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Harold Edson's sons, Dan and Nick Edson, Dwight "Ike" Boss's son, Jeff Boss, Hugh Campbell, Hud Drenth and Angie Peterson Reeves with Ellsworth Community School Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney.

# Inaugural Class inducted into the Ellsworth Community School Athletic Hall of Fame

BY DAVE BARAGREY

Superintendent of Schools Aaron Gaffney introduced the inaugural class of the Ellsworth Community School Athletic Hall of Fame. They honored five remarkable individuals who represent the very best of Lancer athletics. These inductees embody the dedication, skill, and spirit of thousands of athletes who have proudly worn the black and white over the last century. Gaffney said, "This event marks the beginning of what we hope will be a cherished annual tradition—one that celebrates not only the achievements of individual athletes but also the rich history and

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deep connection between our athletics and our community. Ellsworth High School has always been more than just a building; it's a gathering place, a hub where we come together to cheer, celebrate, and connect. Without sports, our school wouldn't be the vibrant heart of our town, and without our school, the identity of our community would not be the same."

Members of the Hall of Fame selection committee are Louise Alfred, Max Bolser, Tex Drenth and Mark Essenberg. These lifelong Ellsworth residents have witnessed hundreds of Lancer athletes and games, and their passion for Ellsworth athletics is evident in their selections. Following the ceremony the Lancer Heritage Wall was unveiled. This new digital display and website will house much more than the Athletic Hall of Fame. It's a comprehensive tribute to the legacy of Ellsworth High School, featuring trophies, yearbooks, academic achievements, and works of art by our talented students. It serves as a reminder of the excellence, creativity, and spirit that define the

### NEW YEAR FUN FACTS Julius Caesar set Jan. 1 as date for New Year New Year resolutions date back

even further to ancient Babylon

#### BY MIKE DUNN

The date of January 1 for the New Year goes back to Julius Caesar, the Roman emperor who ruled a generation before Jesus was born. His calendar, authorized in 46 B.C., used the 365-day solar calendar as its basis and became known as the Julian Calendar.

EAST JORDAN - Great opportunity for your up

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Janus, a mythical king of early Rome, had been used as the image of the New Year more than 100 years before the Julian Calendar came into existence. Janus had two faces and could look back on past events and look forward to the future as well, so his image was associated with new beginnings. The month January is named after Janus for that reason.

At midnight on December 31, Romans pictured Janus looking back at the old year and looking ahead at the new year. The Romans started a tradition of exchanging gifts on New Year's Eve and they also made resolutions for the year ahead. The idea of making New Year's resolutions was not original with the Romans, however. In fact, it dates all the way back to the early Babylonians (and they celebrated the New Year in the spring, not on January 1). Their most popular resolution was to return farm equipment. The Romans, starting around 153 B.C., simply continued the tradition of



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Janus, the mythical king of early Rome, was used as the symbol for the new year because he had two faces, one looking backward to the old year, and one looking forward to the new year.

New Year's resolutions that the Babylonians had started.

Around 40 percent of Americans will make New Year resolutions. The most popular resolution that people around the world make in our day, not surprisingly, is to lose weight. Other popular resolutions are to spend more time with the kids, quit smoking and save more money.

Here are the 10 most popu-

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 Lady Ramblers defeat East Jordan
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 East Jordan win over Boyne City
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Standard Mail US Postage PAID Gaylord, MI Permit No. 70 school community. The display is in the high school lobby and explores the stories and achievements that make Ellsworth so special.

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#### lar New Year's resolutions:

- 1. Exercise more
- 2. Quit smoking
- 3. Learn a new skill
- 4. Drink less alcohol
- 5. Be smarter with money
- 6. Eat healthier
- 7. Travel
- 8. Volunteer9. Spend less time on social
- media

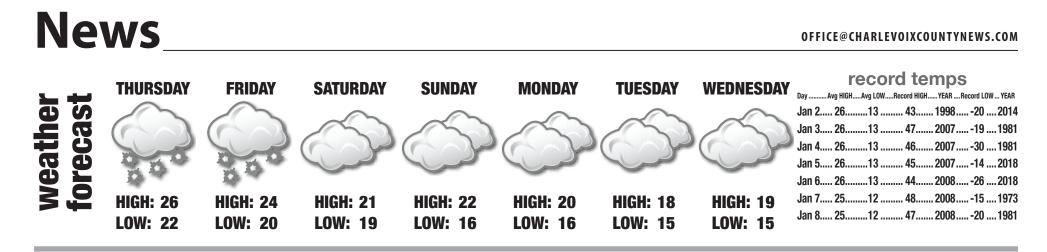
10. Improve a relationship

It would seem strange for us to recognize any other date besides Jan. 1

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#### Cynthia E. Hayden, 70 Aug. 11, 1954 - Dec. 23, 2024

#### EAST JORDAN

Cynthia E. Hayden of East Jordan passed away on December 23, 2024 in Traverse City surrounded by loved ones. Cindy was born on August 11, 1954, in Flint, Michigan and was a graduate of Kearsley High School.

Cindy lived in many places but spent most of her adult life in Minnesota until she returned to Michigan at her dad's request to look after her mother after his death. Together they had many adventures traveling to visit family, volunteering and being active in the community.

Cindy's hands were rarely idle as she was always crocheting something, often donating blankets she made to those in need. Her skills weren't limited to crocheting as she loved most crafts, a love she shared with her daughter, Tammy. The two could often be found looking for treasures at craft stores.

Cindy also loved to play cribbage which always went hand in hand with a snack. She was known for her big heart, treating people fairly and always taking time to listen and make everyone feel heard, like they were the most important person in her life. She was not afraid to speak her mind and at times a little stubborn but to all who knew her she was a friend most even called her Mom. Cindy was a loyal employee of Boyne Mountain, retiring in November 2023 after almost 30 years of service. She began her career at the Mountain as a server and transitioned to the laundry department where she led the night shift crew who quickly became her family. Cindy is survived by her husband, Sam Hayden; daughter, Tammy Hennings and son, Steve Merritt (Amy); 6 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; sister, Kathy LeCompte and brothers, Rick (Nancy) and David. Also surviving her is her "bonus" son, Bryan Cosier. Cindy was proceeded in death by her parents, Richard and Patricia Hayden. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Munson Manor Hospitality House - https://www. munsonhealthcare.org/munson-healthcare-foundations/ areas-you-can-support/ munson-manor-hospitality-house-support



#### Shirley Joan (Bascom) Dixon, 88 June 24, 1936 - Dec. 21, 2024 **BOYNE CITY**

Shirley J. Dixon of Boyne City passed away peacefully on December 21, 2024 at Bay Bluffs in Harbor Springs. She was born on June 24, 1936 in Moscow, Michigan to Shubael Alonzo and Margaret Bascom. The family later moved to Charlevoix, and Shirley graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1955. On July 7, 1961 she married Don Dixon and they started the family that meant everything in the world to her. After moving around the state for Don's career in the building trades, they bought a beautiful house on a hill in Boyne City and laid roots for their young family to grow. That house remains home for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Shirley was known for her love of cooking and baking. She collected cook books and decorated cakes, including wedding cakes, for friends and family.

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(Steven Rawski) Swanson and great granddaughters Lulu and Ainsley; and grandson Spencer Swanson. Her youngest child is son Rick (Paula) Dixon and granddaughter Kari (Paul Scott) Dixon, grandson Joe Dixon, and grandson Jake Dixon.

Shirley came from a large family of 18 children and is survived by her siblings Elaine (David) Houseworth, Louise Bascom, Marilyn (Eugene) Allen, Robert (Judy) Bascom, Joyce Buckmaster, Raymond (Gwen) Bascom, Irene (Lionel) McClanaghan, Patricia (Robert) Prater, Sue (John) Prater, Charles (Betty) Bascom, Debra Wagenschutz, Richard Bascom, and J.C. (Mari Jo) Bascom.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings Ethel and Benton Gabbard, Virginia Bascom, Lois and Louis Warner, John Bascom, Jon Buckmaster, Michael Bascom, and Edwin Wagenschutz. Her beloved husband Don passed in 2017.

A memorial service was held at the Compass Community Church (formerly known as the United Methodist Church) in Boyne City with Pastor Sarah Hescheles officiating. Services were held December 28. Shirley will be buried with Don in the spring.

Those wishing to make a contribution in honor of Shirley can donate to Bay Bluffs in Harbor Springs to help fund the cookbook project.

began her lifelong passion for teaching.

Over the course of 22 years, Gayle dedicated herself to special education at East Jordan Schools, where her creativity and innovation made a lasting impact on the lives of countless students. Her commitment to her work was recognized with the Outstanding Person in Education (OPIE) award, an honor given for her extraordinary influence in fostering a positive learning environment. The team of teachers Gayle worked with brought her great joy.

Gayle was also involved in the East Jordan community. She was an active member of the East Jordan First Presbyterian Church, where she contributed to many activities, including the Live Nativity and Advent Sundays, and served on the church's session. She assisted in multiple mission driven efforts in hopes of bringing joy to others. Her involvement extended to numerous local organizations, including the Red Hatters, Garden Club, and Bridge Club. Gayle's friendships, kindness, and sense of humor made her a treasured companion to many.

Gayle was married to her husband, Cal, for 54 years, and together they raised four children: Bob (Tammy) Gotts (Fountain Inn, South Carolina), Bill (Melissa) Gotts (Hudson, Ohio), Rick (Rebecca) Gotts (East Jordan, Michi-



**Matthew Theodore** Walton, 56

Feb. 12, 1968 - May 4, 2024

#### **EAST JORDAN**

Matthew Theodore Walton died Saturday, May 4, 2024, in East Jordan. He died unexpectedly but peacefully in his sleep at his home on Lake Charlevoix in the cottage built by his father. The night before, he enjoyed the beautiful weather with a bonfire, music and the company and goodwill of loved ones. He had a good last day!

Matt was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint, Michigan on February 12, 1968. He grew up in Grand Blanc, Michigan and graduated with the Class of 1986.

He studied Education at Eastern Michigan University and Geology at Michigan Technological University. But before he attained a degree, Matt headed off to Alaska.

Matthew met his future wife, Diane Daley of East Jordan, while staying at the cottage one spring. He took her to Alaska and married her on a fishing tender on Prince William Sound on August 18, 1996. He cherished every day with her. Matthew's greatest joy as a worker was when he was Plant Manager at a salmon processing plant in Valdez, Alaska. He used the skills he learned there in his other work, most recently, at Bay Shore Steel Works in Charlevoix, Michigan as their Quality and Plant Manager. Matt and Diane returned from Alaska to make their home in East Jordan. Matthew served the community with devotion: Freedom Festival organizer, Pop Warner Football Coach and program director, JV Football Coach. In 2014, he was recognized for his contributions with the Youth Leader Award as part of the Beyond the Scoreboard Champions of Character Awards.

sell) Walton Goodburn; brother-in-law, Scott Daley; six nieces and nephews; fifteen great nieces and nephews; aunts, uncles, many cousins, his dog, Clover; his cat, Reggie; and so many friends and former players.

He made a point to be attentive to all. But, Diane says, he loved her best. :) He Did!

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you Philippians 1:3.

A celebration of Life gathering is scheduled on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan.



Fay Nora (Bennett) Barraw, 85 Sept. 28, 1939 - Dec. 23, 2024

#### EAST JORDAN

The family of Fay Nora (Bennett) Barraw is heartbroken to share that she passed away on December 23, 2024, surrounded by love. Born on September 28, 1939, to Perry James and Fern Virginia (Gee) Bennett in East Jordan, Michigan, Fay lived a

A celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City, Michigan.

