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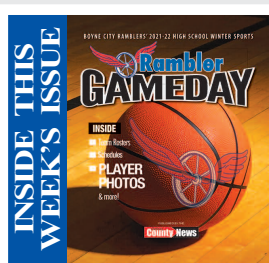
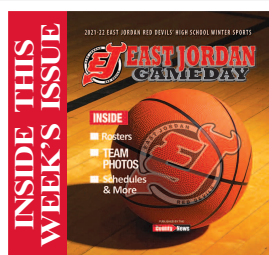
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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 3 MEETING

Charlevoix City Council appoints new clerk

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Charlevoix - At the fifteen minute long January 3 Charlevoix City Commission meeting appointments were made to the DDA/Main Street Board, the Recreation Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and a new city clerk was appointed by a majority vote of the Council for an indefinite term.

Deputy Clerk Sarah Dvoracek has been training with City Clerk Joyce

Golding since September 1, 2021. Golding officially retired on December 31, 2021. City Manager, Mark Heyldauff brought the appointment to the commission's attention and Dvoracek was sworn in by Mayor Kurtz. "Oh, the shoes she has to fill," stated Commissioner Phil Parr.

Other appointments included: Liam Dreyer to the DDA/Main Street Board for a non-voting student, two-year term. Paige Pemble for a one-

year term for a voting student to the Recreation Advisory Committee. Claire Scholten for a one-year term for a non-voting student to the Recreation Advisory Committee. Sarah Matye to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a three-year term and Maureen Radke for a three-year term to the Planning Commission.

A budget work session was set for January 11 at 6 pm. Bills were paid and the meeting adjourned.



Jordan River Action Group helping keep the river clean



BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - The Jordan River Action Group is a local service group that provides a simple solution that produces a big impact.

The nonprofit service group was first established in the summer of 2008 because of a deathbed promise to do what could be done to keep trash out of the Jordan River system. After Sherman Thomas' wife Peggy passed away, he began brainstorming solutions to the problem that plagued the couple whose home is located on the river. He started by asking questions and voicing his concerns to anyone who would listen and eventually he was surrounded with like-minded Jordan River lovers. Together with Teresa Fuller, and Tom (Tinker) Breakey, a plan was hatched to place recyclable collection cans and trash bags along the river at all of the launch sites.

Local businesses were approached about sponsoring a collection site and funding the purchase of the "RED RIVER BAGS" that would be provided at each site for paddlers while enjoying a day floating on the river. Funds were quickly raised and the collection of trash and returnable bottles and cans began in the summer of 2009, 15,000 returnables and 140 bags of trash were collected that year. "Since

that time through the summer of 2021, 170,000 plus returnable products, and 2000 plus bags of trash have been collected. Our Action Group board takes pride in the fact that after Sherm passed away in 2013, his promise has continued," said Tinker Breakey.

Totes are placed along the river each year, May 1 through November 1. A permit is required from the DNR along with a \$50.00 fee. Collection sites are located at the Rogers Bridge, Webster Bridge, Old State Road, and Graves Crossing. Maintaining the sites has been a problem but for the past several years the East Jordan Lions Club has stepped into the role of caretakers. All returnable funds collected at the sites are used by the Club for community projects.

This next season of river fun is approaching quickly and more red river bags need to be purchased. "Early in 2022 we will be again asking our previous sponsors for their support," said Breakey. The Jordan River Action Group is a 501c3 and all funds go toward expenses. If you wish to donate to the group's cause please do so at: Jordan River Action Group, P.O. Box 215, East Jordan, Michigan, 49727



PHOTO: JOANIE MOORE

Farewell 2021

Shanty Creek Resort had a sell-out crowd of guests who gathered to bid farewell to 2021 and welcome in the new year. The resort held fireworks displays at both Schuss and Summit villages following an evening with dinner and entertainment.

Covid-19 Vaccines are Available to Area Homebound Residents

The Health Department and EMS services in Charlevoix County have begun offering Covid-19 vaccinations to the homebound population in Charlevoix County. This service is intended only for individuals unable to travel to an established vaccine location—the Office of Emergency Management schedules appointments for home visits. The Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccination shots will be given during these visits. Please note that EMS paramedics will not show up at your residence in an ambulance but another fully equipped vehicle. Paramedics will be prepared to provide medical service immediately in the rare event of an adverse reaction to the shot. They would dispatch an ambulance only if one is needed for transporting a patient to the hospital. Persons who are homebound or otherwise unable to travel but want a vaccine are encouraged to contact Emergency Management at 231-541-4461 (Sheriff's Dept Office Line) to schedule an appointment.

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snowfall

2020-21	AMT"	CITY	2021-22	AMT"	CITY
1/4/21	3.7	ATLANTA	1/3/22	10.2	ATLANTA
1/4/21	27	BOYNE FALLS	1/3/22	27	BOYNE FALLS
1/4/21	12.4	CHARLEVOIX	1/3/22	19.9	CHARLEVOIX
1/4/21	15.6	CHEBOYGAN	1/3/22	18.3	CHEBOYGAN
1/4/21	18.1	EAST JORDAN	1/3/22	36.6	EAST JORDAN
1/4/21	41.4	GAYLORD	1/3/22	79.2	GAYLORD
1/4/21	34.5	KALKASKA	1/3/22	69.2	KALKASKA
1/4/21	23.3	MIO	1/3/22	24.1	MIO
1/4/21	19.8	ONAWAY	1/3/22	32.2	ONAWAY
1/4/21	28.4	PETOSKEY	1/3/22	36.6	PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 31	15	30	-14 (1948)	58 (1965)
JAN 1	15	30	-9 (1968)	48 (1952)
JAN 2	15	30	-7 (1999)	49 (1998)
AN 3	16	31	-16 (1996)	51 (1998)
JAN 4	15	31	-36 (1981)	49 (2007)
JAN 5	15	30	-2 (1968)	50 (2007)
JAN 6	15	30	-12 (1973)	50 (2008)
JAN 7	15	30	-12 (1973)	52 (2008)
JAN 8	15	30	-17 (1981)	49 (2008)
JAN 9	14	30	-25 (1977)	49 (2003)

OBITUARIES

Esther Jane Trojanek, 90

(JAN. 5, 1931 – DEC. 28, 2021)



Esther Jane Trojanek of Boyne City went to be with her Lord and Savior on December 28, 2021, with her loving children and husband by her side. Esther was born in East Jordan, MI, on January 5, 1931, to Elmer Louis and Ruth Evelina (Hayden) Faust.

Esther's faith was unwavering and carried her through life's many ups and downs. Esther was a longtime member of the Boyne City Free Methodist Church, which she supported in both her time living with us as well as upon her heavenly departure. Esther was known for her unconditional love of people and her extremely kind heart. She was a master seamstress and loved making quilts as well as many other needle art crafts for her family and friends. Many can remember Esther for the years she spent working at Glen's Market in East Jordan and retiring from Ace Hardware in Boyne City.

Esther is survived by her husband, Richard Phillips of Muskegon, MI, and her four children; Joe Trojanek of Sarasota, FL, Donna (Robert) Kucharek of Boyne City, MI, Donald (LeAnn) Trojanek of Gaylord, MI, and Ruth (David) Skop of Horton Bay, MI. She is also survived by her brother Daniel Faust of East Jordan, MI. Esther was particularly proud of her eight granddaughters; Mary Jane Artrup, Noel Parks, Jes-

sica (Ryan) Smith, Shauna Sutton, Carrie Trojanek, Al-isha (Nathan) Landrum, Michelle Cosier, Melissa (Neal) Cross, and her 17 great-grandchildren.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Donald Leon Trojanek, and siblings Zepha (Rolland) Beyer, Edward (Margaret) Faust, and Ver-netta (Jack) Craig.

The family invites your presence in remembrance of Esther on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the Boyne City Free Methodist Church. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM with a service at 11:00 AM and luncheon to follow.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Boyne City Free Methodist Church, 839 State St., Boyne City, MI 49712

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Esther Trojanek, please contact Upsy Daisy Florist in Boyne City at 231-582-0972.

Lynda L Arno, 87

(APRIL 17, 1934 – DEC. 25, 2021)

Lynda Lee (Nulph) Arno of Boyne City joined our Lord on December 25, 2021. Funeral arrangements will be handled by Stackus Funeral Home.

Lynda was born April 17, 1934 and spent her youth in Boyne City attending school and her animals on the farm. Going on to Graceland College then to Boston to finish her education to become a Registered Nurse. Where she met her husband John Arno.

They relocated back to Boyne City where she worked as an OB/GYN at Petoskey Hospital. After she retired moved on to selling Avon for many years. She loved visiting with clients and catching up on the news.

Lynda is preceded in death by; father William Nulph, mother Ella (Cute) Nulph, and daughter Lynn (Arno) Rock. She is survived by; her son William Arno and brother Bill Scott.

Mary Ellen Cook, 93

(FEB. 9, 1928 – JAN. 1, 2022)



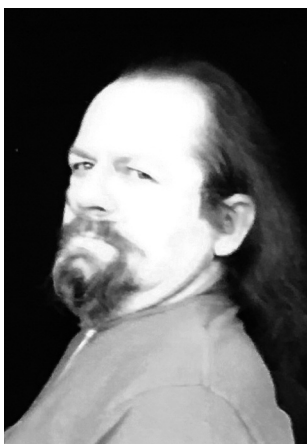
Mary Ellen Cook of Holt, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, January 1, 2022.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. at the Holt Christian Church, 2424 Washington Road, Holt, Michigan 49891.

The family will receive friends at the church from 11:00 A.M. until service time.

Robert "Bobby" King, 56

(AUG. 8, 1965 – DEC. 17, 2021)



Robert "Bobby" King of East Jordan died on Friday, December 17, 2021 in Springfield, Missouri.

He was born on August 8, 1965, in Charlevoix, the son of Donald, Sr. and Juanita (Sweet) King.

He is survived by two children, Robert King, Jr. of East Jordan and Crystal (Ian) Anthony of Boyne City; four grandchildren; Maya King, Gabriella Anthony, Sakari Anthony and Laiela Anthony; his mother, Juanita King of East Jordan; siblings, Barbara Brooks of East Jordan, David (Maria) King of Grand Rapids, Donna (Lee) Irwin of Tennessee, and Donald King, Jr. of East Jordan. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Jesse "Jimmy" King.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Rev. Bart Adams of the Lighthouse Missionary Church, East Jordan, officiated. Interment at Morris Cemetery, Jordan Township, Antrim County, Michigan will be announced in the springtime.

