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Great Lakes Center for the Arts Presents Its First Sensory-Friendly Performance

BAY HARBOR — On January 18, 2025, Great Lakes Center for the Arts, in partnership with Great Start Collaborative, welcomes Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia as they present a live, puppet-based performance of Margaret Wise Brown's children's classics "Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny."

Great Lakes Center for the Arts proudly offers the community two opportunities to experience this thoughtfully designed show at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Afternoon audience members can enjoy an especially welcoming performance in a comfortable setting for the sensory-sensitive community.

"This event embodies what we are trying to achieve through our customer-service-driven mission to provide exceptional and impactful performing arts opportunities for each and every person in Northern Michigan," said Rachel Sytsma-Reed, Director of Education and Community Engagement. "All of us at the Center are committed to providing barrier-free programming. We want to serve people. All people. Everyone deserves the opportunity to experience the power of the performing arts."

With a need and desire to provide programming for all community members, the Center is partnering with Great Start Collaborative to offer a performing arts experience tailored to those who thrive in relaxed theater environments.

"We are grateful for the



opportunity to partner with the Center to bring this sensory-friendly performance to the community," shared Savannah Cool, Director of Great Start Collaborative & Family Coalition. "Through this heartfelt collaboration, we are eager for this vision to come to life for young learners and their families."

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's "Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny" performance will celebrate the comfort of bedtime rituals and the reassurances of a mother's love and feature the gentle rabbit characters amidst art, backdrops, and props inspired by the picture book illustrations. Ideal for children in Pre-K through 3rd Grade and their families, these two day-time shows welcome all community members, with the afternoon event geared toward those who require extra sensory care.

As the Center's first-ever sensory-friendly event, this relaxed live performance at 2 p.m. will create a welcoming and judgment-free environment where attendees can be themselves and feel comfortable in a public set-

ting. This specially designed performance is open to all, regardless of sensitivity, but differs from other previously presented family events.

The relaxed performance does not include flashing or strobe lights, sudden loud noises, or abrupt changes in volume, and it does not deviate from the original storybooks' content or dialogue, offering calm familiarity. The house lights will remain dimly lit throughout the "non-shushing" performance, which welcomes comments and audience enthusiasm. Attendees may come and go from the theater as needed, with a performance livestream available in the lobby.

"In keeping with the Center's goals to serve the entire community, we welcome everyone at both presentations," added Sytsma-Reed. "If you choose to come to the 2 p.m. show, anticipate a different experience - a beautiful, respectful, and integrative experience—and if you or someone you love appreciates the opportunity to experience a sensory-friendly show, please let us know

so we can continue to help meet the needs of our community in this way."

To ensure your needs are met and you have the best experience possible, contact the Center at 231.439.2610 or info@greatlakescfa.org, as we are happy to make accommodations.

Tickets for "Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny" are free for children 3 and under, \$10 for students, and \$25 to \$35 for adults, depending on seating section. This event also offers a Pay What You Can rate for select sections with a minimum of \$5. Visit GreatLakesCFA.org to purchase tickets, or call the Box Office at 231.439.2610.

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 like Next Gen and the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program.

The Great Lakes Center for the Arts is a 501(c)3 charitable organization with an independent board of directors. To learn more, visit www.greatlakescfa.org.

East Jordan man killed in 131 crash with semitruck

PETOSKEY — Icy roads may have been a factor in a morning crash that killed an East Jordan man, the Emmet

County Sheriff's Office reported. The crash happened on December 3 on U.S. 131, south of Howard Road, when

Thomas Ned Grutsch, 69, from East Jordan was driving south in a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck lost control on the icy road, and slid into the northbound lane of the highway, according to the Sheriff's office.

The pickup was struck by a 2018 Freightliner semitruck, driven by a 41-year-old man from Sears.

Mr. Grutsch died from injuries he sustained in the crash, according to police.

Another East Jordan man, 81, crashed a 2021 Chevrolet Express van while trying to avoid the collision.

Deputies said alcohol or intoxication didn't appear to be a factor in the crash.

Michigan State Police-Gaylord Post troopers, Michigan State Police-Motor Carrier Division, Little Traverse Bay Band Tribal Police, Resort-Bear Creek Fire Department, Emmet County Emergency Medical Services, and the Emmet County Road Commission assisted at the scene.

According to his obituary, funeral services for Grutsch will take place at noon on Friday, Dec. 13 at Gaylord E-Free Church.

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12/10/2024	22	Boyne Falls
12/10/2024	15.1	Charlevoix
12/10/2024	9.5	Cheboygan
12/10/2024	25.1	East Jordan
12/10/2024	62.5	Gaylord
12/10/2024	42.2	Kalkaska
12/10/2024	6.2	Mio
12/10/2024	27.7	Petoskey

2023-24	AMOUNT	
12/11/2023	8.1	Alpena
12/11/2023	1.3	Atlanta
12/11/2023	10.5	Boyne Falls
12/11/2023	7	Charlevoix
12/11/2023	7	Cheboygan
12/11/2023	14.7	East Jordan
12/11/2023	24.5	Gaylord
12/11/2023	20.8	Kalkaska
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LEADERSHIP

Easy Read Books About Leadership Principles And Practices

BY JOHN KEYSER

When I was a leadership consultant and coach in the corporate world in NY, Chicago and Washington, DC, I encouraged reading a leadership book a month, which was reasonable, as many of the books are relatively short, about 250 to 300 or so pages.

This is not as needed in Up North Michigan as most of our businesses and nonprofits are smaller and the driving force is not making as much money as possible and with top down often unreasonable goals.

Of course, being a continuous learner should definitely be a goal for all of us. Striving for continuous improvement is the path to success!

I'd like to offer a list of easy to read leadership books I treasured and recommended in the past, and their messages remain very relevant.

There is no order in the list. Each is very good.

Good Leaders Ask Great Questions by John Maxwell

Daring Greatly by Brene Brown (well, Brene has many worthwhile easy read books)

What Got You Here Won't Get You There by Marshall Goldsmith

The Go-Giver by Bob Burg and John David Mann

Change Your Questions, Change Your Life by Marilee Adams

Fierce Conversations by Susan Scott

When Leadership Improves Everyone Wins by John Keyser (yes, I wrote)

*The Power of TED** (*The Empowerment Dynamic) by David Emerald

The Coaching Habit - Say Less, Ask More & Change the Way You Lead Forever by Michael Bungay Stanier



John Keyser

The Power of Less by Leo Babauta

Focus on the Good Stuff by Mike Robbins

The 100/0 Principle - The Secret of Great Relationships by Al Ritter

How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie

The Truth About Leadership by James Kouzes and Barry Posner

This list is far from inclusive. There are many other wonderful leadership books. I am just recommending some of many I have appreciated, as have leaders with whom I have been associated.

These are easy to read, positive books, with good messages about leadership principles and practices, from which we can all benefit.

John was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, Chicago and DC, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic, and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute. His wife, Kerry, teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.

COMMUNITY LEADER

JOYCE FETROW

HELPING EDUCATE ABOUT THE WIDE RANGE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO THOSE SUFFERING ADDICTION

BY JOHN KEYSER

Big thank you to Michigan Trooper Corey Hebner for highly recommending that I meet Joyce Fetrow for her outstanding community leadership.

Outstanding is an understatement! During our conversation I felt intimidated at the thought of how I could write an article even beginning to describe Joyce's community leadership.

First, some background. Joyce grew up in Ohio, then moved around at bit with her family for her retail career, and eventually landed in Gaylord. She has now 13-year-old twins, a daughter and a son, and her love for them and responsibilities as a mom are foremost in her life.

Key to understand Joyce's deep motivation to help those who suffer from addiction is the fact that she herself was addicted to alcohol for a number of years, and in her battle she learned a great deal. Joyce struggled to find a pathway that worked for her. Today, Joyce believes in a multiple pathway approach that will help others find what will work for them based on their beliefs, values and goals for recovery. It's not that AA is not a great program. It is.

Yet only about 10% successfully overcome their addiction. There are a number of other programs and approaches that may work, but unfortunately these other programs are not widely known.

This is a big part of Joyce's mission, to bring awareness and education about the array of help available to those suffering from addiction, to help them find what works for them.

Joyce's "full time job" is as Project Director with Michigan Center for Rural Health. She and the Northern MI Opioid Response Consortium



JOYCE FETROW

(NMORC) team collaborate with a wide variety of rural providers in our 25-county region to reduce substance use disorders. The mission to improve the quality of life in northern Michigan for community members, friends, families, and co-workers.

In addition, Joyce is active with numerous Boards and Advisory Councils, some are:

* Face Addiction Now / Otsego Chapter (formerly Families Against Narcotics) - Board President

* Sunrise Centre in Alpena - Board Member

* NMSAS Recovery - Council Member

* Michigan Association of Recovery Community Organizations (MARCO) - Advisory Member

Joyce herself is a certified Recovery Coach. She fervently wishes to raise awareness that Recovery Coaches are available to anyone and at no cost. In

addition, she is a Michigan State Police Angel always available to help educate about inpatient treatment, insurance, file records, and securing drivers licenses to access treatment, counseling, and employment.

Joyce shared a telling story about a man who was successfully treated in an inpatient addiction center thanks to be treated initially with kindness by a police officer. Had it not been for the officer's compassion, the man likely would have been jailed. Thankfully he had inpatient treatment rather than being incarcerated, and he remains appreciative and eager to help others suffering as he did.

Another of her activities is called Recovery N.O.T.E.S. (new opportunities to enjoy sobriety), which is a popular program in which people in recovery get together monthly in Petoskey to enjoy music, art, sculpture, comedy, and

other fun activities.

In Joyce's full-time work with NMORC, she states that their main function is collaboration across all sectors of their work that include prevention, treatment, recovery, workforce, and harm reduction. Joyce is active not only in a board member capacity, and also as a community member who attends city council meetings, and her team works collaboratively with county commissioners to ensure that opioid settlement dollars are spent in areas that were identified as gaps.

While there is help available for those suffering addiction, it is hard to ask for help. Having suffered through addiction herself, Joyce speaks out about her recovery and advocates to help others, and with her passion, energy, commitment, and care, she certainly is!

