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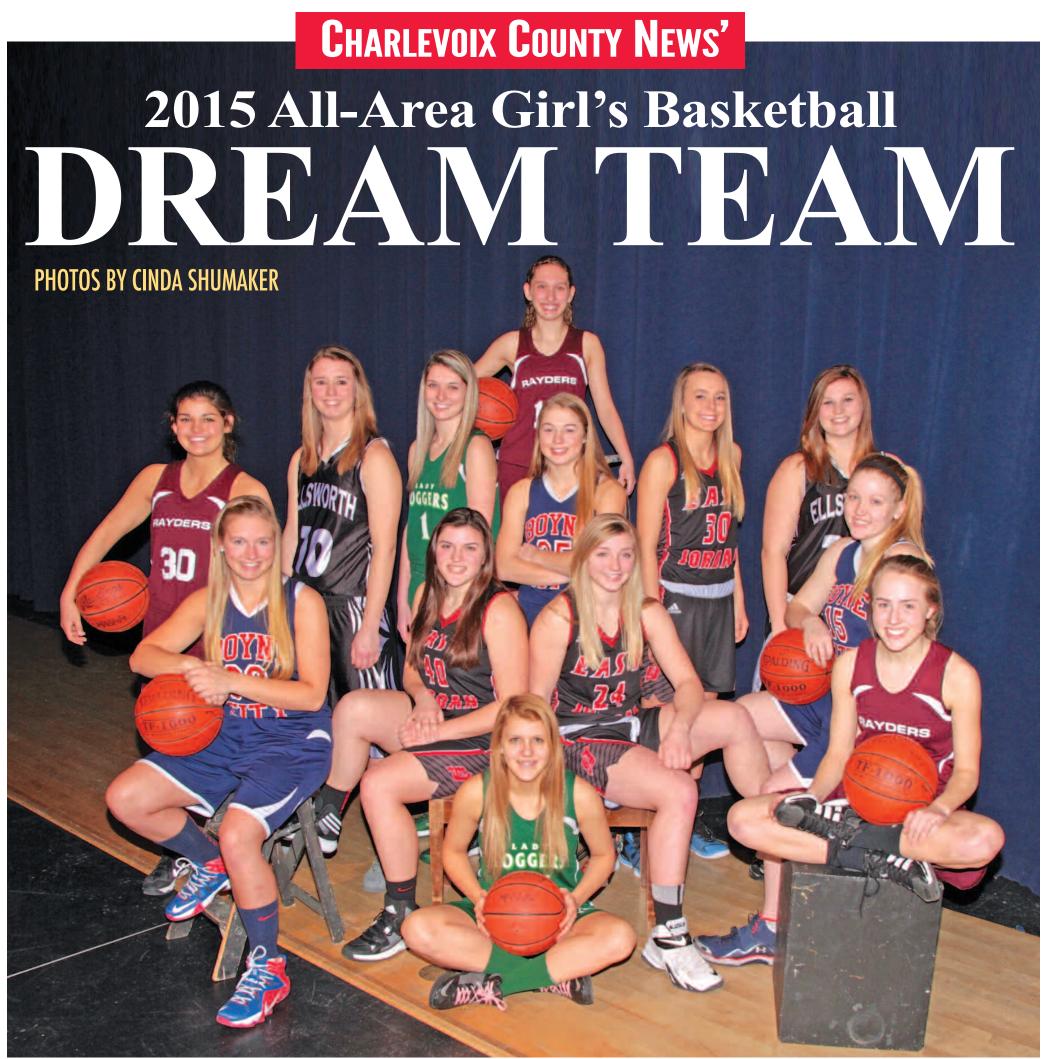
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Front (L-R) Raegan Pedigo, Boyne Falls; Gabby Gray, Charlevoix; Taryn Rozema, Ellsworth; Heather Nichols, Boyne City; Calsey Matelski, Boyne Falls. Back (L-R) Rainy McCune, Boyne City; Lindsay Schroeder, East Jordan; Katelyn Sowers, Ellsworth; Emily Matelski, Boyne Falls; Paige Poindexter, East Jordan; Mallory Karaszewski, Boyne City; Madeline Boss, Charlevoix; Tori Goodrich, East Jordan; and Kelsey Engstrom, Charlevoix. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



**Alexis Tribfelner** Charlevoix

### Player of the Year - Charlevoix senior, Alexis Tribfelner Coach of the Year - Liz Shaw, Charlevoix Rayders

By Chris Fiel

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY -- While the girls basketball season ended this year much earlier than any of the area coaches or players would have liked, there was plenty of great basketball played, with teams showcasing some outstanding team play at times and other individuals stepping up when their teams needed them most.

