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2016 Charlevoix County News Girls Basketball

DREAM TEAM

Player of the Year - Miranda Burks, East Jordan

Coach of the Year - Steve Hines, East Jordan



The 2016 Charlevoix County News All-Area girls Basketball "Dream Team". (L-R) Kelsey Engstrom, Charlevoix; Kendall McNitt, East Jordan; Katie Hoth, Boyne City; Megan Byrne, Boyne Falls; Marie Groenink, Ellsworth; Hannah Zipp, Charlevoix; Miranda Burks, East Jordan; Hannah Hoth, Boyne City; Sharnjeet Dhillon, Ellsworth; Natalie Nesburg, Charlevoix; Katelynn Wilson, Boyne Falls; Keyrsten Girlinghouse, Boyne City; and Kaitlyn Hines, East Jordan. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)



Player of the Year

Miranda Burks
East Jordan

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY -- With the 2015-16 girls basketball season ending a few weeks ago, each class crowning a new champion, we now take the time to recognize the top talent in the area. While each team faced adversity at times this season, all displayed promise and the future of basketball looks very bright for the area schools.

In the Lake Michigan Conference, East Jordan finished 3-11, (7-15 overall) to lead area teams in a division that featured standouts T.C. St. Francis, Kalkaska and Elk Rapids, while Charlevoix and Boyne City, each finished 2-12 in the LMC, with the Rayders going 3-19 on the season and the Ramblers closing at 2-19.

In the Northern Lakes Conference, Boyne Falls battled to a 5-7, (5-14 overall) record and Ellsworth finished 4-8, (5-15), in a league with Mackinaw City.

The post season would be a tough road for all of the area schools as the Class C district welcomed state power, St. Ignace, and while the Rayders and Ramblers fell victim to the high powered offensive and defensive pressure of the Saints, the Red Devils would knock off Harbor Springs before falling to Charlevoix in an exciting semifinal contest.

Both Boyne Falls and Ellsworth would not escape the Class D district either, as the Loggers fell in the opener to Bellaire and the Lancers were knocked off by quarterfinal

bound Gaylord St. Mary in the semi-final.

With the respective classes naming their top selections for the 2015-16 season, the Charlevoix County News is proud to announce this year's Girls All-Area "Dream Team."

The 2015-16 "Dream Team" once again features talent at all positions, from floor leaders, multi-position players to rebounders and defensive specialists.

After reviewing all the necessary statistical information and each student-athlete's importance to their team and what those individuals faced each and every night on the court, the field was narrowed down to a handful of players and after much consideration, the selection of Player of the Year goes to East Jordan's Miranda Burks.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

(#30) Miranda Burks
Junior, East Jordan.

Burks is a three year starter and two-time co-captain for the Red Devils, she was also an All-Area selection last season.

Miranda was a key component for East Jordan once again this year as she led the team with a 6.7

Coach of the Year



Steve Hines
East Jordan

scoring average, two steals and two assists per game. She also hauled in 3.5 rebounds per outing, good enough for second on the team. Burks also knocked down free throws at a 64 percent clip.

"Miranda played multiple positions for us this season, from post to point guard," EJ coach Steve Hines

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All-Area Team

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said. "She has the ability to score from beyond the arc and get to the basket. She is a good student, good athlete and better person."

"As a freshman, I originally started out playing a

wing position, but last season was moved to the point, due to team injuries and this season, was my first playing in the post," Miranda said. "Playing post took some time getting used to, but I had a few post moves from my time playing AAU and eventually got better as the season went on."

"This offseason, I will be working on my pull-up jumper as well as some more post moves if I am asked to play their next season and

work on more ball handling," she added. "Next season as a team, I see us growing a lot and get better, as it took us time to learn each other this year, playing together for the first time."

Joining Miranda on the 2015-16 Girls All-Area "Dream Team" by team alphabetical order are;

Megan Byrne and Katelynn Wilson of Boyne Falls; Hannah Hoth, Katie Hoth and Keyrsten Girlinghouse

of Boyne City; Charlevoix, Hannah Zipp, Kelsey Engstrom and Natalie Nesburg; fellow East Jordan teammates, Kaitlyn Hines and Kendall McNitt; and Sharnjeet Dhillon and Marie Groenink of Ellsworth.