Margaret H. Drost, 85

(MAY 10, 1936 – JAN. 1, 2022)



On Saturday, January 1, 2022, Margaret Harriet Drost

went to be with the Lord at the full age of 85.

Born on May 10, 1936, Margaret was the daughter of Bill and Iva Archer. She spent her childhood in East Jordan, Michigan, with her seven brothers and sisters—Marvin, Laverne, Virginia, Frank, Bob, Bill, and Marge—and in her senior year of high school, she met Eugene Drost of Charlevoix. They knew then that it was love. The two were married on May 5th 1956 and settled down in Charlevoix, Michigan. Together, they were blessed with four sons: Gene, Chris, Bob, and Deano.

Two things were of the utmost important to Margaret: her faith and her family. She instilled these values into her children from a young age, creating time for family dinners over home-cooked meals and ensuring everyone made it to church as often as the doors were open. She was dedicated to reading God's Word and spent countless hours lifting her family up to the Lord in prayer.

As her children grew, she began to pour into the lives of other children in her community by first becoming a playground supervisor at the Charlevoix Elementary School, later working in the lunchroom there, and eventually spending her time in the office. She also volunteered at the Charlevoix Rainbow Resale Shoppe, enjoying her interactions with the many people she met.

Margaret is now reunited with some of the family who were so important to her—her parents, her siblings, her husband Eugene, and her grandson Tanner. But she has left behind those who will miss her most—her four sons and their wives, Gene, Chris and Danya, Bob and Diane, and Deano and Julia; her nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; and many other beloved friends and family members.

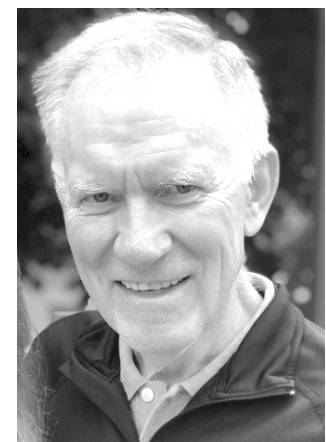
Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 7th at the Center Point Assembly of God, 5291 N M-66 Highway Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, at 3 pm. Visitation will be from 1pm until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Association can be made in Margaret's name. On behalf of all her family: Thank you.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Jeffrey B. Ricks, 74

(AUG. 10, 1947 – DEC. 31, 2021)



Dr. Jeffrey Bernard Ricks arrived in his heavenly father's arms on Friday December 31, 2021. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Patricia (Bracy)

Ricks and his children Kristen (Tim) McClure, Claudia (Todd) Zarotney, Jennifer (Kevin) Kosten, Michael Ricks, and Kathryn (Keith) Marks, his grandchildren Patrick, Matthew, Emily, Eli, Ben, Sam, Joe, Caroline, Isaac, Asher, Lily, Kaleb, Evie, Tyler, Parker and Layla, his sister Michal (Rich) Wheeler and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Barney and Ruth Ricks and his brothers Bill and Jon Ricks.

Jeff grew up in Birmingham, MI. After graduating with a BA in Marketing and Economics from Western Michigan University, he went on to earn his Doctor of Chiropractic from Palmer College of Chiropractic. He started his practice in October of 1976 and faithfully served the community with his healing hands, infectious smile, and twinkle in his eye for 44 years.

Jeff was a member and actively involved with his church family at Community Reformed Church. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and storyteller. Jeff loved spending time with his grandkids to whom he could never say "no".

From the squirt gun wars on Crooked River to sledding down McSaubas' hills, he was always up for creating an adventure with his family. He was Papa: the man, the myth, the legend.

Visitation will be on Friday, January 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, January 8, at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix with Pastor Chip Sauer officiating. Visitation will also continue at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Safe Haven Ministries at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

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Felicia Baginski, 64

(FEB. 23, 1957 – DEC. 31, 2021)



Felicia Monique Baginski of Charlevoix passed away on December 31, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on February 23, 1957, in Romeo, MI, the daughter of James and Marilyn (Watters) Fix.

Felicia was a loving mother to her children and a supportive wife to her husband, Andy, to whom she was married for 33 years. She managed her husband's company and dedicated her spare time to decorating her parish for all holy days, seasons, and special events. Her passion was to use her artistic talents to communicate the glory, majesty, and power of God by decorating her home parish with elabo-

rate depictions of the Nativity, the Passion of Christ, and other Biblical events. Her mission in volunteering was to inspire people back to God. Felicia did this for over 25 years in multiple churches throughout Southeastern Michigan, most notably, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Sterling Heights, MI.

After nearly 27 years of vacationing to Charlevoix, they made it their permanent home in 2019. Felicia enjoyed gardening, walking the property her and Andy owned, and creating a home for her family. Her home was immaculately clean, meticulously managed, with a home cooked meal every night. She was never hesitant to do a home project like building and planting a vegetable garden, raise chickens, pick wild berries and propagated mushrooms, or sit in a deer stand to watch wildlife. Her bird feeders were always full, her rose bushes manicured, and her sunbathing chair was never far away with an ice-cold beer.

Family and Faith were the most important things in Felicia's life. She was always a phone call away from someone who wanted to talk. She carried a rosary everywhere she went. And she was always willing to babysit a niece, nephew, or loved one.

Felicia is survived by her loving husband, Andrew Baginski; three children, Simon Baginski, Veronica Baginski, and Jordan (Kirstyn) Baginski; three brothers, Jeff, Chris, and Jamie; and two sisters, Anita, and Philomena.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Michael.

A funeral mass will take place at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 6 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a Rosary beginning at 4:00 at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

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

Gary G. Heckroth, 81

(OCT. 24, 1940 – DEC. 30, 2021)

Gary G. Heckroth of Boyne City passed away Thursday, December 30, 2021 at The Brook.

The family has chosen to remember him privately. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on Gary's tribute wall.

Joan Heyne, 88

(OCT. 3, 1933 – JAN. 2, 2022)

Joan Heyne of Petoskey passed away January 2, 2022. She was born Oct. 3, 1933 in Rochester, Minnesota the daughter Clifford and Mildred (Shay) Fellows.

Joan was a retired secretary in the public schools and will be buried in Grandview Memorial Gardens.

No formal services are planned at this time.

Donald George Kozik Jr., 50

Donald George Kozik Jr. of Boyne Falls passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

The family is planning a memorial service, the information will be updated soon.

Arrangements were entrusted to Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Gaylord.

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2022 BANISHED WORDS

Wait, What? No Worries. Lake Superior State University Banishes Those and Other Familiar but Problematic Words and Terms for 2022

If you're going to turn to the vernacular to make yourself known, be sure you're accurate and concise. Avoid error in and exploitation of everyday language. In short, do the opposite of what the public and the media did this year.

The irked and the amused from around the country and across the world sent that mock-serious message in their entries for Lake Superior State University's annual tongue-in-cheek Banished Words List. LSSU announces the results of the yearly compendium on Dec. 31 to start the New Year on the right foot, er, tongue.

Common parlance dominated submissions for the past 12 months. More than 1,000 of the 1,250-plus nominations of words and terms for banishment for misuse, overuse, and uselessness for 2022 were colloquial.

The No. 1 offender: "Wait, what?" These two four-letter words should not go together under any circumstances, according to many nominators and the contest judges from the LSSU English Department, because the two-part halting interrogative is disingenuous, divergent, deflective, and other damning words that begin with the letter d.

"Most people speak through informal discourse. Most people shouldn't mis-speak through informal discourse. That's the distinction nominators far and wide made, and our judges agreed with them," said Peter Szatmary, executive director of

No Worries You're on Mute
Wait, What? Circle Back
 Asking for a Friend
BANISHED WORDS 2022
 for Misuse, Overuse, and Uselessness
 A Tradition Since 1976
 New Normal Supply Chain
 Deep Dive At the End of the Day
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Chill Out 24/7 Git-Er-Done
 Man Cave Wait, What? Journey In Other Words
BANISHED WORDS 2022
 for Misuse, Overuse, and Uselessness
 A Tradition Since 1976
 Organic Swag Negative Leverage Bromance
 Epic COVID-19 Fake News Okay No
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marketing and communications at LSSU.

"Also, seven of the 10 words and terms that LSSU banished last year reflected real-world concerns about COVID-19, while three could be categorized as quotidian. This year, as the global pandemic persists along with adaptations to it, the inverse occurred. Seven of the 10 words and terms to be banished are more conversational-based, with the other three applying to the coronavirus," he added. "One possible takeaway from all this about the act and art and science of disclosing something is the more things change, the more things stay the same. At the very least, it's complicated."

LSSU has compiled an annual Banished Words List since 1976 to uphold, protect,

and support excellence in language by encouraging avoidance of words and terms that are overworked, redundant, oxymoronic, clichéd, illogical, nonsensical—and otherwise ineffective, baffling, or irritating. Over the decades, LSSU has received tens of thousands of nominations for the list, which now totals more than 1,000 entries. Examples of the winners (or should that be losers?) to make the yearly compilation: "detente," "surely," "classic," "bromance," and "COVID-19," plus "wrap my head around," "user friendly," "at this point in time," "not so much," and "viable alternative." The Banished Words List has become such a cultural phenomenon that comedian George Carlin submitted an entry that made the annals in 1994: "baddaboom, baddabing."

This year, nominations came from most major U.S. cities and many U.S. states, on top of Norway, Belgium, England, Scotland, Australia, and numerous provinces in Canada. Here are the list of the banished words and terms for 2022 and the reasons for their banishment:

1. Wait, what?
 Most frequently found in text or on social media, this ubiquitous imperative question is a failed "response to a statement to express astonishment, misunderstanding, or disbelief," explained a wordsmith. "I hate it," added another, because the command query is an inexact method to convey the ut-

terer's uncertainty or surprise. "I don't want to wait," either, continued the second impassioned nominator. Misuse and overuse.

2. No worries
 Nominated by writers nationwide for misuse and overuse, this phrase incorrectly substitutes for "You're welcome" when someone says "Thank you." A further bungling relates to insensitivity. "If I'm not worried, I don't want anyone telling me not to worry," a contributor explicated. "If I am upset, I want to discuss being upset." Despite its meaninglessness, the term is recommended to emailers by Google Assistant.

3. At the end of the day
 Twenty-plus years after original banishment of this phrase in 1999, the day still isn't over for this misused, overused, and useless expression. "Many times things don't end at the end of the day—or even the ramifications of whatever is happening," observed a sage. Others consider "day" an imprecise measure. Today? Present times? Banishment in 1999: overused synopsis of a conversation or debate, often by politicians and pundits.