Always a hard worker, she held several jobs in the area, with Johan's Bakery in Boyne City being her last and most notable employment. While at the bakery, her customers became family, and she met some lifelong friends. Mike and Diane Edwards remained close to Shirley and her family long past Shirley's retirement up until her passing. Hot coffee, donuts, and good conversation were just some of the things she brought to the community. While at Bay Bluffs, she spearheaded a project of making a community cookbook, sharing recipes with residents and their families. Since she wasn't able to complete her plan, the kind staff at Bay Bluffs offered to continue the cookbook and dedicate

The family that Don and Shirley created was the most important thing in her life. She is survived by daughter Pam (Pat) Kruskie, granddaughter Melissa (Paul) Swadling, and great granddaughters Annabelle and Layla. She is also survived by her daughter Julie Swanson, granddaughter Amanda (Manuel) Cordova and great grandchildren Marissa, Manuel Jr., and Emma; granddaughter Elizabeth

it to her memory.



#### **Gayle Alice** (Henning) Gotts, 81 June 28, 1943-Dec. 23, 2024

#### **EAST JORDAN**

Gayle Gotts of East Jordan passed away peacefully on December 23, 2024, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility surrounded by family.

A beautiful mother, wife, grandmother, educator, and active community member, Gayle's life was defined by her unwavering devotion to her family, her passion for education, and her deep commitment to her faith and community.

Born on June 28, 1943, Gayle was the Salutatorian of her graduating class at Alliance High School in Alliance, Ohio. She went on to earn a degree in Education from Otterbein College in Ohio, where she

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gan), and Beth (Jim) Lord (Delton, Michigan).

She was the proud grandmother of ten grandchildren: Wessley, Drew, Hannah, Kaitlyn, Wyatt, Wade, Roen, Ben, Wren, and Chase, each of whom held a special place in her heart.

In addition to her family and teaching career, Gayle's warmth, generosity, and devotion to others made her a beloved friend, mentor, and confidante.

She will be remembered for her ability to encourage and support others.

One of Gayle's favorite pastimes was taking evening drives in the country looking for whitetail deer. She loved lemon meringue pie, peppermint patties and Kahlua with coffee.

A celebration of Gayle's life will be held on her birthday, June 28, 2025, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 P.M. at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix in East Jordan, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Gayle's memory to the East Jordan First Presbyterian Church (www.ejpresbyterian.com) or Grandvue Medical Care Facility Alzheimer's Unit (www.grandvue.org).

To know Matt is to know how much he loved football, wrestling, fishing, bow hunting, bird watching and DANCING.

Matthew is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Samuel and Joseph; his cat, Joliet Jake; and his dogs, Wizzer and Purdy.

He is survived by his wife, Diane; his sisters, Kelli and Katharine (Ruslife filled with kindness, laughter, and cherished memories.

On January 11, 1958, Fay married the love of her life, Harold Barraw, beginning a beautiful journey together that spanned 66 years. Together, they shared a passion for exploring new places, traveling by car and motorcycle across nearly all the states, and creating a lifetime of adventure. Thoughtful, considerate, and loving, Fay was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend.

Fay found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved baking pies for holiday gatherings, putting together puzzles that she proudly framed for her walls, and spending summers by the waters of Lake Charlevoix, surrounded by friends and family. An avid reader, Fay always had a book in hand, and her love of bowling led her to tournaments for many years, where she built lifelong friendships. She hosted countless Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, creating warm and welcoming holidays, and summer cookouts at the family's property on the lake, filled with laughter and love.

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Wishing you and your family a warm and peaceful holiday season. May the new year bring you joy and happiness with those you love.

Happy Holidays!

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## LEADERSHIP Prompt Responses and One-On-One Conversations

BY JOHN KEYSER

Our team members must feel appreciated and valued, and we, as leaders, have a responsibility to help them succeed. It is our responsibility and we should appreciate our having this responsibility!

When we do not respond as promptly as possible to voice calls, emails, texts, and other messages, people take this as a sign of disrespect, that they and their work is not important in our eyes. In facilitating leadership assessments, I had regularly hear good people lament that they do not feel valued, that they have to follow up, often repeatedly.

Not good! Remember, happy employees do better work!

If we are in a meeting, or in a vitally important conversation, or doing work that must be completed ASAP, which will be understood, we must, repeat must, let the person who left the message know that we are not available at the moment and will respond first chance. This honors the person.

There is another and equally important responsibility we have as a leader – initiating regular check ins with our people, asking, e.g.,

How are you doing?Do you have what you need?

□ What are your challeng-

□ How may I help? Ideally, these check ins should be a one-on-one conversation, not an email. Stop by, or if in a different location, pick up the phone.

Try to speak with each of our team members weekly if we can, and certainly every two weeks if not weekly. After all, our responsibility as a leader is to help our people learn, grow, and be successful. This is what the most effective and successful leaders do. There are so many insightful questions we can ask our people, and we will gain a wealth of rich ideas, for example:  $\Box$  How can we improve? □ What should be our priorities going forward?  $\Box$  What are we missing that would help us be a more effective team?



John Keyser

productivity and relationships, there is another very fundamental reason for our regular conversations with our people – we are letting them know we value them and their ideas.

Leadership is not about our being great our self, it is about our helping others be great.

In his wonderful, insightful quick read, The 100/0 Principle: The Secret of Great Relationships, the author, Al Ritter, offers that a leader must develop and maintain constructive relationships with each of her/his team members – and that the only way to do that is with one-on-one conversations. We must make the time to do that, and they need to be two-way conversations.

We listen more than we speak. Not just hear, truly listen to learn and understand with an open mind. Reflect back what we have heard, and take notes, which shows our appreciation and respect.

Everyone wants to do a good job and be successful. Our mentoring, teaching, encouraging, and coaching should and can be a difference maker for our team members – each and every one of them. Our priority must be that we treat everyone, each team member and as many other colleagues as we reasonably can, with respect and dignity, and that means having constructive, helpful conversations with each of them ideally on a regular basis.

# COMMUNITY LEADER RYAN MARTIN TO SOLVE THE NEEDS OF OUR WORLD, GOD NEEDS TO BE IN OUR LIVES

#### BY JOHN KEYSER

I've gotten to know Ryan Martin as I often stop in Martin's Market on Bridge Street in Charlevoix. Ryan is a Mennonite, as are many of the lovely people who help customers at the market.

Ryan grew up in Minnesota. His father was the Business Administrator of the Maranatha Bible School and in his younger years, Ryan did all kinds of maintenance work for the school. Actually, while attending college at Maranatha Bible School, he met his wife to be, Amanda.

Amanda is from Traverse City. When Ryan and Amanda married, they moved to Charlevoix and Ryan worked in the construction field for his father-in-law.

They moved to Charlevoix as they wanted to join and help the small Mennonite Church, Grace Fellowship Mennonite Church. The church is doing well and is steadily growing. A number of Mennonite families have moved here during these years.

I have very much enjoyed learning more about the Mennonites. They place emphasis on peacemaking,

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service to others, and living a holy, Christ-centered

life. Their lives are simple, modest, prayerful, and community focused, e.g., here they support Joppa House, the Good Samaritan Family Services, the elderly, and a number of other of our worthy nonprofits. They firmly believe that the Holy Spirit guides our lives and is our Comforter.

I greatly respect that the women wear dresses as their sign of modesty and head coverings as an expression to fulfill God's role for them in their life.

Grace Fellowship Church has a weekly Sunday morning service, a Wednesday evening service, a Sunday school, and a private school for children,

#### RYAN MARTIN

1st through 12th grade. Everyone is welcome at their church services.

Amanda and Ryan have two sons and a daughter, age's six to two, and she is expecting next April.

Strong principals of their faith are that the Bible is written by God through men. Jesus was given to us as a gift to bring us freedom from our sin if we accept His authority in our lives, and that we must live by the Bible, its values and principles, if we are to gain eternal life in heaven. We recognize the Trinity, God as our Father, Jesus as our mediator, Holy Spirit as our guide and comforter.

To Mennonites, Baptism shows our desire to follow Jesus.

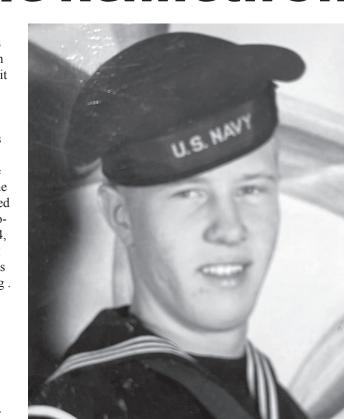
In 2017, Ryan and Amanda opened Martin's Market, thankfully! The food is high quality. When I stop in for a sandwich or salad, people often say how much they like coming to Martin's.

Actually, Ryan shared with me that the goals of the market are to give testimony of Christ to our community, to help those in our community who are in need, and to provide a good work atmosphere for those who work there. He shares that to solve the needs of our world, we need God in our lives (Amen to that, for sure!).

Ryan, Martin's Market, and Mennonites are blessings to our community.

veteran of the month – January 2025

The Veteran of the month for January 2025 is Lyle Kenneth Shipe. Born January 28, 1930 in Detroit Michigan to parents Kenneth and Marjorie Atkins Shipe. He grew up there and attended local schools graduating in 1948. After graduation, at the Detroit induction center, he would enlist into the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict on October 4, 1948. After basic training he would receive 14 weeks of Machinist Mate training . After completion of schooling, Lyle was assigned to the USS Wright CVL-49, which was a Saipan class light aircraft carrier, involved in air defense drills and gunnery practice, and for qualifications for student pilots in Naval Air Training. Maneuvers would take her along the East Coast of the States and Florida for flight training. Completing 3 years, 3 months, and 26 days of sea duty, on September 26, 1952 at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, Lyle was given an



East Jordan, Michigan. For a short time, Lyle would deliver milk in the Boyne City area, then began working for the East Jordan Iron Works, (now EJ), as production manager. In 1968 he joined the Michigan Snowmobiler Magazine as advertising salesman, which was published in East Jordan. He became editor in 1977, editor/publisher in 1980, and would hold an active part in the business until his health caused him to retire in 2017. In 2014 at a ceremony in Eagle River Wisconsin, Lyle would be inducted into the International Snowmobilers Hall of Fame. Known to friends as Mr. Snowmobiler, Lyle and Nancy loved to travel, enjoyed camping, golfing, having get-to-gathers with family and friends, and playing craps in Las Vegas. On October 29, 2017, Lyle Kenneth Shipe answered the final call and is being honored by his daughter Patti, and family.

 $\Box$  What advice do you have for me?

□ What have I not asked and that you would like to share with me?

Realize the helpful ideas we will gain, which should certainly help improve our Our team members are our internal clients!

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.

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#### LYLE KENNETH SHIPE

Honorable Discharge and awarded the Navy Occupation Medal; Good Conduct Medal, and the rank of Machinist Mate 3rd Class. Soon after returning

home Lyle would join the

Detroit Police Department. On October 13, 1954 in Redford Michigan, he would marry Nancy Jane Pisa. In 1964, he would leave the Police Department and move the family to



# News

## PROFILES OF INAUGURAL CLASS INDUCTED INTO ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

#### **Dwight "Ike" Boss:** A Pillar of Ellsworth Athletics and Education

Dwight "Ike" Boss spent over three decades teaching and coaching at Ellsworth Community School, making a significant impact on students both academically and athletically. As the girls' basketball coach for 24 seasons, he led the team to an impressive 409-124 record, winning 16 conference championships, 13 district titles, and 3 regional titles. His leadership and dedication earned him statewide recognition in 1997, when he was named AP Girls Basketball Coach of the Year and Regional Coach of the Year by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

In addition to his accomplishments on the court, Ike was a dedicated educator. He taught 5th through 8th grades for 31 years, creating a supportive and structured environment that encouraged students to excel. His brief tenure as principal further underscored his commitment to Ellsworth's mission, as he worked to foster a strong school community for both students and staff.

