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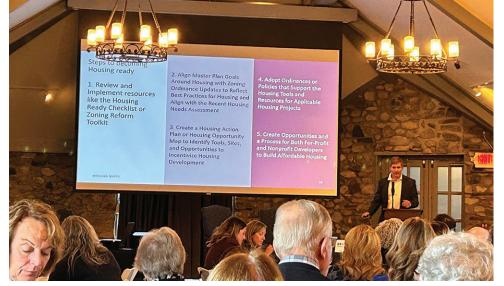
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# detailed at the Charlevoix State of the Community **BY ANGELA GONZALEZ**

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce hosted a lively State of the Community at Castle Farms on November 1, 2024. Topics ranging from "Commerce, community, and quality of life" were discussed by city leaders.

Zach Sompels, the Charlevoix County Housing and Readiness Coordinator of Housing North, spoke about developments in the area. Sompels said the goal was 31,268 units by 2027 and that the organization was 17% of the way there. Of those units, 8,813 would be rental properties and 22,455 would be homeownership units.

As of yet, there are 4373 permits issued and 802 in progress. There are 765 rental units and 3,608 home ownership units. Tools Housing North uses to try to close the housing gap include a Housing Ready Checklist, a Housing Needs Assessment, a Housing Action Plan identifying



Zach Sompels of Housing North. Photo By Angela Gonzalez

opportunities to incentivize housing developments, adopting ordinances to support housing, and creating opportunities for both for profit and non-profit developers.

Some wins for the region included housing and rural readiness grants creating eight housing readiness projects spanning four counties, six projects funded in five counties, MI Neighborhood Grant Funding, and a

Regional Housing Plan to promote knowledge about housing needs.

New housing resources include the Housing Tax Increment Financing Program (TIF), which provided funding for Bellaire Lofts in Antrim County, Maple Block in Petoskey in Emmet County, the Ida Tompkins Building Rehab in Traverse City, and workshops across the region. There is also a Payment

in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program and Housing and Investment Funds through IFF, a regional community development finance institution. Bellaire Lofts is one of the first housing TIF's in the state and is a \$17 million dollar project creating 50unit developments with rent ranging from \$825-\$2400.

For Charlevoix, the city earned 700k in grant funding for St. James Township. Requests for proposals were created for East Jordan, Boyne City, and Charlevoix. A 5k grant survey was granted to survey a private property on Beaver Island to be used for housing, and there were zoning changes throughout the county.

Next Jennifer Wixom, Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator for North Central Michigan College spoke about regional childcare efforts.

According to Wixom, there is a new plan called the Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools that the College has created to focus on supporting student parents that helps to pay for childcare. Charlevoix County has 1100 children ages 0-5 and 660 children in need of non-parental care. These children are served by family childcare homes, group homes, childcare centers, and preschool classes. Wixom said the deficit for care is about 148 in Charlevoix County.

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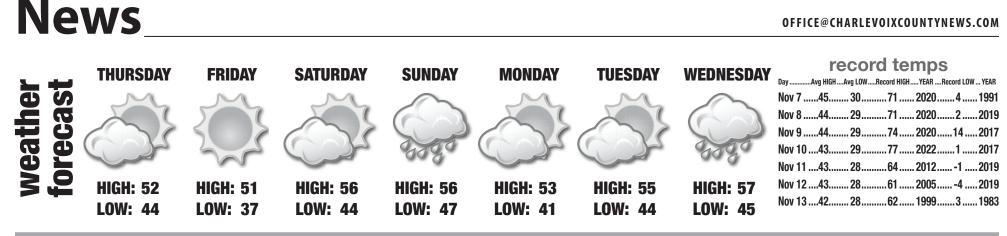
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#### Suzanne Duby, 76

Nov. 4, 2024)

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

Suzanne Mae Duby of Charlevoix passed away November 4, 2024. She was born March 18, 1948, in Saginaw, the daughter of Charles and Laura Mae (McFadden) Berthume.

A full obituary will appear in the near future.

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**Jeffry Riley, 69** (Aug. 8, 1955 — Nov. 1, 2024) **HORTON BAY** 

Jeffry Lee Riley of Horton Bay, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, November 1, 2024. He was born on August 8, 1955, in Petoskey, the son of Carl and Charlotte (Chapin)

security / medical officer at Odawa Casino for 10 years before retiring in November of 2023. He was a longtime member of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post #226, and actively attended the Horton Bay Community Church where he also served as the sexton for the North Bay Cemetery. He was very active in the Wreaths Across America Program.

Jeff was involved in Boy Scouts both as a youth and as an adult. He took pride in being able to pass on the things he had learned to the next generation of Scouts. He was awarded the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow and was known as the Hard Working Medicine-Man. A depiction of not only how hard he worked but also the fact that he served as the Health Officer for many events. One of the highlights of his Boy Scouting days as an adult were the summers he was in charge of the climbing wall at Camp Greilick in Traverse City. He spent much of his time enjoying God's creation; whether it was camping across much of the US, fishing on the many surrounding inland lakes, or hunting deer and turkey, he simply loved being outdoors. He also cherished each moment he was able to spend with his grandchildren, whom he adored.

On February 27, 2009, Jeff married the love of his life, Vicki (Phillips) Riley, who survives. Also surviving are his children, Shelly (Michelle) Riley, Jackie Tennyson (husband Bill), Jeffery (wife Jamie) Riley, Andy (wife Jessie) Riley, Tim (engaged to Jessie Denison), Dan (wife Alyssa) Riley, and Casey (wife Asia) Riley. As well as step sons William (wife Andrea) Savory, and Justin (wife Rhonda) Savory and a brother Richard (wife -Christine) Riley. A celebration of Jeff's life will take place at a later date.

# OBITUARIES

In lieu of flowers please donate to Wreaths Across American through their National Website or to the North Bay Cemetery through the Horton Bay Community Church.

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#### Constance Long, 96

(Feb. 8, 1928 — Oct. 30, 2024)

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

Constance Long, 96, of Charlevoix, passed away on October 30, 2024, at home. She was born on February 8, 1928, in Detroit. No services are planned

at this time. Arrangements are in

the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

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#### **Robert A** Kenwabikise, 46 (May 17, 1978 — Oct. 29, 2024) GRAND RAPIDS

Robert A. Kenwabikise passed away in Glendale, Arizona.

A Gathering of Family and Friends and viewing will be held, Thursday, November 14, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. From there Robert will be taken to Beaver Island where a graveside service will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery at 3 p.m. All are welcome to join. A full obituary will appear soon. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www. mortensenfuneralhomes. com.



Gale Mulka, 90 (April 27, 1934 — Oct. 26, 2024) **CHARLEVOIX** 

Gale "Lewis" Mulka of Charlevoix passed away on October 26, 2024 at Mc-Claren Hospital in Michigan. Gale was born in Capac, Michigan on April 27, 1934 the daughter of the late Earland Susan Lewis.

In March of 1955 Gale married Ken Mulka who passed away in February, 2017 and they celebrated 61 years of marriage in March of 2016. Her greatest devotion was to her husband and her family.

She is also survived by her children, Beth (Gary) Schmidt of Charlevoix, Paul (Paige) Mulka of Plainwell, Mark (Mary) Mulka of Midland; grandchildren, Kevin Schmidt, Corey (Betsy) Mulka, Mallory (Joe) Lindsay, Nick (Rachelle) Mulka, Molly (Armando) Colontonio and Ben (Holly) Meddock great-grandchildren, Keagan, Avery, Clara, Laurel, Cole, and Calvin Mulka. Natalie, Jack, and Willow Lindsay.



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Jeff graduated from Petoskey High School in 1974. He enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 21, and served in Germany as a military policeman for three years before being honorably discharged in 1979 as an SP4. Upon returning to civilian life, he moved back to Northern Michigan and began working security at Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant, where he was employed for over 30 years. He also worked as a

No services are planned at this time.

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## NEW STAFF MEMBER

On October 28, Jennifer Mancini joined the Northern Community Mediation (NCM) team. Among her responsibilities as a case manager, Jennifer will handle school attendance, victim-offender, child protection, small claims, land lord/tenant, real estate and employment types of cases.

Although Jennifer was born in Michigan, her family moved to Ohio then to Missouri, and ultimately she returned to Michigan where she graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. She has also lived in California and New Jersey, but her heart has always been in Michigan.

Jennifer attended Calvin College and Oakland University, where she originally planned on studying to be a nurse but then considered human resources. For 22 years, she was a stay-at-home mom. Both of her two daughters are now seniors at Michigan State University.

With her family's being raised, Jennifer returned to the work force as the



#### **Jennifer Mancini**

Deputy Clerk for the 90th District Court in Petoskey, Michigan. Her responsibilities in this position are ideal for being a case manager for NCM.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate the process so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict.

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# COMMUNITY LEADER COREYHEBNER SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR CHILDREN

#### BY JOHN KEYSER

Corey Hebner is a 29-year Michigan Police veteran and is the Community Service Trooper for the Gaylord Post, covering a five-county area. In his professional capacity, he is an advisor on several boards in Northern Michigan overseeing three coalitions aimed at keeping kids drug free. He is also a board member for the Northern Opioid Response Consortium, which leads prevention programs and harm reduction efforts to combat substance use disorders.

Lisa Clavier, founder of Kiersten's Ride, which helps educates on suicide prevention, had encouraged me to meet Corey as he is a true role model of a community leader. With Kiersten's Ride she sought a diversified board of directors, including someone from law enforcement and asked Corey. He thankfully accepted and she and the others involved are thrilled he did.

Corey grew up in Millington, MI. He attended a Lutheran parochial school K-8, then the Millington High School, then on to Lake Superior State University. It was a great place for college, a small town, the U.P., and a superior hockey program, e.g., they won the national championship several times while he was a student. He also had the



#### **COREY HEBNER**

benefit of a professor, Jim Blashill, who was a retired police officer who taught ethics and law enforcement and was a father figure to Corey.

Corey majored in public safety. When he graduated he went on to the State Police Academy. His first assignment was with the Petoskey Post and then down to Detroit for traffic duty, which was fun and also dangerous, and he served with a number of his classmates from the Academy. His next assignments were up in the U.P. and subsequently Gaylord. For the past 12 years, Corey has been a Community Service Trooper.

Corey and his wife, Joan, have two sons, Kyle and Derek, both at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, and both are athletes, hockey and baseball.

Corey has coached hockey and baseball at various levels. He continues to coach baseball, and while he helps with the skills to be a good ball player, even more important to him is to help team members learn the importance of hard work, focus and positive spirit to move to the next level and definitely to achieve success going forward in life. There are no phones in his dugouts.

Good for you, Corey! Kids grow up fast, and with all the social media, Corey fears many lose the ability to be have the empathy which is so very important for all of us today. Important principles for Corev are:  $\Box$  It is okay to make mistakes, which are an opportunity to learn □ He enjoys finding people's "why" to understand how it drives them  $\Box$  He wants to continue helping teach young people how to maximize what they can do, to succeed in life

A little less than a year ago, Corey created an injury/trauma prevention non-profit named STARS so he may continue to teach and help our Northern Michigan communities when he retires from our state police.

