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East Jordan True Value sold to Gill-Roys

EAST JORDAN-

In 1978, the Miller Family opened a retail store in Charlevoix. They developed a relationship with the community becoming many crafters go to destination but after five years, a decision to move the store to East Jordan was made and in July of 1983 the East Jordan True Value opened its doors in the former Glen's Market location on Mill Street. The family and business became a vital part of the community and many of their customers are called friends. The rest is local history.

In those forty-four years, Don and Jeanette left the retail legacy to their sons Dan and Dale who worked side by



East Jordan Gill-Roy's Got-it Hardware Management Team Rob Morgan, Alona Wilson, Wes Irish and Stihl Technician Kevin Finnerty.

side with their parents and then their wives and children. Now the Miller brothers have looked retirement in the face and decided to gladly welcome it. The East Jordan

True Value has been sold to Gill-Roy's Got-it Hardware. Dale and Kaye Miller are approaching retirement slowly and plan to continue to work for Gill-Roy's while Dan and



New owner Rob Morgan and long-time True Value owners, Dan Miller, Kaye Miller and Dale Miller look forward to many changes ahead.

Faye are already immersed in the next phase of their lives.

Although Dale and Kaye will still be at the store they are looking forward to events

others take for granted. "I'm looking forward to enjoying the summer, I've never done

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Back by popular demand, the historic winter festival "Smeltania"

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Boyne City - Smeltania is back! The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting this historic and uniquely Boyne event Friday, February 25 - Sunday, February 27.

Smeltania was a name given the literal city that was erected on Lake Charlevoix each year when the Smelt used to run. A festival commemorating the smelt run was held through the 1930s to the late 1950s it was brought back in the late 1970s until 1983. Then last year it was resurrected again for one day. This year during the three day event businesses downtown will be running specials all weekend and purchasing a commemorative cup at the Chamber office will allow for special discounts.

Friday kicks off at 2pm with a snowshoe hike at the



Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy Wildwood Harbor Preserve. After all that fresh air, head downtown for the Boyne City Pub Crawl (don't forget you commemorative cup) beginning at 3pm. After adequate, but not too much, lubrication, the Ice Fishing Contest begins at 4pm. Veteran's Park is the place to be on Saturday

with a special farmers market, an opportunity to taste and vote for your favorites to win the "Smeltie Award," live music and a scavenger hunt. Don't forget to register for the polar plunge or plan to attend the fundraiser to watch the crazies take the dive at 1pm.

Throughout the weekend there will be many family friendly activities including

"Fishy Projects" for elementary kids that will be displayed at the Boyne Arts Collective, the Boyne Heritage Center display, a frozen pasty sale, Book Mobile, famous baked beans sale, hot cocoa bar, and a Girl Scout cookie booth. At 7pm everyone is invited to warm up at Boyne Mountain Resort's Wicked Air & Apres.

Sunday the Boyne City Fire Department will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at Veterans Park Pavilion until noon. Winners of the Ice Fishing Contest will be announced at breakfast at 9am.

To register for any of the events or more information call the Boyne Area Chamber at 231-582-6222 or visit their website at <https://www.boynechamber.com/events/details/smeltania>.

Boyne City man convicted of Domestic Violence

A Charlevoix County jury convicted Laurence Joseph Frechette III, 58, Boyne City, of aggravated domestic violence following a two-day jury trial in the 33rd Circuit Court.

Frechette had been convicted of domestic violence previously so the conviction carries with it a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Witnesses testified that on November 7, 2020, Frechette assaulted a woman by pushing her into a wall, causing her to suffer a hematoma, abrasions and bleeding. Boyne City police were called and responded to the scene and arrested Frechette who had a blood alcohol level of .158%.

The case was prosecuted by Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kerry Zahner.

"Justice was done in this case based upon solid police work by the Boyne City Police Department, Officer John McLeod in particular, and great prosecution by CAPA Zahner," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said.

"We are very fortunate in Charlevoix County to have officers and prosecutors with training and experience in these types of cases. Kerry has specialized in these prosecutions for years and her expertise in leading investigations and prosecution is invaluable."

Witnesses testified not only to the incident in November but an ongoing pattern of abuse which spanned many years.

Frechette, who had been released on bond, was remanded to the Charlevoix County Jail after the guilty verdict. He will be sentenced by Judge Roy C. Hayes III on March 4, 2022.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof



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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

 HIGH: 17
 LOW: 15

SUNDAY

 HIGH: 39
 LOW: 24

snowfall

2020-21	AMT"	CITY
2/15/21	.. 21	.. ATLANTA
2/15/21	.. 56	.. BOYNE FALLS
2/15/21	.. 40.4	.. CHARLEVOIX
2/15/21	.. 32.1	.. CHEBOYGAN
2/15/21	.. 58.8	.. EAST JORDAN
2/15/21	.. 73.2	.. GAYLORD
2/15/21	.. 61.1	.. KALKASKA
2/15/21	.. 34	.. MIO
2/15/21	.. 37.6	.. ONAWAY
2/15/21	.. 63.5	.. PETOSKEY

2021-22	AMT"	CITY
2/14/22	.. 24.9	.. ATLANTA
2/14/22	.. 49.5	.. BOYNE FALLS
2/14/22	.. 54.5	.. CHARLEVOIX
2/14/22	.. 38.8	.. CHEBOYGAN
2/14/22	.. 77.4	.. EAST JORDAN
2/14/22	.. 109.6	.. GAYLORD
2/14/22	.. 113.9	.. KALKASKA
2/14/22	.. 40.5	.. MIO
2/14/22	.. 52.7	.. ONAWAY
2/14/22	.. 70.4	.. PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
FEB 18...	..12	..33	...-13 (1989)	..57 (1994)
FEB 19...	..12	..33	...-21 (1979)	..56 (1994)
FEB 20...	..12	..33	...-21 (1950)	..57 (1983)
FEB 21...	..12	..33	...-20 (1978)	..52 (1983)
FEB 22...	..13	..34	...-24 (1963)	..57 (2000)
FEB 23...	..13	..34	...-20 (1962)	..57 (1984)
FEB 22...	..13	..34	...-24 (1963)	..57 (2000)
FEB 23...	..13	..34	...-20 (1962)	..57 (1984)
FEB 24...	..13	..34	...-24 (1963)	..54 (1976)
FEB 25...	..13	..35	...-20 (1963)	..55 (1976)

OBITUARIES

Thure Eric Erickson, 85

(AUG. 4, 1936 - FEB. 7, 2022)



Thure Eric Erickson of North Port, Florida, and formerly from Boyne Falls, passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Florida.