Joyce Fetrow is a true gift to Northern Michigan! She is always striving to be the person who I wish I had when I was struggling.

Here are a few resources:

- Recovery Coach Services: NMSAS Recovery Center, Community Recovery Alliance, Catholic Human Services and Face Addiction Now
- SAMHSA helpline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- Treatment Centers: Sunrise Centre in Alpena, Harbor Hall in Petoskey, Great Lakes Recovery Center, and Bear River Health in Walloon Lake
- Other Supportive Programs: Michigan State Police Angel Program and Hope not Handcuffs

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US News & World Report Top 100 Schools in Michigan

These schools were ranked in the top 100 in Michigan by US News & World Report

According to U.S. News and World Report, schools are ranked based on their test scores and how they support students from all backgrounds.

Half of the formula assessed the scores themselves and the other half incorporated the test results in the context of socio-economic demographics, according to the methodology page for the rankings.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

#51

Lincoln School

616 Connable Ave. Petoskey, Michigan
#51 in Michigan Elementary Schools
Overall Score 96.65/100
Type: Public
Grades: K-5
Total Enrollment: 226

Overview of Lincoln School

Lincoln School is a public school located in Petoskey, MI, which is in a remote town setting. The student population of Lincoln School is 226 and the school serves K-5. At Lincoln School, 72% of students scored at or above the proficient level for math, and 72% scored at or above that level for reading.

The school's minority student enrollment is 14%. The student-teacher ratio is 16:1, which is better than that of the district.

The student population is made up of 50% female students and 50% male students. The school enrolls 44% economically disadvantaged students. There are 14 equivalent full-time teachers.

At a Glance

Student/Teacher Ratio: 16:1
Math Proficiency: 72%
Reading Proficiency: 72%

#91

Sheridan School

1415 Howard St, Petoskey, Michigan
#91 in Michigan Elementary Schools
Overall Score 93.96/100
Type: Public
Grades: PK-5
Total Enrollment: 269

Overview of Sheridan School

Sheridan School is a public school located in Petoskey, MI, which is in a remote town setting. The student population of Sheridan School is 269 and the school serves PK-5. At Sheridan School, 62% of students scored at or above the proficient level for math, and 67% scored at or above that level for reading.

The school's minority student enrollment is 15%. The student-teacher ratio is 16:1, which is better than that of the district.

The student population is made up of 49% female students and 51% male students. The school enrolls 43% economically disadvantaged students. There are 17 equivalent full-time teachers.

At a Glance

Student/Teacher Ratio: 16:1
Math Proficiency: 62%
Reading Proficiency: 67%

The school's minority student enrollment is 14%. The student-teacher ratio is 16:1, which is better than that of the district.

The student population is made up of 51% female students and 49% male students. The school enrolls 42% economically disadvantaged students. There are 36 equivalent full-time teachers and 2 full-time school counselors.

At a Glance

Student/Teacher Ratio: 16:1
Math Proficiency: 55%
Reading Proficiency: 62%

HIGH SCHOOLS #50

Grayling High School

1135 N Old 27, Grayling, Michigan
#1,585 in National Rankings
Overall Score 91.02/100
Grades 9-12
Enrollment: 452

Overview of Grayling High School

Grayling High School is ranked 50th within Michigan. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Grayling High School is 42%. The total minority enrollment is 8%, and 50% of students are economically disadvantaged. Grayling High School is 1 of 2 high schools in the Crawford Ausable Schools.

Rankings:

Grayling High School is ranked #1,585 in the National Rankings. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. Read more about how we rank the Best High Schools.

All Rankings

#1,585 in National Rankings
#50 in Michigan High Schools

#79

Petoskey High School

1500 Hill St, Petoskey, Michigan
#2,401 in National Rankings
Overall Score 86.4/100
Grades 9-12
Enrollment: 909
Student-Teacher Ratio: 19:1

Overview:

Petoskey High School is ranked 79th within Michigan. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Petoskey High School is 36%. The total minority enrollment is 14%, and 33% of students are economically disadvantaged. Petoskey High School is the only high school in the Public Schools of Petoskey.

Rankings:

Petoskey High School is ranked #2,401 in the National Rankings. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college.

All Rankings

#2,401 in National Rankings
#79 in Michigan High Schools

#81

Charlevoix Middle/High School

5200 Marion Center Rd, Charlevoix, MI
#2,446 in National Rankings
Overall Score 86.15/100
Grades: 7-12
Grades 9-12 Enrollment: 279
Student-Teacher Ratio: 16:1

Overview:

Charlevoix Middle/High School is ranked 81st within Michigan. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Charlevoix Middle/High School is 46%. The total minority enrollment is 14%, and 37% of students are economically disadvantaged. Charlevoix Middle/High School is the only high school in the Charlevoix Public Schools.

2024 Rankings:

Charlevoix Middle/High School is ranked #2,446 in the National Rankings. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college.

All Rankings:

#2,446 in National Rankings
#81 in Michigan High Schools

ASK LAURA

YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

Shaping Habits by Shifting Beliefs

Dear Reader, as we dive deeper into Atomic Habits by James Clear, one of the concepts that struck me profoundly is the idea that creating lasting change starts not with what we do, but with what we believe. At the core of every habit lies our identity—what we believe to be true about ourselves—and unless we shift that belief, we may find ourselves stuck in cycles of self-sabotage.

Take a moment and think about a goal you've set for yourself, whether it's losing weight, becoming more active, or improving your finances. Now ask: What do I actually believe about myself in this area? If you're trying to lose weight but deep down believe you'll always be unhealthy, it's unlikely you'll stick with the habits necessary to make lasting changes. Why? Because your habits will eventually align with your beliefs, even if those beliefs are subconscious.

Clear gives us a powerful reminder: change doesn't start with the "what" — it starts with the "who." If you want to create better eating or exercise habits, it begins with asking yourself, Who am I becoming? and believing in that vision of yourself.

I'll share a personal story: I never considered myself an athlete. I told myself people were either born athletic or they weren't — and I wasn't. But then I read something that completely



Laura Jasurda

reframed my thinking: every human body is designed to move. Every human body has the potential to be athletic. That one idea shifted my belief and allowed me to approach exercise with confidence rather than dread.

Your thoughts shape your habits, and your habits shape your reality. So, take time this week to reflect on the "why" behind the changes you're pursuing. Ask yourself:

- What do I truly believe about myself?
- Who do I want to become?
- How can I align my habits with that identity?

Until next week, remember, transformation begins in the mind and radiates outward.

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. 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.

REAL ESTATE FEATURE



RANCH STYLE HOME IN COUNTRY SETTING NEAR DOWNTOWN EAST JORDAN

BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a ranch style home situated in a country setting just outside of downtown East Jordan.

This two-bedroom, two bath home offers approximately 1,500 square feet of nicely designed living space. Interior highlights include a spacious, open living, dining and kitchen layout...great for family living and for entertaining. Both bedrooms are generously sized, and there is a carport to help protect



vehicles from the elements. A covered front porch and a deck on the side of the home provide great spots to enjoy the outdoors. There are two sheds on the

property for extra storage needs, plus a fenced yard to keep pets safe at home. The location is fantastic; close to downtown, schools, parks and shopping and

just about six miles from Boyne Mountain. What a great starter home or rental income opportunity!

This ranch home in an excellent location is located at 602 Maple in East Jordan and it is listed at \$179,900.

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

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A Short Guide to Real Estate Lingo and Acronyms

PART 1 OF 2

Real estate ads are usually full of acronyms and terms that are unfamiliar to first-time buyers. Here's a cheat sheet to let you in on the lingo.

- 4B/2B -- four bedrooms and two bathrooms.
- "Bedroom" usually means a sleeping area with a window and a closet, but the definition varies in different places. A "full bathroom" is a room with a toilet, a sink and a bathtub.
- A "three-quarter bathroom" has a toilet, a sink and a shower. A "half bathroom" or powder room has only a toilet and a sink.
- assum. fin. -- assumable financing
- closing costs -- the entire package of miscellaneous expenses paid by the buyer and the seller when the real estate deal closes. These costs include the brokerage commission, mortgage-related fees, escrow or attorney's settlement charges, transfer taxes, recording fees, title insurance and so on. Closing costs are generally paid through escrow.
- CMA -- comparative market analysis or competitive market analysis. A CMA is a report that shows prices of homes that are comparable to a subject home and that were recently sold, are currently on the market or

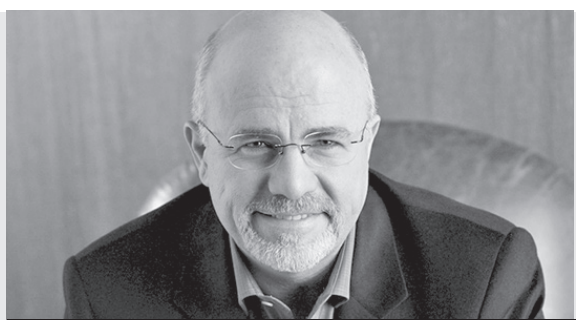
were on the market, but not sold within the listing period.

- contingency -- a provision of an agreement that keeps the agreement from being fully legally binding until a certain condition is met. One example is a buyer's contractual right to obtain a professional home inspection before purchasing the home.
- dk -- deck
- expansion pot'l -- expansion potential mean that there's extra space on the lot or the possibility of adding a room or even an upper level, subject to local zoning restrictions.
- FDR -- formal dining room
- fixture -- anything of value that is permanently attached to or a part of real property. (Real estate is legally called "real property," while movables are called "personal property.") Examples of fixtures include installed wall-to-wall carpeting, light fixtures, window coverings, landscaping and so on. Fixtures are a frequent subject of buyer and seller disputes. When in doubt, get it in writing.
- frplc, fplc, FP -- fireplace
- gar -- garage (garden is usually abbreviated as "gard.")
- gmet kit -- gourmet kitchen



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DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

A Roadmap to Financial Peace

Dear Dave,

A friend told me about your Baby Steps plan, and after years of living paycheck-to-paycheck and running up credit card bills, I'm ready to get control of my finances. I just have one question. Baby Step 1 is saving \$1,000 for a beginner emergency fund. Do you recommend getting current on past due bills before starting Baby Step 1?