Corey is appreciative of the mentors and role models in his life, who have exhibited outstanding leadership, and he is a lifelong learner.

When asked about a challenge, Corey is wanting to be his very best in all he does – his family, as a trooper, his care for our community, and his coaching, and the time they each take.

I assure you, Corey is in fact doing his very best!



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# Little Waves children's music program schedules events for 2024-2025

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) announces the 2024-2025 schedule for their Little Waves children's music program, held at the Petoskey District Library and Charlevoix Public Library.

Free and open to the public and sponsored by the GLCO, the program is designed to introduce young children (ages 3 - 10) and their families to music in an entertaining setting. The program takes place on Saturdays at 10:30 am in Petoskey and 1 pm in Charlevoix. It is a drop-in program with no need to register.

Directed by GLCO percussionist and Little Waves program director, Tim Mocny, each unique event features a multimedia musical story, an opportunity to hear one or more GLCO musicians demonstrate and explain how their instruments work, and fun music-related activities for kids.

Upcoming dates are Oct. 19, 2024; Nov. 9, 2024; Jan. 11, 2025; Feb. 8, 2025;



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Paddle Antrim opens applications for 2024 Ripple Effect Mini Grants

Paddle Antrim is excited to announce that applications are now open for the 2024 Ripple Effect Mini Grant Program. This competitive grant program funds projects that protect local waterways and connect people to them. Eligible projects must focus on stewardship, education, or increasing accessibility to lakes and rivers.

Since 2015, Paddle Antrim has awarded over \$35,000 to 35 projects. To be considered, projects must focus on the Elk River Chain of Lakes watershed or adjacent watersheds that impact Antrim County. Eligible applicants include Michigan-based nonprofit organizations or governmental entities.

Past projects include the installation of a rain garden in Ellsworth, the design and installation of new interpretive panels for the Grass River Natural Area's Nature Center, and funding for the first universal-access kayak launch on The Chain of Lakes Water Trail at Milton Township Waterfront Park. A full list of projects funded by this Mini Grant Program is available at www.paddleantrim.com/completed-projects.

"These modest but impactful grants are funded through income from our events and classes held throughout the paddling season," said Deana Jerdee, Paddle Antrim Executive Director. "Through this program, we've been able to extend our efforts in protecting our waterways by supporting projects that have made a significant positive impact on our watershed. We're excited to see what this year's applicants bring forward."

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on November 1, 2024, to be considered. Final decisions will be announced in December. For more information and to apply, visit paddleantrim.com/ripple-effect-minigrants.

#### **About Paddle Antrim**

Paddle Antrim is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization who uses paddle sports to educate the public about our precious water resources. We support and promote investments in water trail infrastructures that facilitate public access to the waterways. Paddle Antrim believes education, increased access, and promotion of our waterways will increase protection as well as enhance the economic vitality of Northern Michigan.

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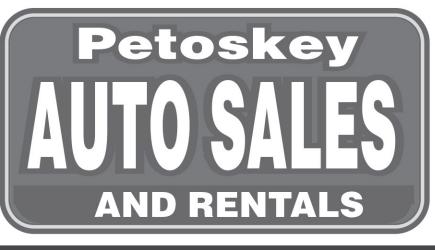
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# **When You Hit Rock Bottom**

Dear Dave,

I'm 20-years old, and I'm in a bad spot. I've been a jerk for the last year, not listening to my parents about anything. Now, I've got over \$10,000 in debt from running up bills on credit cards and writing some bad checks. Two weeks ago, I also lost my job and totaled my car. I'm about to lose my apartment, too, because I don't have the money for rent. A friend of mine said I could stay with him for a while, but I'm really scared. My parents say I created this situation all by myself, and I need to figure out a solution all by myself. Would you please give me some advice? I don't even know where to start.

–Justin

#### Dear Justin,

It sounds like you're about as close to rock bottom as a person can get. I know it's a scary situation, especially for a young person. I've done stupid stuff, too. And the stupid things I did had lots more zeroes on the end than you're looking at right now. So, I've got some good news for you. There's hope! The simple fact that you're looking for help, and have realized the way you've been living is stupid, means you want to change. That's a good thing.

Still, when you do stupid things, you've got to pay what I call "stupid tax." I'm talking about the consequences of your actions. It sounds like you're going to have get two or three jobs, and find a really cheap car that will get you around for a while. If you do this for maybe 12 to 18 months, and live on a very strict monthly budget, you'll probably be able to pay off all that stupid tax you've accumulated.

I think you've also recognized the fact that you left your integrity and self-respect on the sidelines for way too long. That means doing the right things really needs to be a priority from now on. The cool thing about the practical issues you mentioned—finding another permanent place to live, something to drive and paying off the debt—is that all this will get better because you've made a conscious decision to be better.

You might want to think about finding and regularly attending a good church, too. Any understanding and caring pastor would be honored to pray with you, and walk with you as you get your life back together and headed in the right direction.

God bless you, Justin. You can do this! –Dave

### VETERAN OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2024

# Irvin Sylvester "Shorty" Smith

The Veteran of the month for November 2024 is Irvin Sylvester "Shorty" Smith. Born September 8, 1935 to parents Arza and Irene Jacobs Smith in a small farmhouse on Rural Route 1, Boyne City.

He attended Boyne City Schools graduating in the class of 1953. Irvin, or better known as "Shorty", excelled in academics and athletics, and as a senior was awarded Athlete of the year. After graduation he worked briefly at the GM plant in Flint Michigan.

On April 29, 1954 in Detroit Michigan he enlisted into the United States Army. After basic training, qualifying Marksman with the M-1 Rifle, he was then sent to Fort Sill Oklahoma for Artillery Track Maintenance and engine repair for track and wheeled vehicles. Graduating December 10, 1954, Irvin was then sent overseas to the European Theater of operations stationed in Germany. Completing his tour of duty in Germany Irvin returned to the United States and would receive an honorable discharge on March 12, 1956 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and awarded the National Defense Service Medal; Army of Occupation Medal (Germany); Good Conduct Medal.

Returning to Boyne City he would meet the girl of his dreams at a local dance, and on April 30th 1956 would marry Bettylu McRoberts.

Irvin would then enter Northern Michigan University where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in 1960. Irvin retired after 30 years of teaching and coaching, with memories of coaching alongside friends on the Rambler's sideline, and very much respected in the community. He was also very proud of the back-to-back state championships as Defensive Coach for Vermillion Community College in Ely, Minnesota.



#### **IRVIN SYLVESTER "SHORTY" SMITH**

"Shorty" loved camping, motorcycling, mushrooming, and traveling with family and close friends. During retirement, he and Bettylu wintered in Leesburg, Florida. On August 20, 2022 Irvin Sylvester "Shorty" Smith answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Bettylu; daughter Kelly; and family.



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# **40 Years Serving Community:** A True Public Servant Retires This Year

**BY TINA SUNDELIUS** 

She was born and raised in Charlevoix where her parents served in local government, her father even served as Mayor. Little did they know that they were setting a precedent their oldest daughter would devote her life to, service to community at the grass roots level. Donna Heeres is retiring this November after 40 years serving her community as the Banks Township Clerk.

After she married, Donna and her new family settled just south of Charlevoix in Antrim County, near the Village of Ellsworth where her husband was raised. She became an RN and worked at hospitals in both Charlevoix and Petoskey as well as for the Health Department. She was blessed with 2 children who both graduated from Ellsworth High School. In November of 1984 she was asked to run for the position of Banks Township Clerk, beginning what she originally planned to be a 4-year part time job. Over the following 40 years, Heeres' impact on the community is measurable with just a cursory glance.

She pushed for the ongoing maintenance and renovations of the township hall, the pinnacle of the village of Ellsworth, securing grants and gathering volunteers to get the work done. She also took over the planting and weeding of the flower beds. The grand room upstairs restoration was the catalyst to the first Pig Roast Festival. "When



Banks Township Clerk of 40 years, Donna Heeres, displays the township flag that she designed.

we were finished stripping and refinishing the floors, painting the upper walls, sanding and finishing the lower walls, we wanted to celebrate and Howard Best said, "Let's roast a pig!" The rest is history." Said Heeres. Except for 2020, the Pig Roast Festival, has been held every June since. The kitchen is slated to be renovated this winter.

She was one of the founding members of the Ellsworth Lioness Club, who assisted her in creating a Community Center at the township hall, where activities were planned for children & adults such as story hour, exercise classes, dances, arts & crafts shows. She served several years on the Front Porch Committee helping to write policies for the employees as well as volunteering each Thursday as a serv-

er for the senior citizens' lunches. She utilized her medical background on the Ellsworth Fire Department Rescue Team as well as serving on the East Jordan Health Center Board of Directors throughout the 80's & 90's. More recently, she served on the committee that ultimately created the "Breezeway" brand, writing the grant from the State of Michigan to promote the area and sat on the initial Paddle Antrim committee who branded the Upper Chain of Lakes Water Trail.

Heeres was the first woman to serve on the Banks Township Board. "There were four new board members the year I was first elected, so it was a giant learning curve for the four of us."

"Those that retired didn't give any of us much training. John Elzinga remained

as treasurer for another couple terms and tried to help guide us youngsters," she said. As clerk she advanced our voting system from 3 precincts with paper ballots in 1984 to the punch card voting system in 1985, which allowed us to consolidate to one precinct, carefully reviewed the voter rolls and removed duplicates which reduced the roll from roughly 1800 voters to about 1200 in 1985. In the 1990's all of Antrim County was required to further upgrade to Optical Scan ballots.

Michigan elections have continuously evolved since and she has evolved with the system as we now offer no reason absentee voting, early voting for 9 days, along with 13 hours of voting on election day along with many equipment upgrades. She upgraded Banks' four cemeteries' records, painstakingly locating graves, documenting ownerships and even applying for grants to upgrade drives and plant trees. She participated in the grant writing that resulted in improvements to the Banks Township Park, the Antrim Creek Natural Area and the implementation of the township clean-up day. "I have loved being clerk. I love helping people to be able to vote, to find answers for their pressing questions, to problem solve and develop solutions for the public good," said Heeres. "I wish my successor all the luck in the world. It is so very important to take on this job for the right reasons: to serve."

# ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION Creating Your Future with Vision

Dear Readers, last week I shared a story about a man who survived Auschwitz by holding onto a vision of his future sons. This vision gave him the strength and hope to keep going, even through unimaginable suffering. Inspired by his story, I suggested a way for you to create your own vision: start by writing down five accomplishments you're proud of, then list 50 things you'd like to achieve over the next ten vears. Rank them with timeframes, and start working on the top three goals right away.

Since then, I came across another powerful story about Anne Mulcahy, the "Accidental CEO" of Xerox. Like me, she began her career as an English major and sales rep. When Xerox was on the verge of collapse, she was asked to lead. Her secret weapon? Vision. When her team asked her what Xerox would look like once it was turned around, she wrote a letter describing its future success as though it had already happened. Astonishingly, within four years, much of her vision became reality, earning her the title "Accidental CEO" who saved Xerox. It's amazing how having a clear, focused vision can lead to real change.