4. That being said
 Nominators cited this phrase as verbal filler, redundant justification, and pompous posturing. For instance, "however" or "but—even "that said"—does the job as a transition instead of the wordiness. "Go ahead and say what you want already!" demanded one entrant. That being said, its

usefulness is certainly in doubt. As a commentator philosophized, "At the end of the day, if you will, it already has been."

5. Asking for a friend
 Misuse and overuse through deceit—because the friend is a ruse. This cutesy phrase, often deployed in social media posts in a coy attempt to deter self-identification, isn't fooling anyone. Paraphrasing one sage, "Once used to avoid embarrassment, as in, 'Do you know a good proctologist? I'm asking for a friend.' Sometimes an occasional sitcom joke. Now an overused tag with absolutely no relationship to its antecedent."

6. Circle back
 Treats colloquy like an ice skating rink, as if we must circle back to our previous location to return to a prior subject. Let's circle back about why to banish this jargon. It's a conversation, not the Winter Olympics. Opined a grammarian, "The most overused phrase in business, government, or other organization since 'synergy'"—which we banished in 2002 as evasive blanket terminology and smarty-pants puffery.

7. Deep dive
 "The only time to dive into something is when entering a body of water, not going more in-depth into a particular subject or book," admonished a petitioner. Another stipulated that people who float the phrase aren't near pool, lake, ocean, or sea; thus, rather than dive deeply, they flounder shallowly. An editing whiz wondered, "Do

we need 'deep'? I mean, does anyone dive into the shallow end?"

2022 Banished Words and Terms Deriving from COVID-19 Matters:

8. New normal
 Overused catchall for ways COVID-19 affects humankind—and banishment finalist last year for similar reasons. "Those clamoring for the days of old, circa 2019, use this to signal unintentionally that they haven't come to terms with what 'normal' means," a monitor elucidated. "After a couple of years, is any of this really 'new'?" another speculated. Banished in 2012 for imprudence, defeatism, and apathy stemming from societal missteps.

9. You're on mute
 People switched from in-person exchanges to virtual meetings to follow the social distancing protocol of COVID-19, and the unwitting deafening silence happens on both sides of the camera. Overuse and uselessness, then, due to ineptitude. A discerning submitter encapsulated the issue: "We're two years into remote working and visiting. It's time for everyone to figure out where the mute button is." Or as a quipster summarized, "Hello? Hello?"

10. Supply chain
 Word-watchers noticed the frequent, unfortunate appearance of this phrase toward the end of this year as the coronavirus persisted. "It's become automatically included in reporting of consumer goods shortages or perceived shortages. In other words, a buzzword," concluded one analyst. "Supply chain issues have become the scapegoat of everything that doesn't happen or arrive on time and of every shortage," noticed another. The adverse result: overuse ad nauseam.

"Say what you mean and mean what you say. Can't get any easier, or harder, than that," said LSSU President Dr. Rodney S. Hanley. "Every year submitters play hard at suggesting what words and terms to banish by paying close attention to what humanity utters and writes. Taking a deep dive at the end of the day and then circling back make perfect sense. Wait, what?"



Boyer Falls Public Schools **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



Yanniss Burnell

Student Name: Yanniss Burnell

Grade: 11

Parent's Name(s): Martina

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Auto Body Work

Favorite Book: Ready Player 1

Hobbies and Interests: Working on Cars, Computers, Skateboarding and Snowboarding

School Activities: Robotics

Staff Comments: Yanniss is a delight to have in class. He always has a smile and such a positive attitude. His school work is outstanding and he is so encouraging to the other students and staff. It's a pleasure to have him in class.

Submitted By: Maureen Tasiemski

U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



HARLES JOSEPH "CHUCK" HAWLEY.

THE VETERAN OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2022 IS CHARLES JOSEPH "CHUCK" HAWLEY.

Born August 22, 1948 in Charlevoix Michigan to parents Hugh and Marjorie Mayville Hawley. Chuck grew up in East Jordan Michigan, and attended East Jordan Schools graduating in the class of 1967. After graduation he worked briefly at East Jordan Plastics, Inc. prior to his induction into the Military. On April 23, 1968 he was sworn into the United States Army in Detroit Michigan. Receiving basic training at Fort Knox Kentucky, he would further Advanced Combat Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. After completion Chuck received the Sharpshooter Badge with

Auto Rifle Bar and Rifle Bar, Marksman Badge with Machine Gun Bar and would be sent to the Republic of South Vietnam, arriving there on October 16, 1968 joining B Company, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. A short time later he would transfer as a Senior Rifleman to A Company of the same. The 9th Division was charged with protecting the Mekong Delta region and its population from communist insurgents. March 16, 1969 he would write home that he was fine and would let them know when he was going on R & R. On March 18, 1969 Chuck was wounded in combat and would be transferred April 27, 1969 to the 7th Field Hospital in Japan. After treatment there

he transferred June 1, 1969 to Ireland Army Hospital Fort Knox Kentucky. After recovering from his wounds, he would be assigned to D Troop, 8th Infantry, 1st Air Cavalry Division at Fort Knox. April 24, 1970 Chuck was given an Honorable Discharge from Military Service and awarded: The Army Commendation Medal; National Defense Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars; Combat Infantryman Badge; Purple Heart Medal.

Returning home to East Jordan Michigan, Chuck would work for Dura Automotive in East Jordan prior to him starting his own business "West Side Automotive", which he continued for over 25 years. On June 30, 2012 in East Jordan he married Cathy Massingall Stark. A member of The Order of the Purple Heart and Disabled American Veterans, Chuck was a proud Veteran and very passionate for all aspects of the Military. Although his Purple Heart Award stated he was wounded in the Mekong Delta Region, he always maintained that he received his wounds in Cambodia, not far from where he was stationed. Chuck loved anything that went fast, traveling to races whenever he could. He enjoyed tinkering with anything he could find, and would help anyone. He most enjoyed fishing with his Grandson Jacob. On May 2, 2016, Charles Joseph "Chuck" Hawley answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Cathy and family.

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ELLSWORTH

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, January 12 at Banks Township Hall. Doors open at 5:50pm. Presentations begin at 6pm. Sponsored by East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank.

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GALA

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our Annual Gala on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Boyne Mountain Resort.

BOYNE CITY

FAT & FLURRIOUS FAT TIRE RACE

First race in the 2022 Short's Fat Bike Race Series, Saturday, January 15, 10:00am at Avalanche. Come race Northern Michigan's most challenging fat bike race! Warm up after the race sampling different types of chili at Stigg's annual Chili Cook Off and 5th Anniversary Party. Race proceeds go toward building more advanced trails with the Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA). This race will help fund the first pro-built advanced downhill trail at Boyne Forest Trail, continuing everyone's favorite mountain bike trail system just north of Boyne

City.

Sport Class: One lap around Avalanche.

Open Class: Two laps around Avalanche.

Join the fun at the 4th Annual Fat & Flurrious Fat Tire Bike Race, the first stop on the Short's Fat Bike Race Series. Fat & Flurrious starts 10 am Saturday 1/15/22 with a police escort from Stigg's to Avalanche. For information and to register at <https://fatandflurrious.com/>

TRAVERSE CITY

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Northern Michigan Policy Conference

January 14, Noon-4PM, Hagerty Center, Traverse City. Hear from our legislators, key policy leaders, State departments and more as we shape advocacy efforts for a prosperous northern Michigan region.

MANCELONA

SNOX SNOWMOBILE RACE

January 22, 23, 2022. SnoX Snowmobile Races Rounds 3/4 at Northern Power Race Park

GAYLORD

YETI CUP POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

January 22 - 23, 2022 Gaylord officially has it all this winter with the addition of the Yeti Cup Pond Hockey Tournament! The 3v3, coed, adult only pond hockey tournament proves

to be a bash on the ice. Big Buck Brewery, The Gaylord Snow (local Gaylord semi-pro hockey team), Warrior Hockey, and many other supporters will be on hand at the Otsego Lake County Park to make for a great winter atmosphere. There are six divisions of play and free agent registration options to ensure a fit for any level team or individual player.

EAST JORDAN

ANNUAL DINNER

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, Meeting, Awards, Auction at Castle Farms on Saturday, January 29th, 2022.

GAYLORD

EXTREME POWER SPORTS 250

January 29-30, 2022. Back for its third year, the Extreme Powersports 250 is a Pro Enduro Sprint race that brings racers and spectators together for 2 days of ice track excitement! With a variety of racing classes and 2 solid days of competition, this event is an instant cure for the January blues. Sponsored by Extreme Power Sports, the event will take place on Johnson Road, across from The Ellison Place.

ANTRIM COUNTY

WHITE PINE STAMPEDE

Saturday, February 5 - White Pine Stampede

CHARLEVOIX

CANDLE LIGHT HIKES AT MT. MCSAUBA

This weekly winter activity includes a mile long, candle lit hike through the trails of Mt. McSauba every Friday through February from 5pm - 8pm.

GAYLORD

GAYLORD ALL OUTDOORS TRI-45 WINTER TRIATHLON

February 6, 2022. As Race Director Meagan Rinck says, "Why limit triathlons to just the summer? There is no off season, there is a new season." And we couldn't agree more! 5K classic cross-country ski, 10K fat tire bike and 5K run...all in the wintery wonderland surrounding Treetops Resort.

GAYLORD

MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FESTIVAL

A fun, free event. Michigan's richest snowmobile fun run February 25, 26.

Pre-register online at www.GaylordMichigan.net or in person at the Gaylord Tourism Bureau, 319 W. Main St.

CHARLEVOIX

ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and awards banquet will be held Feb. 24, 5:30-8pm at Castle Farms.

CHARLEVOIX

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Charlevoix Public Schools is planning our Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony this spring! Forms are due on February 28, 2022. Criteria: The nominee must be a graduate of Charlevoix High School and have achieved one or more of the following: *An advanced degree such as Ph.D., M.D., D.O., D.D.S., O.D., J.D. *Significant life achievement, honor, or award *Significant contribution toward improving the lives of others.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE TO HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS

The Health Department and EMS services in Charlevoix County have begun offering Covid-19 vaccinations to the homebound population in Charlevoix County. This service is intended only for individuals unable to travel to an established vaccine location—the Office of Emergency Management schedules appointments for home visits. The Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccination shots will be given during these visits. Please note that EMS paramedics will not show up at your residence in an ambulance but another fully equipped vehicle. Paramedics will be prepared to provide medical service immediately in the rare event of an adverse reaction to the shot. They would dispatch an ambulance only if one is needed for transporting a patient to the hospital. Persons who are homebound or otherwise unable to travel but want a vaccine are encouraged to contact Emergency Management at 231-541-4461 (Sheriff's Dept Office Line) to schedule an appointment.

