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Surge Becoming Storied as Boyne City Continues Memorable Playoff March

BY TOM SPENCER
SPECIAL FOR MHSAA.COM

Not many would say Boyne City's football team followed the script this season.

After the way the Ramblers started this fall, only a scriptwriter could have envisioned the season they've enjoyed.

Boyne City started with just 17 varsity players in August. After moving up some from the JV squad and losing their opener to Standish-Sterling 33-14, the Ramblers picked up a couple of wins. They then fell in Week 4 to Kingsley, last year's Division 6 champion, 26-20.

But that's where the losses stopped. Boyne City is on an eight-game



BOYNE CITY VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

winning streak – which included a 21-15 victory over Kingsley in the District Final two weeks ago.

And when the Ramblers found themselves down 14-0 to Reed City midway through the second quarter last week in their Division 6 Regional Final, nobody

would have blamed them for abandoning the script.

But if there is one, it called junior Owen Hewitt's number. He took over, scoring four touchdowns to lead Boyne to a 35-28 win that advanced the Ramblers to Saturday's Semifinal against Lansing Catholic.

"It wasn't a dire situation," said Boyne City coach Dave Suttle. "Our quarterback Drew Neer all year long has run our offense very well, and when we need a big play he's always there. We threw a little curl, dig route over the middle to Owen and he

went 63 yards for the score and kind of rejuvenated our team."

Neer, also a junior, has connected with Hewitt and senior Jaden Alger the most this season.

Hewitt's first TD came with 1:22 left in the first half.

Hewitt's second was Boyne's first offensive play of the second half and tied the game at 14-14.

It may have been Suttle scripting Hewitt's performance.

Suttle expected Reed City to focus on stopping senior running back Ryan Spade, who has nearly 1,800 yards on the ground this season.

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Mel Lindenthal elected new Mayor of East Jordan

BY KAREN WALKER

The East Jordan City Commission welcomed new leadership when Mayor Melyssa "Mel" Lindenthal took her oath of office at the November 19 City Commission meeting. Lindenthal's leadership position is particularly notable, as she becomes only the fourth woman to serve as mayor in East Jordan's history.

Previous women who held this position were: Elizabeth Robertson (1966-1968), Virginia Giacomelli (1976-1977), and Patricia Sweet (1985-1988). Lindenthal, elected to the



Mark Penzien hands over the gavel to newly elected Mayor Mel Lindenthal

City Commission last year, succeeds Mark Penzien, who served as mayor since 2020. Lindenthal

was elected Mayor by her fellow Commissioners at their November 11 organizational meeting. Also,

Amy Sherman was elected Deputy Mayor for the second consecutive year.

Lindenthal, an East Jordan native and proud alumna of East Jordan Public Schools, is passionate about leadership, community, and inspiring others to take bold steps toward positive change. A Grand Valley State University graduate with a degree in Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, Mel began her career as a Radiation Therapist in Grand Rapids. She later transitioned into healthcare informatics, where she thrives in optimizing workflows and enhancing patient care. Currently working

remotely from her East Jordan home, she serves as Integration Lead at Royal Health, Inc., a New York-based radiology software provider, ensuring seamless communication between healthcare systems.

Lindenthal initiated the popular Commissioner's Connection newsletter highlighting City Commission activities and works tirelessly to serve her community. She is also a proud member of the Leadership Charlevoix County class of 2025, deepening her commitment to local growth and leadership.

Mel and her husband, Nick, returned to East Jordan in 2021 to raise their two children, Lydia and Otto, near family. Active in community life, she can often be found coaching sports, supporting Girl Scouts, and participating in school and local events. In her free time, she enjoys kayaking the Jordan River, exploring the new boardwalk, and pursuing hobbies like reading, baking, and puzzles.

Lindenthal embraces Northern Michigan's beauty and rich community spirit, driven by a desire to inspire others and make a lasting impact. She remarked, "Here's to building a future where more women lead."

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OBITUARIES



Sandra Lea Borgman, 82
(Dec. 4, 1941 - Nov. 18, 2024)

Sandra Lea Borgman, a poet who lived and loved passionately and proudly referred to herself as a “tough old bird,” passed away in Deerfield Beach, Florida on November 18, 2024, at the age of 82. She was born on December 4, 1941, (three days before Pearl Harbor) in Hadley, Michigan.

Sandra grew up in East Jordan, Michigan, where she was the valedictorian of her high school class. She then attended and graduated from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa. She was an active member of the Community of Christ church. She retired after working for many years as an office manager at defense contractor

Burdeshaw & Associates in Bethesda, Maryland. She moved to Florida in 2014, where she enjoyed gardening, painting and writing poetry. She lived in Century Village Deerfield Beach and moved to the Horizon Club in 2023.

Sandra lived for many years with Parkinson’s Disease and wrote poetry about the challenges and pain of living with the disease and losing her independence. She was profoundly committed to supporting all those with whom she came into contact. A meeting in a doctor’s waiting room could turn into a lifetime friendship. She was very active in the Landmark Forum, where she attended numerous seminars, inspired everyone who came in contact with her and was appreciated for her commitment to supporting others in becoming their best selves.

Sandra was preceded in death by her mother, Helen (Crittenden) Gibbard; her father, Clifford Gibbard; her former husband, Robert Gordon Borgman; and her nephew, Jonathan Harvey.

She is survived by her daughter, Anna Lea (Chana Aliza) Borgman of Boca Raton, Florida; her sister, Catherine Pullen of Melstrand, Michigan; her brother, Clayton Gibbard of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and her nieces and nephew,

Teresa, Corinne, Camille and Clifford.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at Nelsons Funeral Home in Gaylord. A burial followed at Hallock Cemetery.

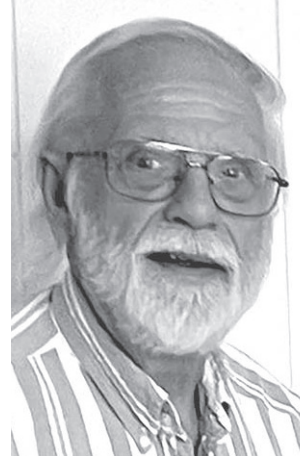
Please share your stories and memories of Sandra at the “Share a Memory” section. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Nelsons Funeral Home, Gaylord, Michigan, www.CarebyNelsons.com

David L. Bordas, 78
(Jan. 20, 1946 — Nov. 23, 2024)
CHARLEVOIX

David L. Bordas of Charlevoix passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, November 30, 2024. He was born on January 20, 1946, in Pennsylvania.

A funeral service will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M-66, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 29, at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. David will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com



Richard D. “Rick” Shooks, 77
(November 12, 1947 — November 20, 2024)
ELLSWORTH

Richard “Rick” D. Shooks, a lifelong resident of Ellsworth, entered into the arms of the Lord on November 20, 2024 after a sudden illness. He was born November 12, 1947 in Petoskey the son of Wesley and Ruby (Newland) Shooks.

Rick proudly served in the United States Air

Force and was a member of the Jensen Richardson American Legion Post 488 of Ellsworth. He was also an active, lifetime member of the Belltower Reformed Church and served in many capacities over the years including most recently as an elder.

Rick’s dedicated work ethic started as a child with his love of working at Shooks Market in Ellsworth; it also helped grow his love of gardening! He was a very good salesman with a long history in sales. He always enjoyed meeting new people and talking with them too. He even went on to own his own Sales Company in Waste Oil Heating. Rick was a self-taught carpenter and was always willing to help others in need. He was selfless in his ways, giving, and kind to all who knew him.