BOYNE FALLS

(#14) Megan Byrne, senior

Megan was one of the

main scoring options for the Loggers this season, totaling 182 points, averaging 9.6 points per game, while shooting 32 percent from the floor.

Byrne also grabbed a total of 145 rebounds, an average of 7.6 per contest, while making 35 steals, 18 blocks and dishing out 14 assists.

She also shot 53 percent from the free throw line and selected second team, All-Northern Lakes Conference this season.

(#5) Katelynn Wilson junior

Katelynn finished second on the team in scoring for Boyne Falls this season, netting 166 total points for an average of 8.7 per contest.

Wilson also hauled in 134 boards, an average of 7.0; she also had 14 assists and four blocks on the season.

Katelynn was a NLC All-

See *All-Area Team—3B*



Keyrsten Girlinghouse Boyne City



Hannah Hoth Boyne City



Katie Hoth Boyne City



Kelsey Engstrom Charlevoix



Natalie Nesburg Charlevoix



Hannah Zipp Charlevoix



Miranda Burks East Jordan



Kaitlyn Hines East Jordan



Kendall McNitt East Jordan

All-Area Team

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Conference honorable mention selection and a 53 percent shooter from the free throw line.

BOYNE CITY

(#12) Hannah Hoth senior

Hannah once again took the reins for the Ramblers and helped lead the offense and defense for the young team. She was tasked with guarding the opponent's top perimeter player the entire game and would often take the offense over late in games and bring the team back from deficits and into contention.

Hoth finished the season with 162 points, an average of 9.5 per game, while knocking down 22 triples in the process.

She shot 58 percent from the charity stripe and grabbed 60 rebounds, dished out 21 assists and made 34 steals from her point guard position. She was also a first team Lake Michigan Conference selection.

(#21) Katie Hoth sophomore

Playing her first full season on the Rambler varsity, the sophomore athlete made sure her presence was known by having her opponents chasing her in the open court or delivering a very solid screen to free up a teammate.

Katie used her speed to lead BC with 45 steals on the year, an average of over two per game. She also netted 146 points for an average of seven per game.

She also had 79 rebounds, 11 assists and shot 49 percent at the free throw line.

(#15) Keyrsten Girlinghouse senior

Keyrsten was a force for the Ramblers in the paint, drawing attention from numerous defenders once the ball was entered into the post.

Girlinghouse would use her strength to get to the rim or draw a foul and get to the line.

She shot 45 percent from the free throw line and scored 133 points on the season, an average of 7.8 per outing.

Keyrsten led Boyne with 104 rebounds (6.1 rpg) on the year, while making 13 steals and having 12 assists. She was also an honorable mention LMC selection.

CHARLEVOIX

(#40) Hannah Zipp senior

Hannah was a co-captain for the Rayders this season, leading the team in scoring with 158 total points, an average of 7.5 per game and was a 60 percent shooter from the charity stripe.

Zipp was also the leading rebounder for Charlevoix, hauling in 168 boards (8 rpg), while also making 33 steals and dishing out 18 assists from her post position. Hannah was a Lake Michigan Conference first team selection.

"Hannah was the most consistent and top player for the Rayders this season," Charlevoix coach Liz Shaw said. "She is a competitor that has a knack for the ball, especially rebounding. She has a great work ethic and is respected and looked up to by her teammates."

(#20) Kelsey Engstrom

senior

Kelsey finished her career as a four year varsity player on the Rayder roster, this season as a co-captain.

Engstrom would often get the Charlevoix offense going with her ball handling and decision making skills. She was second on the team with 128 points (6.1 ppg), while shooting 49 percent from the free throw line.

She grabbed 49 rebounds, had 37 assists and made 25 steals this season. Kelsey was an honorable mention selection in the LMC.

"Kelsey has a great shot and the three-point threat was her specialty," coach Shaw noted. "She worked hard to get back into peak performance after a missed junior year season and was a top guard."

