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Area men sentenced to prison in 33rd Circuit Court cases

Boyne Falls Man Sentenced to Prison

Brian James Fortune, 34, Boyne Falls, was sentenced to prison today in the 33rd Circuit Court on two separate cases.

Fortune was sentenced to serve 16 to 24 months, with 91 days jail credit, on a conviction of three counts of resisting and obstructing corrections officers. Fortune pleaded guilty on Nov. 19.



BRIAN FORTUNE

The incidents occurred at the Charlevoix County Jail in March of 2021, while Fortune was serving a sentence after being convicted of another resisting and obstructing a police officer. According to an affidavit filed in the case, Fortune physically resisted and threatened to kill officers and their families on numerous occasions.

Today Fortune was also sentenced to serve 36 months to 10 years on an additional charge of possession of methamphetamine. That offense occurred on Oct. 15, 2021 when he was on bond for the jail offenses.

Judge Roy C. Hayes III ordered that the two sentences be served consecutively. "With these sentences, the defendant will not be eligible for parole for 52 months," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof. "He was a terror in the Charlevoix County Jail for months and used racial slurs and threats against officers who were doing nothing other than trying to do their job. Then when he was released on bond, he possessed dangerous drugs while driving."

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

East Jordan Man Gets Prison on Drug Charges

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East Jordan Man Gets Prison on Drug Charges

Archie William Graham,



ARCHIE GRAHAM

41, East Jordan, was sentenced to prison today in the 33rd Circuit Court on methamphetamine charges. Graham was sentenced to 48 months to 20 years on a charge of possession with the intent to deliver methamphetamine for an incident that occurred on May 12, 2021 and 20 months to 10 years on a charge of possession of methamphetamine.

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Booster shots timeline shortened

Omicron variant detected in Antrim, Charlevoix counties

The FDA recently shortened the time between the completion of a primary series of the Moderna vaccines for anyone 18 and older and the Pfizer vaccine for anyone 12 and older can receive their booster shot to five months. The move comes as the country is in the middle of a surge of the highly contagious Omicron variant, which spreads more rapidly than the original SARS-CoV2 virus and other variants that have emerged.

Today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) notified the Health Department of Northwest Michigan that the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has been identified in one Antrim County and one Charlevoix County resident. Both residents were tested on December 28, 2021. Determining which variant is present in an individual's test sample requires genetic sequencing, which is only conducted on a percentage of positive tests and can often take a few weeks. Health Department officials anticipate there are many more cases of Omicron present in our jurisdiction.

"Vaccination is the best defense against COVID-19 and its variants so shortening the length of time between completion of the primary series and the

Do I qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine booster and which one?

Which primary vaccine series did you complete?	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	Janssen (J&J)
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	Age 12+	Age 18+	Age 18+
If eligible, you can get a booster of:	Pfizer-BioNTech* Moderna Janssen (J&J)	Moderna Pfizer-BioNTech Janssen (J&J)	Janssen (J&J) Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna

*Only Pfizer-BioNTech can be used as a booster in those age 12-17.

For more information, visit www.fda.gov/covid19vaccines.

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This graphic from the US Food & Drug Administration depicts who qualifies for a COVID-19 vaccine booster and which one.

booster dose for both Pfizer and Moderna is very helpful in our quest to stay safe and healthy," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "I encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated and also get their booster shot, which is very important to receive due to the omicron variant," Dr. Meyerson added.

Omicron is known to be more transmissible than previous variants. To protect yourself, get vaccinated and get your booster shot, correctly and consistently wear a mask, get tested, and stay home if you have any symptoms. While symptoms related to the Omicron variant may be mild, symptoms to watch for include runny nose/congestion, fever or chills, sore throat, cough,

shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. Anyone with questions or unable to find a time or date that works for them and/or their child may call the health department at 800-432-4121.

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FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



**HIGH: 12
LOW: 3**

SUNDAY



**HIGH: 26
LOW: 23**

snowfall

2020-21	AMT"	CITY	2021-22	AMT"	CITY
1/11/21	3.7	ATLANTA	1/10/22	15.4	ATLANTA
1/11/21	27	BOYNE FALLS	1/10/22	27	BOYNE FALLS
1/11/21	12.4	CHARLEVOIX	1/10/22	29.9	CHARLEVOIX
1/11/21	15.6	CHEBOYGAN	1/10/22	22.8	CHEBOYGAN
1/11/21	18.1	EAST JORDAN	1/10/22	43.4	EAST JORDAN
1/11/21	41.6	GAYLORD	1/10/22	88.7	GAYLORD
1/11/21	35	KALKASKA	1/10/22	79.4	KALKASKA
1/11/21	23.3	MIO	1/10/22	31.8	MIO
1/11/21	19.8	ONAWAY	1/10/22	39.6	ONAWAY
1/11/21	28.6	PETOSKEY	1/10/22	45.6	PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVE LOW	AVE HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JAN 14	12°	29°	-20° (1982)	46° (1987)
JAN 15	12°	28°	-27° (1965)	49° (1953)
JAN 16	12°	28°	-19° (1966)	50° (1949)
JAN 17	12°	28°	-23° (1978)	48° (1986)
JAN 18	12°	28°	-23° (1978)	55° (1996)
JAN 19	12°	28°	-21° (1982)	.53° (1996)
JAN 20	11°	28°	-9° (1984)	.45° (1999)
JAN 21	11°	28°	-28° (1970)	.43° (1957)
JAN 22	11°	28°	-17° (2005)	.51° (2002)
JAN 23	11°	29°	-20° (2005)	.50° (1969)

OBITUARIES

Sandra (Howard) Clausen, 79

(JAN. 27, 1942 - JAN. 8, 2022)



Heaven gained a sweet angel on January 8, 2022. On Saturday, Sandra Clausen passed away after a long battle with cancer. She was born in Flint, Michigan on January 27, 1942 to Henry and Mabel Howard. Her family moved to East Jordan when Sandy was three years old and she lived the rest of her life in East Jordan. On July 15, 1961, she married Courtlan Clausen, and celebrated 60 years of marriage this past summer. They had three children Teresa Clausen of East

Jordan, Steven (Sandy) Clausen of East Jordan and Julie (Tom) Ferris of Poquoson, VA.

Family was very important to Sandy. She and Courtlan have seven grandchildren, John Clausen, Jay Clausen, Rachel Clausen, Ellie Clausen, Mitchell Ferris, Allie (Trae) Wilkinson, and Courtney (Gavin Baird) Ferris. They also have two great grandchildren, Macie Wilkinson and Riley Wilkinson. Sandy's extended family includes several nieces and nephews and many close friends that she considered family.

Sandy is survived by her husband and three children as well as her bother Les (Mabel) Howard of Vanderbilt and sister-in-law Shirley Howard of Clio, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Mabel Howard, her four brothers, Bernard Howard, Lyle Howard, Bob Howard and Norm Howard.

Sandy worked for more than 20 years in Boyne City at the factory that is now Honeywell. She was also an avid bowler in Boyne for more than 20 years. Sandy enjoyed knitting and crocheting as well as watching the

birds, especially the hummingbirds. She loved shopping and going to the casino. What Sandy loved the most was spending time with her family and friends. Whether hanging out with friends, going on vacation with family or absolutely spoiling her grandkids and great grandkids, Sandy enjoyed being surrounded by the people she loved.

Funeral and visitation will be at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Funeral will be at noon on Friday, January 14, 2022. Visitation will be Thursday from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and prior to the funeral on Friday starting at 11:00 am.

parents, Harley and Helen (Bergmann) Argetsinger; three uncles and two aunts.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club, 5586 Mt. Bliss Road, East Jordan.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice of Michigan. To make a gift by mail, Mail to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding SE, Ada, MI 49301.

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Mary Ellen Cook, 93

(FEB. 9, 1928 - JAN. 1, 2022)



Mary Ellen Cook was born Mary Ellen Bender, in South Bend, Indiana on February 9, 1928. Although not the oldest of the children, she was placed in a position of authority, or she pointed out, when her older brother, Richard (Dick), would seek to force her into a role of subservience. Dick would try to force her to carry his books home, in addition to carrying her books.

Growing up in a Catholic home and school taught her right and wrong, and to both respect and to wield authority, a lesson she never forgot. Mary Ellen graduated from High School in 1948 from Logansport High School.

Pops long said of her that, "You could hold a gun to her head and she would not deny her Lord."

As late in their married life of 67 years in 2012, Pops stated that, "She was the smartest person I'd ever met."

Always head-strong and certain of herself, Mary Ellen went off to a Catholic Nursing School in Kokomo, IN for two years, as a means to make her own way in life, and to form a career and life for herself. As part of the Nursing training program, she moved to Springfield, IL for a year.

While one supervising Nun and a single Catholic priest encouraged her to read the New Testament and to find answers to her questions about her faith, Jesus' life, and Catholic teachings, most others in her Nursing program and the Parish were not nearly as fond of her questioning nature. She continued to ask questions of people who might help with her religious questions, which led to a friend introducing her to a Church of Christ minister; who fully encouraged her to read, study, and ask even more questions!