On July 9, 1971 in Ripon, CA he married the love of his life of 53 years, Irene (Kamper), who survives. Also surviving are his children Lynell J. (Dan) Miller

of Grand Rapids, Mitchell R. (Kay) Shooks of Grand Rapids, Gretchen I. (John) Betten of Fort Riley, KS, Melinda G. (Ramsey) Tesch of Grand Rapids, grandchildren Clara, Josie, Sadie, Hazel, Wesley, Bethany, Eleanor, Lillian, Michael, brothers Wesley (Janet) Shooks of the Villages, FL, Doug (Nancy) Shooks of Livonia, Dave (Franessa) Shooks of Ellsworth, sister Carol Martin of Charlevoix, many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A Memorial Service was held Monday, November 25, at 11 a.m. at the Belltower Reformed Church with Rev. Cobus Manders and Rev. Jim Heneveld officiating. Military Honors followed. Memorial contributions can be given to the Good Samaritan or the Belltower Reformed Church. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

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

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CAPE Council distributes Pack 'N Plays, sleep sacks in community to help local families

As part of Child Abuse Prevention Safe Sleep outreach efforts in Northern Michigan, the Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council has distributed 109 Pack 'N Plays and 479 sleep sacks in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

"All families deserve an equal opportunity to learn about safe sleep practices to support a healthy start for their newborn," said Lisa Clavier, CAPE Council Director.

The CAPE Council provided information on safe sleep, sleep sacks, and Pack 'N Plays to 15 community partners including both Charlevoix Munson and Petoskey McLaren hospitals for distribution to newborns.

CAPE, in partnership with the Regions 2 & 3 Perinatal Quality Collaborative, received funding from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to provide sleep sacks for pregnant and parenting families in Northern Michigan, Clavier noted.

"This allowed us to expand our available resources to include the Pack 'N



Plays for families in need of a safe sleep space for baby," Clavier said.

Learn more about the CAPE Council, including educational opportunities, online at www.CAPEace.org and follow on Facebook at CAPE Council of Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

About CAPE: The Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council serving Charlevoix and Emmet counties was founded in 1982, and now includes Antrim County. The mission of the Council is the prevention of child abuse and neglect through increased public awareness and education. The Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council is a Children Trust Michigan (CTM) designated council. CTM is a statewide, non-profit organization also dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. CTM works in partnership with the local councils that serve Michigan's 83 counties. P.O. Box 414 Petoskey, MI 49770 www.CAPEace.org



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BY JOHN KEYSER

Jane Millar recommended that I meet Kassia Perpich, the recently appointed Executive Director of the wonderful Great Lakes Center for the Arts, and very much of a community leader, for certain!

First, Kassia's background. She was raised in Traverse City, received her Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degree in Public Education at University of Indiana. When she graduated, she accepted a position in Washington, D.C. with the White House in their budget office. After a few years, Kassia realized she want to make more of a difference and moved to Chicago, to join the Shedd Aquarium, and subsequently on to Boston with FamilyAid, a nonprofit helping families in need.

Kassia and her husband, Jeff, missed Northern Michigan (very understandably) and they moved up to Petoskey. Kassia accepted a role with our very special Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation, with responsibility for grant making. In this role, she became knowledgeable about the many worthy nonprofits in our area and the assistance they bring to hundreds and hundreds of our people in need.

Two years ago, Kassia was recruited to the Great Lakes Center for the Arts



KASSIA PERPICH

as Associate Director, and then just a few months ago, she was promoted to become its Executive Director, thankfully, as she loves helping bring joyful experiences to us, including our students. The GLCA certainly does.

Here, directly from their website: The Center's mission is to inspire, entertain, educate, and serve all in Northern Michigan year-round by presenting exceptional experiences across the full spectrum of the performing arts and offering impactful educational opportunities.

Kassia is a natural leader. She understands that leadership is serving others, her team members and those who attend their

performances. And she has humility, no personal agenda. She is all about asking for ideas and being a lifelong learner. She has a wonderful team, about 20 full time team members, and 80 volunteers, and a number of seasonal people. They are hard-working, passionate about how they serve our community, they get along well, and are a true team.

When Kassia gained her position as Executive Director and knowing in her responsibility is to help her team members do their best, she shadowed each person on her team so she understands their work, their needs, and how she can support and help. She also realizes how she shows up at the

center each day matters, that she is responsible herself to exemplify a positive and collaborative mood as a team leader and team member.

Kassia and Jeff created a wine vineyard touring company for our area a few years ago, which Jeff runs.

I asked Kassia about her community activities. They are a many, a great many, just some of which are the Rotary Club of Petoskey, helping with their numerous service projects, e.g., the annual spaghetti dinner to raise funds for scholarships, roadside clean up, choosing the Teacher of the Year, an aid station for a marathon race, are just a few. She was a class member of the Leadership Little Traverse program a few years ago and subsequently for two years was a mentor.

When asked about challenges, Kassia immediately said getting more people to learn about Great Lakes Center for the Arts, which opened in 2018. She and her team want more and more people to know what a treasure it is for all of us, for our community. Many are still discovering the center, and that is providing wonderful entertainment all year round.

Kassia Perpich is an exceptional person, a dedicated community leader, and we are fortunate to have her here in our community!

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INDIE MOVIE SERIES: ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND

Tuesday, December 3 • 6:00 pm
at Charlevoix Cinema III

We will be screening *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (R) at the theater! It is a 2004 American science fiction romantic drama directed by Michel Gondry, following a former couple who undergo a procedure to erase the memories of their relationship after their painful breakup. Doors open at 5:30pm and the movie will start at 6:00pm. The movie is free! Concessions will be available for purchase.

GREAT DECISIONS CLASS #8: PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

William Wadland, MD, Facilitator
Thursday, December 5 • 1:00 PM
Community Room, Please register

Looking back at the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many lessons to take away in terms of domestic and international policies. Although this pandemic seems to have waned, how can we apply these lessons to future pandemics? Will countries cooperate, and will a consensus emerge on how to manage global health challenges?

HOLIDAY CONCERT: JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 10 • 6:30 pm
Community Room

Join us for an evening of holiday favorites with Andy Evans on bass, Jon Lindeneau on drums, Bill Sears on sax, and Steve Stargardt on keys! No registration required.

HOLIDAY CONCERT: PETOSKEY MADRIGAL SINGERS

Tuesday, December 17 • 6:30 pm
Community Room

Join us for a special holiday concert with the Petoskey High School Madrigal Singers! This highly sought after group will be singing holiday crowd favorites in costume. Come early and shop at our Youth Craft Market! Our youth makers, creators, and artisans will be selling their handmade goodies from 5-6:15pm. No registration required.

LIBRARY GROUP: CHARLEVOIX FILM CLUB

Monday, December 23 • 5pm: The Lake House
Community Room B

Are you a film enthusiast? The Charlevoix Film Club will meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 5pm in Community Room B. They will screen a movie at 5pm and have a lively discussion afterwards! All are welcome.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

TEEN TIME: DIY SNOW GLOBES

Monday, December 2 • 4:00pm
For teens ages 13-17
Teen Lounge

Teens are invited to join us in the Teen Lounge to create their very own snow globes! Add a fun DIY touch to these classic Christmas decorations with our homemade method using Mason Jars, glitter, and figurines! We'll provide the materials – you provide the creativity! For teens ages 13-17. No registration required.