He was born on August 4, 1936 in Muskegon, Michigan to the late Harry and Evelyn (Dewitt) Erickson. He has been a resident of North Port, Florida, since moving from Boyne Falls (Chandler Hill).

Mr. Erickson served in the United States Air Force for twenty years as a Technical Sergeant in the medical administration field.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gala Fraley Erickson, and three daughters; Evelyn Hrnrcir, Teresa Holloway and Cheryl Prusakiewicz, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Interment will be at Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, Florida.

People walk in and out of our lives, but Myron has left footprints on our hearts. He never knew a stranger, and never refused a helping hand to anyone in need. He loved deeply and led with genuine humility. He was a man that you would notice coming into a room because of his stature, but he captured your attention with his demeanor. Myron was a Godly gentle giant, approachable, transparent and kind. Always quick with a smile and an encouraging word.

He will be deeply missed by his wife DeAnn (Garthe) Spaay; his son AJ (Britney) Spaay and children Riggson, Oaklund, Chase and Brielle; his daughter Whitney (Matthew) Skop and children Jackson, Cami, and Trapper. He is also survived by his brother, David (Tammy) Spaay and his sister, Nancy (Spaay) Lauzun, and many nieces and nephews. The grandchildren will especially miss their "Grandpaw" who adored them all and played a very active role in their lives.

A memorial service is planned to be held at Walloon Lake Community Church on Saturday, February 26, 2022. Visitation at 10:00 am with service starting at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers it is the family's wish to honor Myron's giving spirit by helping Maci, a family friend's young daughter who is facing a very expensive surgery. Please use the GoFundMe link here: <https://gofund.me/eb811a47>. Thank you for honoring Myron in this way.

Nora of 42 years, his three siblings, aunt, uncle, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

William's hobbies included boating, camping, watching T.V., and listening to old country music.

A memorial mass for William will be officiated by Father Dennis Stilwell at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls on February 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM. A visitation will begin at 10:00 AM.

Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home

ith Sr.; her parents, William Rogers and Eva Hurting; her brothers, William Rogers Jr., and Charles Stewart Hartung.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Memorials can be directed to the Salvation Army, Hospice of Northern Michigan or Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

Judith L. Carey, 77

(JAN. 19, 1945 - FEB. 13, 2022)



Judith L. Carey of Charlevoix passed away February 13, 2022 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A visitation will be held Friday, February 18th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Graveside services will be held at a later date in Brookside Cemetery.

A full obituary will appear soon.

Gloria (Rogers) Meredith, 87

(JAN. 5, 1934 - OCT. 25, 2021)



Gloria Rogers Meredith of East Jordan passed away on October 25, 2021 at Grandvue Medicare Facility in East Jordan. A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring of 2022 in East Jordan.

Gloria was born on January 5, 1934 in Flint Michigan, the daughter of William Rogers and Eva Cannon Rogers (Hartung).

Around the age of 11 Gloria's mother remarried Maurice Hartung and the family relocated first to Levering, Michigan and then to East Jordan. Gloria was active in high school plays and often sang for weddings and other occasions. She was a Champion Speller and also won a Betty Crocker Cherry Pie Baking Contest during her school years. Her biggest prize in high school, however, was meeting her beloved Jim Meredith. They married in January of 1951, six months before she graduated as he had enlisted in the Navy and she wanted to join him right after graduation. They were stationed in Newport, Rhode Island until sometime in the fall of 1954, when they returned to East Jordan and raised their family. Gloria was an excellent baker and made many wedding and birthday cakes for others. After her children got older Gloria went to work in the Accounting offices at the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as EJ, USA, Inc., and stayed there until retirement.

She and Jim were very active in the community and spent many years caring for older relatives and volunteering at Grandvue. They loved gardening, vacationing and traveling with friends and family.

Gloria is survived by her children Sherry (Douglas) Sineway, Colleen (Charles) Sineway and Jim (Julie) Meredith all of East Jordan; two sisters Janie Jacob of St. Clair Shores, Michigan and Hazel (Neal) Colburn of Naples, Florida; a brother-in-law Thurlan Meredith. Gloria was a very proud grandmother to her 8 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them whenever she could. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Meredith.

Lillian I. Gregg, 97

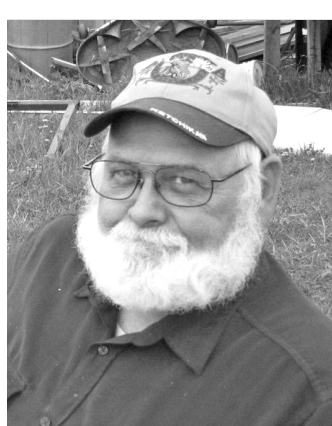
(DEC. 13, 1924 - FEB. 13, 2022)

Lillian I. Gregg of Beaver Island passed away on February 13, 2022.

Arrangements are pending and a full obituary will appear soon.

Alfred "Bim" John Corp, 67

(FEB. 26, 1954 - FEB. 10, 2022)



Alfred "Bim" Corp of Charlevoix passed away on February 10, 2022 at his home.

He was born on February 26, 1954, in Petoskey the son of Leon and Elizabeth (Nowland) Corp.

Al was a lifelong resident of the Charlevoix area where he graduated from high school in 1973. He was employed at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix for 32 years prior to retiring in 2020. Most recently he became a master soap maker helping his wife Mary with her business.

Al loved being outdoors - he enjoyed hiking the Jordan valley, fishing with his children and grandchildren, watching the sunset on Lake Michigan with Mary and spending every nice day putting around the yard eating weeds. He also enjoyed photography, woodworking,

working on cars and was known as the "problem solver" no matter what it was. Al loved to laugh and could always make others laugh too. When things were tough, he had a gift of lifting others spirits. Most of all, and the number one priority in his life were his family who he always put first.