—Miles

Dear Miles,

Congratulations! I'm glad to hear you're finally sick and tired of being financially sick and tired.

This is the perfect question for someone in your situation, because it gives me a chance to walk you all the way through the Baby Steps. So, let's go!

First, make sure all your necessities are taken care of. By necessities, I'm talking about food, clothing, shelter, transportation and utilities. Then, get current on anything you owe, or make payment arrangements for past due bills. After you've done this, it's time to take your very first Baby Step.

You've already mentioned getting \$1,000 in the bank for a starter emergency fund. That's Baby Step 1. After that comes your debt snowball, which is Baby Step 2. Here, you'll pay off all your debts from smallest to largest—except your home. Attack the first balance on your list by paying as much as you can each month, while making minimum payments on the other debts. When you've paid off the first one, add what you were paying on it to the payment on your

next debt and start attacking it. As the snowball continues to roll over, you're picking up more and more money to apply to your debts.

In Baby Step 3, you'll save money and increase your emergency fund from \$1,000 to a full three to six months of expenses. You're going to be surprised how fast you can save money when your income isn't flying out the door to pay off debt every month.

Now, it's time to really start looking toward the future. In Baby Step 4, start investing 15 percent of your income for retirement. College funding is next in Baby Step 5 for any kids you have, or plan on having one day. And here's a big one. Baby Step 6 is where you pay off your home early. How great will that feel?

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Make it happen, Miles. You can do this!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Grantees Named for the 2024-2025 10 Cents a Meal Program Year for Michigan's Kids and Farms

251 grantees have been awarded 10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms funding for the 2024-2025 program year. The state-funded program provides schools, early care and education centers, and other organizations participating in USDA Child Nutrition programs with grant funds to pay for Michigan-grown food item costs, local food transportation fees, and food service labor expenses to strengthen the local food supply chain and enrich nutrition and educational experiences for children in Michigan.

This year's grantees span 64 counties across Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas, with an anticipated reach of approximately 600,000 children. The \$4.5 million in funding for the 10 Cents a Meal program is among a number of investments included in Michigan's FY 2025 budget that support feeding children in schools and Michigan's agriculture industry. 10 Cents a Meal complements the Michigan School Meals program that provides free breakfast and lunch to all K-12 students in public schools, by providing financial support for food program operators to purchase high quality, Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and dry

beans that are used in meals and snacks served as part of USDA Child Nutrition Programs.

School districts in our area that will receive the grant include Alcona Community Schools, Alpena Public Schools, Boyne Falls Public School District, Central Lake Public Schools, Cheboygan Area Schools, East Jordan Public Schools, Elk Rapids Schools, Ellsworth Community School, Harbor Springs School District, Hillman Community Schools, Houghton Lake Community Schools, Inland Lakes Schools, Mancelona Public Schools, Pellston Public Schools, Public Schools of Petoskey, Traverse City Area Public Schools, Vanderbilt Area Schools.

New for the 2024-2025 program year is a provision that allows up to 25% of the grant award to be spent on food transportation and labor costs associated with implementing the program. This provision aims to support program operators and their staff through financial means as they navigate challenges associated with sourcing and serving more local food as a part of their foodservice operation. Examples of allowable uses of these funds include labor costs related to food preparation and record-

keeping and transportation costs related to the delivery of food from suppliers or mileage costs for staff to transport food.

The MDE Farm to Program team shared the following statement via email. "We are hopeful that the expansion of allowable costs for this grant will give grantees the funding support that they need to seek out new suppliers, find better delivery solutions, and improve their capacity to cook from scratch. We are excited to pay for expenses such as delivery fees from farmers and other local businesses, mileage costs from staff picking up local foods, and staff time spent growing, harvesting, transporting, preparing, and cooking Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and dry beans. These new options are driven by feedback that we have consistently received from grantees in their required reporting surveys."

This most recent allowance in the program is among a variety of improvements and expansions the program has undergone over the past few years. Examples such as the inclusion of non-school sponsors of USDA Child Nutrition Programs, and allowing funds to be spent on foods used to support farm to school activities such as taste tests or school wide events like the Michigan Apple Crunch, exemplify how the program continues to grow and adjust as it matures.

The program is administered in collaboration between the Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities, and MSU Center for Regional Food Systems.

For more information visit www.tencentsmichigan.org

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Weekly Choice County News

PET OF THE WEEK

PALLO



Hello! My name is Pallo, pronounced PAH-Low, and I am quite pleased to make your acquaintance! I love people, but I may be stand-offish at first. I only really know how to sit, but I'm great on walks (which I love) and I will sit at the door and wait for you. I'm not much for playing ball, but I'll let you pet me until your heart's content and will lean in to get all the love you can give. I don't get along with other dogs, and I'd like to have all the attention for myself. Cats intrigue me, but I haven't really had a chance to be one-on-one with any. I do pull a tiny bit on my leash, but with a little patience I promise I'll be a very good boy on a walk. Give me a chance and I'm sure I'll make you proud!



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The lost, the found, the truth about Christmas

BY MIKE DUNN

The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. We learn about this in the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.

The angel informed Joseph that the baby in the womb of Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit and she was bearing the promised Messiah. Verse 21 of the chapter underscores the significance of the birth of the Savior and also the mission of the Messiah.

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

The name Jesus means “God saves” and this reality is often overlooked in the bustle of the Christmas season, even though it is the very reason for Christmas. The most famous verse of the Bible is John 3:16 which reminds us that God “gave his only begotten son” for the purpose of providing eternal life.



Mike Dunn

Jesus himself said He came “to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

The true meaning of Christmas is lost on us until we come to the understanding that we are in need of being “found” by Jesus the Good Shepherd, the Son of God. The truth is that we are indeed lost without Him. Jesus came to this world, God became man, because we desperately needed a Savior.

John Newton came to the realization of his sinful state through dire circumstances. As a young captain of a ship involved in the slave trade, he had drowned out the voice of his conscience and his heart was growing harder and harder.

He was 23 years old on March 10, 1748 when his

ship was in imminent peril of sinking off the coast of Newfoundland. There appeared to be no hope for him or his crew or the slaves being transported in the vessel. Newton cried out to God for mercy and received it, much to his surprise. The near shipwreck changed the course of John Newton’s life as he pondered how God had saved him, as undeserving as he knew he was.

Newton became a staunch reformer after Jesus transformed him and worked the rest of his life, often with William Wilberforce of the British Parliament, to abolish the slave trade.

Newton was very mindful of all that God had delivered him from. He later wrote the familiar words to the hymn “Amazing Grace” that include this testimony: Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

Until we, like Newton, come to the realization

that we were born with a sin nature and are slaves to that nature without any possible way of breaking the chains of our slavery and escaping the righteous judgment for our sins after we die, the true impact of the Savior’s birth in Bethlehem is lost on us.

Until we come to the realization that we desperately need to be rescued from our sinful state, the true meaning of Christmas is veiled to us.

Newton was also able to write, “I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.”

Those of us who turn to Jesus for mercy share the very same testimony as Newton. We also have cried out for the forgiveness of sins that only Jesus offers, for the eternal life that only He can provide. We have experienced in our hearts the reality that “God saves” and we can’t help but marvel when we consider what Christmas truly means for those with eyes to see.

The Gift of Boundaries

BY ALISON NEIHARDT



Alison Neihardt

There is one gift that should be on everyone’s Christmas list this year, the gift of boundaries. This is a gift that is helpful all year round, but even more so over the holiday season.

Setting boundaries is not an easy thing for many of us. We want people to like us or to feel like we belong. While that is nice in theory, we can only do so much mentally and physically. We only have so much time and resources we can do for others before we are beyond exhausted ourselves.

It is okay to say “no” to others. It is okay to say that you are not able to do everything for everyone. You need to have time for yourself as well. You don’t have to buy every gift or go to every holiday party. It is okay to rest in this season of busyness.

As a parent, also help your child set boundaries as well. For some kids, the holiday season can be very difficult. Especially for kids who get pulled in so many directions because have all the family holiday celebrations. When kids split their time between parents’ homes during the holidays it can feel like chaos. They get shuffled everywhere and really don’t get a chance to relax either.

Kids routines get disrupted, and they are tired from all the extra running around. It is okay to just stay home and enjoy being home as a family. This is a time to create your own family memories and

traditions. Stay home and make cookies. Watch all the Christmas movies you can! Make it fun for you and your kids.

Boundaries are important not only for adults but kids too. Our mental health is so important and one of the best ways to keep ourselves healthy mentally is to have clear boundaries and try not to worry about what others may think about us. While the Christmas season can be a very fun and wonderful time, it can also be very stressful.

This is why setting appropriate boundaries is so important.

Setting boundaries is not always easy, but very needed. We all need to all remember what the Christmas holiday is really about, Jesus. During Christmas we need to focus on Jesus’s birth and what that meant for all of us. Don’t worry about all the busyness going on and focus on Him and why we celebrate Merry Christmas!

Alison Neihardt is a counselor with her own private practice Helping Kids Counseling Services located in Kalkaska. Please feel free to reach out to her at hkupnorth@gmail.com

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EAST JORDAN JUBILEE OF TREES FOR 501 C3'S POSTPONED UNTIL DECEMBER 12

Jubilee of Trees for 501 C3's & Holiday Business after Hours has been postponed until Thursday, December 12th - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM at The Boathouse. You now have an extra week to get your "Ugly Sweaters" ready for the event. Thursday, December 12 at the Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix. We still have room for 7 decorated Christmas Trees and 2 Gift Baskets. If you would like to donate a 1' - 4' Decorated Christmas Tree or a Gift Basket for the event please contact Shannon at the Chamber Office - 231-536-7351

How the event works:

- Anyone can donate a tree or basket (business, individuals, clubs, church's, organizations).
- Trees & baskets will be auctioned off (silent auction).
- Winner of the trees & baskets will then choose from a list of Chamber Member 501 C3 organizations to donate their bid money to.
- Winner of the tree or basket gets to take home the tree or basket.