LEGOS @ THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 3 • 4:00 – 5:00pm
Ages 6 and up
Youth Activity Center

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

READ WITH GEMME

Monday, December 9
4:00 - 5:00 pm
Youth Department
Please Register

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

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR TEENS

Thursday, December 12 • 4:00pm
For teens ages 13-17
Teen Lounge

Are you looking for a place to play Dungeons and Dragons? Why not the library? Join us in the Teen Lounge monthly for an adventure run by Ms. Olivia. There will be plenty of snacks and chances for imaginative storytelling. This program welcomes players of all experience. Teens who are new to the game are welcome to arrive at 4pm to choose a pre-made character sheet and ask questions. The campaign officially starts at 4:15! We will provide character sheets, handbooks, and dice to get everyone started. No registration required.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Saturday, December 14
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Youth Activity Center
Registration required

Bring your family together to create an edible masterpiece of sweetness to display for your holiday celebrations! Enjoy festive music and friendship while decorating your gingerbread dream home of sugar and spice. Space is limited – registration is required. Recommended for ages 6 and up. *This is a family program and participants may need assistance from an adult – please do not leave children unattended. Please note that small candy pieces may be choking hazards for younger children. Thank you!

YOUTH CRAFT MARKET

Tuesday, December 17
5:00 - 6:15 pm
Youth Department

Youth makers, creators, and artisans will be selling their handmade goodies at our Youth Craft Market! This event takes place before the Madrigals Concert at 6:30pm – shoppers of all ages are welcome to shop before the concert.

LIBRARY PLAYGROUP

Wednesday, December 18
10:30 am - 12:00 pm • Birth - 5 years
Youth Activity Center

Parents and caregivers and their children are invited to gather in the Youth Activity Center for casual, free-form play for kids ages birth to five years old. Books, toys, music, sensory activities, and crafts will be available for families to explore while they connect with each other. This is a drop-in program, no registration is required.

CRAFTERNOON FOR KIDS: NO SEW SNOWMEN

Thursday, December 19
4:00 - 5:00 pm
Youth Activity Center

Stop by the Youth Activity Center anytime between 4pm and 5pm to create a cute snowman plush; no sewing is required! We will have buttons, felt, and other decorations available to make each snowman unique. Whether you're looking to create a DIY gift or a new friend to keep you company, this program is perfect for you! Recommended for ages 5 and up. No registration is required. While supplies last.

STORY TIME

Thursdays: 10:30 - 11:00 am
Birth to 6 years
Youth Activity Center

Parents and caregivers and their children are invited to gather in the Youth Activity Center for casual, free play for kids ages birth to 6 years old. Books, toys, music, sensory activities, and crafts will be available for families to explore while they connect with each other. This is a drop-in program, no registration is required. Please note we will be taking a winter Storytime break from December 26-January 9.

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



Eta Nu Charity 'Dress For The Chill'

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons approach, we begin to think of those less fortunate in our community.

Eta Nu Charity takes on the task of helping those who are less fortunate in the Boyne area with particular emphasis on the needs of children and the elderly. We cannot run our successful programs without the financial support of our entire community.

Our Dress for the Chill program recently outfitted 214 children in our elemen-

tary, early learners and head start programs with new outdoor clothing and boots. Nearly 50 of our members work tirelessly to put together these outfits and dress the children.

The need seems to grow every year. Now every child can go out to play during our cold winters. The smiles on the faces of these children is gratifying. This one program alone requires about \$25,000 annually.

The Dress For the Chill program has been around since 2009 and our volunteers are

now working on inventory for the 2025 campaign.

Another Eta Nu program provides meals for seniors who often cannot get out for companionship or specially prepared food.

These vital programs can only continue with the financial support of the community. They say "it takes a village" to make these programs successful. You can be part of our "village" and help the less fortunate in the Boyne area. Eta Nu is a 501c3 charity and your donations are tax-deduct-

ible. Checks can be sent to Eta Nu Charity, PO Box 133, Boyne City, MI 49712 or you may donate online at www.boyneetanu.org/ donate.

We are thankful to the Pat O'Brien team for supporting our mission throughout many years. These agents graciously support our Dress For the Chill program by donating a percentage of their commissions to our DFC campaign. Throughout the years this has amounted to nearly \$70,000.

RAMBLERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"Owen looked too good in practice last week, and we knew Owen was going to have a game," Suttle said. "They were keying so hard on Ryan. We figured this was going to be the week, and we put some things in the game plan for him."

Hewitt was extremely fired up coming out of halftime break, the sixth-year coach noted.

"Owen's been our big-play guy all year," said Suttle. "He's got probably 600 yards receiving, and I think he's scored 15 touchdowns between receiving and rushing. He's been there but hadn't had that wow game yet, that 'Hey, who is this kid?' And that was his game."

The tough times this season from the small numbers to early losses united the team and created success, their coach proudly noted.

"From football specifically, we have made lifelong friends," Suttle said. "We've learned how to help other people and depend on each other. The boys keep throwing out there they truly feel like they are all one family now. There's all kinds of kids in this group. They have each other's back. They're not looking to blame anybody or point fingers. They're just a solid group of gritty kids."

Defensively, the Ramblers also have been led by Spate. He's been involved in nearly 100 tackles. Sophomore Hyker McKinney has been involved in more than 70 tackles and Alger, junior Thomas Ager,

senior Ryan Chapp, Hewitt and sophomore Ben Stanek are right behind them in solo tackles and assists.

Chapp and senior Leon Xiong have anchored the defensive line for the third straight year, Suttle pointed out.

"They've really stepped up this year, and they have pretty good stats," Suttle said. "They are big-time leaders."

The offensive line, in particular seniors Wiley Belcher and Zach Herrick, also continue to impress.

"They keep getting better every week and just keep pushing on," Suttle said.

Win or lose this week or next, this team's legacy already is solidified.

"I want this group to be remembered as the group that may have been counted out by a lot of other people or may have been overlooked," Suttle indicated. "We have a pretty good tradition of having a winning program, and we'll make the playoffs and things like this, but this team sticks together and gets through the rough times and just never gives up."

Tom Spencer is a longtime MHSAA-registered basketball and soccer official, and former softball and baseball official, and he also has coached in the northern Lower Peninsula area. He previously has written for the Saginaw News, Bay County Sports Page and Midland Daily News. He can be reached at toms Spencer@chartermi.net with story ideas for Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Alcona, Oscoda, Crawford, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

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Charlevoix County now has a resident best-selling author

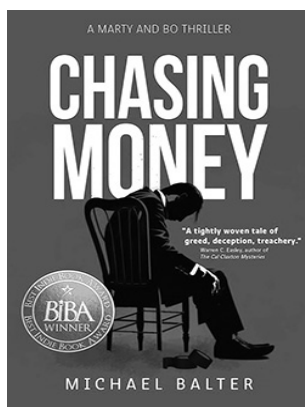
BY JOHN KEYSER

Michael Balter's debut novel *Chasing Money* climbed to the top of the Heist and Murder Thriller categories on Amazon, making him an official Amazon bestselling author, with his book at the top of the rankings.