All of this led her to embrace the New Testament and to be baptized. Some of her new Christian friends wanted her to remain quiet about her new faith and her baptism, but the head of the Nursing School or Program began to ask questions of Mary Ellen. Because she wouldn't lie, Mary Ellen admitted to a change of her faith and beliefs, leading to expulsion from the Catholic

Nursing School shortly before she was to graduate. Not knowing what to do, and being the independent sort, Mary Ellen sought the advice of the minister who instructed her to study the New Testament and to become a baptized believer.

Being from north-central Indiana, she was encouraged to enroll at Lincoln Christian College in Lincoln, Illinois. Not too long after she arrived on campus, she was nearly horrified by a seemingly loud and brash Bill Cook. She didn't like his loud clomping boots, she didn't care for his silly antics, and it truly bothered her that his reputation was of having been engaged five times!

When she spied him "holding court" in the college library, she went and told him off about his reputation with women, fully admitting, "It was none of my business!"

She never recalled exactly what she said to Bill Cook, and he could only recall that he liked the looks of her, and he couldn't help but admire her spunk.

When into his 80's, Pops fell, and gave himself a black eye. When asked what had given him that "shiner," he said, "I told you it wasn't mother's right hand punch you had to watch out for, it was her left hook!"

After telling Bill Cook off, Mary Ellen was next surprised to learn what a nice fellow he could be, and that he actually was a gentleman, who was easy to talk to. She would find out quickly that, because he was so friendly and chatty, at least three of his supposed engagements were assumed by the ladies or their friends, because he had been seen several times in the company of those particular ladies. Of course, this was the assumed way of thinking about people in the 1940s.

For example, Pops himself said that a childhood friend, Wanda Burke, was thought by neighbor ladies to become his assumed wife when they reached the appropriate age. He said, instead, we were just good friends.

Mother in later years would ask Pops how he knew the guy or gal he was talking to as he exited a store or shop. He would reply that he didn't know them, he just struck up a conversation with them in the store (while she wasn't next to him).

Mother and Pops only dated for three months before they married. Mother said of their very short courtship, "If you know it's the right one, there's no sense in waiting."

They married on Christmas Day, 1949, a Sunday. They had to wait until their favorite minister was done with his church service duties before he could perform their marriage ceremony. Most college students had gone home for Christmas, so the wedding party was quite small. The marriage was an adventure right away, with Pops needing to borrow money for their honeymoon and with them having the car break down. In fact, they met on September 9, 1949, and were married within approximately three months!

Mary Ellen said life was always an adventure with Pops, and she did not debate that she might have married him for entertainment purposes! With Bill's preaching, they moved fairly often, but always while making good and lasting friendships within each church community.

Mary Ellen was an accomplished soloist and would often be a cornerstone member of the church's choir. Her fellow choir members would ask to stand near her, so she would help them remain on key.

She raised four children, born in the order of girl-boy-girl-boy. Mary Ellen agreed with Pops that they were very proud of the people each became, especially in regard to serving the Lord and others.

Mary Ellen was an excellent complement to Bill in the church ministry because she had memorized scripture, and Bill could count on her rapid mind and incredible memory of passages and references, to answer questions for young and old alike. When asked in later years how she memorized scripture, she said she didn't. She had such an acute ability that, as she read the New Testament, she had been able to memorize it!

Pops was more than a little jealous of some of Mary Ellen's quick wit and abilities. A well-known example is her being able to fill in difficult crossword puzzles in ink, which Bill could never manage to master. Those same word-skills allowed Mary Ellen to become the family Scrabble champion, but Pops refused to play Scrabble with her, saying she was too competitive! The Cooks were certain Pops didn't want to always be forced to lose to her.

Mother's abilities served her well, as a sort of neighbor nurse. The Cook family will recall Pops asking her to patch up a very bloody Stevie Lucas while he screamed, "I ain't bleeding!"

Mary Ellen served as the College Nurse at Eastern Christian College, because she could usually figure out what was needed, even if it was just good advice to the students!

Mary Ellen began selling Avon in 1979 and was very good at doing so, being a President's Club member most every year, winning awards. There was some consternation from Pops with so many Avon products filling the house!

Selling Avon led Mother to finally learn to drive because Pops said he wasn't going to keep driving her around the city and country helping her to sell, and yet he often did so.

Being in the ministry, Mary Ellen was welcoming to whomever Pops would invite home or just invite over, as he often did. She would never know, but Bill would at least try to warn her to cook up a little more food for their sudden dinner guests.

Pops usually wouldn't get into too much trouble with Mother, but the Thanksgiving of 1994 landed him in hot water. Because the entire family was gathered at their home in Indiana, it was a very full living and dining room. With his two sons on either side of him, Pops said, "There are people, wall-to-wall people." (The Cooks held their Christmas gift exchange at each Thanksgiving). "I wonder if we left, how long it'd take your Mother to realize we were gone?" He next said, "Let's get a hotel room!" He threatened to leave by himself, but his sons left with him. He got his answer the next day upon returning home, that Mary Ellen was so

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Thanks to ALL who participated - we used all 4,000 entries again which means at least \$200,000 stayed in the local economy this holiday season.

*Edith Pair has graciously donated her prize back! Thanks to her generosity we will have more Downtown Dollars Gift Cards to give out as prizes for First Friday events this winter!



Bikini Radar Run for Breast Cancer Seeking Participants

Usually snowmobiles and bikinis don't have much in common, but for the past 3 years during the East Jordan Sno-Blast Festival they have made a great pair. East Jordan Native, Courtney (Fender) Moeller has organized a Bikini Radar Run to raise money for local men and women going through breast cancer. The event has raised over \$25,000.00 and has provided \$100 gas cards and goodie bags given out to many people in the area.

The event has a new name this year, SnowStuds Bikini Radar Run and Courtney is looking for some brave participants to raise money through donations and ride their snowmobiles in a bikini. Both men and women are welcome to participate in this great event that is sure to draw a crowd to the 41st Annual Sno-Blast Festival in East Jordan. The event will be held on Saturday, February 19th at Noon at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road in East Jordan.

Participants will be competing for gift baskets in three different categories.



TNT's Ride Like a Girl To Save The Girls Bikini Radar Run 2021

Serenity Photos
Tammy Lane

Photo Credit: Tammy Lane, Serenity Photos – 2021 Bikini Radar Run participants

Fastest Speed, Most Money Raised and Best Decorated Sled in the Breast Cancer Theme. New this year, cash prizes along with the gift baskets that contain great items donated by businesses and

organizations throughout the U.S.A.

Registration is currently open. Please contact Courtney at twistedprincess15@gmail.com for an entry form or for

more information. You can visit the event facebook page at [SnowStuds Bikini Radar Run](https://www.facebook.com/SnowStudsBikiniRadarRun).



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



David Gillespie

Grade: 5th

Parent's Name(s): Dave Gillespie and Ellen White

What do you want to be when you grow up?: David is not sure what he wants to be when he grows up but he is considering being a pet groomer like his mom.

Favorite Book: David really enjoys reading the Warriors series.

Hobbies and Interests: He loves animals so one of his favorite things to do is spend time with his pets. He also enjoys doing art and occasionally playing video games.

School Activities: His two favorite things at school are gym and art, but he also enjoys math and science.

Staff Comments: David is wonderful to have in class. He tries hard every day in all of his subjects. What I enjoy most about David is how kind and thoughtful he is. He really cares about his friends. A few have even mentioned to me that if they ever needed to talk to someone, they know they could go to David and he would be there for them. He invites everyone to join in his activities and makes others feel welcome.

Submitted By: Kathleen Powers

Northern Michigan Outdoor Recreation Pitch Competition

Applications close Friday, January 14

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has partnered with Michigan Outdoor Recreation Industry Office, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA), and a regional partner group* on an initiative to provide growth opportunities to outdoor recreation small businesses looking for support to start or scale operations. Businesses with innovative and sustainable products or services are encouraged to apply, outdoor recreation business types are listed below. This regional event is for businesses geographically located in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties.

Selected applicants will be invited to an in-person pitch competition on, with awardees receiving customized support services* that may include:

- Branding & Content Marketing
- Outdoor Recreation Innovation Consulting
- Prototyping
- Retail Consulting
- Tradeshows Participation & Prep
- Videoography & Website Design

Business applicants will be considered from these categories:

Outdoor Gear and Product Makers: Manufacturers, Designers, or Innovators of outdoor gear, clothing, etc.

Outdoor Gear Retailers: Retailers that sell outdoor recreation gear, clothing, supplies, including brand representatives, dealers, wholesalers, online and physical retail

Outdoor Access Facilitators: Organizations and businesses that provide access to outdoor destinations and equipment, or provide knowledge and tools to encourage outdoor recreation

(e.g. ski resorts, kayak liveries, outdoor education non-profits)

Other: A business that can demonstrate it has a product or service that is applicable to the Outdoor Recreation Industry and has a desire to expand into that market and diversify its customer base.

Businesses interested in participating must complete an application by 1/14/22.

ELIGIBILITY

Participating businesses must meet the following criteria:

Business must be located in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan or Emmet Counties.

