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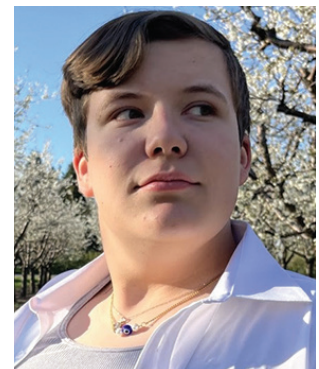
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Jobs for Michigan Graduates Announces Local Students Selected for National Student Leadership Association

Jobs for Michigan Graduates is proud to announce that two of their students have been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Academy (NSLA) in December in Washington D.C. This honorary event will bring together top student leaders from across the country to engage in leadership training, networking opportunities, and discussions with national leaders.

The two students include: Senior, Joshua Woollard of Central Lake High School and Junior, Rylan McVannel of East Jordan High School. This recognition is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and leadership within our program and their communities.



Joshua Woollard



Rylan McVannel

The NSLA provides a unique platform for students to develop their leadership skills, gain valuable insights, and make meaningful connections that will benefit their future careers. These students will experience instrumental opportunity and bring value back to their peers.

"We are incredibly proud of Joshua and Rylan for this achievement," said Josh Todd, JMG Specialist for Central Lake, East Jordan, and Beaver Island Schools. "Their selection to the NSLA is a reflection of their commitment to excellence and leadership. We look forward to seeing

them grow and succeed as they represent our program and the State of Michigan on a national stage."

Jobs for Michigan Graduates uses the well-established Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) model with components including classroom instruction, competency-based curriculum, adult mentoring, advising and support, employment training/work experiences, career exposure, student-led leadership development and postsecondary education exploration. JMG offers career exploration and essential skills development in 80 Michigan cities, with over 126 programs serving 5,000+ youth annually. Northwest Jobs for

Michigan's Graduates is a program of Networks Northwest, in affiliation with Northwest Michigan Works!. JMG Specialists work in collaboration with schools and career tech programs to bring soft skills training, career awareness and planning, and leadership experiences to youth throughout the ten-county region. For more information about the program, see www.nwm.org/jmg.

Founded in 1974, Networks Northwest facilitates and manages various programs and services for the 10-county region. You will see the broad spectrum of workforce, business and community services Networks Northwest offers if you visit our website, networksnorthwest.org.

East Jordan Businesses to Hold a Shopping Adventure

Eleven businesses throughout East Jordan have teamed up to offer a "Shopping Adventure" to "Punch Your Way To Prizes" on Thursday, November 21st from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Besides great sales and fun, one lucky shopper will win a top prize of \$200.00 in gift cards!

Stop first at Billie's Floral to get your punch card. Visit all of the eleven participating businesses that evening to get your card punched. When completed, turn it in at the Violet Pear to be entered into the drawing.

Participating businesses include: Billie's Floral, The Inner Structure, Miss

PUNCH YOUR WAY TO PRIZES!

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- JRAC DEER CREEK JUNK
- SUNNY SIDE UP TANNING
- BOOKS AND THINGS
- JORDAN VALLEY OUTFITTERS
- VIOLET PEAR

Vintage Twist, Iron Goat Coffee, Deer Creek Junk at Jordan River Arts Council, Sunny Side Up Tanning, Books & Things, Jordan Valley Outfitters and The Violet Pear.

For more information contact Billie's Floral at 231-222-2171.

Boyne City Kiwanis to Host 14th Annual Turkey Trot

BOYNE CITY – 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!

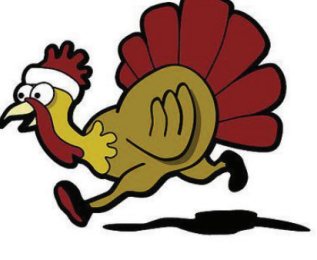
The Turkey Trot is a 5K run/walk that welcomes participants of all ages and fitness levels. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking to enjoy a leisurely stroll, this event is a great way to kick off your holiday festivities while supporting a good cause. Participants are en-

THANKSGIVING DAY
Thursday, November 28 - 9am

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Proceeds from the event will support local youth programs and community initiatives.



couraged to come dressed in their best Thanksgiving-themed attire—think turkey hats, pumpkin costumes, and fall colors!

Awards will be given for the top 3 finishers in 10 year age groups.

"Thanksgiving is a time for family, friends, and giving back," said Scott Southwell, event coordinator. "We're thrilled to bring the community together for a fun event that supports our local youth and celebrates the holiday spirit."

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 \$35.00. pre-registration is available at Chronotrack.com (register.chronotrack.com/r/81122)

Join us this Thanksgiving morning to run, walk, and give back to the community. Let's make this year's Turkey Trot the best one yet!

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ABOUT BOYNE CITY KIWANIS

The Boyne City Kiwanis Club is a dedicated group of volunteers committed to serving the children and families of our community. Through fundraising events like the Turkey Trot, we support local programs that enrich the lives of youth and foster a sense of community.



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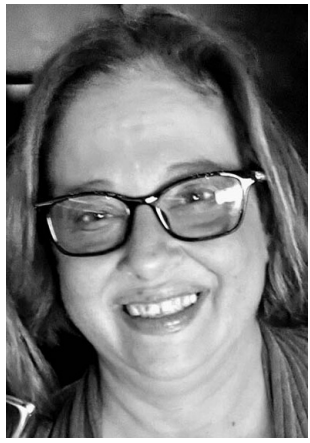
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weather forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
HIGH: 44 LOW: 40	HIGH: 47 LOW: 40	HIGH: 44 LOW: 38	HIGH: 45 LOW: 40	HIGH: 46 LOW: 36	HIGH: 40 LOW: 33	HIGH: 39 LOW: 30

record temps	
Day	Avg HIGH...Avg LOW...Record HIGH...YEAR...Record LOW...YEAR
Nov 21	39.....26.....62.....1953.....-2.....2008
Nov 22	38.....25.....63.....2012.....-7.....2018
Nov 23	38.....25.....58.....2003.....-6.....1956
Nov 24	37.....25.....59.....2017.....4.....1981
Nov 25	37.....24.....56.....2001.....5.....1985
Nov 26	37.....24.....61.....1960.....3.....1974
Nov 27	36.....24.....64.....1990.....-7.....1951

OBITUARIES



Miranda "Mandy" Anne (McKenzie) Lercel, 46

Aug. 17, 1978 - Nov. 13, 2024

EAST JORDAN

Miranda "Mandy" Anne Lercel of East Jordan passed away Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

She was born on August 17, 1978, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Michael Allen and Martha Ann (Fisher) McKenzie.

She grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1996. She married Mark Lercel on August 22, 2015, at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in Jordan Township.

Mandy enjoyed diamond art, puzzles, traveling and was a complete "foodie".

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan and St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in Jordan Township.

Mandy is survived by her husband, Mark Lercel of East Jordan; two daughters, Elise and Marianne; her mother, Martha Ann McKenzie of East Jordan; her sister, Melissa Vasconcellos of Hawaii; mother-in-law, Lucy Lercel of East Jordan; as well as several nieces and nephews, Keaka, Leiahi, Kamalu, Kawai, Aolani, Jack, James and Sophia.

She was preceded in death by her father, Michael Allen McKenzie.

A funeral mass was held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Interment at St. John Nepomucene Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan Township.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorial contributions to St. Joseph Catholic Church or St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church.

Gerald Lee Evans, 89

March 29, 1935 - Nov. 5, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Gerald Lee "Jerry" Evans of Charlevoix passed away on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. He was born on March 29, 1935, in

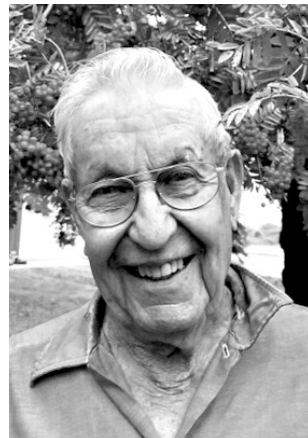
Kingston Twp, MI.

He was married to his wife Barbara for 69 years and she survives. Also surviving are his children Steve (Pat) and Terry (Michelle), seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Scott.

He was a school bus driver and supervisor for many years and a recent resident at Grandvue Nursing Home.

Graveside services will be held in the spring.

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



Russell James Hofman, 91

July 1, 1933 - Nov. 15, 2024

ELLSWORTH

Russell James Hofman of Ellsworth passed away November 15, 2024.

He was born July 1, 1933 in Banks Township and proudly served his country during the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his wife Emily (Veenstra) Hofman in 2005. Surviving our five children, 3 stepchildren, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be interred next to his wife in Atwood Cemetery, Banks Township.

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William Robert Crowe, 91

Dec. 20, 1932 - Nov. 14, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

William Robert Crowe of Lake Charlevoix and Brighton, passed away peacefully on November 14th, 2024 at the age of 91. He was born December 20th, 1932 in Detroit, the son of Robert and Sadie (Cameron) Crowe. Bill served proudly in the United States Army, and on July 1st, 1961, he married Jan Crowe. Together they raised

four children and enjoyed life to the fullest. Bill was a dedicated employee of Allstate Insurance for many years before eventually opening his own agency. His daughter Shirl joined him in the office and Bill was able to pass his legacy along upon retirement.

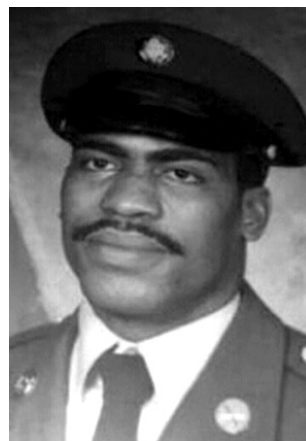
In 1965, Bill and Jan bought a small piece of land on Lake Charlevoix and built their log cabin, knowing one day they wanted to live 'Up North' forever. Their family and friends often came to visit the area Bill loved so much, making memories that would last a lifetime. His dream inspired many to find places of their own nearby.