Michael's book has been received exceptionally well since its debut in September 2023. It won the National Independent Book Award for Crime Thriller for 2023 and the National Feathered Quill Award for Best Crime and Suspense Thriller for 2024. Michael was also honored with the Silver prize for Best Debut Author from the Feathered Quill organization and a number of other important awards. Capturing the number one spot on several Amazon thriller categories, Michael can now add 'Best Seller' to his accomplishments.

The book *Chasing Money* is the first in a series narrated by Marty Schott, who, along with his best friend and business partner Bo Bishop, is struggling with their most recent startup. As entrepreneurs they need to raise capital or "chase money" for their fledgling company to survive.

In their eagerness, Marty and Bo take on a third partner with his own agenda. When their new partner gets killed in front of them by a Russian mobster at what was supposed to be an investor pitch meeting, the two men know they're in serious trouble. The book



details four days in the life of Marty and Bo as they try to save their lives, their families, and their company, looking for money and a mysterious painting the Russian is willing to kill for. The pace is unrelenting, with plenty of twists and dead bodies.

Michael and his wife, Suzanne, moved to Charlevoix three years ago and turned their summer house into a full-year residence. They are both very active in the community, including the Yacht Club, where Suzanne races every week and Michael bartends. He says bartending is the best job he's ever had.

Michael is busy working on the sequel to *Chasing Money*, which is scheduled to launch in early spring. The sequel takes place in Rome, Italy, and many of the characters from *Chasing Money*, especially its two major characters, Marty and Bo, return.

Michael works daily at Harwood Gold, which he calls 'his office.' If you buy his book and see him there, feel free to ask him to sign it, which he is always happy to do.

ASK LAURA

YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

The Power of Pointing and Calling

Dear Reader, this week, as I continued reading *Atomic Habits* by James Clear, I came across a fascinating concept that immediately brought me back to a memory with my daughter. Clear describes a technique used by Japanese train conductors called *Pointing and Calling*—a habit where they call out loud what they see to reduce mistakes. This method is rooted in research showing that when we verbalize our observations, we process them more effectively and make fewer errors.



Laura Jasurda

I smiled reading this because, as a mother teaching my daughter to drive, I instinctively did something similar. She was young, fearless, and in my opinion, a little too confident behind the wheel. To help her stay aware of her surroundings, I required her to call out loud everything she saw while driving: "blue car, red light, tree, stop sign, pedestrian." You get the idea.

At the time, she didn't appreciate this "extra coaching" and fought me on it at every turn. But I insisted because I was worried she wasn't fully aware of her environment. I hadn't done this with my other kids, but something told me she needed this added layer of mindfulness. Fast forward to today—she's a very safe and confident driver, and she actually credits that habit for helping her develop such sharp awareness on the road.

What amazed me while reading was learning that what I thought was just a protective "mom hack" is a technique backed by science and used professionally to

prevent mistakes.

So, this week, I encourage you to try *Pointing and Calling* in your own life. Is there a habit or task where you find yourself making small errors? Maybe it's forgetting your phone or wallet before leaving the house, skipping steps in a work project, or even something as simple as locking the door at night. Try verbalizing your actions or observations to stay more mindful. For example, before you leave the house, say out loud: "Phone, keys, wallet, water bottle." It may feel silly at first, but you might be surprised how effective it is in keeping you focused and reducing mistakes.

Until next time, remember: small habits often lead to the biggest transformations.

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.



MESSIAH BY CANDLELIGHT

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents 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.

GREAT LAKES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus (GLCO) and guest soloists, led by Director André Strydom, will join the orchestra led by GLCO Conductor

and Music Director Maestro Libor Ondras.

The concert also includes Schubert's *Magnificat* and Mozart's *Sleigh Ride*.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is a non-profit organization headquartered in downtown 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.

THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

How Thanksgiving inspired the TV dinner

What to do with all that leftover turkey?

Here's an interesting piece of trivia that probably not many people know about: Thanksgiving gave birth to the TV dinner!

It happened like this. In 1953, the Swanson Company had so much extra turkey — 260 tons worth! — that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes ... and the first frozen TV dinner was born.

The convenience of frozen TV dinners caught on very quickly with consumers across the country and spread internationally within a few short years. Hopefully the Swanson salesman received a generous bonus from his employer.

While it's uncertain if turkey was part of the first Thanksgiving celebration, the popular fowl has become standard fare for the annual holiday celebration. In the U.S., about 280 million turkeys are sold each year for Thanksgiving. The average size of the bird is 15 pounds with about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.

Turkey today is as much a part of Thanksgiving as Detroit Lions' football and drum sticks. Even if the pilgrims and their Native American guests did not partake of turkey at the first Thanksgiving meal in 1621 in Plymouth, Mass., we know from historical accounts that there was plenty of other scrumptious food prepared for the three-day feast, including some fine New England lobster.

Those who didn't care for eating lobster weren't shortchanged, though. Chicken, rabbit, venison, cod, bass, squash, beans,



The popular TV dinner traces its origin to the dilemma of leftover turkey following Thanksgiving in 1953. (courtesy of elcivics.com)

barley, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese were also part of the fare. Wild turkey did inhabit the area but historians are divided on whether the fowl made it to the table in 1621 or not.

We do know that the first Thanksgiving feast was organized by Governor William Bradford to thank God for His bountiful provisions. The exact date is not known, though it took place sometime between Sept. 21 and Nov. 9, most likely in early October. The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by President Lincoln to correlate with the anchoring of the *Mayflower* at Cape Cod on Nov. 21, 1620.

Everyone ate with spoons, knives and their fingers at the first feast, since there were no forks available. The Wampanoag Indians had taught the pilgrims how to cultivate the land and were invited in appreciation of their friendliness. Chief Massasoit and the 90 men with him did not come to the banquet empty-handed; they killed five deer and added that to the feast.

Did you know it was actually Christopher Co-

lumbus who was responsible for giving turkeys their name? Yes, Columbus mistakenly thought these turkeys, which were indigenous to this continent but were not found in Europe, were relatives of the peacock. Why? Because Columbus originally thought he landed in India and he knew that peacocks were in abundance there. He figured the turkey was a member of the peacock family, which makes sense.

So he named them "tuka," which is "peacock" in the Tamil language of India. But, by the way, turkeys are not related to peacocks. They are actually a type of pheasant. That's another factoid that may give the *Jeopardy* contestants a fowl time.

Here are some other interesting Thanksgiving facts: — The consumption of turkey has been blamed for the annual "Thanksgiving nap" that mysteriously overtakes folks on the afternoon of the fourth Thursday in November. But, scientists pour water on that assertion. Scientists say that extra glass of wine, the high-calorie meal or relaxing after a busy work schedule is what makes folks drowsy after the Thanksgiving meal. — President Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation on Oct. 3, 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. In the 1940s, Congress passed a law setting the fourth Thursday of the month as the official Thanksgiving date. — Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has

presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President "pardons" the live turkey.

— If you guessed that stuffing is the most popular Thanksgiving side dish, you were right! It is by far the most popular side dish followed by mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes and green bean casserole. — Turkey has more protein than chicken or beef. The most popular ways to serve leftover turkey is in a sandwich, in stew, chili or soup, in a casserole or as a burger. Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16-18 pounds of turkey.

— A 16-week old turkey is called a fryer. A five-to-seven month old turkey is called a young roaster. — The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. No large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo.