Business must have under \$750,000 in annual revenue

Business must have 10 employees or less

Businesses must meet applicable industry laws and standards

TIMELINE

01/14/2022: Pitch application closes

01/21/2022: Selected applicants invited to participate in Pitch Competition

01/24/2022 Pitch prep session for invited participants

02/14/2022: In-person Pitch Competition

Selected awardees may not receive all selected support services. Services packaged based on awardee's unique needs.

*Regional partner group includes Boyne City DDA, Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, Charlevoix DDA, Cheboygan DDA and the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Contact pmbc@michigan.org with any questions.

\$1,000 Cash Prize at Michigan's Richest Snowmobile Fun Run

(Gaylord) The Gaylord Area Convention and Tourism Bureau is gearing up for the Michigan Snowmobile Festival, scheduled for February 25-26, 2022. It's "All Outdoors" and it's everything snowmobile.

This year's festival consists of a two-day event dubbed "Michigan's Richest Snowmobile Fun Run," where snowmobilers can look forward to doing what they love most - riding Otsego County's outstanding trail system. Participants have two days to visit nine Gaylord area businesses and drop registration slips at each stop. While riders do not have to follow a certain route or stop at all locations, a guided ride will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the Tourism Bureau on Saturday.



The event concludes on Saturday at the Eagles Hall at 515 South Wisconsin Ave., featuring live music with Exit 282, beverages, complementary food, prizes and the \$1,000 cash drawing. You must be present and at least 18 years old to win all

prizes.

This year's event is free of charge and brought to you by the Gaylord Area Convention & Tourism Bureau, in conjunction with our generous sponsors: Sled Shed, The Natural at Beaver Creek Resort, Extreme Power Sports, Sled-

house Snowmobile Rentals, Heart Lake Cottages, County Wide Adventures and John Taylor Painting.

Pre-registration is available online at www.gaylordmichigan.net. You can also register in person at the Tourism Bureau office located at 319 West Main Street on Friday, February 25 from noon - 6:00 p.m. or Saturday, February 26 from 8:00 a.m. - noon. All registrants must pick up a packet during those hours, and the first 100 to arrive in person will receive a free hat.

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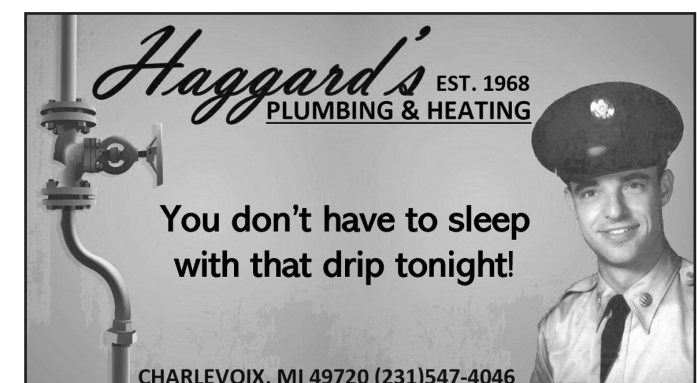
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ELLSWORTH STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

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.

CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY SHOPPING WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners! All 4,000 entries were claimed representing at least \$200,000 kept in our local economy! Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to this year's winners: 1st Prize (\$500): Edith Pair; 2nd Prize \$300): MK Stevens; 3rd Prize (\$100): Mary Ann Slade

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.

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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.

CHARLEVOIX FIRST FRIDAYS

The next First Friday will take place in downtown Charlevoix on Feb. 3, 4pm - 7pm. Special offers from downtown businesses.

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.

EAST JORDAN RAFFLE

The South Arm ORV Club is holding it's Annual Sno-Blast Raffle. Tickets are on sale now from any South Arm ORV Club Member, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office or T & R Yamaha. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. 1st prize - Champion 4500/3600 Open Frame Inverter Generator, 2nd prize - Stihl MS0211 Chainsaw Pkg, 3rd prize - Raft Trip for 4 from Jordan Valley Outfitters, 4th prize - \$100 Marathon Gas Card. Drawing will be held at 12:30 PM on February 20, 2022 at the East Jordan

Sno-Mbilers, Inc. Clubhouse. (Lic. #R62714)

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 Education Center is excited to announce a family-friendly trail series to get community members out

doors 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

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.

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

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.

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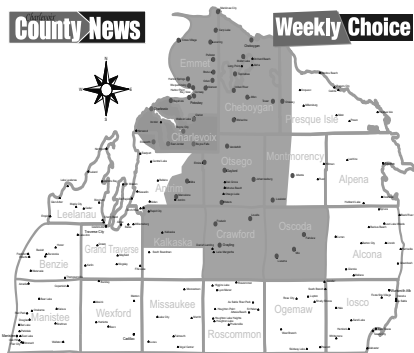
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Governor Whitmer, Speaker Wentworth Announce State of the State Address Will Be Delivered on January 26th

LANSING, Mich. – Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Speaker Jason Wentworth issued a joint statement to announce that the 2022 State of the State address will be held in a virtual format and broadcast live throughout the state on Wednesday, January 26.

"The State of the State address is a tradition rooted in history. It is an opportunity for Michiganders to hear about the work of state government and see Republicans and Democrats come together to focus on the issues that will put Michigan families, communities, and small businesses first. This year, we've agreed that the State of the State address should once again be held remotely to ensure everyone can safely partake in this time-honored event."

More details on the 2022 State of the State address will be announced soon.

Chamber Orchestra partners with Challenge Mountain to expand cultural opportunities for the disabled

PETOSKEY - Expanding public access to live, classical music is a central goal of the Petoskey-based Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO), a nonprofit organization headquartered downtown on Lake Street.

On the heels of its new veterans program, which offers free concert tickets to current and former American service members, the orchestra has announced another new initiative, this one in conjunction with Challenge Mountain, an organization that provides year-round adaptive recreation for the disabled.

Another local nonprofit, Challenge Mountain was launched in 1984 as Northern Michigan's first independent adaptive skiing program. Since then, Challenge Mountain has developed many more inclusive activities outside of skiing, including its popular SPIRIT Day Camp, equine therapy, camping, kayaking, snowboarding, cycling, boating, swimming and a host of other pursuits, including visual arts, that span the seasons.



Challenge Mountain participants gather for a group photo at the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's dress rehearsal for its Dec. 16-17 "Messiah" concerts in Petoskey. (Challenge Mountain courtesy photo)

The GLCO/Challenge Mountain partnership took root last summer when a group of disabled citizens visited one of GLCO's "Little Bay Live!" outdoor concerts in Pennsylvania Park. There, GLCO Executive Director Judith Zorn and Challenge Mountain Program Director Linda Armstrong agreed that such an association would benefit both organizations' expansion goals.

For Challenge Mountain, the new endeavor symbolizes more diversified programming for participants. For GLCO, the joint venture presents an opportunity to increase public access

to live, classical music, a central thrust of the orchestra's mission.

The first Challenge Mountain/GLCO outing took place Dec. 15 when a small group of participants visited a dress rehearsal for the orchestra's Dec. 16-17 "Messiah" concerts at Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Armstrong said the visit went very well with participants responding favorably to the performance.

"That was awesome!" said one attendee, while another thanked the orchestra for the invitation.

"By partnering with GLCO," Armstrong explained, "we will be able to add some amazing cultural events to our current programming that would otherwise be out of reach for Challenge Mountain, as well as our clients."

"Currently, we are able to offer a small amount of art workshops to our participants, which at this time are mostly visual arts, such as painting, ceramics, papermaking, stained glass, and drawing," Armstrong said. "The performing arts will add such a wide range of culture and ex-

pose them to so many different forms of art that they may have never seen before."

For Zorn and GLCO, the new partnership is "perfectly aligned with the orchestra's mission," which is "to produce professional live orchestral performances providing entertainment, education and inspiration for our northern Michigan communities."

Zorn said that, like the veterans ticket program, the Challenge Mountain program is all about expanding public access to the arts as a means of providing the three aforementioned goals.

"The orchestra is pleased to work with Challenge Mountain to expand cultural opportunities for the disabled," said Zorn. "Providing exposure to performances of classical music in a concert hall setting is exciting, educational and inspirational. We plan to continue to offer these opportunities with upcoming concerts."

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is a free-standing, nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of public and private donations. More information about both organizations can be found online at www.glorchestra.com or www.challengemtn.org.



Lions Club Donation

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)

Gov. Whitmer Holds Roundtable on Newly Created Office of Rural Development

The Office of Rural Development will focus on all rural matters and provide guidance on pressing issues in rural Michigan

Governor Gretchen Whitmer hosted a virtual roundtable to highlight her latest executive directive establishing the Office of Rural Development within the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). The roundtable featured MDARD Director Gary McDowell, Michigan Economic Development Corporation CEO Quentin L. Messer, Jr., and several key rural stakeholder groups.

"Since my first day in office, I have been focused on addressing the significant structural challenges our state faces by growing Michigan's economy, creating good-paying jobs, and building industries of the future, which includes our robust food and agriculture businesses," said Governor Whitmer. "The Office of Rural Development will be a critical component in how we tackle those challenges, create a resilient and equitable Michigan while opening the door to new and exciting opportunities within our rural communities. We will continue building on our economic momentum from 2021, when we added 145,000 jobs, and pursue a holistic approach to growing our economy."