Bill loved all the outdoors had to offer. He was always out mowing his yard or tending to his flowers and trees. He loved sailing, fishing, hunting, and golfing. At sunset, you could find Bill on his back porch enjoying a cigar and a glass of red wine.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will be greatly missed by many. Surviving are his children Shirl (Gary) Gondek of East Jordan, Mike Crowe of Brighton, Craig (Jaimi) Crowe of Nokomis, FL, Carrie (John) Pence of DeWitt, Robin (Julianna) Alff of Houston, TX, grandchildren Nick, Ryan, Jesse, Andrea, Madison, Gavin, Drew (Victoria), Ryan, Jordan, Alex (Sam), Harrison, great grandchildren Sophia and Talia. He was preceded in death by his wife Jan in 1988 and sister Shirley Freel.

Memorial contributions can be given to the American Cancer Society or Advisicare Hospice.

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James Steen, 72

Oct. 9, 1952 - Nov. 13, 2024

EAST JORDAN

James Lee Steen of East Jordan passed away on Wednesday, November 14,

2024, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He was born on October 9, 1952, in Mobile, AL, the son of Rebecca Steen.

A funeral service will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 24, at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until the time of services.

A complete obituary will be posted in the near future.

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Joseph L Schwartzfisher, 58

June 9, 1966 - Nov. 12, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Joseph Leo Schwartzfisher of Charlevoix passed away on November 12, 2024, Joe was born on June 9, 1966 in Petoskey, Michigan and is the son of Leo and Beverly Schwartzfisher.

Joe graduated from Petoskey High School in 1984 and went on to get certified in the State of Michigan as a Firefighter, an EMT Basic, an EMT Specialist, A Fire Instructor and a EMT Paramedic.

Joe married the love of his life Julie Schwartzfisher on April 22, 2003 on Siesta Key Beach, Florida. Joe and Julie were happily married for more than 21 years.

Joe was a jack of many trades, working at Irish Boat Shop, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department as a Correction Officer, City of Charlevoix Fire Department, City of Charlevoix Department of Public Works as a Heavy Equipment Operator and owned his own small business, Joe's Professional Services. He retired from the City of Charlevoix On May 1, 2024 and received a proclamation for all of his years of service to the community.

Joe was a devoted, kind, hardworking, loyal man who loved to camp with his family, scuba dive, travel to

warm places, loved going to Disney World, and taking his wife out on date nights and garden on his hobby farm. He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. He was a busy body, always tinkering and finding new ways to help others in the community and his family.

Remaining to cherish Joe's memory are his wife Julie Schwartzfisher; children, Paige Schwartzfisher and Marlo (Tom) Lynskey; step children; Gabrielle Bloomer, Zarin Bloomer and Zachary Bloomer; grandchildren, Zaryah Bloomer and Benson Bloomer-Louiselle, sister Jeannie (Jerry) Guck; nephews Josh Guck, Jordan Guck; niece Lacey Rasmussen and his father Leo Schwartzfisher and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix with memorial service with Pastor Chip.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Charlevoix Humane Society, American Cancer Society, or the ASPCA.

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Michael S Bashaw, 38

Oct. 22, 1986 - Nov. 10, 2024

ELLSWORTH

Michael Scott Bashaw of Banks Township went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 10, 2024. He was born on October 22, 1986, in Newburyport, MA, the son of Charles and Jean (Jancewicz) Bashaw.

Mike graduated from high school in Massachusetts and enlisted in the United States Navy, ultimately serving for six years, as a Naval Air Crewman Mechanical First Class. Following his honorable discharge, he studied Environmental Science from Sierra Nevada University. He worked for

several years as a marine electrician in Maine, a job which he loved. In 2020, he moved to Northern Michigan with his family and worked in airfield operations at the Air Force base in Grayling. Mike was raised in the catholic church and regularly attended mass at Christ the King in Acme as well as Sacred Heart in Elk Rapids.

Mike loved to spend time outdoors. One of his favorite things to do was whitewater rafting and kayaking. If he wasn't on the river, he simply enjoyed spending time on the boat any chance he could. When he lived on the East Coast, he made many memories ocean fishing, lobstering, and scuba diving with his dad and brothers. Once he settled in Michigan, he traded the deep sea for fresh water inland lakes on his smaller fishing boat. He was also an avid deer hunter and preferred using a bow over a rifle. He shared his hobbies with his daughters, often bringing them along to go fishing and hunting with him. Mike also had an artistic side; he was a gifted photographer of God's creation and a skilled wood carver.

On July 4th, 2015, in Portland, ME, Mike met his future wife, Jennifer Rudnick, who survives. Also surviving are his dear daughters, Emma and McKayla; three brothers, Joe (Bettina Calaba) Bashaw, Corey (Talita Lima) Bashaw, and Mark (Olyia) Bashaw; and his sister, Melissa (Mike) Pescatore. Also, many nieces, nephews, and in-laws who adored him.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, November 15, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elk Rapids with Fr. Jarvis officiating. Military Honors followed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elk Rapids AMVETS Post 114, PO Box 144, Elk Rapids, MI 49629.

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Classic Instruments' Director John McLeod inducted into Hot Rod Industry Hall of Fame

Classic Instruments is proud to announce that its director, John McLeod, was recently inducted into The Hot Rod Industry Alliance Hall of Fame. John was inducted during the company's trip to the annual SEMA, Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association, show in Las Vegas, Nevada.



John McLeod

"HRIA Hot Rod Hall of Fame was founded to honor and recognize those outstanding individuals in the hot rod industry whose creativity, dignity, integrity, industriousness and accomplishments on a national basis have enhanced the status of the industry while significantly contributing to its growth."

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Talented Local Musicians testing their skills to perform outstanding concert

BY GARY STUTZMAN

The first rehearsal for Northern Symphonic Winds was held on Wednesday November 13, with the followup rehearsal to be on Wednesday November 20 from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M.! The concert will follow on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. at the Charlevoix, Middle High School's Connie Ford Auditorium. An added feature for this concert will be a Tuba Christmas presentation that features four part harmony on the "Big Horn" using your favorite Christmas Carols as the medium.

The idea behind this band is to offer an opportunity to the musicians that take part in the group to experience what Studio Musicians experience when they are invited to a

rehearsal at 10:00 A.M. and expected to run through the music one time and then sit down in the recording studio at 2:00 P.M. in the afternoon and record the music for a sound track.

This isn't quite that strict, but the idea is similar. The musicians that are in this group are expected to play the notes that are on the page on their first attempt at playing the music and get the music ready for an outstanding concert with a very short rehearsal time spent on the music.

I'm glad to say, we are accomplishing this goal and that everyone in the group has reached a very high level of efficiency in regards to preparing the music for their upcoming concert.

See you all at the concert next Sunday!

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BRUCE HERBERT GET INVOLVED!

BY JOHN KEYSER

Bruce Herbert was highly recommended for all he has and is doing in our community, just some of which is described below. First, Bruce's background. He grew up in Winnetka, a Chicago suburb, went to New Trier High School, then on to Cornell University, where he majored in chemical engineering.

When he graduated, he worked with two companies in the chemical engineering field, and in time decided on a career change and joined Merrill Lynch, initially as a stockbroker and then a commodities broker. He gained a good sense of skills to be successful in sales, and decided to return to DuPont in Kalamazoo and later Bloomfield Hills.

Ultimately, Bruce joined two other individuals who were in the plastics brokerage business, buying and selling high end engineered plastic resins. In time he bought out the two partners and ran the business alone. He and his wife, Joyce, moved up to Charlevoix in 2001.

Bruce is very committed to community service, to give back, and soon joined the Board of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool.

Next was the Board of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, on their financial committee. He holds the foundation in the highest regard for



how very important it is to our area, and he also has the highest respect for Chip Hansen when he was Executive Director for his leadership, which was inclusive, well planned, with everyone fully informed.

Bruce also served on the Board of Circle of Arts and the Alano Club, both important facilities in our area.

He is also a member of the Drawbridge Ukelele Band, a wonderful group which rehearses every Wednesday and plays at events, always bringing smiles and adding to the fun. He was also a Big Brother to a 4th grader right up until he enrolled in the Army. They are still in touch and his "little" is now in his 30s.

With Bruce's love of music, he is active with

Great Chamber Lakes Chamber Orchestra and speaks with gusto about their musicians.

Another of his principal and important civic activity is Lions Club. Bruce is program chair and arranges to

have speakers every week of the year.

Also, Bruce has been active in the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, having served as a Trustee, a short period as Treasurer, and on various committees.

With all these community activities, perhaps Bruce key contribution is Northern Community Mediation. He himself is a mediator, specializing in bringing resolution in cases typically involving divorce, child protection, and parenting time. We are very lucky to have this non-profit organization here in our area.

Clearly, Bruce is a doer in our community and we are very fortunate that he is here. When asked about his message to our community, to no surprise it is to GET INVOLVED!

Bruce certainly is!

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Char-Em ISD, four local districts recognized for work with student support systems

CHARLEVOIX - Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and four of its partner districts were recognized recently for their work in implementing a framework of supports that helps to meet the needs of each student, through various tiers of instruction and intervention.

The system is known as “Multi-Tiered System of Supports,” commonly called MTSS. This framework can be used to address academic, social and emotional needs, and helps to foster an inclusive and positive learning environment, noted Kelly Rogers, Char-Em ISD special education coordinator, who frequently works with local districts in implementing MTSS.

The Michigan MTSS Technical Assistance Center recently recognized the ISD and Alanson, Boyne Falls, East Jordan, and Ellsworth public schools for their work to meet the needs of all learners during the 2023-24 school year. Districts throughout the state who enter data in the MiMTSS Data System were eligible for two types of recognition: MTSS data utilization, and MTSS implementation and impact. Following are the local recognitions received:

Char-Em ISD:
 • MTSS Data Utilization Award for collecting and using the Regional Capacity Assessment
 • MTSS Implementation and Impact Award: Bronze

Alanson Public Schools:



• MTSS Data Utilization Award for collecting and using MTSS fidelity data for behavior
 • MTSS Implementation and Impact Awards for Tier 1 Behavior: Silver; Tier 2 Behavior: Silver; Tier 3 Behavior: Silver

Boyne Falls Public School:
 • MTSS Data Utilization Award for collecting and using the District Capacity Assessment
 • MTSS Data Utilization Award for collecting and using MTSS fidelity data for behavior
 • MTSS Implementation and Impact Award for Tier One Behavior: Silver.