— It is estimated that about 35 million Americans are descended from the pilgrims who braved the Atlantic voyage in 1620 in order to establish a land where there would be religious freedom. There are six presidents who descended from the original pilgrims, including Franklin Roosevelt, and famous people from other fields ranging from actress Marilyn Monroe to astronaut Alan Shepard to actor/director Clint Eastwood to aviator Amelia Earhart to poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

— Compiled by Mike Dunn

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LEADERSHIP

HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT OUR LEADERSHIP?

BY JOHN KEYSER

I wrote about this about a year ago, received appreciation feedback, and I believe this is a valuable reminder.

At a church service last year, the pastor asked the question “Are you happy with your life?” I jotted a note, as it’s a great question

and I wanted to remind myself of it.

Then shortly after, the pastor raised the question, “Is your life meaningful?”

Later in the day, I thought about relating these questions to our leadership in our work.

“Am I happy with my leadership?” and “Is my leadership meaningful?”

What are the keys to being happy with our leadership? Of course, achieving our goals is important. If we don’t, we may suffer financially.

Let’s realize, though, our responsibility as a leader goes well beyond ourselves. We have a responsibility to our team members, to help them with their learning,

growth and success. That is our responsibility as a leader, to help them with our encouragement, teaching and coaching to do good work and be successful.

And that is why the second question is so impactful. Is my leadership meaningful? As a friend and thinking partner pointed out to me, that question takes

our focus off ourselves and places it rightfully on our team members and our business.

□ Are we helping our team members feel appreciated and valued, that they are heard and their ideas matter?

□ Do they feel that they and their work are important to our results?

□ Do they feel that they are growing and developing towards their personal business goals?

If the answers to these are all yes, then our leadership is meaningful.

The timing of this message was significant to me as it captured the essence of a meeting I attended shortly thereafter. I was with the leader of a very successful team, the top performing team of a major global financial company. In discussing their 17% growth, she was all about what the team did, how well and collaboratively they work together, and how happy they are to be part of the team.

It was not about her. She gives full credit to



John Keyser

the work, dedication and contributions of her team members.

With leadership like that, they will continue their superior results.

Surely her leadership is meaningful, because of their results and also because she cares about her people and their needs and wants. She has a personal as well as a professional interest in their success.

Let’s think honestly about whether our leadership is meaningful and how we can make it even more meaningful going forward.

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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.

NATIONWIDE THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 28.

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](https://chronotrack.com/register/chronotrack.com/r/81122) (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 FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 28, Serving from 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Boyne City Eagles, 106 River St. Requests for donation of non-perishable item

CHARLEVOIX FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 28, Serving from 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Community Reformed Church, 109 Elm St.

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.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY

The East Jordan Lions Club is accepting applications for lighted Christmas displays at the EJ Tourist Park. The displays should be set up by December 1st and removed by the first weekend in January. The Tourist Park is open every day, and the displays are lighted from dusk

until midnight. Area businesses, churches, clubs, and families are welcome to participate. There is no cost to set up a display. Please email Sherry Pursel at skpursel@yahoo.com for information.

BOYNE CITY HOLLY JOLLY BOYNE

November 29, 5pm - 9pm Downtown. Dressed in our holidays 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 applicant's 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 Boat-house 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 BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Judy Kuheana Memorial benefit breakfast. There is also a silent auction with beautiful wreaths and other items donated by local businesses and individuals. All proceeds from both the breakfast and silent auction will benefit Boyne area food pantries through the Manna Food Project. Latin American breakfast buffet at Red Mesa Grill, 117 Water St. Saturday, Dec. 7, 8-10:30am. Cost of \$12. Children 12 and under \$6.

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 friends-boyneriver@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.

ELLSWORTH BAND CONCERT

The Ellsworth Middle/High school band concert is December 10 at 6:30pm

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

Eveline Township Cemetery, 5150 Ridge Rd., East Jordan. Saturday, 12:00 on December 14th. 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.

CHARLEVOIX COOKIE WALK

St. Mary School Cookie walk is December 14, 4:45 - 5:30pm & December 15, 8:45 - 9:30am and 10:45 - 11:30am at St Mary Parish Center. Quart bag \$10, gallon bag \$15.

ELLSWORTH HALL OF FAME

The induction ceremony to Ellsworth Community Schools Hall of Fame is December 16 at 6:30pm.

ELLSWORTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary school Christmas program is December 18, 5:30pm.

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

East Jordan Lion's Club will be selling Christmas Trees from 3 - 6 pm every day starting on November 29th at the Jordan Inn, 228 Main St.

ELLSWORTH CHRISTMAS BREAK

Ellsworth students have a 1/2 day of school December 20 then remain on Christmas break until school resumes on January 6.

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Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Dalton Dunlop

Grade: 6th

Parent's Name(s): Jennifer Kind and Larry Crocker
Future Plans: Dalton would like to become a builder when he grows up.

Favorite Book: Minecraft Zombie Series

Hobbies and Interests: Dalton enjoys playing games, such as Fortnite and Roblox.

School Activities: Skiing

Staff Comments: I am fortunate to have Dalton in two of my classes this trimester. Dalton is a hard worker and completes all of his work in my class and is always striving for perfection, staying focused and completing the task at hand. When he works in a group he goes over and above what is expected of him to help his group get the best grade possible. Dalton strives for perfection and is a great representative of Boyne Falls School. Congrats on the award.

Submitted By: Frank Hamilla

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

EAST JORDAN ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

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

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

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

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. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

CHARLEVOIX MONTHLY 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.

EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer and Caregiver Support group meets at 10am the 3rd Saturday of each month at Lighthouse Missionary Church.

athletes of the week

Northern Michigan Football Conference – All Conference



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FOOTBALL

Ramblers make it to Final Four

Fall in Division 6 State Semi-Finals to Lansing Catholic, 34-22

BY GREG GIELCZYK

CLARE – Sometimes, you flirt with danger once too often. That could have been the case for the Boyne City football team Saturday afternoon when they again fell behind by two scores.

But, this time there was no second half surge that carried the Ramblers to another victory. Instead, costly penalties served to betray them in a tough 34-22 loss to Lansing Catholic in the Division 6 state semifinals at the Brookwood Athletic Complex in Clare.

The Ramblers had played pretty clean through the first three weeks of the playoffs in winning district and regional titles. But they saw the yellow laundry littering the field Saturday, and all too often they were called against Boyne.

It was the Ramblers first semifinal game in a decade. They lost to Midland in 2014.

“We had a couple opportunities to stop them (Lansing) and had some flags,” Boyne coach David Suttle said. “We also stopped a couple drives of our own on penalties, which in the last three or four weeks we haven’t had very many penalties.”

“It was just one of those days. Other than that, it played out pretty much the way we thought it would. Lansing Catholic is a good



Ryan Spate accounted for all three Rambler touchdowns and rolled up 237 yards rushing on 27 carries in the semi-final game. Photo Caton Walter

team. They’re a good program.

“We just couldn’t get off the field (on defense) and waited a little bit too long to get going on offense. Both teams are good, and someone has to lose. Unfortunately, on this day it was us.”

That didn’t seem possible, with the Ramblers riding an eight-game winning streak coming into the game. They’re fans certainly felt a state title was in the offing.

Boyne City made them believe they were unbeatable after rallying from first half deficits to pull out exciting wins in each of the last four weeks in games they were not favored to win.

And the game seemed to be following that familiar

script when the Cougars (10-3) reached the end zone on their first possession of game to take a 6-0 lead.

