

# athletes of the week



## BOYNE CITY GIRLS TRACK TEAM

The Rambler girls track and field team recently captured their first ever Regional title by winning eight events and qualifying in 11 for the MHSAA State Finals, as a total of nine girls will take part in the meet.

## KATIE HOTH, BOYNE CITY

The Rambler senior has been on a tear at the plate for most of the season, but even more so as of late. Hoth has racked up 12 hits over the past week, including four home runs and three doubles.



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## SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

### Ramblers sweep Rayders, Win Tawas Tourney

BOYNE CITY 11-22, CHARLEVOIX 2-0

CHARLEVOIX — Back-to-back long balls off the bats of Grace Wells and Taylor Delaney propelled the Ramblers to an 11-2 game one win, and Katie Hoth hit a pair of home runs in the night cap as Boyne City rolled to a 22-0 mercy over host Charlevoix on May 21.

In game one, Boyne piled up a 13 hit attack against the Rayders, as Hoth and Sophia Morais both doubled among their two hits and Katelyn Gabos, Josee Behling and Madi Rosenow each singled twice, while Kelsey Hubbard doubled.

Rosenow picked up the win in the circle, limiting the Rayders to five hits, while striking out four.

"It took us a couple of innings to adjust to the pitching," BC coach Sandy Clausen said.

In the second game, Behling went the distance in the circle for the Ramblers, allowing two hits and striking out seven for the win.

At the plate, the hit parade continued as the team picked up 15, as Hubbard had three, including a double, with Morais, Wells, Rosenow and Behling all picking up two hits apiece.

"We came out in the first inning ready to play, taking advantage of baserunners and putting up runs!" coach Clausen noted. "Our wins today help us to achieve a share of the (Lake Michigan) conference title."

BOYNE CITY 12, TAWAS 4

BOYNE CITY 9, OGE MAW 8

ST. LOUIS 9, BOYNE CITY 8

BOYNE CITY 9, RAPID RIVER 7

TAWAS — Boyne City put together a strong day, winning the Tawas Tournament on May 19.

The Ramblers defeated Tawas 12-4; Ogemaw 9-8, fell to St. Louis 9-9 and beat Rapid River 9-7.

On the day, Boyne piled up 36 hits, including three home runs, in picking up the tournament title.

Katie Hoth paced the Ramblers with eight hits, including three homers and a pair of doubles; Kelsey Hubbard added six hits with a double; Grace Wells doubled twice among her four hits; Madi Rosenow singled four times, Katelyn Gabos had a double and a pair of singles; Taylor Delaney and Maged Behling had two hits, including a double; and Sophia Morais and Josee Behling both singled twice.

Rosenow picked up the pitching win in games one and four and Josee Behling was the winner in game two. On the day, the BC pitchers struck out 13 opponents.



Rambler catcher, Katelyn Gabos and pitcher, Katie Hoth go over strategy during a break in the action. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

### Lancers roll to Northern Lakes wins

Finish runner-up in TC Invitational

ELLSWORTH 11, ONEKAMA 1

NEWBERRY 8, ELLSWORTH 5

TRAVERSE CITY — The Lady Lancers played to a second place finish at the annual Traverse City Invitational on May 19.

Ellsworth defeated Onekama in their opener 11-1 and fell to Newberry in the final.

"We were missing three starters, so that hurt a little, but it also opened the door for other girls to get in and play, and they played well," Lancer coach Andy Montgomery said.

ELLSWORTH 11-17, MACKINAW CITY 1-7

ELLSWORTH — The 8-0 Ellsworth softball team hosted 9-1 Mackinaw City in a battle of the Northern Lakes Conference top teams.

The Lancers jumped out early in both contests, cruising to pair of victories on May 18, winning 11-1 and 17-7.

Abby Nachazel earned the pitching victory in both games, tossing a one-hitter in the opener, fanning nine in the process and then striking out five in the nightcap.

Bahley Glynn led the way offensively going 3-for-3, Sienna Mcdaniel was 2-for-3, Celia Dhillon came up with a key hit and Judy Veldboom doubled.

In game 2 Ellsworth came out swinging putting up six runs in the first inning.

At the plate, Glynn, Nachazel, Veldboom, and Miller all had two hits each, while Celia Dhillon had a hit with three RBIs.

"The bats were good today, we hit

the ball hard today and the defense played well," coach Andy Montgomery said.