East Jordan:
 • MTSS Data Utilization Award for collecting and using the District Capacity Assessment
 • MTSS Data Utilization Award for collecting and using MTSS fidelity data for behavior at East Jordan Elementary and Middle/High Schools
 • MTSS Implementation and Impact Awards for:
 • East Jordan Elementary School - Tier 1 Behavior: Silver
 • East Jordan Middle/High School - Tier 1 Behavior: Silver; Tier 2 Behavior: Silver; Tier 3 Behavior: Silver; Behavior Gold.

Ellsworth Community School:

• MTSS Data Utilization Award for collecting and using MTSS fidelity data for behavior at Ellsworth Elementary and Middle and High School
 • MTSS Implementation and Impact Award for:
 • Ellsworth Community Elementary School - Tier 1 Behavior: Silver; Tier 2 Behavior: Silver; Tier 3 Behavior: Silver; Behavior Gold
 • Ellsworth Community Middle and High School - Tier 1 Behavior: Silver; Tier 2 Behavior: Silver

“Michigan educators work tirelessly on behalf of learners and do so much that is worthy of celebration and acknowledgment. The MiMTSS recognition process provides one way to shine a positive light on work happening within the state related to implementing an MTSS framework to meet the needs of all learners,” said Kimberly St. Martin, Director of the MiMTSS Technical Assistance Center.

These types of recognitions mean districts have supports in place to help all students succeed, said Scott Koziol, Char-Em ISD Superintendent.

“Students enter school with unique strengths and

also unique needs. An MTSS framework provides a continuum of instruction, intervention, and supports so that when data indicate needs, students can access support quickly and prevent more complex challenges in the future,” said Koziol. “Families are included in the intervention process and data is shared so that teachers and parents understand the student’s response to the supports. MTSS supports a positive climate and culture where each student’s needs are met and strengths are celebrated.”

About the recognition levels
Bronze: The school is implementing the data, systems and practices well for that tier.

Silver: The school is implementing the data, systems and practices well for that tier, and discipline referral rates are below the national 75th percentile.

Gold: The school is implementing the data, systems and practices well for ALL tiers, and discipline referral rates are below the national 75th percentile.

About MTSS recognitions
 The implementation of MTSS is a priority of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). In alignment with this priority, the MDE and MiMTSS TA Center have developed a process for identifying and recognizing ISDs, districts, and schools that are demonstrating strong outcomes and/or making progress related to meeting the needs of each and every learner through a multi-tiered framework. This recognition process is based on information housed in the MiMTSS Data System and all criteria for a specific school year are posted on the MiMTSS TA Center website: <https://mimtsstac.org/>

ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

Becoming Who You’re Meant to Be, One Habit at a Time

Dear Readers, this month, I’ve been diving into Atomic Habits by James Clear, and one insight stopped me in my tracks: “Habits can help you achieve all of these things, but fundamentally they are not about having something. They are about becoming someone.”

Think about that for a moment. The most effective way to change your habits isn’t to focus on what you want to achieve but on who you wish to become. It’s not about saying, “I want to lose weight” or “I want to be more organized.” Instead, it’s about declaring, “I am a healthy person” or “I am someone who values structure and calm.”

Clear goes further to remind us of something profound: “Until you make the unconscious conscious, it will direct your life and you will call it fate.” How many of us have unknowingly held onto beliefs like, “I’m not good at math,” “I can’t remember names,” or “I’m just not built to be fit”? These beliefs shape our identities, and until we challenge them, they silently steer the course of our lives.

At a recent health seminar, I met a case manager from a chiropractor’s office who shared something fascinating. When helping clients lose weight, his work isn’t just about diet and exercise—it’s about helping them confront and transform their underlying emotional beliefs about themselves.

Imagine the difference between someone saying, “I need to lose weight” and “I am a fit and healthy person.” The latter creates a new identity, making the habits—like exercising and eating well—feel natural and aligned rather than forced.



Laura Jasurda

Who do you wish to become? What identity do you want to embrace?

Here’s an exercise to try this week:

1. Write down one belief about yourself you’ve always accepted as true—especially one that may be holding you back.

2. Replace it with the identity you wish to create. For example:

- Instead of “I’m not good with names,” say, “I am someone who values connections and remembers people easily.”
- Instead of “I hate exercising,” say, “I am someone who takes care of their body.”

3. Take one small action each day that reinforces this new belief.

Remember, your daily habits are the proof of who you’re becoming. Start small, and let those tiny actions lead to a transformation.

Until next week, let’s commit to becoming the people we aspire to be—one habit at a time.

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

LEADERSHIP

LISTENING TO CONNECT

BY JOHN KEYSER

I read and appreciated John Maxwell’s book, *Everyone Communicates, Few Connect*.

This is so true and so important.

Our work is about relationships, as is our life. It is imperative that we connect with people – our team members (and our customers). We must make the time to connect with our team members. This means starting conversations, consciously listening with a quiet mind and without an agenda, and offering space for understanding, open mindedness and growth.

Ask questions about their ideas, their work, how we can help them, how we can improve, what we might do better, their wish list, and being sure they realize that we care about their well-being.

Our taking notes helps us remember and it honors them.

People flourish when they feel affirmed and connected, and it is our responsibility as a leader to help others learn, grow and succeed.

Maxwell insightfully observes that “people may



John Keyser

hear our words, but they feel our attitude.”

Let’s realize the importance of conscious listening, and make time to genuinely connect with the people with whom we work, and reflect afterwards about the gift we gave ourselves and others when we offer our mindful attention with a genuine desire to learn, understand and appreciate.

We’ll be a better leader and teammate.

John was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, Chicago and DC, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic, and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team’s. John is a graduate of Georgetown’s Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute.

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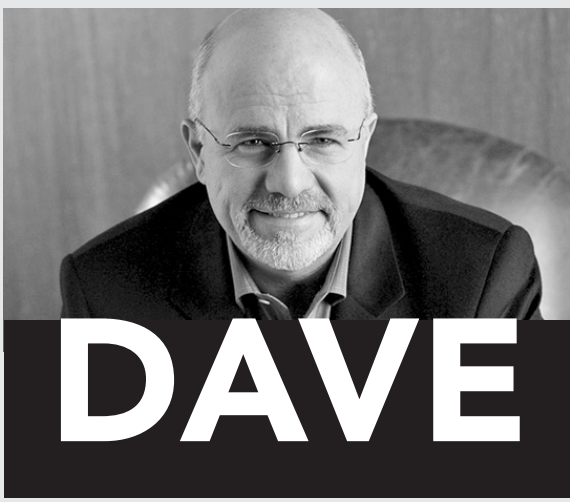
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DAVE

Says...

By Dave Ramsey

He Knows What's Best for Us

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are currently on Baby Step 2 of your plan. We attend church regularly, and we've always made sure we tithed 10% to 15% in the past. Do you think it would be okay to lower our tithe while we're getting out of debt and working through our debt snowball?

—Karl

Dear Karl,

When you look up the Hebrew word "tithe," it means tenth. Not 10 to 15 percent—a tenth. I've studied Scripture on this subject for about 25 years and taught in Christian settings. But please keep in mind you shouldn't do this because I gave you a "rule." I'm not the final authority on this. What we're about to get into comes from God.

In Proverbs, it refers to the tithe as first fruits, off the top, before anything else. The book of Deuteronomy says to give a tenth of your net increase. Centuries of protestant Christian teaching has focused on the idea that the tithe goes to the local church, because it's the New Testament representation of the Old Testament storehouse. The storehouse took care of the Levites, which were the priests—or pastors—and the orphans and widows. Today, the New Testament church is supposed to use it for the same kinds of things: pastor's salaries and helping people who are struggling.

Before we go any further, I want you to remember one thing. Tithing isn't a salvation issue. God doesn't love you more just because you tithe a larger amount than the person sitting next to you in church. God loves you. Period. You're His child, and He's going to love you even if you don't tithe. But He knows what tithing does for us. It makes us focus on something other than ourselves. Doing it makes us less selfish, and more selfless. It makes us a little more Christ-like. And he wants us to be giving and loving to the people around us.

Do you see what I'm saying, Karl? God doesn't need your money. He doesn't need my money. It was my choice decades ago when I hit bottom financially to continue tithing all the way into bankruptcy court and all the way out. But if someone literally can't afford to tithe for some reason—or can't hit 10% and still wants to attend and support a church—I'm pretty sure God understands.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a #1 national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, which is heard by more than 18 million listeners every week. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Great Start Collaborative kicks off 2024-25 fiscal year with ambitious initiatives and family-focused projects

CHARLEVOIX — Each fall, the Great Start Collaborative & Family Coalition of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim Counties takes time to review its previous year's accomplishments and map out what initiatives lie ahead to support families with young children in Northern Michigan.

Looking back at achievements and ahead to the future also provides an in-depth look at the reach of the collaborative into local communities and families in the 2.5-county service region. In 2023-24, the GSC:

- Partnered with 43 unique organizations and 8 parent members;
- Benefitted from 54 volunteers who provided 367 hours of service (a value of almost \$12,000);
- Provided 6 Family Adventures;
- Welcomed 17 caregivers to participate in the Family Coalition;
- Trained 36 community members in the Strengthening Families Protective Factors program;
- Received \$40,550 in funding from 7 foundations, philanthropists, and organizations;
- Collected 15,048 books in the FreeCycle program and distributed 17,160 books at 72 locations;
- Distributed monthly Talking is Teaching books to 666 area youth;
- Provided 17 children with preschool scholarships and participated with 5 programs in preschool placements;
- Updated the Family Resource Guide, with staff serving as Family Resource Coordinators for Help Me Grow Char-Em;
- Coordinated professional development for: Perinatal Mood Disorder Training



Great Start Collaborative members gathered on Oct.15th at NCMC to celebrate the successes of the last year while mapping out the work ahead to support local youth and families.

(14 individuals); Infant Carriers for Preventative Health Equity (15 completed); 2 individuals completed Lactation Counselor training, Lamaze Childbirth Educator training, and When Survivors Give Birth training.

"When we look back at the prior year's accomplishments, it gives us all a sense of pride," said Savannah Cool, GSC Director. "When we are busy in the midst of the work, it can be easy to lose sight of the overall picture of the impact we know we are making in the lives of families with young children. Each of these efforts are part of the work we do every day to ensure children are born healthy, that children are healthy, thriving and developmentally on track from birth to third grade, that they are ready to succeed in school at the time of entry, and that they are prepared to succeed in 4th grade and beyond by reading proficiently at the end of 3rd grade."