But the Ramblers didn’t make it easy, forcing a fourth down play from their 1-yard line. The Cougars were nearly stuffed at the goal line, but managed to squeeze in for the score.

Lansing Catholic, sometimes aided by Rambler penalties, produced multiple drives of nine or more plays, effectively controlling the clock and keeping the Ramblers offense off the field.

Cougar quarterback Alex Fernandez enjoyed a perfect first half, too, completing all 13 of his pass attempts, several of them preserving drives. He would run for two scores to go with one touchdown pass.

“The first half, the kids played the plan,” said Suttle. “(Which was) don’t give up the big play, and make them earn everything. I think their first drive was over 12 plays, so you tip your hat to them. I think we gave up one really big play today, and that was it.”

“We played pretty well, and I’m extremely proud of all the kids. They played hard. It’s really disappointing. Good things are going to happen, and bad things



The Ramblers football team runs onto the field in the state semi-finals to the cheers of the huge crowd from Boyne City. Photo Caton Walter

are going to happen. Not making it to Ford Field is definitely a bad thing, but you’ve got to celebrate all the good things.”

Lansing Catholic finished the first half with a 20-0 lead, but if the Cougars thought they were home free they had another guess coming as the Ramblers mounted another furious comeback.

Most of it came courtesy of record-setting senior running back Ryan Spate, who accounted for all three Rambler touchdowns and rolled up 237 yards rushing on 27 carries.

His first score came on an electrifying 55-yard run to make it 20-7, but the Cougars responded with another score to restore their three-score lead, 27-7.

Spate answered with a 22-yard scoring run of his own that cut the deficit back to two touchdowns again, 27-14. But the Cougars scored again to build a 10-point lead, 34-14.

The Ramblers weren’t finished yet, Spate running in from 11 yards out and then added the two-point conversion. But, that was the end of the line.



Ryan Spate begins the game with the opening kickoff. Photo Caton Walter

“This was kind of a unique group of kids,” Suttle said. “Everybody on our team this year contributed in major ways to everything .. the games and practice.”

“We had some kids step up and play better than we may have anticipated. There definitely wasn’t anyone on the team that underachieved this year.”

Owen Hewitt rushed for 56 yards and Ben Stanek contributed 44. Spate led the defense with nine tackles, Hewitt had seven stops and Hyker McKenney and Stanek were each in on six stops.

Spate closed out a remarkable senior season with the most yards ever

gained in a single season by any player that has ever worn the Rambler colors. He also stood out on defense, and reached 100 tackles.

Although the Ramblers lose about half the team to graduation in June, they will have some outstanding players returning next year, including running back Owen Hewitt, quarterback Drew Neer, Hyker McKenney and Tristan Ager.

The incredible season for the Ramblers may have ended in the Semi-Finals of the state championship but the pride the team brought to themselves and to the community will remain for years.



High flying Owen Hewitt rushed for 56 yards. Photo Caton Walter

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Alexa Grace



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Braylee Bearss



Eloise Caderette placed 4th at the gymnastics competition in level XG. Age Junior B. Eloise competes with Lake Side Elite Gymnastics.



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Gaylord's Aubrey Jones signs with Oklahoma State Softball on National Signing Day

Oklahoma State University announced they signed 7 athletes on National Signing Day highlighted by a pair of NFCA All-Americans, head coach Kenny Gajewski announced Oklahoma State Softball's class of 2025 on National Signing Day.

"I think the number one thing we accomplished in building this class was speed and power," Gajewski said. "That's something we've been working hard to accumulate, and we did that very well with this group. Most of these kids can really run, they can really hit for power, and then we have a pitcher in there that has the swing and miss that all schools across the country are looking for. Most importantly, all of these girls come from incredible families, and they represent the Cowgirl Way in everything they do."

One local athlete from Gaylord was one of the new Cowgirl softball players.

Aubrey Jones Gaylord, Mich. Gaylord High School

Aubrey is the daughter of Dawn and Greg Jones. The No. 63 overall prospect in the class of 2025 according to Softball America and considered among the top two-way players in the



Gaylord's Aubrey Jones signs with Oklahoma State Softball on National Signing Day

2023-24 NFCA first team All-American, Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year and MaxPreps Michigan Player of the Year. She led the nation with 26 home runs in 2024 as she tabbed a .444 batting average to go with 84 RBIs. In the circle, she posted a 0.78 ERA and struck out 122 batters in 81 innings pitched. Coached by Ron Moeggenburg in 2024, Jones played on a Gaylord team that won two state championships, three district championships and two regional titles. She has 55 career home runs through three seasons of

varsity softball, putting her third in state history with a full season left to go. From the circle, she went 15-0 with 122 strikeouts over 81 innings of work. Aubrey plans to major in zoology.

Gajewski on Jones: "Aubrey is the type of kid we think that can really be a plug and play short-stop. She can really run, hit for tremendous power, tremendous arm strength. She comes from a very athletic family. Her sister plays at Virginia Tech, dad played college baseball as well, she just comes from a really good lineage of great athletes."

2024 NMFC Leaders Division All Conference

MVP(Name, position, school, year): Logan Wadkins. Charlevoix. WR/S. Sr.

Outstanding Offensive Player: Hunter Vincenty-Cole. Oscoda. QB. Soph.

Outstanding Defensive Player: Sawyer Blaszczyk. Charlevoix. DL. Jr.

| QB All Conference. Name, Year, School | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| All Conference | Hunter Vincenty-Cole. Oscoda. Sophomore. |
| Honorable Mention | Rowan Zickert. Benzie Central. Junior |

| Offensive Line (5) All Conference | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Name | School | Year |
| David Gray | Charlevoix | Senior |
| Emmett Felter | Charlevoix | Senior |
| Eastin Butte | Elk Rapids | Soph. |
| Jayden Eberline | Oscoda | Senior |
| Logan Needham | Oscoda | Senior |

| Offensive Line Honorable Mention All Conference | | |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Name | School | Year |
| Ben Kress | Tawas | Senior |
| Carter Graham | Tawas | Sophomore |
| Aidan Erfourth | Benzie | Senior |

| Running Backs (3) All Conference | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Name | School | Year |
| Brady Warchol | Charlevoix | Senior |
| Blake Mallak | Oscoda | Senior |
| Hunter Oliver | Tawas | Senior |

2024-25 NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE ALL CONFERENCE TEAM Legacy Division

| OFFENSE | DEFENSE |
|---|--|
| Linemen ALL CONFERENCE Brenden Aenis – East Jordan Ethan Verschaeve – Glen Lake David Kish – Glen Lake Wyatt Konkle – Joburg | Linemen ALL CONFERENCE Owen Chappuies – East Jordan Ty Beeman – Frankfort Braden Roush – Glen Lake Sully Seymour – Glen Lake Wyatt Konkle – Joburg HONORABLE MENTION Miles Luther – Frankfort Aiden Evans – Frankfort |
| Running Backs ALL CONFERENCE Logan Shooks – East Jordan Fletcher Middleton – Glen Lake Sam Dykstra – Glen Lake Jackson Bennett - Mancelona HONORABLE MENTION Ryan Lewis – Frankfort Carson Truman – Harbor Springs Joey Smokevitch – Joburg Nate Hummel - Joburg | Linebackers ALL CONFERENCE Coen Burks – East Jordan Owen Mills – Frankfort Benji Allen – Glen Lake Nater Hummel - Joburg HONORABLE MENTION Logan Shooks – East Jordan Jacob Peplinski – Glen Lake Dominic Stein – Glen Lake Chaz Brainerd – Harbor Springs Lucas Keller – Mancelona Jackson Bennett – Mancelona |
| Wide Receivers ALL CONFERENCE William Webb – East Jordan Tristin Griffin – Frankfort Lucas Keller – Mancelona | Defensive Backs ALL CONFERENCE Max Beal – East Jordan Jake Warner – Harbor Springs Joey Smokevitch – Joburg Ryan Naumheff – Mancelona |



PET OF THE WEEK KING

King is a two year old lab/collie mix with lots of love to give! He found his way to us after being transferred from another shelter.