The event will also include the Holiday Business after Hours. Proudly Sponsored by EJ. Donations will be accepted at the door to be divided between East Jordan Care & Share Food Pantry & Ellsworth's Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Food, Christmas Joy, Networking and Fun

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 CANDELIGHT

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents Messiah by Candlelight. Join us on Thursday, December 12th & 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. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus and guest soloists (graduate students in vocal performance at Michigan State University) led by Chorus Master 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. Tickets from \$35 - \$65 are available at www.glcorchestra.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.

ELLSWORTH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Banks Township Hall, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, December 14th. Free breakfast, photos with Santa, and gifts for children. Sponsored by the Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club

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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING EVENTS

Please join us for our fun and special celebrations. Week of December 16 - 20, Special Holiday Spirit Week Daily Fun December 20 - Christmas Celebration December 24, 25, & 31 - All COA Senior Centers and COA Offices are CLOSED

PETOSKEY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Join us for a special holiday concert with the Petoskey High School Madrigal Singers Dec. 17 from 6:30 - 8pm at the Charlevoix Library, 220 Clinton St. 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.

ELLSWORTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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

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EAST JORDAN VISIT SANTA WITH FREE COOKIES & HOT COCOA

Join us at the Jordan Inn on December 14th, and 21st from 3 PM to 6 PM for free cookies and hot cocoa. And, of course, snap a pic with Santa. While you're here, pick up your perfect Christmas tree from the Lions Club of East Jordan.

CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, December 23, 11:30 am - 5:30 pm at Charlevoix Elks Club community room, 12735 US 31 N

EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

East Jordan Lion's Club will be selling Christmas Trees from 3 - 6 pm every day 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.

BAY HARBOR SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

On January 18, Great Lakes Center for the Arts, in partnership with Great Start Collaborative, welcomes Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia as they present a live, puppet-based performance of Margaret Wise Brown's children's classics "Good-night Moon and The Runaway Bunny." Great Lakes Center for the Arts proudly offers the community two opportunities to experience this thoughtfully designed show at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

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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. Some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albies Foods, Gaylor Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. Call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com

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

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Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Raven Baker

Grade: 5th Grade

Parent's Name(s): Michael and Jessica Baker

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

Raven would like to be a hairstylist when she grows up.

Favorite Book: Box Car Children Series

Hobbies and Interests: Raven enjoys spending time outside and playing catch with her baseball glove. She also enjoys playing tag with her cat, Granola.

School Activities: She participated in the Elementary Cross Country Team and enjoys gym class.

Staff Comments: It has been a joy having Raven in my classroom! She greets me at the classroom door with a hello and smile every day. Raven works diligently in each of our subject areas by volunteering to answer questions, doing her best work on every assignment, and turning assignments in on time. Raven has shown me that even when things are tough and not going the way she would like it to go, she doesn't give up and tries to stay positive about the situation! She is joyful and funny, which brings a smile to my face every day. Congratulations, Raven on being the Student of the Week!

Submitted By: Mrs. Jennings



ECS Middle/High School

LANCER OF THE WEEK



Gracie Meier

Gracie Meier is our November Lancer Exemplar!

We are thrilled to announce that Gracie is being honored as our November Lancer Exemplar! Gracie always has a smile on her face and a word of encouragement to her fellow classmates as she demonstrates our Lancer Values: Value Safety, Value Others, and Value Self. She is a great leader in her third grade classroom!

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

athletes of the week



**East Jordan Red Devils
2013-14 Boys Basketball Team**

The 2023-24 Red Devils Boys Basketball team received a special visit by the 2013-14 boys squad that advanced all the way to the Class C quarterfinals. The current group of players enjoyed a dinner with the 2013-14 players who made it to town, and then went out and crushed Ski Valley Conference rival over Central Lake 51-25 in a spirited home and season opener.



June Kirkpatrick
East Jordan
Red Devils Basketball

In the Red Devils opening game of the season, June Kirkpatrick had 38 points in a 60-9 blowout win over Forest Area Monday night. June made seven 3-point shots. She was hot!

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ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL DREAM TEAM



PLAYER OF THE YEAR - AYLA KEMP, CHARLEVOIX
COACH OF THE YEAR – ANNABELLE SEELYE, BOYNE CITY

BY DAVE BARAGREY

PLAYER OF THE YEAR **Ayka Kemp**

While only a sophomore, Ayka reached the magical mark of 1,000 digs in just her second year of playing varsity volleyball. She was named co-captain of the Rayder volleyball team and shows great leadership skills. Besides being a great young athlete, she focuses on the positive concepts and suggestions the girls can apply when they walk back on the court for the next play.

COACH OF THE YEAR **Annabelle Seelye**

Coach Seelye led the Ramblers volleyball team to an outstanding 34-12-4 record this year and made it to the District final falling in 4 sets to the Kingsley Stags that made it to the State Semi-Finals. The Stags had a season record of 43-13-2

BOYNE CITY – 34-12-4. Coach - Annabelle Seelye
EAST JORDAN – 14-12-4. Coach Laura Snyder
BOYNE FALLS – 9-14-0. Coach Sheryl Main
CHARLEVOIX - 9-25-4. Coach Audra Randall
ELLSWORTH – 2-20-1. Coach Denise Richards

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ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL DREAM TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Ayla Kemp

Sophomore, Charlevoix Rayders

2 year varsity player, co-captain, and libero. Coach Randall is excited for the next 2 years of growth, success and fun that the Rayders look forward to. Ayla is really a good natured kid that has great athleticism and a desire to grow and learn. A fun combination to coach and she also has a great ability to communicate to her teammates during matches in calm productive manner. Coach Randall said, "I enjoy when I have a leader like Ayla in practices, and in matches."

This year Ayla enjoys the honors of All-Conference 1st team, All-Region and All-State Team Academic. Athletic and smart, competitive and a team player.

This season she had 672 digs. She reached a 1000 career digs in the District Final this season and is only a sophomore. Ayla also had 55 aces, and 862 good serve receive receptions. She was the main receiver on the court and really gave the Rayders many opportunities for the offense to swing at the net with her outstanding defense and receiving.

Elly Wilcox

Senior, Boyne City

3 years on varsity. 1st team all-conference, All-Region. The all around outside hitter ended the season with 462 digs, reaching her 1,000 career dig this season, 250 kills, 27 aces, and 19 blocks. Her leadership, motivation, and knowledge of the court are going to be missed by this program.

Elly was named First Team to the Charlevoix County News Dream Team in 2023.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

AYLA KEMP

Sophomore - Charlevoix Rayders

Ameilia Dunstan

Senior, Boyne City

Middle hitter. 1st team All-Conference. Ended the season with 220 kills, 33 blocks, 102 digs, 51 aces, and 94% serving.

Ameilia's power at the net is something you don't come by with every athlete.

Lily Snyder

Junior, East Jordan

Middle hitter. 209 kills, 28 blocks, 129 digs, 55 aces with 93.3% serving. Lily contributes a great deal to the success of the team. She really improved her offensive game a lot during this season. She led the team in kills and nearly doubled her numbers from last season. Her athleticism, solid skills in every aspect of the

game and her understanding of the game make her stand out as a volleyball player. Coach Snyder said, "I am excited to see what she is able to accomplish next season in her senior year."

Jo Kirkpatrick

Sophomore, East Jordan

Setter. 268 digs, 399 assists, 55 kills, 53 aces on 93% serving.

Jo contributed a great deal to the team this year. She did a majority of the setting this year and is also a great passer and strong server. She learns quickly and is very focused. I foresee her continuing to develop and gain confidence in her next couple years of volleyball, which will be really fun to see.



ELLY WILCOX

Senior - Boyne City



LILY SNYDER

Junior - East Jordan



AMEILIA DUNSTAN

Senior - Boyne City



JO KIRKPATRICK

Sophomore - East Jordan

SECOND TEAM

Lily Payton

Freshman, Boyne City

Setter. All Conference Honorable Mention, All-Region.

Starting in every single set this season and playing all the way around, this freshman setter ended her first high school season with an impressive 728 assists, 254 digs, and 48 aces along with going 98% from the service line. This athlete has a lot to look forward to in her career.

Mackenzie Smith

Senior, Boyne Falls

First team all-conference, 79 kills, 27 aces and a 95% serving percentage. A versatile player, aggressive server and dependable on the court.

Sydney Guerriero

Junior, East Jordan

DS/RH. 266 digs, 88 assists, 75 kills, 56 aces on 94% serving.

Sydney showed great improvement this season, especially defensively. She is a very strong player and can contribute both defensively and offensively.

Jaslyn Blanton

Sophomore, Charlevoix

First year varsity player, full rotation-setter/hitter. Jaslyn is another athlete whom is a very

important part of the Rayders team. She gives the team stability on the court and know that Jaslyn can work thru challenges on the court and really be a catalyst to turn a match around. She had a great postseason hitting with 27 kills and a season total of 238 kills. She shared duties with setting, running a 6-2. She had 327 assists, and 217 digs defensively. She also was impressive at the serve line with 82 aces.

Jaslyn earned All-Conference 2nd team, All Region and All-State Team Academic.

Olivia Pineda-Andersen

Sophomore, Boyne Falls

Second team all-conference, 51 kills, 36 aces and 51 blocks.

A hard working tri-captain who was the voice of the team, our most improved hitter/blocker and leader in aces.

Josie Wilson

Senior, Boyne City

Outside hitter, 2nd Team all-conference. Ended the season with 297 kills, 32 aces, and 191 digs.

Coach Seelye said, "Josie is the heart of the court. You can always catch her smiling and that is something we will miss."