On October 16, 1976, in Charlevoix, he married Mary J. Browe who survives. Also surviving are 6 children, Nicki (Jim) Bonney, Jessie Corp, Angela Corp, Kim Corp, Chris Corp, Rachael (John) Aimesbury all of Charlevoix, 9 grandchildren, Gemma, Keira, Angus, Jude, Alex, Freyja, Archer, Olivia, John Henry, and one sister Cooky (Bob) Borths of Charlevoix.

Preceding him in death were 2 sisters, Bert Corp, Di Wright and his parents.

A Requiem Mass of a Christian burial was held Tuesday, February 15th at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Elmira.

Interment will be in Ellsworth Cemetery, Banks Township in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Family Services, P.O. Box 206, Ellsworth, MI, 49729.

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

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

JoAn Marie Moffit, 86

(AUG. 7, 1935 - FEB. 9, 2022)



Potter and ceramic artist JoAn "Jo" Moffit passed away February 9, 2022 at The Brook in Boyne City. She was 86.

The youngest of six children, Jo was born August 7, 1935 in Gratiot County, Michigan to Ralph and Gladys (Wolfe) Stiles, and grew up in Lansing, Michigan.

Following graduation from J.W. Sexton High School, Jo attended Michigan State University (MSU) graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Art Education. Jo pursued graduate studies in Art, specializing in Ceramics, receiving her Master's degree from MSU.

Jo met her husband Leon "Lee" Moffit at church where they both sang in the choir. They were married in 1956 and made their home in Lansing, where Lee worked nights on a degree in Fisheries Biology and Jo taught art in the Haslet school district. Following Lee's graduation from MSU, the couple moved to Traverse City in 1966, then to Norwood the following year, where they remodeled an old farmhouse and built a pottery studio. Over the next 10 years, Jo and Lee traveled on weekends to exhibit Jo's stoneware at art fairs throughout the state.

After Lee's sudden and untimely death in 1977, Jo pursued her art career full-time. Specializing in porce-

lain, Jo became a highly regarded artist of both functional and sculptural ceramics. She converted an old chicken coop into a salesroom and ran a successful sales business from her home. Jo proudly exhibited her work over 5 decades at the East Lansing, Ann Arbor and Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fairs.

Jo admired and collected the artwork of friends and fellow artists, displayed throughout her cherished and wonderfully eclectic home and studio. Jo had a personal style that reflected her many interests and artistic sensibilities. She loved shopping, clothes, cats, the color purple, fine china, antique furniture and books, jewelry, art supplies, stained glass, dolls, and "tiny" things; tiny spoons, bowls, beads, scissors, paintings, baskets.

Jo could be eccentric, infuriating, delightful, melancholy, and a ball of positive energy. She walked and talked fast, was smart, had a lovely singing voice, a sharp wit, and enjoyed pizza, beer, and a good laugh. Jo loved God, was a faithful and devoted Christian, and was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents; the love of her life, her husband Lee; and her five beloved siblings and their spouses; sister Dorothy (Carl) Brewster, and four brothers; Eugene "Harry" Stiles (Maxine), John "Jack" Stiles (Jamie), Donald Stiles (Billie, Jean) and Jerry Stiles (Lorraine, Beverly). Left to cherish her memory are Jo's many nieces and nephews and their families, and a host of dear and loyal friends.

There will be no services. A memorial celebration will be held by Jo's family at a later date. Those wishing to honor Jo's memory are asked to support the work of local artists, art education, your local Humane Society, or a charity of your choice.

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EMT/CPR Training Education available through the Jordan Valley Emergency Services Authority

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - The Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Services Authority has renewed their education certification with the state and is launching a second round of emergency medical training. For the last two years JVEMSA has been licensed by the State of Michigan to offer EMT/EMR Certifications.

The need for affordable, high quality training in Northwestern Michigan with most Fire Departments consisting of volunteers is great. Most area fire departments are facing the threat of an aging team. JVEMSA is offering required courses at an affordable rate in an attempt to attract interested volunteers. "To be an EMT you got to work very intimately, so it's something that's not for the feign of heart," said Education Director Melissa Suto.

JVEMSA also offers ongoing licensing classes on a continued basis because being an EMT requires constant refreshing of medical knowledge and reaction skills. Being



Jordan Valley EMS Director Meghan Meyer and Education Director Melissa Suto are preparing a roster of classes for 2022.

good at anything requires practice, practice, practice and there is no skill more worthy than the ability to save a life. "There's job security in this. No one is ever going to not need a 911 service," said EMS Director Meghan Meyer.

Education Director, Melissa Suto is assisted by instructors Meghan Meyer, Jay Peck, Roger Holowach, and Andrew Lott. "We have a team here and our culture is amazing,"

said JVEMSA Director Meghan Meyer.

Along with these continuing education classes is the CPR certification offered the second Saturday of every month. The class is open to everyone.

If you are a lifelong learner that needs to have a purpose this may be the perfect job for you. "We're learning nonstop," said Suto. "This is the perfect job for me because I am the eternal college student," said Meyer.

The next Emergency Medical Technician, EMT-B certification training class begins March 3 with a meet and greet at the Jordan Valley EMS Authority Station 54. Emergency vehicle operator certification and basic life support certification are both part of this EMT course. For more information call 231-536-7881 or email Education@jvemsa.org.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Many people don't realize all the benefits we enjoy due to the work of public health - work which has often been done quietly in the background. As a local health officer serving 6 counties in northern Michigan, I see the profound impact of prevention and direct services delivered through public health professionals and innovative community partnerships on the health of people and environments. However, I write this out of concern as a citizen for the future of our health and well-being.

Successes of public health have contributed in a vital way to a 30-year increase in life expectancy since 1900 in the United States. Thanks to vaccinations for children and adults, there is decreased illness and mortality. The use of helmets, seatbelts and workplace safety measures have led to thousands and thousands of fewer accidental deaths. Fewer people experience dangerous water and food-borne diseases due to clean water, sanitary codes, and restaurant policies, education, and inspections. And, due to improved screening and tobacco control, we have experienced a decrease in illnesses and deaths related to chronic disease.

Not only are these



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important services saving lives, but they are also saving money. For example, according to a return-on-investment analysis by the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, each dollar invested in childhood immunization results in a savings of \$22, and for every \$1 invested in vision screening, \$162 is saved!

