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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION JANUARY 25 MEETING

## Short Term Rental Task Force includes the community

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Boyne City - Commissioners went above and beyond to be inclusive at the Boyne

City Commission January 25 Meeting. They created a short term rental task force that includes the entire community, approved the pur-

chase of live-streaming equipment and approved a joint meeting for the various boards, commissions and community institutions.

With a goal of crafting a balanced Short-Term Rental Ordinance with common principles that respect the rights of homeowners who

wish to rent while also respecting the rights of their neighbors and maintaining the character of Boyne City, a Short Term Rental Task Force consisting of all five of the Boyne City Commissioners, the City Manager and all department heads as well as all members of the community, was approved. A first meeting was scheduled for April 7. "The intention is to make sure the public is represented," said Commissioner Marty Moody. "...they'll have plenty of opportunity to provide their input and we'll have a community discussion," clarified Mayor Conklin. Additional meetings for the task force are scheduled for Thursday, April 21, and May 5 at 5:30 p.m. "Participation from the entire community is a must," said Commissioner Tim Nemecek.

The purchase of live streaming equipment that includes 360-degree cameras that can provide both wide range panoramic views of a meeting room plus close-up views of the speakers and a microphone system that directs its camera automatically to the person speaking was approved for a price not to exceed \$2,500. The 2-unit system is portable, and has a 30 day money back policy. "I think it will be a great upgrade," said Commissioner Tim Nemecek. Funds to purchase the system will be obtained from the unused city hall construction funds. "This has been on our to-do list for way too long, I'm glad we're taking action," said Commissioner Tom Neidhamer.

A joint meeting with city boards and the commission was approved for a to-be-determined date. "It is a good opportunity to bridge communication," said Commissioner Tim Nemecek. The first joint meeting was held in 2005 with annual meetings held most years following. Some of those meetings included representatives from the Boyne City Public Schools, the Boyne District Library, and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. Each board and commission has an opportunity to tell who they are, what they are working on and what's important to them," said Mayor Hugh Conklin. City Manager Michael Cain expressed that the consensus from those who attended the meetings in the past, was that it is time well spent. It has been several years since the last joint meeting. "It's very beneficial," said Commissioner Tom Neidhamer. In preparation for the meeting, Mayor Conklin suggested that commissioners review the city's goals.

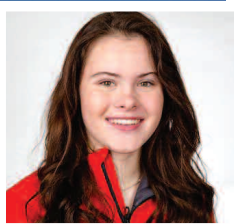
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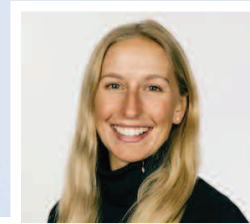
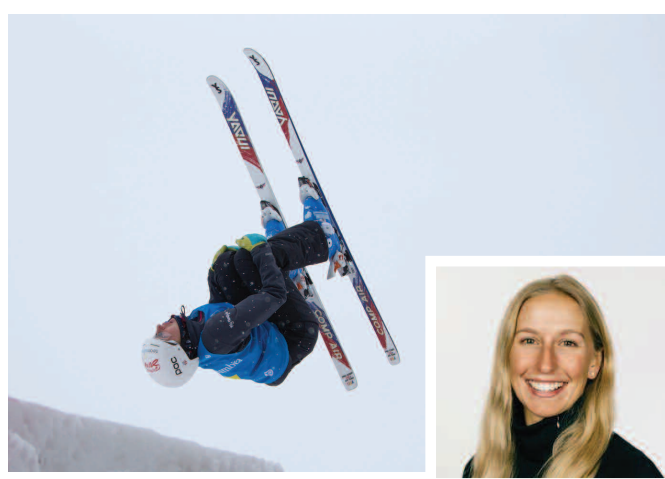
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KAILA KUHN



WINTER VINECKI



## Area Natives Make Olympic Debut

BY: DOM SANTINA

The 2022 Winter Olympics will officially start with the opening ceremony on Friday, February 4. The event will still not be back to the Olympic events we are accustomed to years past. As the Olympic will still have spectator restrictions on total capacity allowed. However, there may be a few local viewing parties here stateside, especially in northern Michigan and specifically in Charlevoix and Otsego Counties.

### Kaila Kuhn

Former Boyne City High School student Kaila Kuhn has earned her first trip to the Olympics. Where she will be competing as part of the Aerials team. Kuhn originally made waves at the age of 14, when she finished second place in the U.S. Nationals. She would then go on to win the junior Nationals that same year.

She has already had significant success on the national level, as she has earned four NorAm Cup wins and 10 career podiums. In world cup events, she took two third places in 2021, a third in Moscow and



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**HIGH: 23**  
**LOW: 20**

**SUNDAY**  
  
**HIGH: 25**  
**LOW: 5**

## snowfall

2020-21	AMT"	CITY
2/1/21	16.6	ATLANTA
2/1/21	37	BOYNE FALLS
2/1/21	17	CHARLEVOIX
2/1/21	20.1	CHEBOYGAN
2/1/21	35.3	EAST JORDAN
2/1/21	57.6	GAYLORD
2/1/21	48.7	KALKASKA
2/1/21	27.5	MIO
2/1/21	23.4	ONAWAY
2/1/21	40.8	PETOSKEY

2021-22	AMT"	CITY
1/31/22	24.7	ATLANTA
1/31/22	49.5	BOYNE FALLS
1/31/22	44.9	CHARLEVOIX
1/31/22	30.8	CHEBOYGAN
1/31/22	66.2	EAST JORDAN
1/31/22	100.7	GAYLORD
1/31/22	105.9	KALKASKA
1/31/22	39.1	MIO
1/31/22	50.3	ONAWAY
1/31/22	61.7	PETOSKEY

## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
FEB 3	10°	30°	-18° (1996)	52° (1991)
FEB 4	10°	30°	-25° (1996)	50° (2005)
FEB 5	10°	30°	-14° (1974)	56° (2005)
FEB 6	10°	30°	-20° (1978)	56° (2005)
FEB 7	10°	30°	-22° (1967)	46° (2005)
FEB 8	11°	30°	-21° (1962)	49° (1990)
FEB 9	11°	31°	-32° (1979)	50° (1966)
FEB 10	11°	31°	-31° (1994)	52° (1984)
FEB 11	11°	31°	-20° (1958)	52° (1984)
FEB 12	11°	31°	-23° (1968)	56° (1999)

## OBITUARIES

### Gladys Catherine Nice, 88

(JAN. 3RD, 1934 - JAN. 23RD, 2022)



Our mother, Gladys Catherine (Hoppenrath) Nice, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by some of her family on January 23, 2022. She had just turned 88 years old on January 3, 2022. She was born in Battle Creek in 1934 and had been adopted as an infant by Albert and Gladys Hoppenrath.

Gladys attended and graduated from Lakeview High School in 1951. It was there she met her high school sweetheart, David Nice, whom she married in 1952. She and David had 8 children, Carolyn (Gordon) McDonald, Carlton Nice, Sandra (Bruce) Bernloehr, Patricia (Jeff) Kuypers, Sally (James) Riley, William (Sue) Nice, Phyllis Nice, and Theresa (Pete) Krontz.

Gladys worked as a book-

keeper at Post Cereal and Oliver Aviation in Battle Creek before she and David moved to East Jordan, Michigan in 1959. They had 5 children by the time of this move. While living in East Jordan she worked as a bookkeeper at Al Thorsen Lumber Yard, Betty's Restaurant in Boyne City, Boyne Mountain Ski Resort, and later as the executive assistant for the superintendent, Max Damoth, of East Jordan Public Schools.

Gladys was active in the East Jordan Missionary Church and Band Boosters for the East Jordan High School Band. She and David loved to travel and camp in tents with their family. One of their travels took them to Kalispell, Montana. They fell in love with the area and decided to move there in January of 1971. They lived there until 1978. David had gotten a job at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Washington and moved the family to Tacoma, Washington. After living there 2 years, Gladys and David decided California's sunny weather was more appealing than the rainy, damp weather of northwest Washington's coast. So, they moved to Livermore, California where David worked at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory and Gladys was a stay at home mom and grandma.

Gladys' father passed away in 1982 and left her a farm in Battle Creek. She and David decided to move back to Battle Creek and live on the farm

where they had resided until their deaths. While living in Battle Creek she worked as a bookkeeper at Goodwill and Immaculate Cleaning until she retired.

Gladys enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, and swimming. She played accordion and was in an accordion band in high school. She also would entertain the wounded vets at Percy Jones Hospital with her accordion playing while in high school.

Gladys leave behind to cherish her memory her children, grandchildren (Travis, Amy, Adam, David, Landon, Noelle, Mikkel, Sadie, Tammy, Stacy, Andrew, Whitney, Ashley, Catie, Sean, and Laine), 19 great grandchildren, and her sister, Jeanne Kraft.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, David, son, Carlton Nice, granddaughter, Natasha Richardson and brother, Al Hoppenrath.

At this time cremation had taken place and there are no immediate plans for a memorial service due to Covid concerns and the safety of others.

Arrangements by the Baxter Funeral and Cremation Service, 269-788-9800, www.baxter-funeral.com

### Sherryl Kay (Ennes) Wolcott, 80

(MAY 16, 1941 - JAN. 30, 2022)



Sherryl Kay Wolcott passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at the age of 80.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Robert Wolcott, two sons, Randall (Susan) and Jeffrey (Kira), her sister, Peggy Drogosch, and six grandchildren: Stephen, Rachel, Riley, Reganne, Presley and Pierce. She is predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Pike and brother, Lary Ennes.

Born on May 16, 1941 in Lansing, Michigan, Sherryl graduated from Flint Central High School in 1959 and earned an associate's degree from Mott Community College in 1961. She was married to her devoted husband Robert on Oct. 13, 1963 in Clio, Michigan. The two made their home and raised their sons in Mt. Morris Township, enjoying the camaraderie of Robert's extended family, who lived nearby and

owned and operated Wolcott Orchards. Sherryl worked as a vacuum salesperson for Kirby Co., in clothing sales at Smith-Brigman's in Flint, and for many years sold Avon products. She was an active member of Parkland Presbyterian Church in Flint and the Flint Antique Club, where she also played Bunco with members.

In 1993, Sherryl and Robert retired to Boyne City where she enjoyed walking, crafting, painting, and spending time with her grandchildren. She was an avid gardener, raising the many flowering plants surrounding her home and was a member of the Boyne City Garden Club, serving as vice president for a term. Her favorite summer pastimes were "Stroll the Streets" in Boyne City every Friday and camping for weeks at a time at Wilderness State Park. She also enjoyed her church, First Presbyterian in Boyne City, and reading the Bible.

Her family is planning a private memorial. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

### Brent Joseph Matelski, 40

(OCT. 5, 1981 - JAN. 26, 2022)



Brent Joseph Matelski of Boyne Falls passed away unexpectedly January 26, 2022. Brent was born October 5, 1981 in Petoskey to Patti Magee & Jerry Matelski.

Brent was always the life of the party. He loved to make people laugh and tell funny stories. He was kind to everyone. He enjoyed hunting, dirt biking, and blowing shit up.

Brent is survived by his wife Jennifer, children Emma & Robbie, Makayla & Wesley Matelski who he treated and viewed as his own, Mother Patti (Ray) Magee, Brother Adam Matelski, In-laws Jim Newson, Rose (Mike) McCaig, Amy (Dakota) Olds, James Newson, Grandma Verna Matelski, Stepmom Brenda, Step-sisters Kassie (Pat) Gerred, and Chelsey (John) Fitzpatrick. Many Aunts, Uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his Dad Jerry Matelski, Brother "Little" Jerry Matelski, Grandpa Bill Matelski, and Grandparents Perry & Lila

Magee.

We are going to miss him so very much. He was loved so deeply by everyone who knew him.

A Celebration of life was held Saturday, January 29th Brent's home on Townpump Road.

### Carole A Bearss, 77

(AUG. 2, 1944 - JAN. 26, 2022)



Carole A. Bearss of Beaver Island passed away on January 26, 2022 at Pineview Cottage in Harbor Springs.