LILY PAYTON

Freshman - Boyne City



MACKENZIE SMITH

Senior - Boyne Falls



SYDNEY GUERRIERO

Junior - East Jordan



JASLYN BLANTON

Sophomore - Charlevoix



OLIVIA PINEDA-ANDERSEN

Sophomore - Boyne Falls



JOSIE WILSON

Senior - Boyne City



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Rambler Varsity Basketball Programs to Play at Little Caesars Arena on January 2nd

JANUARY 1
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JANUARY 2
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WRESTLING



CHARLEVOIX VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM

Rayders place 3rd in 22 team tournament

Last weekend the Charlevoix Varsity Wrestling Team competed in Manton's Annual Individual Wrestling Invitational. The team took third place in the twenty-two team tournament despite having four open weight classes. Individual results were as follows:

Varsity A

Kalen Titus, Freshman, 132 lbs. – 3 and 1, 2nd Place
Max Reynolds, Junior, 138 lbs. – 2 and 3, 4th Place
Collin Jess, Freshman, 150 lbs. – 4 and 1, 2nd Place
Brady Warchol, Senior, 175 lbs. – 3 and 1, 1st Place
Ryan Glass, Sophomore, 190 lbs. – 2 and 2, 3rd Place
Sawyer Blaszczyk, Junior, 215 lbs. – 5 and 0, 1st Place
Connor Ortiz, Senior, Hwt., - 3 and 1, 1st Place

Girls Varsity A

Eva Noirot, Freshman, 115 lbs. – 2 and 2, 3rd Place
Kate Matter, Sophomore, 145 lbs. – 2 and 2, 3rd Place
Lauralee Rhode, Freshman, 155 lbs. – 0 and 4

Varsity B

Huntley Thorson, Freshman, 126 lbs. – 2 and 2
Jakob Simons, Freshman, 132 lbs. – 1 and 3
Parker Grubb, Freshman, 157 lbs. – 1 and 3
Phat Nguyen, Freshman, 215 lbs. – 3 and 1

Varsity C

Raigan Swadling, Freshman, 132 lbs. – 4 and 1, 2nd Place

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES ASSN.

ALL REGION FIRST TEAM DIVISION 3	DIVISION 8
Bradley Flynn Senior OL Petoskey	Brenden Aenis Senior OL East Jordan
Zachary Cowper Senior OL Gaylord	William Webb Sophomore WR East Jordan
Seth Marek Senior WR Petoskey	Logan Shooks Senior RB East Jordan
Korbin Sulitis Senior QB Petoskey	Korbyn Russell Senior QB East Jordan
Keaton Abraham Senior DL Gaylord	Owen Chappiues Senior DL East Jordan
Logan Lahaie Senior LB Petoskey	Coen Burks Senior LB East Jordan
Haden Janes Senior DB Petoskey	Max Beal Junior DB East Jordan
Mason Fralick Senior DB Petoskey	
DIVISION 5	8 PLAYER DIVISION 1
Luke Munger Senior OL Cheboygan	Landon Galea WR Senior Atlanta
Luke Munger Senior DL Cheboygan	Andre Bradford RB Junior Indian River Inland Lakes
DIVISION 6	DJ Buhr DL Senior Indian River Inland Lakes
Zack Herrick Senior OL Boyne City	Wyatt Hanel DB Junior Indian River Inland Lakes
Gavin Cvitkovich Senior OL Grayling	Aidan Fenstermaker ATHLETE Senior Indian River Inland Lakes
Owen Hewitt Junior WR Boyne City	
Ryan Spate Senior RB Boyne City	8 PLAYER DIVISION 2
Ryan Chapp Senior DL Boyne City	Jamison Cooper TE/WR Senior Mio-AuSable
Xavier White Senior DL Grayling	Eli Chojnacki LB Senior Posen
Thomas Ager Junior LB Boyne City	Drake Koepek DB Senior Bellaire
Jaden Alger Senior DB Boyne City	Danny Mikus ATHLETE Senior Mio-AuSable
Corbin Allen Senior ATHLETE Grayling	
DIVISION 7	
Hunter Lemerand Senior OL Charlevoix	
Logan Wadkins Senior WR Charlevoix	
Sawyer Blaszczyk Junior DL Charlevoix	
Brady Warchol Senior LB Charlevoix	

MICHIGAN VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSN. ALL REGION VOLLEYBALL

REGION 3					
Name	School	Grade	Division	Position	Height
Madelynn Cameron	Alpena	10th	1	MH	5'10"
Aubrey Jones	Gaylord	12th	1	MH	5'9"
Ava Wells	Gaylord	12th	1	OH	5'1"
Alison Bailey	Petoskey	12th	1	L	5'5"
Caitlyn Matelski	Petoskey	12th	1	RS	5'11"
Katie Parker	Petoskey	11th	1	S	5'4"
Brynn Jonker	Petoskey	12th	1	MH	6'1"
Addison McDonald	Gaylord	11th	1	OH	5'8"
Lily Payton	Boyne City	9th	2	S	5'6"
Elly Wilcox	Boyne City	12th	2	OH	5'8"
Presley Chamberlain	Cheboygan	11th	2	L	5'0"
Tessa Lake	Cheboygan	11th	2	MH	5'8"
Ayla Kemp	Charlevoix	10th	3	L	5'4"
Jaslyn Blanton	Charlevoix	10th	3	S	5'6"
Gimiwanokwe Keller	Harbor Springs	12th	3	MH	5'10"
Peyton Frost	Harbor Springs	11th	3	DS	5'5"
Madison Peppin	Johannesburg-Lewiston	10th	3	MH	5'10"
Alexis Hogle	Johannesburg-Lewiston	11th	3	S	5'6"
Jenna Stubbs	Inland Lakes	11th	3	MH	5'8"
Chloe Robinson	Inland Lakes	11th	3	OH	5'10"
Brooklyn LaBrecque	Inland Lakes	12th	3	OH	5'9"
Anna Zielinski	Harbor Light Christian	12th	4	OH	5'8"
Gretchen Weiland	Hillman	11th	4	MH	5'10"
Kerry-Ann Ming	Mackinaw City	11th	4	OH	5'8"
Ema DeMaestri	Onaway	12th	4	MH	5'7"
Ella Lintz	Onaway	11th	4	OH	5'6"
Sadie Decker	Onaway	12th	4	OH	5'8"
Grace Watson	Onaway	12th	4	S	5'9"
Lanie Irwin	Pellston	11th	4	OH	5'6"
Molly Ogden	Harbor Light Christian	12th	4	S	5'6"
Breanna Willis	Pellston	11th	4	S	5'5"
Haleigh Bohn	Pellston	12th	4	L	5'3"

ALL STATE SOCCER

All State Soccer - Division 3

HONORABLE MENTION			
Yurek, Finn	Petoskey	Midfield	12
Supiran, Jack	Alpena	Midfield	12

All State Soccer - Division 3

3RD TEAM			
Moore, Alex	Grayling	Midfield	11
HONORABLE MENTION			
Barnett, Gibsen	Grayling	Midfield	12
Cobb, Brody	Grayling	Midfield	11

All State Soccer - Division 4

1ST TEAM			
Juneau, Henry	Harbor Springs	Forward	10
HONORABLE MENTION			
Warren, Joe	Harbor Springs	Defender	12
Novak, Ryan	Harbor Springs	Midfield	11

Addition of Girls Wrestling Team Championship Highlights Changes as Winter 2024-25 Sports Begin

EAST LANSING – With the first wrestling matches of the 2024-25 season taking place Wednesday, and the first girls and boys skiing and Lower Peninsula boys swimming & diving meets able to be scheduled for this weekend, teams will be competing in all 13 winter sports for which the Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors postseason tournaments.

Those sports are or will soon join competition already underway in girls and boys basketball, girls and boys bowling, girls competitive cheer, girls gymnastics, boys ice hockey, and Upper Peninsula girls and boys swimming & diving.

This season, for the first time, an MHSAA Finals



team championship will be awarded in girls wrestling. After first introducing a girls championship bracket to the Individual Wrestling Finals for the 2021-22 season, the MHSAA will honor its first team championship based on those individual finishes. The format will be similar to how MHSAA team championships were awarded for boys wrestling prior to the creation of the dual format Team Finals with the 1987-88 season.

Also on the wrestling mat, a competition rule change alters the penalty

for using a wrestler at an ineligible weight class – dependent on when the ineligible wrestler is discovered.

Beginning this season, the use of an ineligible wrestler – if discovered during the involved match – will result in six team points being awarded to the opponent, plus the head coach of the team with the ineligible wrestler will be assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty resulting in a one-point team score deduction. If the ineligible wrestler is discovered after the involved match, any points earned by the offending wrestler will be removed from the team score, along with the point for unsportsmanlike conduct, and six points will be added

to the offended team's total. In both instances, neither wrestler involved in the match in question may compete again in that dual. If the ineligible wrestler is discovered after the dual is completed, the teams have left the mat area and the scorebook has been signed by the official, the results and team score will stand.

A pair of wrestling playing rules changes also will be immediately noticeable. The number of match points awarded for a takedown was increased from two to three. Also, near-fall points will now be awarded based on the number of seconds during which the near-fall criteria are met – beginning with two points for two seconds, up to four points

for four seconds.

Postseasons for basketball and bowling also will incorporate slight changes. In basketball, entire District brackets will be seeded for the first time, instead of the previous top two teams receiving seeds only. Michigan Power Ratings (MPR) data will still be used to seed those full brackets. In bowling, Regionals may now take place as early in the week as Wednesday and Thursday, as long as the Team and Singles competitions are competed on consecutive days. Previously, those were competed only on Fridays and Saturdays, respectively.

The 2024-25 Winter campaign culminates with postseason tournaments, as

the championship schedule begins with the Upper Peninsula Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Finals on Feb. 15 and wraps up with the Girls Basketball Finals on March 22.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rayders Face tough schedule in new Northern Shores Conference

BY GREG GIELCZYK

CHARLEVOIX – Every coach knows the importance of looking toward the future even in the present, and that’s what Charlevoix girls basketball coach Reece Koepke is doing with three sophomores and a freshman on this year’s varsity roster.

He has 12 players total, with five seniors the Rayders will lean on for leadership on and off the floor this year.

Key among the returning players is Emma Meadows, who can knock down the 3-pointer from deep and plays good defense. Koepke says she’s long and lanky, with a long wingspan.

Another senior, Sarah Wyglendowski is the Rayders center and their anchor down low blocking shots and rebounding, a big presence down in the post.

Senior guard Dana Brown will handle the ball up top, and is a solid defensive player with good scoring ability. Coach Koepke calls her a “Swiss Army knife.”

Ayla Kemp will start at point guard as a sophomore. The younger sister of former point guard Anna Kemp, and Koepke says she has a lot of her sister in her. “She’s just made for handling that kind of pressure,” the coach said. “They’re



Emma Meadows brings the ball up court. In Motion Images.

pretty much one and the same person. She can take care of the ball well, getting everybody calmed down and get us in the offense. Kind of like a coach out on the court.”