In the Lake Michigan Conference, the

Charlevoix Rayders finished 8-6 to lead area teams in a division that featured standouts T.C. St. Francis and Kalkaska, while East Jordan was 3-11 and Boyne City 2-12.

In the Northern Lakes Conference, both Boyne Falls and Ellsworth tied for second with Alanson, with each team sporting an 8-4 record in league play.

The post season would be a tough road for all of the area schools, with both Boyne Falls and Ellsworth being ousted

by Bellaire in their Class D district. While in Class C, Charlevoix downed Boyne City in a semifinal contest, but fell in the title game to Harbor Springs, a team that ended East Jordan's season in the district opener.

With the respective classes naming their top selections for the 2014-15 season, the Charlevoix County News is proud to announce this years Girls All-

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Area "Dream Team."

The 2014-15 "Dream Team" once again features talent at all positions, from floor leaders to scorers to rebounders and defensive specialists.

After reviewing all the necessary statistical information and each student-athletes importance to their team and what those individuals faced each and every night on the court, the selection of Player of the Year goes to Charlevoix senior, Alexis Tribfelner.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR (#11) Alexis Tribfelner, senior.

Alexis has been selected the girls Player of the Year due to her leadership, work ethic, athleticism, contribution to the team and her ability to take over a game, leading the Rayders to an 10-12 overall finish, 8-6 in the LMC.

Tribfelner scored 223 points on the season for a 10.1 ppg average, while making 97 steal, dishing out 87 assists and hauling in 78 rebounds from her point guard position, leading the Rayders in every category except rebounds, where she wasn't far behind, with the third best total.

Charlevoix coach Liz Shaw noted that Alexis's stat totals show her leadership, athleticism and effort!

When asked about how reacted to being selected Player of the Year, she responded, "I was overjoyed, I definitely didn't expect it."

She also was asked about reflecting on the basketball season, "This season helped me become a better player and person. As a player, I had to really step up my game this season. I worked all summer with Tuesday and Thursday night scrimmaging with the guys and constant shooting around at Ferry Beach. I really wanted to end my senior season with a bang, I wanted to make sure that I left everything on that court."

"One major change that impacted me was learning a completely new position, point guard. The point guard has a lot of responsibility on the court, they are the playmaker, the person who controls the pace of the game. I knew that if something went wrong it was my fault for not working harder. Personally, I had to learn what it meant to be a leader. We had multiple leaders on our team and it was good. We would tell each other when we needed to work on something and we held each other accountable. Sometimes we just needed that one person to push us harder."

Tribfelner's future plans include attending Michigan State University and pursuing a degree in the nursing program as an anesthetist. She also noted that she would love to play basketball in college, but doesn't think that will happen at this moment, but plans to always keep playing and working to get better.

"Basketball has been a huge part of my life ever since I was in second grade and it has helped me become the person I am today," she

Alexis also looked back on what coach Shaw did to motivate both herself and the team, "Coach (Shaw) taught us all, that we needed to hold each other accountable for how hard we work and how we play. She told us that if we wanted to be the best, we could be. But to do that, we needed to be a team and to be able to count on each other."

Joining Alexis on the 2014-15 Girls All-Area "Dream Team" by team alphabetical order are;

Alicia Gasco and Raegan Pedigo of Boyne Falls; Celena Brzezinski, Keyrsten Girlinghouse and Hannah Hoth of Boyne City; fellow Charlevoix Rayders, Olivia Storm and Ellie Way; East Jordan is represented by Miranda Burks, Kaitlyn Hines and Lindsay Schroeder; and Katelyn Sowers and Maddie Steenwyk of Ellsworth.

### BOYNE FALLS (#1) Raegan Pedigo, senior.

Raegan was one of the main options for the Lady Loggers this season. She led the team with an 11.2 points per game average, while also hauling in 11 rebounds, dishing out 2.8 assists and making one block per contest.