The Office of Rural Development will help MDARD with its ongoing mission to concentrate on economic, social, and educational needs in rural areas while being a key connection point for leaders and stakeholders to the state's rural communities and putting Michigan first. Additionally, the office will be a crucial part of MDARD's workforce initiative to encourage job seekers and new talent to investigate food and agricultural-related careers.

"Michigan's food and agricultural based business are a powerhouse for the state's economic engine. I'm excited to have the Office of Rural Development build upon that foundation," said Gary McDowell, MDARD Director. "This office will concentrate on a variety of issues, including investing in small and local businesses, ensuring new and expanding broadband access, and filling critical jobs along the food supply chain."

"The creation of this Office is an exciting victory for all of Michigan, but especially for our friends and neighbors in rural communities across

a more coordinated and easier to navigate access to government, resources, programs and opportunities. Farms and other rural businesses throughout Michigan are the backbones of these communities and provide jobs and sponsorships of civic activities that are vital to making Michigan what it is," said Quentin L. Messer, Jr., CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "We look forward to growing our partnership with this new Office over the coming years as we continue our efforts to create an economy where everyone in our state is visible, participating and thriving."

The Office of Rural Development will have the following responsibilities, among others:

- Collaborate with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and other stakeholders on rural economic development;
- Collaborate with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to facilitate rural affordable housing development;
- Promote sustainability, environmental preservation, and green energy development;
- Address the ramifications of population and demographic trends in rural Michigan;
- Analyze and provide guidance on education-related issues affecting rural communities;
- Collaborate with the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office to facilitate expansion of high-speed internet connections in rural communities; and,
- Coordinate with tribal leaders in this state on issues facing rural Michigan.

"Rural communities are critical for our state's economic success and they cannot be left behind," said Chuck Lippstreu, president of the Michigan Agri-Business Association. "The creation of this new Office of Rural Development demonstrates an important commitment by our state government to help tackle the many persistent, unique challenges faced by Michigan's rural residents and Main Street businesses."

"I thank Governor Whitmer for taking action to create the Office of Rural

Michigan often feel left behind when it comes to state initiatives," said Wilfred Cwikiel, Superintendent-Principal, Beaver Island Community School. "The Office of Rural Development will ensure the needs of rural Michiganders—whether it's educational, economic, environmental, or health-related—will be at the forefront."

"I am very excited to hear that Gov. Whitmer has created an Office of Rural Development," said David B. Jahn, President & CEO of War Memorial Hospital. "This will provide much needed assistance and support for rural healthcare issues, which are vastly different from the issues that urban healthcare providers have to deal with. Getting connectivity to remote rural areas will only enhance the quality of care that everyone in Michigan should be able to access."

"It is encouraging that Governor Whitmer's first Executive Directive for 2022 is focused on the formal establishment of the Office of Rural Development within the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development," said David Emmel, President, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance. "Building a robust and sustainable economic development ecosystem focused on the unique needs of Michigan's rural communities is something which will benefit rural Michiganders and set the stage for communities and people to achieve greater economic potential and prosperity. Our economic alliance, like so many others, look forward to working closely with MRARD Director Gary McDowell, MEDC CEO Quentin Messer Jr. and their teams to move this directive forward into action."

"InvestUP joins a diverse set of statewide stakeholders in lauding Governor Whitmer for creating the Michigan Office of Rural Development to help build prosperity for the State's rural communities," said Marty Fittante, CEO Invest UP. "The Office is a major win for U.P. communities, businesses and institutions by having a dedicated, singular, systematic focus towards solutions for the undoubted, unique, and complicated challenges that are behind the challenges facing our

rural communities. Executive Order 2022-1 builds on the partnership that worked together on this initiative, including Governor Whitmer, Ag Director Gary McDowell, senior administrative staff, the Upper Peninsula legislative delegation, especially Senator McBroom, and local economic and community development organizations from the U.P. and the state. We are grateful to the Governor for her leadership and to Director McDowell for his persistent commitment in making the Office of Rural Development a reality, a reality that position's Michigan to be a national leader on rural prosperity."

"Housing development in Michigan gets more challenging as you get into smaller counties and communities across our state," said Yarrow Brown, Executive Director, Housing North. "Housing North is thrilled to support the opening of the Office of Rural Development and help be a part of the Office's goal of facilitating rural affordable housing development."

"The Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance applauds the creation of this office and looks forward to collaborating as close partners in the important work ahead," said Sarah Van Horn, Chair of Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance and President of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. "This office can lead efforts to create more tools and specific programs to help rural communities and businesses thrive so that Michigan can be a national leader in rural economic growth and stability."

A new senior leader at MDARD, the Deputy for Rural Development, will run the Office and be the state's point of contact for community leaders on urgent rural issues. The individual designated as Deputy for Rural Development will have demonstrated competency in issues facing rural Michigan.

COVID-19 Case Counts

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

- On Friday, Jan. 7, 164 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (30), Charlevoix (59), Emmet (43), and Otsego (32), and one new COVID-19-related death in Otsego County (1).
- On Saturday, Jan. 8, 235 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (66), Charlevoix (54), Emmet (81), and Otsego (34).
- On Sunday, Jan. 9, 53 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (13), Charlevoix (11), Emmet (22), and Otsego (7).
- On Monday, Jan. 10, 42 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (9), Emmet (21), and Otsego (9).

As of 4 p.m. January 10,

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 (3,450), Charlevoix (3,853), Emmet (4,985), and Otsego (4,508).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (2,947), Charlevoix (3,125), Emmet (4,127), and Otsego (3,919).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (50), Charlevoix (53), Emmet (63), and Otsego (84).

On January 10, the State of Michigan reported 1,681,135 cases and 27,878 deaths.

Rep. Borton finishes 2021 with perfect voting record

State Rep. Ken Borton today announced that he cast a vote in every roll call throughout the 2021 House of Representatives session — attaining a perfect voting record in his first year as a state legislator.

"When I vote in the House of Representatives, I bring the interests and concerns of Northern Michigan residents to the table," said Borton, of Gaylord. "This is an important responsibility, and I am proud to have kept up a perfect voting record in my first year representing our region in the Legislature."

Borton has represented the 105th House District since January 2021. The district includes the counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Montmorency, Oscoda and Otsego.

The freshman legislator introduced four bills that made it through the House of Representatives in his first year, all with bipartisan support. Three remain under consideration by the Senate. House Bills 4535 and

4536, which seek to preserve Michigan's snowmobile trails, are under consideration by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. HB 4840, which would strengthen retention requirements for election records, is before the Senate Committee on Elections.

Additionally, Borton's House Bill 4088 passed both chambers before the governor vetoed it. The legislation would have allowed people to feed wild animals for recreational viewing or to prevent starvation, despite a bureaucratic order to the contrary.

A former Otsego County commissioner, Borton also introduced a resolution recognizing April as County Government Month in Michigan. The measure was adopted by the House.

Northern Michigan residents can contact Borton's office by calling 517-373-0829 or emailing KenBorton@house.mi.gov.

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busy with family, it took almost two hours for her to miss Bill!

When Pops retired from working at AT&T and as a church elder in Elgin, Illinois, he asked if Mother would retire from Avon? "No," she said, "You retired, I didn't."

When they moved from Illinois to Indiana, Pops bought them a house she'd never seen. His thoughts on the matter? "We'll see how much she loves me!"

The Cooks remained very active in the church and community right up until Pops retired - again - from preaching in Indiana. Mary Ellen continued at a slower pace to sell Avon, as she also experienced a decline in her skills into her 80's.

It's been a God-filled and God-led life, and we are all the better for knowing God's faithful daughter, Mary Ellen Cook.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at the Holt Christian Church, 2424 Washington Road, Holt, Michigan

Gretta Yvonne Walton, 87

(MAY 6, 1934 - JAN. 3, 2022)



Gretta Yvonne Ables Portz Walton died Monday, January 3, 2022, in East Jordan. She died at her home on Lake Charlevoix in the cottage built by her beloved husband, Jerrold Walton. It was a beautiful sunny winter day.

Fair of face, with an even more beautiful heart, Gretta was born on May 6, 1934, in Sikeston, Missouri at the home of her grandparents, Mama and Papa Ables, the first child of Nina (Dillard) and Willard Cline Ables. From a young age, Mama Ables guided Gretta to take her troubles to the cross and leave them there. And, she did.

Gretta met Jerry in high school in Grand Blanc, Michigan. At the end of their senior year in 1952, they were crowned King and Queen of the prom. They married on August 20, 1955, and made their longtime home among friends and family in Grand Blanc. They thanked God for their five children; Samuel (died 2012), Kelli, Matthew (Diane), Joseph (died at birth 1969) and Katharine (Russell

Goodburn) and enjoyed raising them with the children of their old school friends and the new friends they met as Grand Blanc grew.

After Jerry died in 1988, Gretta married Joe Catanese, also of Grand Blanc, and always cherished her time with his large family of children and grandchildren.

Gretta enjoyed many happy years working with students in the guidance office at Grand Blanc High School and volunteering through Jaycees, Lioness, and National Alliance for Mental Health in Grand Blanc and East Jordan.