Carole was born in Port Huron to Carl & Annette (Englert) Vertican in 1944. She graduated from Gaylord High School in 1962, and then went on to attend Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC. On August 20, 1966, she married the love of her life, John Henry Bearss. They first made their home in Traverse City. The two of them went on to travel for his job with the Department of Defense, residing in Mannheim, Kaiserslautern, and Wiesbaden, Germany; and in Washington, D.C. They were longtime summer residents of Beaver Island, making it their full-time home in 2006. The family will forever be grateful to the Island community for the countless acts of kindness and support shown to Carole from the time of John's passing until her move to Pineview Cottage.

Carole was a devoted wife and mother who loved the Lord and was always active in her church. She was an avid birdwatcher, gardener, world traveler and antique collector.

She is survived by her children, Heidi Bearss of Harbor Springs, Jeremy (Genevieve) Bearss of New Market, MD; 4 grandchildren, Jonathan Bearss, Mikayla Lowell, Drew Lowell, Lorelei Bearss; a great-granddaughter, Aspyn Bearss; 3 brothers, Carl (JoAnne) Vertican of Huntington Beach, CA, Gary (Georgia) Vertican of Bedford, VA, David (Diane) Vertican of Gaylord; and an adopted son, Pierre (Lucie) Agbodenou of Luxembourg.

Preceding her in death were her husband John Bearss in 2013, her brother Scott Vertican, and her parents.

Her funeral service will be held in late spring on Beaver Island at the Beaver Island Christian Church, with burial

following in Holy Cross Cemetery.

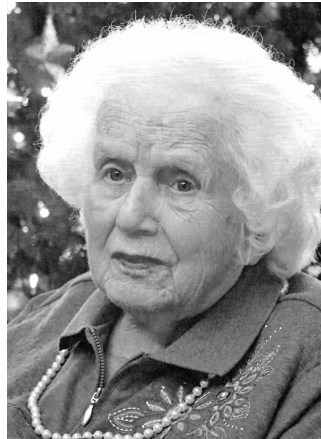
Dates and times will be announced in the coming months once they are made available.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

### Clara Bogart, 95

(OCT. 7, 1926 - JAN. 29, 2022)



Clara Bogart of Charlevoix passed away January 29, 2022 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Clara was born October 7, 1926 in Charlevoix, to Hiram and Hattie (Sitzema) Potter.

On December 8, 1945 in Charlevoix, Clara married the late Carl Bogart. Together they built, owned and operated three motels, The Colonial, The Archway, and The Villa Moderne all in Charlevoix. They operated the motels seasonally and wintered in Florida. She was a member of the Barnard United Methodist Church.

Clara is survived by her sister-in-law Bertha (Garrett) Potter along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, siblings Ernie, Agnes, Hiram, Jr., and Franklin.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Barnard United Methodist Church with Pastor Craig Pahl officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. Spring interment will take place in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727 or Barnard United Methodist Church, c/o Barnard UMC Treasurer, 01362 Matchett Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com

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## 10 Cents a Meal Farm to School Grant Application Reopened for 2021-22 Academic School Year

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has announced that the application window will be reopened for 10 Cents A Meal for Michigan's Kids & Farms, the state-funded grant providing matching incentive funding up to 10 cents per meal to purchase and serve Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and legumes.

The 10 Cents a Meal grant application window will open on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 through Friday, February 11, 2022.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the \$17.1 billion K-12 budget into law in July 2021. The bill accounts for the largest single-year School Aid Fund budget ever passed by the state, which included funding for 10 Cents a Meal at \$5 million, more than doubling the funding from \$2 million in 2020-21. Eligible purchases from the present year may qualify for retroactive reimbursement.

The grant has gone from a regional pilot program in 2016 to finally being available to applicants statewide for the 2020-2021 school year with 144 enrollees, and this latest investment from the state affirms the importance of 10 Cents a Meal in providing fresh, healthy, local fruits, vegetables, and dry beans for Michigan's children. Currently, there are 229 unique grantees for the 2021-22 school year, located across the state and in both peninsulas.

10 Cents a Meal is open to school districts (public, public school academies, or private), and non-school sponsors of USDA Child Nutrition Programs such as residential childcare institutions (RCCIs), and child care centers and after school programs participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

"10 Cents a Meal provides additional funds for food service directors and child care staff to feed children healthy, local food," said Melanie Wong MA, RDN, Farm to ECE Specialist with Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities. "With the application reopening I am hoping more eligible schools and non-school sponsors will take the opportunity to get additional funding to support their local food purchasing, especially with the bounty of the spring and summer growing seasons quickly approaching."

For more information about the application process, please visit the Tools for Schools and Early Childhood section at [www.tencentsmichigan.org](http://www.tencentsmichigan.org).

Before applying, make sure to review the application overview, FAQ, and walk-through instruction guide.

Questions about the application or the process may be directed to Wendy Crowley, [CrowleyW@michigan.gov](mailto:CrowleyW@michigan.gov). The 10 Cents a Meal application is available at the following link: <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/GE/MS/public/Questionnaire-Home.aspx?code=i2d1taai>

# North Country CMH Announces CEO Retirement

North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) has announced the retirement of its Chief Executive Officer, Christine Gebhard, on July 1, 2022. Ms. Gebhard has been in the CEO position since April 2017 and has worked for NCCMH for the past 25 years.

"It has been an honor and privilege to work for North Country Community Mental Health the past 25 years. When I was offered the CEO position, I was intent on being a transformational leader. Fortunately, I've had the benefit of a highly supportive board, an exceptionally cohesive and dedicated executive team, and a cadre of professional and paraprofessional staff committed to our mission. I never imagined we'd be facing a two-year pandemic, and yet another legislative threat to privatize our locally-governed public behavioral health system."

According to Ed Ginop, NCCMH Board Chair, "It was Ms. Gebhard's vision for the organization, and her encouragement of the Board to heavily invest in information technology, that let staff quickly adapt to the virtual environment brought on by the COVID pandemic. Clients contin-



CHRISTINE GEBHARD, CEO

ued to receive needed services through telehealth, now in-person, while staff remained connected across our six counties through Zoom. Our [the Board's] confidence in Ms. Gebhard's leadership and commitment to fulfilling our mission has been unwavering."

Gebhard's organizational development initiatives have included implementation of the LEAN management system as a means to improve service quality and efficiency, a multi-year investment in technology and data systems, an outcomes framework to demonstrate value-based performance measures, and strengthening community partnerships.

Gebhard also spearheaded adoption of the

Stepping Up Initiative, a collaborative partnership with sheriffs and other county stakeholders to prevent unnecessary incarceration of individuals with mental illness by diverting them into treatment. To date, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Antrim, and Kalkaska Counties are engaged in the Stepping Up process.

"Throughout her tenure as CEO," said Vice-Chair Karla Sherman, "Ms. Gebhard has brought innovation into the organization. Her firm will and tireless effort to reach out and create positive, productive communication within the organization and also with county commissioners, law enforcement, sheriffs, health departments, and hospitals has greatly enhanced the public behavioral health system and the community at-large. Ms. Gebhard has been a constant voice in advocating with state legislators and policy makers for the health and wellbeing of the citizens of northern Michigan...that voice will be greatly missed."

The NCCMH Board of Directors has approved a contract with Rehmann to assist with the search for a new CEO.

North Country Community Mental Health pro-

vides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties experiencing a serious mental illness, severe emotional problem, or intellectual/developmental disability, including individuals with

co-occurring substance use disorder.

Persons wishing to know more about North Country Community Mental Health are encouraged to visit [www.norcoomh.org](http://www.norcoomh.org) or to access services call 877-470-7130.

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# News Briefs

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## CHARLEVOIX FIRST FRIDAYS

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

## EAST JORDAN FRIENDS OF THE JORDAN RIVER WATERSHED

The 2022 Photo Contest is open for submissions. We need more winter photos for the calendar, brave the cold and get out into the winter wonderland of the Jordan River Watershed. Contest details: [www.friendsofthejordan.org](http://www.friendsofthejordan.org)

## 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. McSaubia every Friday through February from 5pm - 8pm.

## GAYLORD GAYLORD ALL OUTDOORS WINTER TRIATHLON

Sunday, February 6 at Treetops Resort. \$60 individual/\$80 group team entry. 5K Cross Country Ski ~ 3.12 mile ~ classic ski only ~ groomed trail. 10K Fat Tire ~ 6 mile fat tire mountain bike ~ off road in the snow. 5K Run ~ 3.12 mile mixed road and trail. Saturday 5th ~ Registration: Stop by to complete your registration and pick up your packet of information ~ 4 - 6pm ~ TBD. Sunday 6th ~ Transition Opens: Last minute registration and gear set up. 8 - 9:30 am. Sunday 6th ~ Triathlon Event: Event starts at set time and is subject to change due to weather or other restrictions. Subject to change.

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## CHARLEVOIX SWIM LESSON SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool has a limited number of swim lesson scholarships available. The scholarships are for any student residing in the Charlevoix or Boyne City school districts who qualifies for free or reduced lunch. The next set of lessons start in February. Scholarships are available thanks to a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. More info at: [www.charlevoix-pool.org](http://www.charlevoix-pool.org)

## HARBOR SPRINGS WRITING NATURE INTO YOUR STORY

Thursday, February 10 / 1:00 - 3:30pm. Call for location, which will be near Harbor Springs. In partnership with the Goodhart Artist Residency, Little Traverse Conservancy welcomes Colorado writer and poet Michele Battiste on a winter hike followed by a two-hour writing workshop. She'll provide tips, techniques and exercises to help us write about nature in ways that capture our experiences and communicate our stories. We'll share drafts over hot chocolate. Bring paper and something to write with. To register or for questions, please visit [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) or call 231.347.0991.

## EAST JORDAN SNO-BLAST

41st Annual Sno-Blast Winter Festival - February 19 & 20.

## EAST JORDAN RAFFLE

The South Arm ORV Club is holding its Annual Sno-Blast Raffle. Tickets are on sale now from any South Arm ORV Club Member, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Of-

Expo and Taste of Charlevoix, taking place at Castle Farms on Wednesday, March 16 from 4-7:00 pm. General Business Expo Vendor: All booth spaces are \$200 each. Taste of Charlevoix booth spaces are at no charge. Registration will continue to be open to the membership until all spaces are filled, but please note that we must have your contract and payment by Friday, February 25. If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Cole at 231-547-2101 or [cole@charlevoix.org](mailto:cole@charlevoix.org).

## GAYLORD MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FESTIVAL

A fun, free event. Michigan's richest snowmobile fun run February 25, 26. Pre-register online at [www.GaylordMichigan.net](http://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 NEW EXHIBIT

Wood + Metal exhibition at Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Contemporary fine art meets functionality with Michigan artists: Laura Earle, Dawson Moore, Paul Rytlewski, Richard Small. Opening Reception: January 28th, 5-7pm. Join us in meeting the artists, and enjoy refreshments while taking in this exquisite exhibition. The exhibit will be on display until February 26.

## EAST JORDAN ANNUAL DINNER

POSTPONED UNTIL May 21. The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, Meeting, Awards, Auction. Details will follow.

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. 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 PhD., 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 BUSINESS EXPO AND TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to host the 10th Annual Charlevoix Business

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## 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.

## BOYNE CITY 2022 NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

The National Morel Mushroom Festival is extremely pleased to announce the dates of our normal full-scale Festival: May 12-15, 2022 in beautiful Boyne City, Michigan. Confirmed Events include a weekend Craft Show, Carnival, Friday Wine & Dine, Saturday Taste of Morels and evening Concert featuring Detroit's award-winning country rock band The Family Tradition Band. It's gonna be one heck of a Festival, so put it in your calendar now! More events and details will be announced as they are confirmed.

## EAST JORDAN HIKE

Wagbo Farm and Education 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](http://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](http://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 ADVERTISING FUNDS THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS

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](mailto:Office@Charlevoix-CountyNews.com) or call 989-732-8160. Locally owned and operated.

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## New mobile lab aids Health Department's outreach efforts

A new mobile laboratory is aiding the Health Department of Northwest Michigan with outreach efforts across its four-county jurisdiction of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

The mobile unit, a Ford E450, is equipped with a room with an exam table and cabinetry, as well as a separate area for staff to greet patients and perform blood draws and other laboratory tests. A sink, bathroom, refrigerator to store lab samples, storage, entry steps, as well as a wheelchair lift round out the fully equipped van.