(#10) Natalie Nesburg sophomore

Natalie was another key member of the young Rayder ball club this season, often times frustrating her opponents with her ability to seemingly never run out of energy on either end of the court.

Nesburg scored 84 points on the season, an average of four points per contest. She also grabbed 59 rebounds from her guard position.

She made 33 steals and had 27 assists, while shooting 45 percent from the free throw line.

"A hard worker on defense with a tenacious want for the ball, Natalie is everywhere on the court in order to help her teammates," coach Shaw said. "She has a great attitude and desire to continue to get better."

EAST JORDAN

(#40) Kaitlyn Hines junior.

A two year starter for the Red Devils, Hines led the team in rebounds with a 5.5 per game average and finished third on the team in scoring with five points per outing.

Coach Steve Hines had this to say about her, "She is a strong rebounder and strong inside presence, has very good hands and a very unselfish player... a true team player."

"Kaitlyn doesn't make many mistakes on the floor and carries a 4.0 GPA, she is very coachable," he added.

Hines was a Lake Michigan Conference first team selection.

(#14) Kendall McNitt sophomore.

In her second season on the EJ varsity, Kendall finished second on the team in scoring, dropping 6.5 points per game.

McNitt also finished third on the team in rebounds with 3.4 rpg, she shot 78 percent from the charity stripe and knocked down 31 triples from beyond the arc, leading the Red Devils in both categories.

"Very versatile player and is developing into a very strong rebounder, she is also quick to the ball," coach Hines said. "Kendall is near the top in almost all categories and that includes the classroom as she carries a 3.96 GPA. She has developed into a very good outside shooter, she works very hard at improving all areas of her game."

ELLSWORTH

(#42) Sharnjeet Dhillon senior.

As the captain and leader of the Lancers, Sharn was not only looked at to score, she was also a force on the boards and in the paint,

often times single handedly changing opponents game plans due to her abilities.

She averaged 13 points and nine rebounds per game for Ellsworth, racking up double-doubles on a consistent basis.

"Whenever we were in a situation when we needed a bucket, the play was almost always designed to get the ball in Sharn's hands," Lancer coach Doug Nitchman said. "She is a great example of someone who leads by example."

(#20) Marie Groenink junior

Marie was second on the Lancers in both scoring and rebound for the season, averaging eight in each category.

Coach Doug Nitchman noted that Groenink would come to practice ready to work and ready to play each game.

"She would do all she could to accomplish everything we asked of her," the coach said. "Marie started the year as a guard and part way through the season we moved her to power forward. She made the transition very smooth and took on her new role with the same attitude she did everything else. She is a hard worker and we are looking forward to see her on the court next year."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Steve Hines East Jordan

The 2015-16 Coach of the Year honors go to East Jordan's Steve Hines. Coach Hines took a young team filled with underclassmen and competed each and every night they took the court.

He had the Red Devils progressing as the season went on, encouraging players to step into different roles for the benefit of the team as injuries occurred, without much of a hiccup.

Hines had EJ was playing some of their best ball as the regular season came to a close and the tournament began, knocking off LMC league foe Harbor Springs in the opening contest of the district.

"This was a very enjoyable season, we had good numbers in our program and we won more games than the previous season. We started the season very well but began to struggle with our consistency, however, our effort was never an issue," Hines said. "These young ladies gave 100 percent every game. Awards happen when you surround yourself with good people and I have been blessed to have such a great group of young ladies on our basketball team this year."

"Their hard work and commitment makes coaching very enjoyable and maybe a tad easier, he added. "We will continue to improve in the off-season through open gyms and team camps and hopefully be healthy for the start of the 2016-17 season. We will be a senior dominated team next year, for the first time in awhile, so I look forward to an exciting season!"

So with a very strong returning cast next season, and a lot of talent coming up through the ranks, look for the Red Devils to make a statement in the tough Lake Michigan Conference and challenge for a league title.

The Charlevoix County News would like to thank the student athletes for all of their hard work this season and over their careers and the coaches for providing the statistical information.