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With her hard work, she aver-

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Pedigo had to learn some new re-

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the team with ball handling duties

and playing some at the wing posi-

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all," Sage noted. "She carried a

huge amount of the offensive re-

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dence and poise and has become a

"She had to step up this year and

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Coach Lyndell Sage noted that

#### (#15) Alicia Gasco, junior.

Credited by coach Sage as the defensive stopper for Boyne Falls, Gasco finished the year averaging six points per game, 5.8 rebounds and 3.5 steals per contest.

"Alicia was our all-around go to player defensively," coach Sage said. "She plays lock-down defense and usually gets steals. She plays steady at both ends of the court and barely gets a break despite playing man-to-man the entire game and has the energy to do it."

### BOYNE CITY (#25) Celena Brzezinski, junior.

The Rambler junior led Boyne City in most of their offensive categories, pacing the team with a 13 points per game average, while also grabbing five rebounds per contest and making two steals and dishing out two assists per game as

A scoring threat for Boyne each time she takes the floor, look for Celena to once again be among the Rambler leaders next season.

(#15) Keyrsten Girlinghouse, junior.

Boyne's center drew a lot of attention in the middle, and when she was able to get her hands on the ball, watch out, because if you were in the way, she was going to get to the hoop anyway she could, either over, around or through the defense with her physical strength and ability.

Keyrsten finished the season averaging seven points per contest, while hauling in five rebounds per game. She also shot 65 percent from the charity stripe.

Look for big things from Girlinghouse next year, as she came on late in the season for the Ramblers, scoring in double figures a few times down the stretch.



**Alicia Gasco** 





**Raegan Pedigo** 

**Boyne Falls** 



Celena Brzezinski





**Keyrsten Girlinghouse** 

**Boyne City** 



**Hannah Hoth** 

**Boyne City** 

Olivia Storm

Charlevoix



**Alexis Tribfelner** 





**Ellie Way** 

Charlevoix

#### **All-Area Team**

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#### (#30) Hannah Hoth, junior.

Hannah was tasked with leading the Boyne City offense and defense this season and she did an admirable job in getting the Ramblers into their offensive flow from the point guard position as well as matching up against one of the opponents top perimeter players each and every night.

Hoth averaged just over six points for Boyne, while grabbing three rebounds, dishing out 2.5 assists and making over two steals per game.

#### CHARLEVOIX

(#30) Olivia Storm, senior.

Storm was one of the vocal and team leaders for the Rayders and a top defensive stopper, capable of putting up big numbers on the offensive end on any given night.

Olivia finished the season with an eight point per game average, while grabbing 70 rebounds, making 41 steals and sharing the ball for 2.5 assists per game for Charlevoix.

#### (#14) Ellie Way, senior.

Ellie was another team leader on the floor this season for Charlevoix. Her athletic ability allowed her to matchup with different skilled players from opposing teams, and her ability to put the ball on the floor was a key to helping kick the Rayder offense into

Way finished the season averaging about four points per game, while making 55 steals and dishing out 61 assists. She also grabbed nearly two rebounds per contest as

#### EAST JORDAN

#### (#24) Lindsay Schroeder, senior.

The lone senior on the Red Devil

squad this season, Lindsay was the last two seasons," coach Hines leader in nearly every category for East Jordan this year, but her contributions went well beyond the stat sheet.

Schroeder led the Red Devils with a 12 point per game average, while grabbing seven rebounds and making 2.5 steals per outing.

"Lindsay is our leader and has been a great influence for a young team, one of the hardest workers I have ever coached," East Jordan coach Steve Hines said. "She never misses practice, never complains and hold herself to very high stan-

#### (#30) Miranda Burks, sophomore.

The second year varsity player took on a new position for East Jordan this season as she was moved to the point guard position and was in charge of directing the Red Devils offense.

Burks averaged 6.5 points per game, while grabbing five boards and making four assists each con-

"Miranda started on varsity the

noted. "One of the team captains this season and talented enough to be able to play every position, which she has done, she's a hard worker and good student-athlete."

#### (#40) Kaitlyn Hines, sophomore.

Kaitlyn was a big time help for the young Red Devils this season according to coach Steve Hines.