"We are thrilled to be able to enhance our outreach efforts with this mobile unit," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "It will enable us to reach areas that are relatively far from one of our district offices and may be

difficult for clients to seek services," she added.

The unit, which was purchased through a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Northern Michigan Regional Lab expansion, is currently being used to perform COVID-19 PCR tests in the community. The unit has been serving the Emmet County region but will soon go on the road to other communities. The unit is staffed with a logistics staff member/driver, a registered nurse, and a public health technician to perform the duties.

"We have everything here we need to go anywhere and serve our communities in a number of ways," said Melissa Hahn, Family Health Supervisor with the Health Department. "Our long-range plans are to provide WIC (Women, Infant, Children) services, flu vaccina-

tions and other immunizations for families, sexual health services such as STD testing, physical exams, Pap Smears, pregnancy testing and much more," Hahn said.

The mobile unit complements the health department's recently expanded laboratory in Gaylord. Over the past two years, the 500 square foot lab was expanded into a 2,300 square foot facility. The state funded the project expansion and equipment – and the new mobile unit – which now allows staff to adapt to existing and future testing and clinic needs including diagnostic testing for COVID-19, sexually transmitted diseases, influenza, whooping cough, streptococcal, and more. The mobile unit will also play a critical role in expanding vaccination efforts throughout region.

## CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS:

### YOGA FOR HEALTH: YOGA, MEDITATION AND BREATHING PRACTICES

MONDAYS THROUGH MARCH 14  
Online Mondays • 5:30 pm • Via Zoom – Please register  
Heidi Grace of Charlevoix Yoga will lead you through the building blocks of yoga exploring ways to improve balance, reduce stress, and build strength. Breathing exercises will be introduced as tools for quieting the mind, calming the nervous system, and focusing on the present. All levels are welcome and practice can be modified to fit your individual needs. Online classes are 60 minutes. Heidi will also offer weekly nutrition and seasonal practices that can support your overall well-being.

### CHARLEVOIX BRAGGING RIGHTS: A CHARLEVOIX HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXAMINATION OF ALL THERE IS TO LOVE AND BRAG ABOUT IN CHARLEVOIX IN HONOR OF CYNTHIA POSTMUS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • 6:30 PM  
COMMUNITY ROOM

Longtime library volunteer, Historical Society lover, and Charlevoix resident Cynthia Postmus believed Charlevoix was one of the best places on the planet. Charlevoix Historical Society Museum Curator and local celebrity David Miles will prove Cynthia's sentiment true as he presents Charlevoix Bragging Rights, a discussion of why throughout its history, Charlevoix has a lot to brag about. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Charlevoix Library in honor of Cynthia Postmus.

### BOOKTALKERS DISCUSSION GROUP: INFINITE COUNTRY BY PATRICIA ENGEL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 • 6:00 PM –

### PLEASE REGISTER ARMSTRONG CONFERENCE ROOM

Fifteen-year-old Talia has a problem. She's stuck in a correctional facility for adolescent girls when she should be in Bogota with her father, readying for a flight that will reunite her with her mother and siblings in the U.S. Before she is born, Talia's parents, Elena and Mauro, leave violence-shattered Columbia for America, overstay their tourist visas, and begin a family. Then Mauro is deported, and Elena must hold together her family alone. Steeped in Andean myth and tense with the daily reality of the undocumented in America, this novel by Patricia Engel is the story of two countries and one mixed-status family - for whom every triumph is stitched with regret, and every dream pursued bears the weight of a dream deferred.

### JACK LESSENBERRY PRESENTS THINKING ABOUT THE OTHER FELLA: THE LIFE OF MICHIGAN JUDGE AVERN COHN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 • 6:30 PM  
COMMUNITY ROOM

Renowned journalist, Emmy award winning author, longtime voice on Michigan Radio, and part time Charlevoix resident Jack Lessenberry will discuss the life of Michigan Judge Avern Cohn as written about in Lessenberry's new book Thinking About the Other Fella. Cohn spent 40 years on the bench in Michigan's Eastern District, during which time he ruled on landmark cases from topics as diverse as the First Amendment and the internet, to a patent case so nationally famous it was made into a major movie.

### FAMILY FRIENDLY SNOWSHOE HIKE AND OUTDOOR STORY TIME WITH THE LITTLE TRAVERSE CONSERVANCY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SUSAN CREEK NATURE PRESERVE  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join the Library and the Little Traverse Conservancy for a family friendly snowshoe hike at the Susan Creek preserve to both explore and learn about this beautiful preserve. Children and families can enjoy a shorter route complete with stories and hot cocoa. A longer route will explore more of the preserve. Snowshoes will be provided or feel free to bring your own. Space is limited, please register in advance.

### WINTER BLUES CONCERT SERIES: CROSSCUT KINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 • 6:30 PM  
COMMUNITY ROOM

Crosscut Kings blend old-school acoustic blues, roots renditions, and their own original songs making them a unique addition to the vibrant live music scene in Northern Michigan. Made up of Jim Bonney (guitars, vocals) and Charlie "Hipps" Wittthoef (harmonicas, vocals), they've opened for Laith Al Saadi, The Crane Wives, and Rick Estrin & the Nightcats; they've shared stages with Guy Forsyth, Ronnie Shellist, and the Chris O'Leary Band and are sure to get your toes tapping and head nodding.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Charlevoix Public Library at 231-237-7340 or email us at [reference@charlevoixlibrary.org](mailto:reference@charlevoixlibrary.org) and visit our website at [www.charlevoixlibrary.org](http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org).



## Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



### Cameron Matelski

**Grade:** 11  
**Parent's Name(s):** Kim Matelski  
**Future Plans:** Welterweight boxing  
**Favorite Book:** *Lord of the Flies*  
**Hobbies and Interests:** Art, Calisthenics training, Traveling  
**School Activities:**

**Staff Comments:** Cameron has done a great job this year. He works hard and contributes during class. Cameron is respectful, kind, and comes to class with a positive attitude. He is a talented artist and enjoy when he can incorporate that in class. Cameron is a great example of the logger agreement. Keep up the good work!

**Submitted By:** Jason Stolarski

## U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



### The Veteran of the Month of February 2022 is Sanford "Sandy" Holly Sweet.

Born March 9, 1941 in East Jordan Michigan to parents Fred and Alice Hawley Sweet. He grew up in East Jordan, and attended East Jordan Public Schools graduating in the class of 1959. December 21, 1960, Sandy enlisted into the United States Army, receiving basic and advanced training at Fort Campbell Kentucky., and awarded the Sharpshooters

Badge for Rifle. He then attended the Airborne School there, and after completion received his Parachutist Badge. Sandy was then assigned as a Light Weapons Infantryman, to B Company, 101st Airborne Group ( Screaming Eagles ), 327th Infantry Division, 3rd Army, and stationed at Fort Campbell Kentucky. During his tenure with the 101st Airborne, his unit was called on during the Bay of Pigs Ordeal. On December 11, 1963, he received an Honorable Discharge from Active Duty.

Returning home to East Jordan, Sandy worked for a short time for Norm Bartlett Sand & Gravel in East Jordan, then began Truck Driving for Sherman Canning Company (Now Burnette



Sanford "Sandy" Holly Sweet

Foods) for several years. He would leave Truck Driving and begin working as the DPW Mechanic for the City of East Jordan in 1977, retiring on March 28, 2003. Sandy was also on the Housing Commission from October 2003, to February 2006.

Sandy will always be remembered for his happy go lucky self. Always enjoying a cup of coffee with friends at the Round Table Restaurant. He also was a Jack of all Trades. Could fix almost anything fixable, and if not he would fix it. As a school

classmate once said, "Sandy could walk into Walkers Junk Yard in the morning, and drive out a junk car in the afternoon.. He was a pilot, and enjoyed flying his airplanes. Cessna 150 Tail-dragger; Cessna 182; and Tailorcraft. Sandy loved to tinker with scooters; cars; refrigerators; an ice airled he built from scratch and gave a trial run on Lake Charlevoix, and whatever he could find. He would help anyone at the first notice. He was a member of the Rebec-Hosler-Sweet . Post #227 of the American Legion in East Jordan Michigan. Member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association); rebuilt and flew multiple airplanes; like to watch old western movies; loved animals; and loved driving through the Jordan Valley.

On July 11, 2016, Sanford "Sandy" Holly Sweet, answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Paula, and children.

## House approves Rep. Damoose plan protecting unemployed workers

The Michigan House of Representatives today approved a plan by state Rep. John Damoose to ensure hundreds of thousands of recipients of an emergency federal unemployment program do not have to repay money due to a government error on the program application.

Damoose's House Bill 5265 would protect recipients of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program who were approved under one of four criteria included on the application by

the state Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) but were deemed invalid by the federal government.

"These workers did nothing wrong," said Damoose, of Harbor Springs. "The governor's orders — deciding who or what was essential — restricted their work and their income. They thought they might be eligible for unemployment benefits, so they applied. Then the unemployment agency said they were eligible and paid them. It is wrong for the government to

then demand the money back due to a government mistake."

HB 5265 would waive repayment for improperly paid PUA benefits that were approved solely under the four invalid reasons.

"There's been some finger-pointing about this crisis — about whether the state agency or the federal government deserves blame for the error," Damoose said. "But we definitely shouldn't point the finger at the honest, hard-working people who filed for

assistance in good faith."

Accompanying Damoose's bill are HBs 5525 and 5528, which would ensure that state unemployment accounts backed by unemployment insurance taxes on employers are not affected by the improper PUA payments.

All three bills passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support and now proceed to the Senate for consideration.

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## Health Department, community partners distributing free KN95 masks

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 2, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan will be distributing free KN95 masks to community members at all office locations in its four-county jurisdiction of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Masks will be available in packs of two, first come first served while supplies last between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. All offices are closed from 12-1 p.m. for lunch. Offices are located in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Gaylord, Harbor Springs/Petoskey, and Mancelona.

In addition to the health department office locations, the health department has distributed KN95 masks to numerous partners to distribute free, including local libraries, emergency management services, food pantries and some churches. Contact your local agency for information about their distribution opportunities.

With the continuing surge of COVID-19, health department staff recommend staying up to date on your COVID-19 vaccine and upgrading your mask to a high filtration respirator like a KN95. Wearing masks in addition to vaccination are our best tools against COVID-19. If eligible, individuals can schedule their vaccination or booster dose by clicking here.

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.

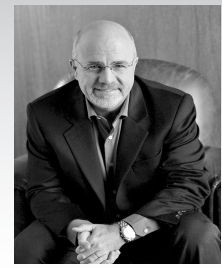
COVID-19 CASE DATA			
JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2022			
	Total New Cases	Avg. Daily Cases	New Deaths
Antrim	158	22.7	0
Charlevoix	167	23.9	1
Emmet	242	34.6	5
Otsego	200	28.6	0

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Health Department of Northwest Michigan staff members package KN95 masks that are available for free to the public beginning Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch) at all health department offices in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Be patient, find your path... and forget about student loans

Dear Dave,  
My husband and I are 30, and we are on Baby Step 2. He wants to go back to school and become a social worker. He currently makes about \$20,000 a year as a teacher's assistant, and he wants to take out student loans to do this. He already has an associate's degree, which wouldn't mean four years of loans, but the idea scares me a lot. I have a good job, so how can I still support him and his desire to further his education without agreeing to go deeper into debt?  
Britney

Dear Britney,  
So, it's kind of a situation where you're working the Baby Steps and he's not. On top of this, he wants to go into debt to do social work. Does he know what social workers make these days? This guy obviously has a heart for helping people. That's a great thing. But I've got to believe there are ways to expand his options. Social work is one path, but there are probably several paths he could follow to get involved in what he loves about the idea of social work. I'm guessing he has a passion for counseling and advocating, too. Finishing a four-year degree would put him in a position where he could potentially move into

a guidance counselor role or something along those lines, considering his background. But taking out loans isn't necessary. He just needs to be patient, and wait a little bit while you two buckle down on the Baby Steps and get out of debt. He could get a second job for a while nights or weekends, and then you'd be able to pay off your debt faster and avoid those stupid loans thanks to the cash you set aside. Plus, there are millions of dollars in scholarships out there for traditional and non-traditional students.