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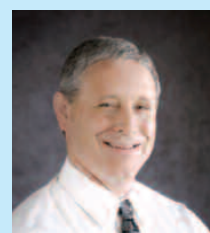
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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundelius

EAST JORDAN— East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%

capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge in-harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (already up and running), the new open 24/7 recycling center and the Kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Ehrhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Fac-Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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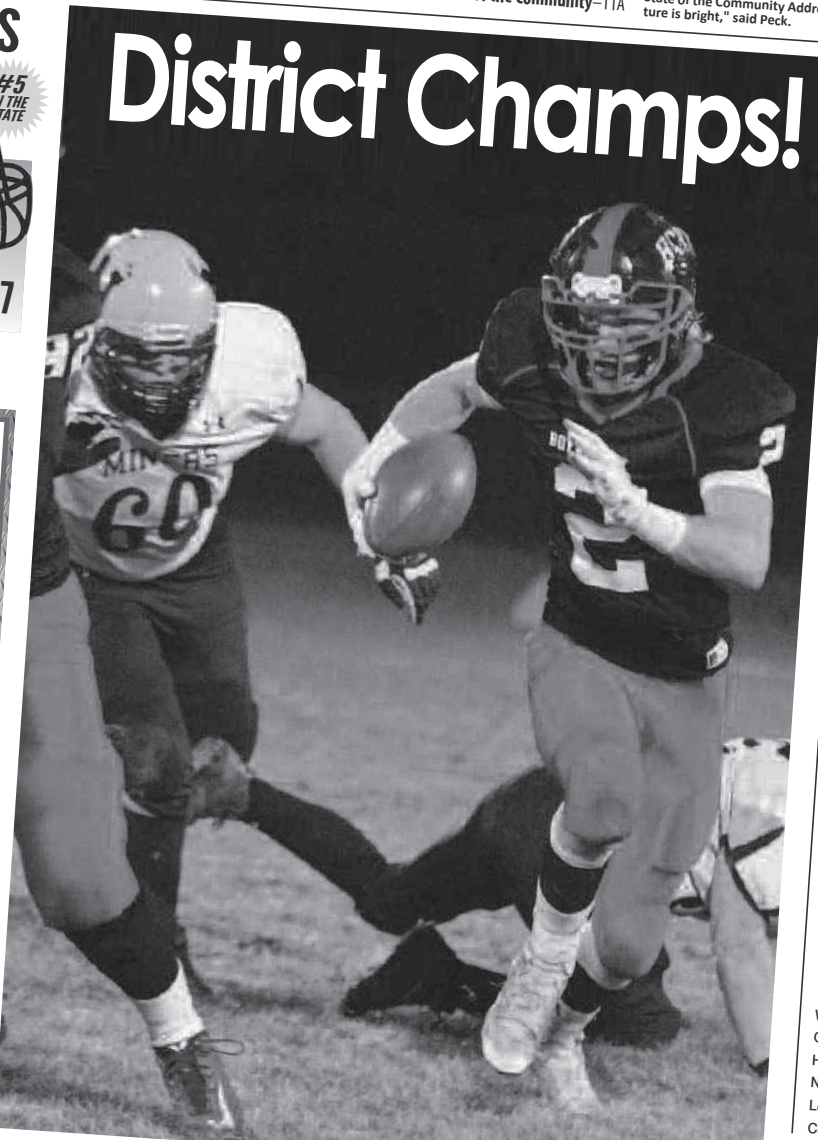
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Price based on greed

Even if it's been shown that your house will likely sell for around \$250,000, you insist on listing it for \$275,000 because "you never know, someone could come along who just has to have it. Besides, if we don't get any bites we can always lower the price later." The problem is it won't take long for buyers to realize your price is unrealistic and think you are, too, and won't want to deal with you unless the house is "a steal." The listing languishes, so you drop the price, but not enough, it sits even longer and pretty soon you have a listing that's been on the market so long buyers decide there is something wrong and steer clear.

The solution is to get the price right. This is done by using what is called a Competitive Market Analysis (CMA). If you've hired the right agent, this is the first folder out of their briefcase when you meet to list your home. A CMA breaks down the sales price of homes that are similar to yours in location, size, age and condition.