"A real surprise this year, one of the youngest players I brought up from the JV team prior of the season and she earned a starting position and has started every game since," coach Hines said. "She keeps getting better all the time."

Kaitlyn averaged 5.5 points per game and 5.8 rebounds, while shooting 40 percent from the floor.

#### ELLSWORTH

#### (#10) Maddie Steenwyk, junior.

Maddie was part of a balanced Lancer offensive attack that on many occasions owned the glass against opponents.

**East Jordan** 

**Ellsworth** 

Steenwyk averaged 8.1 points per game and grabbed nearly as many rebounds.

"Maddie is a force on the glass for us and can give opponents fits on either end of the court," Lancer coach Kirk Ikens said. "Very good teammate and very coachable."

#### (#20) Katelyn Sowers, senior.

Kaitlyn was credited with being an outstanding athlete by coach Kirk Ikens and a floor leader for Ellsworth.

"She's a pretty good athlete and does some really good things on the court," Ikens said.

Kaitlyn averaged 8.1 points per game while running a majority of the Lancer offense from the point guard position.

#### Honorable mention

Those student-athletes receiving honorable mention nominations are: Jordan Weiss, Boyne City; Madelyn Boss and Kourtney Putman, Charlevoix; Jill Atwood, East Jordan; and Sharnjeet Dhillon, Ellsworth.

#### Coach of the Year -Liz Shaw, Charlevoix

Coach Shaw, in her third season at the helm for the Rayders, helped lead the team to a 10-12 overall record, a fourth place finish in the Lake Michigan Conference, before falling in the Class C district final.

"We had a few obstacles to overcome this year, but we definitely reached our potential, which is what every team wants to do," Shaw said. "It was a hard season, but very fulfilling, this group did some stuff that we weren't expected to do."

Shaw and the Rayders, had to overcome a few unforeseen challenges before and during the season, as key team members; Kelsey Engstrom, Madeline Boss and Grace Sutherland were lost to injury. But coach Shaw and the Rayder basketball team pulled together and battled the odds and put together a great year on the hardcourt.

"I'm honored to be selected as Coach of the Year," Shaw said. "With all the good coaching in the area, to be chosen is a blessing. I've learned from everybody and glad to be doing this in our community.'

Coach Shaw noted that losing their top two scorers from a year ago was a big hit for the team, but the girls came together and with a little motivation from their coach, they would find ways to get the job done and win.

She couldn't have put it better when she said, "We had some big shoes to fill, and each of the girls was able to put a toe in and contribute."

Charlevoix will graduate seven seniors: Alexis Tribfelner, Olivia Storm, Ellie Way, Madeline Boss, Leah Davis, Samantha Meads and Kourtney Putman, and while they will be missed, the cupboard is not bare. Coach Shaw has the Rayders pointed in the right direction and as athletes progress through the program, grade school on through the JV, good things are going to happen for the Charlevoix girls basketball program.

"We have put a lot of time into the recreation program and skills clinics from the grade school level right through the middle school," Shaw added. "A lot of the current players, put in some significant time to help build this for the future and that's only going to make the girls Rayder basketball program better, something we are excited to see come together."

The Charlevoix County News would like to thank Boyne City Public Schools for the use of their auditorium, along with the photography of Cinda Shumaker. For those interested in purchasing photos, please contact Cinda at shumaker0658@charter.net.



Miranda Burks

**East Jordan** 

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## Lake Michigan Conference - All-Conference selections

**Boys LMC** 

The Boyne City basketball team put together another outstanding season, advancing all the way to the Class C state semifinals, not just because of one player, but many and with the announcement of the 2014-15 All-Lake Michigan Conference team. it was pretty apparent.

Selected from Boyne City were; Corey Redman, Cole Butler and Zach Napont. From East Jordan;

Jordan Weber and Colin Petrie. Charlevoix was represented by Austin Putman and Walker Drost.

Joining our area selections are; Cole Walker and Shae Somers of Elk Rapids; Carson Burmeister of Grayling and Kalkaska's Alex Schuster.

Honorable mention selections were: Dalton Gardner and Tanner Kruzel of Boyne City: Nate Moon of Charlevoix; Collin Bajko and Thomas Brandell, East Jordan; Adam Trautman and Marty Raymond, Elk Rapids; Scout Tobin, Grayling; Noah Erxleben of Harbor Springs; and Kameron Cavanaugh of Kalkaska

#### Girls LMC

The 2014-15 All-Lake Michigan Conference girls team was well represented by area schools.

