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GYBCNEWS

Official Newsletter of the Grayling Youth Booster Club

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The GYBC has two open seats on the board for four-year terms. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact president Rob Aubry at aubry91@charter.net

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Grayling Youth Booster Club meets the first Sunday of every month.

GYBC GRANT APPLICATIONS

Local youth organizations can apply for funding from the Grayling Youth Booster Club by submitting an application. The applications are available as a downloadable Word document on the GYBC web site, graylingyouthboosterclub.com. On the front page, left column, click on the "Apply for Funding" link. Completed forms can be turned in to any board member or can be mailed to GYBC, PO Box 279, Grayling MI, 49738.



First Boosterpalooza a HUGE Success

The Grayling Youth Booster Club held its first annual Boosterpalooza on Saturday, September 28th at the Camp Grayling Armory. It certainly was the biggest tailgate party of the year. More than 200 people packed into the Armory for the event. There were plenty of silent and live auction items to check out, a well-stocked bar and delicious food prepared by Connie Swander. Guests were dancing late into the night thanks to the great music supplied by Travis Huber.

The crowd settled down long enough to let GYBC president Rob Aubry welcome everyone and highlight the fundraising work that the group does year round. Mark Hartman was honored as Booster of the Year. "You know, when you spend so much time coaching kids and being involved with so many

activities, you do it because you love it, never expecting any special award for it. But when it happens, especially on a great evening like this, it really means so much," said Hartman after the presentation.

The live auction followed the closing of the silent auction and was hosted by past GYBC board member Chad Patterson. Guests battled over lower level seats to a Pistons game, Red Wings tickets, two week-long vacations in South Carolina and family packages to the Great Wolf Lodge. Three lucky families will enjoy watching one of each of the final home Viking football games from the press box.

The GYBC was very excited to announce its support for the Grayling Little League project which will add

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BOOSTERPALOOZA BY THE NUMBERS

11 Live Auction Items

57 Silent Auction Items

225 Palooza Attendees

640 Mule Tickets Sold

16,000 Dollars Raised

Boosterpalooza raises \$16,000 (continued)

playing fields, dugouts and an irrigation system at the Crawford County Sports Complex. Board members from GLL were present to accept the \$10,000 grant. Total cost of the project exceeds \$260,000 and GYBC and GLL are hoping that the community will pitch in to help them reach their goal.

The winning raffle ticket for the 2013 Kawasaki Mule was drawn by Mark Hartman. The ATV, supplied by Pioneer Marine in Roscommon, had been present at many events and businesses in Grayling over the past few months. The winner was Patti Ososki of Roscommon.

After a year of planning, the Palooza exceeded the expectations of GYBC board members, raising more than \$16,000 to support a wide range of youth activities in Crawford County.

"The evening really showcased our community. The businesses that donated items for the auctions and the attendees of the Palooza are what make Grayling a great place to live and raise a family. The whole evening was for the kids of Crawford County. We look forward to making next year's Palooza even bigger and better!" said Michele Steffey, co-chair of the event.



Connie and Chad Swander put the final touches on the delicious hors d'oeuvres.



The silent auction table featured three sections of items.



One of the live auction items was this custom-made Grayling Strong, Viking Tough cornhole board set.



The armory was decorated with various sports equipment and jerseys. Different youth organizations that have received support from GYBC over the years made thank you posters detailing what their organization does.



The Kawasaki Mule was on display but the raffle winner was not present to collect her prize.

Mark Hartman Named Booster of the Year

Local businessman and longtime Grayling youth activities supporter, Mark Hartman, was honored with the 2013 Booster of the Year Award at Boosterpalooza.

His involvement started in 1981 as a coach for Junior Pro basketball and continues today 31 years later as the scorer and announcer for the Grayling High School varsity and JV basketball and football games.

Mark also has coached Little League, 4-H soccer, 7th grade boys basketball and freshman boys and girls basketball.

Now that his sons, Scott and Paul, are adults, Mark has turned his efforts to helping coach his four grandchildren in Little League and junior high basketball.

A past board member for the GYBC, he is currently a member of the Grayling Rotary. Hartman owns and operates the Ole Dam Road Party Store and Timber Rapids mini golf on the corner of M-72.



Previous Booster of the Year Recipients

2002	Jeannie Potter
2003	John Alef
2004	Irv McIsaac
2005	Cliff Wheeler
2006	Bob Cinciala/Dan Canfield
2007	Jack Millikin
2008	Bill Holton
2009	Linda Golnick
2010	Tina Bassett/Pat Papendick
2011	Bill Klinger
2012	<i>no award given</i>

Kawasaki Mule Raffle Winner



Congratulations to Patti Ososki from Roscommon who won the Kawasaki Mule raffle at Boosterpalooza. She purchased her winning ticket at The Medicine Shoppe. Ososki is pictured with Dan Crow in front of Pioneer Hills Marine.



Once again, a big thank you to Pioneer Hills Marine of Roscommon for helping make the raffle possible.

Board Member Profile: Nate Ginther

The newest member of the GYBC Board of Directors is lifelong Grayling resident Nate Ginther.

Nate lives in Grayling with his wife, Kristen, and children, Molly and Nicholas.

Ginther is the general manager at Deane Systems in Grayling.

He also is involved with Grayling Little



League and Grayling Redskins Football.

Nate benefitted from the efforts of the GYBC while he was a member of the GHS football team and he is looking to give back while making a difference for children and young adults in the community.

In his spare time, Ginther enjoys mountain biking, snowboarding, hiking, hunting, rock hounding, history, wood burning and wood working.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The annual GYBC Blizzardfest will be held on Saturday, February 22 at Camp Grayling.

This fundraiser consists of a nine-hole ice golfing outing tournament and a Euchre tournament.

Preregistration is required since the event is held on the base.

The ice golf outing begins at 11 a.m. and the registration is \$20 per person for the two-man team.

Euchre begins at 2 p.m. It is an individual tournament and points are accumulated through 10 rounds. Entry fee is \$20 per person and prizes are awarded to the top three individuals.

An assortment of chili and soups are provided to participants.

For more information, contact Rob Aubry at aubry91@charter.net.



Participants line up a putt in last year's ice golf tournament on Lake Margrethe.

Recent Funding Allocations



Members of the GYBC Board of Directors presented a check to members of the Grayling Little League Board of Directors for the new baseball and softball complex currently under construction at the Crawford County Sports Complex north of town. The Booster Club gave the Little League a grant of \$10,000 to assist with the project that will cost approximately \$250,000. Pictured in the front row (L-R) are: Chad Andrews (GLL), Joell Gabriel (GLL), GLL president Scott Gabriel, GYBC president Rob Aubry and Rich Calkins (GYBC). In the back row are: Mike O'Dell (GLL), Kevin Murphy (GLL), Randy Herman (GLL), Paul Hartman (GYBC/GLL), Jeff Parkinson (GYBC), Athena Helinski (GYBC) and Brian Riehle (GYBC).

2013 GYBC Membership Application

CHECK ONE

☐ Individual Annual
Single Membership
\$10

☐ Lifetime Single
Membership
\$75

☐ Lifetime Couple
Membership
\$100

☐ Business Annual
Membership
\$25

Name of Individual or Business

If a Business, Contact Person

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

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