ricky Bristol, freshman Peyton Frost, and freshman Hunter Betz.

"Eli has made such tremendous improvements as the season's gone on," said Herrmann. "Eli and Peyton Richards have both been such key contributors this year, coming out for cross country for the first time as sophomores and moving right up the ranks. Their work ethic and attitudes are remarkable. Caleb just gives his all day-in and day-out; he puts his heart on the line each race, and we saw that today with a huge improvement over last year. Matt was back from injury, and it was

awesome to see him back out there competing, and it was great to see Ricky, Peyton Frost, and Hunter giving their first high school two-mile a go."

The Ramblers will wrap up their regular season next Saturday at regionals in East Jordan.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

Finn Parish — 9th, 10:55, course PR  
Isaac Dionne — 13th, 11:05  
Ayden Cady — 22nd, 11:43, course PR  
Brady Bearss — 24th, 11:51, course PR  
Deegan Anthony — 32nd, 12:32, course PR  
Eli Pope — 39th, 12:49  
Peyton Richards — 41st, 12:58  
Caleb Daniels — 42nd, 13:04, course PR  
Matt Craw — 45th, 13:20  
Ricky Bristol Jr. — 48th, 13:37  
Peyton Frost — 49th, 13:55  
Hunter Betz — 51st, 14:35

# Rambler Girls Run Strong at CHX Muni 2-Mile

BY CHELSEY HERRMANN

The Boyne City girls' cross country team was a force to be reckoned with on Saturday at the Charlevoix Muni 2-Mile. The pack of red and blue took on the fast course as they looked to have fun and fine-tune their racing prior to next Saturday's regional meet.

In lieu of traditional medals to the top finishers, the meet organizers awarded all of the senior participants with t-shirts and allowed their coaches to introduce them in a special ceremony.

The Rambler girls honored their two senior girls: Ruby Richards and Jacky Dunlap. "We were sad to be missing one of our amazing seniors, Ruby Richards, at a band audition," said Coach Herrmann. "Ruby has been



**Maddy VanNorman**  
Photo Credit: Patty Sutton

such an important part of this team since she first joined us as a sophomore. She works hard, cares about her teammates, and always gives her best; she's the heart of this group."

"We were so fortunate when Jacky decided to give

cross country a try as a freshman," said Herrmann.

"She first balanced volleyball and cross before switching to us full-time. She has always been a fierce competitor, but this season she has really pushed herself in the races. She always brings a positive presence, a ferocious work ethic, and a deep love for her teammates."

Freshman Hailee Bertels was the top Rambler finisher, taking second place with a time of 12:51. Junior Delaney Little was right behind her in third, followed by junior Hazel Ogden, senior Jacky Dunlap, and junior Bridget McHugh. "Hailee looked great today," said Herrmann, "and I was especially impressed with the way Delaney responded to feedback and made adjustments mid-race. Hazel continues to gain confidence in her races, and Jacky and Bridget had strong finishing kicks to help us finish in a solid spot as a team."

Junior Cambrynne Giem, freshman Kailyn Eaton, junior Chelsey Hertel, and freshman Taylor Johnston were next for the Ramblers. "Cambrynne's level-headedness is a great presence on our team," said Herrmann. "She handles the highs and the lows with such maturity. Kailyn has really stepped up the last

few meets, and it's so cool to see her push herself and see what she's capable of. Chelsey gives her all each and every time she steps to the line, and today was no exception; she had a nice improvement over her time from last year. And Taylor's hard work over the summer and great attitude have really helped her thrive this season. She's had a great season and I know she has more in the tank."

Rounding out the Rambler runners were sophomores Maddy VanNorman and Olivia Eckerle. "These girls are such fighters," said Herrmann. "Although they were a little short of their time goals today, they worked hard and never gave up, and I'm proud of them."

The Ramblers will close out their regular season next Saturday at the regional meet in East Jordan.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

Hailee Bertels — 2nd, 12:51  
Delaney Little — 3rd, 12:56  
Hazel Ogden — 13th, 13:49  
Jacky Dunlap — 17th, 14:04, course PR  
Bridget McHugh — 19th, 14:08  
Cambrynne Giem — 22nd, 14:16  
Kailyn Eaton — 28th, 14:33  
Chelsey Hertel — 32nd, 14:42, course PR  
Taylor Johnston — 36th, 14:47  
Maddy VanNorman — 43rd, 15:59  
Olivia Eckerle — 47th, 16:25

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Loggers compete in Class D Cross Country Coaches State Final

The Varsity Loggers traveled to Shepherd to compete in the Class D Cross Country Coaches State Final last Saturday. 27 Class D schools were represented. 123 runners finished the boys race and 75 runners finished the girls race.