This concept resonates deeply with my own life. Years ago, after a series of dating misadventures, a friend encouraged me to



Laura Jasurda

get clear on my vision for a future partner. So, I did. I wrote down everything I wanted in a husband family-oriented, kind, health-conscious, even a boater (funny since I'd never been on a boat!). Two years later, I met Don, who turned out to be everything on that list and more. He's been an incredible partner and father, and I often think of him as the man of my dreams – because he was.

Now, I'm holding onto another vision—a vision of abundance that allows me to bless local businesses, support loved ones, and give generously to causes I care about. Just like Xerox's turnaround and my vision for my husband, I believe this too can become a reality.

Until next week, I encourage you to take time to dream big. Start by listing those five achievements, then dive into your 50 goals, and believe they're within reach. Together, let's make the future a vision worth working toward.

# Autumn Winds concert performing Sunday, November 24

# **Area Students Awarded Coast Guard Foundation Scholarships** 207 Scholarships Help Coast Guard Children Pursue the Goal of Higher Education

The Coast Guard Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to strengthening the Coast Guard community and service by supporting members and families, announced today that it has awarded 207 new scholarships in 2024, totaling \$750,000 in support for the 2024-2025 academic year. Since the program's inception in 1990, the Foundation has awarded more than \$8.3 million in scholarships, ensuring Coast Guard children can build strong futures through a college education or technical school training.

The following students were awarded Coast Guard Foundation Scholarships:

 Addison Boop from Charlevoix, child of retired Coast Guard veteran Scott Matthew Boop, attends Central Michigan University.

- Aiden Boop from Charlevoix, child of retired Coast Guard veteran Scott Matthew Boop, attends Michigan Technical University.
- Lilly Freeman from Boyne City, child of retired Coast Guard veteran Christopher Lee Farrington, was awarded a Coast Guard Foundation Commander Daniel J. Christovich Scholarship and attends the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor.
- Taylor McGregor from Traverse City, child of Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer 3 Travis C. McGregor, attends Michigan State University.

The Coast Guard Foundation Scholarships benefit the children of enlisted men and women who are serving or have served in the U.S. Coast Guard, whether active duty, reserve, retired or deceased.

"We are proud of this year's scholarship recipients, whose resilience, and academic achievements truly reflect the spirit of our Coast Guard families," said Susan Ludwig, president of the Coast Guard Foundation. "These young people are not only shaping their own futures but also embodying the values of service that define our Coast Guard community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to you for your unwavering support. Together, we are making a lasting impact, ensuring that these

scholars can reach their fullest potential."

To learn more about the Coast Guard Foundation, or to help support its work, please visit www.coastguardfoundation.org or call (860) 535-0786.

About The Coast Guard Foundation The Coast Guard Foundation is committed to ensuring all Coast Guard members and families have the resources they need to build resilience throughout their lives. Founded in 1969, we're a vital partner to the Coast Guard—tackling the toughest challenges confronting our heroes and strengthening the entire community. Coast Guard members sacrifice so much to protect our nation. We must stand together and show them our appreciation so they can remain always ready. Join us at CoastGuardFoundation.org.

# *Featuring the finest wind & percussion performers in Northern Michigan*

CHARLEVOIX – The Northern Symphonic Winds, originally founded as the Charlevoix Wind Ensemble in 2014 by Gary Stutzman and Dr. Timothy Topolewski, is a highly respected wind orchestra based in northern Michigan. The ensemble is comprised of accomplished music educators, professional musicians, skilled local professionals, and select high school musicians.

The primary mission of the Northern Symphonic Winds is to bring together the finest wind and percussion performers in the region, performing challenging and sophisticated music for the community.

Stutzman, a former band director at Charlevoix Public Schools and Northwest Academy, was inspired by the concept of a true Wind Ensemble, with on musician per part. This format, popularized by renowned conductor Fredric Fennell, emphasizes the power of small groups of outstanding musicians working together to create a rich, nuanced sound. "I have always felt like it would be good for our collegiate-level players from our area to have a group to play in," Stutzman explained. His goal for the ensemble is to maintain high expectations for its musicians, creating an environment where each performer is challenged and can thrive artistically.

Dr. Topolewski, a Michigan native, brings a wealth of experience to the Northern Symphonic Winds. His career began in high school when he was chosen to tour Mexico as a soloist and conductor. Over the years, he has performed and conducted at major music conventions across the United States and internationally, including in Australia and Germany. Before his tenure at the Crane School of Music in New York, where he served as Distinguished Teaching Professor of Music, Dr. Topolewski was clarinet soloist and conductor with the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" in Washington D.C. His contributions to music education include editing significant works by Percy Grainer and publishing a comprehensive "Errata Studies for the Wind Band Conductor." His recording of William Bolcom's "Concert Suite for Alto Saxophone" was nominated for multiple Grammy Awards.

The Northern Symphonic Winds invites the community to its upcoming concert, "Autumn Winds," on Sunday, November 24th at 4pm in the Charlevoix High School Auditorium. The program will feature "Gandalf the Wizard" from The Lord of the Rings, Holst's Suite in Eb, Samual Hazo's Perthshire Majesty, and other seasonal favorites. Northern Symphonic Winds promises to showcase the talent and dedication of these exceptional musicians, celebrating music that is both challenging and enjoyable for all.



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### LEADERSHIP

# Three Important Purposeful Questions

#### BY JOHN KEYSER

The book, 3 Vital Questions: Transforming Workplace Drama, by David Emerald, who also authored The Power of Ted\* (\* The Empowerment Dynamic), which has been a favorite for its insight, which is so relevant to our work, as well as our personal lives and relationships.

3 Vital Questions is insightful and helpful, as well. The approach offered makes sense. It is simple – and simple is good!

It is three basic questions to ask ourselves – often, i.e., monthly, better weekly, ideally daily. 1. Where is my focus? 2. How are my relationships? 3. What actions/steps am I

taking?

This is about our discernment and self-reflection leading us to intentional and focused action, which is so very important!

#### 1. Where is my focus?

Is my focus where it should be, on what is most important?

As a leader, am I focused on listening to my team members and other colleagues, and really hearing them, i.e., what they are saying and their reasons, and how they are feeling? Am I listening to learn and understand?

Are they feeling my appreciation and gratitude? Leadership is how we help others feel about themselves.

And leadership is about helping others do great work and be successful. Am I focused on doing just that?



#### John Keyser

A problem is many assume their relationships are fine – and they are not. Many lack self-awareness and do not realize how they are received and perceived by others.

We certainly want to be respected by our team members and other colleagues and for them want to work with and follow us, to do their very best for us.

The only way to develop and maintain sound and productive working relationships is through oneon-one conversations. We must make the time to do this. And to be ourselves, no airs, to allow ourselves to be vulnerable. This opens the door to trust, which is the foundation of solid relationships.

We all have had experience with people in management positions who are self-focused, rather than other-focused. They often assume their relationships with their team members are fine, and they are not. People need to feel we care about them. If we really don't genuinely care about them, they will sense this.

Great leaders focus on

#### CHARLEVOIX CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"The biggest difference is in those childcare centers where they have as large of a capacity but can't take in as many children. The primary reason for that is a significant undersupply in the workforce," Wixom said.

Wixom listed the challenges faced in early childcare including living wages for childcare workers, affordability in care, childcare capacity, attracting and retaining the workforce, accessibility, quality of programs available and needs faced by employers.

"We are working at North Central Michigan College on two initiatives, we are looking at how we model this true cost which is paying professionals working in childcare a living wage and having full benefits while supporting what the affordability will be in the childcare program. So, we are creating a childcare program on campus for infants, toddlers, and three-year-olds. We have preschool programs," Wixom said.

The program liaises between the state and employers to attempt to close the gap for childcare needs by doing childcare landscape assessments, which determine the needs of employees. The program is also doing these assessments for Beaver Island. The program looks to create a hub for the needs of summer care and after school care.

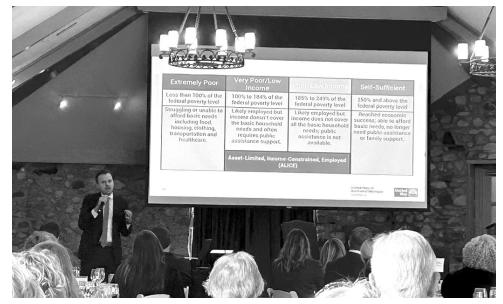
Wixom stated that there is a state scholarship reimbursement program for childcare which is a tool for affordability. She spoke of a Tri-Share model in Michigan.

"We also have a tri-share model in Michigan, which is another wonderful tool that we can help employers leverage to support the cost of care for their employees. If you are not familiar with tri-share, that is a partnership between the state, the employer, and the parent. Each pays a third of childcare. I do want to note both the childcare subsidy and tri-share have income thresholds so that these aren't resources that are available to everybody, they are all income based. But they are still great tools for us to be able to use in these efforts," Wixom said. There is a partnership between the state and the College to retain early childhood educators engaged in the program. Wixom described a model in Leelanau County, where there are micro-centers or small capacity centers which may include at home childcare providers who seek increased training or space to continue providing care to children. There are partnerships with townships, churches, and schools to provide alternative spaces to these providers. There is a Start to Quality program which improves the quality of care. The Recreation Department announced a new mandatory online recreation pass profile for the city for residents who are interested in reserving spaces. Questions can be directed to 231-547-3253. A panel of three local leaders spoke on community and quality of life. These leaders were Tom Darnton, President of the Lake Charlevoix Association, Heather Huffstutler, Executive Director of the Tip of the Mitten Watershed Council, and Coast Guard Officer, Nicholas Long. The Coast Guard provides services to the community including search and res-

- Early Childhood Education
- Teacher Education
- CCAMPIS Child Care Access Means Parents in School
- Child Care Initiative



Jennifer Wixom of North Central Michigan College. Photo By Angela Gonzalez



Tom Johnson of United Way. Photo By Angela Gonzalez

cue, maritime law, enforcement, port of waterways coastal security, ice rescue, and maritime pollution response.

The moderator, Kent Knorr of the Recreation Center for the City noted that the summer season is short in Northern Michigan, but it is a season that greatly impacts Lake Charlevoix.

Tom Darnton remarked, "I do think that the short season is somewhat beneficial, but I think it isn't something we can feel safe about. And I live on Oyster Bay, so if you are familiar with Oyster Bay, on weekends on Saturday mornings I can get on my paddle board and have the bay to myself and there is space for blue herons and occasionally a swan or a pair of loons. And by mid-afternoon, there are well over a hundred adults anchored out in the bay." Darnton went on the say, "The only wildlife that are working at that point are the ducks that are being fed popcorn from the cockpits. And I think that's an example of one of our major problems, which is the people. It's not only that we bring a lot of intense use, but we have a lot of folks who don't understand the relationship between the living nurturing that our lake needs to be and the wildlife that we treasure being able to see." He noted that this time period was detrimental to the wildlife's growing season.

to be a sea going asset and that it's safe to be on. So, I encourage you in that sense to see that we're there to help.