Sometimes when people feel stuck in a job, they automatically default to the idea they need a degree. What your husband really needs right now is a clear idea and direction. Then, you determine if a degree is necessary to get there. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not against social work. But I've talked to so many people who went six-figures into debt, only to wind up making \$38,000 as a social worker for the state. That's crazy!

You two need to sit down together, and talk all this out. Tell him why you're worried, and point out that borrowing a bunch of money isn't the only way—and definitely isn't the smart way—to make this happen. If you really want to support him, Britney, you need to help him see there are steps he can take to pursue his dream without it turning into a financial nightmare for both of you.  
— Dave

## State Police suggest create a home inventory list

The Michigan State Police (MSP) wants everyone to be prepared in case they are a victim of crime or when disaster strikes. Troopers are often called to complaints of breaking and entering where the victim can be out thousands of dollars in stolen property. Being the victim of a crime is stressful enough, but now added to the stress is trying to account for items that have been stolen.

MSP posts in Alpena, Cadillac, Gaylord, and Houghton Lake want to help everyone to be proactive and prepare in case they are victims. The posts are now providing Home Inventory forms. The form can be used to catalog valuable items currently owned by make, model, serial number, description, cost, etc. If a person is the victim of a crime, they can easily identify what has been stolen and provide troopers with a detailed list. This will allow troopers to quickly identify stolen items and compare them to items posted for sale on public websites or when they have identified a suspect. The list should be kept in a locked, fireproof container. This way it can also be used in case there is a fire at the residence and the homeowner needs it for insurance purposes. Lt. Derrick Carroll said, "It is much easier to be prepared now, instead of waiting until something happens. When our troopers respond to crime or fire scenes, the victims are understandably upset. Having to sit down and make a comprehensive list of items missing or destroyed can be daunting. This will help alleviate some of the stress and aid in the investigation".

Persons wanting the form can stop by a post in the MSP Seventh District and request one.

## REAL ESTATE FEATURE



## BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED EAST JORDAN HOME IN GREAT LOCATION

BY JIM AKANS

Brimming with updates, this beautiful East Jordan home is in a great location close to town, schools and more.

This three bedroom, two bath home has approximately 1,659 square feet of space and has undergone many spectacular updates. Interior highlights include a large living room with built-ins flanking a fireplace, gorgeous ceiling and elegant wood flooring that extends to the adjoining dining area and kitchen. The wood flooring also adorns the bedrooms and one of the baths. The molding and trim reflect wonderful craftsmanship.

A covered front porch offers an ideal spot to sip a morning coffee or sit back and relax to

the evening sunset. There is alley access for off road parking plus a large storage barn. Shopping, dining, entertainment, parks and the beach are all close by.

This beautifully updated home is located at 206 Third Street in East Jordan and it is listed at \$249,000. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty - 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email [HollisUpNorth@gmail.com](mailto:HollisUpNorth@gmail.com)



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HERE'S HOW:

### 5. RENT A STORAGE UNIT.

Almost every home shows better with less furniture. Remove pieces of furniture that block or hamper paths and walkways and put them in storage. Since your bookcases are now empty, store them. Remove extra leaves from your dining room table to make the room appear larger. Leave just enough furniture in each room to showcase the room's purpose and plenty of room to move around. You don't want buyers scratching their heads and saying, "What is this room used

for?"

### 6. REMOVE/REPLACE FAVORITE ITEMS.

If you want to take window coverings, built-in appliances or fixtures with you, remove them now. If the chandelier in the dining room once belonged to your great grandmother, take it down. If a buyer never sees it, she won't want it. Once you tell a buyer she can't have an item, she will covet it, and it could blow your deal. Pack those items and replace them, if necessary.

### 7. MAKE MINOR REPAIRS.

Replace cracked floor or counter tiles.  
Patch holes in walls.  
Fix leaky faucets.  
Fix doors that don't close properly and kitchen drawers that jam.  
Consider painting your walls neutral colors, especially if you have grown accustomed to purple or pink walls.  
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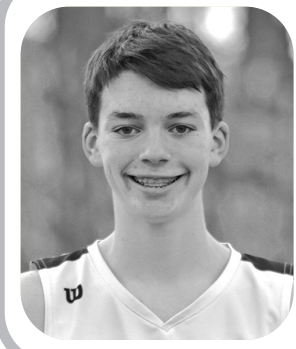
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# athlete of the week



**Kelan Pletcher**  
Lancers Boys Basketball

Kelan Pletcher had a big week for the Ellsworth Lancers. On Wednesday against Pickford he helped the Lancers to their 10th victory on the season with 17 points. On Friday he had 27 points in a loss to Lake Leelanau St. Mary. Monday night Kelan scored 21 points in the Lancers win over Harbor Light Christian.

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**Kaila Kuhn**

Olympic Team – Aerial Skiing

Former Boyne City High School student Kaila Kuhn has earned her first trip to the Olympics. Where she will be competing as part of the Aerials team. The aerial events start on Thursday, February 10 with mixed aerial events, followed by women's aerial qualifiers on Sunday, February 13. The finals will be held on Monday, February 14.



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### BOYS BASKETBALL

# Rayders fall to Vikings, Bounce back against Ramblers



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BY: DOM SANTINA

#### GRAYLING

The Rayders would travel on Saturday, January 22 to play Grayling. The Rayders would have a very rough shooting night and it would come back to hurt them. When they shot 16 for 63 and then coupled that with 8 turnovers. All of which would lead to a 54-39 loss for the Rayders.

Evan Solomon led the Rayders with 12 points. While Jack Gaffney would chip in an extra 10. The loss moves the Rayders to 5-3 on the year.

#### BOYNE CITY

The Charlevoix Rayders would try and get a bounce back win against their rival Boyne City. The Ramblers would travel to play the Rayders on Tuesday, January 25.

The Rayders would find themselves down early, as they got off to a very slow start. The Ramblers would hold a 11-6 lead after the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Rayders defense would step up and let them close back in. The Ramblers would hold a slim 19-17 lead.



PHOTO BY KIM CULVER

The two point lead would turn into an even draw at the end of the third quarter. The Rayders would continue to get some solid defense and would get some big shots from Max Ostrum and John Sauer. The Rayders would also get some big points from Evan Solomon. All of that would turn into a 44-37 vic-

tory for the Rayders. The team would be led by Solomon with 29 points. The win would move the Rayders record at 6-3 on the season. The Rayders travel to play Kalkaska on Friday, January 28.

The Rayders would turn the win into a second straight game on Friday, as

the Rayders would travel to play the Blazers. The team will travel to play Petoskey on Tuesday, February 1. Then will wrap up the week with a matchup against East Jordan on the road on Friday, February 4.



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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Ramblers continue to improve against tough opponents

BY: DOM SANTINA

### CHARLEVOIX

The Boyne City girls basketball team would look to turn their second win into a third win against rival Charlevoix. The Rayders would travel to Boyne City on Tuesday, January 25.

The Ramblers would find themselves down early, as the Rayders led 15-11 heading into the break. The teams would have some more offense in the third quarter. While both teams would basically swap points, the Rayders would hold a 25-20 lead at the end of the third quarter. The Rayders would secure their win in the fourth quarter, by outsourcing the Ramblers 12-9. The final score of the game would be 37-29 in favor of the



GRACE DAWSON



MORGAN DEMING

Rayders.

The Ramblers would be led by Grace Dawson with 8 points. While the Rayders would be led by Taylor Petrosky with 14 points. The Ramblers record would move to 2-9 on the season. The team would travel to play Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, February

again lead the way with 11 points and 6 rebounds.

The loss moves the Ramblers to 2-10 on the season. While they moved to 2-7 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The team will host Gaylord on Monday, January 31.

### GAYLORD

The Ramblers would have a very tough matchup on Monday, January 31 as they traveled to take on Gaylord.

The Ramblers would be able to hang with the Blue Devils through the first quarter. As they would find themselves just down 5-4. In the second quarter though, the Blue Devils would pull away to a 12 point lead, 23-11 at halftime.

It would not get any easier for the Ramblers in the second half either. As the Blue

Devils would stretch their lead to 18 points after three quarters. The Blue Devils would only get six points of offense in the fourth quarter, but that would be more than enough. As they would take a 39-19 victory over the Ramblers.

"I was very pleased with our defensive effort tonight. This was a small step forward for us in continuing to develop our identity," said Head Coach Adam Stefanski.

The Ramblers would be led by Morgan Deming with 9 points and 8 rebounds. The loss moves the Ramblers record to 2-11 on the season. The Ramblers will travel to play Elk Rapids on Thursday, February 3. Then they will travel to play East Jordan on Tuesday, February 8. Boyne travels to Elk Rapids on Thursday.

# Lancers suffer pair of tough non-conference losses

BY: DOM SANTINA

### BURT LAKE NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The Ellsworth Girls Basketball team had got their

record to 4-6 record after a rough start to the season. The team would host Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy on Tuesday, January 25.

The team would end up dropping the matchup by a final score of 65-24. The Lancers would be led by

Olivia Strange with 13 points. The loss was a non-conference game, so they remain 3-4 in the Northern Lakes Conference.

### CENTRAL LAKE

The Lancers would take on a Trojans team that has

been struggling a bit as well. The Trojans came into the game with a 4-6 record. It would end up being a very rough one for the Lancers. As they would drop the matchup by a final of 67-3.

The loss would move the Lancers record to 4-8 overall on the season. While they

would still sit at 3-4 in the conference after this loss as well. The Lancers will travel to play Harbor Light Christian Academy on Tuesday, February 1. Then they will play Mackinaw City on Thursday, February 3.

# Lake Charlevoix Ski Team competes in third race of season

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Lake Charlevoix Ski Team would compete in their third Lake Michigan Conference race of the season on Thursday, January 27.

The teams would once again have a good showing. The girls team would be led by Taylor Stockwell earning top three finishes in both Slalom and Giant Slalom. Stockwell would earn a second place finish in Slalom, while getting third in Giant Slalom. Ella Doumanian would earn a 4 place finish in Slalom, while also earning an 8 place finish in Giant Slalom. Avery Kita would earn a top 5 in Giant Slalom and a 8 place in Slalom. The team would be rounded out by Lilly Brya with a 16 place in Giant Slalom and 17 in Slalom. Sophie Bergquist would earn a 22 place finish in Giant Slalom and Delany Boehm scored a 16 place finish.

While the Boys team would have to overcome an injury to one of their top skiers. Jack Herzog would lead the way with a 6 place finish in Slalom. Till Michels would earn a 15 place finish, while David Gray would earn a 16 place finish. In Giant Slalom, Michels would earn a 15 place finish and Gray would earn a 20 place finish.

## OLYMPICS FROM PG.1A

a third at Deer Valley. While also helping her team earn a world championship in 2019. Then most recently earning a third place finish at the U.S. championships, all of which helped her to earn the spot for Beijing.

The 18 year old Kuhn joined the United States Ski team three years ago, when she left Boyne City to move to Colorado for training. Kuhn completed her high school education by taking online courses through Boyne City High School.

## Winter Vinecki

Gaylord's Winter Vinecki will be joining Kuhn on the 2022 Beijing Olympic journey as part of the women's aerial team. While being on the team a few years more than Kuhn, Vinecki has had success as well. She was the 2016 NorAm Title winner, while adding 5 career wins and 13 podiums to her total as well. She helped win the 2019 world team championship, while winning the 2019 U.S. championships as well.

Vinecki continued to impress in 2021 as she earned four podiums in the world cup. A win in Moscow would top the list, while taking a second place finish in Deer Valley, a third place finish in Raubichi and another second in Ruka. Vinecki has accomplished a lot in her time so far, ever since running her

## SKIING



# WOMEN'S STARTERS

Aerials World Cup at Moscow, Russia



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first 5k at the age of 5. Then a 10k at the age of 8 and a 10 miler at the age of 10. Vinecki would continue to impress as she currently holds world records for the youngest person to run a marathon on seven continents and to be the first mother-daughter duo as she ran with mother Dawn (Estelle) Vinecki. Winter has also been a very big advocate for Team Winter, a

non-profit organization she created that brings awareness to prostate cancer awareness and research. Her father, Michael Vinecki, was diagnosed with prostate cancer when she was 9 years old. He passed away 10 months later, just before his 41st birthday. So far Team Winter has raised more than 1/2 Million Dollars to fight cancer.