EAST JORDAN

HIKE

Wagbo Farm and Educa-

tion Center is excited to announce a family-friendly trail series to get community members outdoors and enjoy the winter months. Supported by a generous gift from Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F), the new Stroll & Sip series offers interactive trail activities while hiking, skiing or snowshoeing the various 1-2 mile loops through the fields and forests of the 212-acre property. Upcoming hikes will be the first Sunday of each month, through May, from 1 PM to 5PM.

CHARLEVOIX

IGLOO ISLAND

Visit Charlevoix's New Igloo Island. Welcome to Downtown Charlevoix's brand new igloo island, located at 100 E. Clinton St. on top of the Harbormaster building. The igloos are heated and equipped with seating for your enjoyment. They can be reserved or used on the first come first served basis when unoccupied. This project brought to you by the Charlevoix High School Junior Main Street students and funded by a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

CHARLEVOIX

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB CALENDAR AVAILABLE

The Best of the Charlevoix Photography Club 2022 Calendar is hot off the press today! This calendar, which is locally printed, features wonderful photographs from 12 separate club members. Visit www.Charlevoixphotographyclub.org to place an order, or visit the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton St. The selling price is \$25.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIORS

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will have our Senior Snow Removal Programs available again this year! Packets can be picked up curbside at all of our Senior Center Locations or at the COA offices.

CHARLEVOIX

LITTLE WAVES CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

Music Program is offered by the Great Lakes Chamber orchestra and hosted each month by Charlevoix Public Library and Petoskey District Library. Free and open to the public the program is designed to introduce young children (ages 4 - 10) and their families to music in an entertaining setting. Each event takes place on the second Saturday of each month. The theme for 2022 is "My Favorite Instrument." Each session features a multimedia story, an opportunity to hear one or more GLCO musicians demonstrate and explain how their instruments work, and fun music-related activities for kids. 10:30 AM Petoskey, 1 PM Charlevoix. Schedule: Jan. 8: Woodwinds, Feb. 12: Voice, Keyboards, Mar. 12: Horns

NORTHERN MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILING

State-designated trails are open Dec. 1 through March 31 and grooming occurs when there is enough snow on the ground. The snowmobile program is 100% funded with your trail permit dollars. Be sure to bookmark Mi.gov/Snowmobiling so you can keep up with trail closures, find trail etiquette refreshers, view maps and print trail segment maps. Special thanks to the volunteer snowmobile clubs and groups who assist with trail signage and grooming on state-designated snowmobile trails throughout the season. The snowmobile program is 100% funded with trail permit dollars.

EAST JORDAN

THE DEPOT JORDAN VALLEY TEEN CENTER

The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center are in their new location. The Teen Center is now located in the lower level of the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 207 Nicholls Street, East Jordan

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Join us Saturday for the indoor market season in the Veterans Park Pavilion. Each Saturday from here on out we will be there from 9am - NOON.

CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

EAST JORDAN

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Have you experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis? Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) has funding from the federal CARES Act to assist with various needs (utility help, car repairs, housing costs, diapers, baby formula, phone bills, etc.). You may be eligible for assistance if you meet income guidelines and live in NMCAA's service area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon, and Wexford Counties). To apply for help, please contact our CARES Intake Specialist at 800-632-7334.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

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

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New Year's resolution: Keep healthy, community safe

As we begin a new year, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan hopes you resolve to help keep your community healthy.

"Collectively as a community, we can resolve in 2022 to do our best to keep our children safe and experiencing in-person learning," said Lisa Peacock, Health Department Health Officer. "We can resolve to keep our businesses -

from large factories to the hometown coffee shop - prosperous and have their employees safely working. And, we can resolve to safely have family gatherings and community events throughout the year."

These resolutions are most likely to come true, Peacock said, when we all get our COVID-19 vaccination and booster shot, take proper pre-

ventative measures and follow the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding isolation and quarantine measures.

For a list of vaccine providers and locations in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, click here. To schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment with the Health Department

of Northwest Michigan exclusively for children 5 to 11 years old, click here. To schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment with the health department for anyone 12 and older, click here. A parent/guardian must accompany those younger than 18 to a COVID-19 clinic. Please bring an insurance card to the appointment. Anyone with questions or un-

able to find a time or date that works for them and/or their child may call the health department at 800-432-4121.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan jurisdiction by liking and following our Facebook page and visiting our COVID-19 Data Dashboard. To locate a testing facility,

visit the Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website. To track the risk levels of COVID-19 pandemic indicators, visit the MI Safe Start Map website. For more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, visit the MDHHS vaccine website or the CDC vaccine website.

COVID-19 Case Counts

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting the following case information:

• On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 87 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (18), Charlevoix (19), Emmet (33), and Otsego (17), and three new COVID-19 associated deaths in Antrim County (1), Emmet County (1), and Otsego County (1).

• On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 42 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (9), Charlevoix (19), Emmet (7), and Otsego (7), and two new COVID-19 associated deaths in Otsego County (2).

• On Thursday, Dec. 30, 80 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (29), Charlevoix (25), Emmet (20), and Otsego (6).

• On Friday, Dec. 31, 60 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (14), Charlevoix (16), Emmet (24), and Otsego (6).

• On Saturday, Jan. 1, 31 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (13), Charlevoix (9), Emmet (5), and Otsego (4).

• On Sunday, Jan. 2, 42 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (11),

Charlevoix (15), Emmet (3), and Otsego (13), and one new COVID-19 associated death in Charlevoix County (1).

• On Monday, Jan. 3, 80 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (7), Charlevoix (31), Emmet (34), and Otsego (8), and two new COVID-19 associated deaths in Emmet County (1) and Otsego County (1).

As of 4 p.m. January 3, the cumulative case count information for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is:

• Total COVID-19 confirmed and probable cases in the following counties: Antrim (3,230), Charlevoix (3,527), Emmet (4,645), and Otsego (4,354).

• Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (2,887), Charlevoix (3,021), Emmet (3,987), and Otsego (3,823).

• Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (49), Charlevoix (53), Emmet (61), and Otsego (82).

On January 3, the State of Michigan reported 1,568,573 cases and 27,286 deaths.

Health Department reminds residents of Free Radon Testing in January

January is National Radon Action Month, and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is excited to bring back the "Give a Can, Get a Kit" campaign where we ask for nonperishables in exchange for a radon testing kit.

"It's important to get your home regularly tested for radon," said Dan Thorell, Director of Environmental Health Services at the health department. "Testing for radon every two years in your home, office, and school is an important way to safeguard your health. And, by bringing in a non-perishable item to our offices, you are not only contributing to your health but the health of our community," he added.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, behind smoking. There are no physical signs that will let you know radon is present in your home. There is no discoloration or visible traces of radon on the foundation. You cannot smell or taste radon; the only way to know if you have elevated levels is by doing a test.

Testing every two years is recommended as homes settle and slight cracks in the foundation of a home can result in changing radon levels. Elevated radon levels can be reduced by installing radon reduction systems to help reduce radon to acceptable levels.

Most homes contain some concentration of radon and should be tested. About 12% of homes in Michigan have unsafe levels of radon. In some counties, as many as 45% of homes are at risk. With testing, it is easy to determine if radon levels in your home should be a concern.

For additional information about radon, visit the Environmental Protection Agency's site at epa.gov/radon. For additional information about radon test kits, please call the health department at 1-800-432-4121.

Radon kits can be picked up through January 31, 2022, at all Health Department of Northwest Michigan offices on Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m.

Clarinets on the Loose

Clarinets on the Loose, a quartet of woodwind players from the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO), will perform a free concert on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 4 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1020 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey.

The public concert is part of GLCO's Sunday Series, which features small orchestra ensembles performing free concerts in churches around Northern Michigan.

Clarinets on the Loose features clarinetists Jayne Bennett Winchester, Cindee Gasco and Tim Topolewski, and bass clarinetist Charlie



MacInnis.

The ensemble will perform a variety of music from several genres at the Jan. 9 con-

cert. Among the program's songs are portions of classical numbers like Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro",

"Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and "Gran Partita" (Rondo from Serenade Nr. 10 - KV361).

Also included will be lighter fare, such as the theme to "Hogan's Heroes", and a special arrangement of "Yellow Rose of Texas", which includes "Dixie".

A variety of other songs will also be performed.

The concert will begin promptly at 4 p.m. No tickets or registration are needed for this free, public concert. For more information, visit www.glcorchestra.org or call 231-487-0010.



East Jordan Lions Club Donates to Food Pantry

East Jordan Lion's Club member, Sherry Pursel, presented a check for \$1155 to Kathy Reid of the Care and Share Food Pantry. The money was raised from a live auction held during the Lions Christmas party. (Sherry Pursel second from left)

OPINION

The kids aren't alright

BY JEREMY SPEER



JEREMY AND BETSY SPEER

Consider the source.

I have an 11-year-old, a 7-year-old, and a wife who has dedicated her career to teaching and positively affecting the lives of high school students.

With my full disclosure out of the way, it is high time our country has an awakening.

You see, the past two years haven't been so great for many, and socially, our country seems to be stuck in a never-ending finger-pointing fest.

Trauma has come in all forms. Students are being drilled on what to do when an active shooter enters a classroom — knowledge that, sadly, is absolutely relevant. Standardized tests are being forced down kids' throats in our performance-heavy education model that places unhealthy pressure squarely on the shoulders of babes.

The kids aren't alright. Forever, kids have had to bear the brunt of the messes adults create.

Whenever wars breakout, decorated military leaders call in fresh-faced recruits and draftees to shed blood on behalf of their country.

When a child is born, it

should signify a partnership between Mom and Dad to make all decisions in the best interest of that child. As parents, that is our charge, at least until the child is able to spread its wings. But countless children get caught as bystanders in battles between adults who can't get along, resulting in verbal or physical abuse, separation or divorce. The child, who did nothing to end up in this position, is swept into trauma.

Children also are pawns in the world of education, which should be exploratory, welcoming and featuring a healthy mix between objectivity and subjectivity. However, exploration and discovery take a distant back seat to objective metrics, which attempt to place a square peg in a round hole. Thus, stress is heaped on kids — many quite young — as schools build curriculum around standardized test performance and the rewards that come with "acing the test." I have heard stories of kids, as early as third grade, becoming physically ill with test anxiety.

Creativity and growth get tossed aside because of a broken, adult-centered structure.

Furthermore, whether it's education, politics or social issues, us adults love to debate, to fight, to make decisions that are wrought with

emotion over reason. "Bleep Donald Trump" gets volleyed against "Let's Go Brandon" in a sadistic merry-go-round that never stops despite the ticket operator shouting, "Nobody can hear one other!"