Other than that, as far as Boyne Thunder, it was my first season here to see those events and it was a little overwhelming to see the amount of boats that come in for those events. What we do for those events and others is we will be assigned a control commander. Essentially this means we are assigned an immediate point of contact and liaison for all resources involved- the Coast Guard Auxiliary and some of our local emergency responders, both police and fire will help make sure those resources are properly implemented during the event

thought through very carefully in the sense of that event, while it draws a lot of people and puts us on the map, I can't have a conversation around the table in my house because of the sound of those things as they run around the lake. If you ask the people who adopted zoning codes in the 1970s' what a preserve and protected of Lake Charlevoix would look like, it would not be what we have now and so I think we really need to do some careful thinking. I think there is a way we can balance where we have eagles and bass and people using the boats and enjoying the lake, but where we are headed is, we are looking like a giant water hazard on a golf course with no life in it. We have to change our direction." The event concluded with remarks from Seth Johnson, President and CEO for United Way of Northwest Michigan. Johnson highlighted aspects of the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) population in the community. "In Charlevoix in 2022, 37% of the households were financially struggling. It means that they were one flat tire away from an emergency. It means that they are making difficult decisions each and every day," Johnson said. Johnson stated that in Charlevoix, there was a decrease of six households in poverty. There was an increase of 213 households below the ALICE threshold, and an increase of 219 households that were struggling. There was an increase of 463 households in Charlevoix County. Johnson identified many of these households as single female households with children, working multiple jobs or single male households with children. 36% were single or co-habitating. Johnson identified that seniors and young people in the community were struggling financially. This is concentrated in Charlevoix City and East Jordan. The ALICE essential index increased by 8.4 % in 2023, signifying increased difficulties for those struggling. Numbers are also increasing in rural areas. The best way to ensure the success of the community of Charlevoix is to become involved.

Kindness is motivating. Am I communicating with kindness, respect, and dignity?

As a leader, offering timely and helpful feedback is being kind. People want to do good work and be successful.

My longtime boss, Bill Dunn, was conflict avoidant, as so many of us are. In my performance reviews he would say, "You're doing great, sport." I would reply, "Thank you, but please tell me what you think I could do better." I would have to pry it out of him. He just did not want to hurt my feelings.

This is common, leaders being hesitant to offer timely feedback if about improvement.

There is an art to it. We should learn how to do it successfully. It strengthens our team members and enriches our culture.

Fortunately, Bill Dunn was outstanding in every other aspect of leadership. He was all about the team, totally selfless, cared deeply about each of us and our well-being, and was always ready to do all he could to help.

As a leader, do I understand that I am a team member? Do I know what being a great teammate looks like?

### 2. How are my relationships?

This question is critical. Whatever our field, we are in a people business and our relationships matter greatly. The better our relationships, the better and easier work gets done. Happy people do better work! our people, not numbers.

### 3. What steps/actions am I taking?

Even baby steps make a difference. If there is a desired outcome, even doing the little things to get started or to keep us going puts us in a positive mindset. It really does. The most difficult step for a long-distance runner, is the first step, the one out the door. And this is true in our work, to make something happen, take a step forward. We'll feel good, as will our teammates.

I am a believer in "to do" lists. A key to success with "to do" lists is to list maybe just three desired outcomes, only three, and to make them the most important objectives – not the easy ones – the truly most essential ones that, when accomplished, make a difference.

With the busyness of today's world, the endless information coming at us, the number of interruptions, it is easy to not take a step towards what we want to achieve. Let's recognize and avoid letting this happen.

Let's make the right things happen.

John was a senior executive in the corporate world, 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. His wife, Kerry, teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus. Long spoke about the Coast Guard's duties during the summer, including the popular event Boyne Thunder.

"The busy season for us is typically between Memorial Day and Labor Day. That's when you'll see all the locals put their boats back in the water. You will also see non-local families coming to enjoy our waters. One of the things we do during that time is we increase one of our submissions of our maritime law enforcement mission and boating safety.

If you have ever been boarded by us, it can seem intimidating, but on our end, it is primarily seen as preventative search and rescue. We're there to educate, to ensure that you have everything you need-documentation and safety equipment, emergency equipment, safety equipment and that your boat or craft is properly prepared to make sure it's as safe as possible," Long said.

Huffstutler noted an additional challenge for the short summer season was the upkeep of septic systems in short term rentals.

"One of the things that we are seeing and looking into studying more is the impact of the septic pollution and also harmful compounds in our lakes," Huffstutler said.

A grant proposal has been submitted for a fire fighting water vessel to protect residents on the water.

Huffstutler and Darnton discussed the Watershed Management Plan, which works with communities, local leaders, municipalities, non-profits, and friends of groups who manage the watershed, discussing challenges and opportunities for the watershed. The group is conducting septic pollution studies and continuing updates to water quality monitoring in East Jordan and tributaries. The Watershed Management Plan was responsible for providing storm water boxes and streetscapes for the city, which will take place in 2026.

Darnton said, "It's a very valuable planning tool. In our estimation as the Lake Association, there is a missing chapter which is what the goal is. Where are we trying to get to? What does a preserved and protected Lake Charlevoix look like? And how can each part around the lake and in the watershed do something that would benefit the watershed?

I think the example of Boyne Thunder is a good example of the kind of things that we haven't

# **News Briefs**

CHARLEVOIX

Join us for a night of fun to support Joppa House Ministries while we have a night of royal celebration for our residents and women in recovery. The celebration begins on November 7th at 6pm at Castle Farms in the King's Great Hall. We will have both live and silent auctions, a full dinner provided by The Wine Guys (owners of City Park Grill/ Jax/Roast & Toast), special speakers, and more. Tickets and sponsorships are available now on our website: joppahouseministries.org/gala or in the link above. Interested in donating for our live and silent auctions? All of the information can be found on our website: joppahouseministries. org/gala

#### EAST JORDAN BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, Nov. 7, 5-6:30pm at Depot Teen Center, 214 Main St. Chamber members free. Non-members \$10.

#### BOYNE CITY HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED WITH A \$20 DONATION

The chase is on! Let's round up those Northern Michigan turkeys for Thanksgiving and put them on the plates of those in need in the Boyne City area. A \$20 donation will provide a family with all the fixings for a complete Thanksgiving meal. Ways to donate:

1. Drop off your check or cash at Pat O'Brien and Associates Real Estate in Boyne City.

 Mail your tax-deductible check to Good Neighbors Food Pantry, PO Box
 Boyne City, MI 49712
 Donate online at www.goodneighborsboyne.org

With your help, Good Neighbors Food Pantry will have enough turkeys for all who shop at the pantry. Good Neighbors is in our 10th year of service to those in our community facing food insecurity.

#### PETOSKEY REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Friday, November 8, 11am to 12:30pm at Gypsy Distiller, 5251 Charlevoix Ave. Join us to hear from business leaders representing diverse Northern Michigan industries to share their outlook on both opportunities and challenges in the year ahead. Register at https://business.charlevoix.org/ events/details/regional-small-business-outlook-14785.

#### CHARLEVOIX CONCERT

The Demoss Center for Worship in the Performing Arts presents the Judson University Choir in concert at 7pm on Friday, November 8, at Charlevoix First Baptist Church, 6781 M-66 North.

#### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Nov. 14, 6-8pm at the district office, 303 North St, Boyne City. Presentations begin at 6:30pm. Vote on board members up for re-election, enjoy refreshments from Lake Street Market, get updates about the district, and listen to a presentation from our Guest Speakers from the Great Lakes Coalition. Public is welcome. The District's Annual Meeting occurs every year on the second Thursday in November. Like all district board meetings, the public is welcome and encouraged to attend. For this event, food is provided with either a small or no fee, depending on the location.

#### GAYLORD MATTHEW WEST CONCERT

Join us on a musical journey for a night of faith, hope, and encouragement on November 15 for the Don't Stop Praying Tour with Matthew West at E-Free Church Gospel Center, Gaylord campus, 1649 M-32 East. Doors open at 6:15pm. Concert begins at 7pm. Amidst a world filled with challenges, Matthew West invites you to experience the power of prayer like never before. Get ready for your favorites like "Hello, My Name Is,""Truth Be Told," and "The God Who Stays" that are sure to inspire! You won't want to miss this evening where prayers become melodies, hearts are touched, and souls are encouraged. So mark your calendars and gather your friends and family for the Don't Stop Praying Tour this fall.

#### EAST JORDAN SNACK SHACK

There is a new snack shack full of ready-to-eat snacks and meals for those in need. Located at the corner of the parking lot at the United Methodist Church, 201 4th St. Take a snack. Free for all.

#### BAY HARBOR NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHORALE CONCERT

Northern Michigan Chorale presents Journey Through the Years in Song, Saturday November 16th at 7 pm, and Sunday November 17th at 3 pm at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor. Tickets (\$15 general public, \$12 for students and seniors, free for age 10 and under) for the 42nd fall concert for this long-running community group are available from Chorale members, or at the GLCFA Box office 231-439-2610 www. greatlakescfa.org. They will also be available at the door. The group is directed by Kay Kline and accompanied by Cynda Coleman. The concert is presented with generous support from NorthGoods in downtown Petoskey and from community supporters. For further information, visit www. nmchorale.org.

#### BOYNE CITY EARLIER THAN THE BIRD

November 23, 7am - 11am in Downtown. To get the best start on the holidays, downtown Boyne City hosts an early morning shopping event –

nolidays, downtown Boyne Lity hosts an early morning shopping event – special offers for those shopping in their pajamas – the Saturday before Thanksgiving from 7 am-11 am.

#### BOYNE CITY TURKEY TROT

The Boyne City Kiwanis Club is excited to announce the 14th annual Turkey Trot, a fun-filled family event taking place on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, at 9am. Join us at Veteran's park in Boyne City for a morning of exercise, community spirit, and festive cheer. 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. To register and for more information, visit Boyne City Kiwanis Facebook page or contact Scott at 360.241.0491. Pre-registration is encouraged, but same-day registration will be available for \$35. Pre-registration is available at Chronotrack.com (register.chronotrack. com\r\81122)

#### EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST

Please join us for a Community Thanksgiving Feast held at St Joseph Catholic Church Hall in East Jordan. Games and snacks at 1 pm. Dinner served at 2 pm. Come one come all for a delicious meal. Please call Debbie Carey 231-350-2558 for any questions or details

#### BOYNE CITY HOLLY JOLLY BOYNE

November 29, 5pm - 9pm Downtown. Dressed in our holiday's finest, our downtown sparkles for a family fun event held the evening after Thanksgiving. Our businesses stay open, and the parade begins at 6 pm. Join Santa as he travels to the tree lighting in Old City Park. Contact us if you would like to be in the parade.

#### CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Friday, November 29- Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Celebration 3-5pm- Pictures with Santa at **Charlevoix State Bank** 3-5pm- Holiday Craft at Charlevoix Circle of Arts 5:30pm - Holiday Parade We are looking for people to participate in the parade! Businesses, organizations, friends and family are welcome to be a part of the magical parade in Downtown Charlevoix. Decorate your car, truck, tractor, bike, boat, etc. and join in the fun. Only one rule: No Santa! We have him covered.