Charlevoix's Alexis Tribfelner and Olivia Storm, were All-Conference selections, while Lindsay Schroeder of East Jordan was also honored, as was Celena Brzezinski of Boyne City.

Joining them as All-Conference selections were; Perry Bower and Shallon Grawey of Harbor Springs; Nicole Hill of Elk Rapids; Sam Denno and Natalie Amy of Grayling; and Micah Lajewski and McKenzie Wilkinson of Kalkaska.

Honorable mention selections; Kourtney Putman of Charlevoix; Keyrsten Girlinghouse of Boyne City; East Jordan's Miranda Burks; Kaela McManus, Elk Rapids; Rachel Money, Grayling; and Reyann Homan and Natalie Ryckman, Kalkaska; and Alexa Jensen-Philbrick of Harbor Springs.

Selections from Traverse City St. Francis were not available at press time.

## **Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan All-State Selections**

LANSING — The 2014-15 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) recently released their selections for allstate and honorable mentions.

Area players selected all-state; on the boys side, in Class C, it would be Corey Redman of Boyne City and Jordan Weber of East Jordan, were first team selections; while Charlevoix's Austin Putman was an honorable mention all-state selection. In Class D, Marcus Matelski of Boyne Falls was a first team selection.

For the girls in Class C, Charlevoix's Madeline Boss was selected honorable mention, despite playing in a couple of early season contests, which says a lot about how she impacted the games she participated in.

# **ORV** trail grant applications available

Funds are for maintaining existing ORV trails, routes and use areas and developing new trails

The Department of Natural Resources recently announced that 2015-16 off-road vehicle trail grant applications now are available to public agencies and nonprofit incorporated clubs and organiza-

Applications are available (from the ORV Trail Improvement Fund) for grants to maintain existing designated state ORV trails, routes and use areas; repair public lands damaged by inappropriate ORV use: and develop new ORV trails, routes and use areas. Grant funds also are available to pay for liability insurance, leases or easements.

"We currently have 33 dedicated trail sponsors that use ORV grant funding to maintain more than 3,700 miles of state-designated ORV trails and routes statewide," said Richard Kennedy, acting manager for the DNR's ORV program. "We depend on these partnerships to maintain the trails, and encourage participation from all user organizations and other public agencies to apply for grants to help."

Any public agency or nonprofit incorporated club or organization can obtain an application on the DNR website at

www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants. Under "Available Grants," look for the Trails Management section and select Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail Improvement Program, then Forms and Publications. Applications must be submitted by May 1,

Anyone with questions regarding the ORV trail grant program may contact Kennedy at 517-284-

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# Michigan grayling are only a memory

### Distinctive and graceful fish once filled the rivers and streams of northern Michigan

GRAYLING - "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone," sang Joni Mitchell, a folksinger from the 1960s. This is an especially appropriate sentiment regarding the sad-but-true story of the grayling. Once a native fish species in Michigan, these fish

now reside on the list of Michigan's extirpated

OF THE DNR.

Michigan's grayling were described as being especially lovely fish. Slate blue in color, they sported a particularly distinctive and graceful sail-like dorsal fin. In the 19th century, northern Michigan's streams literally teemed with them and lore has it that anglers from that time could sometimes catch three fish with one cast. Early historical accounts tell of grayling that "lay like cordwood in the AuSable." With our state as their only Midwestern home, Michigan grayling were descendants of fish that found a niche and thrived in our state's waters after the glaciers of the Ice Age re-

Grayling were closely linked with the north woods and the image of beauty and romance attached to Michigan's then-untamed wilds, correctly associating them with unspoiled wilderness.

Sadly, Michigan's native grayling population died off more than a half-century ago. The last specimens were taken in the 1930s as part of a last-ditch effort to use human intervention to rescue the fish and keep it swimming our state's waters.