Cool said the GSC's role in supporting families through the early years of child rearing has tremendous benefits in the life of the child and their family.

"We know that if we can reach families where they are, with the support they need, children and their families benefit," said Cool.

With the new fiscal year upon them, Cool explained some of the initiatives and goals set by the collaborative for 2024-25:

Outcome #1: Children are born healthy. The GSC will work to provide family resources and guides, provide doula support, and inform community members through an informative toolkit addressing perinatal substance use, from a harm reduction lens. Support will also be provided for the regional perinatal quality collaborative, Healthy Families America, and a local leadership home visiting group.

Outcome #2: Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to 3rd grade. Support from the GSC toward this outcome will look like building WIC awareness and accessibility and affiliation with Help Me Grow Char-Em. The GSC will help coordinate developmental screenings, share family resources; enhance community integration of the Strengthening Families Protective Factors; and host Dads' Coffee Connects.

Outcome #3: Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry. Action items toward this outcome include a School Readiness

Advisory Committee and development of a publication to guide families through the process and options for preschool enrollment. The GSC will also support the North Central Michigan College Child Care Initiative, as well as regional childcare planning and Great Start to Quality.

Outcome #4: Children are prepared to succeed in 4th grade and beyond by reading proficiently at the end of 3rd grade. Supporting reading initiatives remains a priority for GSC, including coordinating March is Reading Month family engagement activities; the Talking is Teaching campaign; FreeCycle book project; and additional family adventures. Supporting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and Great Lakes Center for the Arts are additional ways of the GSC supporting reading.

"Having clearly defined goals and strategies helps us stay focused to ensure those four outcomes are made possible for all children in our region," said Cool. "We look forward to another year of connecting with families and seeing children thrive in our caring communities."

Learn more at www.greatstartcollaborative.org

Great Start Collaborative donates funding toward Dolly Parton Imagination Library initiative

CHARLEVOIX - In October 2024, the Great Start Collaborative & Family Coalition of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim Counties provided \$20,000 in funding to the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club Youth Foundation to support the launch of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for children birth to age 5 residing in Charlevoix County.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library sends age-appropriate books to children from birth to age 5 directly to children at their home. There is no cost incurred by participating families. The program costs approximately \$30 a year for each participating child.

Funding provided by the GSC will provide more than 660 Charlevoix County youth a book each month for one year.

"We are grateful to the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club



for bringing Dolly Parton Imagination Library back to Charlevoix County," said GSC Director Savannah Cool. "We know how much children enjoy receiving mail in their name and diving into a new book each month while expanding their home library."

The GSC also runs the FreeCycle Book Project, providing access to free, gently used children's

books throughout the community. Thousands of books crisscross local counties each year.

"We encourage families to consider donating their books to FreeCycle when they are done with them," said Cool. "This allows others to build and expand their home libraries, enhancing and enriching early literacy experiences for all."

To learn more about Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Charlevoix County or to make a donation to support the program, contact/send a check to Charlevoix Kiwanis Youth Foundation, P.O. Box 275, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Learn more at www.greatstartcollaborative.org

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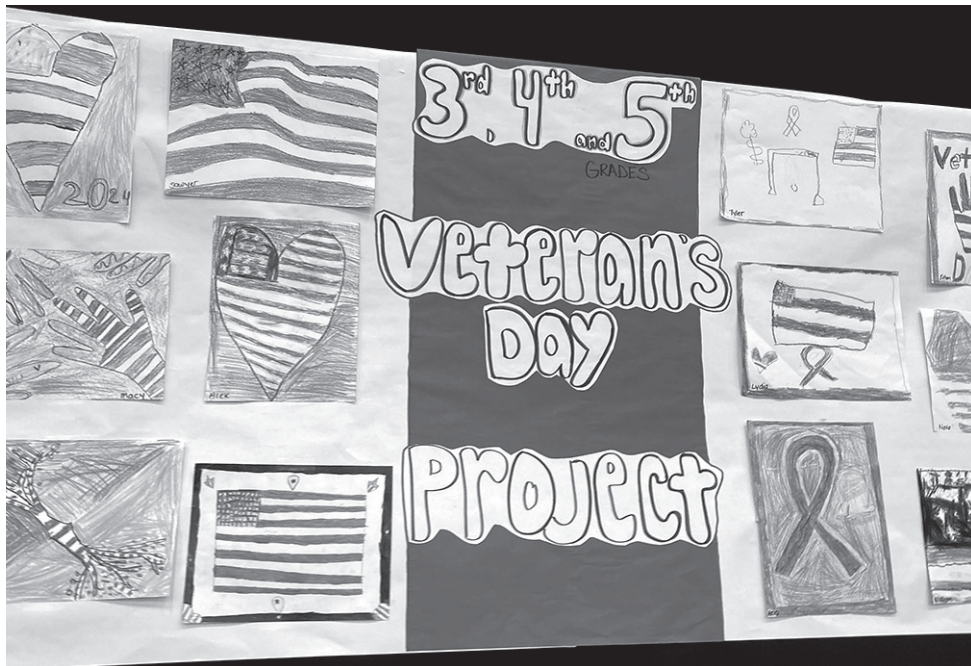
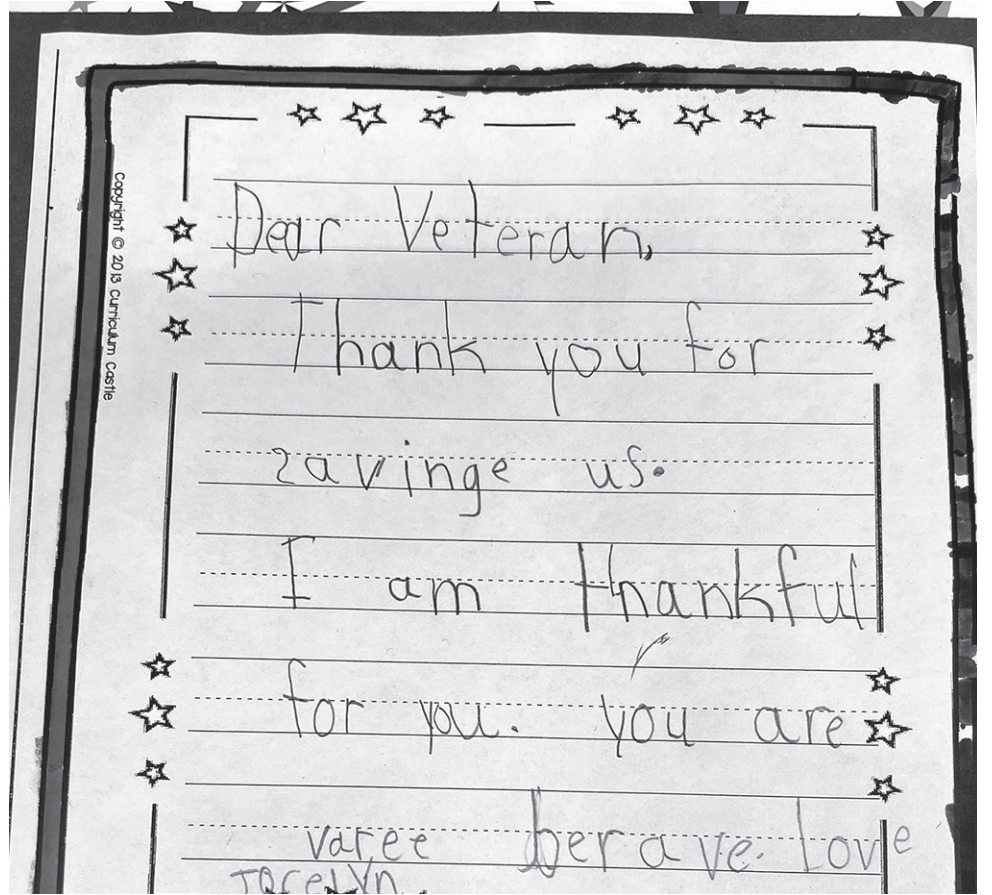
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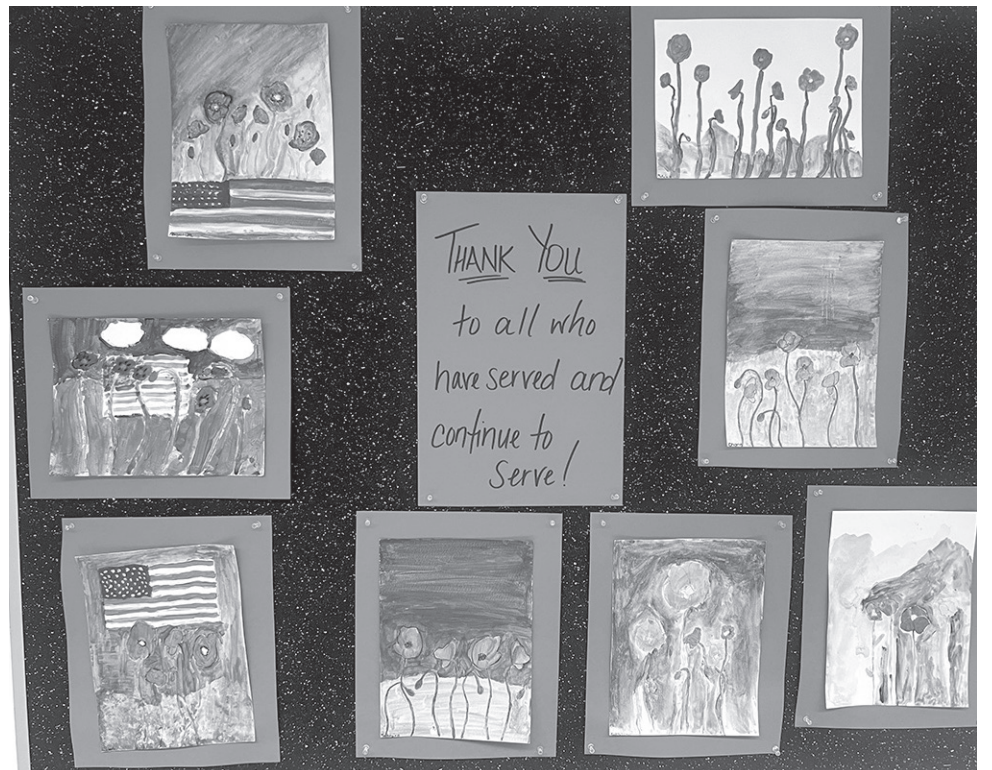


Veteran's Day at Ellsworth Community School

ECS hosted a Veterans Day assembly that celebrated and thanked our local Veterans for the sacrifices that they have made as they served our country. Students wrote notes of thanks, created pieces of art, and played music that honored all who have served.