The Lancers improve to 13-5 overall, 10-0 in the NLC.

ELLSWORTH 15-13, ALBA 0-0

The Ellsworth softball team blanked the Alba Wildcats in a pair of Northern Lakes Conference contests on May 16.

The Lancers won game one 15-0 and followed that up with a 13-0 victory.

Abby Nachazel picked up the wins in the circle, tossing a perfect game in the opener, striking out five.

Offensively Celia Dhillon hit her first home run and added two RBIs, Samantha Miller added three hits and three RBIs, Sienna Mcdaniel, Bahley Glynn and Desiree Vanderslik also had one hit apiece.

Game two saw the same result, as Ellsworth put up 13 runs in their part of the opening inning.

Nachazel fanned seven and limited Alba to one hit, in picking up the pitching win, with relief help from Hailey Peterson.

Gabby Glynn and Sienna Mcdaniel tripled, Vanderslik scored four runs.

### Red Devils split with Snowbirds

EAST JORDAN 3-14, GAYLORD ST. MARY 5-11

GAYLORD — The East Jordan softball team earned a split with a tough St. Mary Snowbirds team on May 16, falling 5-3 in the opener, before rebounding for a 14-11 win in the nightcap.

In game one, the Red Devils managed seven hits, but could not get the timely base knock they needed to put them over the top.

Kendall McNitt had two hits and an RBI to lead EJ, while Abby Peterson hit a home run, Julia Sherman doubled and Katelyn Crawford, Gabbie Cutler and Jayden McCoy all added singles.

Peterson took the pitching loss, allowing nine hits, walking one and striking out two.

In game two, EJ pounded out 17 hits to earn the victory as McNitt finished with three RBI to go with four hits, including a triple and a double. Chelsea Gibson tripled among her two hits, Crawford, Amber Gibson and Peterson all



Boyne City shortstop, Kelsey Hubbard fires a ball towards first after making a play. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

added two hits each. Cutler doubled, Kendall Raymond, Karah Dunson, Madeline Malpass and Sherman all added one hit each.

"I was really happy that we got a split," EJ coach Meg Kitson said. "We were not sharp today, but we pushed through it."



The Ellsworth softball team poses with their runner-up trophy, following the Traverse City Invitational on May 19. (COURTESY PHOTO)

## SOCCER RESULTS

### Carson helps lead Rayders to win over Chiefs

CHARLEVOIX 4, CHEBOYGAN 1

CHARLEVOIX -- Sometimes, athletes have days where everything seems to go right. On May 18, Paige Carson had one of those days, where she was involved in every goal scored for the Rayders.

Charlevoix would earn a 4-1 victory over the visiting Chiefs, as Carson scored once and assisted on the other three Rayder goals.

Natalie Nesburg scored at 32:15 of the first half off a pass from Carson. At 34:01, Carson would

send a corner kick in front of the Cheboygan net where Bailey Birdsell was there to finish the ball to give the Rayders a 2-0 advantage at the half.

In the second half, Nesburg passed the ball in front of the net where Paige Carson finished at 21:05.

The Chiefs would get their only score on a break away to cut the deficit to 3-1, but moments later, Carson would send another corner kick to Grayce Sprecksel who was there to tap it into the net to make the final 4-1 Rayders with

13:47 left in the game. Charlevoix improved to 10-3-1 overall and stand 4-3-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"It was a great day to see some scoring come in from some different directions," coach Pete Scholten said. "With the combination of a regional track meet and injuries we were without some of our main scoring threats. Awesome to see Paige (Carson) come up big from the defense. She was part of every goal today. I was also really pleased to see us convert on a corner twice."

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## BASEBALL ROUNDUP

## Red Devils unable to get past Blazers, Cardinals

**EAST JORDAN 0-6,  
KALKASKA 4-10**

KALKASKA — The East Jordan baseball team fell in a pair of close contests to a tough Kalkaska team, 4-0, 10-6 on May 21.

In the opener, the Blazers picked up a pair of unearned runs in the first inning and added two more in the fourth for the difference.

EJ managed only one hit in the game, a seeing-eye single off the bat of Sawyer Thomas in the sixth.

Chandler Bartig took the pitching loss throwing five strong innings, allowing five hits, while striking out nine.

In game two, Owen Diller had a pair of singles and a double with three RBIs to pace the Red Devils Justin Barnett added a pair of singles, while Keegan McDuffie and Jared Piechan had RBI singles, and Spencer Reid and Noa Wright each singled.