Don't we realize our kids are watching? Don't we realize our kids are living this, too? Don't we realize our kids are suffering?

I think of my nieces — one of whom is a senior in high school, the other a junior. I think of their high school experience, which from the start has been fractured, frustrating and nontraditional because of the extreme disruptiveness we've encountered in our lives. I'd argue there is no place this is more evident than within schools.

I've written about nurses, teachers, emergency personnel, business owners and retail workers, all of whom deserve credit for their extreme resilience.

But no group has had to put forth more resilience than kids. And, yes, they are resilient vessels, but they also haven't formed all the necessary skills to positively cope with the stress.

This will go down as the most traumatic era in generations, at the minimum. Children have had to deal with a lot, and much of the trauma may not show itself until much later into adulthood. For many, this will result in destructive behavior.

As always, there will be a disproportion to outcome, also. Those with the means and stability will weather this storm better than those who don't.

The kids aren't alright.

As we shake a fist at another challenging year and cling to the hope of a new start in 2022, I offer a suggestion: Rather than create a list of resolutions that statistically will be hard to keep anyway, create another list. How can you make a difference in a child's life in 2022? How can you be a better dad, mom, aunt, uncle, friend, neighbor to children? How can you sacrifice to help improve the lives of the young?

Childhood still is a magic time and should be a beautiful time of growth, self-discovery and innocence before the trepidation of adulthood beckons in earnest.

I have a sneaking suspicion that real world isn't getting any less challenging.

The kids aren't alright.

My resolution is to make a positive difference in kids — my own and others — in 2022.

Happy New Year.

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Sports

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2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE BEST OF THE BEST IN AREA ATHLETICS FROM 2021

February 18, 2021



TAYLOR PETROSKY, CHARLEVOIX

Although she is a junior, Taylor is the veteran leader on the young Charlevoix Rayder girls basketball team. Taylor led the Rayders to a victory over in-county rival East Jordan Red Devils last week.

February 18, 2021



EVAN SOLOMON, CHARLEVOIX

Evan had a big week to kick off the season. He scored 27 points against Kalkaska, 27 points against East Jordan and 26 points against Glen Lake.

February 25, 2021



ANNA RICHARDS, EAST JORDAN

Junior Anna Richards continues to dominate in the paint. She was the leading scorer for the Red Devils with 15 points in the win over the Grayling Vikings last week.

February 25, 2021



JACOB MUELLER, CHARLEVOIX

Jacob had 19 points against Harbor Springs and 17 points with 19 rebounds in the game against Grayling last week.

March 4, 2021



MYCAH HEISE, EAST JORDAN

Junior Mycah Heise had a nice week scoring 17 points in the win over Grayling and 14 points in the Red Devils win over Kalkaska last week.

March 4, 2021



AIDEN BREHM, BOYNE CITY

Aiden had a great week. He scored 11 points against Kalkaska. He almost had a triple double against Harbor Springs with 19 points, 13 rebounds and 9 assists. In the third game of the week against Charlevoix he had 14 points and added 18 rebounds.

March 11, 2021



INANNA HAUGER, BOYNE CITY

Boyne City native Inanna Hauger continues to rack up podium appearances on the Sn-Cross circuit. Last week she finished 2nd at the Pirtek Snocross National held in Elk River, MN.

March 11, 2021



PRESTON MALPASS, EAST JORDAN

Boyne City native Inanna Hauger continues to rack up podium appearances on the Sn-Cross circuit. Last week she finished 2nd at the Pirtek Snocross National held in Elk River, MN.

March 18, 2021



JUDY VELDBOOM, ELLSWORTH

Despite having to leave the game in the second quarter with an ankle injury, Ellsworth senior Judy Veldboom would return in the third quarter and lead the Lancers with 30 points in a 54-27 victory over Wolverine.

March 18, 2021



JAEGER GRISWOLD, ELLSWORTH

Jaeger Griswold put on a show last week in the one-point 67-66 win over Mackinaw City. In the closing minute Griswold attack the lane, spin and convert the layup while drawing a foul.

March 25, 2021



ALEXIS DANFORTH, ELLSWORTH

Senior Alexis Danforth led the Lancers to blowout win over Alanson last week with 27 points. She scored 14 points in the win over Harbor Light Christian Academy.

March 25, 2021



JACOB MUELLER, CHARLEVOIX

Senior Jacob Mueller had a great week. He led the scoring for the Rayders in the game against Kalkaska with 25 points. Then he scored 25 points again in the win over Harbor Springs.

April 8, 2021



JACOB MUELLER, CHARLEVOIX

Jacob had 20 points against Oscoda in the Regional Semi-Final loss. Mueller has been a spark for the Rayders all season long.

April 15, 2021



MEGAN HARMELING, BOYNE CITY

Sophomore Megan Harmeling scored three goals in the 8-0 shutout win Monday over the Grayling Vikings.

April 15, 2021



CALEB STUCK, CHARLEVOIX

Caleb was one of the three Rayders named first team all-conference boys basketball in the Lake Michigan conference this year. Caleb joined his teammates, Evan Solomon and Jacob Mueller on the first

April 22, 2021



JORDAN NOBLE, BOYNE CITY

Jordan Noble had a breakout night netting 5 goals against Harbor Springs last week.

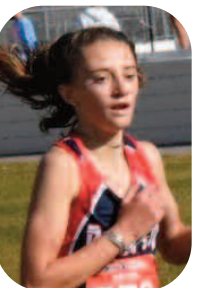
April 22, 2021



TOMMY REID, EAST JORDAN

Reid would go 4 2/3 innings on the mound and allowed two earned runs on two hits with 13 strikeouts and walking 6 plus an inside the park grand slam, double and 5 runs batted in.

April 29, 2021



AVA MAGINITY, BOYNE CITY

Ava Maginity won the 1600m with a time of 5:56. She would also finish second in the 400m with a time of 1:04. Maginity also led off the third place 4x200 Relay.

April 29, 2021



BOBBY HOTH, BOYNE CITY

Bobby Hoth won the Long Jump with a jump of 18-01.75. Hoth would also come second in the 100m with a 12.13, and anchored the 4x100m relay team.

May 6, 2021



AVERY STRANGE, ELLSWORTH

The Lancers pitcher would pick up her first career no-hitter and pick up the first win of the season. As the Lancers would mercy the Wildcats by a final score of 15-0.

May 6, 2021



TOMMY REID, EAST JORDAN

Reid would go five strong innings, allowing just two hits, while striking out 11 and walking five. In game two of the double header, Tommy had a three run home run, he would later have an RBI double as well.

May 13, 2021



REAGAN WOODALL, BOYNE CITY

Reagan Woodall would score from Elle Day. In the second half, just two minutes in, Woodall would score again, this time from Jordan Noble. Woodall would end up completing her hat trick and cementing the 4-0 victory.

May 13, 2021



TOMMY REID, EAST JORDAN

Reid would only allow two base runners, one on a throwing error in the second and one on a walk in the third, throwing an 80 pitch, 11 strikeout no-hitter. Reid would also have two hits, one being a triple and drive in two runs.

ALL-AREA PLAYER OF THE YEAR



EVAN SOLOMAN, CHARLEVOIX

Solomon, just a Junior at Charlevoix started the season off very strong. In the first few games, Solomon would put up multiple 20-plus performances.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



JAEGER GRISWOLD, ELLSWORTH

Griswold's defensive stats were impressive. Griswold averaged 4.5 defensive rebounds per game. While averaging just under five steals a game.

FRESHMAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR



PRESTON MALPASS, EAST JORDAN

OPreston would end up leading the Red Devils in scoring, rebounds, block and second in assists. He would have five double-doubles and four games of 21 plus points.

SOPHOMORE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



JACK NEER, BOYNE CITY

Neer would end up averaging 11.4 points per game. He would also average just under four rebounds per game and 1.5 steals.



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ALL-AREA PLAYER OF THE YEAR



TAYLOR PETROSKEY, CHARLEVOIX

Petroskey managed to put up fantastic numbers this season. She helped the Rayders finish the season at 9-8, while finishing 8-6 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

June 10, 2021

SOPHOMORE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



MIKAYLA SHARROW, CHARLEVOIX

Sharrow had two assists, two steals and one block a game on average.

June 10, 2021

June 3, 2021



MADELYN SANDISON, CHARLEVOIX

Sandison pitched 5 2/3 innings, while striking out 14 batters, allowing 4 hits and 2 walks. At the plate she had 3 hits and 3 RBIs

June 17, 2021

June 3, 2021



BOBBY HOTH, BOYNE CITY

Bobby Hoth had two hits in each of the games in a double header against TC St. Francis. In the second game he was effective at the plate and Hoth would pitch in relief finishing out the 3 and two-third innings

June 17, 2021



LEE NEMECEK, EAST JORDAN

Lee Nemecek competed in state track meet last weekend. Nemecek would throw 41'01.5" in Shot Put to finish in 15 place. In the Discus, he would get a throw of 129'07" for 11 place overall.

June 24, 2021



REAGAN WOODALL, BOYNE CITY

Reagan Woodall had four goals and one assist in the 8-0 shutout win in the district finals over a strong Cheboygan team.

June 10, 2021



JAKE BEAUDOIN, CHARLEVOIX

The golf team was led by Senior Jake Beaudoin after the opening day with a score of 77. Beaudoin would shoot a 76 on day number two, for a 153 total. He placed 4th in the Division 4 state tournament.

June 17, 2021



MADELYN SANDISON, CHARLEVOIX

The ace only allowed one run to Kalkaska in the opening game of regionals and again only one run to the previously undefeated Negaunee Minors in the regional final.

June 17, 2021



MAGGIE MCHUGH, BOYNE CITY

Maggie McHugh was the hero in the net, holding Unity without a penalty kick goal while Boyne City scored all three for the win.

June 24, 2021



JORDAN NOBLE, BOYNE CITY

Jordan would end up breaking the MHSAA Single Season Record for Points, as she recorded 95 points on the year. She finished the season with 35 goals and 29 assists.

September 2, 2021



AVERY ZIPP, CHARLEVOIX

Zipp had one amazing season at the plate. She would be just as steady in the field. At the plate this season, Zipp would post a .528 average with 56 hits, 18 of those being doubles and 4 home runs.

September 2, 2021



AARON BESS, BOYNE CITY

Bess would pitch 42 innings on the season over 18 games, 10 of which he started and only allowed 17 hits. Bess had a .354 average in 65 at bats with 23 hits. In those 23 hits, 5 of them were doubles.