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Come & Enjoy the East Jordan Lion's Club Lighted Christmas Village

EAST JORDAN – The East Jordan Lions Club is again bringing the annual Lighted

Christmas Village to the EJ Tourist Park on M-66. This annual tradition was

envisioned by the late Jeff Argetsinger who had the inspiration to bring Christmas Spirit and people, to downtown East Jordan by the way of illuminated Christmas displays. The community is invited to drive or walk through the displays which are lighted from dusk until 11pm. This year's displays will be lighted from December 1st through January 1st. For more information, please email skpursel@yahoo.com



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BANKS' TOWNSHIP DIVE TEAM

Pictured above are Glenn Thorman, instructor; Ward St Pierre, Nathan St Pierre, Jeff Stevens, instructor; Daryl Richards and instructor Dan Thorp. Missing from picture is Dan Sanchez.

Banks Township receives grant for Dive Team equipment for GLE People Fund

To be better prepared for water emergencies, the Banks Township Fire & Rescue Department recently formed a Dive Team. Although Charlevoix County has maintained a water rescue team, Banks' is the only team in Antrim County at present. With the help of Charlevoix County's team, four dedicated members of the Department have been trained and certified.



Outfitting a single diver is expensive but outfitting an entire team is daunting even for a municipality. To help with this large expense Banks Township Fire & Rescue was fortunate to receive a \$7,000 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund. This grant, along with approximately \$14,000 from the Banks Township General Fund, has financed the training and necessary gear for the

four-member team. Members of Great Lakes Energy support the People Fund by voluntarily rounding up their bills to the next highest dollar. The rounded-up amount is distributed to non-profit organizations and charitable activities that benefit people in communities served by the cooperative. Please contact Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, or visit gtlakes.com for details.



Members of the Banks Township Fire & Rescue Dive team trained with Charlevoix County divers in the pool.



State Police Encourage Michiganders to Sign up for Local Alerts to Stay Informed During Emergencies

This month, the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) is launching the "Know Your Plan. Be Alert." campaign, a new public awareness initiative that encourages residents to stay informed, stay safe and know their emergency plan.

"Being prepared for emergencies is more than just gathering supplies for an emergency kit; it means knowing where to turn for accurate and up-to-date safety information when seconds count," said Col. James F. Grady II, director of the MSP. "Signing up to receive emergency alerts is a critical part of emergency

preparation and doing so will ensure that when an emergency happens, you are in the know with real-time accurate information."

From now through February 2025, a statewide billboard campaign, utilizing funds from the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) and Southeast Michigan Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), encourages Michiganders to sign up to receive electronic emergency alerts from their local community. Social media posts promoting the campaign will complement the billboard messages.

Local emergency alerts, which usually come as text

messages, provide life-safety information direct from local emergency management programs about severe weather, active shooter incidents, missing/endangered individuals and other emergencies occurring in your geographic area.

"Local officials run these notification systems, allowing community members to receive timely, location-specific information during critical moments direct to their phones," added Grady. "These alerts are often the fastest way for emergency responders to communicate with residents. When minutes matter, these alerts can save lives."

The "Know Your Plan. Be Alert." campaign aims to reverse a downward trend in local alert sign-ups identified in the National Preparedness Survey by connecting more residents with life-saving emergency alerts.

To sign-up for your local emergency alert notification program, visit www.michigan.gov/miready/local-alerts.

For more information on how to prepare before, during and after an emergency or disaster, visit www.michigan.gov/miready or follow MSP/EMHSD on X at @MichEMHS.

Join the Great American Smokeout

HDNW can support your smoke-free journey, starting today

Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) and the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMPHA) are joining together to promote the Great American Smokeout by encouraging residents who are thinking about quitting to start their smoke-free journey today.

Each year, on the third Thursday in November, the American Cancer Society marks the day as the Great American Smokeout. This year the national effort is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 21. HDNW and NMPHA are joining the American Cancer Society to encourage tobacco users to quit smoking and offering various tools to help.

"It's never too late to start quitting," says Dr. Josh Meyerson, HDNW Medical Director. "All you need to do is start with day one and move forward from there. The Great American Smoke out is a powerful reminder that tobacco users have access to resources and support in their efforts to stop smoking, nationally and locally."

Immediate Effects of Quitting

Within minutes of smoking your last tobacco product your body begins to recover:

- 20 minutes: Your heart rate and blood pressure drop
- 12 hours: the carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal



- 2 weeks to 3 months: your circulation improves and your lung function increases; risks of a heart attack start to decrease.
- 1 to 9 months: coughing and shortness of breath decrease

Resources to Help You Quit

Let's be honest, quitting is never easy. With help and encouragement, you can be empowered to quit smoking for good. The best way to start quitting is to pick a Quit Day and Quit Plan. The American Cancer Society can help you personalize a Quit Day and Plan by clicking here.

HDNW offers support for residents to aid in their quitting efforts by offering a free program called Community Connections (CC). A Certified Community Health Worker, supported by a Registered Nurse and/or Social Worker, can help you personalize a Quit Day and Quit Plan in-person or over the phone. To get started, call us locally at 800-432-4121 or visit our website: www.nwhealth.org.

Former Charlevoix County VA official sentenced for embezzlement

A former official with Veterans Affairs in Charlevoix County was sentenced this month.

Joshua Galle of Petoskey was sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for two days served.

He was also ordered by the court to pay more than \$2,000 in fines and restitution.

Galle was arrested in April of 2024 on embezzlement charges for using vouchers intended for veterans. He was charged with 27 counts of embezzlement as a public official.

Investigators said Galle took \$50 Meijer vouchers intended for 27 veterans from 2021 to 2022. He was



Joshua Galle

in charge of giving these vouchers to the veterans, but investigators say he kept them and used them for himself.

Some of the veterans he claimed to have given the vouchers include two who passed away.

PET OF THE WEEK

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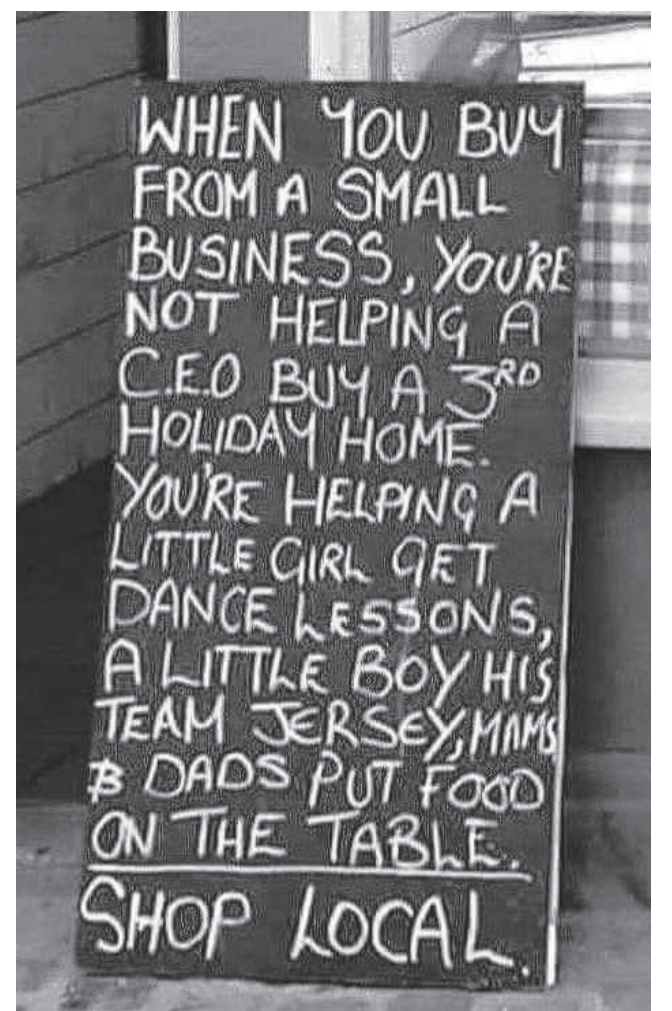
This sweet old fella is Beegee. Beegee came to us as a stray, with a few health problems. We were able to get him neutered and on the path to getting better. Beegee is all Beagle, and definitely leads with his nose and he is likely deaf, so a fenced in yard would be best for him. He seems to get along with other dogs, and would likely do well with cats and children. We believe that he is house trained. Beegee's just looking for a loving home to spend his golden years in. Stop by and meet this sweet boy and you'll be sure to fall in love... how could you say no to that cute face?



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Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) Awards Grants for Beaver Island, Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) responded to grant requests from nonprofit partners in four geographic areas in Charlevoix County in October.

Thanks to donors who look to the Community Foundation to make a difference close to home, grants have been awarded to nonprofits who will work to improve the quality of life on Beaver Island and in Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan. In all, \$176,193 in grants were awarded during the Geographic Enrichment cycle.

In Boyne City, four organizations were awarded a total of \$33,869. The Boyne Citizen, a local nonprofit news source for the Boyne area, received support for professional writers and editorial and bookkeeping services. Boyne District Library Children's Services will host a "Family Battle of the Books," which will meet once a month for four months, starting in January of 2025. A grant to the City of Boyne City supports the Community Heart & Soul

initiative—a grass-roots program which emphasizes broad, locally-driven community engagement. The Boyne Valley Community Greenhouse will be expanding to offer a community space with a classroom and commercial kitchen for teaching people how to cook, preserve, and store their local harvest.