Gretta was predeceased by so many she loved including her sisters, Linda and Donna of Michigan, her brother, Don of Missouri, great grandson, Adrian, all of her close Class of '52 girlfriends, and her oldest nephew, Michael, the son of her most beloved sister, Jo, who was with Gretta through all her life's journey sharing the happy and the sad.

Gretta is survived by three children; five grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; sisters, Jo Cavanaugh of Grand Blanc and Marilyn (Bill) Boyce of Sikeston; sister-in-law, Kay Ables of Dexter, Missouri; sister-in-law of sixty-seven years, Sandra Walton Neumann of Mancelona, many nieces and nephews and many, many, many cousins. She loved them all!

A memorial service will be scheduled at a future date. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

John "Jack" Cross, 87

(JAN. 29, 1934 - JAN. 9, 2022)



John "Jack" Cross Jr. of Charlevoix passed away on January 9, 2022 at his home.

He was born on January 29, 1934, in Charlevoix, the son of John H. Sr. and Huldah M. (Thompson) Cross.

Jack was born and raised in Charlevoix where he worked in the family business. He served in the U.S. Army, was an active member of the Masonic Lodge #282 in Charlevoix and was a Shriner.

He was a hard worker and was the owner and operator of Cross Fisheries. His greatest passions in life were his grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and his beloved boat "The Jackie II".

In 1958, in Charlevoix, he married June P. McElrea who survives. Also surviving are 4 children, Neil (Merle)

Cross of Chicago, IL, Patty (Ralph) Larsen of Charlevoix, Kellie (Jack) Sutherland of Charlevoix, John III (Michelle) Cross of Charlevoix, 2 sisters, Jill (John) Picha of Charlevoix, Carol Stephan of Charlevoix, 5 grandchildren, Sarah (Ty) Schaef, Megan (Marcel) Cross, Shane Sutherland, Grace (Jordan) Sutherland, Matthew (Heather) Cross, 2 great-grandchildren Millie and Maddox and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services will take place. A public memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Jack will be buried in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix when weather permits.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, PO BOX 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394.

Arrangements are being handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Donald Willson, 77

(SEPT. 19, 1944 - JAN. 4, 2022)



Donald Mac Willson, of Chatham, Michigan, left this earth to be with Our Lord on the morning of January 4, 2022, at Schneck Medical Center in Seymour, Indiana, with his family by his side. He was 77 years old.

Don entered this life on September 19, 1944, in Central Lake, Michigan. He was one of nine children born to the loving parents of Clifton and Phyllis (MacDonald) Willson. Don was a football and baseball standout for the East Jordan High School Red Devils and often spoke fondly of those days playing sports with his hometown best friends.

On January 9, 1965, he was united in marriage to Margaret Elaine (Smith) Willson. This union was blessed with three children, Robin, Sue, and Donnie, of whom Don was most proud and grateful.

Don served his community as a Police Officer in Gaylord, Michigan, before starting a career in sales, where he worked as a salesman and manager for the Shrader Tire Company and then Best One Tire, living and working both in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and in Brownstown, Indiana.

Don and Marge later became the owners and operators of the Rumely Grocery in Rumely, Michigan, where Don enjoyed mingling with the local residents and the tourists of that beautiful part of the country. And up until this year, Don sold real estate in Michigan, having worked for ReMax in Munising and most recently with Northern Michigan Land Brokers in Marquette.

Don was a devoted husband, loving father, and grandpa. He enjoyed making friends wherever he was. He loved playing golf, hunting (especially with his son and grandchildren), spending time at camp, having breakfast with the crew at the Snack Bar, listening to Christian music, visiting his family, and going with Marge to their grandchildren's sporting events. He also liked to mention to his grandsons that they needed to average more than 10.3 yards per carry to beat "grandpa's record." He even continued his loyalty to the Detroit Lions through all of the years!

Surviving to cherish his memories are his wife of 57 years, Margaret, his children Robin Wheeler and her husband Russ of Brownstown, Indiana. Sue Popp and her husband Rick of Florence, Wisconsin, Donnie Willson and his wife Patty of Munising, Michigan, and five grandchildren: Sam and Isaiah Popp, and Erin, Symon, and Sophia Willson, who loved to spend time with their grandpa.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, sister Arlene Hammond, and the Willson brothers, Durwood, Bud, Burton, Clifton, Jr., Paul, Wayne, and Kenny.

A funeral was held at Mortensen Funeral Home in Central Lake, Michigan, on Monday, January 10th.

Don will be buried in Pleasant Valley, Michigan, in the Densmore Cemetery with a small family ceremony following the funeral.

Sincere thanks to everybody for the pouring out of love, condolences, and prayers for Don and the family. We have been greatly blessed to have had Don in our lives.

In lieu of flowers, on behalf of Don, the family asks you to consider making a donation to the Munising Baptist Church (<https://www.munisingbaptistchurch.com/>)

Arrangements have been handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

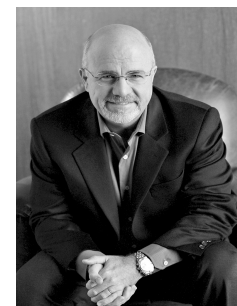
David E. Pickering, 62

(DEC. 1, 1959 - JAN. 7, 2022)

David E. Pickering of Charlevoix passed away on Friday, January 7, 2021.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(Budgeting for car repair costs)

Dear Dave,

I am following your plan, and recently became debt-free, but I have a question. When doing a monthly budget, should I figure in a specific category for car repairs and maintenance, or just use my emergency fund?

Ashleigh

Dear Ashleigh, Congratulations on becoming debt-free! You know, new cars, old cars and in-between cars all have one thing in common — they'll need repairs at some point. Fixing your car is just a basic part of car ownership, and something every car owner should be prepared for.

When life happens, to your vehicle or anything else, an emergency fund acts like an airbag. Only instead of keeping your face from hitting the dashboard, it keeps your finances from getting smashed up. When it comes to car repair costs, I advise creating a sinking fund in your budget. A sinking fund is a special place in your budget where you save up money for specific, big ticket items — like car repairs.

I know, stuffing money into a sinking fund each

month sounds about as enjoyable as waiting in line at the DMV. But look at it this way, if you had a car loan like most people, you'd be putting hundreds toward that debt each month. Instead, you're one of the smart ones who doesn't have any debt and can easily create a repair fund for your car by setting aside less than the average car payment each month. Even "reliable" cars need repairs and maintenance, and a sinking fund within your budget for this sort of thing means you're ready to handle virtually any auto issues that pop up.

You know you'll need to pay for repairs and maintenance. It's a thing with all cars. And when you know something's coming, that's not an emergency fund situation. Great question, Ashleigh!

— 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. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

SENTENCING

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mine which occurred on August 18, 2021.

The defendant had pleaded guilty to the charges. The two sentences will be served concurrently.

Graham had previously been sent to prison in 2015 for five years for delivery of methamphetamine.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

Man Sentenced to Prison for Child Sexual Assault

Ryan James Simmons, 36, Atlanta (MI) was sentenced to serve 30 to 90 years in prison for his conviction for first degree criminal sexual assault today in the 33rd Circuit Court.



RYAN SIMMONS

In pronouncing the sentence, Judge Roy C. Hayes III said this case was "probably the worst case I've seen in my years on the bench."

Simmons pleaded guilty on Nov. 2, 2021 to sexual penetration of a child under the age of 13.

At sentencing, the court

heard from the survivor who said that Simmons had sexually abused her from the age of eight to 15 in Boyne City. She said that other children had also been abused by Simmons over the years and asked the court to send Simmons away for the maximum possible because otherwise "nobody will be safe from him, because predators like him don't stop."

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said, "Though this case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Mary Farrell, I was privileged to be in the courtroom for sentencing and hear this survivor stand up to the man who tormented her for so long and speak so eloquently and powerfully about her experience. It was very moving."

The sentencing guidelines called for a minimum sentence of 126 to 210 months in prison, but Hayes exceeded those guidelines, indicating that they did not properly take into account the details of this case including Simmons threatening to kill the victim's family members in front of her if she ever told anyone about his abuse.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

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Brady Jess
Rayders Wrestling

Brady Jess with a perfect 5-0 record in the 171 pound division in the Carl Vanderwall Memorial team tournament in Petoskey on Saturday, January 9.

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Morgan Deming
Ramblers Girls Basketball

Morgan Deming was the Ramblers leading scorer in games against the Gaylord Blue Devils and Traverse City St. Francis last week. The six-footer is the team's leading rebounder contributes each game with her post play.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ramblers fall to tough competition



Rambler senior, Grace Dawson (15) gathers herself before scoring the first basket of the contest vs Gaylord. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

BY: DOM SANTINA

After a 10-6 season last year, the Boyne City Girls Basketball team has struggled to start the season. The Ramblers came into the new year with a 0-4 record. The Ramblers would look to get their first win of the season against Gaylord on Wednesday, January 5.

The Ramblers were in a hole to begin the game. They would find themselves well behind and it would carry till halftime. The Ramblers would find themselves down to the Blue Devils 42-13 at the break.