Barnett took the pitching loss with Thomas pitching in relief.

**EAST JORDAN 5-1,  
JOBURG 20-2**

EAST JORDAN — The Red Devils ran into a buzzsaw in the opener, but managed to close the gap with a strong effort in the second game, falling to the Cardinals 20-5 and 2-1 on May 18.

In game one JoBurg came out swinging, putting nine runs on the board in the first and then adding another 10 in the fifth.

Justin Barnett, who took the pitching loss, got the Red Devil offense going, hitting his first career home run to go with a single, Keegan McDuffie drove



Red Devil first basemen, Keegan McDuffie (1) waits for a throw during a recent contest. (CCNews FILE PHOTO)

in three with a double and single, Hayden Ferguson added a pair of singles, Gus Scheier doubled, Spencer Reid, Owen Diller, and Trevor Owens all singled.

Sawyer Thomas, Joe Atwood, and Scheier all pitched in relief of Barnett.

In the nightcap, JoBurg got an early unearned first inning run on a third strike that wasn't able to be corralled to the lead off hitter and came around to score.

"We were able to tie it up in the bottom of the fifth, but gave up the lead in the next half inning. Chandler Bartig pitched "lights out", allowing just one hit over five innings while striking out 10," EJ coach Tom Reid said.

Spencer Reid took the loss as the JoBurg cleanup hitter found a gap with a sixth inning double to score a leadoff

walk, then he struck out the side. Reid, Owens, Diller, and Jared Piechan all singled for the Red Devil hits.

"We took a good whooping in the first game and ended up rebounding nicely in the second one, but just left way too many guys on the base paths and couldn't get Bartig the win he deserved," coach Reid added. "We left the bases loaded in the fifth after tying it up and left runners at third base twice throughout the game."

## Lancers nip Swordsmen in NLC play

**ELLSWORTH 5-1, HARBOR LIGHT 3-0**

ELLSWORTH — The Lancers took on Harbor Light on May 21, winning a pair of close contests in Northern Lakes Conference play, 5-3 and 1-0.

In game one, Alex Adams singled three times to pace the Lancer offense, while Kolby Krosnicki added two hits.

On the mound, it was Krosnicki, allowing three runs on four hits, while striking out 11 to earn the complete game win.

In game two, Richard Adams tossed a complete game three-hitter, and fanned six.

Daniel Oviedo had an RBI double to lead Ellsworth (8-0 in NLC), while Krosnicki and Jesse Hersha each singled.

## TENNIS



East Jordan senior Keegan Malpass (left) captured the regional No. 1 singles title, while Tia Spence finished runner-up in No. 3 singles.

## Malpass advances to MHSAA State Finals

TRAVERSE CITY — The East Jordan tennis team finished third as a team at the recent MHSAA regional tournament, with No. 1 Singles champion,

Keegan Malpass advancing to the State Finals.

Tia Spence also received recognition as a runner-up in the No.3 Singles flight.



The Charlevoix Rayder tennis team placed second in the Regional finals,

## Rayders take second at Regionals

TRAVERSE CITY — The Charlevoix tennis program just took a big step.

The Rayders qualified for the State Finals for the first time in school history, finishing second.

"This was a really great defining time for our program and a culmination of a short but progressively fast growth for all of girls on the team," coach Audra Randall said.

No. 4 Singles, Catherine Seger finished runner-up, by defeating Elk Rapids/Sleder in the opening round to move onto a 3rd match up this season with HS/Johansen. Seger beat Johansen 6-4, 6-1 to move onto the final match with TCSF. Seger played her in the Conference final on Monday and played even better this match but fell 6-1, 6-1 after going to several deuces in most games.

No. 3 Doubles, Sarah Lopez/Rilyn Wagner, advanced to the finals, defeating Manistee-Alexander/Rannisi 6-3, 6-2, in the semis they matched up against Boyne City defeating them 6-0, 6-2.

"The girls looked very solid and enjoyed being in their groove together as a team. In the final it was TCSF vs Charlevoix a tough match but the girls were confident and determined to have a fun match. They captured 2 games in the first set but fell 6-2, 6-0," Randall added.