Ike's influence extended beyond wins and titles. The values of commitment, teamwork, and discipline he instilled in his players and students continue to resonate, especially among his former athletes, who carry his lessons with them to this day. His legacy as an educator and coach has earned him a place in the inaugural class of the Ellsworth Community School athletic hall of fame, celebrating his lifelong dedication to the school and community.

#### Hugh Campbell A Legacy of Leadership and Community Impact

Hugh Campbell dedicated 30 years to Ellsworth Community School as a teacher and coach, leaving a deep mark on students and athletes alike. From 1970 to 1994, he taught business classes, sharing practical knowledge and skills with generations of students. Over his 27-year coaching career, including 23 years at Ellsworth, Hugh led his basketball teams to impressive milestones. His first team won a regional championship, and his last team in the 1992-93 season, with a remarkable 23-2 record, also claimed a regional title before reaching the quarterfinals. His accomplishments earned him the Class D Coach of the Year title from the Associated Press sportswriters.

Hugh's coaching extended beyond basketball. In 1991-92, he led the baseball team to the state semi-finals and was named Coach of the Year by the Michigan Baseball Coaches Association. He played a key role in forming the CLE football co-op and served as an assistant football coach for nearly a decade, embracing a new



challenge despite no prior experience in the sport.

After his teaching career, Hugh continued to serve Ellsworth as the longtime mayor, becoming a pillar of the community. His legacy as a teacher, coach, and civic leader has earned him a place in the inaugural class of the Ellsworth Community School athletic hall of fame, honoring his enduring contributions to the school and town.

#### Hud Drenth A Multi-Sport Standout and Scholar

Hud Drenth excelled in both athletics and academics at Ellsworth High School, leaving a legacy of achievement in basketball, baseball, football, and track & amp; field. A four-year varsity basketball player, Hud earned First Team All-Conference honors from 1969 to 1971 and was named to the Associated Press All-State First Team in 1970-71. He also represented Ellsworth at the American Legion Wolverine Boys State in 1970.

In addition to his basketball success, Hud played baseball during his junior and senior years, earning Ski Valley All-Conference recognition as a catcher in 1971. His athletic versatility extended to football, where he was named to the Ski Valley All-Star Team in 1969 and 1970 as an offensive and defensive back.

Hud's accomplishments continued in track & amp; field, where he became a regional state champion in pole vault in 1970, repeating as champion in both pole vault and high jump in 1970 and 1971. His success in sports was matched by his academic achievements. Hud was a member of the National Honor Society in 1970 and 1971 and graduated as the salutatorian of his class in 1971. Hud Drenth's dedication in academics and athletics has earned him a well-deserved place in the inaugural class of the Ellsworth Community School athletic hall of fame, honoring his lasting contributions to the school.

#### Angie (Peterson) Reeves A Record-Setting Athlete and Scholar

Angie (Peterson) Reeves, a 1995 graduate of Ellsworth Community School, is widely regarded as the greatest female athlete in the school's history. As a standout basketball player, Angie scored 1,819 points in her high school career, making her the all-time scoring leader for Ellsworth girls' basketball.

She averaged 20.1 points, 9.7 rebounds, 3.3 assists, and 2.8 steals per game, earning All-State honors and being named Captain of the Class D Detroit News All-State Team her senior year. Angie was also a talented softball player, further showcasing her athletic versatility and dedication to Ellsworth athletics.

Continuing her basketball career at Saginaw Valley State University, Angie was recognized as the GLIAC Freshman of the Year, a remarkable start to her collegiate journey. Her commitment to excellence extended beyond athletics; she graduated as the valedictorian of her senior class at Ellsworth. After college, Angie went on to teach English and coach high school athletics for 10 years, sharing her passion for academics and sports with a new generation of students. athletic hall of fame, celebrating a legacy that remains unmatched in the school's history.

#### Harold Edson A Lifelong Educator and Coach Dedicated to Ellsworth

Harold Edson's connection to Ellsworth Community School spanned generations, from his time as a student to his career as a teacher and coach. A 1939 Ellsworth graduate, Harold had a deep love for basketball that started in high school, where his father would pull the team to games in the winter by horses and sled. In addition to basketball, Harold was a talented track and field athlete, qualifying for the state championship meet and showcasing his all-around athletic abilities. He went on to play college basketball at the University of Grand Rapids, earning MVP honors twice and proving his dedication to the game.

After serving in World War II, Harold returned to complete his education, graduating from Central Michigan University. He embarked on a teaching and coaching career that lasted 27 years, impacting students in Ellsworth, Alba, and Mancelona. While at Ellsworth, Harold was instrumental in changing the team name from the Flying Dutchmen to the Lancers, a shift that reflected his pride in the school and its evolving identity and sense of community.

Known for his high expectations and commitment to shaping young minds, Harold made a lasting impact on those he taught and coached. His legacy as a student, teacher, and coach has earned him a place in the inaugural class of the Ellsworth Community School athletic hall of fame, honoring his lifelong dedication to the school and community.

Angie (Peterson) Reeves's achievements in both academics and athletics have earned her a well-deserved place in the inaugural class of the Ellsworth Community School

#### JANUARY CALENDAR EVENTS

#### Adult Programming:

#### WINTER MUSIC SERIES: DALE RIEGER

Monday, January 6 • 6:30 pm Community Room Dale Rieger is a skilled guitarist and soulful vocalist who has performed on radio, television, recordings, and concert stages.

#### **BOARD GAMES!**

Tuesday, January 14th & January 28th: 6:00 - 7:45pm Coeling Activity Room Join us for board game nights! We have a variety of games that will be available for play. There will be snacks and a door prize!

#### **CHARLEVOIX FILM CLUB**

Thursday, January 16 - 5pm: Julie & Julia Community Room B Are you a film enthusiast? The Charlevoix Film Club will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5pm in Community Room B. They will screen a movie at 5pm and have a lively discussion afterwards! All are welcome.

#### CRAFTERNOON FOR ADULTS: BEAD WORK

Saturday, January 18 • 1:00 pm Registration Required Create an easy-to-make beaded bracelet or keychain. Lampwork beads generously donated to the library by the late Suzanne Herzog.

#### BOOKTALKERS: THE BORROWED LIFE OF FREDERICK FIFE BY ANNA JOHNSTON

Monday, January 20 • 6:00 pm Armstrong Conference Room – Registration Required

A warm, life-affirming debut about a zany case of mistaken identity that allows a lonely old man one last chance to be part of a family.

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# Where your imagination takes flight

#### TRIVIA NIGHT WITH THE CHARLEVOIX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday, January 23 • 6:00 pm Community Room Bring your team of up to eight players. Win prizes, bragging rights, and enjoy a fun night of camaraderie and competition.

#### ABOARD THE ISS WITH ASTRONAUT JOSH CASSADA

Saturday, January 25th • 1:00 pm Community Room

Former NASA astronaut, Josh Cassada, who lived and worked aboard the International Space Station (ISS) will present an overview of his crew's recent mission. This will include discussion about on-board experiments, technology demonstrations, and a look toward future missions. All ages welcome.

#### **Youth Programming:**

#### **LEGOS** @ THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, January 7 • 4:00 – 5:00 pm Ages 6 and up Youth Activity Center Get creative in the Youth Activity Center with other Lego fans! Legos and Duplos will be provided. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

#### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR TEENS**

Thursday, January 9 & 23 • 4:00 pm For teens ages 13-17 Teen Lounge

Whether you have been playing for years or you are brand new to the game, the library is the perfect place to play Dungeons and Dragons with other fans! Join us in the Youth Activity Center biweekly for an adventure run by Ms. Olivia. There will be yummy snacks and plenty of chances for imaginative storytelling. We will provide character sheets, handbooks, and dice to get everyone started. For teens ages 13-17.

#### GREAT LAKES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: LITTLE WAVES

Saturday, January 11 • 1:00 pm Youth Activity Center

Dive into the enchanting world of music with Little Waves, a children's program presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. This innovative initiative invites young explorers to discover the wonders of music in a relaxed setting.

#### **TEEN BEAD WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, January 14 • 4:00 pm For teens ages 13-17 Teen Lounge No registration required. Stop by the teen lounge for snacks, crafts, and fun with other teens. For teens only ages 13-17.

#### **LIBRARY PLAYGROUP**

Wednesday, January 15 • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Birth - 5 years • Youth Activity Center Parents and caregivers and their children are invited to gather in the Youth Activity Center for casual, free-form play for kids ages birth to five years old. Books, toys, music, sensory activities, and crafts will be available for families to explore while they connect with each other. This is a drop-in program, no registration is required.

#### **READ WITH GEMME**

Monday, January 20 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm Youth Department • Please Register Reading to a therapy dog is a great way to practice your reading skills while spending time with an adorable pup! Kids can practice reading to Gemme, a sweet Golden Retriever therapy dog, and her owner Karen in the Youth Department. Call the Youth Services desk at 231-237-7350 to schedule a 15-minute reading session with Gemme and Karen!

#### CRAFTERNOON FOR KIDS: LUNAR NEW YEAR CRAFTS

Monday, January 27 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm Youth Activity Center

Kids and families are invited to come decorate a paper lantern in festive reds and golds to kick off the Lunar New Year. 2025 ushers in the Year of the Snake! Recommended for ages 5 & up. No registration required. While supplies last.

#### **STORY TIME**

Thursdays: 10:30 - 11:00 am Birth to 6 years • Youth Activity Center Resumes January 16 Join us on Thursdays for Storytime at the library! Gather with new friends as we read interactive stories, sing, dance, and have tons of fun! Recommended for ages 0-6. We will additionally host special Saturday Storytimes on January 25, March 1, and April 5 at 10:30am.

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

# News

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# Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) presents free Sunday Series Recital

A chamber quartet and trio will be featured in a recital at 4 PM Sunday January 12th at the First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey, located at 501 E. Mitchell Street.

This performance, free of charge, is part of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's Sunday Series of small orchestra ensembles in neighborhood venues across Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

A clarinet quartet will be led by Jane Bennett-Win-



chester. The recital also includes a trio with Lynn Hansen (oboe), Brian Carter (horn), and Cheryl Staats (piano).

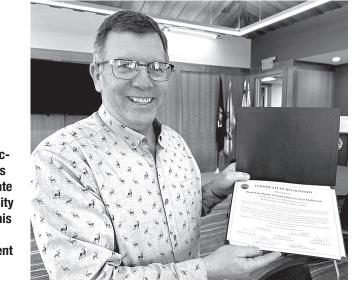
The Sunday Series recitals are made possible through the generous sup-

port of Carolyn Klender. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is a nonprofit professional orchestra headquartered in Petoskey. For more information,

visit www.glcorchestra. org or 231-487-0010.

#### GREAT, **AND WELL** DESERVED SEND OFF!

**Boyne City Planning Direc**tor Scott McPherson was presented with a certificate of recognition by Boyne City Mayor Tim Nemecek for his 21 years of service to **Boyne City at his retirement** open house.