The aerial events start

on Thursday, February 10 with mixed aerial events, followed by women's aerial qualifiers on Sunday, February 13. The finals will be held on Monday, February 14. All Olympics coverage can be found on NBC and their streaming service Peacock.

## WRESTLING

# Rambler wrestlers pick up more tournament wins

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City wrestling team would travel to Cadillac on Wednesday, January 26. The Ramblers would compete against Cadillac and Tawas Area in the dual. The Ramblers would fall to Tawas by a team score of 54-24.

### TAWAS

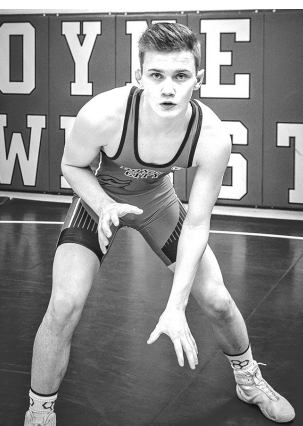
In the matchup, Tim Bowman would continue his great start to the season with a win over Trace Reay of Tawas. Aron Markovics would get a win over Austin Barker to give the Ramblers some more points.

The girls would get in on the action as well. As Alison Bowman would get a win against Izzy Urban. Then Lydia Krauss would pick up a win against Hunter Oliver to wrap up the scoring for the Ramblers.

### CADILLAC

The second matchup of the dual would not be any more favorable for the Ramblers. As they would drop this match as well. The Ramblers would lose by a score of 69-12.

Bowman would continue to stay on top as a wrestler this season with another win in the second team matchup of the day in the



TIM BOWMAN

125-pound division. Markovics would join him as well, as he would pick up the win in the 130-pound division. The rest of the Ramblers would have a tough

day come to an end, without any more winners.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Ramblers would go and compete again on Friday, January 28. Some of the team would go compete at the Gaylord JV tournament. While some would compete at the Northern Michigan Championships.

At the Gaylord JV meet, Markovics would go a perfect 5-0 with pins in all matchups to take a first-place finish. Alison Bowman would end up having a perfect day herself by going 3-0 and taking another first-place finish for the Ram-

blers. The team would also have Curtis Yang and Collin Schoolcraft compete as well as they both continued to improve.

While Tim Bowman competed in the 125-pound division at the Northern Michigan championship. Bowman would end up going 4-0 on the day and win another championship on the season.

The team will be competing again on Friday, February 4 for the Lake Michigan Conference individual tournament. Then the girls will go compete at the Midland girls invite on Saturday, February 5.

# BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

## BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

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

## LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

St Francis	7-0	9-1
Elk Rapids	5-2	6-4
Boyne City	4-3	7-3
Grayling	4-3	7-4
Charlevoix	3-3	7-3
East Jordan	3-4	6-4
Kalkaska	1-6	3-7
Harbor Springs	0-6	3-6

## SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Onaway	7-0	9-0
Mancelona	6-1	6-4
Gaylord St Mary	5-3	5-5
Joburg-Lewiston	4-4	5-5
Bellaire	3-4	5-6
Inland Lakes	3-4	3-6
Central Lake	2-6	3-7
Pellston	1-5	1-7
Forest Area	0-6	0-6

## STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Rudyard	8-0	10-0
Cheboygan	3-2	4-7
St Ignace	2-2	6-4
Sault	2-2	5-6
Newberry	0-4	3-6

## NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Ellsworth	5-0	11-1
Mackinaw City	4-1	6-4
Harbor Lt Chr	3-3	5-5
North Mich Chr	1-2	2-7
Boyne Falls	1-3	3-5
Alanson	1-3	2-4
Wolverine	1-4	1-6
Alba	0-0	0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-3

## NORTH STAR - BIG DIPPER

Charlton Heston	1-0	6-3
Oscoda	4-0	6-5
Alcona	4-2	6-4
Mio	2-1	4-6
Rogers City	4-4	5-5
W-P	0-4	1-8

## NORTH STAR - LITTLE DIPPER

Hillman	3-0	10-0
Posen	4-1	7-3
Au Gres-Sims	1-2	4-5
Atlanta	1-3	4-6
Hale	0-4	1-8
Fairview	0-5	0-8

# GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

## BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

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

## LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

St Francis	8-1	10-3
Harbor Springs	7-1	13-1
Elk Rapids	7-1	10-2
Charlevoix	5-3	5-8
East Jordan	4-5	6-8
Boyne City	2-7	2-11
Grayling	1-7	3-10
Kalkaska	0-9	0-13

## SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Gaylord St Mary	8-0	12-1
Joburg-Lewiston	7-2	8-3
Inland Lakes	6-3	7-5
Bellaire	5-4	7-4
Onaway	3-4	6-5
Central Lake	3-5	5-6
Mancelona	2-7	3-9
Forest Area	0-8	1-9

## STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Sault	4-1	11-3
St Ignace	3-1	11-2
Rudyard	2-2	4-4
Cheboygan	2-3	6-8
Newberry	0-4	0-9

## NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Mackinaw City	8-0	12-1
North Mich Chr	6-1	7-3
Harbor Lt Chr	3-2	6-4
Ellsworth	3-4	4-8
Wolverine	2-5	4-6
Alanson	0-4	0-5
Alba	0-6	0-7

## NORTH STAR LEAGUE - BIG DIPPER

Posen	5-0	12-0
Hillman	2-1	5-5
Atlanta	1-1	2-6
Hale	1-2	3-7
Fairview	1-3	2-8
Au Gres-Sims	0-3	1-7

## NORTH STAR LEAGUE - LITTLE DIPPER

Posen	5-0	9-0
Hillman	2-1	4-4
Atlanta	1-1	2-4
Fairview	1-2	2-6
Hale	0-2	2-7
Au Gres-Sims	0-2	1-4

# HOCKEY STANDINGS

## BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Petoskey	8-1	18-4
Alpena	5-2	10-10
TC Central	3-2-1	11-5-1
TC West	3-2-1	9-9-1
Gaylord	1-5	7-10-1
Cadillac	0-8	8-13



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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Ramblers suffer two big losses to Charlevoix and TCSF

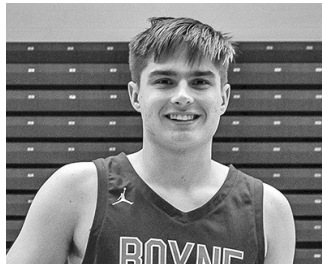
BY: DOM SANTINA

### CHARLEVOIX

The Boyne City basketball team would travel to play their rival Charlevoix on Tuesday, January 25. The Ramblers came into a week to see where they really stand in the conference with a 7-1 record.

The Ramblers would jump out to an 11-6 lead after the first quarter. The Rayders would come back in the second quarter to trim the Ramblers lead to just two points heading to halftime. The game would be tied as the teams would head to the fourth quarter at 31-31. The Ramblers would not be able to handle the surge from the Rayders in the final closing minutes. The Rayders would end up handing the Ramblers their second loss on the season. The Rayders would take the final by a score of 44-37.

The Ramblers would be led by Jack Neer with 11 points, while Mason Wilcox would add 11 of his own and Alex Calcaterra would have 10. The team would have another very tough test on Friday, January 28 as they would host Traverse City St. Francis.



JACK NEER

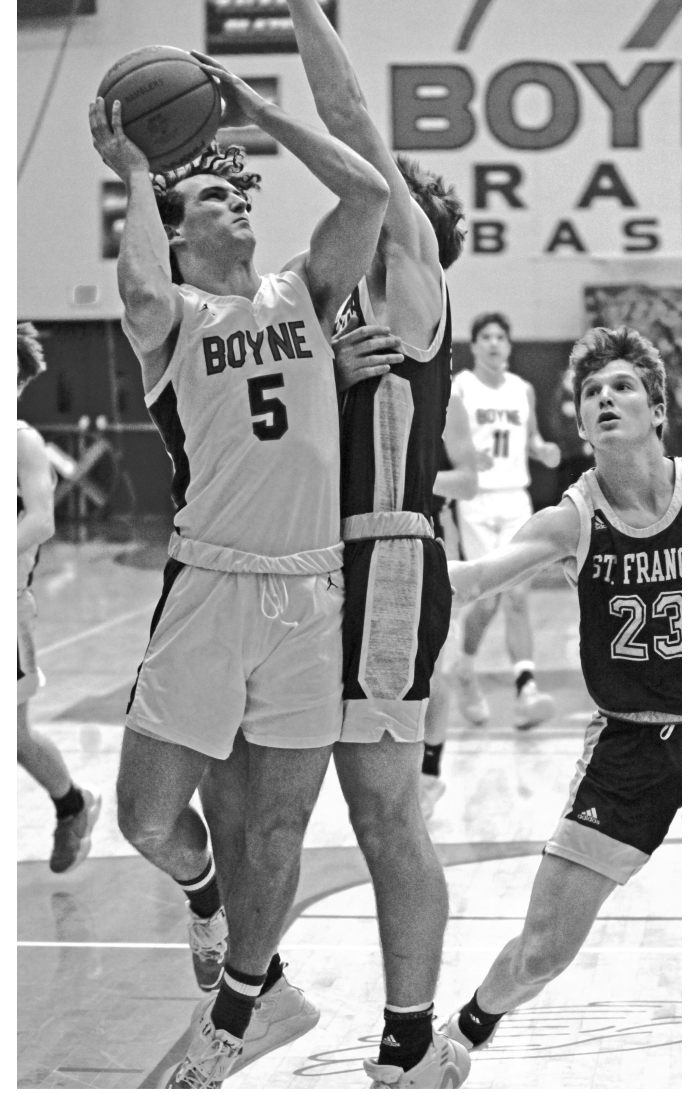
### TC ST. FRANCIS

The number one team in the Lake Michigan Conference came into the matchup with an 8-1 overall record and a 6-0 record in the conference. It would be a tough test for the Ramblers and it would be proven throughout the game.

As the Ramblers would not be able to handle the Gladiators and dropped their second straight game by a score of 58-42. The Ramblers have their first losing streak of the season, after starting off 4-0 and then putting together another 3 games winning streak through the middle of January. The Ramblers now find themselves at 7-3 overall and 4-3 in the LMC. They will take on Gaylord on Tuesday, February 1, followed by Elk Rapids at home on Friday, February 4. Then they will play East Jordan on the road on Tuesday, February 8.



Boyne City's William Brown (10) lays in this reverse layup against the Gladiators. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Rambler senior, Aaron Bess (5) takes a bump as he elevates on this first half drive against St. Francis. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

# Malpass scores 32, Red Devils move to 5-3 on the season

BY: DOM SANTINA

The East Jordan Basketball team would have a chance to possibly get their season going in the right direction, as they would face Kalkaska and Grayling. The two teams they would face have a record right around even or have a losing record. The Red Devils came into the games with a 3-3 record on the season.

### KALKASKA

The first game of the week would be against Kalkaska on Tuesday, January 18. The game would start off in favor of the Red Devils, as they would have a 16-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the team

would be able to see themselves put up 20 points on the board. However, the team would only see their lead grow by 4 points. The Red Devils would only hold a 36-26 lead heading into halftime.

The third quarter would not be much different. As the Red Devils would put up 15, but the Blazers would be able to kind of stay with the Red Devils. The Red Devils would hold a 51-35 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The same thing would happen in the fourth quarter, as the Red Devils would be able to slightly outscore the Blazers, but by nothing too drastic. The seven point difference in the fourth quarter would help the Red Devils secure a 69-46 victory.

"A great team win. We did a great job of exploiting our

size and strength as (Preston) Malpass and (Ethan) Antaya had huge games in the paint. A great defensive effort by Granger Kitson, Devon Olstrom and Hayden Peck as all three did a great job of not letting them get into their offensive sets or really get to the rim. (Mason) Malpass and (Carter) Sherman did a great job of getting others involved," said Head Coach Nate Dzwik.