In Charlevoix, four organizations were awarded a total of \$39,425. Funds to Charlevoix Township will support an engineering study and conceptual site plan which will allow the Township to begin the planning to improve access for all people at Charlevoix Township Park. Charlevoix Circle of Arts received support for its community



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outreach programs, particularly welcoming youth and lower-income families. The Charlevoix Historical Society will update their technology to keep up with the demands of their mission, which is to enrich Charlevoix culture through preservation, education, and engaging experiences celebrating our history.

A grant to the Bergmann Center supports the necessary upgrading of internet equipment and connections to improve efficiency for all staff.

In East Jordan, five organizations were awarded a total of \$70,275. A grant to the City of East Jordan supports park upgrades and amenities, such as lighting and memorial benches, as

part of the current Memorial Park Improvements Project. Friends of the Jordan River Watershed received support for a professional redesign of the permanent, outdoor, year-round Jordan River flatboat exhibit that will better stand up to the elements and further inform visitors of this important legacy in local history. Training Wheels Childcare Center will purchase a play structure called the "Smart Play Nook" to provide sensory, motor skill, cognitive, and social skill engagement for children 6 months and older. East Jordan High School will use their grant to make improvements to the community auditorium space, thus improving the audience experience at both school and community events and performances. Grant funds to The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center will help to purchase and install appropriate fencing to increase the safety and security of East Jordan teens.

Finally, on Beaver Island, six organizations were awarded a total of

\$32,624. A grant to the Beaver Island Wildlife Club supports the building of a larger, ADA-compliant pier that will extend further into Lake Genesereth, ensuring that individuals of all physical abilities have the opportunity to enjoy fishing at one of the Island's most beloved inland lakes. The Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance grant supports a holiday concert for the community followed by an in-school performance and educational programming at the Beaver Island Community School in December.

Grant funds to Tunes Music Makers will allow the organization to bring in an Indigenous fiddle instructor and to continue offering music lessons for children. The Beaver Island Historical Society will renovate the "Miss Bay City", a trap net fishing boat, into an interactive museum exhibit. A Beaver Island Rural Health Center grant will replace obsolete equipment, such as office desk chairs, to make office operations more efficient

and improve office morale. Funds to the Little Traverse Conservancy will support the purchase and protection of 40 acres of wetland property on the Island.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts of all sizes and for many purposes.

Those contributions are professionally managed to generate income that is used to make grants supporting worthwhile programs, projects, and initiatives right here at home.

Currently, more than 328 separate funds make up the Community Foundation, each one created by an individual, family, business, or nonprofit agency. With assets of over \$64 million, the Community Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$39 million since 1992.

For more information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, or to donate to any of these Geographic Enrichment funds, contact the Foundation office at (231) 536-2440 or visit the organization's website at www.c3f.org.



Boyne Falls Public School **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



Jesse Markillie

Grade: 8
Parent's Name(s): Robert and Chelsey Markillie
Future Plans:
Jesse would like to become a cartoon animator.

Favorite Book:
And They Found Dragons, by Ted Decker

Hobbies and Interests:
Jesse loves drawing, collecting games and collecting figurines.

Staff Comments: *Jesse has shown dedication through hard work, positivity, and responsibility. Whether it is working with peers, volunteering answers during discussions, or working independently, Jesse makes a positive difference every day. He approaches my class with enthusiasm and consistently meets deadlines. Beyond academics, Jesse also exhibits strong character, always showing respect to teachers and peers and bringing a positive attitude to class. I am proud of his accomplishments and look forward to seeing his continued success!*

Submitted By: Mr. Garver

Mary Faculak awarded Pinnacle Award by Women's Resource Center

BY KAREN WALKER

Mary Faculak, President of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, was honored with the Pinnacle Award at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's Tribute Awards on November 7th. The Pinnacle Award recognizes a woman who has dedicated a lifetime of service and provided meaningful, influential contributions that have made a positive difference in her community.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this award," Faculak remarked. "I want to thank the Women's Resource Center for all the great work they do in our region." With 32 years of involvement in the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, including her



Mary Faculak

current role as president, Faculak is a cornerstone of the community. Beyond her chamber duties, she operates clothing stores in East Jordan and Boyne City. A lifelong resident of Charlevoix County, she proudly represents the third generation of her family to live on their Norwood Township farm.

Faculak said, "I am fortunate to live, work, play, and make a positive difference in our beautiful area. We have accomplished so much, but now more than ever, it's time to really kick it up to continue to make a positive difference in our communities!"

Faculak's contributions extend beyond her chamber presidency. She plays a pivotal role in organizing events that bring vibrancy to East Jordan, such as festivals, concerts, and other community activities. Her commitment to local development is evident not only in East Jordan but also in Ellsworth, where she chairs the Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority. Faculak is also instrumental in shaping future leaders through her management of the Lead-

ership Charlevoix County program helping business professionals enhance their leadership skills.

The Women's Resource Center highlighted Faculak's dedication, noting her ability to inspire residents to engage in local initiatives and her unwavering drive to enhance the region's quality of life.

A biennial community recognition event and fundraiser that supports vital services provided by the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, the Tribute Awards Night celebrates extraordinary women, young women, and men in the community and recognizes remarkable individuals making a positive difference in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

Wreaths Across America 2024
Eveline Township Cemetery
5150 Ridge Rd., East Jordan

Saturday, 12:00 on December 14th, 2024.

Please join Chief Shawano Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and township residents as we honor and remember our 58 veterans buried in Eveline Township Cemetery. It is a rewarding experience to place a wreath on their graves and reflect on their service and sacrifice for our Country. This will be our 8th year.

This year, we have enough wreaths for every veteran, so just come and help. We appreciate your sponsoring wreaths in years past and upcoming years.

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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.

EAST JORDAN PRE-BLACK FRIDAY LADIES NIGHT

Thursday, November 21, 5-9pm. Start at Billie's Floral to pick up your "Punch Card" and end at the Violet Pear to turn in your punch cards. Each shopper MUST get a punch from every store on the shopping trail to be eligible for the drawing. Each business on the shopping trail will be donating a \$20 Gift Card/Certificate and one winner will receive all of the gift cards. Participating Businesses are Billie's Floral, 319 S. Lake St. The Violet Pear, 101 Main St. A. Miss Vintage Twist, 109 Main St. Iron Goat Coffee, 101 Main St. The EJ Shoppe. 122 Main St. Jordan River Arts Council & Deer Creek Junk, 301 Main St. The Inner Structure, 319 S. Lake St. Books and Things, 104 Jordan St. Sunny Side Up Tanning, 124 Main St. Jordan Valley Outfitters, 311 N. Lake St.

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.goodneighbors-boyme.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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING SPECIAL EVENTS

November 22 – Thanksgiving Celebration
November 28th & 29th – All COA Senior Centers and COA Offices are closed

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 – special offers for those shopping in their pajamas – the Saturday before Thanksgiving from 7 am-11 am.

BOYNE CITY BOOK SALE

Friends big book sale at the Boyne District Library. Earlier than the bird Saturday, Nov. 23, 8am - Noon. Bring a bag or use our bags. Fill it with books. Minimum \$5 donation.

WALLOON LAKE VILLAGE LIGHTING

Visit Walloon Lake for the annual Lighting of the Village, a free family friendly event on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 5-8pm. See live performances from the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, live reindeer, and a special visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus. Bring a donation for Toys for Tots and shop local vendors with gifts for everyone on your list. Those who donate to Toys for Tots will receive additional chances to win prizes. Enjoy free hot chocolate, kids' activities.



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 LIVE NATIVITY

Friday, November 29, 5-8pm at Coldwell Banker parking lot, downtown, 231 Water St. Live camel, donkey, goats, baby cows and sheep along with food to feed the animals. Complimentary Chili, soups, hot dogs and cookies donated by Family Fare. Hot cocoa and coffee. Sponsored by Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors and Family Fare of Boyne City.

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.
6pm- Santa Lights the Tree

MICHIGAN SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Small Business Saturday is Saturday, November 30th. Support locally owned businesses during the holiday instead of shopping on-lines. Locally owned businesses support their local community where the owner and their family lives. Locally owned small businesses are life blood of local non-profits and community organizations.

BOYNE FALLS CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Lake Louise Retreat Center is hosting their 3rd annual Christmas Craft Show Nov. 30, 9am - 4pm. The Center is located at 11037 Thumb Lake Rd.

PETOSKEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

Emmet Genealogical Society Announces a Special Program for December. Chris Struble and Taylor Dueweke will be giving a presentation on Club Ponytail and Club Manitou at the monthly meeting of the Emmet County Genealogy Society. Come to the meeting to

find out how these clubs played an interesting part in the history of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs area. Mr. Struble is the owner of Arlington Jewelers and Petoskey Yesterday Tours. Co-presenter, Taylor Dueweke, is an Emmy nominated documentarian earning him a review as Expert in GQ magazine. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, 455 Bay St. in Petoskey on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 pm. Admission to the event is free. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 231-347-7216.

PETOSKEY ANGEL TREE NEEDS GIFT

The Petoskey Salvation Army Angel tree needs gifts for local children. Angel Tree gifts are often the only Christmas presents that the applicants children receive. Parents must often make difficult decisions on whether they should put food on the table, keep the lights on, heat their home, have a roof over head, have adequate medical care or have presents for their children on Christmas morning. The Salvation Army not only assists with gifts, but also provides food vouchers to Oleson's Food Stores so families can enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas meals together. Considering the high rate of inflation, Holiday Assistance will be even more in demand and more critical to the families served this year.

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 Biggy Coffee of Charlevoix

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CHARLEVOIX MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 7- Holiday Merchant 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

BOYNE CITY HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

45th Annual Holiday Craft Show at Boyne City High School, Dec. 7, 9am - 3pm.

BOYNE CITY HOLIDAY PARTY

Friends of the Boyne River Holiday Party Saturday, Dec. 7, 6pm at Boyne City Hall Commission Chambers, 319 Lake St. Chicken and BBQ provided. Please bring your favorite side dish, appetizer or dessert and a holiday glass. Non-alcoholic beverages provided. Alcohol permitted. Please RSVP by Friday, Nov. 22 to assure enough seating. Call or text Julie, 231-758-0739 or email friendsboynriver@charter.net.