September 9, 2021

ALL-AREA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



TOMMY REID, EAST JORDAN

Tommy Reid had himself a year. On the offensive side of the baseball he held a .549 average with 10 doubles, 3 triples and 4 home runs. All while driving in 24 runs and stealing 9 bases.

September 9, 2021



GRACE LENTZ, CHARLEVOIX

Grace Lentz clocked in 17 kills, 1 block, 4/5 on serve receive.

September 2, 2021



ETHAN ANTAYA, EAST JORDAN

Antaya would help the ground attack with 90 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns on 2 carries. He also caught a pass for another two point conversion.

September 2, 2021



TAYLOR PETROSKY, CHARLEVOIX

In the quad meet with East Jordan, Onaway and Rogers City last week Taylor was 29/29 serving, had 2 blocks, 25 digs and 6 kills.

September 9, 2021



BOBBY HOTH, BOYNE CITY

Bobby was a workhorse in last Friday's win over in county rival Charlevoix. In the Rambler's win Bobby ran the ball 22 times gaining 208 yards and scored 3 touchdowns. On defense he had 7 tackles.

September 9, 2021



CALEB STUCK, CHARLEVOIX

Caleb Stuck was clicking last week in the blowout win over St. Ignace. Caleb would put up 203 yards through the air going 10-16 and 3 touchdowns. He also led the team in rushing with 9 attempts for 59 yards.

September 16, 2021



GRACE DAWSON, BOYNE CITY

Grace Dawson played great in a five set win over Cheboygan last week. Grace finished the day with 13 kills, 14 aces, 7 for 9 serve receptions

September 16, 2021



KYLIE SKROCKI, EAST JORDAN

Last Week against Grayling, Kylie Skrocki would lead the way in hitting with 27 attempts and would power 11 of those to kills. Against Ellsworth, Kylie would have a perfect day serving going 14 of 14.

September 23, 2021



SAM PLETCHER, CHARLEVOIX

Sam Pletcher scored a hat trick against Harbor Springs on Monday, September 20 for the Call's Cup Championship. The Rayders won the game 5-2.

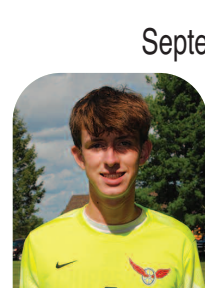
September 23, 2021



RILEY ZBACNIK, BOYNE FALLS

Last week in a three set match against Ellsworth, Riley Zbacnik had 23 assists, 8 hits and 4 digs and a perfect night serving. Following the win over Ellsworth the Loggers are now 7-1 on the season.

September 30, 2021



NIC SANTINA, BOYNE CITY

Nic Santina held both Kalkaska and Harbor Springs scoreless last week as he didn't allow a goal in either soccer game. In the latest poll Boyne City soccer is ranked 9th in the state.

September 30, 2021



ZANDER JOHNECHECK, EAST JORDAN

Zander Johnnecheck would lead the rushing attack for the Red Devils with 9 attempts for 42 yards, lead the receivers with 5 receptions for 64 yards, and also led the defense with 10.5 tackles.

October 7, 2021



CLAIRE SCHOLTEN, CHARLEVOIX

Against Kalkaska, Claire Scholten would contribute 5 kills and 20 assists. In a quad meet at Frankfort, Scholten would have 49 assists, 10 aces and 15 digs.

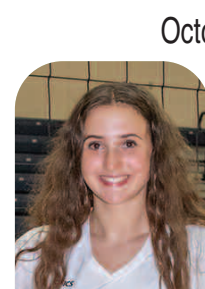
October 7, 2021



PATRICK STERRETT, CHARLEVOIX

Patrick Sterrett, had 3 carries for 48 yards, 1 touchdown, 1 two point conversion, 6 receptions for 131 yards and 3 touchdowns.

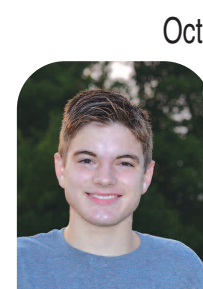
October 14, 2021



AVA TARSİ, BOYNE CITY

Sophomore Ava Tarsi broke the mark of 1,000 assists last week in the win over East Jordan. In that game Tarsi would also have a 100% night behind the service line as well.

October 14, 2021



SAM PETERSON, CHARLEVOIX

In the Lake Michigan Conference championship last weekend, the Rayders would finish in fourth place and were led by Sam Peterson earning a third place finish in a time of 16:36.

October 21, 2021



AVA MAGINITY, BOYNE CITY

The Ramblers competed in the Lake Michigan Conference Championship last weekend. The Ramblers were led by the second overall finisher, Ava Maginity in an overall time of 19:56.

October 21, 2021



GRACE LENTZ, CHARLEVOIX

In the Rayders win over Grayling the team was led by Grace Lentz with 5 blocks, 13 kills and was perfect 14 for 14 on serving

October 28, 2021



PATRICK STERRETT, CHARLEVOIX

Sterrett had five carries for 90 yards and a score, then added four catches for 96 yards and two touchdowns, while adding three two-point conversions from Stuck.

November 4, 2021



CLAIRE SCHOLTEN, CHARLEVOIX

In a tight win over Traverse City Christian last week Claire had 37 assists, 4 aces, 4 kills and 12 digs. In the Carrie Bricker Hauger tournament last weekend, Claire had 133 assists, 36 digs and 3 aces.

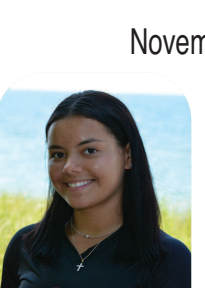
November 4, 2021



SAM PETERSON, CHARLEVOIX

The Rayders would be led in the State finals of boys Cross Country by Sam Peterson who earned All-State honors with a 6th place overall finish in a time of 16:14.

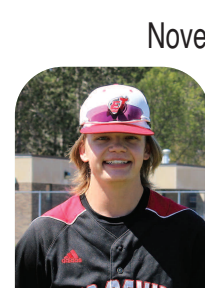
November 11, 2021



PATRIA MURIEL, CHARLEVOIX

Muriel's defense in the back row against a strong group of Cardinal hitters played a big role as the Rayders claimed a district title over a very tough Johannesburg-Lewiston team.

November 11, 2021



TOMMY REID, EAST JORDAN

Reid was an All-Conference, District and Regional last year and ended up being an Honorable mention for All State. Tommy made the Charlevoix County News All-Area Baseball Dream team in 2019 as a freshman and 2021 and a junior.

November 18, 2021



GRACE LENTZ, CHARLEVOIX

On the season, Lentz had an overall serve percentage of 95 percent on 352 serves on the year. She would also record 298 digs, with 72 assists and 532 kills.

November 18, 2021

ALL-AREA PLAYER OF THE YEAR



BOBBY HOTH, BOYNE CITY

Hoth had 165 rushing attempts this season for 1,302 yards, which resulted in 18 touchdowns on the year. His longest rush attempt of the season was a 54 yard rush.

December 23, 2021

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



CALEB STUCK, CHARLEVOIX

When he decided to attack through the air, which he did 137 times this season, Stuck completed 81 of them. This would be just under 60 percent completion percentage for the Rayder.

December 23, 2021

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



LANDON SWANSON, CHARLEVOIX

On the season, Swanson had 63 solo tackles, while also having 8 tackles that he assisted on. He would have one tackle for a loss on the year.

December 16, 2021



CALEB STUCK, CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix pulled off a two point win as time expired in an exciting game over Gaylord last week. Caleb Stuck led the Rayders with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

December 16, 2021



ALEX CALCATERRA, BOYNE CITY

Alex Calcaterra lit it up with 33 points in the win over the East Jordan Red Devils.

December 23, 2021



ANNA RICHARDS, EAST JORDAN

Anna Richards had a great night against in county rival Boyne City last week with 14 points.

December 23, 2021



Sports

athletes of the week



Kelan Pletcher
Ellsworth Lancers Basketball

Kelan Pletcher would put up 17 points to lead the Lancers to a win over the Mancelona Ironmen to remain undefeated this season. The Lancers are now 5-0



Abby Wright
Charlevoix Rayders Basketball

Abby Wright led Charlevoix with a double double netting 12 points and 12 rebound in a last minute loss to the Gaylord St. Mary Snowbird Monday night

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Snowbirds rally to overcome Rayders

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix girls basketball team started the new year looking to turn their 1-5 start to the season around.

They would host Gaylord St. Mary's on Monday, January 3 at home. They would get off to a great start as the Rayders would jump out to a 16-9 lead over the 5-0 Snowbirds.

In the second quarter, the Snowbirds would make a run, while finding more success from the field. That would allow them to take the lead before halftime. They would hold onto that lead as they headed to break, 23-21.

To start the second half, the Rayders would get off to another great start, allowing them to reclaim the lead 37-30. That is where the score would remain as the teams headed to the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter would turn out to be a barn burner. The Snowbirds would charge back once again to draw even with the Rayders with 10 seconds left, 49-49. A Rayder foul would send the Snowbirds to the line where they would make the first and intentionally miss the second. A scramble would ensue and the Rayders would have the ball with 4 seconds left. A long inbound attempt would go out of bounds and turn the ball back over to the Snowbirds. After a scramble on that inbound pass the Rayders would get the ball again but the time would expire before a half court heave. The Snowbirds would remain perfect at 6-0, while the Rayders would fall to 1-6 on the season. While they remain 1-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Abby Wright led Charlevoix with a double double netting 12 points and 12 rebounds; Senior Taylor Petrosky also had 12 points and 8 rebounds; junior Mikayla Sharrow had 9 points and 10 boards; junior Evelyn Rosier



PHOTO BY BOB DELONG.

Taylor Petrosky tries to get the ball over Bailey Murrell to Abby Wright who is guarded by Ava Schultz with the game tied at 49-49.

added 6 points and Ava Boss had 4.

The Rayders made 20 of 48 shots with 15 coming in the paint when they were able to break the press. Charlevoix was 0-3 from 3 and made 7 of 14 tries from the charity stripe.

For the Snowbirds, Macey Bebble had a game high 22 points and she

added 7 steals; Ava Schultz had a double double with 11 points and a game high 13 boards; Sydney Gruscynski had 8 points with 7 coming in the games last 8 minutes; Bailey Murrell had 6; Emma McKinley 2 and Emma Glasby 1.

The Rayders will be back in action

on Friday, January 7, when they travel to play Kalkaska. Then will play Lake Charlevoix rival East Jordan on Tuesday, January 11 at East Jordan.