The team would be led by Preston Malpass with 32 points and 13 rebounds. While Mason Malpass would add 11 points and Ethan Antaya would contribute 10 points. The team would hold a 4-3 record on the season as they headed to play Grayling.

### GRAYLING

The Red Devils would finish the week off by playing Grayling on Thursday, January 20. The Red Devils would jump out in front of the Vikings in the first quarter by five points. The second quarter would be an even tighter matchup, as the Vikings would hang with the Red Devils and trade baskets. When the buzzer finally sounded, the Red Devils would outscore the Vikings 16-14 to expand their lead to 32-25.

The Red Devils would use the third quarter to help put the game away. As they would put up 21 points and outscore the Vikings by 13, helping to expand their lead. In the fourth quarter, the Vikings would try and make a big comeback from being down 20, but would fall short.

The Vikings would be able to close within 13 but that is as far as it would get. The Red Devils would hang on for a 66-53 victory.

"A game where we started out with a ton of energy and effort getting out to a 14-6 lead, we kind of fought ourselves in the first half. One positive we had was every time Grayling would go on a little bit of run we were able to knock down a shot and then go down and get a stop. (Carter) Sherman played an amazing game, obviously the scoring was huge but the way he played in control and really led the offense by pushing pace when needed. (Preston) Malpass was a huge rebounder, (Mason) Malpass finished with a ton of assists on getting the ball into the paint with some dribble pene-

tration and setting up guys to be open. Our team ball movement was amazing and having 20 assists on 25 made shots is a telling stat and for us is a key to be successful," said Coach Dzwik.

The team would be led by Sherman with 18 points. Mason Malpass would add in 12 and Preston Malpass would have 10. The win would move the Red Devils record to 5-3 on the season, while moving to 2-3 in the LMC. The team will be back in action on Tuesday, January 25 as they host Elk Rapids. Then they will host Harbor Springs on Friday, January 28. They will then wrap up the upcoming week with a matchup against St. Ignace at home on Wednesday, February 2.

# Lancer Boys Suffer First Loss of Season to Lake Leelanau

BY: DOM SANTINA

### PICKFORD

The Ellsworth boys basketball team would host Pickford on Wednesday, January 26. The Lancers would look to push their record to 10-0 on the season with a win.

The Lancers would be tested a little bit early, as the Panthers would find themselves just down four after one quarter. The 19-15 lead for the Lancers would grow just a little more in the second quarter. The Lancers would outscore the Panthers by 6 and move their lead to 10 points at halftime.

The Lancers would come out of the locker room with

their biggest third-quarter yet this season. A 32 point quarter would stretch their lead to 26 points. The lead would only continue to grow in the fourth quarter. As the lead would stretch to 39 points. The Lancers would win the game by a final score of 94-55.

The team would be led by Jacob Jenuwine with 27 points, while Brayden Steenwyk would add 23 points. Kelan Pletcher would also add in 17 points and Jamal Cebulski would have 12.

It was a great team win tonight. (Brayden) Steenwyk and (Jamal) Cebulski really set the tone and directed traffic defensively. (Jacob) Jenuwine caught fire from 3 and it got contagious for a bit

with everyone in the third quarter," said Head Coach Jarod Steenwyk.

### LAKE LEELANAU

The Lancers would take on Lake Leelanau St. Mary on Friday, January 31. The Lancers would get off to a good start, as they would open up the game with an 8-0 run. That would help the Lancers hold a 21-14 lead at the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Eagles would come back on the attack, as they would close into a four-point differential. The Lancers would hold a 37-33 lead. After halftime, the Eagles would go on a run of their own to take the lead for the first time. The

Eagles would outscore the Lancers 24-17 in the third quarter and take a 3 point lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Lancers would try to fight back. However, some foul trouble would hurt the Lancers, along with a short bench. The Eagles would be able to not only hold onto their lead but expand and secure the win. It would be the first loss of the season for the Lancers.

The team would be led by Pletcher with 27 points. While Jenuwine would add another 13 points. The loss moves the Lancers record to 10-1 on the season. While neither game was a conference game this week, so their record remains at 4-0 on the

season.

### HARBOR LIGHT

The Lancers would look to get back to their winning ways against Harbor Springs Harbor Light on Monday, January 31.

The Lancers would get out to an 18-14 lead after the first quarter. Then the Lancers would find themselves in a whole for the first in a while. The Swordsman would end up having a five point leading heading into halftime 28-23.

The Lancers would come out of the locker room strong, as they would put up 21 points, while holding the Swordsman to just 14 points. Which would give them a 2 point lead heading into the

fourth quarter. The Lancers would take that run, into the final quarter, where they would seal the deal. A 10 point advantage would give the Lancers a 64-52 victory.

The team would be led by Pletcher with 21 points. Cebulski would be able to chip in 16 points and Steenwyk would add another 16 points. The win moves the Lancers record to 11-1 on the season and moved to 5-0 in the Northern Lakes Conference standings. The Lancers will play Mackinaw City on Friday, February 4. They will then travel to play St. Ignace on Monday, February 7. The week will be wrapped up on Wednesday, February 9.

# Loggers suffer losses to Comets, Eagles

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne Falls boys basketball team has had a rough year so far. The Loggers opened up the season by dropping three out of their first four games. After a double overtime win over Wolverine gave them their second win of the season. The Loggers would then turn it into two straight wins with a victory over Vanderbilt. The wins would move their record to 3-3 on the year and possibly some hope.

### MACKINAW CITY

The Loggers would come into the matchup against Mackinaw City on Friday, January 28. It would be a very tough matchup for the Loggers. The Comets came into the matchup at 5-3 on the season and in just a little bit better place than the Loggers. The Comets sit in second place in the conference just behind Ellsworth. It would show on the court as well.

As the Comets would have their way against the Loggers. They would win by a hefty margin 69-36. The Loggers would end up getting 12 points out of Ashton Spang to lead the team. While the next

highest would be JT Greenier with 7 points.

The loss moved the Loggers back under five hundred on the season, with a record of 3-4. It would not get any easier. A sign of hope for the Loggers was the fact that the Eagles from Bellaire would be next up on the schedule on Monday, January 31.

### BELLAIRE

The Eagles came into the game with a rough start to their season as well, as their record sat at 4-6. A game that would have two more evenly matched teams would show

throughout the game. It would be a game that would stay a lot closer than the previous game for the Loggers. In the end however, the Eagles would end up securing the win by a score of 55-43.

The loss moves the Loggers record to 3-5 on the season. The Loggers will get moving back in action on Thursday, February 3 when they travel to play Indian River Inland Lakes. A matchup that might be able to get the Loggers going back in the right direction. The Loggers will then host Gaylord St. Mary's on Tuesday, February 8.

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## GOVERNMENT

## Governor Whitmer's 2022 State of the State Address

Good evening, Michigan. Today is our state's 185th birthday. To celebrate, we're at Detroit Diesel, built in 1938 to help us win World War II. A lifetime later, it's home to cutting-edge electric vehicle technology built by the hard-working men and women of UAW Local 163. Places like this are where Michigan's future will be forged, and I am thrilled to be here to deliver my State of the State address.

But before we begin, let's take a moment to honor those who are not with us. Let's remember the 4 young Michiganders we lost in Oxford-Madison, Tate, Hana, Justin. And those living with lifelong injuries and carrying the weight from that horrific day. The Oxford community is in all of our hearts. Michiganders, if you want to help, please go to [oxfordcommunityvictimsfund.com](http://oxfordcommunityvictimsfund.com)

Let's also remember the over 30,000 Michiganders we've lost to COVID-19 and thank the first responders, healthcare professionals, and Michigan National Guard for everything they do to keep us safe.

Michigan's National Guard is the best in the country. They go above and beyond at home and oceans away. Recently, I had the honor of pinning Purple Hearts onto 3 guard members who were injured during a ballistic missile attack in Iraq. Michiganders salute their sacrifices. They represent the best of us.

I also want to acknowledge my partner in governance-Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist. He is an innovative, optimistic champion for Michigan. I am so glad to have him by my side. And finally, I want to thank my husband, my girls, my family, and friends. I love you.

Clearly, this year's speech is different. Due to COVID, we are not in the capitol. Right now, healthcare professionals are working hard to keep us safe as Omicron surges. While 2021 wasn't as miraculous as any of us wanted, we have made progress. We're stronger in large part thanks to science and life-saving vaccines. We have come a long way, and I am encouraged about the path ahead.

After a polar vortex, pandemic, national recession, multiple 500-year flooding events, a kidnapping and murder plot, I've been asked how the heck do I keep doing this? My answer is simple. I show up for every Michigan family. I want to keep delivering on the kitchen-table issues. On a personal level: I want my girls to see their mom stand her ground and live her values even through unexpected challenges and constant threats.

Isn't that what we all want?-to make a difference for the people we love most? And the truth is, we want the same things.

A good-paying job.  
Great schools.  
Clean water.  
Safe communities.  
Thriving small businesses.  
A chance to get ahead and hope for the future.

Tonight, I will stay focused on the things that unite us. I'll speak to the progress we've made together, the opportunity we have right now, and why we all believe in Michigan.

The state of our state is strong... and it's getting stronger every day.

First, let's talk about the roads. The pandemic slowed us down a bit, but since I took office, Michigan has repaired, rebuilt, or rehabilitated over 13,000 lane miles of road and over 900 bridges in every region of our state while supporting nearly 82,000 jobs. That's enough miles to drive from the Michigan-Ohio border to the Mighty Mac over 40 times.

In 2021 alone, we fixed Gratiot in Macomb; I-496 in Lansing; 196 in Allegan; 69 in Genesee; 94 in Kalamazoo; US-41 in Marquette; and we're forging ahead on the Gordie Howe Bridge in Detroit, which will be taller than the Statue of Liberty when it's completed.

Recently, the Army Corps



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of Engineers answered our call to invest in the Soo Locks, securing funding to finish the job in Sault St. Marie. That's a big deal for the UP and our state's economy.

Last year, I reinstated prevailing wage for state construction contracts. That means we will get the best-trained workforce and the best value for our tax dollars.

Our task on infrastructure-from roads to lead pipes to high-speed internet-is large... due to decades of neglect and underfunding. That's why we're fixing our roads and bridges with the right mix and materials, so they stay fixed. And we're creating good-paying, skilled trades jobs along the way-the kind you can raise a family on, with solid benefits and a secure retirement.

Thanks to many in our congressional delegation and our federal partners, we have billions more headed our way from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan that we'll use to turbocharge our efforts.

So, when you see those orange barrels:

#1, slow down-there are people working.

And #2, those barrels mean we're moving dirt and fixing the damn roads.

I know at times our nation's capital feels hopelessly gridlocked, but at our state capitol, Republicans and Democrats have shown we can come together to put Michiganders first.

Together, we delivered over \$420 million dollars in relief to small businesses, empowering them to expand operations and retain over 200,000 jobs through COVID.

We expanded access to high-quality childcare, and now over 1 in 3 children in Michigan 12 and under are eligible for low or no-cost childcare. You can go to [michigan.gov/childcare](http://michigan.gov/childcare) to see if you're eligible too.

For our Michigan State Police, who protect and serve with the utmost professionalism, we built new posts in Walker and West Branch. For law enforcement, we funded better training, delivered hazard pay, and expanded resources for local police departments. As a former prosecutor, public safety is a core issue for me. We will keep making investments to reduce crime and protect families.

And our criminal justice reforms have helped hundreds of thousands of Michiganders who served their time secure jobs and housing with a clean slate.

Together, we cared for those who served our nation by building a new veteran's home in Macomb County and another home in Grand Rapids.

We eliminated the cost barrier for 170,000 Michiganders, who are getting skills and better-paying jobs through Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners. These programs boost our economy and empower our people.

People like Caroline, a former in-home care provider, and mom of 2 who got straight A's her first semester at Mott Community College. And Jodi, a Reconnect recipient-the first of 8 siblings to go to college-she's on the dean's

list at Grand Rapids Community College. These programs have given them opportunity and opened new doors for their families. I want them to know we're all rooting for them.