The Ramblers would close up the gap in the third quarter. However, the game was well in hand for the Blue Devils. The gap would still be 29 points as the teams headed to the fourth quarter, 54-25 in favor of the Blue Devils. The scoring would be pretty similar in the fourth quarter, as the Blue Devils would expand their lead but very minimally. The Ramblers would suffer their fifth loss by a score of 63-31.

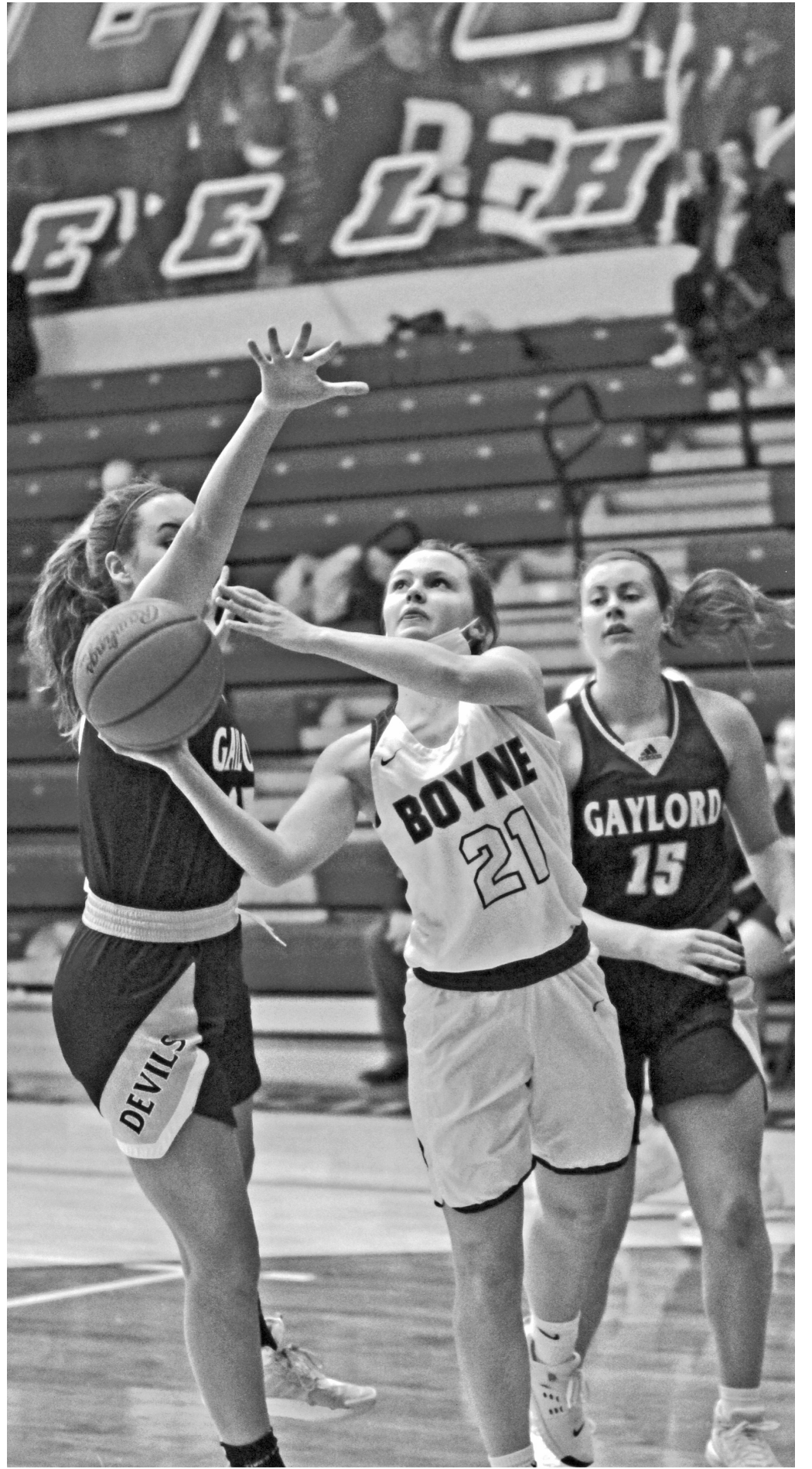
The Ramblers were led by Morgan Deming with 11 points. The second leading scorer for the Ramblers was Grace Dawson with 8 points. The Ramblers would have a 0-5 record overall and a 0-2 record in the Lake Michigan Conference, as they would face Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, January 7.

TRAVERSE CITY ST. FRANCIS

A struggling Ramblers team would not have an easy test to try and get their first win against. The Ramblers would host Traverse City St. Francis on January 7.

The Ramblers would get off to a good start against a tough team. The Ramblers would only be down by four to the Gladiators at the end of the first quarter. The Gladiators would stretch their lead in the second quarter, pushing their lead to 10 points. The score at the break would be 21-11 at the break.

The Ramblers would limit the Gladiators offense to only 9 points, but the Ramblers offense would struggle as well. The Ramblers would be down 14 heading into the fourth quarter. The Ramblers would see that gap continue to widen in the final few minutes of the game. The Gladiators would stretch the lead to 19 points and that is where the game would finish. The Ramblers would fall by a final score of 43-24.



Maddie Smith (21) of Boyne City, gets in the paint for a shot against the tough Blue Devil defense. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Boyne City junior, Morgan Deming (24) wins the opening tip against Gaylord. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

"Everyone in our locker room knows where we are not where we want to be right now, but tonight we were able to see some incremental games and our attitudes and effort are in the right place. We will get this on track and continue to improve," said Head Coach Adam Stefanski.

Dawson was the lead scorer for the Ramblers with 6 points. The Ramblers would get 5 points from Maddie Smith as well. The Ramblers moved their record to 0-6 overall and 0-3 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The Ramblers will be back in action on Tuesday, January 11

when they host Elk Rapids. Then they will travel to play Grayling on Friday, January 14. The upcoming week will wrap up with a game on the road against Harbor Springs on Tuesday, January 18.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Rayders rally to beat Manton 52-50

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Boys Basketball team had a rough start to the season. As they turned the page to 2022, the team would have a record of 1-2 on the season. The team would look to pick up a win over Maple City Glen Lake to draw back even on the year.

MAPLE CITY GLEN LAKE

The Rayders would have to lean on their defensive efforts and their rebounding to have a chance in this one. The Rayders would also make a change in the lineup, as sophomore Troy Nickel



EVAN SOLOMON

would earn his first start.

The Rayders would get things going early, as they would hold a 11-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. It

would be much of the same in the second quarter, as the Rayders would put up 12 more points and hold their 6 point lead heading to halftime with the score 23-17.

A big third quarter would help the Rayders as they would outscore the Lakers 24-9. The third quarter momentum would roll right into the fourth quarter, as the Rayders would lock up a 56-48 victory.

The team was led by Evan Solomon with 20 points, while Caleb Stuck added 19. Nickel would be the third highest scorer with 5 points.

Nickel might have been the spark this Rayders team needed, as the change in the

lineup gave them their second win on the season. Their record moves to 2-2 on the season. While remaining at 0-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

MANTON

The Rayders would look to move their now even record to a winning record against Manton on Friday, January 7.

The Rayders would have a tough test against the Manton team and it would show throughout the game. The Rayders would jump out to a slim 4 point lead, 12-8 as the clock would win down in the first quarter.

However, in the second

quarter, the Rangers would show their resilience, as they would fight back. The Rangers would tie the score heading into halftime at 24 points apiece. In the third quarter, the Rayders would see themselves fall behind the Rangers 39-38.

The Rayders would have to overcome turnover trouble to rally in the fourth quarter. The Rayders would fight back to draw even late in the game. The Rayders would get a steal from Solomon, who would convert a layup to put them up for good. They would earn a 52-50 victory over Manton.

Coach Matt Stuck said, "We won. It wasn't a pretty game as we had 21 turnovers. Manton is a well-coached and solid team that plays very hard. So although we didn't play our best we were able to get a good road win."

Evan Solomon would lead the way with 26 points with 7 rebounds. John Sauer went four for four from the field and had 9 points. Jack Gaffney had 8 points and 5 rebounds. Caleb Stuck had 5 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals and 6 assists. Max Ostrum had 4 points. The Rayders moved to 3-2 on the season and remained 0-2 in the LMC. The Rayders will be back in action on Tuesday, January 11 when they host East Jordan. Then they will travel to play Harbor Springs on Thursday, January 13. Those games will be followed by a game on Tuesday, January 18 on the road against Grayling.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lancers remain undefeated

BY DOM SANTINA

MACKINAW CITY

The Ellsworth Boys Basketball as they would look to continue to roll on the early season. Ellsworth would welcome Mackinaw City on Tuesday, January 4. A team that was a force to be reckoned with last year in the conference in Mackinaw City, would now come into the early season matchup at 2-1 on the season.

It would turn out to be the matchup one would expect between the two top teams in the conference from last year. As they would end up in an even draw at the end of the first quarter, 23-23.

The offense would continue in the second quarter, but the fans would see the Lancers pull slightly ahead, as the teams headed for the locker rooms. The Lancers would hold a 42-37 lead at the break.