WRESTLING

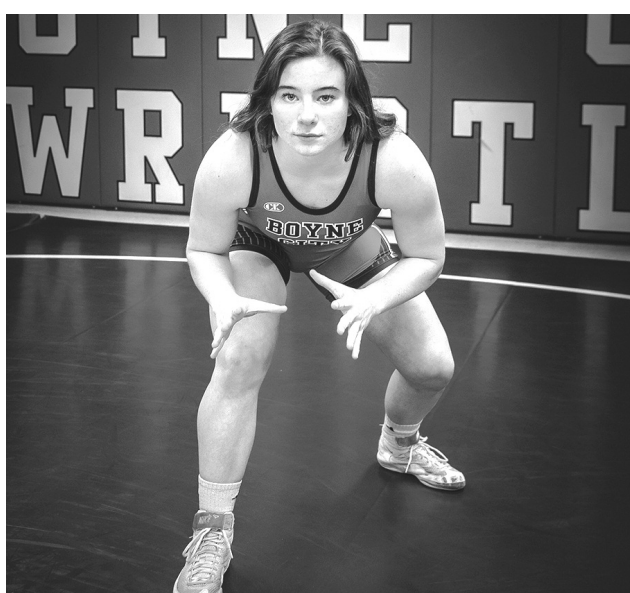
Lydia Krauss gets another tournament win for Ramblers

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City wrestling team was back in action on Thursday, December 30. The Ramblers would compete in a girls only invitational, the Lady Mat Cats Invite in Montague. With the match being a female only match, that means only two wrestlers were to compete. Lydia Krauss at 155lbs, and Alison Bowman at 140lbs.

The other Rambler that connected was Alison Bowman. This was Bowman's first tournament and faced some tough competition. Bowman would finish 0-2 on the day, but would show some improvement in each match.

The wrestling team will be back in action on Thursday, January 6. When they will host a Lake Michigan Conference Dual against Charlevoix and Kalkaska.



Lydia Krauss. File photo.

TOP 25 MENS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AP RANKINGS 1/2/22

#	Name	Record	Pts	Prev.	#	Name	Record	Pts	Prev.
1	Baylor (61)	13-0	1,525	1	16	Kentucky	11-2	560	18
2	Duke	11-1	1,447	2	18	Tennessee	9-3	519	14
3	Purdue	12-1	1,376	3	19	Villanova	9-4	437	22
4	Gonzaga	11-2	1,314	4	20	Colo. State	10-0	386	20
5	UCLA	8-1	1,287	5	21	LSU	12-1	371	16
6	Kansas	11-1	1,237	6	22	Xavier	11-2	270	23
7	USC	12-0	1,015	7	23	Wisconsin	10-2	221	24
8	Arizona	11-1	1,013	9	24	Seton Hall	9-3	174	15
9	Auburn	12-1	976	11	25	Texas Tech	10-2	142	25
10	Mich. State	12-2	934	10					
11	Iowa State	12-1	896	8					
12	Houston	12-2	849	12					
13	Ohio State	9-2	819	13					
14	Texas	11-2	640	17					
15	Alabama	10-3	589	19					
16	Providence	13-1	560	21					

Others receiving votes: Illinois 74, Oklahoma 71, Loyola Chicago 40, UConn 39, West Virginia 6, Iowa 5, Minnesota 3, San Francisco 3, Davidson 3, Creighton 2.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lancers hold off Ironman to remain undefeated

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Boys basketball team would look to improve their 4-0 start to the season with a win over Mancelona.

The Ironman would jump out to the lead in the first quarter. As they would hold a 17-14 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Lancers would show a very strong defensive effort in the second quarter. They would limit the Ironman to single digits in the second quarter, while putting up 19 points. The Lancers would end up holding a 33-26 lead at halftime.

The third quarter would be a high scoring, back and forth affair. As the Ironman would hold the advantage, outscoring the Lancers 24-21 in the quarter. When the buzzer would sound however, the Lancers would hold a slim 54-50 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, it would be the complete opposite of the third quarter. The Lancers would put up 6

points and that would be the high between the two teams. The Ironman would only put up 2 points.

The Lancers would secure a 60-52 victory over the Ironman. The Lancers would have 3 players in double figures. As Kelan Pletcher would put up 17 points. While, Brayden Steenwyk would add 14 and Patrick Purroll with 12 points.

"It was a good team win tonight. Mancelona brings the pressure, good poise from the guys for the most part to handle the pressure. Got good minutes from JV guys tonight," said Head Coach Jarod Steenwyk.

The 5-0 Lancers will have a busy upcoming week. The Lancers will be back in action on Tuesday, January 4 against Mackinaw City at home. They will then play Wolverine on the road on Thursday, January 4. The Lancers will play on Monday, January 10 against Grand Traverse Academy. Then will round out their next week with Boyne Falls on Tuesday, January 11. The last three games will be on the road.

BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Cadillac	3-0	4-1
Petoskey	1-0	3-2
Alpena	0-1	3-1
TC Central	0-0	2-2
TC West	0-0	2-4
Gaylord	0-2	0-3

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Rudyard	2-0	3-0
Cheboygan	1-0	1-2
Sault	1-1	1-3
St Ignace	0-1	2-2
Newberry	0-2	0-2

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Onaway	1-0	1-0
Gaylord St Mary	2-0	2-1
Mancelona	2-0	2-3
Inland Lakes	1-1	1-2
Joburg-Lewiston	1-1	1-2
Bellaire	0-1	1-2
Central Lake	0-1	1-2
Forest Area	0-1	0-1
Pellston	0-2	0-4

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Boyer City	1-0	4-0
St Francis	1-0	3-1
Kalkaska	1-0	2-1
Elk Rapids	1-0	1-1
East Jordan	0-1	3-1
Harbor Springs	0-1	3-1
Charlevoix	0-2	2-2
Grayling	0-1	2-2

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Alanson	1-0	1-0
Ellsworth	1-0	5-0
Mackinaw City	0-0	2-1
Boyer Falls	0-0	1-1
Harbor Lt Chr	0-1	1-2
Alba	0-0	0-0
North Mich Chr	0-0	0-3
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-1
Wolverine	0-1	0-2

NORTH STAR - BIG DIPPER

Team	Conf	Ovr
Oscoda	1-0	2-3
Rogers City	2-2	2-2
Alcona	1-1	2-2
Charlton Heston	0-0	3-2
Mio	0-0	1-3
W-P	0-2	1-3

NORTH STAR - LITTLE DIPPER

Team	Conf	Ovr
Hillman	3-0	3-0
Hale	1-2	1-3
Posen	0-0	2-1
Au Gres-Sims	0-0	3-2
Atlanta	0-0	2-3
Fairview	0-2	0-4

GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Gaylord	1-0	3-1
Cadillac	1-1	2-3
TC Central	0-0	4-1
Petoskey	0-0	3-1
Alpena	0-1	3-3
TC West	0-0	2-3

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Rudyard	2-0	2-1
Cheboygan	1-0	4-2
Sault	1-1	5-3
St Ignace	0-1	3-2
Newberry	0-1	0-4

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Gaylord St Mary	2-0	3-0
Joburg-Lewiston	3-0	4-1
Onaway	3-1	3-2
Central Lake	2-1	3-2
Inland Lakes	2-1	2-2
Bellaire	0-3	2-3
Pellston	0-2	1-2
Mancelona	0-2	1-4
Forest Area	0-2	0-3

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Harbor Springs	2-0	6-0
St Francis	3-0	5-1
Elk Rapids	2-0	3-1
East Jordan	1-1	2-4
Charlevoix	1-2	1-6
Grayling	0-2	2-3
Boyer City	0-2	0-4
Kalkaska	0-2	0-5

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Mackinaw City	2-0	4-0
Boyer Falls	1-0	1-0
Wolverine	1-0	1-0
Harbor Lt Chr	2-0	3-2
Vanderbilt	1-1	1-1
North Mich Chr	1-1	1-2-1
Alanson	0-0	0-1-1
Alba	0-2	0-2
Ellsworth	0-3	0-4

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - BIG DIPPER

Team	Conf	Ovr
Oscoda	0-0	2-1
Alcona	0-0	3-3
Rogers City	0-0	2-2
Mio	0-0	0-0
Charlton Heston	0-0	0-5

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - LITTLE DIPPER

Team	Conf	Ovr
Posen	0-0	4-0
Atlanta	0-0	1-1
Hillman	0-0	2-3
Au Gres-Sims	0-0	1-2
Fairview	0-1	1-3
Hale	0-0	1-4

HOCKEY STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Alpena	4-0	7-4
Petoskey	2-1	9-2
TC West	2-1-1	6-3-1
TC Central	1-1-1	7-3-1
Gaylord	0-2	3-5-1
Cadillac	0-4	4-7

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Exploring Michigan's outdoors in 52 hikes

By RACHEL COALE
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Last New Year's Eve, before the twinkle lights, champagne and lyrics of "Auld Lang Syne" carried us into 2021, I found myself in the quiet, cloudy woods at Sleepy Hollow State Park in Clinton County.

Inspired by the popular 52 Hike Challenge, I crunched down the trail, taking the first steps on a yearlong journey through Michigan's outdoors. That holiday trek kicked off a series of 52 day-hikes where I would experience frozen forests, rolling coastal dunes, wildflower-filled fields and lush wetlands in different seasons throughout the year.

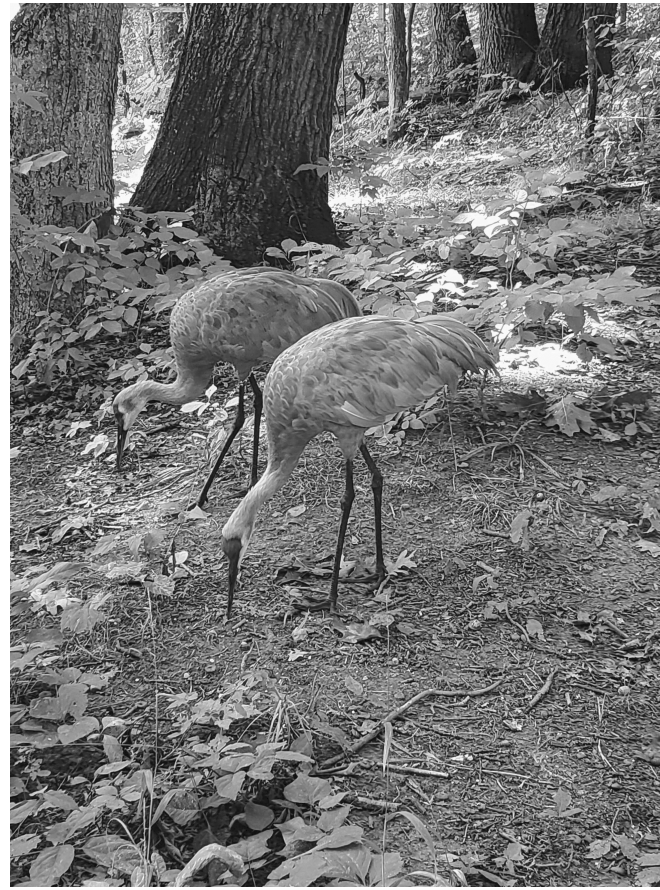
I've always loved watching nature, ever since I could point a tiny finger at my grandparents' bird feeder, squealing, "chicken-dee! chicken-dee!" at the visiting black-capped chickadees.