No. 4 Doubles, Abby Cunningham/Helen Hanchin advanced to the finals with an opening match with Manistee's

Bladzik/Krolczyk winning 6-0, 6-1. Cunningham/Hanchin then went on to defeat Harbor Springs Vantol/O'Neil in the semis 6-4, 6-2. In the final the girls fell to TCSF 6-0, 6-0.

"Seven out of the eight flights earned seeding for the tournament which we then set our goal to win all opening matches," coach Randall noted. "All flights can be proud of their play as they all made huge contributions by reaching are first goal of winning the opening matches at all flights. This really put us in a great position for us to possibly qualify for State Finals. With additional points earned at 4S, 3D, and 4D our team earned 19 points to place second, Harbor Springs shares 2nd place with Charlevoix.

No. 1 Singles, Abby Paramo won her opening match to Traverse City Christian 7-5, 6-4.

No. 2 Singles, Margaret Purvis won in her opening match to BC Kendra Krusel in a tough three set 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

No. 3 Singles, Elyssa Seger won her opening match against Grayling 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 Doubles, Grace Freds/Lily Smith won against E.J's Barkley/Alward in a tough three set 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.

No. 2 Doubles, Abby Noirot/Lilly Arnold won a solid opening match to Traverse City Christian 6-0, 6-1, but falling to Harbor 6-0, 6-0.

The Rayders head to State Finals on June 1 and 2nd in Novi.

## BASKETBALL

# Boyne City's Dylan Williams to play for Michigan Tech

BOYNE CITY — Sometimes good things come to those who wait.

This would be the case for Rambler Dylan Williams. The senior was recently offered a preferred walk-on opportunity to play for Michigan Tech.

The Boyne senior had figured his playing days were behind him when the season ended, but when the Huskies presented him with the offer, the 6-foot-5 Rambler bigman accepted.

"It's really exciting," Williams said. "I thought I was done playing basketball because our season ended, but then coach (Kevin Luke) called and told me he'd love it if I walked on, and it's really exciting. I'm so grateful I get to play again and that my basketball career isn't over."

Williams had been receiving looks from Division III schools, but after thinking about it, he didn't feel those were the best opportunities for him, and his goal was to play at the Division II level.

"A lot of DIII schools wanted me to play for them, but I wanted to go DII, or not at all, basically," Williams added. "I knew I could play at the next level, but at the DII level, I didn't know."

Williams was a key member for the Ramblers this season, especially down the stretch, with his defensive play and ability to play above the rim. His pay earned him selections on the CCNews All-Area team as well as the All-Lake Michigan Conference team.

He helped lead Boyne City to its first ever Class B district and regional championships, while averaging just over six



Boyne City's Dylan Williams (seated) will take his game North to Michigan Tech. Pictured with Dylan are (L-R) Rambler coach Nick Redman, father Matthew, mother Nicole and sister Brooke. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

points per, four boards and two blocks per game.

"He's come a long way in the last couple of years," Boyne City coach Nick Redman said. "His best basketball is still ahead of him."

"Great to see a kid that started to enjoy the game and put some extra time in and it paid off for him with this opportunity to play at the next level," Redman added. "I'm happy for him. I hope he makes the most of his opportunity."

Dylan's mother and father noted that they were excited.

His mother Nicole, said she saw that he had the talent to play at the next level during

AAU basketball last summer.

"When he played AAU, it seemed like the better the players were that he went up against, the better he did," Nicole said. "I think that's a big part of his opportunity that he has now and we're excited."

While he was looking around for which college he would attend, Michigan Tech was on Dylan's short list, and since it has options in the engineering fields, he was drawn to the college.

"I tried to influence him as much as I could without saying it," Matthew said. "It's numbers driven. If you want have a certain career, you go to

certain colleges. Being an engineer, you go to Tech and the numbers bare it out."

While Dylan will be attending the school to work on his academics and future, he also knows that he will have to put in just as much work on the hardwood to realize his dream to play college ball.

"I really didn't start loving basketball until my junior year," Williams noted. "I didn't really start working at it until junior year. It's like the underdog mindset for me, I started late, but I know I can do it if I work hard enough and I'm just trying to work hard enough."

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# Sports

## Lancers sending pair to Division 4 state finals

ELLSWORTH — The Ellsworth High School Track and Field team will be sending two individuals that have qualified for the Division 4 State Finals in Hudsonville, MI on June 2.

Juniors Isaiah Romeyn and Josh Light. Isaiah was the winner of the men's 1600m run and the men's 800m run, setting personal records of 4:37.13 and 2:04.89, respectively.