While some argue Michigan's grayling population was doomed anyway, the most evident factor in the species' disappearance was the cutting of Michigan's vast virgin forest in the 1800s. The wholesale harvest of trees brought with it logjams in the streams, as the wood was sent to mills for processing. The logiams scoured the streams and all but destroyed grayling spawning areas. Cutting the trees down also caused serious silting problems that literally choked the streams in which the grayling lived. Those streams, lacking the

canopy of shade the bank-side trees once provided, soon became unsuitably warm for the grayling. The delicate balance of nature tipped and the little grayling, un-The grayling fish was distinctive and graceful in the able to adapt to the water. THIS JOSEPH R. TOMELLERI GRAPHIC IS COURTESY large-scale changes facing it, began to disappear.

> Another factor which contributed to the grayling's demise was the introduction of nonnative trout species to Michigan's waters. The non-aggressive grayling just couldn't compete with fish such as the European brown trout and rainbow trout. Serious over fishing also contributed to the grayling's fall. Civil War-era accounts tell of people harvesting grayling by the basketfuls and hauling them home by the wagonload. There were no established take limits and catch and release was practically

Happily, not all of North America's grayling have suffered the same fate as Michigan's population. These sleek fish can still be found in small pockets of the western United States and up in Alaska. They actually thrive in the waters of Canada's western provinces. In fact, a number of attempts have been made to re-establish the grayling in Michigan using fish from these other populations. The most recent attempt was in the 1980s.

Unfortunately, while noble, these efforts were fruitless. Faced with today's lack of suitable habitat and serious competition from rival species, successful reintroduction of Michigan's grayling population seems quite unlikely. This cold, hard fact leaves today's anglers to think about the glories of the past and vow that such destruction of our state's aquatic habitat and the loss of one of our valued species must never happen again. The richness and diversity of Michigan's resource heritage depends on it.

Anglers: Chances are very remote that you will ever catch a grayling in Michigan, but if you do, you must return it to the water immedi-

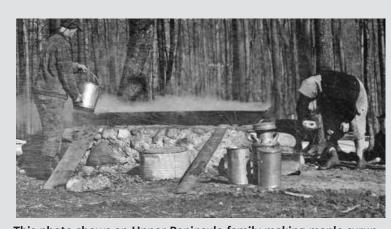
## Maple syrup producers are getting ready

Transition of winter to spring is traditionally time for to draw maple sap from trees

Maple Syrup and Weather Temperatures in Michigan are finally starting to warm up, which means that it's time for maple syrup producers to get to work. You may not think about the weather when you put maple syrup on your pancakes, but maple syrup production is closely related to the transition from winter to spring. Freezing temperatures at night followed by warmer daytime temperatures cause maple sap to flow through the trees, so it can be harvested by inserting a spout. Once the weather becomes warm enough for the trees to blossom, the sap is no longer good for making syrup.

After maple sap is collected, it must be concentrated so the syrup contains sixty-six percent maple sugar. It takes approximately forty gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup. The sap is heated in evaporating pans like the one shown in the photograph above until the right sugar concentration is achieved.

Yesterday



This photo shows an Upper Peninsula family making maple syrup in the 1800s. (COURTESY OF THE DNR)

Native Americans were Michigan's first maple syrup producers, having collected and concentrated maple sap long before European settlers arrived. Those settlers were also tapping trees at least as early as the 1800s. In an 1881 letter found in the Archives of Michigan's collections, the daughter of an Upper Peninsula pioneer family wrote to a friend, "I have got seventeen trees tapped, and we have made about one pint of syrup."

Michigan producers make an average of ninety thousand gallons of syrup and contribute \$2.5 million to the economy every year, and there are maple syrup festivals in towns all over the state during March and April.

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# **Automotive Review**



For a fourth consecutive year, Jeep Wrangler has been named the winner of the Vincentric Best Value in America award for the Compact/Mid-size SUV segment. PHOTO COPYRIGHT CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.

## 2015 Jeep® Wrangler and Ram 1500 Receive Vincentric **Best Value in America Awards**

For a fourth consecutive year, Jeep Wrangler has been named the winner of the Vincentric Best Value in America award for the Compact/Mid-size SUV segment, while the Ram 1500 received the Vincentric Best Value in America award for the Fullsize 1/2-ton Pickup segment.

"The Ram 1500 and the Jeep Wrangler earned Vincentric Best Value in America awards by delivering best-in-class performances when we measured total cost of ownership and compared it to expected results for the competitors in each vehicle's segment," said David Wurster, Vincentric President. "Contributing to their success was that both vehicles had the lowest total cost of ownership over five years in their respective classes."