In the third quarter, the teams would put up a solid defensive effort, as neither team would score more than 12 points. Luckily for the Lancers, they would be the ones putting up 12, while holding the Comets to only 9. This would help stretch their lead to 8 heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, it would be another slow quarter in relation to the first half. As the Comets would finally be able to outscore the Lancers. Yet it would not nearly be enough as the Comets would only be able to edge the Lancers by one in the quarter. This would give



Patrick Puroll dribbles by a defender. Photo by Ben Murphy.

the Lancers a 64-57 victory.

The Lancers would get 21 points from Jacob Jenuwine, while having Kelan Pletcher and Brayden Steenwyk add 12 points each. The win moves the Lancers to 6-0 overall on the season and 2-0 in the Northern Lakes Conference.

WOLVERINE

The Lancers would look to remain undefeated against Wolverine on Friday, January 7. The Lancers would get off to a strong start in the first quarter. As they would jump out to a 20-7 lead over the Wildcats.

In the second quarter, the Lancers would expand their lead, but as much as the first quarter. The Lancers would have a 35-13 lead heading into halftime. The third quarter would be the biggest quarter so far for the Lancers, when it comes to

production. They would put up 30 points, while expanding their lead to 65-30.

The Lancers would use a solid defensive effort to solidify the win, by holding the Wildcats to just 2 points. The Lancers would take the win by a final score of 80-32. The team would be led by three players in double digits for scoring. Steenwyk would have 29 points, while Patrick Purroll would have 22 points and Pletcher would add 16 points.

The win gives the Lancers a 7-0 start on the season and moves them to 3-0 in the NLC. The Lancers will be back in action on Tuesday, January 11 at Boyne Falls, before having a whole week off. They will then host Alan-son on Wednesday, January 19.



Jacob Jenuwine launches a three pointer. Photo by Ben Murphy.



Ellsworth's Jamal Cebulski gets fouled on the way to the basket during last week's key home win over Mackinaw City. Photo by Ben Murphy.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lancers Win First Game

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Girls Basketball team had an 0-4 start to the 2021-2022 basketball season. Just a short year removed from a 9-4 regular season record and a solid second place finish in the conference.

As the Lancers 2022 year would get started, they would find themselves seventh in the Northern Lakes Conference at 0-2. The early season losses came at the hands of Bellaire by a wide margin. Then they suffered an even bigger loss at home to open conference play against Mackinaw City. The Lancers would have two closer losses at the hands of Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian and Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian, giving them the 0-4 record.

Another ugly loss to Pickford on Wednesday, January 5, would move them to 0-5 on the season. However, a trip out of town to face the Wildcats in Wolverine, might have been something to build on. The Lancers would make the trip worth it, as they would end their five game losing streak and secure a 33-21 victory. The Lancers would be led by Kiera Dulany with 15 points. The team would also get contributions from Emma DeYoung.

The Lancers would look to turn one win into two as they would host Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian on Monday, January 10.

The win moves the Lancers to 1-5 on the season and 1-3 in the NLC. The Lancers will travel to play Mackinaw City on Saturday, January 15. Then they will host Mackinaw City on Tuesday, January 18.

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WRESTLING

Rayders compete at Carl Vanderwall Memorial

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Wrestling team would compete at the Carl Vanderwall Memorial team tournament in Petoskey on Saturday, January 9.

As a team the Rayders would go 3-2 on the day. They would earn wins against Boyne City, Warren De La Salle and Ogemaw's second team. The Rayders would have another matchup against Boyne City, which they would drop and also have a loss against Kalkaska.

When looking at the individual results, the Rayders were led by Brady Jess with a perfect 5-0 record in the 171 pound division. The Rayders would have four other members finish the day at 4-1. Jimmy Descamps in the 112 and 119 division, Mason Cunningham in the 135 pound division, Trevor Streeter and Landon Swanson in the 189 pound division.

The Rayders would have four other wrestlers finish with winning records on the day. As Ellery Smith would finish at 3-1 at the 145 pound weight. Jamie Parrish would finish 3-2 at 140 pound division. Ben Matter would compete in the 189 pound class and finish at 3-2 overall, and Adam Streeter would finish at 3-2 in the 215 pound division. The team would be rounded out by Conner Ortiz with a 2-3 record and Logan Wilks in the 152 pound division with 1-4 overall.

The Rayders will be back in action on Wednesday, January 12 with a home match against Grayling and Traverse City St. Francis.

Boyne City starts conference competition

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Wrestling team got back to action on Thursday, January 6. The Ramblers would compete in their first Lake Michigan Conference Dual of the season. The duel would be Boyne City with Charlevoix and Kalkaska.

The Ramblers would end up splitting the dual with a 1-1 record. While the team was short-handed, they would bounce back to beat Kalkaska 34-9 after losing to Charlevoix 54-18.

On the day, the Ramblers would be led by Jordan McBee, finishing 2-0 on the day. Lydia Krauss would also have a 2-0 record. Aron Markvoics would end up going 2-0 and earning an extra win in an exhibition matchup. The Ramblers would also have Curtis Yang go 1-1 and Alison Bowman.

The Wrestling team would then travel to compete in the Carl VanderWall Memorial Duals on Saturday, January 8 in Petoskey.

Carl VanderWall Memorial Duals The Ramblers would compete against Petoskey, Charlevoix, Ogemaw Heights, Warren De La Salle.

The Ramblers would have a couple wrestlers go perfect on the day. As McBee would go 5-0, with all of his wins coming via pins. Tim Bowman would also go 5-0 on the day, with two of his wins coming from pins.

Other Ramblers competing at the tournament would have good performances as well. Krauss would end up going 2-3 on her day. Markovics would go 3-1 on the day. Alison Bowman would finish with an overall record of 3-2 on the day. The team would be rounded out by Curtis Yang going 2-3 overall.

The Ramblers will be back in action when they host their own team invite next Saturday, January 15 and their inaugural girls invite on Sunday, January 16.



Brady Jess squares off against Ogemaw's Konner Lauria.



Jimmy Descamps defends a shot from Petoskey's Ryan Cook.



Mason Cunningham works to turn Petoskey's Max Milbrandt.

SKIING

Lake Charlevoix Ski team starts inaugural season

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Lake Charlevoix Ski team competed in their first ever event. The team of what was Charlevoix's and Boyne City's ski teams, now merged into one team, competed in conference competition on Thursday, January 6.

On the girls' side of the competition, the team would finish in second place by a slim margin of 5 points. They would have three finishers in the top five in both Slalom and Giant Slalom. The team was led by Boyne City's Taylor Stockwell earning first place in slalom and a second place finish in Giant Slalom. Charlevoix's

Avery Kita would earn third place in GS and fourth in the SL, and Boyne City's Ella Doumanian would get a third in SL and fifth in GS to cap off the three top finishers.

Charlevoix skier Delaney Boehm would take 18 in SL. Kelsey Wiatrolik would earn a 21 place finish. To finish out scoring for the team in GS was Boyne City's Lily Bry in 18, Mya Pofahl in 22 and Sophie Bergquist in 23 place.

The boys' team would be led by Charlevoix's Herzog brothers as Jack Herzog would finish eighth in SL and 13 in GS. While Henry Herzog would take a 12 place finish in both SL divisions. New comer Till Michels

would earn a 17 place finish in GS and a 15 place in SL. Also competing in his first race, David Gray from Charlevoix skied well with a 21st place in GS and a great run in SL.

"We are so proud of the team's effort and engagement. Taylor Stockwell's solid skiing set the tone for a young team. We have not had the preparation period we would have liked due to a late arriving winter. Our kids were brave and positive. Coach Kuhn and I enjoyed watching the team support one another. Jack and Henry Herzog's positive attitude and willingness to help their new teammates was noteworthy. We are so excited to watch this group

have fun and compete this year," said Head Coach Christopher Hermann.

Petoskey - Harbor Springs Invitational

The ski team would be back in action on Monday, January 10. Taylor Stockwell, Ella Doumanian and Jack Herzog led the young LCST in the Petoskey Harbor Invitational with strong results while other skiers showed determination and gained some valuable experience.

On the girls team, Avery Kita showed great speed, Lily Brya was solid in both events, and Kelsey Wiatrolik, Delany Bohme and Sophie Bergquist flashed solid sections of fast skiing.

For the boys' team, Henry

Herzog rebounded from a mistake in the first run of the SL to put down 3 solid athletic runs. Till Michels and David Gray continued their steep learning curve in just their second race day with great skiing. The team has been engaged and focused and is looking forward to the time before our next LMC meet to continue each skier's great progress this season.

The team will be back in action on Thursday, January 20 at Boyne Mountain with a Lake Michigan Conference meet hosted by Grayling.

BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

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

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Rudyard	2-0	3-0
Cheboygan	2-0	2-3
St Ignace	1-1	3-2
Sault	1-1	2-3
Newberry	0-4	0-4

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Onaway	2-0	3-0
Mancelona	3-0	3-3
Gaylord St Mary	3-1	3-2
Joburg-Lewiston	2-1	2-3
Inland Lakes	2-2	2-3
Bellaire	1-2	2-3
Pellston	1-3	1-5
Central Lake	0-3	1-4
Forest Area	0-3	0-3

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Boyne City	1-0	4-0
St Francis	3-0	5-1
Kalkaska	1-0	3-1
Elk Rapids	2-0	2-1
East Jordan	0-1	3-1
Charlevoix	0-2	4-2
Grayling	0-2	3-2
Harbor Springs	0-2	3-2

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Ellsworth	3-0	7-0
Alanson	1-0	2-0
Harbor Lt Chr	2-1	3-2
Mackinaw City	1-1	3-2
North Mich Chr	1-1	1-4
Boyne Falls	0-2	1-3
Alba	0-0	0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-2
Wolverine	0-3	0-4

NORTH STAR - BIG DIPPER

Oscoda	2-0	3-3
Mio	1-0	2-3
Rogers City	2-1	2-2
Alcona	1-1	2-3
Charlton Heston	0-0	5-2
W-P	0-2	1-4

NORTH STAR - LITTLE DIPPER

Hillman	2-0	5-0
Posen	2-0	4-1
Au Gres-Sims	1-1	4-3
Hale	1-4	1-6
Atlanta	0-1	2-4
Fairview	0-3	0-5

GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

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

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Rudyard	3-0	3-1
Sault	1-1	6-3
St Ignace	1-1	4-2
Cheboygan	1-1	4-4
Newberry	0-2	0-5

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Gaylord St Mary	3-0	6-0
Joburg-Lewiston	4-0	5-1
Inland Lakes	4-1	5-2
Central Lake	3-2	4-3
Onaway	3-3	3-4
Bellaire	2-3	4-3
Pellston	0-4	1-4
Mancelona	0-3	1-5
Forest Area	0-4	0-6

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Harbor Springs	3-0	8-0
St Francis	3-0	6-2
Elk Rapids	2-0	3-1
Charlevoix	2-1	2-7
East Jordan	1-2	2-5
Grayling	0-2	2-3
Boyne City	0-3	0-6
Kalkaska	0-3	0-7

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Mackinaw City	4-0	7-0
Boyne Falls	1-0	1-0
Harbor Lt Chr	3-1	4-3
Vanderbilt	1-1	1-1
Wolverine	1-2	1-2
North Mich Chr	1-2	1-3
Ellsworth	1-3	1-5
Alanson	0-0	0-1-1
Alba	0-2	0-2

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - BIG DIPPER

Oscoda	1-0	4-2
Alcona	1-0	4-3
W-P	1-1	3-3
Rogers City	0-1-1	2-4-1
Mio	0-0	0-0
Charlton Heston	0-0	0-6

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - LITTLE DIPPER

Posen	2-0	6-0
Hillman	1-0	3-3
Fairview	1-1	2-3
Atlanta	0-1	1-3
Au Gres-Sims	0-1	1-3
Hale	0-1	1-5

HOCKEY STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Alpena	4-0	9-5
Petoskey	4-1	12-3
TC Central	2-1-1	7-3-1
TC West	2-1-1	8-4-1
Gaylord	0-3	4-6-1
Cadillac	0-6	5-9

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SOFTBALL



The 11/12 team members are Front Row: Madison VanNorman, Addison Burns, Caitlyn Burks, Sadie Bush, Alexis Leist, Georgia Krieter Back Row: Coach Josh Bush, Lily Payton, Sidney Bush, Rhielynn Skrocki, Sydney Guerriero, Ayla Kemp, Brooklyn Bannister and Coach Clyde Payton



The 13/14 team members are Sarah Eaton, Kyla Jarmen, Hayle Johnson, Sadie Kroondyk, Melody March, Cadence Matelski, Lauryn Matelski, Kaydance McPherson, Maya Rohrer, Katie Rohrer, Jozlyn Turnbull.

Girls Little League teams make it to state finals

BY BECKY PALMITER

District 8 Little League had 2 softball teams qualify and play in the State Tournament last summer.

The 11/12 and 13/14 girls softball Northern Michigan District 8 All Star Teams played their way to State Level Competition.

11/12 Girls Softball They were coached by Josh Bush, Clyde Payton, and Amanda Bush.

The Little League Major Girls State Tournament was held in Taylor MI. July 10-14

Game #1 - 18-3 win over Cheboygan. Sidney Bush took the win on the mound with 7 strikeouts. Ayla Kemp had a grand slam inside the park home run with 5 total hits for the game.

Brooklyn Bannister and Lily Payton each had 2 hits.

Game #2 - 2-16 loss to a strong St. Clair team. Rhielynn Skrocki took the loss on the mound but had 7 strike outs.

Game #3 - 10-2 win over Bay County. Sidney Bush strong on the mound again with 11 strikeouts.

With a 2-1 win ratio in pool

play, the girls advanced to the state finals.

Game #4 - 2-9 loss to Hudsonville. Sadie Bush had the only hit.

Northern Auto Glass of Boyne City sponsored the team jerseys and Charlevoix Screen Masters came through with the jerseys on very short notice. Also thank you to Dorine Britton for encouraging a combined team of Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan players. Thank you also to Nikki Wormell from the Boyne City Little League for putting all the paperwork together.

13/14 Girls Softball

The team was coached by Jim and Gwen Matelski and Mark Turnbull. Sponsors were Mary and David Matelski. To punch their ticket to states, the team had to travel to Houghton Lake and play a double header.

In the 1st game, Jozlyn Turnbull pitched the team to a 15-5 mercy. Cadence Matelski scored 4 runs, with Sadie Kroondyk and Katie Rohrer each adding 3 runs.

In the 2nd game Katie Rohrer gave up 1 run in the 1st, and Turnbull came back

in the 3rd to the mound.

Turnbull, scored 4 runs and Cadence Matelski, Sadie Kroondyk, and Kyla Jerman each scored 3 runs. The Houghton Lake team started to pull ahead of the Boyne City team but the girls fought back and scored 8 runs in the 5th and 6 runs in the 7th. Defense had some great plays from McPherson pulling in pop flies, stops by shortstop Sadie Kroondyk and 3rd base Sarah Eaton. Maya Rohrer made a quick stop in right field and rifled it in to catcher Lauryn Matelski at home plate for another

out.

The team went to Byron Center Whistle Stop Park, for State Finals. All 3 teams they played were very tough competition. The junior girls never stopped fighting but lost 24-0 to Taylor North, 25-1 to Clare and 24-0 to Byron Center.

I know this is 6 months late to report on Little League, but anytime is a good time to give local young people some recognition for their accomplishments.

COLLEGE SIGNINGS



Peterson Signs with Eastern Michigan

Charlevoix Rayerd Cross Country and track star, senior Sam Peterson signed his letter of intent to participate in cross country and track at Eastern Michigan University. Peterson had another successful cross country season this past fall, placing sixth in the Div. 3 state meet with a time of 16:14.30.

TOP 25 MENS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AP RANKINGS 01/09/22

Rank	Team	Record	Points	16 Ohio State	10-3	510	13
Previous Ranking				17 Xavier	12-2	453	22
1	Baylor (61)	15-0	1,525	18 Kentucky	12-3	438	16
2	Gonzaga	12-2	1,440	19 Texas Tech	11-3	373	25
3	UCLA	10-1	1,376	20 Seton Hall	11-3	342	24
4	Auburn	14-1	1,193	21 Texas	12-3	282	14
5	USC	13-0	1,152	22 Tennessee	10-4	277	18
6	Arizona	12-1	1,144	23 Providence	14-2	250	16
7	Purdue	13-2	1,139	24 Alabama	11-4	237	15
8	Duke	12-2	1,130	25 Illinois	11-3	208	N
9	Kansas	12-2	1,031	Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 122, Loyola Chicago 96, Miami 65, West Virginia 20, UConn 17, Indiana 12, Colorado St. 10, San Diego State 9, Davidson 5, San Francisco 2, Iowa 2, BYU 2.			
10	Michigan State	13-21	1,011				
11	Houston	14-2	949				
12	LSU	14-1	889				
13	Wisconsin	13-2	784				
14	Villanova	11-4	682				
15	Iowa State	13-2	648				

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BY JIM AKANS

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The possibilities for this beautiful property are virtually endless. It could easily serve as a “Gentleman’s

Farm,” with the existing home, several outbuildings including a barn, pole barn and more. This could also become a gorgeous vineyard, or a private northern Michigan expansive retreat. Another option is a great land development with rolling terrain yet just a few miles from East Jordan, Charlevoix, Lake Charlevoix, Ironton and Lake Nowland. Opportunities like this are few and far between.

This 80-acre “Gentle-

man’s Farm” is located at 2505 Sequanota Road, about halfway between East Jordan and Charlevoix and the listing price has been reduced to \$799,900. For additional information or to

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The escrow company is typically the title company.

The escrow/title company provides a complete ownership history of the property and any liens on record in the preliminary title report. Anything that is out of the ordinary, such as condo liens, judgments, etc. against the buyer and the seller must be clarified prior to the close of escrow.

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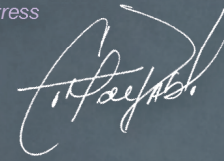


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