King is very energetic and would do best with an active family. He know some basic commands and seems to be house trained, but his leash skills could use a little work. He has been working hard on them though with our wonderful volunteers. King loves people, so much so, that he tends to forget his manners and jumps up with excitement, so a home with small children may not be ideal for him. We know this behavior could be easily corrected with some proper training and King is very eager to please!

King seems to get along with cats, but can be a bit picky with other dogs. He would do best with a dog that could match his playful energy but still be rather submissive.

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| NMFC Final All Conference - LEGENDS | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------|
| OFFENSE | Player | School | Year |
| QB | #12 Tyler Endres | St. Francis | |
| RB | #11 Cam Sellers | St. Francis | 12 |
| RB | #14 Gavin Lewis | Kingsley | 11 |
| RB | #3 Ryan Spate | Boyne City | 12 |
| WR | #14 Owen Hewitt | Boyne City | 11 |
| WR | #11 Corbin Allen | Grayling | 12 |
| WR | #7 Austin Schwartz | Grayling | 11 |
| TE | #84 Chase Bott | Kingsley | 12 |
| OL | #53 Warren Asher | St. Francis | 12 |
| OL | #72 Zac Winowiecki | St. Francis | 11 |
| OL | #74 Kole Osborn | Kingsley | 12 |
| OL | #58 Zack Herrick | Boyne City | 12 |
| OL | #72 Wiley Belcher | Boyne City | 12 |
| OL | #62 Luke Munger | Cheboygan | 12 |
| Kicker | #20 Sam Wildfong | St. Francis | 11 |
| OFF POY | #11 Cam Sellers | St. Francis | 12 |
| | MVP: #2 Ryan Spate | Boyne City | 12 |
| Honorable Mention | | | |
| QB | X | | |
| RB | #21 Sean Postula | Cheboygan | 12 |
| WR | X | | |
| TE | #6 Isaac Kerr | St. Francis | 12 |
| | #15 Tyler Unterbrink | Kingsley | 12 |
| OL | #50 Caylen Selkirk | Kingsley | 11 |
| | #50 Tristen Ager | Boyne City | 11 |
| | #69 Quincy Schneider | Cheboygan | 12 |
| | #50 Gavin Cvtkovich | Grayling | 12 |
| Sp. Teams | #3 Ryan Spate (K) | Boyne City | 12 |
| | #7 Gabe Sabolsky (K) | Cheboygan | 12 |
| | #59 Ethan Lyon | Kingsley | 12 |
| Sp. Punters | X | | |
| Special Mentions: | | | |
| | #40 Eli Biggar | St. Francis | 12 |
| | #2 David Whims | Kingsley | 12 |
| | #66 Mason Glazier | Kingsley | 12 |
| | #85 Mantas Jett | Cheboygan | 12 |
| DEFENSE | Player | School | Year |
| DL | #51 Ben DeCarolis | St. Francis | 12 |
| DL | #12 Isaiah Cosgrove | Kingsley | 11 |
| DL | #45 Leon Xiong | Boyne City | 11 |
| DL | #68 Ryan Chapp | Boyne City | 12 |
| DL | #62 Luke Munger | Cheboygan | 12 |
| DL | #71 Xavier White | Grayling | 12 |
| LB | #53 Alex Figueroa | Kingsley | 11 |
| LB | #3 Colton Goethals | Kingsley | 11 |
| LB | #6 Hyker McKinney | Boyne City | 10 |
| LB | #3 Ryan Spate | Boyne City | 12 |
| DB | #5 Harrison Shepherd | St. Francis | 12 |
| DB | #9 Braxton Lesinski | St. Francis | 11 |
| DB | #10 Kolsen Orton | Kingsley | 12 |
| DB | #11 Corbin Allen | Grayling | 12 |
| Punter | #84 Chase Bott | Kingsley | 12 |
| DEF POY | #62 Luke Munger | Cheboygan | 12 |
| Honorable Mention | | | |
| DL | #64 Luke Gorman | St. Francis | 12 |
| | #72 Joe Detloff | St. Francis | 12 |
| | #60 Chauncey Lovelly | Cheboygan | 12 |
| | #72 Brox Muscott | Grayling | 11 |
| LB | #23 Perry Smith | Kingsley | 10 |
| DB | #15 Jayde Alger | Boyne City | 12 |
| | #2 Evan Benson | Cheboygan | 12 |
| Special Mentions: | | | |
| | #8 Charlie Olivier | St. Francis | 12 |
| | #5 Jonathan Whims | Kingsley | 12 |
| | #24 Braiden Tuck | Grayling | 12 |

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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.

Submit bids to the following address:

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ATTN: SNOW REMOVAL BID
P.O. Box 447
Boyne City, MI 49712

NOTICE OF ARTICLE AMENDMENT (LCEMSA)

Pursuant to Act 57 of 1988, the Lake Charlevoix Emergency Medical Service Authority ("LCEMSA") is publishing the following Articles of Incorporation ("Articles") amendment. For a full copy including signature pages, please contact LCEMSA at 9251 Major Douglas Sloan Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or (231) 547-7172 during ordinary business hours.

Recitals

- LCEMSA is an emergency services authority under Act 57 of 1988 ("Act 57"). MCL 124.603 provides standards to amend LCEMSA's Articles of Incorporation. MCL 124.608 allows Act 57 emergency services authorities to contract with municipalities to provide service.
- LCEMSA desires to amend its Articles of Incorporation to add Eveline Township of Charlevoix County as an Approved Contracting Municipality under Section II of the Articles.
- As LCEMSA recognizes the need for its Board of Directors to act in the best interests of the LCEMSA as well as to ensure the proportionality of representation on the Board of Directors, it further desires to amend Section VII of the Articles to avoid potential dual representation of municipal members of LCEMSA on the Board of Directors.
- Moreover, LCEMSA also desires to make some administrative changes to the Articles based on experience from current operations.