#### **NEW YEAR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

for the New Year. Another tradition Americans have grown up with - especially those of us who live in the Eastern Standard Time zone – is the dropping of the ball in Times Square. That tradition doesn't date back quite as far back as the Babylonians but it is nearly 120 years old.

The first time the ball was dropped in Times Square was 1907. Actually, the idea of dropping the ball as a signal of the passing of time was taken from the English Royal Observatory at Greenwich, which started that particular tradition in 1833.

dropped in New York in 1907 was made of iron and wood and decorated with 100 25-watt light bulbs. It was 5 feet in diameter and weighed about 700 pounds. The ball has been replaced seven times through the years. The latest ball weighs nearly 12,000 pounds and is a 12-foot geodesic sphere covered in 2,668 Waterford crystals.

More than 150 million Americans will watch the New York City bash on TV or social media. The Ball Drop will also appear on TV sets outside North America, as well.

Broadcasters in Spain.

website.

Americans drink close to 360 million glasses of "sparkling wine" during the New Year celebration. The bubbly stuff dates back to the 17th century, when the cork was invented.

The song most associated with New Year's is "Auld Lang Syne." It was written by the Scottish poet Robert Burns in 1741 and first published in 1796 after Burns' death.

Burns put words to a melody that was already popular in Scotland and it has become the standard for bringing in the New



# **Trails Council, Bay View Team up for Trail Safety**

The Little Traverse Wheelway can be a busy place in the summer season. Arguably the crown jewel of northern Michigan's recreational trail network, the Wheelway annually draws thousands of visitors who want to stride and ride along Lake Michigan's shore.

That much traffic, which some describe as an economic boon for rural communities - can lead to trail congestion and some unsafe situations. Bay View Association in Petoskey presents some unique challenges, according to the Top of Michigan Trails Council.

Though it only constitutes about a mile of the Wheelway, the Bay View segment narrows to a standard sidewalk, squeezing trail users together while presenting a host of distracting eye candy. Trail width is reduced by half as lake views and charming cottages with manicured lawns and colorful landscaping compete for trail users' attention.

Often, according to Top of Michigan Trails Council Executive Director Brent Bolin, when trail users should be watching the trail and traffic, they're looking at the bay and Bay View's



are real and, given the Wheelway's growing popularity, warrant genuine concern."

Back in 2019, Bay View Association began collaborating with the Trails Council on ways to improve safety. Though complicated by Covid, the two groups nevertheless continued meeting, developing new signage and encouraging trail-side homeowners to trim foliage and forgo their own homemade Wheelway safety signs.

This year, those plans came to fruition as new, uniform signage appears throughout the Bay View segment.

Trails Council Safety and Maintenance Director Bill Prall worked closely with Bay View Operations Manager Patrick Kilkenny and Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Jake Porath in developing a standardized signage plan that mitigates danger where the Wheelway intersects Bay View's stub streets. At each intersection,

from Boulder Street to Division Street, yield signs now greet trail users, and bike route signs alert turning motorists. A larger cluster of signs near Boulder Street encourages yielding and warns trail users of the upcoming intersections.

"The Little Traverse Wheelway is a cherished asset in our region, and the safety of our residents and all who use the Wheelway is a top priority for the Bay View Association," said Bay View Executive Director Megan Cappel DeWindt. "The new signs are now uniform, clear, and easy to recognize for bikers, pedestrians, and drivers alike. We are deeply grateful to the Trails Council for their expertise and support in making this project a success. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with local efforts that enhance the community for everyone."

A stalwart trail safety proponent who's worked on this project from the beginning, Bill Prall was equally excited. "Not only did we strengthen our relationship with Bay View, an important trail partner, we also made significant safety improvements on a very busy part of the Wheelway," he said. "We are grateful for their enthusiasm and responsiveness."

The first ball that was

China, Germany, Japan, Portugal, Venezuela and other countries will show the event, according to its

Year. "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago" or, in modern English, "the good old days."

charm.

"Who can blame them? It is beautiful," Bolin said. "But, the safety concerns

#### **OBITUARIES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2**

Fay is survived by her loving husband, Harold Barraw; her three children: Kevin Harold Barraw (Lorraine), Nora Marian Moncada (Oscar), and Stacy Fern Carawan (Earl); her three granddaughters: Amie Lorraine Sattler (Jack), Jennifer K Crittenden (Andrew), and Diva Fay Moncada; and her five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her five siblings: Janet Olson (Harry), Perry Bennett (Kaaren), Sally Kotalik (Ed), Nancy Labeau (Jim), and Linda Ballentine (Frank). Her love, wisdom, and vibrant spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew her.

A funeral service to celebrate Fay's life will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at 2:00 PM at the Missionary Church in East Jordan, Michigan. There will be no visitation at the funeral home prior to the service. Following the funeral, the church will provide a lunch where family and friends are invited to visit and share their memories.

#### David Dickinson, 78 May 6, 1946 - Dec. 27, 2024

#### **CHARLEVOIX**

David Earl Dickinson of Charlevoix passed away on December 27, 2024. He was born on May 6,

1946, in Grand Rapids, the son of Ray and Mildred (Barnes) Dickinson. David was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com



#### Jean Drenth, 98 Jan. 24, 1926 - Dec. 25, 2024 **ELLSWORTH**

Jean Drenth of Ellsworth passed away on December 25, 2024 at her home. She was born on January 24, 1926, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Floyd and Mary (Gates) Black.

Jean enjoyed gardening, baking, cooking, knitting, and crossword puzzles. She was also proud to meticulously mow her lawn with only a push mower.

She was a long-time member of the Belltower Reformed Church and

was an avid Detroit Tigers Baseball fan.

Surviving are 5 children, Sharon (Cornell) Alofs of Ellsworth, Artis (Bradley) Jones of Rotunda, FL, Dennis "Hud" (Jan) Drenth of Central Lake, Shirley Boss of Ellsworth, Terry "Tex" (Rhonda) Drenth of Ellsworth, 12 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband Art Drenth, great-granddaughter Genesis Boss, 3 sisters, Shirley Wilbur, Mary Lou Johnson, and Maxine Drenth as well as her parents.

Visitation will take place on Friday, January 3, 2025 from 5-7 p.m. at the Belltower Reformed Church.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, January 4 at 11:00 a.m. also at church with Pastor Cobus Manders officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Burial will be in the Ellsworth Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Belltower Reformed Church, 8033 Church Rd., Ellsworth, MI, 49729.

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

Online guestbook www. mortensenfuneralhomes. com.



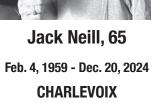
Jean Swanson, 89 June 22, 1935 - Dec. 22, 2024 **CHARLEVOIX** 

Jean Marie Swanson of

Graveside services will take place at Barnard Cemetery, and a memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix, both in the spring of 2025. Please check Mortensen Funeral Homes' website for updates on service information.

A full obituary will be posted in the future.

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



Jack Michael Neill of Charlevoix passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on December 20, 2024. Born on February 4, 1959, in Petoskey, Jack was the beloved son of David Neill and Joyce (Houlihan) Neill, who preceded him in death. He was also predeceased by his brother-in-law, Tex Whitlock.

Jack is survived by his devoted wife, Susan (Lince) Neill, with whom he shared a life filled with love and adventure. He was a proud father to Bethany (Philip) Hedgepath, Jacqueline (Charles) Neill, Sean (Danielle) Neill, and Austin (Alyssa) Neill. Jack's cherished grandchildren-Abigail, Sophia, Cameron, Michael, and Onyx-brought him boundless joy. He also leaves behind his sister Barb (Tom) Webster, brothers John Neill, Stan (Jane) Neill, and Don (Terrie) Neill, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews who loved him dearly.

Jack graduated from Petoskey High School and went on to live a life full of passion, humor, and love. Known for his eccentric, larger-than-life personality, Jack brought warmth and laughter to every room he entered. He was an unforgettable storyteller whose tales brought joy to all who heard them. His family remembers his fierce love, especially for his wife, children and grandchildren, and his ability to make everyone feel cared for and special.

A man of many talents and quirks, Jack had a deep affection for animals and an unshakable bond with his cherished boat. His love for music was boundless, and he could often be found dancing in the living room or pulling others into an impromptu dance at family gatherings. He embraced life with enthusiasm and had a remarkable ability to make ordinary moments extraordinary.

Jack's wife, Susan, remembers their life together as one of deep love and shared adventures, a testament to the enduring bond they shared.

Jack's life was a celebration of love, joy, and connection. His family and friends will carry his memory in their hearts, inspired by his vibrant spirit and the profound love he shared with all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to https://gofund.me/ e9730acf

Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 22, 2024, in Middleville, MI, with her family at her side. She was born on June 22, 1935, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Edward and Lauretta (Stutzman) Swanson.

# **News Briefs**

#### Thursday, January 2, 2025

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#### NORTHERN MICHIGAN BUSINESSES

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Send a THANK YOU Message from business to readers of the Weekly Choice, Charlevoix County News or Michigan MoneySaver all over Northern Michigan. Email your color business photo to us along with your Thank You message to Office@WeeklyChoice.com or Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com Deadline to publish in the January 9 edition is Monday, January 6.

Cost is \$50 per edition. THEN - we will donate \$25 to your Local Salvation Army in Gaylord, Petoskey, Cheboygan, Alpena or Traverse City.

#### CHARLEVOIX VETERAN SOCIAL & LUNCH

January 7, 9AM - 1PM. The Charlevoix Commission on Aging and the Veteran's Affairs office invite all Veterans to please join us every Tuesday for a Veteran's Social beginning at 9a and FREE Lunch for Veteran's beginning at 11:30aM. Veterans can contact the Charlevoix County Transit for free rides to and from the Senior Centers hosting the weekly event by calling: 582-6900. Charlevoix Senior Center – 06906 Norwood Rd. Every 1st Tuesday of the Month

#### CHARLEVOIX GLCO'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARY MUSIC

portunity to hear one or more GLCO musicians demonstrate and explain how their instruments work, and fun music-related activities for kids. Don't miss the fun. Next program is Jan. 11.

#### CHARLEVOIX PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Unlimited pancakes by donation at St. Mary Parish Center to support St. Mary School. Sundays, 9am - Noon. January 12, Feb. 9, May 4.

#### 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 "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.

#### CHARLEVOIX BERGMANN CENTER PLAY AND WORK CAFE SURVEY

We are thinking of different way to help the community. We are considering opening a work and play cafe. A work and play cafe is a unique space designed to support both parents and their children. It offers a clean, safe, and comfortable environment where parents can enjoy a cup of coffee, connect with other parents, or work while their children play and explore. The cafe is equipped with comfortable seating, free Wi-Fi, and plenty of power outlets, making it an ideal spot for parents to catch up on tasks. Would you be interested in bringing your child to a play and work cafe where you can work or socialize while your child plays? Please take our survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/X8TZ65G

#### EAST JORDAN ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AUCTION

The East Jordan Chamber annual meeting, dinner, auction & awards presentation is Saturday, January 25 at the Boathouse, 204 Water St. Social hour and silent auction begin at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 followed by services offered by Great Lakes Energy and Truestream, their amazing fiber internet business. Great Lakes Energy is a long-time community supporter and this event will be co-hosted by Boyne City Public Schools and Char-Em ISD.

#### EAST JORDAN SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please come and join the East Jordan Trailblazer club, 5586 Mt. Bliss Rd on Sunday morning for breakfast now thru March 30 from 7am-Noon. Adults \$10, Children 6 and under \$6.

#### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ADVERTISING FUNDS THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS

We love to run community announcements and news releases about all the things happening in Northern Michigan in the Charlevoix County News. We help publicize hundreds of events and activities all across our area. Readers love the fact that the Charlevoix County News is distributed by mailed subscription or at tons of locations throughout Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Petoskey. However, it is expensive to publish this newspaper each week filled with tons of local news and sports. Our main source of revenue comes from advertising. If your business or organization has an advertising budget, be sure to include the Charlevoix County News in your plans. While other newspapers in the area are quickly fading, the Charlevoix County News is growing. Our newsstand prices and advertising rates are far less than any other paper and your message will reach readers all across the area. Contact us at Office@ CharlevoixCountyNEWS.com or call 989-732-8160. One of the few Locally Owned and Locally Operated newspapers in the state.

#### BOYNE CITY MARKET AT THE PAVILION

Join us every Saturday at Veterans Park Pavilion from 9am-12pm to shop local vendors. Northern Michigan's most talented farmers, bakers, entrepreneurs and artists create a market unlike any other in the region. Live music brightens up the morning starting at 10am

#### EAST JORDAN

will get you the contact information. 231-536-7351.

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

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

#### NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

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

#### EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR Antrim County Clerk's office New Beginnings for 2025

Dear Editor,

We hope everyone had a blessed and Merry Christmas, and enjoyed the ringing in of this New Year, 2025.

Here at the Antrim County Clerk's office, we look forward to bringing in some new technologies to improve the "Customer Service" of our office to you, the citizens of our County.

Please stop by and introduce yourself to me, Victoria Bishop. As your newly elected Antrim County Clerk, I would very much like to meet you and discuss any ideas you may have for us to improve our office and the services we offer to the public.

First, know that we have already started the process for your Antrim County Clerk's office to begin accepting credit or debit cards for the payment of any fees that need to be paid to our office.

Additionally, we will be updating our website with all our necessary documents with instructions on how to print them out at your home or business, to save you time and money from having to come to our office to

#### obtain those documents. Once filled out and notarized, you will be able to scan and send them to our office via an email. If there are any fees required for filing, you will be able to make the payment of those fees online. We will process your documents and return them to you via first class mail for your records.

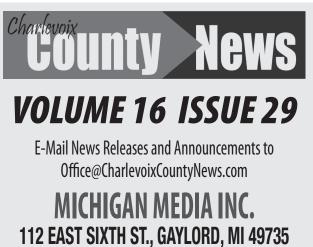
As in the past, you will always be able to come into our office to obtain documents, fill them out and allow us to notarize them for you and then file them with our office.

We plan many more new and innovative improvements in our office, in the coming months.

Finally, please take time to come and introduce yourself to my new Antrim County Deputy Clerk – Annette Marcus. Annette brings an extensive business background with a true servant's heart to help me implement many of the new services to our office.

We hope that you and your family will have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Victoria Bishop Antrim County Clerk



#### PROGRAM

Petoskey District Library and Charlevoix Public Library are hosting "Little Waves," a young children's music program. Free and open to the public and sponsored by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO), the program is designed to introduce young children (ages 4 - 10) and their families to music in an entertaining setting. Each drop-in event takes place at 10:30 am in Petoskey and 1 pm in Charlevoix. Each session features a multimedia story, an oplive auction and & awards. \$65 person. Reserve your ticket by January 17. No phone reservations. Mail your reservation with payment to East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 137, East Jordan, Michigan 49727

#### BOYNE CITY

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** February 15, 5:30 PM - 7 PM. You're invited to an evening of networking at Great Lakes Energy's new office building, home to the programs and

#### **ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS**

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

#### EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

# PET OF THE WEEK **COLE**



Meet Mr. tall, dark and handsome himself, Cole! Cole is a very sweet boy who loves attention. He came to us very, very skinny, so we've been working on getting him back to a healthy weight. We think once he gets filled out, Cole will be a big boy, he's already 11# and he's still underweight! Cole loves food so a home that will feed him lots of treats is a must (his words, not ours). He seems to do well with the other cats and would likely tolerate children and dogs.



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# athlete of week



Korbyn Russell East Jordan Red Devils Boys Basketball

Korbyn Russell led the way in the Red Devils 55-44 win over Boyne City with 19 points and seven rebounds last week.

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#### Hannah Essenberg

Ellsworth Lancers Girls Basketball

Hannah Essenberg had 10 points in the 2nd quarter as Ellsworth opened up the lead over Burt Lake NMC last week and won the game 46-36. Hannah was the leading scorer for the Lancers with 16 points.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Lady Ramblers defeat East Jordan to claim first win

#### BY BEN MURPHY

The Boyne City girls basketball team was able to close out the calendar year with their first win of the season. On Friday, Dec. 20 the Lady Ramblers were hosting East Jordan in a non-conference match-up, and came away with a hard fought 51-46 victory.

"The team is beginning to find their rhythm and show what they're capable of achieving," Boyne head coach Mike Wilson said. "(Our) relentless pressure defense proved to be the game-changer in securing the win." In the first quarter, East Jordan was able to get eight points from June Kirkpatrick, and they took a 10-8 lead after one. Boyne got a three pointer from Elle Wilson in the second, and her six points in the quarter helped spark them to a claim a 23-19 lead at the half. A three from Delaney Little in the third helped keep Boyne in front, 39-32 entering the fourth. Sidney Bush was able to net four points in the final stanza and Braydin Noble sank a three as Boyne finished off the win.



#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

# East Jordan boys erase early hole, claims win over Boyne City

BY BEN MURPHY

After the first quarter of their road boys basketball game in Boyne City, East Jordan faced a six point hole. The Red Devils turned the tables in the second quarter, and they were able to claim a 55-44 non-conference victory, on Friday, Dec. 20.

"A truly great team effort," E-J head coach Nate Dzwik said. "The guys did a great job on both ends of executing. They hit some shots early and all it did was to strengthen our guvs resolve and helped us to lock down on defense. Offensively, we did a really good job of moving the ball and taking quality shots." The Ramblers played their best ball in the first quarter, taking a 17-11 lead after one. A big 22 point second quarter for E-J allowed them to claim a 33-26 lead by the half though. After three quarters of play that advantage was 40-34. E-J outscored Boyne 15-10 in the fourth to secure the win. "I thought we played a physical and intelligent game and it showed with the win at the end of the night," Dzwik said. "Korbyn Russell carried us in the first half hitting some shots off some great ball movement and William Webb put us on his back in the fourth as he a matchup that he could really exploit and get to the rim." Webb led all scorers with 20 points in the game. Also, for Red Devils, Russell netted 16 points, Max Beal had seven points and five rebounds, Ellis Malpass had six points and six rebounds and Ryder Malpass finished with six points as well. For the Ramblers, Ryan Spate was able to net 14 points and Jaden Alger scored 11. Rider Peck and Owen Hewitt had six points apiece, Ben Stanek netted



The Ramblers were led by Wilson and Addy Burns



Boyne City's Elly Wilcox heads into the paint as East Jordan's Jojo Kirkpatrick defends. In Motion Images

East Jordan's June Kirkpatrick is closely guarded by Boyne City's Addy Burns. In Motion Images

who had 12 points each. Noble and Bush had eight points apiece while scoring five each was Little and Kaelyn Matelski.

June Kirkpatrick had a huge game for the Red Devils, leading all scorers with 25 points. Jojo Kirkpatrick, Sydney Guerriero and Lily Snyder all had five points apiece Lily Pinney was able to score three points. Avan McCoy netted two and Madisen Bearden added one point.

Boyne (1-3 overall) will play at Little Caesars Arena on Jan. 2, where they will take on Plymouth Christian Academy. They will also play at Mancelona on Jan. 3.

E-J (4-1) played Harbor Springs on Friday and will take on Battle Creek St. Philip on Friday at the Crisler Center in Ann Arbor. They will also host Johannesburg-Lewiston on Tuesday.



June Kirkpatrick had a huge game for the Red Devils, leading all scorers with 25 points. In Motion Images

East Jordan's Korbyn Russell finds an opening on the baseline as he goes around Ryan Spate. Photo Kim Culver

five and adding two points was Lukas VanZee.

Boyne (1-4 overall) will play Plymouth Christian today (Thursday) down at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit at 4 p.m. They'll also host Clare on Friday and play in Kalkaska on Tuesday.

E-J also won a home non-league game over Johannesburg-Lewison on Dec. 18, 66-33.

"A much-needed game where we hit some shots early and played with a lot of intensity," Dzwik said. "It was great to get all of the team on the floor and get them some minutes. Overall, we played well and cleaned up some of the mistakes we had made (the game before)."

East Jordan jumped to an 18-8 lead after the first quarter and that gap at the half was 30-16. They also carried a 46-26 advantage entering the fourth.

Russell led the way with 19 points and seven rebounds. Beal contributed 15 points, four rebounds and



Max Beal scores two of his seven points and had five rebounds in the win over Boyne City. Photo Kim Culver

three blocks, E. Malpas was able to get 14 points, seven steals and five boards and Webb had eight points, nine steals, five rebounds and four assists. Griffin Boyer also scored six points.

East Jordan (3-2) will play Battle Creek St. Philip on Friday at the Crisler Center in Ann Arbor.

They will also head to Inland Lakes on Wednesday.



# **2024 YEAR IN REVIEW ALLAREA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**



**GIRLS BASKETBALL ABBEY WRIGHT CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS** 



**BOYS SOCCER** DRAKE DUNHAM **GRAYLING VIKINGS** 



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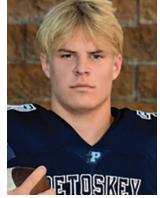
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8-MAN FOOTBALL AIDAN FENSTERMAKER INLAND LAKES BULLDOGS



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BASEBALL KORBYN RUSSELL EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS



**11-MAN FOOTBALL** RYAN SPATE **BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS** 

**JANUARY 25, 2024** 

TROY

NICKEL

**CHARLEVOIX** 

RAYDERS

BOYS

BASKETBALL

In a losing effort to Elk Rap-

ids last week, Troy Nickel

led the Rayders with 16

**BOYNE CITY** 

RAMBLERS

JUNE

**RED DEVILS** 

113 pounds.

# **2024 ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

#### JANUARY 11, 2024

BRADY JESS **CHARLEVOIX** RAYDERS WRESTLING

Brady Jess had already recorded his 100th career win in the Rayders' on Wednesday in Cadillac, and now is adding to his total

as he moves through the season and gets ready for the post-season. The all-state wrestler has started at guarterback for the Rayders' football team the last two seasons, and is quite comfortable in the hot glare of the spotlight. He is a junior with one more year remaining in his high school eligibility, and there's no telling what kind of numbers he'll put up before it's all done.

#### **JANUARY 25, 2024**

BRAYDIN NOBLE **BOYNE CITY** RAMBLERS GIRLS



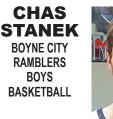
**JANUARY 11, 2024** 

JUNE KIRKPATRICK EAST JORDAN **RED DEVILS** GIRLS BASKETBALL

The East Jordan girls bas-

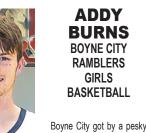
ketball team played tough in a loss to TC St. Francis last week. June Kirkpatrick scored 26 points to lead the Red Devils against St. Francis.