#### CHARLEVOIX

**MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE** Saturday, December 7- Holiday Mer-

chant Open House & Hot Cocoa Contest. All Day- Merchant Open House. 10:30am- Holiday Movie at Charlevoix Cinema II. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank- Bring 1 non-perishable item for admission. 12pm-4pm- Hot Cocoa Trail

#### CHARLEVOIX BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 11, 5-7pm. Charlevoix Holiday Business After Hours. The Ugly Sweater Party! Come dressed in your best ugly sweater for a chance to win a prize! Fun, food, games & networking at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

#### CHARLEVOIX DONATE TO THE FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating to the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry this holiday season. Our community has seen an increase in need this year. We are asking our community to please help us with monetary donations to prepare our pantry for the holidays. We would like to provide holiday meal kits for those in need, with your monetary donations we are able to purchase food from The Manna food bank at a greatly reduced cost, thus making your donation go further.

#### BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The market now meets at the Veterans Park Pavilion every Saturday, 9am -12:30pm. Fresh produce, local artists and live music

#### EAST JORDAN ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

The Rotary Club of East Jordan has updated dates and times for their monthly meetings. The Rotary Club will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:15 PM and the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:15 PM. Both meeting times and dates will be at the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Building (FRJ). The club is always looking for new members. If you are new to the area or have always wondered how to get involved with Rotary, contact the Chamber Office and we will get you the contact information. 231-536-7351.

#### CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

Collaboration Between The Free Breakfast Club & Commission On Aging has begun. Anyone can come to the Shirley Roloff Center (old Elementary School on Division), between 8-9am and get a free breakfast sponsored by Safe Haven and prepared for you by COA chefs and our volunteers. You may dine in, take out or get curbside pick-up. This will happen at the Shirley Roloff center every Tuesday and Friday for all ages at no cost.

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# Boyne Falls Public School STUDENTOF THEWEEK



# Jude Himmelspach

Grade: 1st Grade

#### Parent's Name: Kandace Kowalski

What do you want to be when you grow up?:

To be an artist that uses lots of colors, maybe an illustrator for books

**Favorite Book:** Jude likes any "Seek and Find" book and books about animals.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Jude loves making Art and hanging out with his brother, and learning about animals! **School Activities:** Jude loves making Art and likes to swing on the swings at recess. He has great handwriting skills too!

**Staff Comments:** Jude is very creative and likes to make Art. He has even written and illustrated some books in class! When it's warm out he likes to go on walks and swing on the playground. He also likes to listen to books and play memory games. He is very observant and has great handwriting when he is writing neatly. Jude has gone into the first grade to meet some new friends this year. We like to see Jude's smile when he works with his middle school friend, Danielle, and his high school friend,

#### CHARLEVOIX PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, Nov. 10, 9am - Noon at St. Mary School, 1005 Bridge St. Don't worry about Sunday's Breakfast, we got you covered! Join us on Sunday, November 10th for our monthly pancake breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 9:00-Noon. Pay by donation to support St. Mary Middle School events and trips.

#### BOYNE CITY CONCERT

Sunday Series concerts sponsored by Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. Our Sunday Series features small ensembles performing in community venues across Northern Michigan. Concerts are FREE thanks to the generous support of patron Carolyn Klender. DRUMHEADS is in concert November 10, 4pm at First Presbyterian Church.

#### EAST JORDAN EAST JORDAN LIONS RECEIVES CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

East Jordan Lions received the Club Excellence Award for the 2023-2024 year. District Governor Dennis Gocha awarded Lion Linda Chase a pin and the club received a banner patch for meeting the criteria for this award. Lion Linda Chase was the president during the 2023-2024 year. This award is for meeting criteria in service activities, net growth, publicized activities, funds donated to Lions Club International and for being a club in good standing. Congratulations to all the hard-working EJ Lions that helped achieve this award!

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

Support St. Mary School by purchasing your holiday wreath, garland, centerpiece, and other decorations. Orders Due November 12th. Place your order in the Parish or School Office. stmaryschoolcharlevoix.com

#### CHARLEVOIX BUSINESS AFTER HOURS November 20 - Business After Hours with The Villager Pub & Charlevoix State Bank

#### BOYNE CITY/PETOSKEY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT ROOM 94

Join us Thursday, November 21st at Odawa Casino's Room 94 in Petoskey from 5:30-7pm for refreshments, mingling, and the chance to win some awesome prizes! Including a 1 night stay and \$100 dining credit to Sage, a \$25 food credit and \$20 Freeplay, and a \$25 Food Credit and \$10 in Freeplay. Enter to win upon arrival. The winners will be drawn at the end of the event! Must be present to win. Refreshments include Artichoke Feta Dip, Italian Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms, Herb Chicken Skewers, Cherry Chicken Salad, and more. Please note, the Odawa Casino property is strictly 18 and up.

#### BOYNE CITY LET'S TALK TURKEY

With Good Neighbors Food Pantry. The chase is on! Let's round up those Northern Michigan Turkeys for Thanksgiving and put them on the plates of those in need in the Boyne City Area! A \$20.00 donation will provide a family with all the fixings for a complete Thanksgiving meal. Ways to donate:

1. Drop off your check or cash at Pat O'Brien and Associates Real Estate in Boyne City.

2. Mail your tax-deductible check to Good Neighbors Food Pantry, PO Box 35, Boyne City, MI 49712

3. Donate online at www.goodneighborsboyne.org

With your help, Good Neighbors Food Pantry will have enough turkeys for all who shop at the pantry. Good Neighbors is in our 10th year of service to those in our community facing food insecurity. 6pm- Santa Lights the Tree

#### EAST JORDAN JUBILEE OF TREES FOR 501 C3'S

Thursday, December 5 at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix. We still have room for 7 decorated Christmas Trees and 2 Gift Baskets. If you would like to donate a 1' - 4' Decorated Christmas Tree or a Gift Basket for the event please contact Shannon at the Chamber Office - 231-536-7351 How the event works:

• Anyone can donate a tree or basket (business, individuals, clubs, church's, organizations).

 Trees & baskets will be auctioned off (silent auction).

Winner of the trees & baskets will then choose from a list of Chamber Member 501 C3 organizations to donate their bid money to.
Winner of the tree or basket gets to take home the tree or basket.
The event will also include the Holiday Business After Hours. Proudly Sponsored by EJ. Donations will be accepted at the door to be divided between East Jordan Care & Share Food Pantry & Ellsworth's Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Food, Christmas Joy, Networking and Fun

#### BOYNE CITY SIP & SHOP HOLIDAY BAZAAR

December 6, 5pm - 9pm at Veterans Park Pavilion 207 N Lake St. Join us for the 3rd Annual Sip & Shop Holiday Bazaar, hosted by the Boyne City Farmers Market at Veterans Park Pavilion. Shop for unique gifts, including artwork, crafts, artisan foods and wine, to impress all your friends and family this holiday season. Local wineries will be on hand to add some cheer.

#### CHARLEVOIX FIRST FRIDAY

December 6- First Friday Coffee Connection at Biggby Coffee of Charlevoix

#### NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3 of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. Right now, some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albies Foods, Gaylor Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com

#### EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

The Depot Teen Center Located in the Teen Zone at 214 Main St. Serving 6th-12th Graders throughout Northern Michigan Wednesdays & Fridays after school until 6pm. EJDepot.org. (231) 222-2224.

#### CHARLEVOIX GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

#### EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer and Caregiver Support group meets at 10am the 3rd Saturday of each month at Lighthouse Missionary Church. Miss Megan. Jude can be a helper and we are excited to see him grow this year!

Submitted By: Mrs. Cosier and Ms. Jessie



# ECS Middle/High School



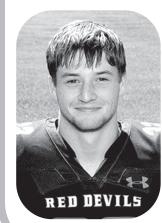
# Kamden Geer

We are thrilled to announce that Kamden has been selected as our Lancer Exemplar for the month of October!

Kamden consistently demonstrates the Lancer Values of value safety, others, and self while at school. He is always ready to lend a helping hand, encourage his classmates, and share a smile with everyone he meets. His positive attitude and genuine compassion make him a role model for others. Kamden was nominated by his first grade teacher, Mrs. Scott, for "demonstrating self-control and spreading kindness."

Congratulations, Kamden! We are so proud of you for being a shining example of kindness at our school. Keep up the great work, and thank you for making a difference every day!

# athletes of week



### Logan Shooks East Jordan Red Devils Football

Logan Shooks carried the Red Devils running game, gaining 91 yards on the ground. Shooks also finished at the top of the defensive tackle charts with 16 stops, and a tackle for loss.



#### **Girls Cross Country Team** Boyne City Ramblers Girls **Cross Country Team**

The Rambler girls' cross country team capped off a historic season, finishing 20th in the MHSAA Division 3 lower peninsula state championship meet.



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FOOTBALL

# **Red Devils begin Playoffs with a win**

#### **BY GREG GIELCZYK**

It was a hard, physically fought football game just like East Jordan expected last Friday night, but the Red Devils made enough plays to move on to the Division 8 district finals after a convincing 34-14 victory over Bark River Harris in the playoff opener.

Early on the two teams traded touchdowns, with the Red Devils striking first and Bark River managing to answer for an 8-8 tie, and for awhile it appeared the half would end with that score.

But the Red Devils

just three plays later and Bark River would not be denied this time, punching it in to cut the East Jordan lead to 22-14.

But, the Red Devils shrugged it off and scored 12 straight points to finish the game.

"Offensively, everything that we got we had to earn," East Jordan coach Adam Grybauskas said. "They ate up clock, and we only ran about 30 offensive plays.

"They controlled the clock, but we made enough plays to get the win. The one thing with our kids this year (is) I think we've gotten them to a point where they just play the play, and they don't get rattled by much. "We've had to deal with a lot of injuries and shuffling around in games and stuff, and different situations, and our guys just kept playing (after giving up the second touchdown)." East Jordan's senior quarterback Korbyn Russell, who was injured a couple of weeks ago but has played in the last two game now, hit on 8-of-11 passes for 132 yards and a TD, with Webb nabbing four passes for 57 yards.



In his 2nd game back after an injury Korbyn Russell completed 8-of-11 passes for 132 yards and a TD. In Motion Images



regained the lead when William Webb ran a pass interception back 40 yards to the house, and Max Beal set up the next score when he picked off a pass and the Red Devils scored just before half to make it 22-8.

East Jordan didn't touch the ball on offense again for almost 10 minutes of the third quarter as Bark River drove down the length of the field before the Red Devils got a goal line stand and got the ball back on downs.

Disaster struck for the Red Devils soon after, though, when they fumbled

Logan Shooks carried the Red Devils running

game, gaining 91 yards on the ground, while Webb contributed 33 yards and two TDs on four attempts.

Shooks also finished at the top of the defensive tackle charts with 16 stops, and a tackle for loss. Coen Burks had 14 tackles, Beal had 10 tackles and Webb was in on six stops.

"We kept telling our defense that 'We're making them earn every yard,' and when you force teams to go on long drives they eventu-

Logan Shooks was the Red Devil's leading rusher with 91 yards. Photography by Kim Culver

ally make a mistake," Grybauskas said. "It's kind of how we've played defense this year, and it's worked out pretty well for us."

The Red Devils improved to 8-2 on the season and will now play undefeated and highly ranked Iron Mountain (10-0), which defeated Manistique, 49-12 in its district semifinal.