The Vincentric Best Value in America awards are model-specific honors that determine the

best value in each segment. Value is determined using a statistical analysis that incorporates the total cost of ownership of all vehicles for the 2015 model year along with the current market price of those vehicles.

The iconic Jeep Wrangler the most capable and recognized vehicle in the world – moves into 2015 with new features, such as a standard eight-speaker audio system and an improved sound bar, and an optional Premium Alpine Audio Package that includes nine Alpine speakers, a new subwoofer and a 552-watt amplifier.

The 2015 Jeep Wrangler delivers unmatched off-road capability with legendary four-wheel drive and is produced with more than seven decades of 4x4 engineering experience. Wrangler continues to offer a body-onframe design, front and rear five-link suspension system, live

axles, electronic lockers, and is one of the few mid-size SUVs  $\,$ that offers a six-speed manual transmission, in addition to its five-speed automatic transmission – all at a starting U.S. MSRP of \$22,795.

The Ram 1500 offers an exclusive, 3.0-liter EcoDiesel engine that delivers an outstanding combination of best-in-class fuel efficiency – 29 mpg – 420 lb.-ft. of torque and up to 9,200 pounds of towing capability. Ram's half-ton entry also features a truckload of pioneering, fuel-saving systems, including first-in-segment technologies: TorqueFlite eightspeed automatic transmission, stop-start system, thermal management system, pulse-width modulation and active aerodynamics, including grille shutters and air suspension.

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# Why Isn't My Home Selling?

#### Part 3 of 3

Here are some of the most common reasons buvers are turned off by a particular house, so make sure these are addressed before lopping thousands of dollars off the asking

Put on a good show This is the second biggest reason a home isn't selling. Buyers often talk of "connecting" to a

house. This is not likely to happen if your house is not company-coming-over clean and ready to show like a model. This goes for the outside as well. If you into doing this, then you'd better adjust your price to compensate because buyers will only consider your house because it's a good deal, not because it

"speaks to them." Can't buy what they can't see

If you make it difficult for people to see your property, then chances of a sale at the price you want drops considerably. Selling can be a nuisance, don't want to put the effort but it's a necessary one. If you don't allow a lockbox or require appointmentonly showings, you are the culprit to the house not selling.

Out of your hands It's not always the seller's fault that a house isn't selling. Sometimes

the market changes and buyers disappear. Maybe a new home development has opened nearby and they are "stealing" the customers. Or maybe you've received bad advice from your agent. Any of these can affect whether your house sells, which means you need to consider the reasons and make the necessary adjustments.

### Featured Property

# Nice ranch home close to Young State Park and Lake Charlevoix

#### By Jim Akans

A wonderful real estate value, this week's feature home is a very clean ranch located less than one-half mile from Young State Park and access to Lake Charlevoix.

The approximately 1,128 square foot, three-bedroom home has a well laid out classic ranch design that is perfect of families and down-sizers alike. It offers an attached two-and-a-half car garage for convenient vehicle access as well as accommodating storage needs.

It is situated on a deep lot that provides lots of room for gardening, family activities or entertaining. A large open deck overlooks the backyard...an ideal spot for kicking back and enjoying the great outdoors. The location is within easy reach of downtown Boyne City and an amazing array of dining, shopping and entertainment options. Add in that the Wildwood Rush Zipline is just across the street



and Young State Park is just down the road and this truly becomes a win-win spot to establish a terrific northern Michigan lifestyle.

This Boyne City area ranch

home is located at 2590 Boyne City Road and it is listed at just \$99,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody or Christopher Christensen at Lynda's Real Es-

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2008 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT. Light Sandstone with light tan leather, Power sliding doors, lots of room storage as well as stow and go rear seating, front and rear air, super nice in & out! Sale Priced \$12,450. Dave Kring Chevrolet-Cadillac, 1861 US 31 North, Petoskey, 231-347-2585.

2011 Dodge Grand Caravan. CARFAX 1 owner! Stone White with dark charcoal cloth. Blue tooth, Stow 'n Go seating, front and rear air, Satellite radio, 3.6 liter V6, very clean! Sale Priced Dave Kring \$11,450. Chevrolet-Cadillac, 1861 US 31 North, Petoskey, 231-347-2585.