Unfortunately, these critical health benefits enjoyed by the citizens of the United States, northern Michigan and our local counties are at risk of falling victim to political agendas at all levels of government that don't prioritize public health. The public should be deeply concerned about the impact of political manipulation aimed at limiting these functions.

Many citizens don't realize the importance of the role of local government in assuring public health services are available and functioning. Every county

in Michigan is required to have a health department and these counties are also required to contribute to funding public health services. In rural areas, it is common to form a partnership between counties to assure economic efficiencies and equity in the quality of services through a district health department like many of our health departments in northern Michigan.

Local health departments are governed by County Commissioners who have an important responsibility in ensuring the health of their community. Our local County Commissioners are obligated - by law and by oath - to assure the public's health is protected.

We must pay attention to all levels of government and the impact our elected officials have over our health, safety and welfare. We each have the power to ensure our freedom: at the polls when we elect those who represent us and listen to our needs or by stepping into the arena ourselves.

Have you considered running for County Commissioner? Do you realize how many candidates run unopposed each election? Good people of character and integrity can make all the difference. Check

with your County Clerk about the spring deadline - I'm sure they would be happy to assist potential candidates. The Michigan Secretary of State also has information on deadlines to file as a candidate as well as the timeline to register to vote.

There should be healthy competition for these County Commissioner seats and those who are elected should represent all the voices of their constituents, not just those who agree with them. If we are unhappy with the decisions of our elected officials, we have the power to change that. This is what our great country is built on; if we want change, each of us has the ability and obligation to bring it about. Maintaining critical public health services that citizens rely on depends on the support of elected officials. I urge you to do your research, understand their priorities and beliefs, consider running for elected office, and vote!

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Friday:

3PM Downtown Boyne City Pub Crawl - Purchase Commemorative Cup at Chamber office to receive Pub Crawl specials (on sale NOW) - Free rides Charlevoix County Transit

2-4PM Snowshoe Hike- Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy, Wildwood Harbor Preserve

4PM Ice Fishing Contest begins - Boyne Co-op True Value Hardware and True North Trout Details

Saturday:

8AM-NOON Special Farmers Market - Boyne City Main Street - Veterans Park Pavilion

Kids games and fun at Avalanche - Lake Side Elite

1-5PM Food, Music and More at Veterans Park Pavilion

Vote for your favorite deliciousness to win the "Smeltie Award".

Scavenger Hunt - Veterans Park Pavilion

11AM Registration begins Polar Plunge - The Waterfront Field of Dreams

Saturday (continued)

1PM Polar Plunges begin

Family activities Veterans Park- Boyne City Kiwanis

History of Smeltania interactive display - Boyne Heritage Center - Pavilion and City Hall

Frozen pasty sale - Boyne Valley Lions Club

Book Mobile- Boyne District Library

Famous Baked Beans Sale- Boyne Rotary Club

Hot Cocoa Bar -Chain of Lakes Relay For Life and the Northwest Hospice Assist

Art Kits For Kids at Boyne Arts Collective

Girl Scout Cookie Booth-Girl Scouts

7PM Wicked Air & Apres at Boyne Mountain Resort

Sunday:

7AM-NOON Boyne City Fire Department Pancake Breakfast at Veterans Park Pavilion

9AM Winners announced Ice Fishing Contest at breakfast

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CHARLEVOIX

CHARLEVOIX BRAGGING RIGHTS

A Charlevoix Historical Society examination of all there is to love and brag about in Charlevoix in honor of Cynthia Postmus, February 15 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the library. 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.

WALLOON LAKE

WINTERFEST

Saturday, February 19 from Noon to 4pm at the 5th annual Walloon Lake Winterfest in the Village. See live ice carvings with the Ice Brigades and an antique snowmobile show on the lake. Enjoy free ice skating, hot chocolate and bean soup with donations benefiting the Petoskey Snowmobile Club. Visit the Tasting Room featuring Michigan distilleries, wineries, and breweries. Enjoy all day happy hour specials from Barrel Back Restaurant and giveaway prizes every hour.

EAST JORDAN

SNO-BLAST

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

CHARLEVOIX

DOGMAN CHALLENGE

Feb. 19, Noon - 2pm at Mt. McSaubia. Details at www.dogmanchallenge.net

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 Office or T & R Yamaha. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. 1st prize - Champion 4500/3600 Open Frame Inverter Generator, 2nd prize - Stihl MS0211 Chainsaw Pkg, 3rd prize - Raft Trip for 4 from Jordan Valley Outfitters, 4th prize - \$100 Marathon Gas Card. Drawing will be held at 12:30 PM on February 20 at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers, Inc. Clubhouse. (Lic. #R62714)

PETOSKEY

LIFTED UP IN SONG

The Northern Michigan Chorale invites you sing this spring. Join with members from all over our northern counties. Enjoy singing with a joyous community choir of all ages. No audition required. We are a friendly group. Register on-line at www.nm-chorale.org. Join us at the Cross of Christ church Feb. 21, 28 or March 7. Monday rehearsals at Cross of Christ Lutheran church, 1400 E. Mitchell (near Petoskey High school). Practices continue each Monday from 7-9pm. Mask required. Concert June 11, 12 at Bay Harbor's Great Lakes Center for the Arts. For more info contact Music Director, Julie Pierpont. 231-622-1893. Entertaining you since 1982.

CHARLEVOIX

COMMUNITY LEADERS MEETING

Please join Munson Healthcare Foundations and Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital for a virtual Community Leaders Meeting! During this meeting, you'll hear from Charlevoix leadership and Foundations staff on happenings at our local hospital and the opportunity to ask questions. Tuesday, February 22, 11am to 12pm. via Zoom. Please RSVP by Friday, February 18, to Heather Appold at happold@mhc.net or 231-213-1169 or register online at www.bit.ly/charlevoixcl.com

GAYLORD

MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FESTIVAL

A fun, free event. Michigan's richest snowmobile fun run February 25, 26. Pre-register online at www.GaylordMichigan.net or in person at the Gaylord Tourism Bureau, 319 W. Main St.