In the Varsity boys race Sophomore George Gerred was the first Logger with a time of 22:52 and finished 97th place. Senior Simon Nusser was the next Logger with a time of 26:17 and finished 114th place. Captain sophomore Landen Cutlet was the last Logger

with a time of 27:54.

In the Varsity girls race Sophomore Olivia Pine-da-Andersen set a Season Record time of 27:30 and finished 55th place. The only other Logger was Seventh grader Tinly Richards with a time of 27:53 and finished 60th place.

The Loggers next event is the MHSAA Middle School Regional Wednesday October 23, hosted by Manton. Varsity Loggers will compete at MHSAA Division 4 Regional on Saturday October 26, hosted by East Jordan.

# Boyne Falls Loggers compete in Onaway Cardinals

## "Catch Me If You Can" Invite

On Tuesday, October 15 the Bone Falls Loggers cross country team competed in the Onaway Cardinals Catch me if you can invitational tournament.

This meet gives any runner the chance to feel the excitement of winning. The runners leave the starting line based upon their handicap (fastest time of the year). This means the faster a runner is the more they will have to catch up. This creates an exciting finish that anyone can win.

In the Varsity race Senior Simon Nusser finished 2nd place and received a medal, his unadjusted time was 29:22. Next Logger was Seventh grader Tinly Richards in 8th place and also receiving a medal, her unadjusted time was 30:10. The third Logger was Seventh grader Logann Brown in 11th place and she received a medal, her unadjusted time was 30:46. Our Last Logger was Sopho-

more Landen Cutler in 13th place and also medaling, his unadjusted time was 30:59. Actual times will be posted as we receive them.

The middle school race was a normal two miler. Results are still pending but all five runners medaled. Sixth graders Elle Orlarey, Brendan Lopper and Alyssa Reynolds. Seventh grader Theodore Place. Eighth grader Henry Place.

We also had 15 elementary runners compete in the one mile race. All received a medal.

Elementary XC have their final event Wednesday October 16th, 2024.

Varsity XC run next at the "Class D Coaches State Finals," in Shepherd Michigan on Saturday October 19th, 2024.

MS will finish their season at the Middle School MHSAA Regional at Manton on Wednesday October 23rd, 2024.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Rayders beat Soo, fall to Petoskey & Kingsley in Quad match

The Rayders travelled to Kingsley for a quad with host Kingsley, Petoskey and Sault Ste Marie. They came away with a 1-2 record for the quad.

The Rayders captured a win from SSM in the first match. Coach Audra Randall said, "The girls played solid found the open spots for attacking and played great defense." Scores of 26-24, 25-21

In the second match against Petoskey the Rayders struggled in the first set and had a hard time adapting to the serve receive and fast offense Petoskey had.

We lost 25-13, 25-20. In the second set they settled down and played better against a senior strong Petoskey squad.

The Kingsley match the girls had a difficult time with serve receive and really never found a solid stream of offense to keep stride with a tough Kingsley team. The Rayders lost 25-13 25-13

Sarah Wyglendowski had 12 kills, 1 block  
Jaslyn Blanton 7 kills, 29 assist, 3 aces  
Ayla Kemp had 2 aces, 25 digs, 51/54 on serve receive  
Ava Hoeksema 8 kills  
Taryn Carey 8 kills, 4 blocks  
Tory Carroll 6 kills  
Dana Brown 2 aces, 10 digs  
Addison Shearer 10 assist, 1 ace  
Gemma Bonney 10/10 serving  
Elle Louiselle 3 kills



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## FOOTBALL

# Injuries force Tawas to forfeit game at half in Charlevoix

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Clinching a conference championship should be an exciting time, and for the most part it was for the Charlevoix football team last Friday night.

But, some of the glitter was missing when Tawas, which started the game with the minimum number of players suited up, had a couple of players injured in the first half and forfeited the rest of the contest to the Rayders.

Charlevoix led 38-0 at that point.

Sizing up the situation, and concerned about the safety of the remaining players, Tawas's coach opted to forfeit and the game was over.

"The coach told me before the game if they had a couple kids hurt, they wouldn't be able to continue," Charlevoix coach Donald Jess said. "It was a bummer.

"I wanted to get some more kids some playing

time, but I understand he's looking out for the safety of his kids. I respect that, too. It is what it is.

"But, it was nice to see our kids execute early on and take care of business."

Charlevoix won its second straight Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division championship, and also went undefeated in the conference for the second year in a row.