**JANUARY 18, 2024** 



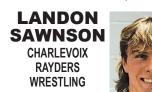
ka Blazers last week, 49-39. Chas Stanek led the Ramblers with 19 points, eight rebounds and six steals

#### **JANUARY 18, 2024**



Kalkaska squad, 53-51 on Jan. 9 and then turned around and handled Traverse City St. Francis by 13 points, 59-46 last Thursday night. Ramblers freshman Addy Burns hit the game-winning shot and led

#### **FEBRUARY 1. 2024**





points, five rebounds and three steals. In the win over

East Jordan, he finished with a game-high 20 points,

picked off six steals and took down four rebounds.





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**BOYNE CITY** 

RAMBLERS

BOYS

BOWLING

Rambler Varsity Boys Bowl-

ing are 2024 Conference

Champions. Their season

all scorers with 13 points.

The Ramblers beat Kalkas-









**FEBRUARY 1, 2024** 

#### BASKETBALL

In the game against state 回回 ranked Elk Rapids last week, Braydin Noble did

an outstanding job on defense, holding Elk Rapids center Morgan Bergquist to six points. In a win over East Jordan, Braydin led the scoring with 16 points.

BASKETBALL In a win against Grayling,

JADEN

ALGER

**BOYNE CITY** 

RAMBLERS

BOYS

KEATON

MATELSKI

**BOYNE FALL** 

LOGGERS

BOYS

BASKETBALL

In a close loss to Petoskey

St. Michael Keaton Ma-

tel-ski scored a game-high

AVERY

**KITALAKE** 

**CHARLEVOIX** 

SKI TEAM

Charlevoix High School

skier Avery Kita, supported

by some of her teammates

in 37 points.

Jaden Alger, who recorded a double double with 21

points and 10 rebounds. In a loss to Harbor Springs, the Ramblers were paced by Alger who had another double double with 19 points and 16 rebounds.

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

skied in the morning's slalom and finished 7th overall,

earning first team all-state honors. Avery's success

is born of the work of her and her teammates, along

with the unique and supportive culture built by the

APRIL 25, 2024

athletes from the three schools of the LCST.

At the Northern Michigan Wrestling Championship

last Saturday Charlevoix had two wrestlers take first place in their weight class 175 lb. Weight Class 1st Place - Brady Jess of Charlevoix High School

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

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last Saturday Charlevoix had two wrestlers take first place in their weight class 215 lb. Weight Class 1st Place - Landon Swanson of Charlevoix High School.

FEBRUARY 22, 2024

WRESTLING In the Lake Michigan Conference Tournament last Friday, Mason Riccinto brought home a conference title for the Ramblers at



and 60-31 over Charlevoix. In the win over Kalkaska June led the Red Devils with 15 points. She had a big night for the Rayders, pouring in a game-high 18 points.

MARCH 7, 2024

#### ABBEY WRIGHT **CHARLEVOIX** RAYDERS GIRLS BASKETBALL



Charlevoix's girls basketball team head into the dis-

trict tournament with good momentum after pulling out a tough 43-41 non-conference win over Manton in its season finale. Abbey Wright led the Rayders with 19 points including a 6-of-10 performance at the free throw line.

MAY 2, 2024



throwing a complete game and allowing just one run on four hits with five strikeouts and one walk. Vollmer was also the Ramblers leading hitter, slugging out a pair of hits ... including a grand slam home run in the bottom of the fourth inning.

#### **FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

ABBEY WRIGHT **CHARLEVOIX** RAYDERS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Abbev has been tearing it up this year. In a 49-38 win over conference for Grav-

ling, Abbey notched yet another double, pouring in 32 points, grabbing 12 rebounds and coming away with three steals

#### FEBRUARY 29, 2024

JOE GAFFNEY **CHARLEVOIX** RAYDERS BOYS BASKETBALL

Joe Gaffney provided a lot of the scoring punch in the Charlevoix 65-37 win against Mancelo-

na, firing up 25 points while also pulling down five rebounds. Charlevoix coach Anthony Troshak said, "Gaffney went 7-of-10 on 3-point field goals. He shot well and we were able to find him against their zone (defense).

#### MARCH 14, 2024

BAYANI COLLINS CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS GIRLS BASKETBALL

In the district semifinals against Johannesburg-Lewiston, the Rayders survived the scare

with a 29-27 win. With seconds to go in the game the Rayders were behind 27-26. The big shot of the game was Bayani Collins hitting a three at the end of the game to put the Rayders up by 2. Collins scored 11 points and grabbed five rebounds for the Rayders.



Hunter Lemerand threw a perfect game for the Charlevoix baseball team

shut out Marion 7-0 in the first game of the Evart Cat Classic last Friday. Lemerand struck out 13 of the 18 batters he faced, and the line by his name showed a lot of zeroes ... no runs, no hits, no errors. It was a thrilling moment for him and his teammates



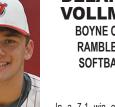
In the final game of the home tournament last weekend, the Ramblers

beat Cheboygan 8-7 in extra innings to wrap up a 3rd place finish. Natalie belted a two-run home run and had two singles to lead the Ramblers.

Korbyn Russell pitched a real gem in the opener against TC St. Francis.

six innings







MAY 2, 2024





rolled by Eric Mansfield of 192 and 202.

RAYDERS WRESTLING

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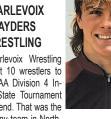
KORBYN **RED DEVILS** BASEBALL

Besides giving up just the two hits, Russell fanned 18 batters and issued just two walks in

RUSSELL EAST JORDAN







MARCH 7, 2024

record is 8-2. High scores against Grayling were

The Charlevoix Wrestling

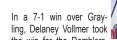
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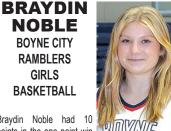


the win for the Ramblers.









points in the one point win over Traverse City St Francis last week. In the final minute of the game, she

drove aggressively to the basket and put in the winning shot for the Ramblers.

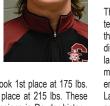
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MAY 16, 2024

just one walk. He also tripled in the game, a 6-0 win.

MAY 30, 2024

ELIJAH

**BURNS** 

EAST JORDAN

**RED DEVILS** 

BASEBALL

Elijah tossed a no-hitter

against Bellaire late last

week with 10 strikeouts and

MAY 9, 2024

**OWEN** WAHA **CHARLEVOIX** RAYDERS BASEBALL

In an 18-1 win over Greenville, Owen Waha threw a no-hitter for the Rayders,

finishing the game with five strike outs as well in just three innings with the game shortened due to the mercy rule. At the plate, Waha had three hits, with two doubles, and five runs batted in.

MAY 23, 2024

LILLIAN STONE EAST JORDAN **RED DEVIL** SOFTBALL

In a 20-14 win over Charlevoix, Lillian Stone shined at the plate for the

Red Devils, knocking out six hits, including a mammoth 3-run home run over the center field fence in the fifth inning. She finished the game 6-for-6 with six runs batted in

#### JUNE 13, 2024

**OWEN** WAHA **CHARLEVOIX** RAYDERS BASEBALL

In the 10-0 win over Grayling in the Regional semi-finals, Owen was the winning pitcher. He struck out five and walked none. In a 5-0 win in the quarterfinals

over Pinconning, Owen had a strong showing on the mound. He struck out 10 and allowed three hits. The Rayder now head to the state semi-finals in Division 3.

#### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

KORBYN RUSSELL EAST JORDAN **RED DEVILS** FOOTBALL

The Red Devils came **RED DEVILS** away with a 44-13 victory over Kalkaska last Friday.

Korbyn completed 8-of-11 passing for 257 yards and three touchdowns including a 97-yard touchdown pass







ine last week, Lauryn Matelski had her hitting shoes on in the first game, going 3-for-4 that included an inside-the-park home run in the fourth inning. She had singles in the first and second innings

MAY 30, 2024

EIJAH BURNS EAST JORDAN **RED DEVILS** BASEBALL

Eijah Burns threw a no-hitter in the second game of East Jordan's doubleheader with Johannesburg-Lewiston last Wednesday,

striking out five and walking four in a 15-0 rout.

JUNE 20, 2024

**CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS** 

BASEBALL TEAM

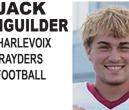
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024



In a 26-20 win over East Jordan, junior running back, Jack Vanguilder was the big carries, including a 77-vard run for a touchdown



The Charlevoix Rayders Baseball team made it to the final 4 in the state division 3 base-ball tournament. The lost a heart breaker to Jackson Lumen Christi in the semi-finals



leader on offense, rushing for 148 yards on just four

OCTOBER 17, 2024



Katie led the team to a 4th place finish in the final Lake Michigan Conference event ever as the conference is dissolving this spring. Katie was the conference champion in both the 800 meter run and the 1,600 meter run. She also ran first leg on the 4x400 Relay

#### **SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

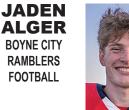
BERTELS **BOYNE CITY** CROSS COUNTRY

that finished 4th.



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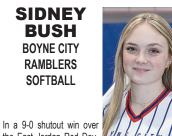
OCTOBER 3, 2024



In a 40-0 win over Cheboygan on home-coming BOYNE CITY weekend. Jaden Alger was the Rambler's primary receiver, catching five passes for 144 yards and three TDs.



#### MAY 16, 2024



the East Jordan Red Devils, fresh-man Sidney Bush picked up the win in the circle, throwing six innings of one-hit ball with five strikeouts and two walks. It was also Bush leading the offense, going 4-for-4 at the

dish with a double and three RBIs. JUNE 6, 2024



The East Jordan Red Devils won the district championship in Division 4 and moved on to Regional play. In game 1 against Ellsworth

Korbyn had 2 home runs. In the championship game against Bellaire, he started the game pitching but had to leave the game due to the MHSAA's mandatory pitch count, leaving the game after working six innings with a no-hitter and just three hits with 14 strike outs. He walked one.

#### **SEPTEMER 12, 2024**



Spate barreled through the holes opened by the offen-

for 12 points. He also returned a punt 56 yards for a score, and was a perfect 6-of-6 on extra points. On defense, Ryan had eight tackles, including three behind the line for losses.

#### OCTOBER 3, 2024



sport) between East Jordan and Bellaire. June Kirkpatrick a Senior Middle Hitter had 26 kills, 2 aces, & 18 digs. Later in the week in a 3 game sweep over Pellston June had 13 kill shots and 5 dias.

OCTOBER 24, 2024

for 193 yards and scoring two touchdowns on the

SHOOKS

EAST JORDAN

**RED DEVILS** 

FOOTBALL

In a 33-6 win over Frank-

fort, Logan Shooks led the

way on the ground, rushing

#### MAY 23, 2024



LOGAN



Logan qualified for the state finals in 3 events. In the Regionals, Logan won the

Relay.

110m Hurdles with a time of 16.11. He also qualified for the state finals in the 300m low hurdles with a time

#### of 42.69. The third event he qualified for is the 4x100 JUNE 6, 2024

#### SIDNEY BUSH **BOYNE CITY** RAMBLERS SOFTBALL

The Ramblers are District Champs and move on to Regionals this week. Sidney Bush threw a masterful one-hitter against Charlevoix, racking up seven strike

outs and walking just three in five full innings. In the Championship game, Sidney had two hits against Elk Rapids. The "BIG" hit came in the bottom of the 7th inning with a runner on 2nd base. Sidney came to the plate with two outs and fought one off the end of the bat, scoring Sawyer Cadarette with the winning run.

#### **SEPTEMBER 19. 2024**

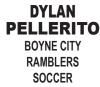
AYLA KEMP **CHARLEVOIX** RAYDERS VOLLEYBALL

Ayla Kemp was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Charlevoix tournament last weekend for her defensive effort and serve receive, 62-of-71 on the



"She is tough on the court, and is a dedicated player to her craft and continues to work on her game to get better," Coach Randall added.