CHARLEVOIX

ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS

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

CHARLEVOIX

BUSINESS EXPO AND TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

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

tact Caitlin Cole at 231-547-2101 or cole@charlevoix.org.

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. The exhibit will be on display until February 26.

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.

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.

BOYNE CITY

YOUTH ART SHOW

Oceans of Possibilities submissions are accepted Feb. 28 - March 11 at the Boyne District Library. Drop your artwork at the children's circulation desk with the artist's name, age and phone number. Age groups are early childhood, elementary and middle/high school.

Charlevoix

HOMEMADE PASTIES FUNDRAISER

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church (known as "Drawbridge Life Ministry") is offering authentic homemade Cornish pasties for sale. Choices are Beef, Chicken and Veggie for only \$7 each or 6 for \$40.

Sale begins Sunday, February 20 and ends Friday, March 4. Pick up date at the church is Friday, March 11 from 9am - 6pm.

All funds go to purchase a Lift Chair for a church member in need.

To order either call (231)547-2654 or email the church at chxumc@gmail.com. Include your name, phone number, and amount and type of pasties. Thank you!

EAST JORDAN

EJPS EXTRAVAGANZA

Fundraiser benefitting East Jordan Public Schools Saturday, March 5 at 5:30-11pm at the Boathouse on Lae Charlevoix. Tickets are available at the elementary and middle/high school offices. \$75 each. Only 200 tickets will be sold.

EAST JORDAN

LENTEN INTER-FAITH PRAYER SERIES

Join fellow Christians of many denominations as we come together to deepen our common faith in Jesus Christ. Each Wednesday session begins at 12:10pm with a prayer reflection conducted by the pastoral leader of the hosting church. This followed by a soup and salad lunch. A free will offering will be used to support Christian outreach efforts of the Ministerial association.

March 9 - St. Joseph Catholic Church

March 16 - Lighthouse Missionary Church

March 23 - First Presbyterian Church

March 30 - East Jordan Community Church

April 6 - Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 15 - Good Friday Ecumenical Service, 7pm. East Jordan United Methodist Church

GAYLORD

CONCERT

Chonda Pierce live in concert 7pm. March 25 at the E-FREE Church. Doors open at 6pm. Ticket prices: VIP: \$55. GEN. ADMIN.: \$29. GEN. ADMIN. GROUP (10+): \$26. VIP GROUP 10+: \$52. Tickets at https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/6490520/?partner_id=3086&blm_aid=37459

EAST JORDAN

JORDAN ART WALK CALL TO ARTISTS

After a sensational first year debut, the Jordan Art Walk Committee is proudly announcing its 2nd Annual "Call to Artists" for sculpture with a nature based theme. The call for applications will run now through March 31, 2022. Artists may submit up to 3 entries digitally on the CaFE website (callforentry.org) or contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce for more information. Phone 231-536-7351 or email info@ejchamber.org.

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

GAYLORD

EASTER CRAFT SHOW

Plan to attend the Easter craft and vendor show on April 2 at Ellison Place, just off I-75 exit 279. Pictures with the Easter Bunny. Great ideas and gifts to celebrate Easter. Go to [Facebook.com/NorthernMEvents](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernMEvents) or www.NorthernMEvents.com

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

2022 SPRING TREE SALE

Order Deadline: April 15th. Register for a time slot by April 22nd (for order pick-up). Tree Sale Weekend (pre-orders only): April 29th & 30th. Friday, April 29th 2-5pm, Saturday, April 30th 9am-Noon. Order forms are available to download from our website home page (and Tree Sale Link): www.charlevoixcd.org.

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

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 to place an order, or visit the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton St. The selling price is \$25.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIORS

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

CHARLEVOIX

LITTLE WAVES CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

SNOWMOBILING

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

EAST JORDAN

THE DEPOT JORDAN VALLEY TEEN CENTER

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

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

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

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- ♦ Monday rehearsals begin February 21, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1400 E Mitchell, Petoskey (near PHS)
- ♦ Practices continue each Monday from 7:00-9:00 pm
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Boayne Falls Public Schools STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Jaycee Kline

Grade: 5

Parent's Name(s): Whitney and Cameron Rose

What do you want to be when you grow up? Currently, Jaycee is undecided but is considering a career as a Preschool teacher, gymnastics instructor or a veterinarian.

Favorite Book: Jaycee loves reading and learning about wolves.

Favorite Subject: Math

Hobbies and Interests: Gymnastics, pets, and math

School Activities: Peer to Peer mentor

Staff Comments: Jaycee is an awesome Logger and follows the Logger's Agreement. In addition, Jaycee is a natural leader with a positive, can-do attitude. She is an inspiration to others and a delight to have in class.

Submitted By: Ms. Belisle



Jayden Moore

Grade: 4

Parent's Name(s): Jessica Schwarz, Derik Moore

What do you want to be when you grow up? Jayden wants to be a video game creator and streamer when he grows up.

Favorite Book: The Last Kids on Earth

Favorite Subject: Reading & SSR

Hobbies and Interests: Gaming, robotics, coding, 3D printing, swimming

School Activities: Peer to Peer mentor

Staff Comments: Jayden follows the Logger Agreement, looks out for others, and is helpful without being asked. He is dedicated and diligent with his studies, and loves to learn. Keep up the great work!

Submitted By: Mrs. Wind

41ST ANNUAL Sno-Blast Winter Festival

FEBRUARY 19 & 20, 2022 • SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

(EAST JORDAN SNO-MOBILERS CLUBHOUSE, MT. BLISS RD.)

9 AM – 1 PM

■ Classic & Antique Snowmobile Show

9 AM – 9:45

■ ORV Obstacle Course Registration

9:30 AM

■ Crowning of Winter Knight & Belle of the Blizzard

10 AM Sharp

■ Blessing of the Sleds & ORV's

10:45 AM

■ ORV Obstacle Course - \$5 per person, 18 & over, Must wear helmet

10 AM – 3 PM

■ Concessions in the Clubhouse

11 AM – 1 PM

■ 1st Ever Frozen Pancake Olympics – Sponsored by The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center

11 AM – 2 PM

■ Chili Cook-off – Buy your mug for \$5 to sample & vote for your favorite!