Your agent will also consider the listing prices of homes on the market, but these are used more to identify the competition. Even with a strong agent and CMA, your price may not be on target. That's because the market is always changing and your agent should be updating your CMA whenever anything comparable to your property sells.

Not every reason your home isn't selling will be the price, although they will be related to it. Here we have that value vs. price issue. If buyers perceive imper-

fections in your listing, they will want a discount, so if they're not buying, your price is not discounted enough for buyers to believe the value to them at least equals that of your price.

For example, if your lawn is brown and the landscaping worn, buyers will want a discount. The problem is that a seller will not consider this a major issue and attach a much lower discount than a buyer will accept.

This is why it is imperative that sellers do everything they can to eliminate any issues buyers may have with their house before listing. Obviously, you can't do anything about a bad location, such as being near railroad tracks, or that you have just one bathroom. But you and your agent should have factored these drawbacks into the listing price.

Featured Property

Home near Charlevoix is spectacular value

By Jim Akans

Home ownership doesn't get more attainable than this. Located near Charlevoix, this two-bedroom home is a spectacular value.

Featuring approximately 720 square feet of nicely laid out living space; highlights of this mobile home residence include a great kitchen and eating area with plenty of cabinet and countertop space, an air conditioner wall unit for keeping cool during those hot summer day, and vaulted ceilings in the living area. The list of appliances with this home includes range, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer.

Outdoors, towering pines on the approximately one-and-a-half acre property create a gorgeous up north ambience that is just minutes away from Charlevoix. The property also features a one-and-a-half car garage and paved driveway. Snowmobile trails are nearby making this a wonderful year-round location.

Located at 3055 Black Road near Charlevoix, this value-packed home is listed at just \$49,000. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark, Broker, or Holly Nierman, Agent at Coldwell Banker Schmidt - East Jordan at 231-536-7700 or email mike.stark@cbgreatlakes.com



Automotive Review

2017 Chrysler 300S Sport Appearance Packages

For 2017, the Chrysler brand is updating its bold and blacked-out Chrysler 300S model with even more athletic and aggressive styling appointments thanks to new Exterior and Interior Sport Appearance Packages, plus updated color and materials to make this flagship 300 model the most enthusiast-focused ever.

"The new 2017 Chrysler 300S re-excites the passion of what owning an American flagship sedan is about," said Tim Kuniskis, Head of Passenger Car Brands – Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and FIAT, FCA – North America. "And now for our Chrysler enthusiasts, two all-new sport ap-

pearance packages that take the 300S model's athletic styling and appointments to the next level."

The 2017 Chrysler 300S with new Exterior and Interior Sport Appearance Packages will debut at the 2016 New York International Auto Show and be available at Chrysler dealerships nationwide for ordering this August.

Standard with the 300S V-8 model, and available on the 300S V-6 model, the new Exterior Sport Appearance Package features a more aggressively styled front fascia with larger air intakes and integrated LED fog lamps highlighting the 300S model's world-class handling and levels



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The Interior Sport Appearance Package takes the Chrysler 300S model's sport-contoured leather seating and upgrades it for more cradling and comfort. PHOTO COPYRIGHT CHRYSLER GROUP LLC.

of technology. These fog lamps are exclusive to the Exterior Sport Appearance Package and are comprised of a strip of eight horizontal LEDs each, for an even more distinctive signature look at night.

Nestled below the Gloss Black headlamps and dimensional grille is a larger body-color painted Mobius strip, which further emphasizes the flagship sedan's road-holding width, while tying in the brand's design DNA. The Chrysler 300S model's signature proportions take on

an even sportier aesthetic as 20-inch (19-inch with AWD) wheels flank the new package's sculpted side sills.

At the rear, Chrysler 300S model's new Exterior Sport Appearance Package adds a deck-lid spoiler to complement the dual exhausts and further the sedan's athletic appearance.

New for 2017, the Interior Sport Appearance Package takes the Chrysler 300S model's sport-contoured leather seating and upgrades it for

more cradling and comfort. New premium performance leather seats with high-bolstered contours in suede provide front seat passengers with more lateral support during spirited driving. In addition, these front performance seats are heated and ventilated – adding to the flagship sedan's already lengthy list of convenience features.