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Scott Lake



2481 SIX MILE LAKE ROAD • EAST JORDAN Cottage with pole barn sitting on 5 parcels on Scott Lake. Water for the cottage is supplied by an artesian well. MLS 443701. Ask for Holly Nierman. \$59,900

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# Charlevoix County Commission on Aging

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# **Medicare News**

### Understanding the Medicare Guaranteed Issue Right

Medicare has a special rule that applies specifically to Medigap plans. These insurance products are also referred to as supplemental plans. Medicare has authorized companies to sell up to 10 different Medigap plans, each of which are iden-tified by a let ter. The plan names can be a bit confusing because of a similar letter designation given to Medicare Part A (hospital), Part B (medical services & equipment), Part C (advantage plans), and Part D (prescription plans).

Medigap plans work with Medicare parts A and B and pay for all or a por tion of the remaining balance after Medicare pays 80% of the amount they approve for medical expenses. The monthly premium costs vary for each of the 10 plans, and generally the bet ter the coverage, the higher the premium. The available plans are A, B, C, D, F, G, K, L, M and N.

The C and F plans pay for all of Medicare deductible amounts and the remaining 20% and have the highest monthly premiums. Medigap plans do not offer prescription coverage, so subscribers need to enroll in a stand-alone Part D drug plan.

The guaranteed issue right can be a valuable benefit when applying for a Medigap plan. These rights (also called "Medigap protections") are provisions that apply in certain situations and require insurance companies to offer certain Medigap policies to applicants. If a Medicare beneficiary is fortunate to have this right, then an insurance company is re-quired by

Medicare to do all of the following: Must sell you a Medigap policy Must cover all your pre-existing health conditions

Can't charge you more for a Medigap policy because of past or present health problems

These rights can be valuable because it ensures that a beneficiary is able to enroll in one of the 6 Medigap plans that have a guaranteed issue provision, and they will not be denied coverage because of past or present health issues.

There are several possibilities that can give result in a guaranteed issue right. Any of the options that follow can apply:

You're in a Medicare Advantage Plan, and your plan is leaving Medicare or stops giving care in your area, or you move out of the plan's service area.

You have Original Medicare and an employer group health plan (in cluding retiree or COBRA coverage) or union cover-age that pays after Medicare pays and that plan is ending.

You have Original Medicare and a Medicare SELECT policy. You move out of the Medicare SELECT policy's service area.

You joined a Medicare Advantage Plan or Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) when you were first eligible for Medicare Part A at 65, and within the first year of joining, you decide you want to switch to Original Medicare. (Trial Right)

You dropped a Medigap policy to

join a Medicare Advantage Plan (or to switch to a Medicare SELECT policy) for the first time, you've been in the plan less than a year, and you want to switch back. (Trial Right)

Your Medigap insurance company goes bankrupt and you lose your coverage, or your Medigap policy coverage other-wise ends through no fault of your own.

You leave a Medicare Advantage Plan or drop a Medigap policy because the company hasn't followed the rules, or it mis-led you.

If a Medicare beneficiary loses their current health care coverage and they want to claim a guaranteed issue, they will need to retain various documents to show proof of eligibility. Items such as letters, notices, emails, and/or claim denials that have their name on them demonstrating proof that their coverage is being terminated.

Assistance is available from trained counselors through the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at 800-803-7174. Representatives can provide help with all aspects of Medicare and Medicaid benefits, along with guidance regard ing fraud and abuse, billing issues, and many other areas pertaining to senior health care programs.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordi-

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Monday, April 13 Line Dance

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Wed., April 15 Foot Clinic (by Appt) 11am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

Thursday, April 16 Wii Bowling 11am Knitting & Crochet

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Friday, April 10 9:30am Craft Class 12pm American House Choir

1pm Rummy

Monday, April 13 1pm Bridge 1pm Woodcarving 7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, April 14 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30 Music by Roger Hartson 1pm Paint Class 1pm Rummy

Wed., April 15 12:45pm Bingo

Thursday, April 16 11am Chair Yoga Class 11:30am Back Porch Music 1pm Pinochle

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Tuesday, April 14 10:30am Line Dancing 11:30am Steve King Medical Alert Devices 12:30pm Bingo

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