Entry Forms available at the Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse, EJ Chamber Office or at www.ejchamber.org

11 AM – 2 PM

■ Live Music by "Country

Thunder"

12 PM

■ SnowStuds Bikini Radar Run - Breast Cancer Fundraiser

(Must be pre-registered – message twistedprincess15@gmail.com)

1 PM – 3 PM

■ Snowmobile Radar Runs - \$10 per person, make as many runs as you

want – Must be 18 or older, must wear helmet, no side by side racing

(LOCATIONS AROUND TOWN)

11 AM

■ Grand Story Hour – Story Time with Luanne Reed @ Books N Things (the event

Will go to Zoom if Covid numbers are high)

6 PM – 8 PM

■ Winter Luminary Stroll & Sip - Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center

(5745 N M-66) Hike, Ski or Snowshoe by candlelight

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse, Mt. Bliss Rd)

7 AM – 12 PM

■ Sno-Lovers Breakfast – EJ Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse

Noon

■ South Arm ORV Club Raffle Drawing, 1st Prize – Open Frame Inverter Generator, 2nd Prize – Stihl Chainsaw Package, 3rd

Prize – Raft Trip for 4 on the Jordan, 4th Prize - \$100 Marathon Gift Card. Tickets available - any ORV Club Member, EJ Chamber Office. Sold until drawing or until they are gone. (Raffle Lic. # R62714) Tickets \$10 Each or 3 / \$25

CONTESTS GET IN IT TO WIN IT!

Winter Knight & Belle of the Blizzard Contest – Crowning Ceremony, 9:30 AM at the EJ Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse. Vote for your favorite contestants in decorated cans around town at local businesses.

BELLE OF THE BLIZZARD CONTESTANTS & WINTER KNIGHT CONTESTANTS

Jaleesa O'Neal
Jason O'Neal
Maegan Chamberlin
Josh Chamberlin
Dorothy Warrington
Stewart Warrington

Chili Cook-Off – Saturday, February 19 at the Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse, 11 AM – 2 PM. Entry forms available at EJ Chamber, Sno-Mobile Clubhouse or www.ejchamber.org. Chili will be voted on by festival goers.

Sno-Sculpture Contest – Theme: Fun and Games - Entry is \$5.00: deadline Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Cash prizes awarded. Get your application at the Chamber Office or at

www.ejchamber.org. Sponsored by South Arm Café.

Kids & Adults Coloring Contest – Kids ages 0 – 6th Grade can compete in a Sno-Blast Coloring Contest. Sponsored by East Jordan BC Pizza. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place. Kids Entries will be displayed at the Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse during Sno-Blast so you can vote for your favorite. Adult contest will be judged by a committee. Adult contest will be 1st & 2nd place winners. Coloring pages available at Chamber Office, EJ Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse or on line at www.ejchamber.org

Other Fun Stuff to Do in East Jordan

Ice Skating Rink – Outdoor rink at East Jordan Tourist Park

Disc Golf – East Jordan Community Park

Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing – East Jordan Community Park and Little Traverse Conservancy Preserves. Visit www.landtrust.org for a preserve map.

Dining & Shopping

We strongly encourage participants and spectators to follow CDC Safe Guidelines: Wearing of a face covering, 6' social distancing, handwashing and use of hand sanitizer.

State Police Investigate Six Vehicle Crash In Otsego County

Otsego County, MI. On Saturday, February 12, 2022, at approximately 4:07 p.m. troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post responded to a personal injury crash involving six vehicles on M-32 near Townline Rd in Hayes Township. The initial investigation indicates 67-year-old Arturo Garcia from Boyne City was traveling west bound in the east bound lane forcing east bound cars into the ditch. Two vehicles were forced into the ditch before Garcia struck a jeep head on which was then rear ended by a pickup truck and a small Buick. Garcia was flown to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City where he remains in critical condition.



The driver of the Jeep was treated for minor injuries at Otsego Memorial Hospital and released. The highway was closed between Alba Road and Townline Road for approximately three hours while first responders were

working the crash scene.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation. At this time troopers believe Garcia was having a medical emergency that may have caused the crash. Troopers were assisted by deputies

from the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, officers from the Gaylord City Police Department, and Otsego County Fire Department and EMS.

TRUE VALUE FROM PG. 1

it, never had a weekend off," said Dale. "I'm looking forward to coming in, doing my job and going home. I'm not doing the 60 hour weeks anymore," said Kaye. Dan and Faye will be fly fishing in Wyoming this July. "Just before we sold the business is the first time I got more than eight days off in 44 years," said Dan who just returned from fishing in Brazil. The one regret Dan expressed about the business was getting rid of the sporting goods department back in the 1990s. "I can tell you the day Cabella's in Dundee opened," he said.

Rob Morgan of Gil-Roy's has been working with his team to prepare the store. Customers can expect a doubling of the inventory, that's

why the shelves have been rearranged and the register moved. But the staff will be the same. "We're excited to keep this whole team. We don't like to lose anybody. We plan to take what they did well and try and enhance it if possible," said Morgan. Many things at the store will remain the same, like the Stihl equipment department. They hope to add a propane filling station, sporting goods and lumber in time. "We try and keep what the original owners did well and enhance," said Morgan. There are 35 Gill-Roy's stores, 14 in Northern Michigan. The company has a reputation for maintaining its employees. Kurt Zimmerman was hired by Gill-Roy's at the age of 16, he is now 67. "That was back when we had only one store," said Zimmerman. Another Gill-Roy's team member present at the store change-over was Lem George who

has been with the company for 40 years. "We're family orientated. We get very little turn over because we try to take care of our staff," said Morgan.

In 2021 the East Jordan True Value won the Petoskey News Review's Best of the Northwest, 3rd Place for 'Best Hardware Store' and 2nd Place for 'Best Home Improvement Store'. With business doing well, the move to retire didn't come easily, the Millers have been talking to Gill-Roy's for five years. "The time is right," said Morgan. "The Morgans will bring new things and fresh ideas to our community," said Kaye. "I'm just excited for everything that's going on and scared to death on the other side of it," said Dale. "This is a win/win for the community and us and the team," said Morgan.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 9 MEETING

College students may begin restoration of Beaver Island Lighthouse

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Charlevoix - County Commissioners approved funds to bring students from Eastern Michigan's Preservation Field School to the Beaver Island Lighthouse this spring and the purchase of a new email server platform in the wake of recovering from a nearly 2 week email crash at the county offices.