In keeping with the Chrysler brand design team's use of unique finishes, the 2017 Chrysler

300S exudes an athletic-luxury interior with new Piano Black interior trim appointments on the instrument panel, door panel and instrument cluster bezels. New Light Gray Diesel colored accent stitching expressively highlights the Chrysler 300S model's craftsmanship on door and center console armrests, instrument panel brow, steering wheel as well as the leather-wrapped sport seats, or on the new performance seats as part of the new Interior Sport Appearance Package.

Sport mode instantly transforms the Chrysler 300S model's performance and personality. By engaging Sport mode, drivers can reduce shift times from approximately 400 milliseconds to 250 milliseconds, increase engine and throttle responsiveness, plus firm up the steering feel of the electric power steering (EPS) system.

For even greater V-6 performance, the Chrysler 300S model increases the standard 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 engine's output to 300 horsepower and 264 lb.-ft. of torque, plus adds a more distinctive sound. For customers who want more performance, the Chrysler 300S can be had with a 363-horsepower 5.7-liter HEMI V-8 engine with four-cylinder mode Fuel Saver Technology.

The Chrysler 300S model's chassis features a sport-tuned suspension with increased damping to make sure the flagship sedan's power and precision connects the driver to the road. For drivers who want more handling capability, a performance-tuned suspension with increased spring rates, performance-tuned steering and bushings, larger sway bars (with V-8 engine) and Goodyear Eagle F1 Three-season tires are also available on rear-wheel drive Chrysler 300S models.

For customers who want the best of Detroit-born style and even more all-weather traction, the Chrysler 300S AWD model includes an advanced AWD system that delivers traction to all four wheels when necessary, or thanks to its segment-exclusive technology, can electronically adjust back to two-wheel drive for maximum fuel efficiency.

The Chrysler 300S AWD pairs the 300-horsepower 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 engine with the state-of-the-art TorqueFlite eight-speed transmission and the segment's most innovative AWD system for up to 27 miles per gallon (mpg) on the highway. And for driving enthusiasts, Sport mode turns AWD "on" (if off) and enables the 300S to deliver rear-biased torque for improved dynamics.

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Extra Help for Medicare Beneficiaries

The new 2016 income and asset eligibility details are now available for the Extra Help program. This benefit is sponsored by the Social Security Administration and is available to Medicare beneficiaries.

The program helps to pay for all or part of prescription insurance premiums and will also lower copayments for medications. Extra Help has five different levels of assistance based on monthly income and assets. The highest level of assistance is available to those who are eligible for both Medicare and full Medicaid health benefits. These beneficiaries are referred to as being dual eligible and receive the lowest drug copays and usually a free monthly premium for their prescription insurance plan.

In order to qualify for the least amount of Extra Help, single beneficiaries must have no more than \$1,506 of gross monthly, and \$2,023 if married. The asset limits are \$13,640 for single individuals and \$26,580 for married couples.

There are two forms of income. Unearned income include Social Security benefits, pensions, royalty payments, etc. Earned income is the paycheck that one receives if still working. There is a deduction for earned income amounting to a little more than half of this category. Once the countable earned income is determined, then it is added to the full gross unearned income to determine eligibility. Some of the more com-

mon assets include retirement and savings accounts, and real property other than the principle residence.

There are four other important cost-saving benefits for Medicare beneficiaries who are eligible for Extra Help as follows:

1. The donut hole does not apply.
2. Depending on the level of Extra Help, the annual prescription drug deductible may not apply.
3. Participants are not subject to the open enrollment period and can change their Medicare health and drug plans anytime.
4. If a beneficiary has been subject to a late enrollment penalty that will no longer apply. Medicare beneficiaries

can get in touch with a representative of the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program by calling 800-803-7174. Local MMAP personnel are available to screen applicants for Extra Help and assist with the application process. This service is often completed over the phone.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 30
10:30am Wii Bowl Practice
AARP Driver Safety Program—Call Terri
Various Card Games

Thursday, March 31
10am "Basic" Spanish
11am Arthritis Foundation
Exercise Program
Wii Bowling