Josh was the winner of the men's 110m high hurdles and finished second place in the men's 300m hurdles, setting personal records of 00:16.35 and 00:43.13, in both events

## Rambler girls

CHARLEVOIX — The Boyne City girls Track & Field team won its first Regional Championship in school history on May 18. The team scored 147 points, while host Charlevoix took second with 98 points.

The Ramblers won eight events and qualified in 11



Boyne City girls track and field team pose with their first ever Regional trophy. (PHOTO COURTESY OF WENDI STADT)

events for the MHSAA State Finals, as a total of nine girls will compete at the MHSAA State Finals.

Boyne qualified three relay teams, the 4x100 Relay team of Anna Harmeling, Molly Day, Maddie Mathews, and Kaila Kuhn won the race in school record time of 52.69, while the 4x200 Relay team of Josee Behling, Alydia Cotton, Avery Stadt, and Yveloute Rea won, as did the 4x400 Relay team of Behling, Cotton, Eleri Giem, and Rea finished a close second to qualify.

Cotton qualified in four events, as she was Regional Champion in both Hurdle

events and was a member of the qualifying 4x200 and 4x400 Relays.

Harmeling was the Regional Champion in the Pole Vault and the Long Jump and was a member of the winning 4x100 Relay.

Stadt was the Regional Champion in the 800M Run and was on the qualifying 4x200 Relay team.

Giem was Regional Champion in the High Jump and was on the qualifying 4x400 Relay team.

Behling qualified in the 400M Dash and was on both the 4x200 and 4x400 qualifying relays.

Rea qualified in the 100M

Dash was was on both the 4x200 and 4x400 qualifying relays.

Kuhn qualified in the High Hurdles and was on the winning 4x100 Relay.

The Ramblers added to their scoring with Kuhn in the High Jump (3rd), Day in the 100M Dash (6th), Rea (3rd) and Behling (5th) in the 200 M Dash, Emily Sterling was 4th in both the 1600M and 3200M Runs, Maddy Coleman in the Discus (8th), and the 3200M Relay team of Madison Bates, Molly Burch, Bizzy Turnbull,

and Sterling which finished 4th.

"In addition to all of the great scoring, many of our girls had their personal or season bests," coach Andy Place said. "It is always great to win when everyone is competing well."

For the Rambler boy's team, Jacob Ager was Regional Champion in the Discus with a personal best throw of 141' 2" which qualifies him for the MHSAA State Finals. He also qualified in the Shot Put finishing second with a throw of 54' 9".

Exchange student, Alex Serrano, qualified with a second place finish in the 300M Hurdles.

In team scoring, Boyne finished eighth out of 14 teams with 48 points. Coach Dave Willson is most pleased that all of the Rambler relay teams scored showing team depth.

## HIGH SCHOOL GOLF RANKINGS

The Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association has released its latest boy's golf state rankings for the 2018 season.

### LOWER PENINSULA DIVISION 2

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern   | 5. Wayland Union           |
| 2. Flint Powers Catholic                | 6. DeWitt                  |
| 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood | 7. Orchard Lake St. Mary's |
| 4. Gaylord                              | 8. Richland Gull Lake      |
|   | 9. Mattawan                |
|   | 10. East Lansing           |

## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL RANKINGS

The Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association has released its state poll of the 2018 season.

### DIVISION 1

- Clarkston
- Caledonia
- Anchor Bay
- Walled Lake Northern
- Hartland
- Howell
- Mattawan
- Plymouth
- Oxford
- Hudsonville

### Honorable Mention:

Allen Park, Bay City Central, Bay City Western, Byron Center, Canton, Chippewa Valley, Jenison, Lake Orion, Lowell, Macomb Dakota, Rockford, South Lyon

### DIVISION 2

- Lakeshore
- Escanaba
- Spring Lake
- St. Clair
- Richmond
- Wayland
- Ida
- Oakridge
- Chelsea
- Essexville Garber

### Honorable Mention:

Allendale, Eaton Rapids, Flat Rock, Freeland, Imlay City, Kalkaska, Milan, Riverview, South Haven, South Lyon East, Swan Valley, Three Rivers, Vicksburg

### DIVISION 3

- Millington
- Coloma
- Clinton
- Dundee
- Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central
- Grandville Calvin Christian
- Allen Park Cabrini
- Gladstone
- Beaverton
- Byron

Honorable Mention:Adrian Madison, Boyne City, Bronson, Farwell, Napoleon, Sanford Meridian, Standish-Sterling

### DIVISION 4

- Coleman
- Rogers City
- Holton
- Frankfort
- Inland Lakes
- Waterford Our Lady of Lakes Inland Lakes
- Beal City
- Kalamazoo Christian
- Rapid River
- River Valley

Honorable Mention:Center-ville, Fowler, GPW University Liggett, Onaway, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, USA, Whiteford

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL RANKINGS

The Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association has released its fourth poll of the 2018 season.