A proposal was brought before the commissioners by Lori Taylor-Blitz from the Beaver Island Historical Society to invite students from Eastern Michigan's Preservation Field School to provide free expert labor to restore the Beaver Island Lighthouse. Students in the graduate program in historic preservation are required to conduct a field study project. Taylor-Blitz stated that the BI Historical Society has already raised \$8,800 that could be used to offset the student's



Lori Taylor-Blitz from the Beaver Island Historical Society and Professor Nancy Bryk Director of Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation Department, on Zoom, present the possibility of graduate students working to begin restoration of the Beaver Island Lighthouse to the Charlevoix County Commission.

travel and lodging expenses. She also informed that Networks Northwest who co-own the lighthouse with the

county have committed to half of the remaining \$10,000 needed for the nine day project. The team would include

between ten and twenty students, 2 professors, and a field Manager who is the Director of Facilities at Green-

field Village & Henry Ford Museum, Alec Gerome. "I just can't tell you what an incredible opportunity and fortunate for Charlevoix County to have them participate," said Taylor-Blitz. She suspects that the team will begin with repairs to the mortar around the base of the lighthouse and the lower level. "The biggest thing that will come out of this is a plan to move forward," she said. "I think this is a great idea. I don't see where we can't come up with the matching funds that Lori's requesting," said Commissioner Chris Christensen.

One hundred and sixty-five mailboxes were either not functioning or functioning sporadically for nearly two weeks due to a server crash earlier this month. The county hosted server is housed in the State Street building and has been run by county IT since 2012. Brian

Kelly, county IT & GIS Director, informed the Commissioners that a growing usage and needed cyber security are reasons to upgrade the current database that had to be "essentially rebuilt." Commissioners approved the purchase of yearly software licensing for Microsoft hosted email service at the approximate cost of \$30,000. Subtracting current expenses the switch to an exterior host adds only \$8,000 to the system costs. "So for approximately \$7,500-\$8,000 a year we're getting a better product," Kelly explained. The county run server will be used as an additional back up. "We will continue to patch it and maintain it, redundancy is part of what we're paying for," he said.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION FEBRUARY 8 MEETING

Marina project raises questions at city meeting

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Boyer City - For the first three hours of the Boyne City Commission February 8 meeting audience members and commissioners alike expressed outrage and requested explanations for a corrected mistake in the application submitted for the marina expansion and discussed the prospect of putting the marina expansion issue to a vote of the people.

During her update on the proposed marina improvement and expansion project, Harbor Master Barb Brooks explained that on January 12 an error in the Economic Development Administration Grant application was found. The main error was the presence of the mooring fields which were not supposed to be included in the project. A few other minor modifications, some points of clarification and additional information requested by the EDA representative were also included in a revised and corrected version of the grant application which was resubmitted on January 19. "It was an oversight, it was a big one and I'll be the first to admit it. It was a very, very complicated application. Not an excuse, it was a mistake... it was truly a mistake. I was not trying to sneak something and it's unfortunate that people would feel that city staff would do that on purpose," she said.

Two members of the audience indicated skepticism about how the mooring field was left in the project description and stated that even they could spot many errors on a single reading of the 702 page grant application. "That's inexcusable, that's a hot mess," said resident Bonnie Johnson. "You should be embarrassed by that." With another resident stating that the application was "misleading." Mayor Conklin interjected at the end of public comment, "I

can't believe that we are talking to one another the way we are talking to one another, it's very disrespectful."

Brooks stated in her report that the general direction for the marina over the years was an ultimate goal of restoration and expansion, the marina has run in the black for the last 15 years, it has an \$180,000 fund balance and she included that the city's financial consultant feels comfortable that under normal circumstances the city should be able to pay back the 1.7 million dollar bond the city will need to match the grant.

City Attorney James Murray was present by request of the Commissioners to answer the question of placing the marina expansion project on a ballot, something that has been brought up at multiple meetings. "A question like this cannot (be placed on a ballot), this is the type of decision that is square one at your discretion," he said. "People vote for or against a law, it's not an ordinance, it's not a re-ordinance, it's not a law. You can't do it," he said. "You are not doing things that Michigan law says go on ballots. It would be like citizens having a vote to say 'paint this black,'" he said. "It can't, plain and simple... it's just the way it is."

Commissioner Tim Nemecek then asked if the bond could go on the ballot. "In an effort to ask the right question," he said. Murray responded that there is a "formula." "If the bonding requires an ordinance, it's subject to referendum. But it cannot go to referendum until you adopt an ordinance and you are not at that point yet, you are still deciding whether to go forward. The day you approve an ordinance if the bond requires an ordinance, when you adopt the ordinance, it's subject to referendum," he explained.

The city attorney was

Leadership Charlevoix County gets approval for Mental Health Project

BY TINA SUNDELIUS



Charlevoix County Class of 2022 Public Relations Committee Chair Savannah Bergmann addressed the Charlevoix County Commissioners and received approval for the class' community project at the February 8 Commission meeting.

Charlevoix - Leadership Charlevoix County class of 2022 has received approval from the Charlevoix County Commissioners to proceed with their class project, a Wellness Garden constructed at the new county building, the Shirley Roloff Center, on Division Street and intends to launch a mental health awareness campaign.

The prevalence of mental health issues is at the core of LCC class of 2022's motivation. In a presentation to the County Commissioners Savannah Bergmann, class spokesperson and Chair of their Public Relations Committee, distributed literature

that stated that their project is needed because mental health issues can affect the physical health of individuals and create stress within families, disrupt community cohesion and present extra burdens on law enforcement and illustrated the increase of these issues during the pandemic, reflected in suicide rates among other things. "We're all very passionate about mental health awareness and doing whatever we can to help," she said.

The intent of the project is to bring more attention to the issue in order to reduce the mental health stigma and foster open dialogue and sup-

port within the community. The garden is intended to be a public space for relaxation, meditation and personal reflection that also includes a kiosk with helpful information and messaging. The students have been working with the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, who will eventually take over maintenance of the 13 x 13 foot garden. "We really worked to create a plan the required the least amount of maintenance possible," said Bergmann.