Amendment

Now, therefore, the Articles shall be expressly amended to:

- Amend Section II. "Approved Contracting Municipalities" of the Articles to add below Norwood Township, Eveline Township, a Michigan general law township of 8525 Ferry Rd, East Jordan, MI 49727 as an Approved Contracting Municipality.
- Amend Section VII. "Board of Directors" of the Articles to add the language below as Section VII(I). a. No individual shall serve on the Lake Charlevoix Emergency Medical Service Board of Directors if: (1) they are an employee of the Lake Charlevoix Emergency Medical Service or other emergency medical services provider; or (2) if they intend to serve as the representative for one Incorporating Municipality or Approved Contracting Municipality (excluding the At-Large Member) and also concurrently are an elected official, appointed official, or employee of another Incorporating Municipality or Approved Contracting Municipality.
- Amend the last sentence of Section VIII. "Officers" of the Articles from "No Authority funds shall be expended, except by a check or other bank draft signed by the Treasurer and one other Authority officer to be determined by the Authority Board[.]" to the below.
 - "No Authority funds shall be expended, except by a check or other bank draft signed by two Lake Charlevoix Emergency Medical Service officers as authorized by the Board of Directors."
- Amend Section X. "Finances" of the Articles to require that the Authority budget be given to each Incorporating Municipality and Approved Contracting Municipality at least ten (10) days before the budget is adopted by the Authority Board of Directors.
- All references in the Articles to having five (5) member municipalities shall now reflect six (6) member municipalities due to the inclusion of Eveline Township. This includes cost calculations in Section X. "Finances."
- Section X(iv) of the Articles shall be amended to remove its final sentence that stated "For purposes of this calculation, ambulance runs originating at the Charlevoix Area Hospital and Boulder Park Terrace shall be spread out to all parties based on the pro-rata calculation for ambulance runs provided for herein."
- Section XI. "Fiscal Year" of the Articles shall be amended to make the fiscal year begin January 1st each year.

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23-0449**

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The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

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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 bidting@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.

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By: Michael Cain
Title: City Manager
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2024 Coachmen RV Catalina Trail Blazer 26TH Travel Trailer Toy Hauler. Sleeps 4, outside shower, Wi-Fi booster & extender, optional party deck. MSRP \$39,431. Sale Price \$29,995. Save \$9,436. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700.

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

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2024 Forest River RV Rockwood Mini Lite 2516S 2 Slideouts, 19' power awning with LED lights, dual entry doors, outdoor griddle, 200W roof solar panel. MSRP \$51,571. Sale Price \$33,995. Save \$17,576. As low as \$459 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com.

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

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

Used 2012 Puma 26 RLSS Travel Trailer. Large Slideout, power jack, sleeps 6. Regular \$9,995. Sale Price \$8,995. Save \$1,000. As low as \$179 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com.

Used 2013 Keystone RV Bullet 204RBS Travel Trailer. Rear Corner Bath Including: Angle Shower, Rear Pantry/Wardrobe, Refrig, 3 Burner Range, Booth Dinette w/Overhead storage and much more. Regular Price \$13,995. Sale Price \$11,995. Save \$2,000. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com.

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

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

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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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2012 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sahara. 4x4, removable top, 4 door, 130 K miles. Sale Price \$14,995. As low as \$349 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. We rent vehicles.

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.

NOTICE

The City of East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. has been cancelled due to variance request amendments.

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.

MARION TOWNSHIP Ordinance No. 6 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MARION TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY

THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 4.02.

The zoning map incorporated into Section 4.02 of the Marion Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to rezone with the two conditions listed below, the following properties situated in the Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan and described as:

BEG AT THE N 1/4 COR OF SEC 11 T33N R8W TH AL THE N&S 1/4 LI OF SD SEC ALSO BEING C/L OF LOEB RD S00DEG57'16"E 165 FT TH S88DEG37'11"W 33.00 FT TO THE W LI OF SD RD TH CONT S88DEG37'11"W 131.00 FT TH N00DEG57'16"W 132.00 FT TO THE S LI OF VEENSTRA RD TH CONT N00DEG57'16W 33.00 FT TO THE N LI OF SD SEC TH AL SD SEC LI & AL THE C/L OF VEENSTRA RD N88DEG37'11"E 164.00 FT TO THE POB BEING PT OF NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 11 T33N R8W 0.621 AC ON 9/27/2018 SPLIT 009-011-008-00 INTO 009-011-008-10 & 008-20,

and

COMM AT THE N 1/4 COR OF SEC 11 T33N R8W TH AL THE N LI OF SD SEC S88DEG37'11"W 164.00 FT TO A PT IN THE C/L OF VEENSTRA RD BEING THE POB TH S00DEG57'16"E 33.00 FT TO THE S LI OF SD RD TH CONT S00DEG57'16"E 132.00 FT TH S88DEG37'11"W 100.00 FT TH N00DEG57'16"W 132.00 FT TO THE S LI OF SD RD TH CONT N00DEG57'16"W 33.00 FT TO SD SEC LI TH AL SD SEC LI AND AL THE C/L OF SD RD N88DEG37'11"E 100.00 FT TO POB BEING PT OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 11 T33N R8W 0.379 AC ON 9/27/2018 SPLIT 009-011-008-00 INTO 009-011-008-10

from the General Commercial (C-2) District to the Mixed Residential (R-2) District.

Furthermore, this amendment also rezones with the two conditions listed below, the following property situated in the Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan and described as:

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from the Agricultural (A) District to the Mixed Residential (R-2) District.

The rezoning of all the above referenced properties includes the following conditions:

- 1) The three parcels referenced will be combined into one parcel, and
- 2) No more than eight (8) dwelling units maybe established, maintained or occupied upon or within the Premises.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

Timothy Matchett,
Marion Township Clerk

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY Request for Proposals

Engineering Services for
Boyne City to Charlevoix
Non-motorized Trail Completion

Charlevoix County is seeking proposals from qualified engineering firms to provide comprehensive engineering services for the completion of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) can be accessed on the County website at www.charlevoixcounty.org under *Bids, Proposals & Items for Sale*.

Submission deadline:
Friday December 27, 2024 at 4:30 pm

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on November 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Excused – Scott Hankins.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #24-124, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #24-125, Charlevoix County Court House Hallway Carpet Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #24-126, Green Building Name Change to Whiting Hall.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 9:48 a.m.

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

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Saturday, December 21, 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 22, 3:00 pm
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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.

2017 GMC Terrain SLT. AWD. 135 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

2018 Jeep Renegade Sport. 4x4, 134 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

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.

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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TRUCKS

2006 Ram Mega Cab. 1500, topper, tow pkg, 8' box, regular cab, 250 K miles. Sale Price \$5,995. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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.

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.

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

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BY JIM AKANS

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

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



center preparation island, tongue and groove wood cathedral ceilings, upper hallway that overlooks the main living area, main level utility/laundry room,

central air conditioning and much, much more.

A wrap-around covered porch overlooks the incredible grounds and provides a perfect spot to relax or en-

ertain. There is a detached two car garage with an attached two bedroom guest space plus several outbuildings including a two stall pole barn and a four stall horse barn. This is Northern Michigan beauty at its best!

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

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



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Real estate owners have many reasons to move. Some of the time it's out of necessity, other times it's simply to move into a more desirable home. In the current economy, and with mortgage interest rates as low as they are, the best long term financial decision is probably to rent a house out rather than sell it at a steep discount.

With today's mortgage interest rates as low as they are, rental rates generally exceed mortgage payments, especially if you've owned your home for a little while and have some equity. By renting out your hard to sell house, not only can you continue to build equity as your house gets paid down, but you might also be able to generate extra cash flow when rents exceed payments.

Plus, as the years pass by, your property value, and your rental income will increase with inflation. Your fixed mortgage will stay the same, and eventually, it will

be paid off. By owning rental real estate the renter pays the expenses for a long term asset.

Home loans for primary residences are better than rates for properties purchased specifically for investment. By living in a home, and then converting it into a rental property, mortgage terms are more favorable.

One obstacle many potential landlords face is that they can't qualify for two mortgages. Even though the rental revenue exceeds the mortgage payments, lenders require substantial reserves (usually six months worth of payments) for rental property. They also require that income falls within their Debt to Income guidelines.

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