EAST JORDAN LIGHT UP EJ CHRISTMAS PARADE & BLOCK PARTY

Tree lighting & parade on Friday, Dec. 8, 6:30pm.
Santa & Mrs. Claus visits at the Foundry Craft Gallery Block Party. After the parade. Live reindeer, DJ, frozen turkey bowling, live nativity, raffle, soup cookoff, family ornament making, cookies & treats.
Evening events from 9-11pm
All EJ Teen Dance at the Teen Zone
Adult Comedy at the Foundry Craft Grillery
Christmas Trivia by M.O.M.S.
Christmas Caroling and Karaoke at the Jordan Inn.

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.

BAY HARBOR MESSIAH BY CANDLELIGHT

Join us on Thursday, December 12th and Friday, December 13th for a cherished decades-long holiday tradition as the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents a concert featuring Handel's masterpiece, Messiah. The performance will be at 7 p.m. on both nights at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts, 800 Bay Harbor Dr., Petoskey. Tickets from \$35 - \$65 are available at www.glorchestra.org. The concert is free for veterans, active service members and students 18 and under by calling 231-487-0010.

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.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS ON THIRD STREET

Join in an outdoor Christmas celebration on Dec. 13, 6-8pm. A free community event. A walk through story of Christmas with live animals, kids craft, wagon rides, snacks, hot cocoa, fire pits, roast marshmallows. Corner of Third and Nicholls Streets. 301 Nicholls St.

EVELINE TOWNSHIP WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2024

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BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

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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.

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, East Jordan. Serving 6th-12th Graders throughout Northern Michigan Wednesdays & Fridays after school until 6pm. EJDepot.org. Call for more information (231) 222-2224. DepotJTeenCenter@gmail.com

CHARLEVOIX ADULT GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

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Owen Hewitt

Boyne City Ramblers Football

In the Rambler win over Reed City in the Regional final, Owen ground out 96 yards rushing with three touchdowns on 11 carries, and also hauled in a 61-yard pass that he turned into another score.

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Ramblers advance to Final 4

Will face Lansing Catholic High School in Semi-Finals on Saturday

BY GREG GIELCZYK

REED CITY – Despite trailing by two scores after the first 24 minutes of last Friday night’s Division 6 regional championship game at fourth-ranked Reed City, the Boyne City football team didn’t press the panic button, and fold under the pressure.

The Ramblers have been through this before. The last four weeks, in fact. So, they weren’t too concerned as they gathered in the locker room at halftime.

Never flinching, the Ramblers made the necessary adjustments during the break and came out firing on all cylinders in the second half, scoring 34 consecutive points to finish with a rousing 34-21 victory and earn its first regional title in 10 years, and the third in school history.

It was also the Ramblers’ eighth consecutive win after a 2-2 start.

“We’ve done it all year,” said Rambler coach David Suttle. “Three, four games in a row now we’ve been down 14-7 at halftime. We go in, make a couple adjustments, and the kids always come out and respond.”

“They’ve grown up watching the (Detroit)



Boyne City runner Leon Xiong (11) attempts a sweep around the edge in the first half of Friday’s D6 regional title game but it stopped by the Reed City defense.

Lions, and have the same mentality. It doesn’t matter what happens, we’re going to keep rolling.” Reed City had the upper hand early, jumping out to a 14-0 lead before Owen Hewitt finally broke the ice for the Ramblers with just 1:22 before halftime to make it 14-7.

But the Ramblers still couldn’t gain any momentum from that score, failing to pick up a first down on three tries in their next two possessions. After kicking off to start the second half, the Ramblers defense stepped up and forced a Reed City punt, which the Coyotes shanked to set the Ramblers up at

the Coyote 38. Hewitt, who ended the night with four touchdowns in a virtuoso performance, made the Coyotes pay almost immediately on the very next play to tie the game 14-14, and the floodgates were open.

It seemed to put the Coyotes in a tailspin, as their offense sputtered against the rising Rambler defensive tide, leaving the field on just three downs on their next two possessions. Reed City kept on reeling on defense, a penalty giving the Ramblers the ball at the Coyote 15, from where Hewitt raced into the end zone to give Boyne a 21-14 lead they would not relinquish the rest of the night.

The Rambler defense stopped the Coyotes on a fourth down, giving its offense possession and the Ramblers successfully converted a fourth down of their own, Hewitt breaking loose for 12 yards to the Coyote 9-yard line.

Hewitt would eventually score for the third time in the game on a six-yard run as the Ramblers extended its lead to 27-14 with just 8:14 left in the fourth quarter.

Boyne forced yet another turnover on downs to regain possession, and Ryan Spate got the call this time



Boyne City players run onto the field at Reed City prior to the start of Friday’s D6 regional championship game at Reed City. The Ramblers rallied to control play in the second half and earn a 34-21 victory.

PHOTOS BY: MIKE DUNN

for a seven-yard touchdown that came with 2:39 left and sealed the win.

“About midway through the second quarter, I thought we did a decent job defending their run, trying to force them into passing situations,” Suttle said. “That helped out. Our kids got better and better as the game went on running the ball, and Owen Hewitt and the offensive line really stepped up big.”

“(The field) was a little slick in spots, but for a November game it was pretty good. They did a good job taking care of it. It was a pretty fast surface.”

“We’ve been practicing out on our game field, which is actually similar to theirs. Our footing was pretty good. Our kids just kind of hung with it, and stuck with the plan.”

Hewitt ground out 96 yards rushing with three touchdowns on 11 carries, and also hauled in a 61-yard pass that he turned into another score.

Spate wound up with 80 yards on the ground with a touchdown, and came up big on defense with 15 tackles.



Boyne City junior QB Drew Neer (1) has faked the handoff to Ryan Spate and prepares to let loose downfield to Owen Hewitt for a 63-yard touchdown late in the second quarter of Friday’s D6 regional championship game at Reed City.

“As the game wore on, our linebackers were able to get kind of get free, and didn’t get bogged down in all the black mess in the middle,” said Suttle. “They run that offense really well, the kids block it well, and we were fortunate enough to see it enough this year that the kids were able to adjust to it.”

“Sometimes it’s more the way the opponent runs the scheme, rather than the scheme itself. We’ve seen that type of offense I think four times this year, and

all four of them have been different. They’re similar, but they’re all different.”

Boyne City improved to 10-2 with the win over the Coyotes (9-3), and now is one win away from the state finals. The Ramblers next face the Lansing Catholic Cougars (9-3) Saturday in Clare with a 1 p.m. Kickoff. Lansing Catholic defeated Newaygo 49-36 in its regional final last weekend.

The Cougars are on a four-game winning streak of its own.



Boyne City senior Ryan Spate pounds the middle for a short gain in the first quarter of Friday’s D6 regional title game at Reed City.

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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

2024 Jayco White Hawk 26FK Travel Trailer. 2 Slideouts, front kitchen, full bath, dual entry doors, fireplace. SALE PRICE \$42,995. MSRP \$67,989. SAVE \$24,994. As low as \$417 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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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 2022 Rockwood GEO Pro G16BH Travel Trailer. Bunkhouse Sleeps 4, slideout, outside griddle. Regular \$31,648. Sale Price \$21,995. Save \$9,653. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com.

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.PetoskeyRVUSA.com.

Used 2024 Jayco Seismic 359 Toy Hauler Fifth Wheel. 2 Slideouts, Party Deck with steps, fireplace. The Jayco Seismic 359 is a toy hauler RV that can sleep up to 8 people. It has a 102-inch wide body, two slideouts, two awnings, and two air conditioners. The Seismic is designed for all-weather camping and has been tested in zero-degree temperatures. MSRP if new \$120,234. BLOWOUT PRICE \$69,995. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www.NorthernMichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sunday

Used 2024 Jayco White Hawk 26FK Travel Trailer. 2 Slideouts, dual entry doors, rear private bedroom. MSRP if new, \$54,801. Regular \$40,995. BLOWOUT PRICE \$38,995. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www.NorthernMichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sunday

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CITY OF BOYNE CITY BOYNE CITY, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN 2024 LOCAL STREETS PROJECT

General Notice

City of Boyne City (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
**2024 Local Streets Project
23-0449**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Boyne City Hall, Office of City Clerk, located at 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712, until **Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. local time.** At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project includes the following Work:

Single course chip seal and fog seal on Vogel Street from Jefferson Street to Call Street. Single course chip seal and fog seal on Front Street from Main Street to Water Street. Single course chip seal and fog seal on Main Street from Park Street to East Street. Single course mill and resurface with 1.5" of asphalt, pavement repair and hand patching as needed, remove and replace curb ramps as needed on Water Street from Lake Street to East Street and on Main Street from Lake Street to Park Street. Two course mill and resurface with 3.5" of asphalt, pavement repair and hand patching as needed, remove and replace curb ramps as needed on Pleasant Street from Division Street to Cedar Street.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from C2AE's Project Share Web site for bidding purposes only; contact bidning@c2ae.com at C2AE for login information and to register as a plan holder. It is the Bidder's responsibility to determine/evaluate the capability of his equipment to provide/download documents that are accurate for size, scale, and content.

Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated C2AE site in either electronic or paper format. The designated Web site will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated Web site. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated Web site. The

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

**C2AE
814 S. Otsego Avenue, Suite B
Gaylord, MI 49735
989-732-8131**

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Office of the Owner, Boyne City Hall, Office of City Clerk, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712, Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **9:00am-4:00pm.**

Builder's Exchange of Northwest Michigan – Builder's Exchange are authorized to share the Bidding Documents with other exchanges.

Construction Association of Plan Room – Bloomfield Hills

City of Boyne City Website – <http://www.cityofboynecity.com/>

Questions regarding the Bidding Documents may be addressed to Erik Cronk, at bidning@c2ae.com.