An embroidered 52 hikes patch for 2021 is shown stitched into a denim jacket. (courtesy of DNR)

Committing to the challenge of intentional, weekly hikes helped me encounter the outdoors in a new way. With close and frequent observation, I perceived the changing of nature's details in each season, week and even time of day. Starting in the austere winter landscape,

monochrome and overcast, my first hikes took me through snow-flocked trees and along icy trails. One of my early adventures sent me sliding down a steep, slippery bridge, nearly bowling over my hiking partner on the other side (I express-ordered traction cleats as soon as I got home). Winter sunsets arrived early and fast, like a door slamming shut. When I managed to sneak in short hikes after work, I found myself hustling back to the trailhead, racing the sun retreating below the horizon. Spring was heralded by the emergence of fantastical-looking skunk cabbages – wetland plants that make their own heat – blazing up through lingering crusts of snow. May-apple blooms, jack-in-the-pulpits and songbirds soon followed, filling the quiet woods with new life and energy. With more miles on my boots and a floppy hat swapped for insulating fleece, the summer season introduced a leafier landscape and soaring temperatures. I paused often under the scorching sun to collect wild black raspberries that dyed my hands purple (and then fled when clouds of hungry mosquitos caught up with me). I completed a memorable autumn hike in October with the DNR Natural Resources Outdoor Skills Academy. After a morning of archery practice, local mushroom experts led participants on a group hike to peer into the brush for edible woodland treasures. We learned to spot cinnabar-red chanterelles, dusky trumpet mushrooms and craggy-textured chaga in the damp, musky-smelling autumn woods. My adventures took me to local parks managed by city, county, township or nonprofit organizations and to the 4.6 million acres of



A pair of sandhill cranes is shown on one of the author's hikes in 2021. (courtesy of DNR)

parks, forests and recreation areas the DNR manages; all of them on public lands open for everyone to explore and enjoy. Finding a trail to explore each week reinforced how important it is to have nearby access to the outdoors. Public lands are not just important for hikers, snowshoers, mountain bikers or other recreational users like me – they're also important for wildlife, and for healthy waters that people, animals and plants all need. Forests clean the water that ends up in our homes, starting as underground springs or a rush of snowmelt and filtering through wetlands, eventually traveling to rivers, streams and lakes. Some of the highlights of my hikes

were moments where I got to see wildlife up close. Walking with quiet footsteps, I saw white-tailed does shoving each other for a choice bite of grass, painted turtles scuttling across the trail and a fierce red-tailed hawk snatching a meal in open grassland and heard the rattling bugles of sandhill cranes before seeing their broad wings as they swooped low above me. Through the year, I didn't keep up with the hike challenge just because I wanted to finish. I also kept moving because it made me feel great. After a year of day hikes, I got better at navigating, incorporated more outdoor activity into my life and enjoyed the peace and mental health benefits of

being in the outdoors. Now, within minutes of leaving sight of the trailhead, I feel a sense of ease. I'm also more comfortable going out in cold weather or on drizzly days when I might have stayed inside before. For anyone just getting into hiking, there are a few practical things to think about before heading outside. Always check the trail map and conditions ahead of time, and let a trusted friend know where you're going if you'll be alone, and when you intend to be back. The gear you bring doesn't have to be fancy, but it's important to carry outdoor essentials to be prepared for a surprise rainstorm, the sun going down before you're back to the trailhead (looking at you, December hikes!) or scrapes and stings. Even for short hikes, I always carry a whistle, water, small first aid kit, flashlight, hat, packable raincoat and snack. In winter, wearing layers and water-resistant gear keeps me warm and dry. In summer, bug-spray, sunscreen and a brimmed hat ward off sunburn and pests. A fire starter is also a good thing to carry, along with a compass and a map. As you begin thinking about 2022 goals, how do you plan to experience Michigan's outdoors? You might get started by joining the national First Day Hikes event on Jan. 1, or find other fun ways to motivate yourself to get outside throughout the seasons. If you'd like to tackle the official 52 Hike Challenge, there are online resources that provide motivation, community support and a fun completion patch. I'm looking forward to a 2022 full of rewarding hikes, scenic adventures and new wild places to explore across Michigan's public lands I hope you'll join me!

The author is pictured after a snowstorm at the Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area in southeast Clinton County and southwest Shiawassee County. (courtesy of DNR)



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BOWL GAME SCHEDULE, SCORES

Thursday, Dec. 23

FRISCO FOOTBALL CLASSIC

Miami (Ohio) 27,
North Texas 14
GASPARILLA BOWL
UCF 29,
Florida 17

Saturday, Dec. 25

CAMELLIA BOWL

Georgia State 51,
Ball State 20

Monday, Dec. 27

QUICK LANE BOWL

Western Michigan 52,
Nevada 24

Tuesday, Dec. 28

BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Houston 17
Auburn 13

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Air Force 31,
Louisville 28

LIBERTY BOWL

Texas Tech 34,
Mississippi State 7

GUARANTEED RATE BOWL

Minnesota 18,
West Virginia 6

Wednesday, Dec. 29

PINSTRIPES BOWL

Maryland 54,
Virginia Tech 10

CHEEZ-IT BOWL

No. 19 Clemson 20,
Iowa State 13

ALAMO BOWL

No. 16 Oklahoma 47,
No. 14 Oregon 32

Thursday, Dec. 30

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Purdue 48,
Tennessee 45 (OT)

PEACH BOWL

No. 10 Michigan State 31,
No. 12 Pitt 21

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Wisconsin 20,
Arizona State 13

Friday, Dec. 31

GATOR BOWL

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Rutgers 10

SUN BOWL

Central Michigan 24,
Washington State 21

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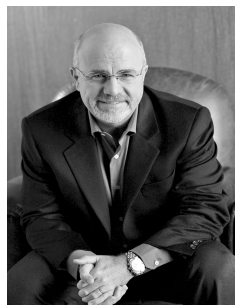
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Dave Ramsey

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Cade

Dear Cade,
I can't blame your wife for loving the idea of staying home with your kids when they're so young. Being a stay-at-home mom is a great thing if you can make the numbers work. Still, I'm sure it's no picnic trying to live on \$1,700 a month with two little ones in the mix.

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your home, but that's not going to solve all your problems.

One option would be finding a way to generate some extra income, whether that means a part-time job nights or weekends, or pursuing additional education or certifications to get your income level up at work. Another is to sell the house and find a less expensive alternative, but I'm never a big fan of that idea — especially in a family situation — unless there's absolutely no other way to avoid bankruptcy or foreclosure.

I think you and your wife need to sit down, and spend some serious heart-to-heart time talking things over, crunching the numbers and creating a plan. There's going to be some sacrifice involved for everyone, and only you two can decide what's worth it and what isn't — for you two and your kids.

God bless you and your family, Cade.
— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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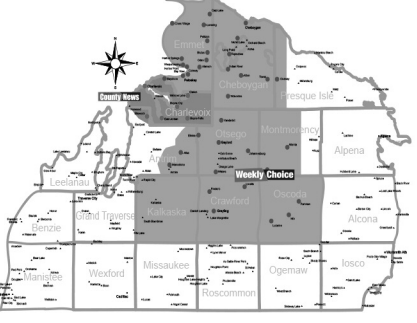
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FAMILY GETAWAY ON NEARLY TWO ACRES NEAR EAST JORDAN

BY JIM AKANS

Situated near the Jordan River, this excellent family vacation getaway or year-round home is set on nearly two gorgeous acres that includes a pond and a creek flowing through.

This three bedroom, one-and-a-half bath home has approximately 1,461 square feet of nicely designed space. The large kitchen, dining and living area feature an open concept plan with tongue and groove ceiling plus a beautiful wood-burning fireplace in the living room. The home has central air conditioning and the roof and furnace are only five to

six years old.

The outdoor setting is stunning, featuring a large open lawn space, a babbling creek that flows to the Jordan River, and a wonderful pond to enjoy. The property includes a 36x24 detached workshop that has a 22x22 lean-to. There is a fenced in garden area, plenty of wildlife, and it is adjacent to thousands of acres of State land. What a great place to live or serve as your private, northern Michigan getaway.

This excellent family getaway or year-round home on nearly two acres is located at 2038 Graves Crossing Road south of East Jordan and the listing price has been re-

cently reduced to \$299,990. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtor, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt,

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MLS stands for "Multiple Listing Service," which is usually a computerized listing of virtually all the homes that are for sale in a specific area.

When a Realtor lists your property for sale, they pay a fee and your home is placed on the MLS system. The big advantage to sellers is that the MLS is the #1 resource used by buyers (and agents) to locate homes.

Properties that are not listed (usually those being sold by their owners) are not on the MLS-thus there are many buyers and Realtors who will not be exposed to the home.

The MLS has become such a standard in real estate that no serious broker would think of trying to sell real estate without it. It would be like an accountant trying to work without a calculator.

About the only residential brokers who might not use the MLS are those who exclusively handle foreclosed properties, or high-end homes owned by celebrities and the like.

The MLS provides a surprising amount of detail, depending upon the area of the country it may include the

location (by zip code); size of the home (square footage); size of the lot; number of bedrooms and bathrooms; extra rooms such as a den, family room, formal dining room, or enclosed patio; amenities such as a backyard, fireplace, hot tub, pool, kitchen features, new carpet and drapes; capacity of garage; age of home; and, of course, the selling price and terms.

Buyers can narrow their house-hunting searches dramatically by using the MLS. For instance, their real estate professional can do a computer search and ask for a listing of all homes within a certain location and price range that have two or three bedrooms and that are not more than ten years old. Not only will this request generate a brief list of viable possibilities, it also helps buyers gauge, roughly, what they can expect to get for their money, and to compare the value of the homes listed.

Thus, the MLS is more than a system that lists properties. It's an aid to both buyers and sellers, and is a definite asset to consumers when it comes to real estate.

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