Taryn Carey is another sophomore who is expected to provide key minutes off the bench in a reserve role, and spell Wyglendowski at center. “She plays hard, she rebounds, and playing good defense,” Koepke says.

Koepke also expects a lot out of freshman guard Maggie Sheaffer, who handles the ball well and isn’t afraid of the moment. She knows the game well.

Rounding out the roster are seniors Brooklyn Schwenke and Kristy Cordova; juniors Hanna Miller, Cordelia Cunningham and Nae Carlson, and sopho-



Ayla Kemp looks for an open teammate. In Motion Images.

more Addison Shearer.

The Rayders finished 14-10 overall and were third in their final season in the Lake Michigan Conference at 8-6. Charlevoix lost to Elk Rapids in the district finals.

Charlevoix is part of the newly formed Northern Shores Conference with Grayling, Harbor Springs, Elk Rapids, Boyne City, Cheboygan, Kalkaska and Kingsley.

“We lost seven seniors,

so I’m trying to replace some here and there,” Koepke said. “I think we have a good group here. They’re obviously young, and lack experience. It’ll be a good developing year for us.”

“Harbor Springs will be a tough out in the new conference, Elk Rapids should be tough and Boyne City has players coming back. I think every game I figure every game is going to be a tough game in that league.”

BOYS BASKETBALL

Former Red Devils motivate the Boys

2013-14 boys squad that advanced to the Class C quarterfinals spent time with this year’s Red Devil squad for home opener

BY GREG GIELCZYK

EAST JORDAN – Coaches are always looking for ways to inspire their team, whether it’s through a motivational speech or some other avenue.

Sometimes, they’ll enlist the services of a former star player from the past to talk to the team before they leave the locker room for pre-game warmups.

But when this year’s team prepared to tip off the 2024-25 season last week they received a special visit by the 2013-14 boys squad that advanced all the way to the Class C quarterfinals.

The current group of players enjoyed a dinner with the 2013-14 players who made it to town, and



William Webb



Max Beal

then went out and crushed Ski Valley Conference rival over Central Lake in a spirited home and season opener.

“It was a great couple of days,” Red Devils coach Nate Dzwik said. “Besides the dinner, the former players came in and talked

to the current team. “They talked about the legacy of that team, and what it takes



Brenden Aenis



Ellis Malpass

to be that successful. We’re really grateful to them for making it back for the celebration.”

East Jordan dominated the Trojans from start to finish, blasting out to a 16-3 first quarter lead and then going into the locker room with a

27-10 cushion at halftime. William Webb led the way for the Red Devils,

scoring 12 points and picking off five steals. Max Beal contributed 11 points and claimed six rebounds. Brenden Aenis added eight points and four rebounds, while Ellis Malpass tossed in nine points.

“I was really pleased with our game tonight,” said Dzwik. “We had a big lead early and rotated a lot of kids in throughout the game. We did a great job in stretches of controlling the glass and limiting what they wanted to do.”

“We talked imposing our will, and in stretches I thought we did that really well.”

East Jordan was scheduled to travel to Mancelona for another league game Tuesday night.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

June Kirkpatrick has career night with 38 points

BY GREG GIELCZYK

FIFE LAKE – June Kirkpatrick held a very hot hand for the East Jordan girls basketball team in the Red Devils season and Ski Valley Conference opener on the road Monday night.

Kirkpatrick wheeled and dealed, scorching the Forest Area squad for a career-high 38 points in leading the Red Devils to a lopsided 60-9 victory over the Warriors.

Kirkpatrick heated things up from deep as well, finding the range from beyond the 3-point line early and often, burying seven shots from long range.

It didn’t leave much for anyone else, but the Red Devils still had enough balance from the rest of the team as JoJo Kirkpatrick, Lily Pinney and Lily Snyder contributed six points apiece. The Red Devils had 10 triples overall on the night.



June Kirkpatrick

June Kirkpatrick scored most of her points in the first half.

“We were active defensively, and June’s teammates did a great job getting her the ball as hot as she was,” said Red Devils coach Tim Smith.

East Jordan was scheduled to make its home debut Wednesday hosting Bellaire.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ellsworth Girls just miss upset of Bellaire

BY BOB DELONG

The Lady Lancers varsity basketball team almost pulled off a huge upset last week against the Eagles on Bellaire’s home court. Ellsworth led for most of the first three quarters before coming up just short in the final quarter, dropping a heart breaking 40-37 decision.

Ellsworth head coach Nick Hopp had to be happy with his girl’s performance to say the least. In their opening night contest with their belt, the Lancers were dominated by Gaylord St. Mary last week before losing 69-21. “We gave it our all, and we had only five girls and ran out of gas, give Bellaire credit, they did what they needed to do to close it out,” concluded Hopp.

Bella Essenberg had four points in the first frame, and she two huge threes in the second quarter to lead the Lancers to a 10-9 advantage after one and a 20-15 lead at halftime.

Essenberg scored six more points in the third stanza and Kyle Fuller,



Bella Essenberg

Ruby Pletcher and Hannah Essenberg also had baskets to keep Ellsworth in front, 33-30, with

only eight minutes remaining in the game.

The Eagles outscored the Lancers 10-4 in the decisive final frame. Brooklyn Fischer led Bellaire with 10 points, Addy Patton had nine points and six boards and Brooklynn Steven had eight points for the home team.

Essenberg scored a game high 18 points for Ellsworth, (16 through three quarters), to lead the Lancers in scoring. Pletcher had seven points, Fuller scored six, Hannah Essenberg four and Nora Puroll added two points.

Ellsworth returns to Northern Lakes Conference play this week on Friday as they travel to Harbor Light Christian and their beautiful new gym in Harbor Springs.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ellsworth’s rally falls short vs Harbor Light

BY BOB DELONG

Ellsworth has had an up and down year so far this season to say the least. They split a pair of non-conference games vs Ski Valley members Central Lake, (a 78-52 win), and a very good Bellaire squad, (a 47-33 loss), coming into their first Northern Lakes Conference contest.

Monday night, the Lancers had a three-point second quarter that doomed them against the Swordsmen at Harbor Light Christian, and they suffered a 74-53 setback.

The game was a back-



Evincio LaCount



Ezra Wallis

by Swordsmen Landon Jakeway. Then came the

and-forth contest over the first eight minutes with Harbor Light taking a slim 17-14 lead at the first quarter break. A pair of big threes by Ben Strange kept Ellsworth in the game offsetting eight points

second stanza.

The Lancers managed no field goals and just three made three throws that allowed and Harbor Light scored 18 points to take a 35-17 advantage at intermission.

The Lancers made a nice rally in the third quarter, as they outscored the Swordsmen 22-14 to narrow the gap to just 10 at 49-39 thanks to a pair of threes by Jakob Pahler and one each by Ezra Wallis and Evincio LaCount.

In the final frame, Ellsworth had to gamble and Harbor Light took advantage and they eventually

pulled away to the 21-point victory.

Lacount led three Lancers who scored in double digits with 14 points and six rebounds; Wallis had 13 points; Pahler scored 10 points; Strange had seven points, 11 rebounds and three blocks; Cam Snyder had four points; both Skyler Seaney and Josiah Chellis two points and Jack Puroll made a free throw.

Ellsworth hosts Buckley, (1-1), this Tuesday and the Lancers return to league play next Monday when Boyne Falls comes to town who have yet to play a game this season.

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MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION 2024 ALL STATE DIVISION 3

FIRST TEAM					
Region	Name	School	Grade	Position	Height
1	Madelyn Torola	Calumet	12th	RS	6'0"
1	Allison Bjorn	Calumet	12th	OH	5'11"
4	Avery Nance	Traverse City St. Francis	12th	L	5'4"
6	Navea Gauthier	Shelby	12th	OH	6'1"
9	Shelby Ignash	Cass City	12th	MH	6'1"
11	Annelise de Jong	Kalamazoo Christian	12th	OH	6'0"
12	Aleah Brackett	Bronson	11th	S (6-2)	5'8"
12	Aubree Calloway	Bronson	12th	MH	6'0"
13	Kaylee Kranz	Clinton	12th	OH	5'11"
14	Jessica Costlow	Saint Mary Catholic Central	12th	OH	5'10"
14	McKenna Payne	Saint Mary Catholic Central	12th	S (6-2)	5'9"
18	Sophia	Kellogg Plymouth Christian	12th	OH	5'9"

SECOND TEAM					
Region	Name	School	Grade	Position	Height
4	Quinn Yenshaw	Traverse City St. Francis	11th	OH	5'11"
4	Reese Williams	Roscommon	9th	OH	5'10"
4	Nemiah Carper	Roscommon	10th	MH	6'0"
6	Abby Leffring	Western Michigan Christian	12th	MH	6'1"
6	Olivia Peterson	North Muskegon	11th	S (5-1)	5'9"
8	Annika Platte	Pewamo Westphalia	11th	OH	5'10"
9	Kacee Gray	Cass City	12th	OH	5'7"
11	Hayden Deming	Kalamazoo Christian	12th	OH	5'11"
12	Payton Springstead	Bronson	12th	OH	6'0"
13	Molly Brown	Addison	12th	OH	5'8"
14	Madeline Dettling	Saint Mary Catholic Central	11th	RS	6'0"
18	Clare Binder	Plymouth Christian	12th	S	5'10"

THIRD TEAM					
Region	Name	School	Grade	Position	Height
1	Jackie Kiilunen	Calumet	12th	OH	5'10"
4	Gwyneth VerBerkmoes	Mc Bain	12th	MH	6'2"
4	Lola Brown	Traverse City St. Francis	10th	MH	6'2"
10	Abby Baushke	Decatur	12th	S (6-2)	5'9"
11	Kali Evans	Centreville	12th	S (5-1)	5'8"
11	Meah Evans	Constantine	12th	S (5-1)	5'9"
11	Reagan Zuiderveen	Kalamazoo Christian	11th	S (5-1)	5'8.5"
12	Kyra Marciniak	Potterville	12th	OH	6'0"
13	Morgan Kuhl	Hanover Horton	12th	MH	6'0"
16	Brooke Hehl	Lutheran Northwest	12th	S (5-1)	5'9"
18	Ellie Weertz	Plymouth Christian	12th	L	5'5"
18	Riley Pilat	Plymouth Christian	11th	OH	5'10"