### DIVISION 1

- Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett
- Bay City Western
- Grandville
- Howell
- Portage Northern
- Rockford
- Brownstown Woodhaven
- Jenison
- Grand Ledge
- Saline
- Livonia Stevenson
- Midland
- Macomb Dakota
- Richland Gull Lake
- Northville
- Mattawan
- Holt
- T-18. Birmingham Brother Rice
- T-18. Canton
- Salem
- Byron Center

### DIVISION 2

- Orchard Lake St. Mary's
- Edwardsburg
- Stevensville Lakeshore
- Detroit Country Day
- Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
- Holland Christian
- Carleton Airport
- Richmond
- St. Clair
- DeWitt
- Chelsea
- Alma
- Essexville Garber
- Jackson Northwest
- Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
- Zeeland West
- Sturgis
- Tecumseh
- Saginaw Swan Valley
- Big Rapids

### DIVISION 3

- Traverse City St. Francis
- Homer
- Riverview Gabriel Richard
- Watervliet
- Pewamo-Westphalia
- Bronson
- New Lothrop
- Gladstone
- Reed City
- Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central
- Buchanan
- Pinconning
- Standish-Sterling
- Sanford Meridian
- Beaverton
- Michigan Center
- Vassar
- Madison Heights Bishop Foley
- Napoleon
- Taylor Prep

### DIVISION 4

- Kalamazoo Hackett
- Frankfort
- St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic
- Fowler
- Ottawa Lake Whiteford
- Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart
- Gaylord St. Mary
- Inland Lakes
- Bark River-Harris
- Harbor Beach
- Decatur
- Deckerville
- Muskegon Catholic Central
- Portland St. Patrick
- Adrian Lenawee Christian
- Wakefield-Marenisco Gogebic
- Marine City Cardinal Mooney
- Onaway
- Dryden
- Beal City

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

# Smallmouth Bass Basics

BY PATRICK BEVIER

Here are some fun and fishy facts about a very popular game fish to tens of thousands of Michigan anglers: the smallmouth bass:

**The Name Game:** Smallmouth bass are also known as smallies, bronzebacks, brown bass, and smallmouth black bass.

**Smallie Specifications:** The smallmouth bass gets its name because its jaw doesn't extend past the eye, while the jaw of a largemouth bass does. Noticeable stripes that slant downward from the eye are also almost always visible on smallmouth. Smallies prefer clear and cool water with ideal water temperatures of 65 to 70 degrees F. They frequent underwater structures including rocky points, boulders, submerged logs, and steep rock faces. Anglers often target these features to land more bronzebacks.

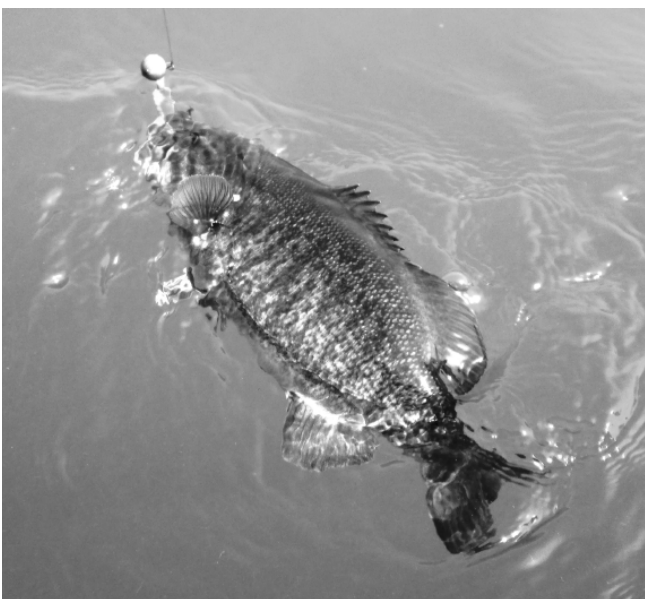
**One Studly Sunfish:** While smallmouth are called bass – as are their close relatives the largemouth bass – they are found in the sunfish family along with fish like bluegill, pumpkinseed, red-eared sunfish, crappie, and rock bass. Smallies are the second largest members of the sunfish family (Centrarchidae). The Mitten State, however, harbors two fish that are in the true bass family: white bass and white perch.