#### OCTOBER 10, 2024



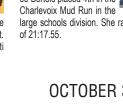


Junior Dylan Pellerito had a breakout game with his first

hat trick and four goal contributions for the night in an 8-0 shutout win over Cheboygan last week. Dylan scored two goals against the Kingsley Stags in a 3-0 win.



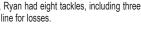




HAILEE

sive line for 152 yards on an economi-cal 12 touches, and found pay dirt twice







JIBSON EAST JORDAN VOLLEYBALL



Lindsey led the way last week for East Jordan volleyball who had wins over

Mancelona and Forest Area. Lindsey had 12 kills, two blocks, six aces and six digs against Mancelona. She had five kills and a block against Forest Area.

#### OCTOBER 31, 2024

RYAN SPATE **BOYNE CITY** RAMBLERS FOOTBALL



All season long, senior Ryan Spate has filled up ROYNE CIT the stat sheet with his pow-

erful runs. Last Friday he was the hero using his toe. Ryan split the uprights from 35 yards out to give the Ramblers a 23-20 upset of the Division 6 sixth ranked Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators at home.

#### NOVEMBER 14, 2024

**AYLA KEMP CHARLEVOIX** RAYDERS VOLLEYBALL



In the District Final, Ayla Kemp was 29/31 on serve /CHARLEVO D receive and 24 digs, had 4

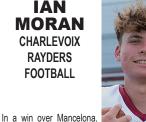
aces and 100% serving. Ayla met a career goal of 1000 digs in the district final. Ayla is only a sophomore and is someone to keep on your radar.

#### DECEMBER 12, 2024



#### 2013-14 **BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM** EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

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 I ake 51-95 in a enirited home and eesenr



lan ran for two rushing touchdowns while totaling 80 yards on 11 carries. Moran attempted 7 passes and completed 5 to add 60 yards. Ian also plays middle line-backer on defense, and was the leader there

OCTOBER 31, 2024

**BOYS CROSS** 

COUNTRY TEAM

**CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS** 

In the Division 3 Regional Track Meet last weekend,

the Charlevoix Boys Cross Country team ran with

wings on their feet as they had 5 runners place in

the top 20 runners in the region. Hunter Eaton placed

2nd. Matthew Solomon placed 4th. Maxwell Drenth

placed 10th. David Dhaseleer placed 11th. Jacob

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

yards rushing with three touchdowns on 11 carries,

and also hauled in a 61-yard pass that he turned into

DECEMBER 12, 2024

a 60-9 blowout win over Forest Area Monday night

June made seven 3-point shots. She was hot!

Veurink placed 18th.

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**BOYNE CITY** 

RAMBLERS

FOOTBALL

In the Rambler win over

Reed City in the Regional

final, Owen ground out 96

JUNE

KIRKPATRICK EAST JORDAN

**RED DEVILS** 

BASKETBALL

In the Red Devils opening

game of the season. June

Kirkpatrick had 38 points in

another score.

with nine tackles, including three for loss.



libero Ayla Kemp had a great tourney and continues to be a big part of our serve receive and defense. She earned 81/90 on serve receive and 62 digs, and 2 aces.

#### **NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

LOGAN SHOOKS EAST JORDAN **RED DEVILS** FOOTBALL

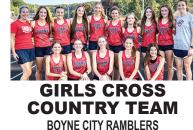
Logan Shooks carried the Red Devils running game, gaining 91 yards on the

ground. Shooks also finished at the top of the defensive tackle charts with 16 stops, and a tackle for loss.



**NOVEMBER 7, 2024** 

ground.



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

#### NOVEMBER 28, 2024



LOGAN SHOOKS EAST JORDAN MVP Legacy Division

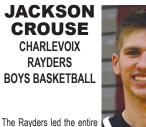
**DECEMBER 19, 2024** 



2024 AWARDS FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE Division 6 FIRST TEAM OFFENSE



**DECEMBER 24, 2024** 



game in a 56-38 win over the Manton Rangers, Jack son Crouse had a big night in the paint, getting 14

points and 20 rebounds



**CHARLEVOIX** RAYDERS FOOTBALL

In a 38-0 shutout win over the Tawas Braves lan Moran has begun to settle into his new role as the Rayders starting quarterback, and the numbers show it. Friday

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

#### NOVEMBER 14, 2024

RYAN SPATE **BOYNE CITY** RAMBLERS FOOTBALL



Ryan Spate was the engine driving the Ramblers to a ROYNE C District Championship win

over last year's state champion Kingsley Stags. Ryan had 164 yards rushing on a rugged 32 carries, which gives him a total of 1,674 yards for the season. He has scored 19 touchdowns this year including 3 in this game.

#### **DECEMBER 5, 2024**

JAKOB PAHLER **ELLSWORTH** LANCERS

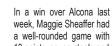


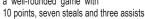
Foreign Exchange student Jakob Pahler, from Sweden, made his American

high school debut with nine points in the final frame and had a team high 20 points overall.

#### DECEMBER 24, 2024













**Sports** 

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# Wrestling Team Hosts 1st Annual Boyne Holiday Classic

#### **BY NOAH WILLIAMSON**

On Saturday, the Boyne City wrestling team hosted the 1st Annual Boyne Holiday Classic in the Rambler Fieldhouse. The event brought together 13 high school teams from across Michigan, showcasing some of the best talent in the region. The tournament featured returning MHSAA state qualifiers and returning place winners.

Fans packed the field house to witness great competition, standout performances, and the crowning of the tournament's first-ever champions.

The Ramblers placed 5 wrestlers in the tournament. Freshmen Andrew Betz (106 lbs.) and Bruyn Hauger (150 lbs.) both advanced to the finals and finished 2nd place.

Three others earned top-four finishes: Freshmen





Korbin Kopenkoskey (106 lbs.) and Peyton Frost (113 lbs.) finished in 3rd place. Junior Deegan Anthony (138 lbs.) finished 4th place.

The Ramblers finished 6th place overall, highlighted by strong performances from their lower-weight wrestlers.

The full team scores for the event are listed below: 1. Adrian HS – 233.5 2. Kent City HS – 184.5 3. Coopersville HS – 175.5 4. Traverse City Central HS – 111.0 5. St. Francis HS (Traverse City) – 96.5 6. Boyne City HS – 91.5

7. Cadillac HS – 78.5 8. Gaylord HS – 63.5 9. Frankfort HS – 34.0 10. Houghton Lake HS – 33.5 11. Kalkaska HS – 31.5 12. Petoskey HS – 18.0 13. Mancelona-North Central Academy – 3.0



high school wrestling in

our community and from

around the state, and

we're thrilled with how

everything came together. Watching our athletes com-

pete at such a high level in

made it even more special.

front of the home crowd

We want to thank all of

the volunteers who came

together and helped make

City will travel to Coo-

persville High School

Looking ahead, Boyne

next week to participate in

their Military Appreciation

Tournament. The Ramblers

are eager to compete in this

historic team event, facing

off against some familiar

Classic. Go Boyne!

opponents from the Holiday

this happen."

#### PHOTO CREDITS: KIM CULVER AND BRANDON KISH

Below is the list of the individual champions at each weight class:

106 – Joel Blaker (Adrian HS) 113 – Micah Blaker (Adrian HS)

- 120 Diego Orozco (Adrian HS)
- 126 Sammy Anderson (Kent City
- HS) 132 – Adam Hunter (Kent City HS)
- 138 Brady Steffes (Coopersville HS) 144 – Jayden Loomis-Sandison (Kent City HS)
- 150 Blake Carr (Kent City HS) 157 – Jace Miller (Adrian HS)
- 165 Ian Nolan (Coopersville HS)
  175 John Breckel (Adrian HS)
  190 Jayvin Bartlett (Traverse City

Central HS) 215 – Thomas Edwards (Frankfort HS)

285 – Henry Harman (Cadillac HS) Reflecting on the event, Coach Williamson shared his thoughts on hosting the tournament: "We are incredibly proud to host the first-ever Boyne Holiday Classic. It was a great opportunity to showcase





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**GIRLS BASKETBALL** 

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Ellsworth earns come from** 

# Ellsworth extends win streak to 3 games

#### BY BOB DELONG

The Ellsworth Girls varsity basketball team behind first year head coach Nick Hopp beat Burt Lake NMC

Lakes

Confer-

the west di-

vision with



Hannah Essenberg



Bella Essenberg

a 2-0 mark, hosted the Eagles who lead the east division with a 2-0 mark. The result of this contest does not affect the league standings.

This game was part of a girls/boys' varsity double header and the Lancers fans certainly went home happy as Ellsworth swept both ends of twin bill.

Talented Eagle eight grader Lauren Ferraivolo scored all 11 of Burt Lake's points in the first stanza, but the Lancers countered with 12 points, including 6 from sophomore Nora Puroll and Ellsworth led 12-11 after

8 minutes of play. In the second quarter, the Lancers held Ferraivolo to only one basket and Hannah Essenberg scored 10 points to propel Ellsworth to a 28-20 advantage at the halftime break.

The third quarter saw both team struggle to score, however, Burt Lake NMC got a pair of triples from Ferraivolo as the Eagles edged the Lancers with a 6-5 quarter advantage to narrow the gap to a 33-26 with just 8 minutes remaining to play in the game.

Ellsworth was able to play good defense in the final frame and got points from 4 different players to hold on to their lead (with a 13-10 advantage) and coasted to the 10-point victory.

Ferraivolo led all scorers with 22 points, but the Lancers won the game with balance as they had three players score in double figures. Hannah Essenberg had 16 points, (all coming in the games last 3 quarters); Puroll had 6 baskets for 12 points, Bella Essenberg was also in double figures with 10 points, (including a pair of triples); Ruby Pletcher had 6 points and Kyley Fuller scored a 2-point basket to complete the scoring.

Ellsworth completed in the Central Lake Christmas Tourney last week and will return to regular season play after the New Year.

#### **CONFERENCE STANDINGS**



#### Lancers use huge 4th quarter to nip Burt Lake NMC BY BOB DELONG The Ellsworth boys' varsity basketball team used

a 17-9 scoring advantage in the final frame to rally and beat Burt Lake NMC 51-47 in front of an excited home crowd in the Lancers final game before the Christmas break.

The entire contest was close, especially in a low scoring first half. The Lancers Billy Hopp had 8 first quarter points, (including a pair of three-point shots), and Evincio LaCount added a couple baskets in the second stanza. Ellsworth led 15-13 after one period of play, but the game was tied at 23 all at intermission.

LaCount had 7 more points in the third period and Cam Snyder added 4

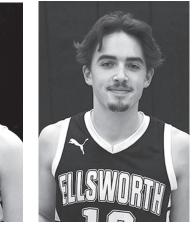


behind victory, 51-47

**Billy Hopp** 

points for the Lancers, but the Eagles outscored Ellsworth 15-11 to take a 38-34 lead into the game's quarter. That is when the Lancers Ezra Wallis took the game over.

Wallis, who scored 5 points in the first quarter, but was held scoreless in



**Evincio LaCount** 

the 2nd and 3rd frames, exploded for a career high 11 points over the games final 8 minutes to propel the Eagles to the victory. Wallis made a big triple, three 2-point baskets and split 4 free-throws to lead the Ellsworth comeback. Hopp hit a huge three and

LaCount made 3 of 4 free throws down the stretch to preserve the win.