HONORABLE MENTION					
Region	Name	School	Grade	Position	Height
2	Kamry Flodin	Manistique	12th	L	5'3"
3	Madison Peppin	Johannesburg-Lewiston	10th	MH	5'10"
3	Gimiwanokwe Keller	Harbor Springs	12th	MH	5'11"
4	Adriana Sackett	Manton	12th	OH	5'9"
5	Luella Whipkey	Oscoda	11th	OH	5'6"
6	Piper Kozuch	Morley Stanwood	12th	S (6-2)	5'7"
6	Addie Falkowski	North Muskegon	11th	OH	5'9"
7	Addyson Rhodes	Calvin Christian	11th	MH	5'11"
7	Kaden Perkins	Kent City	12th	L	5'3"
8	Kyden Ehle	Ovid-Elsie	12th	S (5-1)	5'10"
9	Ava Barnes	Brown City	12th	S (5-1)	5'11"
9	Chloe Basner	Millington	12th	MH	5'9"
9	Katelyn Copeland	Bad Axe	12th	OH	5'7"
10	Tatyanna Hill	Bridgman	12th	MH	6'1"
11	Jozee Buglione	Constantine	12th	MH	5'7"
11	Mara Webb	Centreville	12th	MH	5'9"
13	Chelsea Russ	Hanover Horton	12th	OH	5'8"
13	Hanna Alvarez	Grass Lake	12th	L	5'0"
13	Gracie Tallman	Napoleon	12th	MH	5'9"
14	Savanah Flint	Manchester	12th	OH	5'3"
14	Elizabeth Sweeney	Erie Mason	12th	OH	5'10"
14	Olivia Beaudrie	Saint Mary Catholic Central	11th	MH	5'7"
14	Olivia Ruehle	Whiteford	12th	L	5'6"
18	Madisyn Bowman	Plymouth Christian	10th	MH	6'2"

MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION 2024 ALL STATE DIVISION 4

FIRST TEAM					
Region	Name	School	Grade	Position	Height
5	Isabel Rookard	Mt Pleasant Sacred Heart Academy	11th	L	5'4"
5	Sophie Hauck	Mt Pleasant Sacred Heart Academy	12th	S (5-1)	5'5"
7	Ella Deklyen	Tri Unity Christian	12th	OH	5'11"
8	Paige Thelen	Fowler	11th	OH	5'10"
10	Nora Proos	Our Lady of the Lake St Joseph	12th	MH	5'10"
11	Jadyn Samson	Mendon	11th	L	5'4"
13	lyla Weeks	Concord	12th	MH	5'10"
15	Sarah Bradley	Clarkston Everest Collegiate	12th	OH	6'0"
15	Madelyn Krappmann	Clarkston Everest Collegiate	12th	OH	5'11"
15	Addison Pearce	Clarkston Everest Collegiate	12th	MH	6'0"

SECOND TEAM					
Region	Name	School	Grade	Position	Height
1	Brooke Koskela	Hancock	12th	OH	5'9"
3	Grace Watson	Onaway	12th	S (5-1)	5'9"
5	Erin Judge	Mt Pleasant Sacred Heart Academy	12th	MH	5'9"
8	Rachel Wirth	Fowler	11th	L	5'6"
10	Rachel Kalamaros	Our Lady of the Lake St Joseph	12th	MH	5'8"
11	Kayla Wenzel	Mendon	12th	S (5-1)	5'8"
13	Clara Heath	Hillsdale Academy	12th	S (5-1)	5'6"
13	Bradie Lehman	Concord	10th	S (5-1)	5'6"
15	Erica Walker	Clarkston Everest Collegiate	12th	S (5-1)	5'5"
16	Sofie Williams	Oakland Christian	10th	OH	5'9"

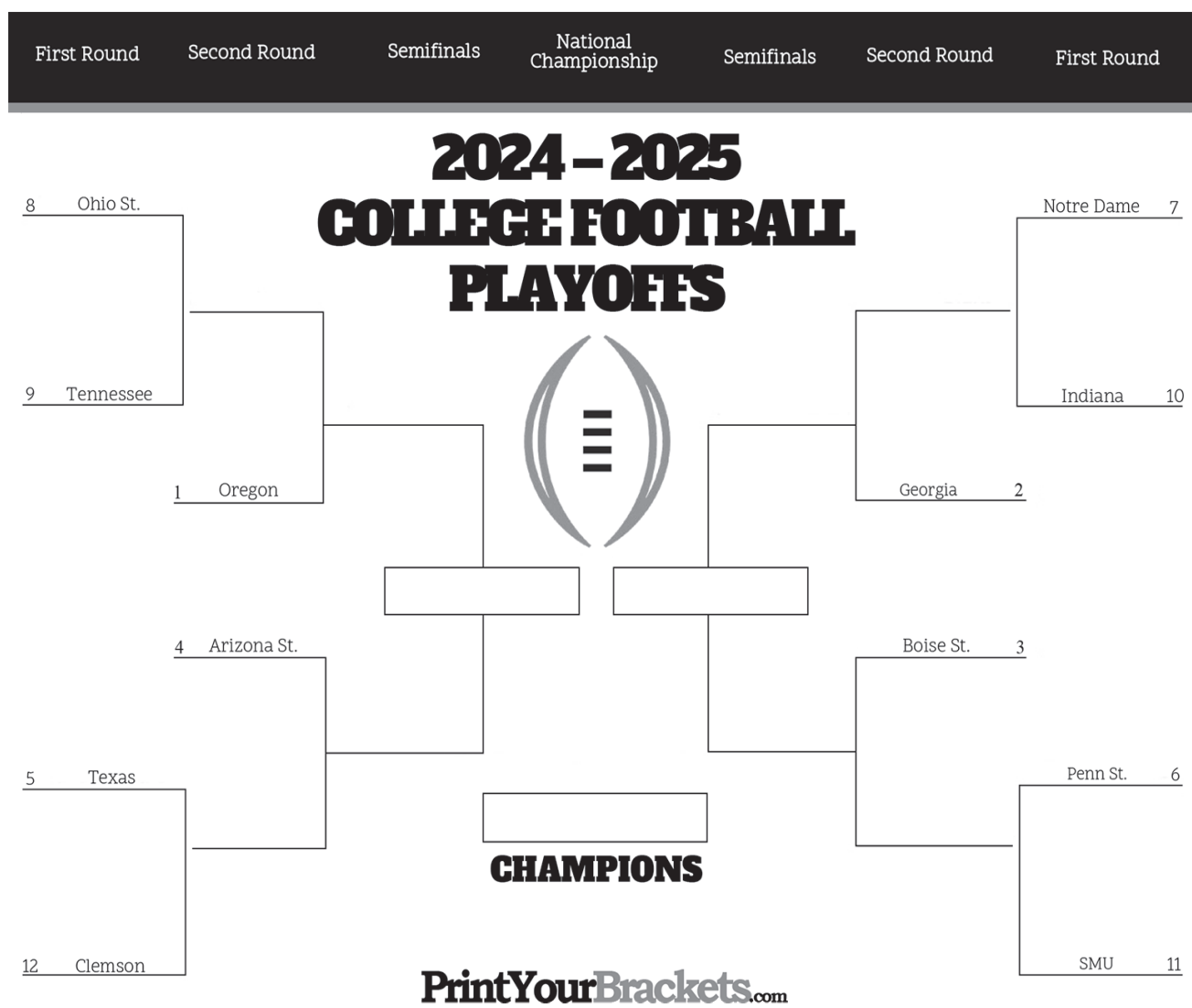
THIRD TEAM					
Region	Name	School	Grade	Position	Height
1	Ava Fischer	Forest Park	11th	OH	5'7"
4	Ava Mauntler	Onokama	10th	L	5'4"
4	Delaney McCarthy	Onokama	10th	OH	5'8"
6	Dani Nostrant	Crossroads Charter Academy	11th	OH	5'5"
7	Mia Ugolini	Sacred Heart Academy	11th	S (5-1)	5'8"
9	Allie Guza	Ubyly	12th	MH	6'2"
10	Katelin Bird	Martin	12th	MH	5'8"
11	Gracie Schultz	Mendon	11th	OH	5'7"
11	Cienna Nightingale	Mendon	11th	RS	5'9"
12	Addison Dzwik	St. Philip	10th	S (5-1)	5'7"

HONORABLE MENTION					
Region	Name	School	Grade	Position	Height
1	Kiera Isaacson	Dollar Bay	11th	OH	5'8"
2	Kylie Stuer	Superior Central	9th	MH	5'10"
2	Lily Kwiatkowski	Rudyard	11th	MH	6'0"
3	Sadie Decker	Onaway	12th	OH	5'8"
3	Gretchen Weiland	Hillman	11th	MH	5'10"
3	Lanie Irwin	Pellston	11th	OH	5'6"
4	Hailey Hart	Onokama	11th	OH	5'5"
4	Elizabeth McKeough	Onokama	10th	S (5-1)	5'6"
9	Haven Chapman	Genesee Christian	12th	OH	5'10"
9	Addison Weber	Ubyly	9th	OH	5'7"
9	Abi Rohling	Marlette	10th	MH	6'2"
10	Amelia Elder	Michigan Lutheran	9th	OH	5'9"
10	Maegan Fatter	New Buffalo	12th	L	5'2"
11	Lylah Parrish	Climax-Scotts	12th	L	5'1"
12	Adriana Olsen	St. Philip	10th	MH	5'10"
12	Mallory Kincaid	Athens	11th	MH	5'6"
13	Ila Stewart	Lenawee Christian	12th	L	5'3"
13	Elizabeth Greger	Hillsdale Academy	11th	MH	5'9"
16	Sophia Parrish	Oakland Christian	10th	S (6-2)	5'5"
16	Alli Brock	Oakland Christian	9th	OH	5'8"
17	Anna Coomes	Marin City Cardinal Mooney Catholic	10th	S (5-1)	5'6"

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF BRACKET

The College Football Playoff bracket is set. The 12-team bracket was announced on Sunday, Dec. 8. The official 12-team College Football Playoff field and final top 25 rankings were announced Dec. 8. Oregon is the No. 1 seed, with Georgia, Boise State and Arizona State also getting byes. Below is the bracket, final seeding and complete playoff schedule.