**Tackle Busters:** Smallmouth might be compared to that feisty MMA fighter, Conor McGregor, in that they make it into every conversation about which freshwater fish are, "pound for pound" the best fighters. It's debatable but others that might be assigned to the Mt. Rushmore of fighting game fish could be king salmon, steelhead, and bluegill.

**Best Baits:** Smallmouth will bite on many offerings but some of the most popular include Yamamoto Senko soft plastic baits, tube jigs, Silver Buddy blade baits, buzz baits, and crank baits. Don't forget good ole' "garden hackle" as smallies will often crush a night crawler threaded on a small



**Brawny Bronzeback:** Charter boat captain, Chris Noffsinger, hoists a Grand Traverse Bay smallmouth bass he landed on a blade bait. (COURTESY PHOTO)



**This spunky smallie was caught on a jig and soft plastic on Little Traverse Bay.** (PATRICK BEVIER PHOTO)

hook that's allowed to slowly sink in the water column. Another deadly technique is the drop shot rig.

**Gaga for Gobies:** In the Great Lakes system smallmouth bass have adapted quite well to preying on invasive round goby fish. As a matter of fact many biologists, as well as anglers, claim that the unusually large smallmouth bass—some tipping the scales at

up to 7 pounds – that are now being caught with some regularity are bulking up on gobies.

**Gasciel's Giant:** Just a few years ago one of the longest standing Michigan fishing records was shattered by Greg Gasciel when he landed a 9.33-pound, 24.5-inch behemoth smallmouth bass on Hubbard Lake. The previous record — set 111 years ago in 1906 — was a

9.25-pound, 27.25-inch smallie caught in Cheboygan County's Long Lake by W.F. Shoemaker.

The world record smallmouth bass was a whopping 11 pounds 15 ounces and was landed by David Hayes from Tennessee's Dale Hollow Reservoir in 1955. Interestingly, the catch has been cloaked in controversy including an affidavit stating that the dock owner added lead weight to the catch (unbeknownst to Hayes) that resulted in the temporary nullification of Hayes' record. It is, however, back on the books as the largest smallie taken on hook and line. Dale Hollow is the land of lunker bronzebacks as the three heaviest smallmouth ever recorded came from that body of water!

**Spawning Statistics:** Smallmouth begin spawning in late spring and early summer when water temperatures hit 60 degrees F. A large female can lay as many as 25,000 eggs. Males build the nests and guard the eggs and newly hatched fry with a vengeance. The eggs of smallies are larger than those of largemouth bass and hatch in as little as two days. In about two weeks the fry leave their dense school and begin feeding independently on zooplankton, and eventually prey on small insects and fish as they grow.

**Simply Sensational** Smallmouth Angling: In 2015, In-Fisherman Magazine ranked Michigan the second best bass fishing state in the country, sandwiched between two legendary fisheries in Florida and Georgia. This was due, in large part, to our unrivaled smallmouth fishing in places like Grand Traverse Bay, Lake St. Clair, and Saginaw Bay.

**Curious Characters:** An interesting side note is when I do my version of, "look and hook" by snorkeling, the bravest fish I encounter are inevitably bass. Smallies will literally come right up to your mask as if to check you out as much as you are them!

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The East Jordan City Commission met May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.; Deputy Mayor Johnson presiding with all members of Commission present except Mayor Peck. Acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$114,573.82.

Further Commission Action: Acknowledged Receipt of the Monthly Public Safety Reports for Police for March and April, 2018; Acknowledged Receipt of the Monthly Zoning Activity Report for April 2018; approved the Perpetual Care Fund Agreement with any supplements and amendments and authorized the Mayor to sign; adopted Resolution #106-2018; adopted Resolution #107-2018; approved the 2018 East Jordan Freedom Festival Requests; approved Contractor's Pay Application #9 in the amount of \$874,082.77 and adopted Administrative Policy #158.

Copies of the minutes of the above meeting are posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

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