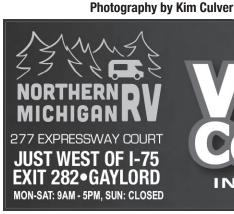
Coen Burks makes a tough catch. In Motion Images



Max Beal had an interception late in the first half. In Motion Images



East Jordan's bend, don't break defense held the Bark River team to 2 touchdowns. Photography by Kim Culver



Will Webb gets lifted in the air after scoring a touchdown.



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# **Ramblers come back to win** in first game of playoffs

# They face last year's state champs Kingsley in district final

#### **BY GREG GIELCZYK**

Surviving. It's what every football team that qualified for the playoffs is trying to do now that the chase for a state title has officially begun.

For the Boyne City football team that was never truer than last Friday night when the Ramblers, a two seed and able to host the first game in the postseason, when they met up with three seed Negaunee out of the Upper Peninsula.

Negaunee carried a mighty impressive resume, and was considered to be one of the best of the teams coming out of the U.P. despite its 6-3 record coming in.

The Miners clung to a 16-15 lead late in the game when the Ramblers drove down the field to the game-winning score in a thrilling 23-16 win in the Division 6 district semifinal.

Boyne had a challenge against the Miners' size on the lines.

"They were a little bit bigger than probably any team we've played this year," said Boyne City coach David Suttle. "Just a typical UP team. They gave us a couple different looks."

"But, fortunately, like our kids have done all year, they just kind of bowed their backs and sink in, and play good defense. We were able to capitalize on a couple turnovers."

"We played well up front. Our offensive line came through for us again. Ryan (Spate) ran hard, (and) Drew (Neer) was very efficient, threw some big first downs for us and just kind of took care of the ball." The Ramblers pounded out 248 yards rushing on the night, and didn't turn the ball over once.



Ben Stanek picked off a pass in the 4th quarter.



But they struggled to move the ball against the Miners' defense, which played a deeper coverage and their defensive backs were sure tacklers.

Converting a couple of fourth downs, the Ramblers were able to pound down the field to a touchdown

period.

Jaden Ager was the Ramblers' defensive leader with seven tackles while Spate made six stops. Stanek intercepted a pass and Ryann Chapp forced a fumble.

**RD SPORTS** 

**PHOTO** 

by Owen Hewitt that gave

them an early lead. Hewitt

would finish with 73 yards

Neer completed 3-of-4

passes for 65 yards, with

end of a pair for 32 yards.

177 yards on 28 carries,

and scored the game-win-

ning touchdown in the last

Spate had most of that

and two scores on 17

passes for 34 yards.

"It was an overall good performance by all the kids," Suttle said.

The Ramblers (8-2) carry a six-game winning streak into this week's district championship matchup at defending state champion Kingsley.

Boyne lost to the Stags, 26-20 in Week 4.

"This time I think we need to eliminate mistakes, and not hurt ourselves," Suttle said. "We need to limit their big plays. We felt we played pretty good football last time we were matched up with them."

"We just gave up a couple big plays, at bad times. But, our kids feel pretty good. We're healthy. They're excited about where we're at. They're going to take a swing at it."



The Rambler defense kept the Miners from big plays.

Ryan Spate ran for 177 yards the last period.



Owen Hewitt dives over the goal line for a touchdown.



The Ramblers celebrate a 23-16 win in the first round of the playoffs.

# Sports

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# MHSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Local Teams Results and Schedule

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# 8-PLAYER - DIVISION 1

Atlanta 0 and Alcona 52 Montabella 8 at Inland Lakes 46

## 8-PLAYER - DIVISION 2

Bellaire 0 at Crystal Falls Forest Park 60 Gaylord St. Mary 0 at Powers North Central 58 Mio 42 at AuGres Sims 70

# **DIVISION 3**

District Final - 11/8 Mt. Pleasant (6-4) at Petoskey (10-0)



The Rayder offense takes the field. Photo by Scott Richards

## FOOTBALL

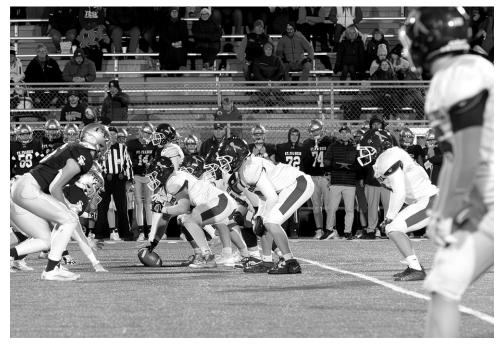
# **Rayders fall to St. Francis as season ends**

#### BY GREG GIELCZYK

Giving its fans a rerun of last year just wasn't in the cards for the Charlevoix football team when the Rayders again found themselves facing state powerhouse Traverse City St. Francis for a second time in the Division 7 district semifinal at Thirlby Field last Friday night.

Hoping for a repeat of last year, when they lost to the Gladiators in the regular season and then turned around and sent the Glads out in the opening round of the playoffs, the Rayders entered this year's playoff game on a high note after winning a second straight Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division title, and making the playoffs for a sixth straight year.

But, things didn't work ut for the Ravders this time, as the Glads gained a measure of revenge with a 41-16 victory to end Charlevoix's season and send them on to the district finals. Mistakes hurt the Rayders' chances for success, as they turned the ball over six times, which gave the Glads extra possessions, a dangerous combination that St. Francis didn't waste in taking control of the game. "You can't do that against a team of that caliber," said Rayders coach Donald Jess. "We shot ourselves in the foot. I thought we played a little bit better this time defensively, we just couldn't get things rolling early on offense." "Overall, it was a good season. This group was a pleasure to coach. I enjoyed going to practice every day with them. A lot of those seniors have worked really, really hard for the past four years in the weight room. It's going to be tough to see them go." While the Rayders, who ended the season 6-4, struggled to generate any push offensively, the Glads (7-3) surged into the lead



Rayders entered this year's playoff game on a high note after winning a second straight Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division title. Photo by Scott Richards

and held it throughout. Charlevoix's scores came on a 94-yard run by

Logan Wadkins and a one-

yard plunge by Collin Jess.



## **DIVISION 6**

District Final - 11/8 Boyne City (8-2) at Kingsley (8-2)

# **DIVISION 8**

District Final - 11/9 East Jordan (8-2) at Iron Mountain (10-0)

## **8-PLAYER - DIVISION 1**

District Final - 11/8 Inland Lakes (10-0) at Alcona (9-1)



But the Rayders running game sputtered for the most part, with Ian Moran picking up 54 yards on the ground, while Brady Warchol and Garrison Sterrett added 29 apiece.

Ryan Pearl led the defensive charge for the Rayders with 18 tackles and a fumble recovery. Sterrett followed with 10 stops, and also had a pass break up.

Sawyer Blaszczyk also finished with 10 tackles, sacked the quarterback once and forced a fumble while Andrew Grogan was in on seven stops and recovered a fumble.

"Obviously, winning another conference championship was one of our goals this year," Jess said. "The kids were able to accomplish that, so overall it was a pretty good season.

"Didn't want it to end this soon, but that's the way it goes sometimes. We've got a pretty good core group that will be seniors next year, just need to get them in the weight room and get them healthy.

"We've got a really big sophomore class, they're freshmen this year. Our numbers are really thin



Head coach Don Jess speaks with his team after the game. Photo by Scott Richards

One of Charlevoix's scores came on a 94-yard run by Logan Wadkins. Photo by Scott Richards

with next year's junior class (who were sophomores this season).

"But, overall we've got a lot coming. Our number of players will not be great next year, but in the future numbers should be good."

Earning a third straight Leaders Division title, and a seventh straight playoff appearance will definitely be a challenge for the Rayders, but it's certainly doable.



Garrison Sterrett lays a big hit on a St. Francis receiver. Photo by Scott Richards

#### VOLLEYBALL

# **Rayders win first round in district**

Charlevoix pulled off a 5 set win after being down 2 sets but worked hard to win the match in the first round of district playoffs.

East Jordan took the first two sets for what seemed like and East Jordan Red Devil win. Charlevoix refocused in the final 3 sets and won the match with scores of 18-25, 20-25, 25-22, 25-21, 15-8.

Coach Audra Randall said, "An opening match to district can have a lot of different looks. Last night being the first district match many played in for the Rayders took a bit of adjusting, but when the finally settled down they did a great job in taking care of the details to steal the win from EJ. The girls were very fired up with an opener win and we had some girls really step up to get the job done."



**Rayder Dana Brown also** added 23 good receptions and 8 digs. In Motion Images



East Jordan's Caitlyn Burks stretches out to return a serve. In Motion Images

Stats for the match for Charlevoix

- Sarah Wyglendowski 10 kills and a block. Sarah really helped us shut down the 4th and 5th set with great net play.
- Ayla Kemp-Libero with 6 aces, 26 digs, and 23 good serve receptions
- Dana Brown also added 23 good receptions and 8 digs
- Jaslyn Blanton had 17 assists, 4 aces, 4 kills
- Taryn Carey and Ava Hoeksema both chipped in 7 kills
- Addison Shearer with 8 assists, 3 aces
- Gemma Bonney 15 digs, 9/12 on serve reception
- Abbey Wise 1 kill, 3 digs
- Torrey Carroll 1 kill

The Rayders move on to the semifinal on Wednesday against Harbor Springs at 5:30 in Joburg.



Charlevoix's Ayla Kemp Hugs Jaslyn Blanton after a hard fought come back. In Motion Images



East Jordan's Lily Snyder sets up a teammate. In Motion Images

### VOLLEYBALL

# **Rayders drop 3 sets at Cheboygan quad**

Taryn Carey 4 blocks, 2 aces, 18 digs, 5 kills **VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT** 

2024-2025 VOLLEYBALL **DIVISION 1** 

**Volleyball District 1** Marquette 2 - Gaylord 3

11/5 6:00 PM Petoskey (23-9-0) Alpena (1-20-1) @ Petoskey High School

11/7 6:00 PM Gaylord vs. winner Petoskey/Alpena TBD

**Volleyball District 2** Midland 0 - Mount Pleasant 3

11/5 6:00 PM Midland Dow **Traverse City West** @ West Senior High - Traverse City

11/7 12:00PM TC Central (31-1-1) vs. winner Midland Dow (15-13-2)/TC West (23-7) TBD

11/7 6:00 PM Cadillac (23-12-1) vs. Mt. Pleasant (18-16-3) @ Cadillac High School

> 11/9/24 **District 2 Final** @ Traverse City West HS

**Volleyball Regional 1** Winner District 1 vs. Winner District 2 11/12 6:00 PM @ Cadillac High School

> 2024-2025 VOLLEYBALL **DIVISION 2**

**Volleyball District 34** Grayling 0 - Sault Ste Marie 3 Cheboygan 3 - Kalkaska 0

11/6 5:00 PM Kingsley (40-5-3) vs. Soo @ Boyne City High School

11/6 7:00 PM Boyne City (31-11-4) vs. Cheboygan @ Boyne City High School

Volleyball District 34 Final 11/7 6:00 PM @ Boyne City High School

**Volleyball Regional 9** 11/12 7:00 PM Winner District 33 vs. Winner District 34

2024-2025 VOLLEYBALL

11/6 7:00 PM Mackinac Island (20-6) vs. Mack City @ St. Ignace's Junior High School Gym - St Ignace

#### Volleyball District 102

**District Final** 11/7 6:00 PM @ St. Ignace's Junior High School Gym - St Ignace

#### **Volleyball Regional 26**

11/12 6:00 PM Winner District 101 vs. District 102 @ Sault Ste Marie

#### **Volleyball District 103**

Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian 3 - Wolverine 0

Volleyball District 103 11/4 7:00 PM Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian (5-6) Petoskey St Michael (2-8) @ Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian

Volleyball District 103 11/6 5:30 PM Pellston (11-22-6) vs. Harbor Light @ Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian

Volleyball District 103 11/6 7:00 PM Alanson (9-9-1) vs. Winner Burt Lake/St. Michael @ Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian

Volleyball District 103 **District Final** 11/8 6:00 PM @ Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian

Volleyball District 104 Hillman 3 - Posen 1

Volleyball District 104 11/6 5:30 PM Atlanta (32-4-1) vs. Hillman @ Rogers City High School

#### Volleyball District 104

11/6 7:00 PM Onaway (27-6-2) Rogers City (9-11) @ Rogers City High School

Volleyball District 104 **District Final** 11/7 6:00 PM @ Rogers City High School

#### **Volleyball Regional 26**

11/12 6:30 PM Winner District 103 vs District 104 @ Hillman H.S.