Friday, April 1
11am Dollar in a
Jukebox
Raffle
Rummikub

Monday, April 4
10:30am Line Dancing
Pretty-Bag Bingo -
Gift Certificate Prize
Rummikub

Tuesday, April 5
10:30am Adv Board Mtg
Pretty-Bag Bingo -
Free Lunch Prize
Mexican Train

Wednesday, April 6
10:30am Wii Bowl Practice
Various Card Games

CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 30
12:45pm Bingo

Thursday, March 31
Turtle Creek Casino Trip
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Wii Bowling Practice
1pm Mahjong

Friday, April 1
9:30am Craft Class
1pm Rummy

Monday, April 4
1pm Bridge
1pm Woodcarving
7pm Bible Study

Tuesday, April 5
9am-1pm Tax Assistance
11am Chair Yoga Class
1pm Paint Class

Wednesday, April 6
12:45pm Bingo

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 30
GAME DAY!
Pool Table / Ping Pong
10:30am Crafts
1pm Cards

Thursday, March 31
11am KARAOKE DAY!
10:30am Chair Exercise
1pm Paint Class

Friday, April 1
BIRTHDAY DAY!
11am Barry Loper
Bingo/Raffle 50/50

Monday, April 4
Exercise Room
8am-1pm Walking M-F
10:30am Chair Exercise

Tuesday, April 5
10am E.J. Story Time
12:30pm Bingo -
Meal Ticket Prize

Wednesday, April 6
GAME DAY!
Pool Table / Ping Pong
10:30am Crafts
1pm Cards

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

Wednesday, March 30
ROSTA PASTA

Thursday, March 31
PORK CHOP

Friday, April 1
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Monday, April 4
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Rockin' Raptors

By Patrick Bevier

"I know he'd be a poor man, if he never saw an eagle fly"

~John Denver (1972)

Gather up your flock and fly to a few family-friendly Mackinaw Raptor Fest activities April 1st and 2nd. The event is sponsored by the MSRW (Mackinaw Straits Raptor Watch), Petoskey/Harbor Springs Community Foundation and Petoskey Area.com. Here are a few of the fabulous feathered festivities:

Friday, April 1: "Owls and Stars" at Headlands Dark Sky Park. I have attended this event in the past and it was incredibly entertaining and informative. It includes an owl mist net capture and banding demonstration and a fascinating nature-based

talk about the night sky constellations and stargazing if weather permits. Each year Saw-whet owls that prefer utter darkness for their life activities-migrate through the area. Therefore, it's a great time to try to capture them in safe mist-nets for research and teaching purposes. The Saw-whets we captured were absolutely adorable. Limited to 40 participants so call for availability. 6:30pm Registration; 7:00pm to bedtime event. There will also be repeat performances of this program on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at the Headlands. These presentations will be from 8:00 to 10:00 pm each evening. They are free of charge but reservations are necessary because of the sensitive nighttime habitat of the owls. Call (231) 348-1713 to check availability.

Saturday, April 2: At Camp Daggett 10:30-11:30am: A wonderful presentation will take place at Petoskey's Camp Daggett on Walloon Lake (Between Petoskey and

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Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2:

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birders alike. 10:00am to 4:00pm. Participants can join anytime during this time frame.

Hope you and your brood can get out and experience these awesome activities. Go to mackinawraptorfest.org and mackinacraptor-watch.org for more information.

RIGHT: Wings of Wonder educator and wildlife rehabilitator, Rebecca Lessard, shows a great horned owl during one of her free hour long presentations. She will be at Camp Daggett in Petoskey at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 2 (COURTESY PHOTO WINGS OF WONDER).



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DNR begins new elk tracking research project

An elk lies in the snow, covered by a net that just fell from the sky.

A "mugger" jumps out of a helicopter, while a ground team moves in.

This is net-gunning – a process the Michigan Department of Natural Resources used recently in the northern Lower Peninsula to fit 40 elk with GPS collars.

The DNR and Michigan State University are jointly funding this new tracking project, which is being researched by an MSU graduate student.

Across the country, wildlife research biologists are interested in the combination of wild animals and human activities.