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference will not be conducted for this Project. **Notes to User**—Owner should determine if it is desirable to require attendance (mandatory) at the Pre-Bid Conference. Coordinate with the Instructions to Bidders. Choose the appropriate following paragraph and delete the paragraph not used.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Boyne City
By: Michael Cain
Title: City Manager
Date: November 21, 2024

CITY OF BOYNE CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTE SYNOPSIS

November 12, 2024 – Approve the October 22, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented, approve to schedule the annual audit presentation for the December 10th meeting at 7:00 p.m. and schedule an audit review work session to begin at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, approve the engagement of Hallahan & Associates, P.C., of Bloomfield Hills, for tax appeal defense services and authorize the City Manager to execute the attached engagement letter; motion carried. Approve to allocate \$391,875 to the marina; motion carried. Approve to authorize the Chief of Police to advertise for the Police Officer opening with a \$9,000 hiring incentive, payable upon twelve months of service after hire for certified officers, as well as pursuing hiring an uncertified person to be sent through the academy by using the State Academy Assistance program as we have in the past should the hiring incentive not draw a viable applicant; motion carried. Approve holding a joint meeting with the Main Street Board and have staff work with both groups to determine the best possible date and time to hold such a meeting; motion carried. Approve to award a purchase order contract to Peerless Midwest for the replacement of the pump and motor for well #4 in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,683.22 per the quote dated 11/1/2024 and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; motion carried. Approve to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney client privilege discussion pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.268(1)(h)) to discuss material protected by the attorney client privilege, which is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.243(1)(g)); motion carried. Approve to return to open session; motion carried. Approve to postpone until the meeting of November 26, 2024; motion carried.

Jessica Puroll, City Clerk/Treasurer

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2014 Kia Soul. Rear camera, 106 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

2015 GMC Acadia SLT. AWD, 3rd row seat, tow pkg, rear camera, 93 K miles. Sale Price \$8,995. As low as \$189 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2015 GMC Terrain SLE. AWD, tow, 91 K miles. Sale Price \$11,995. As low as \$269 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2015 GMC Terrain. Rear camera, 107 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

2016 Buick Encore. AWD. Leather, 181 K miles. Sale Price \$8,995. As low as \$189 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 Ford Explorer. Leather, 3rd row seat, rear camera, 132 K miles. Sale Price \$12,995. As low as \$286 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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2019 Chevy Equinox LT. 126 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

2020 Ford Escape SE. AWD, rear camera, 187 K miles. Sale Price \$12,995. As low as \$289 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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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2011 Chevy Silverado 1500. 4x4, Z-71, tow pkg, quad cab, soft tonneau cover. Sale Price \$8,995. As low as \$189 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700.

2011 Ford F-250 Super Duty. 6.7L Power Stroke Diesel, soft tonneau cover, tow pkg, 296 K miles. Sale Price \$16,495. As low as \$350 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2012 Ram 1500. 4x4, double cab, 5.7L Hemi, 136 K miles. Sale Price \$11,495. As low as \$269 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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.

2014 Ram Big Horn 1500. Club cab, 4x4, 5.7L Hemi, soft tonneau cover, tow pkg, 146 K miles. Sale Price \$12,495. As low as \$285 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2015 Chevy Silverado 1500. ARE topper, roof rack, slideout tray in box, 167 K miles. Sale Price \$11,595. As low as \$269 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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2020 Ford F-150 XLT. 4x4, club cab, tow pkg, soft tonneau cover, rear camera, 140 K miles. \$25,995. As low as \$399 a month. Petoskey Auto Sales & Rental, Byrider. 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 31-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

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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.

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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, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We are accepting Bids for re-roofing the Shirley Roloff Center at 13513 Division St., Charlevoix, MI.

The Bid Specifications can be found on our website at: www.charlevoixcounty.org under the "Bids and Proposals" tab. You can also contact Trent Brisboe from Tremco Roofing via email at: TBrisboe@tremcoinc.com. Pre-bid walk-through is December 11th at 11:00 am. Bids are due by January 9th, 2025, by 11:00 am. Bids will be read publicly Friday, January 10th, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Shirley Roloff Center in the Commissioner's Room.

- PUBLIC NOTICE -

CITY OF EAST JORDAN REQUEST FOR VARIANCES

The City of East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has received an application from Blake MacDonald for the property located at 300 Water Street for the following variance:

- 5-foot height variance

A Public Hearing to receive comments on these variance requests will be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 5:15 PM** at City Hall. Written comments may be submitted to the East Jordan ZBA, c/o the City Clerk, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The variance application is available for review at City Hall during normal business hours.

EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to rules and regulations as outlined in the Evangeline Township Zoning Ordinance Section 9.06, public hearings will be held at a meeting of the Evangeline Township Zoning Board of Appeals on **December 4, 2024 at Noon** in the Training Room at Boyne City Hall, 319 N Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712 to review and consider the following:

- A variance request from John Hallmann for parcel number 15-005-500-116-00 vacant property located at Springwater Beach Rd., Boyne City, MI 49712. The applicant is requesting relief from the following Evangeline Township Zoning Ordinance Sections: 3, 5.04.3(F) that requires a 10-foot side yard setback for parking areas, 5.04.6(B) that requires a 5-foot wide waterfront buffer strip along any ephemeral, intermittent or perennial stream, and 5.11.1 that requires a 10-foot side yard setback for dwelling.

More details on these variance requests are available for review at the Evangeline Township Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and participate in the discussion. Any written input in regards to the request may be submitted to the Township Planner's office until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the public hearing or at the public hearing. For further information visit the Township Planner's office at 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712, call (231) 582-0337 or e-mail zoningadmin@evangelinetwp.org.

WILSON TOWNSHIP ACCEPTING BIDS SNOW REMOVAL

Wilson Township is accepting bids for snow removal at the township park for the 2024-2025 winter season. The park is located at 02530 Fall Park Road, Boyne City, MI 49712. Bids will be opened during the Wilson Township Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 5:00 PM. Eligible bids must be received by 5:00 PM on December 10, 2024. For questions regarding bid specifications, contact Supervisor Todd Sorenson by phone (231) 582-1033 ext. 2.

Please bid on a per plow basis:

- Parking lot to be plowed whenever there is 3 to 4 inches of snowfall.
- The parking lot will be plowed a minimum of 60 minutes before any scheduled meeting at the township hall. In the event of a special meeting, Wilson Township will provide notification 72 hours in advance of the meeting if the parking lot needs to be plowed.
- The walk to the door of the township hall will be cleared by the contractor.
- The pathway to the lake will be plowed as needed.
- A plow pipe will be used anytime the parking lot is not frozen solid.

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UPDATED RAISED RANCH ON 32 ACRES NEAR EAST JORDAN

BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is an updated, raised ranch on approximately 32 acres near East Jordan. This three-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath home offers over 1,450 square feet of space on the main two levels. Among the many highlights include beautiful flooring throughout, spacious kitchen with lots of cabinetry and countertop work space, large windows which bring natural light into the spaces, and central air conditioning. Two decks overlook the

gorgeous 32-acre property, which features a mix of hardwood, pine, cedar and balsam trees plus a small stream. There is a 24x16 foot hunting cabin on the property, plus two 24x24 foot outbuildings with poured concrete floors and electric. There is also a 12x12 foot shed with a wood floor for extra storage as well as a 12x12 foot chicken coop. The location is just a few miles from East Jordan and about eight miles from Boyne Mountain. This updated raise ranch with several outbuilding



on approximately 32 acres is located at 5950 Carson Road near East Jordan and it is listed at \$399,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Rhonda Thorman, Agent, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at rhonda@lyndasrealestateservice.com.



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New House or an Old One? Consider the pros and cons to each

As you embark on your venture to buy a home, one of the first decisions to make is whether to buy new or purchase an existing home. Each choice has its advantages, and there is no single answer that works for everyone.

You may be drawn to the shiny new, energy-efficient appliances, the great room, and the beautiful master suite offered in a new home. But you may also like the charm, the canopy of trees that drape over the sleepy neighborhood streets, and the increasing value of an existing home you've been eyeing.

Here are some things you'll want to ponder as you decide which route to take.

Existing homes

Existing homes offer many considerations for potential homebuyers, including:

The neighborhood. Many people are drawn to developed neighborhoods for the sense of community that has been established. The mature landscaping and developed trees are often a considering factor.

Maintenance and repair. If you're considering an existing home, be sure you have a good handle on the working status of all major systems. Hire a professional home inspector to check out the house. As appliances and systems age they naturally require repair and replacement, something which may be reflected in a purchase price.

Home improvement. If you enjoy small repairs and home improvement projects around the house, then an existing home would be your cup of tea.

Existing features. When you buy an existing home, you typically don't have to buy the extras, such as blinds for the window, a security system, or a landscaped back yard.

Land. In most metro centers, new homes may have less land than newer properties. Why? Because of changes in land-use patterns.

Location. Existing homes are often found in older, more convenient metro core areas rather than outlying suburbs.

The opportunity to remodel. In some cases buyers may prefer an older home in a particular location which can be modernized or expanded. In effect, use the existing home as a base to build a unique property.

Price. In general terms, existing homes tend to be less expensive than new properties. As well, existing homes are likely to come complete with items which may represent new home extras—blinds, landscaping, built-ins, etc.

Track record. When you purchase an existing home, you know how much the property has appreciated over the years—in effect, you have an index of sorts which measures the community's marketplace appeal. At the same time, you know that past results do not guarantee future marketplace performance.

Taxes. Depending on your state, you will likely have lower property tax rates. Also, many older households aren't required to pay for local bonds associated with new development, such as schools, parks, or road or transportation improvements.

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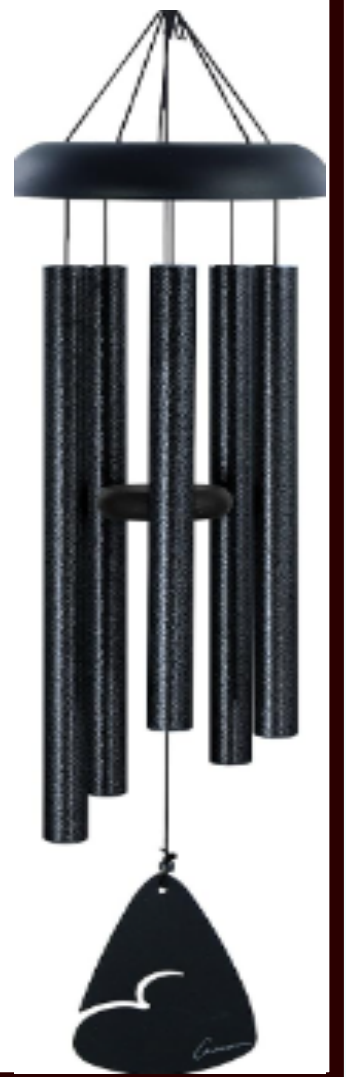
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