"It's just a testament to our program, and the hard work that these kids put in, not only during the season, but the off season as well," said Jess.

"We were able to execute the game plan the way we wanted to. The offense was clicking, and the defense was every where out there, flying to the football."

It appears Ian Moran has begun to settle into his new role as the Rayders starting quarterback, and the numbers show it.

Friday night he collected



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88 yards on the ground and scored a pair of touchdowns while carrying it six times. Although he threw only four passes, he completed two for 38 yards and a score.

He even picked up six points on defense, picking up a fumble and taking it to the house. He had an interception as well, but he didn't return it for a TD.

Brady Warchol also scored a rushing touchdown, and Logan Wadkins grabbed two passes, one for a score.

Warchol topped the defensive charts with six tackles, three for a loss, and had one pass deflection. Andrew Glass blew in to sack the quarterback twice, while Garrison Sterrett caused a fumble.

Charlevoix extended its winning streak to five straight and improved to 6-2 overall, finishing 4-0 in the conference.

But the Rayders face a major test in their season finale this week when they host defending Division 6 state champion Kingsley, which is also 6-2 with a three-game winning streak.



## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### CHARLEVOIX - 6-2

Date	Time	Host	Opponent	Score	W/L
8/30		A	St Francis	22-67	L
9/6	*	A	Oscoda	35-14	W
9/13		A	Boyne City	21-45	L
9/20		A	East Jordan	26-20	W
9/27	*	H	Benzie Central	34-14	W
10/4	*	H	Elk Rapids	28-0	W
10/11		A	Mancelona	44-14	W
10/18	*	H	Tawas	38-0	W
10/25	7:00 PM	H	Kingsley		

### BOYNE CITY - 6-2

Date	Time	Host	Opponent	Score	W/L
8/30		A	Standish	14-33	L
9/6		A	Elk Rapids	48-6	W
9/13		H	Charlevoix	45-21	W
9/20	*	A	Kingsley	20-26	L
9/27	*	H	Cheboygan	40-0	W
10/4	*	A	Grayling	21-18	W
10/11		A	Livonia C-ville	48-7	W
10/18		H	Oscoda	36-0	W
10/25	7:00 PM *	H	Traverse City St Francis		

### EAST JORDAN - 6-2

Date	Time	Host	Opponent	Score	W/L
8/29		H	Manistique	48-6	W
9/6	*	A	Joburg	63-6	W
9/13		A	Kalkaska	44-13	W
9/20		H	Charlevoix	20-26	L
9/27	*	H	Glen Lake	6-7	L
10/4	*	A	Mancelona	43-28	W
10/11	*	H	Harbor Springs	42-13	W
10/18	*	A	Frankfort	33-6	W
10/25	7:00 PM	A	Elk Rapids		

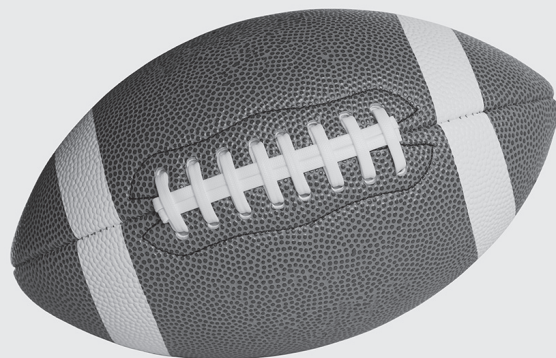
### CENTRAL LAKE / ELLSWORTH - 2-6

Date	Time	Host	Opponent	Score	W/L
8/29		A	Marion	6-64	L
9/6	*	A	Gaylord St Mary	12-46	L
9/12	*	H	Inland Lakes	6-62	L
9/20	*	A	Pellston	28-22	W (OT)
9/27	*	A	Bellaire	6-64	L
10/4		H	Onkama	12-34	L
10/11	*	H	Onaway	32-28	W
10/18		A	Cedarville	6-48	L
10/25	7:00 PM	H	TBD		

### GAYLORD ST. MARY / BOYNE FALLS - 7-1

Date	Time	Host	Opponent	Score	W/L
8/29		A	Rudyard	8-0	W
9/6	*	H	Central Lake	46-12	W
9/12		A	Ishpeming	28-50	L
9/21	*	A	Bellaire	56-8	W
9/27	*	H	Onaway	64-14	W
10/5	*	H	Pellston	62-14	W
10/12		A	Mesick	69-12	W
10/19		H	Engadine	1-0 Forfeit	
10/25	7:00 PM *	A	Indian River Inland Lakes		

\*League game



## FOOTBALL

# Trojans fall to Cedarville, 48-6

BY BOB DELONG



The Central-Lake Ellsworth, (CLE), High School varsity football team lost in the upper peninsula to Cedarville last week 48-6. The undermanned Trojans, just could not find enough offense to compete with the Islanders. Injuries, youth and a tough schedule have taken their toll this year for CLE.