Together, we made the largest education investment in state history without raising taxes-something we've done 3 years in a row. Last year, we closed the funding gap between schools-something 4 governors before me tried to do-investing \$8,700 into every student in every district to improve their in-class experience.

We invested in on-campus mental health and delivered checks directly to educators, who go above and beyond for our kids every day.

I know how anxious and tired parents are feeling right now. As a mom, I get it. That's why I'm making investments where they matter most-in classrooms, to help our kids get caught up.

And to our teachers, childcare professionals, aides, bus drivers, custodians, paraprofessionals, administration - I see you. Thank you for working tirelessly to help our kids thrive. We're going to keep investing in recruitment and retention to increase your ranks.

Soon, I'll introduce a school aid budget that will mark the biggest state education funding increase in more than 20 years-without raising taxes.

I want to be crystal clear: students belong in school. We know it's where they learn best. Remote learning is not as fulfilling or conducive to a child's growth. In-person learning is critical to social development and mental health. That's why we will do everything we can to keep kids in the classroom.

We've all been through a lot. It's rational to feel frustrated. Exhausted. Even cynical. Fortunately, the cure for cynicism is competence. These bipartisan accomplishments are a testament to what we can do together. We must believe that better things are possible because that is the only way they ever get done.

Yesterday, we saw proof. Last month, we worked together to sharpen Michigan's economic development tools. And this week, we landed a \$7 billion dollar investment from General Motors that will create and retain 5,000 good-paying jobs manufacturing electric vehicle batteries in Lansing and Orion Township. The future of the auto industry is being built in Michigan, in plants like this one by union members. And we are just getting started.

Historically, the knock on Michigan was that 1) we didn't have the tools to compete with other states 2) we moved too slowly and 3) state government was dysfunctional.

Yesterday, the world saw what we can accomplish together. Democrats, Republicans, businesses, utilities, and labor joined forces to equip Michigan with solid economic tools to attract big projects and create thousands of jobs.

We showed the world that we have tools, we move fast, and we work together. And Michigan is going to win.

That brings us to what's next. Tonight, I'm putting forward proposals that will build on the work we've done together and grow our economy by cutting taxes and lowering costs.

First, taxes. I believe that whenever possible, we should make taxes more fair for our seniors and working families. Michiganders should be able to keep more of what they've earned.

In December, I signed a bipartisan bill cutting personal property taxes for small businesses owners. And last November, we repealed the tampon tax-the sales tax on menstrual products-saving women hundreds of dollars in taxes. When it comes to delivering for women, I will keep finding ways to lower their costs. And I'll veto any legislation that would take away their right to choose.

My proposals tonight will cut taxes for seniors and working families.

For our seniors, let's work together to repeal the retirement tax.

I first called to repeal this tax back in 2019, and it's time to get it done. If we phase it out over the next few years, we can save half a million households in Michigan an average of \$1,000 bucks a year. That's money for prescriptions, rent, car payments, or gifts for grandkids.

Repealing the retirement tax will help real people. People like Tim from Marquette or Susan and Dick from Jackson.

Tim worked for 30 years as a corrections officer-a difficult, dangerous line of work. Susan and Dick taught for over 30 years in Branch and Hillsdale County.

They served their communities, saved, and did everything right. But after they finally retired and budgeted on their fixed incomes, their pensions, 401ks, and IRAs were taxed.

They all had to go back to work just to pay the bills. Today, Tim is painting and working odd jobs, while Dick is a Drivers Ed instructor. Susan worked for over a decade at a hair salon. After a lifetime of work, they still worry about affording the essentials.

When I was in the legislature, I fought the retirement tax because it was wrong. Let's make it right. We can keep our word to Tim, Susan, Dick, and every Michigander who worked hard and played by the rules.

I'm ready to work across the aisle to roll back the retirement tax and save 500,000 households in Michigan an average of \$1,000 bucks a year.

Now, let's talk about cutting taxes for people working full-time but who still can't get ahead.

It's time to increase the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit. The EITC is a bipartisan tax break for families offered at the federal and state level. It's part of the refund you get when you file your taxes.

In 2015, Michiganders received an almost \$3,000 tax refund from the combined EITC. But a year later, taxes on working families went up to pay for a tax giveaway for big corporations they didn't

need. That's not right.

Restoring the EITC lifts more than 22,000 people out of working poverty. And it sends 730,000 families an average refund of almost \$3,000 bucks that they can use to pay the bills. Nearly 1 million kids-almost half the kids in Michigan-benefit when we raise the EITC. It means new backpacks, warmer coats, and more hot meals. Let's get it done.

Now, let's talk about lowering costs...

We are all bearing the brunt of inflation. You see it when you buy groceries or boots for your kids. We have made meaningful progress to lower costs, and we should build on that work now.

In 2019, I signed bipartisan auto insurance reform, saving drivers hundreds of dollars a year. Thanks to our reform, insurance companies are sending every driver a \$400 refund check per vehicle by May 9th this year.

And our Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson is saving Michiganders time and money because we can renew our licenses and plates online or stop in the office for an average of 20 minutes.

We also lowered the cost of higher education thanks to Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners, and we are delivering home heating help on energy bills so over 175,000 families can stay warm and safe through the winter.

We've done a lot of good work to lower costs, but I know families are still feeling squeezed. We must do more. Rolling back the retirement tax and raising the Michigan EITC will keep more money in people's pockets, and we can ensure less comes out. Tonight, I have two proposals to lower costs on insulin and cars and one to expand access to mental health.

First, insulin. Hundreds of thousands of Michiganders need insulin to survive. The average cost of a single vial is almost 100 bucks. Most people who use it need two or three vials a month, which is up to \$3,600 a year. Too many Michiganders are forced to forgo insulin or ration it-putting their lives at risk.

For years, drug companies have been jacking up insulin prices. The average price tripled from 2009 to 2019. They reap billions on life-saving medicine because without serious competition, they name their own price. That is unconscionable.

Yesterday, Attorney General Dana Nessel took action. She launched an investigation under the Michigan Consumer Protection Act into one of the three largest drug companies that makes nearly all the insulin in the U.S.

Meanwhile, in the Michigan Legislature, there have been bipartisan bills introduced to cap the cost of insulin at \$50 bucks a month.

We all agree that insulin costs too much, and I know we can work together to hold drug companies accountable, lower costs, and save lives. Let's get that done too.

Next, let's talk about making electric vehicles more affordable.

As we saw this week, we are building on our rich auto manufacturing heritage and

moving towards a clean energy future. Tonight, I want to talk about how we can help Michigan's families be a part of the clean energy transition by lowering the cost of electric vehicles.

Every year, thousands more electric vehicles are sold in Michigan and all our major auto makers have committed to electrifying 100% of their fleets over the next 10-15 years. Electric vehicles cost half as much to fuel and maintain as gas powered cars. Switching to electric will save families thousands of dollars a year.

That's why I am proposing a combined \$2,500 electric vehicle rebate for families-\$2,000 for the car and \$500 for in-home charging equipment. This will build on the \$7,500 federal electric vehicle credit. If we get this done, we can lower the cost of electric vehicles by nearly \$10,000. We can make it easier for Michiganders to go electric.

Finally, let's talk about mental health.

We should invest in our mental health workforce so we can expand access. Nearly 40% of Michiganders do not get treatment for their mental illness. We will address this shortfall by expanding Michigan's Loan Repayment Program for mental health professionals. And we will make a historic investment to retain and recruit hundreds more mental health workers.

I will propose another bold investment in mental health in next year's school aid budget too, building on work we did last year to help schools hire more than 560 nurses, counselors, and social workers.

Together, we can grow our mental health workforce and expand access to mental health services.

Tonight, I laid out my plans to cut taxes for retirees and working families, lower costs on insulin and electric vehicles, and expand access to mental health. As always, I will work with anyone to deliver on these kitchen-table issues.

I'll also work to invest federal resources we have received with plans I released last year like MI New Economy, which would grow the middle class, support small businesses, and invest in our communities. I also have a message for the folks in DC-fund the CHIPS Act so we can fight the chip crisis head-on.

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity on our hands, and I know that together, we can do big things.

Through everything we've faced over the last few years, I thought often about the time in my life when I was sandwiched between 2 generations of my family-taking care of my newborn daughter and my mom who was dying of brain cancer.

I adjusted to a new job, fought my mom's insurance company, and cared for my baby. I learned I could do more than I had ever imagined. It can be hard to see in the moment, but tough times make us stronger.

Making a difference for the people we love. It's what motivates all of us. It's the reason I'm standing here today. It's why I get up determined and optimistic about our future. I want a better future for my girls and all our kids. Even on the hardest day, I am grateful to serve my fellow Michiganders.

That desire to do drives so many of us. We all have a story when we stepped up and did more than we thought we could for the people we love most. That's our spirit. It lives in our stories. We are doers, united against inaction. Optimists, united against pessimism. Believers, united against cynicism. We fight for each other, not with each other. We come together to get things done. We are capable of greatness.

The question we have to ask ourselves is: do we believe in Michigan? I know I do. I believe because of you. I will work hard every day to put Michiganders first. I will always believe in Michigan because we are strong and getting stronger every day. Thank you and goodnight.



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## Wilson Township Cemetery Ordinance 1 of 2022

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by establishing regulations relating to the operation, control, and management of cemeteries owned by the Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan; to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance, and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Public Notice is hereby given that at the January 26, 2022, meeting of the Wilson Township Board of Trustees, the Wilson Township Cemetery Ordinance was amended as follows:

THE TOWNSHIP OF WILSON, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

### Section 1: Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Wilson Township Cemetery Ordinance.

### Section 2: Definitions of Cemetery Lots and Burial Spaces

As Used in This Ordinance:

- "Cemetery Lot" means an area of land within a cemetery sufficient to accommodate from one (1) to six (6) burial spaces.
- "Burial Space" means an area of land within a cemetery lot four (4) feet wide and ten (10) feet long.
- "Green Burial" means the act of burying human remains with no embalming fluids or similar body-preserving chemicals in a biodegradable casket and without a vault constructed of concrete or similar material.

### Section 3: Sale of Lots or Burial Spaces

- Cemetery lots or burial spaces shall be sold only to residents or taxpayers of the Township for the purpose of the burial of the purchaser or his or her heirs at law or next of kin. No sale shall be made to funeral directors or others than as heretofore set forth. The Township Clerk or their designee, however, is hereby granted the authority to vary the aforesaid restriction on sales where the purchaser discloses sufficient personal reason for burial within the Township through previous residence in the Township or relationship to persons interred therein.
- All such sales shall be made on a form approved by the Township Board, which grants a right of burial only and does not convey any other title to the lot or burial space sold. Such form shall be executed by the Township Clerk or their designee.
- Burial rights may only be transferred to those persons eligible to be original purchasers of cemetery lots or burial spaces within the Township. The Township Clerk or their designee shall approve all transfer requests and shall enter the transfer upon the official records. Upon such assignment, the Clerk or their designee shall issue a new burial permit to the assignee and shall cancel the original permit.

### Section 4: Purchase Price and Transfer Fees

The Township Board shall from time to time by separate resolution establish the purchase price for cemetery lots and burial spaces and the fee for transferring one or more cemetery lots or burial fees to a qualified assignee.

### Section 5: Grave Opening Charges

- The opening and closing of any burial space, prior to and following burial therein, and including the interment of ashes, shall be at a cost to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Township Board, payable to the Township.
- No burial spaces shall be opened and closed except under the direction and control of the Township Clerk or Cemetery Sexton. This provision shall not apply to proceedings for grave openings or disinterment, which are done under the supervision of the local health department.

### Section 6: Markers or Memorials

- All markers or memorials must be of stone or other equally durable composition and must be placed on concrete footings or foundations that are no higher than ground level. For purposes of this section the concrete footings or foundations shall be a minimum of 2 inches wider than the footprint of the marker or memorial and no less than 4 inches in depth, unless otherwise approved or required by the Cemetery Sexton
- Any large upright monuments must be located upon a suitable foundation to maintain the same in an erect position.
- Only one monument, marker or memorial shall be permitted per burial space. Additional markers may be placed with the Township Clerk's or Cemetery Sexton's permission if additional markers are flush

type and do not interfere with cemetery maintenance.

d. The footing or foundation upon which any monument, marker or memorial must be placed shall be constructed by the Township at cost to the owner of the burial right.

e. All monument footings must meet or exceed manufacturers specifications and must be approved by the Township Clerk or Cemetery Sexton prior to installation.