Last week the Rayders played a quad at Cheboygan falling to Cheboygan, Inland Lakes, and Sault Ste. Marie. They were defeated in all 3 matches despite a great effort by the Rayder team. They played short of 3 players on the evening relying on a new lineup and different roles for the night. At this time in the season the girls know each other's court tendencies and acclimated to it well but still struggled as other teams were in that final

**BY DAVE BARAGREY** 

prep with their teams for districts. But the effort was there and they really each set we were coming up short early in the sets and just could not recover except for the 25-23 loss in the Soo match."

- - Sarah Wyglendowski

wanted to get some wins under their belt even with the challenge.

We had a win last week against Sault Ste. Marie at the Kingsley Quad but came up short in the opening match 25-12, 25-23, battling in the second set, but with a missed serve at the end, that put the cap on it.

The Rayders lost to Inland Lakes 25-14, 25-10. They fell to Cheboygan

25-18, 25-11.

Coach Randall said, "In

On the night

- Ayla Kemp had 47 digs, 58 /63 for the night on serve receive, she continues do great work in the back row and we are lucky to have the stability and dynamic play each and every day we are on the court.
- Dana Brown 2 kills, 15 digs, 32/39 on serve receive

had 11 kills, 3 blocks

- Abbey Wise 2 kills 6 assists Jaslyn Blanton 19
- assists, 4 kills Ava Hoeksema 8 kills,
- 1 ace ٠ Gemma Bonney 2 aces, 10 digs

The Rayders head into districts with an opening match on Monday against East Jordan at Johannesburg at 6pm.

**DIVISION 3** 

**Volleyball District 67** 

Charlevoix 3 - East Jordan 2

11/6 5:30 PM Indian River Inland Lakes (23-9-1) Johannesburg-Lewiston (21-14-1) @ Johannesburg-Lewiston

11/6 7:00 PM Harbor Springs (16-10-5) vs. Charlevoix @ Johannesburg-Lewiston

11/7 6:00 PM **District Final** @ Johannesburg-Lewiston

**Volleyball Regional 17** 11/12 6:00 PM @ East Jordan High School

**Volleyball District 68** Benzie Central 0 - Mancelona 3

11/6 5:30 PM Traverse City St Francis (24-10-3) Maple City Glen Lake (8-15-2) @ Elk Rapids High School

11/6 7:00 PM Elk Rapids (23-9-1) vs. Mancelona @ Elk Rapids High School

> **Volleyball District 68 District Final** 11/8 6:00 PM @ Elk Rapids High School

**Volleyball Regional 17** 11/12 6:00 PM @ East Jordan High School

2024-2025 VOLLEYBALL **DIVISION 4** 

**Volleyball District 102** Cedarville 0 - Mackinaw City 3

**Volleyball District 102** 11/6 5:30 PM St Ignace (19-4-6) Pickford (7-20-2) @ St. Ignace's Junior High School Gym - St Ignace

Volleyball District 105 Boyne Falls 3 - Ellsworth 0

Volleyball District 105 Alba 1 - Central Lake 3

Volleyball District 105 11/6 6:00 PM Bellaire (20-8-4) vs. Boyne Falls @ St. Mary - Gaylord

#### Volleyball District 105

11/6 7:30 PM Gaylord St Mary (13-9) vs. Central Lake @ St. Mary Kaminski Gymnasium -Gaylord

> Volleyball District 105 **District Final** 11/7 6:00 PM

@ St. Mary - Gaylord **Volleyball Regional 27** 

11/12 8:00 PM Winner District 105 vs. District 107 @ Boyne Falls Public School

> **Volleyball District 108** Fairview 0 - Mio 3

Volleyball District 108 11/6 6:00 PM Hale (12-10-3) Whittemore-Prescott (2-21-1) @ AuGres-Sims High School - AuGres

**Volleyball District 108** 11/6 7:30 PM AuGres-Sims (6-13-3) vs. Mio @ AuGres-Sims High School - AuGres

Volleyball District 108 **District Final** 11/7 7:00 PM @ AuGres-Sims High School - AuGres

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# **Sports**

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# CROSS COUNTRY **Isaac Dionne Finishes** Sophomore Season with **Strong State Meet Race**

**BY CHELSEY HERRMANN** 

In his second appearance at the MHSAA Division 3 lower peninsula state finals cross country meet, sophomore Isaac Dionne put together a solid race that left him hungry for more. Dionne crossed the line in 171st place with a time of 17:41, a nine-second improvement from his time last year.

"While I know he had higher goals for himself today, Isaac had a lot to be proud of in his race," said Coach Chelsey Herrmann. "He was further back at the start than he wanted, so he had to work hard to move up over 30 places during the race. I'm proud of his resilience, and I love seeing that fire in his eyes to come



**Isaac Dionne** 

back next year and improve even more."

Dionne's lifetime personal record of 17:02, set last week at regionals in East Jordan, makes him the fastest sophomore and fourth-fastest boy overall in Rambler cross country history.

#### MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY **STATE FINALS** Nov. 2, 2024

#### **BOYS RESULTS**

85	Alexander Allen	Alpena	16:14.7	Fr.					
		DIVISION 3							
9	Hunter Eaton	Charlevoix	15:51.2	So.					
60	Matthew Solomon	Charlevoix	16:45.2	Jr.					
105	Maxwell Drenth	Charlevoix	17:10.1	So.					
129	Tristan Demlow	Grayling	17:20.5	Sr.					
133	David Dhaseleer	Charlevoix	17:23.0	Sr.					
171	Isaac Dionne	Boyne City	17:41.7	So.					
193	William (Liam) Mahaffy	Grayling	17:54.1	Fr.					
199	Ryder Hopkins	Charlevoix	17:59.2	So.					
202	Jacob Veurink	Charlevoix	18:02.1	Jr.					
236	Quinn Cassada	Charlevoix	18:42.5	So.					
DIVISION 4									
7	Cody Bradley	Petoskey St. Michael	16:08.5	Jr.					
21	Jeremiah Witt	Johannesburg-Lewiston	16:37.4	Sr.					
30	Russell Vandermus	Petoskey St. Michael	16:46.9	Sr.					
31	Austin Sneed	East Jordan	16:48.0	Sr.					
46	Atticus Cadarette	Petoskey St. Michael	17:04.8	Fr.					
53	Nicholas Trader	Fairview	17:13.1	Jr.					
54	Cole Brege	Rogers City	17:14.6	Jr.					
70	Khadar Jama	Ellsworth	17:31.3	Jr.					
74	Carter Toensfeldt	Fairview	17:35.8	So.					
95	Jack Sharar	Rogers City	17:49.4	Jr.					
141	Cole Abney	Ellsworth	18:29.0	Jr.					
174	Zander Chellis	Ellsworth	18:50.0	Fr.					
199	Cole Wesley	Petoskey St. Michael	19:22.1	Fr.					
208	Cooper Feagan	Petoskey St. Michael	19:59.0	8th					
217	Ronan Weed	Petoskey St. Michael	20:26.5	Jr.					
218	Carl Nolan	Petoskey St. Michael	20:27.3	8th					
242	Andrew Michanowicz	Ellsworth	22:31.3	Jr.					
245	Roman Windish	Ellsworth	22:57.2	Fr.					
250	Max Muladore	Ellsworth	26:23.0	So.					
252	Joshua Woollard	Ellsworth	31:28.6	Sr.					

#### sion 3 lower peninsula state championship meet. "Just getting here was our goal this season," said Coach Chelsey Herrmann. "So we knew going in that anything more we could do

BY CHELSEY HERRMANN

The Rambler girls' cross

country team capped off a historic season, finishing

20th in the MHSAA Divi-

would be icing on the cake. We're thrilled with a top-20 finish." Pre-race projections predicted a finish around 24th or 25th for the Ramblers.

Freshman Hailee Bertels did not let the nerves of her first state meet get the best of her, running a very strong race just two seconds off her lifetime-best and finishing 66th overall. "Hailee had a great race today," said Herrmann. "It's not easy running well your first time at MIS, and she just looked really strong. It was a huge confidence boost and I'm so proud of her."

In her third state meet appearance, Delaney Little showed the confidence that comes with experience, running a personal course record and finishing in her highest spot.

"Delaney is a phenomenal leader, and we really relied on her experience and steadiness today," said Herrmann. "I'm so proud of the way she has handled adversity this season, and she had her best state meet appearance by far. I'm thrilled for her."

Junior Hazel Ogden finished third for the Ramblers, followed by senior Jacky Dunlap in her final race as a Rambler cross country runner. Junior Bridget McHugh ended her season with her fastest



CROSS COUNTRY

**BOYNE CITY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** 





**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS** Hailee Bertels — 66th, 20:15 Delaney Little — 87th, 20:37, course PR Hazel Ogden — 172nd, 21:52 Jacky Dunlap — 199th, 22:16 Bridget McHugh — 207th, 22:28, season PR

Cambrynne Giem — 210th, 22:30 Taylor Johnston — 235th, 23:27

time of the year, a difficult task on this course. Junior Cambrynne Giem and freshman Taylor Johnston looked strong in their first state finals appearances.

"I am so proud of this group and what they have accomplished this season," said Herrmann. "It's tough to be able to only run seven girls at regionals and states, because this season was really about all thirteen of our team members. Reaching this goal they set at the beginning of the season is a huge accomplishment, and they had to work hard individually as well as rely



Cambrynne Giem, Jacky Dunlap, Taylor Johnston, **Bridget McHugh** 



**Delaney Little, Hailee Bertels** 

on their teammates to do their part. We have made some big strides forward this year, and hopefully we can carry this momentum into continued success for our program in the years to come."

#### MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY **STATE FINALS** Nov. 2, 2024

#### **GIRLS RESULTS**

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Alisa Alexander

#### **DIVISION 2** Katie Berkshire Gaylord 18:04.3 Ava Pawlick Petoskey 19:55.7 **DIVISION 3** Nico Triebold Grayling 19:44.1 66 Hailee Bertels Boyne City 20:15.3 87 **Delaney** Little Boyne City 20:37.6 Hazel Ogden Boyne City 21:52.1 172 199 Jacky Dunlap Boyne City 22:16.1 Maya Rohrer Charlevoix 22:21.8 203 Bridget McHugh Boyne City 22:28.8 207 Cambrynne Giem **Boyne City** 22:30.6 210 235 Taylor Johnston Boyne City 23:27.7 **DIVISION 4** Allie Nowak Johannesburg-Lewiston 18:29.3 36 Avery Langlois **Rogers City** 20:23.3 46 Harlie Fox Johannesburg-Lewiston 20:35.8 55 Ruby Pletcher Ellsworth 20:47.8 71 Danielle Agren Johannesburg-Lewiston 21:08.5 Veronica Paga Petoskey St. Michael 21:19.9 102 Elizabeth Furman Indian River Inland Lakes 21:41.9 122 Fenlynn Johnson **Rogers City** 22:04.2 152 Taylor Hefele 178 Keri Coolman 197 Jordyn Hefele 201 Ella Sponable 202 Vada Finch

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2024 Apex Nano 213RDS Travel Trailer, Slideout, 200-watt solar panel, outdoor shower. MSRP \$38,084. Save \$11,089. Model Year Closeout Price \$26.995. As low as \$269 a month. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www. NorthernMichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sunday

2024 Cherokee Grey Wolf 26 LK Travel Trailer. Slideout, outdoor kitchen, sleeps 4, fireplace, outside storage, outside shower. MSRP \$48,186. Sale Price \$27,995. Save \$20,191. As low as \$249 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com.

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2024 Jayco Eagle 312BHOK Travel Trailer. 3 Slideouts, bunkhouse sleeps 9, outdoor kitchen, fireplace. SALE PRICE \$57,495. MSRP \$91,435. SAVE \$33,940. As low as \$558 a month. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www. NorthernMichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sundav

2024 Jayco Jay Feather 27BHB Travel Trailer. Slideout, bunkhouse sleeps 8, outdoor kitchen, 21' power awning. SALE PRICE \$36,995. MSRP \$56,716. SAVE \$19,721. As low as \$359 a month. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www.NorthernMichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sunday

2024 Jayco Jay Flight 264BH Travel Trailer. Bunkhouse sleeps 8. front bedroom, enclosed underbelly, SALE PRICE \$24,500. MSRP \$37,726. SAVE \$13,226. As low as \$302 a month. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www.Northern-MichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sunday

2024 Jayco Seismic Luxury Series 4113 Fifth Wheel. Toyhauler, 2 Slideouts, sleeps 9, 2 awnings, triple axle, 2 patio party decks, lots of room and a ton of features. SALE PRICE \$116,295. MSRP \$177,822. SAVE \$61,527. As low as \$999 a month. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www. NorthernMichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sunday

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2024 Rockwood Geo Pro G20 BHS. Sleeps 6, slideout, exterior storage, power awning, outside griddle, 200W solar panel. MSRP \$36,230. Sale Price \$23,995, Save \$12,235 As low as \$239 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com

Used 2012 Puma 26 RLSS Travel Trailer. Large Slideout, power jack, sleeps 6. Regular \$9.995. Sale Price \$8,995. Save \$1,000. As low as \$179 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.Petoskey-RVUSA.com.

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Used 2014 Forest River RV Wildwood X-Lite 281QBXL Travel Trailer. Bunkhouse sleeps 8, slideout, outdoor kitchen. Veterans Day Special, \$11,000. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700.

Used 2014 Jayco Eagle HT 26 5RKS Fifth Wheel. Sleeps 5, 2 slideouts. Veterans Day Special, \$11,000. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700

Used 2015 Starcraft AR-ONE 25BHS Wide Body Travel Trailer. Bunkhouse sleeps 8, slideout. One-piece, seamless rubber roof, Regular \$13,995. BLOWOUT PRICE \$12,995. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www.Northern-MichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sunday

Used 2016 Coachmen RV Apex Nano 172CKS Travel Trailer. Slideout. Veterans Day Special, \$11,000. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700.

Used 2016 Rockwood Mini Lite 2304 KS Travel Trailer, Slideout, air. Regular Price \$14,995. Sale Price \$12,995. Save \$2,000. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com.

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Used 2018 Coachmen RV Freedom Express Ultra Lite 204RD Travel Trailer. Veterans Dav Special, \$11,000, Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700.

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2014 Chevy Silverado 1500. 4x4, tow pkg, double cab, 250 K miles. Sale Price \$9,995. As low as \$249 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2016 Ram 1500. 4x4, 5.7L Hemi, leather, tow pkg, hard tonneau cover, rear camera, quad cab. Sale Price \$15,995. As low as \$359 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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2017 Chevy Colorado. 4x4, Diesel, club cab, rear camera, hard tonneau cover, tow pkg, 200 K miles. Sale Price \$16,995. As low as \$379 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2017 Chrysler Pacifica Limited. Leather, seats 8, 147 K miles. Sale Price \$12,995. As low as \$289 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2017 Ford Transit 250 High Top Cargo Van. Rear camera, 197 K miles. Sale Price \$16,595. As low as \$359 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2017 Ram Promaster 2500. Mid roof, high miles. Sale Price \$8,995. As low as \$279 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing, 989 VFW Rd, Che-

2024 Cherokee Wolf Den 17EV Travel Trailer. All electric, lightweight for easy towing. MSRP \$25,004, Save \$10,009, Sale Price \$14,995. As low as \$169 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.Petoskey-RVUSA.com.

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2024 Cherokee Wolf Pup 16FV Travel Trailer, All electric. sleeps 5, 2 bunks, On Demand Tankless Water Heater, backup camera, MSRP \$23,954. Sale Price \$13,995. Save \$9,959. Petoskev RV USA, 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com.

2024 EAST TO WEST Tandara 26RD Fifth Wheel. Slideout, Theatre Seating, Universal Docking Station, automatic leveling, Four Seasons Package that will keep you protected during all seasons. MSRP \$61,753, Save \$19,758. Model Year Closeout Price \$41,995. As low as \$395 a month. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www.Northern-MichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sunday

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2024 FOREST RIVER RV Rockwood Mini Lite 2516S 2 Slideouts, 19' power awning with LED lights, dual entry doors, outdoor griddle, 200W roof solar panel. MSRP \$51,571. Sale Price \$33,995.

2024 Rockwood Mini-Lite 2109 S Travel Trailer. Slideout, 14' power awning, outside griddle, roof solar panel, power tongue jack. MSRP \$40,571. Sale Price \$28,995. Save \$11,576. As low as \$259 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www. PetoskevRVUSA.com.

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NEW 2023 FOREST RIVER RV Rockwood Ultra Lite 2906BS Travel Trailer. 3 slideouts, sleeps 5, rear living area, kitchen island, fireplace, seats 9 people, two 11' power awnings. MSRP \$96,338. Sale Price \$51,995. Save \$17,341. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA. com.

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Used 2012 Evergreen Everlite 35 RLDS Travel Trailer. Slideout. Veterans Day Special, \$11,000. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700.

Used 2018 Jayco Jay Flight SLX 232RB Travel Trailer. Veterans Day Special, \$11,000. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700.

Used 2019 Coachmen RV Apex Nano 191RBS Travel Trailer. Veterans Day Special, \$11,000. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700.

Used 2019 Forest River RV Cherokee Wolf Pup 16BHS Travel Trailer, Bunkhouse, sleeps 5. Veterans Day Special, \$11,000. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gavlord. 989-448-8700.

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Used 2021 Forest River RV XLR Micro Boost 27LRLE Toy Hauler. Slideout. Veterans Day Special, \$11,000. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700.

Used 2023 Rockwood Geo Pro 19 BH Travel Trailer. Sleeps 6, outside griddle, power awning, bunk beds. Lightweight and easy to move and tow. Regular \$33,225, Sale Price \$21,995. Save \$11,230. As low as \$229 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.Petoskey-RVUSA.com.

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2020 Ford Escape Titanium. Hybrid, leather, rear camera, 77 K miles. \$21,995. As low as \$345 a month. Petoskey Auto Sales & Rental, Byrider. 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

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tonneau cover, tow pkg, 200 K miles. Sale Price \$16,995. As low as \$379 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles

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2017 Ford F-150 XLT. 4x4, quad cab, 204 K miles. Sale Price \$14,995. As low as \$349 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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# CUSTOM, SPACIOUS HOME NEAR EAST JORDAN IS A SLICE OF HEAVEN

#### **BY JIM AKANS**

This week's feature home is a gorgeous slice of Northern Michigan heaven on nearly 20 acres, conveniently situated between East Jordan and Charlevoix.

This four-bedroom, three bath home offers approximately 3,251 square feet of exquisitely designed and appointed space on two levels. Among the many interior highlights is a large, open concept living, kitchen and dining area filled with natural light and stunning outdoor views. Amenities include elegant hardwood



flooring, granite countertops and center preparation island, tongue and groove wood cathedral ceilings, upper hallway that overlooks the main living area, main level utility/laundry room, central air conditioning and much, much more.

A wrap-around covered porch overlooks the incredible grounds and provides a perfect spot to relax or entertain. There is a detached two car garage with an attached two bedroom guest space plus several outbuildings including a two-stall pole barn. This is Northern Michigan beauty at its best!

This custom, spacious home on nearly 20 acres is located at 2319 M-66 North Highway near East Jordan and is listed at \$799,900.

For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty – 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollysUpNorth@gmail.com





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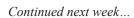
# Does Your Insurance Policy Cover Roof Damage

The easiest way to know what's covered or what's not, is to contact your insurance provider. Coverage will often depend on the age of your roof, the area you live in, and many other factors, so it's important to know the specifics of your policy.

Most homeowner insurance policies will provide coverage for roof damage caused by unpreventable reasons such as vandalism or fire. Disastrous "acts of God" such as hurricanes and tornadoes are also usually covered. Although wind, rain, and hail are covered by your home insurance policy, there are many factors that determine if your damage will be covered, and if so, how much you will be reimbursed. The same basics that apply to your roof, may apply to your exterior property as well. Exterior property is considered anything that is attached to the outside structure of your home, such as siding and gutters.

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Some policies take the age of your roof into account at the time it is damaged. For example, if your roof is under 10 years old, you may be covered for the full cost of repairing or replacing the damaged section of your roof at the time of the claim. If your roof is over 10 years old, you may only be reimbursed for the depreciated value of the damaged roof. The depreciated value takes the aging and wearing of your roof into account, meaning its value has decreased prior to any damage occurring. Depending on where you live, some policies will only offer roof damage coverage up to the depreciated value, regardless of the age of your roof. Other policies will cover the full cost of repairing or replacing the damaged section of your roof at the time of the claim, regardless of the age of your roof. In most cases, your insurance company will send an inspector to your home to investigate and verify your claim. If the damage is determined to be from aging, wear and tear, or poor condition of your roof, it will typically be considered normal maintenance, and will not be covered under your policy.







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December 11: **Charlevoix Holiday Business After Hours** 

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