The Trojans have played seven games this season vs teams with six or more wins, (five have seven or more), and more than likely six of the teams on their nine-game schedule will make the MHSAA playoffs! However, the CLE boys play hard and their youth will continue to gain experience. The Trojans have a competitive middle school team which bids well for the Trojans next year and beyond.

Against Cedarville sophomore QB Brady

Roggenbeck ran the ball nine times for 22 yards, he completed five of 16 passes for 62 yards and a TD on defense, he also made five tackles. Billy Hopp rushed 17 times for 48 yards and he caught a pair of passes for 43 yards and he was the leading tackler with eight stops and Cam Snyder had two receptions for 19 yards, including a TD and he was in on four tackles on defense.

Next week, CLE, (2-6), plays host to Felch North Dickinson, (5-3). Felch is a small town in the Upper Peninsula just north of Iron Mountain. Both teams are out of the MHSAA playoff hunt this year, but this should be a good game.

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## CUSTOM HOME ON SIX AND A HALF ACRES NEAR EAST JORDAN

BY JIM AKANS

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This four bedroom, two and a half bath home has approximately 2,048 square feet of beautifully appointed space on the main two levels. The many interior highlights include a spacious open living, dining and kitchen design featuring a stunning tongue and groove cathedral ceiling, gorgeous flooring, kitchen with newer stainless-steel appliances, convenient center island with

snack bar and more. The large main floor master ensuite features two walk-in closets as well as two guest rooms with a shared bath plus a beautifully designed loft space. In addition to the appliances and flooring, recent enhancements include upgraded insulation and decking.

The open deck adjoins an inviting hot tub overlooking the fantastic setting. The property includes a 48x26 foot pole barn with a 6 foot lean to. The barn was built in 2022 and features a steel roof, steel siding, concrete floors, electric, workshop and a heated man cave.

This custom-built home



on approximately six and a half acres is located at 1926 Morris Road near East Jordan and is listed at \$440,000. For more information visit [jennifer-burrgroup.com](http://jennifer-burrgroup.com) or to arrange

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## Top 6 Reasons Mortgage Applications are Rejected

PART 1 OF 2

Half of refinance applications are abandoned or rejected, as are 30 percent of purchase mortgage applications, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. All told, the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) says that well over 2 million mortgage applications were rejected last year.

Want to avoid falling into that number? It's tough — especially in light of the fact that mortgage lenders have become increasingly restrictive in terms of their lending guidelines since the housing market crash.

Here, as a cautionary tale and primer on what to expect, are the top three reasons mortgage lenders reject applications.

1. Income issues. Most failed applications falling into this category have income too low for the mortgage amount they are seeking; often, a spouse's credit issues can create this problem, too, as the income the spouse plans to actually chip in toward the mortgage cannot be considered by a lender.

But increasingly, the recent vagaries of the job market are also causing this issue, as people who have changed their line of work or have changed from salaried employee to freelancer over the last couple of years can also

have their home loan applications rejected based on income.

2. Muddled money matters. If the mortgage for which you're applying plus your monthly payments on credit card, car and student loan debts will comprise more than 45 percent of your total income, you could have problems qualifying for a home loan. You might also run into problems if you rely too heavily on bonuses, overtime, cash wages or rental income — all of these can be difficult or impossible to get a mortgage bank to consider, and if they do, they might not take all of it into account.

3. Credit issues. Today, the mortgage-qualifying FICO score cutoff falls somewhere between 620 and 660, depending on which lender and which loan type you seek. More than one-third of Americans, by some numbers, have credit scores too low to qualify for a home loan. Even if your credit score is high enough to qualify, if you have any late mortgage payments, a short sale, a foreclosure or a bankruptcy in the last two years, loan qualifying could be difficult to impossible.

*Part 2 next week*

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- 10/3 Exploring the Juried Photography Exhibition, Identity Maps, through the History of Photography  
*Alissa Seelman-Rutkofske, CTAC*
- 10/10 Public Art in Petoskey  
*John Murphy, Mayor of Petoskey*
- 10/17 Screendance and the School of Ballet Video Crew  
*Finley Van Patten, CTAC School of Ballet*
- 10/24 77 Years of the Michigan Water Color Society  
*Rocky Pisto, Michigan Water Color Society*
- 10/31 "Should I Join?": Insights into National Artist Organizations  
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