"One of the goals of this project is to look specifically at the effects of recreation in the core elk range by tracking elk movements over the next three years," said Brian Mastenbrook, DNR wildlife field operations manager.

Michigan's core elk range includes the Pigeon River Country State Forest, which encompasses more than 100,000 acres of public land northeast of Gaylord in Otsego and Cheboygan counties.

This tracking research project had been in the works since 2006 and was identified by the DNR's Elk Management Advisory Team as a sub-

ject to be analyzed.

"In the early 1980s, our research looked at the effects of oil and gas development. In the late 1980s, we looked at how hunting affected elk behavior within the elk range," said DNR wildlife research biologist Dean Beyer. "Now as time has passed, we face new issues. This research is designed to look at elk habitat and how elk move in relation to human activities, specifically horseback and mountain bike riding."

The net-gunning capture effort began Feb. 14 with a safety meeting of DNR staff, Michigan State University researchers and a helicopter flight crew from Texas. In all, about two dozen people were involved with the process.

With multiple aircraft, ground crews and live animals involved, clear and reliable communication was needed. Also, the elk would not be tranquilized, making this collaring effort unique.

"Not tranquilizing an animal changes the ground game in this collaring. We are handling large animals, fully aware and capable of moving, so we need to move quickly," Beyer said. "The elk can then be back on their way and return to their natural setting. Fortunately, we have highly qualified and experienced staff to make this happen."

An adult Michigan elk can stand up to 5 feet tall at its shoulder and weigh up to 900 pounds. The male, or bull, elk hadn't dropped their antlers at the time of collaring, adding sharp-polished bone, weighing up to 40 pounds, into the safety equation.

Crews in two DNR airplanes, looking down from low altitude, had no problem locating groups of the large elk against the white, snowy backdrop.

"It's like hunting for morel mushrooms," said DNR wildlife technician Mark Monroe. "Just like morels, if one elk is spotted, typically others can be found – because elk are a social animal."

Monroe was leading the ground team of multiple snowmobiles that were in constant radio communication with the two airplanes and the helicopter.

"The plane would alert us to the number of elk they'd spotted, their location and if they were males or females," Monroe said. "The best reports were multiple elk near clearing – which is great, because we need the room to work."

The helicopter crew and the ground team would develop their plan – the route, number of elk and which team would go where.

Ground teams would then

head in on snowmobiles.

Timing was important. They couldn't go in before the elk were netted or they would risk scaring away the big animals.

Guided by crew in the two DNR airplanes, the helicopter would fly low to herd the elk into a safe position for capture.

The net-gun was then fired from the helicopter to capture the elk.

The "mugger" is the first person to get out of the helicopter once the elk is netted. Muggers hold the net until others arrive.

Experienced handlers immediately place a blindfold on the captured elk and secure the legs with hobbles, which are small belt-like straps.

Meanwhile, other members of the team start to remove the tangled bright orange net from the captured elk.

Now, the crew will fit the elk with a GPS tracking collar. The collar sends signals to satellites, providing researchers with information about the elk's movements and location at any given time.

The collar is designed to fall off after three years, eliminating the need for researchers to handle the elk again. If elk movement isn't observed, a distress signal will be sent.

The entire collaring process can take a three-person ground team about 10 to 15 minutes.

When the team's work is complete, the elk is released by first removing the hobbles and then the blindfold, allowing the elk to immediately run off on its own.

During this February outing, the collaring team worked out of the DNR's Atlanta field office. The team met its goal in just two days – 20 male and 20 female elk fitted with GPS tracking collars.

"We are very excited about how quickly we were able to complete this collaring mission," Mastenbrook said. "Although the project development itself was years in the making."

Recently, elk population estimates were made during an airplane survey.

DNR staff flew over the Michigan elk core area for nine days and observed 1,002 elk situated within 88 transects they flew. This aerial survey not only provided population estimates, but also showed the location of elk and the proportion of males to females.

"As responsible managers of natural resources, we need to understand what, if any, effects recreation has on our elk," Mastenbrook said. "We are managing wildlife for all of the people of the state of Michigan. This type of research gives us information that helps us make the right management decisions."

To learn more about Michigan's elk populations visit www.michigan.gov/elk.

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