2024-25 College Football Playoff bracket
 This bracket uses the committee's final top 25 rankings on Sunday, Dec. 8. It's important to note that the top 25 ranking does not always match the seed in the playoff, as the four highest-ranked conference champions receive the top four seeds and byes, no matter where those four teams rank in the top 25. The fifth-highest-ranked conference champion is also in automatically, though that team will not get a bye.
 College Football Playoff bracket matchups and schedule
 With the four highest-ranked conference champions receiving the top four seeds and thus byes, the remaining eight teams in the bracket meet in the first round. Here are those games, played at campus



sites on Dec. 20 or Dec. 21: All times Eastern
First round (Dec. 20-21)
 Friday, Dec. 20: No. 10 Indiana at No. 7 Notre Dame | 8 p.m. | ABC/ESPN
 Saturday, Dec. 21: No. 11 SMU at No. 6 Penn State |

12 p.m. | TNT/MAX
 Saturday, Dec. 21: No. 12 Clemson at No. 5 Texas | 4 p.m. | TNT/MAX
 Saturday, Dec. 21: No. 9 Tennessee at No. 8 Ohio State | 8 p.m. | ABC/ESPN
Quarterfinals (Dec. 31-Jan. 1)

Fiesta Bowl: No. 3 Boise State vs. No. 6 Penn State/ No. 11 SMU winner | 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 | ABC/ESPN
 Peach Bowl: No. 4 Arizona State vs. No. 5 Texas/No. 12 Clemson winner | 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 | ABC/ESPN

Rose Bowl: No. 1 Oregon vs. No. 8 Ohio State/No. 9 Tennessee winner | 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 | ABC/ESPN
 Sugar Bowl: No. 2 Georgia vs. No. 7 Notre Dame/No. 10 Indiana winner | 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 | ABC/ESPN

Semifinals (Jan. 9-10)
 Orange Bowl: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 | ESPN
 Cotton Bowl: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 | ESPN
CFP National Championship
 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20 | ESPN
 Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia

There is no re-seeding once the official bracket is revealed on Sunday, Dec. 8. The four quarterfinal games are not played at the campus sites. Instead, these four games — scheduled on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 — will be played at the Fiesta Bowl, Rose Bowl, Peach Bowl and Sugar Bowl. The four highest-ranked conference champions will be assigned one of these bowls in consideration of historic bowl relationships as well as seeding. The four quarterfinal winners will then meet in the semifinals at either the Orange Bowl or the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 9 and Jan. 10. If the seeds hold, that means (1) would meet (4) and (2) would play (3). The two semifinal winners will then play on Jan. 20 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta for the national championship.

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

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

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

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

2024 Jayco Seismic Luxury Series 4113 Fifth Wheel. Toyhauler, 2 Slideouts, sleeps 9, 2 awnings, triple axle, 2 patio party decks, lots of room and a ton of features. SALE PRICE \$116,295. MSRP \$177,822.

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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.Petoskey-RVUSA.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.Petoskey-RVUSA.com.

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

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

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

2015 Dodge Journey R/T. Leather, sunroof, AWD, 109 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 Nissan Murano Platinum. AWD, leather, double moon roof, 141 K miles. Sale Price \$9,995. As low as \$199 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 CHEVY TAHOE LTZ. 4x4, 58 K miles. \$39,995 obo. 5 year warranty. 231-944-2025

2016 Ford Explorer. Leather, 3rd row seat, rear camera, 132 K miles. Sale Price \$12,995. As low as \$286 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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

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

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

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

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2015 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LS. 4x4, double cab, tow pkg, 121 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

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2017 GMC Sierra 1500. 4x4, quad cab, soft tonneau, tow pkg, bedliner, 223 K miles. 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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2020 Ford F-150 XLT. 4x4, club cab, tow pkg, soft tonneau cover, rear camera, 140 K miles. \$25,995. As low as \$399 a month. Petoskey Auto Sales & Rental, Byrider. 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 31-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

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2021 Ram 1500 Classic. 4x4, double cab, rear camera, 5.7 L Hemi, 96 K miles. \$34,995. As low as \$519 a month. Petoskey Auto Sales & Rental, Byrider. 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

2022 Ram 1500 Lone Star. Double cam tow pkg, rear camera, 60 K miles. \$29,995. As low as \$469 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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2010 GMC Savana Van. Stabilitrak, extra long, high miles. Sale Price \$5,995. As low as \$199 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 Ford Transit Connect XLT. Roof rack, 3rd row seat, rear camera, 134 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

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

2017 Dodge Grand Caravan. Remote start, 105 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

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2017 Ram Promaster 2500. Mid roof, high miles. Sale Price \$8,995. As low as \$279 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2018 Ram Promaster 1500 Cargo Van. FWD, 3.6L, 95 K miles. \$19,995. As low as \$319 a month. Petoskey Auto Sales & Rental, Byrider. 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

2019 Chrysler Pacifica. 4 captain seats, Stow-N-Go, rear camera, leather, 96 K miles. Very Nice! \$21,595. As low as \$339 a month. Petoskey Auto Sales & Rental, Byrider. 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

2019 Dodge Grand Caravan. 4 captain chairs, 7 passenger, Stow-N-Go seats, 107 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

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2021 Chrysler Voyager. Leather, Stow-N-Go seats, rear camera, 93 K miles. \$23,995. As low as \$369 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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ORDINANCE # 143 R-A
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE FOR THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN ORDAINS:

The Zoning Code for the City of East Jordan is hereby amended as follows:

Remove:

Sec. 48-202 Waterfront Development
1. Limitation of Funnel Development.

- a. Not more than one (1) residential home, condominium unit, or apartment unit shall use or be permitted to use each one hundred (100) feet of lake or stream frontage as measured along the normal high water mark of the lake or stream.
- b. This restriction is intended to limit the number of users of the lake or stream frontage to preserve the quality of the waters, avoid congestion, and to preserve the quality of recreational uses of all waters and recreational lands within the City.
- c. This restriction shall apply to any parcel regardless of whether access to the water shall be gained by easement, common fee ownership, single fee ownership or lease.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: GILLESPIE, REID JR, SHERMAN, MILLER, PENZIEN, SLADICK, AND LINDENTHAL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 3, 2024

PUBLISHED: DECEMBER 12, 2024

EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 19, 2024

Offered by: REID JR
Supported by: SHERMAN

ORDINANCE # 144-K

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:
The Official Zoning Map as described in Section 46-182 of Article III of the East Jordan Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to provide that the following properties be rezoned from R-4 (Mobile Home Park District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The legal description of the rezoned property is fully described on the tax rolls for the following parcel numbers:

053-024-005-00 951 Mill Street
053-024-004-00 Mill Street
053-024-004-10 Mill Street
053-024-008-00 Mill Street
053-024-007-10 917 Mill Street
053-024-007-20 919 Mill Street
053-024-006-00 931 Mill Street

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: SHERMAN, PENZIEN, MILLER, REID JR, SLADICK, GILLEPSIE AND LINDENTHAL
Nays: NONE
Abstain: NONE
Absent: NONE
Introduced: NOVEMBER 19, 2024
Adopted: DECEMBER 3, 2024
Published: DECEMBER 12, 2024
Effective: DECEMBER 19, 2024

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Offered by: PENZIEN
Supported by: LINDENTHAL

ORDINANCE # 144-L

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:
The Official Zoning Map as described in Section 46-182 of Article III of the East Jordan Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to provide that the following properties be rezoned from WF (Waterfront District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The legal description of the rezoned property is fully described on the tax rolls for the following parcel numbers:

053-709-006-00 401 North Lake Street
053-709-005-00 223 Elizabeth Street
053-709-007-00 405 North Lake Street
053-709-004-20 409 North Lake Street
053-709-004-25 411 North Lake Street
053-709-011-20 417 North Lake Street

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: SLADICK, PENZIEN, GILLESPIE, MILLER, SHERMAN, REID JR, AND LINDENTHAL
Nays: NONE
Abstain: NONE
Absent: NONE
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DECEMBER 2024

EAST JORDAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Whether you choose to visit us for days or move here for years, you will not be without a lack of activities, dining choices, retail offerings, educational opportunities, plus much more!



DATE CHANGED TO DEC. 12TH

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

You're Invited to be Part of

**Jubilee of Trees for 501 C3's
And the Holiday Business
After Hours *Sponsored by EJ***

Thursday, December 12, 2024
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
@ The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix

Entry by Donation – All donations to benefit both East Jordan Care and Share Food Pantry & The Good Samaritan Food Pantry

*Christmas Tree & Basket Silent Auction
Food ~ Networking ~ Music*



ACD Antrim Conservation District

Felt Ornament Workshop

**December 13th, 2- 4 pm
at the ACD Office**

Learn how to make beautiful felt ornaments—perfect for your holiday decor. We'll provide all materials, just bring your creativity!

Kids can join in the fun with wooden ornaments ready to paint. It's a holiday event for the whole family!

kids craft



CHRISTMAS

On

3rd Street

FREE Community Event

**JOIN US FOR AN
OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**

**Friday, December 13
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Live Nativity with Animals
Kids Craft • Wagon Rides
Snacks • Hot Cocoa
Fire Pit • Roast Marshmallows
Christmas Choir

**CORNER OF THIRD &
NICHOLLS STREETS**
301 Nicholls St., East Jordan

**EAST JORDAN
Community Church**



Castle Farms

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

FEATURING THE GRINCH!

DECEMBER 14 & 15

SESSIONS AT 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 2 PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED, HOUR-LONG, ADVENTURE IN SANTA'S WORKSHOP! INCLUDED IN THE EXPERIENCE IS A PROFESSIONAL PHOTO WITH SANTA & THE GRINCH, A CRAFT OF YOUR CHOOSING, A FUN SNACK, HOT COCOA STATION, AND A Q&A STORY TIME WITH SANTA!

PAINT A WITCRACKER!
PAINT A TRUNKET BOX!
COLOR A MUG!
COLOR A STOCKING!

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.CASTLEFARMS.COM/EVENTS

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