Wallis led the Eagles with 16 points; LaCount had a double double with 14 points, 10 rebounds and 3 steals; Hopp was also in double figures with 13 points and 5 boards; Snyder had 4 points, 6 rebounds and a pair of blocks and both Jakob Pahler and Ben Strange each scored an important 2 point bucket.

Ellsworth played in the Central Lake Christmas Tourney this weekend and the Lancers will resume regular season play on January 6th when they make the long trip to Lincoln, Michigan to take on the Alcona Tigers in a non-league clash.

#### **CONFERENCE STANDINGS BOYS BASKETBALL** 12/28/24

Mackinaw City

<b>Big North Conference</b>		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overal
Traverse City West	2-0	6-1
Cadillac	3-1	5-1
Petoskey	0-1	6-2
Traverse City Central	0-0	4-2
Gaylord	0-1	2-3
Alpena	0-2	2-5

Northern Shores Conference			
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	
Cheboygan	2-0	7-0	
Harbor Springs	2-0	6-1	
Elk Rapids	2-0	4-3	
Charlevoix	1-1	3-2	
Boyne City	1-1	1-4	

Northern Lakes Conference			
West Division			
Team	W-L	W-L	
Harbor Springs Har	(Conference)	(Overall)	
Light Christian	1-0	4-1	
Ellsworth	1-1	4-3	
Alba	0-0	0-0	
Boyne Falls	0-1	0-4	

Petoskey St Michael	0-0	0-0		
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Alanson	1-0	3-3		

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Harbor Springs	1-0	5-1
Elk Rapids	1-0	3-3
Grayling	0-0	5-0
Cheboygan	0-0	3-2

#### **CONFERENCE STANDINGS GIRLS BASKETBALL** 12/28/24

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(Overall)

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#### **Big North Conference**

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Team	(Conference)	(Overall)
Alpena	5-0-0	10-3-0
Petoskey	3-1-0	8-1-0
Traverse City Central	2-1-0	5-6-0
Traverse City West	1-2-0	2-6-0
Cadillac	1-3-0	6-5-0
Gaylord	1-5-0	1-10-0

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Grayling	0-2	5-2
Kalkaska	0-2	3-3
Kingsley	0-2	0-7
Ski Valley Con	ference	
Team	W-L	W-L
	(Conference)	(Overall)
Bellaire	5-0	6-0
Mancelona	3-0	3-3
Onaway	2-0	2-2
Gaylord St Mary	2-1	2-2
Indian River		
Inland Lakes	2-2	2-4
Central Lake	1-2	1-6
Pellston	1-3	2-4
East Jordan	0-2	3-2
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-4	1-4
Johannesburg-Lewiston	0-2	0-5

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Rogers City	0-0	5-1	
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Mancelona	0-4	0-6

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Oscoda	0-0	5-0		
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Rogers City	0-0	3-2		
Whittemore-Prescott	0-0	2-4		
Alcona	0-0	0-6		
St Helen Charlton				
Heston Academy	0-0	0-4		

North Star League-Little Dipper			
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Atlanta	1-0	1-2	
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Posen	0-1	3-3	
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Fairview	0-2	1-4	



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Used 2012 Puma 26 RLSS Travel Trailer. Large Slideout, power jack, sleeps 6. Regular \$9,995. Sale Price \$8,995. Save \$1,000. As low as \$179 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.Petoskey-RVUSA.com. USED 2013 KEYSTONE RV BULLET 204RBS TRAVEL TRAILER. Rear Corner Bath Including: Angle Shower, Rear Pantry/Wardrobe, Refrig, 3 Burner Range, Booth Dinette w/Overhead storage and much more. Regular Price \$13,995. Sale Price \$11,995. Save \$2,000. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.Petoskey-RVUSA.com.

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

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

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Used 2020 Jayco Eagle HT 312BHOK Bunkhouse Travel Trailer. 3 Slideouts, sleeps 8, outside kitchen, private bunkhouse, stainless steel appliances, LED fireplace. Regular \$43,995. Sale Price \$29,995. Save \$14,000. As low as \$39 a month. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.Petoskey-RVUSA.com.

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. BLOWOUT PRICE \$69,995. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www.NorthernMichiganRV. com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. **Closed Sunday** 

USED 2024 JAYCO WHITE HAWK 26FK TRAVEL TRAIL-ER. 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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2011 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited. 4x4, 6 speed, leather, tow pkg, rear camera, 132 K miles. \$14,500. As low as \$279 a month. Not exactly as shown. Petoskey Auto Sales & Rental, Byrider. 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

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2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee. 4x4, leather, double moon roof, 131 K miles. Sale Price \$8,995. As low as \$189 a month. River-

NOTICE

The City of East Jordan City Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### ALL APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO REPAIR BOYNE CITY'S BOARDWALK AREA

ISSUED: January 2, 2025

#### I. Scope of Work:

Boyne City Main Street/Downtown Development Authority is seeking proposals from qualified companies for the repair of the boardwalk and related areas in downtown Boyne City; located adjacent to the eastern side of Lake Street and extending along the river. The boardwalk is currently a wooden walk that was installed approximately 20 years ago. A map of the area under consideration is included and the area itself is located just north of 27 Lake Street, north of the Water Street intersection.

Successful bidder(s) will take into account the ingress to the boardwalk, the boardwalk itself, the

town Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales. com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2014 Chevy Equinox. 188 K miles. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call\ 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On.

2014 Chevy Traverse LTZ. AWD, 3rd row seat, captain chairs, 127 K miles. Sale Price \$8,995. As low as \$189 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.

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

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

2015 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.

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

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

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

2024 Jayco White Hawk 26FK Travel Trailer. 2 Slideouts, front kitchen, full bath, dual entry doors, fireplace. SALE PRICE \$42,995. MSRP \$67,989. SAVE \$24,994. As low as \$417 a month. Northern Michigan RV. 277 Expressway Court, Gaylord. 989-448-8700. www. NorthernMichiganRV.com. MON-SAT: 9AM - 5PM. Closed Sunday

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

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

#### **MARION TOWNSHIP**

#### Seeking Interested Residents for the Following Positions

The Marion Township Board is seeking letters of application from residents interested in serving in the following positions:

#### Planning Commission: 2 openings.

The Planning Commission meets monthly to deal with Township Zoning issue Special Use Permits, Land Use issues and other related tasks as directed by the Township Board.

#### Board of Review: 3 openings.

The Board of Review meets for 2 days in March and at other times if needed to review the property tax assessments and appeals.

#### Zoning Board of Appeals: 1 regular opening and up to 2 alternate openings.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed to hear Zoning Ordinance variance requests and other Zoning appeal issues.

Interested residents need to submit a letter with a brief statement as to why they're interested in serving in the position they are seeking. The applicant should also include any other information they feel may be relevant to serving in that position, such as their background and any other qualifications they feel may be relevant.

Letters must be submitted to the Township Clerk by mail or email at the addresses below by 5pm on January 10, 2025.

For additional information regarding the positions, you can call the Clerk at 231-547-2154.

Marion Township Clerk 01362 Matchett Rd. Charlevoix. MI 49720 Email: timmatchett@hotmail.com interaction of the boardwalk and the private traffic flow/alley way adjacent and any other variables the bidder might perceive.

We are seeking the properly licensed and insured company(ies) to review the boardwalk area and offer plans and/or cost estimates for repair of the deck boards and perimeter double joists, reinforcement of deck joists of the boardwalk, repair/replacement and anchorage of guard railing posts to the deck structure and stabilization to the adjacent brick paver walkways as needed. EACH OF THESE AREAS MAY BE BID SEPARATELY.

Additional items a bidder may take into account:

- 1) Appropriate foundation for the boardwalk work; some areas listed above (we have plans and a review available)
- 2) Consideration of vehicular traffic flow on the alleyway (interaction with replacement material for the boardwalk to extend the life of the material and limit repairs)
- 3) Consideration of long term wear for all materials used; in particular the actual boardwalk
- 4) Consideration of low maintenance for all suggested improvements or changes
- 5) Timeline for work to be completed in 2025.

#### II. Deliverables and Requirements:

Conceptual drawing and cost estimates for one or more of the following needs for the boardwalk area property:

Area A: the boardwalk and the boardwalk foundation, including the ingress from Lake Street and the associated brick paver pathway

Area B: the entirety of the railing system that extends from Lake Street east to Park Street

The proposal shall include:

- Explanation of the services to be provided
- Proposed process and timetable including start and completion dates broken out separately for each area, if applicable
- Bid is for completion of job Bid(s) will include copies of appropriate licenses and insurances for all contractors and subcontractors
- References may be requested

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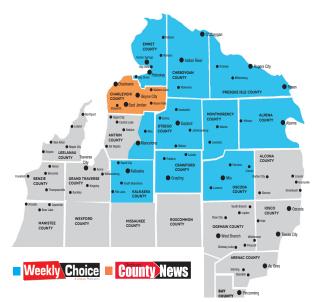
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#### **BY JIM AKANS**

This week's feature listing is a ranch style home with great amenities on approximately 20 acres just outside of Boyne City.

This two-bedroom home offer 720 square feet of nicely designed and appointed living space. Interior highlights include beautiful wood flooring, wood stove in the main living area, good sized kitchen with plenty of cabinet storage and countertop workspace and fantastic



outdoor views throughout.

There is a large, open deck on the front of the home overlooking the 20 acre grounds, a detached two-and-a-half car garage for vehicles with lots of

extra storage space, plus four additional outbuildings for 4-wheelers, tractors and other outdoor equipment.

The property has a 40x70 foot garden plot, and there is 160 acres of State

Land nearby.

This ranch home on 20 acres is located at 4373 Skop Road just outside of Boyne Falls and it is listed at \$289,900.

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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### Which Home Improvements Add Value?

**REAL ESTATE CORNER** 

While some home improvements can add significant dollars to the resale value of a residence, others are barely worth the investment. So how can homeowners decide which improvements will add significant value and which won't?

Here's a few tips on cost-effective improvement; upgrades that can make the difference in the sale price and add value to your property.

As a rule, kitchens and baths are the two areas that most often make the difference in a sale. They make the most impact on buyers, and definitely impact what buyers perceive the property is worth. But, kitchens and baths are not inexpensive to upgrade.

The national average for remodeling an entire kitchen is more than \$20,000 with some running upwards of \$30,000. Complete remodeling can include cabinets, floors, counters, sinks, appliances, lighting fixtures and new windows.

But, there's a way to put a new look on this important area without spending significant moneys. For a relatively low cost, homeowners can make spot improvements. For example, for as low as \$1,000 the existing countertop can be replaced with a Formica top. For \$2,500 to \$3,000, the existing cabinet faces can be replaced with

solid oak faces. Homeowners can buy a new sink at a home furnishing store and have a contractor install it for approximately \$300 - \$400. The end result is improved appearance-and usually a higher selling price for relatively minimal expenditure.

Other areas that influence price: Central air conditioning is an important feature for which buyers will usually pay extra. Room additions, on the other hand, may add value, but may not end up paying for themselves. Upgraded carpeting, top-of-the-line windows and vaulted ceilings can command higher resale prices, but it is unlikely that the seller will be able to recoup their original investment.

Existing features that have diminished with age can usually be repaired without a lot of added expense. Hardwood floors, for instance, cost \$1.50 - \$2.00 per square foot to refurbish, but it is a good investment because buyers are willing to pay more for the refinished appearance.

For older homes, people are more energy conscious, so improvements in the insulation of windows, doors and storm doors are smart investments.

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