### Section 7: Interment Regulations

- A single burial space may be used for the burial of one adult, a parent and child buried at the same time, or two children buried at the same time. A single burial space may be used for the burial of two (2) remains.
- Not less than 36 hours' notice shall be given in advance of any time of any funeral to allow for the opening of the burial spaces. Arrangements contrary to this shall be made with the Township Clerk or Cemetery Section.
- The appropriate permit for the burial space involved, together with appropriate identification of the person to be buried therein, where necessary, shall be presented to either the Sexton or the Township Clerk prior to interment. Where such permit has been lost or destroyed, the Township Clerk shall be satisfied, from his or her records, that the person to be buried in the burial space is an authorized and appropriate one before any interment is commenced or completed.
- All graves shall be located in an orderly and neat appearing manner within the confines of the burial space involved.
- No green burials are permitted in any Wilson Township cemetery.

### Section 8: Winter Burials

- No winter burials shall occur without the prior consent of the Township Clerk or Cemetery Sexton.
- The Township may charge additional fees for winter burials.

### Section 9: Cremains

- Cremains may be buried in a container approved by the Cemetery Sexton or Township Clerk in a burial space.
- No cremains shall be scattered or dispersed within a Township Cemetery.

### Section 10: Ground Maintenance

- No grading, leveling, or excavating upon burial space shall be allowed without the permission of the Cemetery Sexton or the Township Clerk.
- No shrubs or trees of any type shall be planted without the approval of the Cemetery Sexton or the Township Clerk. Any of the foregoing items planted without such approval may be removed by the Township or the Cemetery Sexton.
- The Township Board reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant or shrub located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.
- Mounds which hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus are prohibited.
- The Township Clerk or Cemetery Sexton shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of all growth, emblems, displays or containers therefore that through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise become unsightly, a source of litter or a maintenance problem.
- Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited.
- All refuse of any kind or nature including, among others, dried flowers, wreaths, papers, and flower containers must be removed.

### Section 11: Forfeiture of Vacant Cemetery Lots or Burial Spaces

- If a cemetery lot or burial space remains vacant for more than forty (40) years after the sale to an original purchaser or a qualified assignee, the Township Clerk shall send by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last owner of record a written notice informing him or her that the forty (40) year period has expired and that all rights in the cemetery lot or burial space shall be forfeited to the Township if he

or she fails within sixty (60) days of the date of mailing the notice to affirmatively indicate in writing to the Township Clerk his or her desire to retain the cemetery lot or burial space.

- If the Township Clerk receives no written response within sixty (60) days after mailing the notice required to be sent pursuant to subsection (a) above, the cemetery lot or burial space identified in the notice shall revert to the Township free and clear from any claims of that original purchaser or qualified assignee. The Township Clerk shall then cancel in the official cemetery records that the burial permit issued and indicate in those records that the cemetery lot or burial space is eligible for resale under the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

### Section 12: Repurchase of Lots or Burial Spaces

The Township will repurchase any cemetery lots or burial space from the owner for the original price paid the Township upon written request of said owner or his legal heirs or representatives.

### Section 13: Records

The Township Clerk shall maintain records concerning all burials and issuance of burial permits separate and apart from any other records of the township and the same shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable business hours.

### Section 14: Vault

- All burials shall be within a standard concrete vault or other non-collapsible container, installed or constructed in each burial space before interment.
- No concrete vault shall be required in connection with the interment of cremains.

### Section 15: Cemetery Hours

- The cemetery shall be open to the general public from the hours of 8 am to 10 pm each day.
- No person shall be permitted in the Township cemeteries at any time other than the foregoing hours, except upon permission of the Township Board or the Cemetery Sexton.

### Section 16: Penalties

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined in Public Act 12 of 1994, amending Public Act 236 of 1961, being Sections 600.101-600.9939 of Michigan Compiled laws, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) Dollars. Each day this Ordinance is violated shall be considered as a separate violation.

### Section 17: Enforcement Officer

The Township Supervisor is hereby designated as the authorized township official to issue municipal civil infraction citations directing alleged violators of this Ordinance to appear in court.

### Section 18: Nuisance

A violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance or a nuisance per se and is declared to be offensive to the public health, safety, and welfare.

### Section 19: Severability

The provisions of the within ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision, section or part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall only affect the particular provision, section or part thereof involved in such decision and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

### Section 20. Repeal

The prior Wilson Township Cemetery Ordinance, effective on February 21, 2007, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

### Section 21: Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

Questions or inquiries regarding the ordinance should be directed to the Township Clerk by calling (231) 582-1033 Ext 1 or e-mail: wilsonclerk49712@gmail.com.

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**SUV**

2000 Chevy Suburban. Great family vehicle. Sale Price \$7,499. As low as \$249 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week.

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2005 GMC Envoy. Sale Price \$6,499. As low as \$249 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2008 Cadillac Escalade. 3rd row seat, tow pkg, leather. Sale Price \$7,999. As low as \$249 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2010 Chevy Traverse LTZ. Leather, Moon roof, 3rd row seat. Good miles, Sale Price \$6,999. As low as \$249 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2011 GMC Terrain. 126 K miles. Sale Price \$3,999. As low as \$199 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2011 Dodge Journey. AWD, good miles. Sale Price \$6,499. As low as \$219 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2013 Ford Explorer. 3rd row seat, tow pkg, leather. Sale Price \$11,599. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2013 Lincoln Navigator. Nice SUV. Only 130K miles. Sale Price \$17,999. As low as \$349 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2014 Lincoln MKX. AWD, good miles. Sale Price \$11,999. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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2015 Ford Edge SEL. Very nice. Sale Price \$15,999. As low as \$349 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

**TRUCKS**

2003 Chevy Avalanche. 4WD. Sale Price \$5,999. As low as \$239 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2011 Ford F-250 XLT Super Duty. 6.7 L Power stroke diesel. Club cab, bedliner. Sale Price \$22,599. As low as \$419 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2014 Ram 1/2 ton. 4x4, spray-in bedliner, extended cab. 2 to choose from. Call for price. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

**VANS**

2015 Ram C/V Cargo van. Sale Price \$6,799. As low as \$239 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

**WANTED**

WANTED TO BUY, Maytag aluminum square tub wringer washer. 989-826-1084. Leave message

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The East Jordan Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to hear any comments or concerns regarding the following proposed zoning ordinance amendment:

- ♦ Amend Chapter 46 Zoning, Article III District Regulations, Division 4, R-2 Duplex-Family Residential District

The Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI, 49727. Any written comments may be addressed to City of East Jordan, C/O City Clerk, PO BOX 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

**BOYNE FALLS BUDGET HEARING**

**To be held February 8, 2022  
Boyne Falls Village Hall - 2290 Railroad St.  
7:30PM or ight after the regular meeting**

Property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of the hearing and the budget will be discussed and approved.

**PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!**

Heidi Riggs, Village Clerk

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SYNOPSIS ~ JANUARY 26, 2022**

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on January 26, 2022 at 6:10 p.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion to temporarily suspend the Board Rules and Procedures. Nays: Commissioner Draves.

Motion to approve committee appointments as presented. Nays: Commissioner Jess and Commissioner Reinhardt.

Motion to appoint Edward May to the Veterans Board.

Motion approved Resolution #22-014, Project Authorization FY 2022 Section 5311 Operating Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Motion approved Resolution #22-015, Beaver Island Meal Program.

Motion approved Resolution #22-016, MGT Consulting Contract Extension.

Motion approved Resolution #22-017, FY 2023 Resolution of Intent.

Motion approved Resolution #22-018, Probate Recovery Support Highschool Program Grant Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #22-019, Safe Harbor Adolescent Recovery Program Sinclair Broadcast Group.

Motion approved Resolution #22-020, Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Application Renewal.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 7:21 p.m.

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, [www.charlevoixcounty.org](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org).

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

**EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

East Jordan Public Schools is accepting applications for the following position:

**Afternoon Shift Custodian**

During the school year, this position will be during the afternoon shift. During the summer, this position will be during the day shift. To qualify for this position, candidates must be dependable and takes pride in their work. Candidates should possess the ability to interact positively and effectively with students and adults. This job starts at \$15.50 per hour and a benefits package is included (Paid vacation, sick time, and holidays. Life, health, vision, and dental insurance. Pension plan)

For more information and a complete job posting visit our website at the following address [www.ejps.org/our-district/employment](http://www.ejps.org/our-district/employment).

Please submit application materials to:

**Tim Drenth, Facility Director  
PO Box 399, East Jordan, MI 49727  
or email to: [tdrenth@ejps.org](mailto:tdrenth@ejps.org)**

The application deadline is: Until filled.

**Boyne City Public Schools Opening:**

**District-wide Operations/  
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Please go to

<http://boynecity.cyberschool.com/custom/jobs.html> or [www.boyne.k12.mi.us](http://www.boyne.k12.mi.us) for details.



**Crawford County Commission on Aging - Multiple Positions Available**

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Nutrition Manager full-time \$18/hr.
- Receptionist part-time \$13.50/hr.
- In-Home Services Manager full-time \$18/hr.
- Homemaker full-time \$14/hr.
- Public Relations Coordinator part-time \$16/hr.

Job announcement, description and application can be found at [www.crawfordcoa.org/about-us/employment](http://www.crawfordcoa.org/about-us/employment).

**Crawford County Commission on Aging Positions Available**

If you are naturally concerned for others, the older adults of your community need you. Crawford County Commission on Aging offers a chance to help others with tasks and services that allow our clients to remain in their homes as they age.

**In-Home Services Manager** is a full-time position starting at \$18/hr with health insurance, retirement and paid time off including paid holidays. Along with managing the In-Home Services department, it's staff and programs, this position completes bi-annual assessment with older adults who are in need of Meals on Wheels and In-Home Services.

**Homemakers** are a full-time starting at \$14.00/hr. We respect and honor the work of our in-home service providers by providing a full benefit package (health insurance, retirement, mileage reimbursement \$0.585/mile and paid time off) and no scheduled evening or weekend hours. If you are considering educational programs in nursing, medical assistant or EMT, these positions with the Commission on Aging will provide essential preparation for these and other fields in the health industry.

This is the invitation you have been waiting for and we need you. Working at the Crawford County Commission on Aging offers you more than a day's wage. Your efforts will provide a great sense of fulfillment. At the end of the day, you will know that your work had purpose. Please visit our website to see how your skills match the position descriptions.



The application can be found at [www.crawfordcoa.org/about-us/employment](http://www.crawfordcoa.org/about-us/employment).



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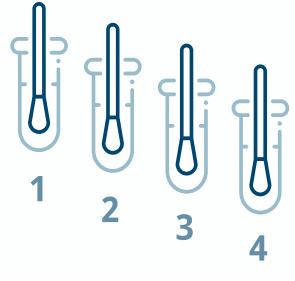
Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order #4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

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### COVIDtests.gov

**About the at-home COVID-19 tests**  
The tests available for order:

- Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken anywhere
- Give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- Work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Work whether or not you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines
- Are also referred to as self-tests or over-the-counter (OTC) tests



**Take an at-home test:**


- If you begin having COVID-19 symptoms like fever, sore throat, runny nose, or loss of taste or smell, or
- At least 5 days after you come into close contact with someone with COVID-19, or
- When you're going to gather with a group of people, especially those who are at risk of severe disease or may not be up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines

**Testing is only one step you can take to protect yourself, friends, family, and others.**

**Everyone is encouraged to:**

- Get up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations. Visit vaccines.gov to find a vaccine or booster near you.
- Wear a well-fitted mask when gathering indoors.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance between people.

### What if you test Positive?



A positive at-home test result means that the test found the virus, and you very likely have COVID-19.

If you test positive on your at-home test, follow the latest CDC guidance for isolation

### What if you test Negative?

A negative at-home test result means that the test did not find the virus, and you may have a lower risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. Check your test kit's instructions for specific next steps. If you test negative, you should test again within a few days with at least 24 hours between tests.

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