The class hopes to have the garden open to the public and campaign active by May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month.

Frey Foundation grant supports work of the Great Start Collaborative & Parent Coalition

Ground-level work being done by the Great Start Collaborative & Parent Coalition of Charlevoix, Emmet, and Northern Antrim Counties to reach and support families and young children continues to thrive thanks to funding support from the Frey Foundation.

In 2020, the foundation granted Char-Em ISD with a three-year, \$81,000 grant award as its work continues to gain traction and help hundreds of families throughout Northwest Michigan. The Great Start Collaborative & Parent Coalition is a grant-funded initiative out of the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Great Start. Char-Em ISD serves as the fiduciary and provides oversight for the GSC.

The public may recognize the work of the collaborative in activities like free laundry events at local laundromats, the FreeCycle book program, Early Childhood Networking Nights around the region, and the Talking is Teaching campaign that has especially taken off in the last two years, said Savannah Cool, the GSC's new director.

"The funding support for these programs from the Frey Foundation is immeasurable to us. We are so grateful that the foundation recognized that the Great Start Collaborative and its Parent Coalition are working hard to reach families where they are - in their communities, at the places they frequent, at playgrounds, parks and even grocery stores," said Cool. "We have been able to utilize the grant funding and soar."

The grant funding for "Great Start Collaborative Capacity Building Project" supports a new Project Coordinator position as well, held by Crissy Napont, a long-time Char-Em ISD graphic designer who transitioned to the coordinator role in summer 2020.

"I'm so grateful to be a part of this work - it is in-

credibly rewarding to make a difference in the lives of our local families in this way," said Napont. "The initiatives work because they are simple things that parents and children can participate in together every day to strengthen their family and improve childhood outcomes. We strive to remind families that easy, everyday activities such as changing a diaper, shopping for groceries, or doing laundry can be meaningful learning moments for children. All of these early experiences enhance brain development and lead to hitting those important development milestones."

Several materials that Napont has designed for the local initiatives have been approved by the national organization that oversees the Talking is Teaching program, Too Small to Fail. Other communities are able to utilize her attractively designed materials to support their own Talking is Teaching programs - which is priceless to those organizations without a graphic designer on staff. "It feels great to know that what we are doing locally is making a difference around the state and nation, too," Napont added.

Jill Haan, Director of Early Childhood for Char-Em ISD and supervisor of the collaborative, said she was grateful the Frey Foundation took the time to learn about the needs in the community and the potential for growth with these innovative programs.

"We are very appreciative of the foundation connecting with our collaborative and participating in meetings to really understand our work and the need," said Haan.

The Frey Foundation has supported the work of the following projects:

Strong Moms, Healthy Babies totes: During fiscal year 2021, GSC connected with 125 pregnant women as a direct result of tote distribution. Early Childhood Network-

ing Nights: Six events, more than 250 registrants; 97 percent of participants reported learning new information and strategies that they can use as parents/caregivers.

Kindergarten Readiness Totes: 637 totes distributed to incoming kindergarteners in Char-Em ISD.

FreeCycle Book Project: 6,000 books in the hands of children during the pandemic, with close to 10,000 donations from the community collected.

Literacy Summit: Not held in 2021 due to COVID-19; planning for future summits under way.

Talking is Teaching Community Campaign: Numerous kits distributed to local families, and 55 new Trusted Messengers trained. Following topics were covered:

- o Let's Talk About Us - What Makes You Unique
- o Let's Talk About Diaper Time
- o Let's Talk About Nature
- o Visit www.greatstarttalkingisteaching.org for more information.

"We plan to continue the Talking is Teaching campaign in many different places. The goal is to have it show up where families are meeting and make it an everyday part of their life," said Cool. "It works because it's really that simple: Talking, reading, and singing with your children."

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the FreeCycle book program, and Napont said the public should be on the lookout for some refreshed materials and drop sites to celebrate the milestone. "We will be rolling out some new collection bins and we are going to be focusing on the sustainability of that program, updating materials and so forth," she said.

All of the projects dovetail into the GSC's mission, which is to engage multi-disciplinary partners and families to identify, plan, and implement system change to

strengthen families and improve child outcomes, nurturing and supporting every child in the region to achieve their maximum potential.

"I'm new to this role and what excites me most as we look ahead is continuing to meet families where they are, supporting them from the very start," said Cool. "We can connect them with resources and tools to guide them and help them along the way. We are in this together, and we are so grateful for the Frey Foundation's support in these efforts."

Haan said the work of prior director Maureen Hollocker, who was at the helm of the GSC for 10 years until leaving for a national position in December 2021, set a strong foundation for Cool, Napont, and the Parent Coalition to build upon in the years to come.

"Our collaborative has grown to be a key organization for bringing early childhood stakeholders together to plan and implement system change to strengthen families and improve child outcomes," Haan said. "With support like this from the Frey Foundation, we expect to be able to not just maintain current initiatives, but also to expand strategically."

About the Frey Foundation: Frey Foundation, based in Grand Rapids, is one of West Michigan's family foundations committed to making a difference in the lives of individuals, families, organizations and communities. Grants are provided to non-profit organizations primarily in West and Northern Michigan for projects that enhance child development, protect natural resources, promote the arts, and build community. We invite you to learn more about the Foundation and its history by visiting our website at www.freyfdn.org.

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News

Boosted Americans 97 Times Less Likely to Die of COVID-19

Americans who have received a COVID-19 booster shot are 97 times less likely to die from the coronavirus than those who aren't vaccinated, according to a new update from the CDC.

In addition, fully vaccinated Americans – meaning those with up to two doses, but no booster -- are 14 times less likely to die from COVID-19 than unvaccinated people.

"These data confirm that vaccination and boosting continues to protect against severe illness and hospital-

ization, even during the Omicron surge," Rochelle Walensky, MD, director of the CDC, said during a briefing by the White House COVID-19 Response Team.

"If you are not up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations, you have not optimized your protection against severe disease and death, and you should get vaccinated and boosted if you are eligible," she said.

Walensky presented the latest numbers on Wednesday based on reports from 25 jurisdictions in early De-

ember. The number of average weekly deaths for those who were unvaccinated was 9.7 per 100,000 people, as compared with .7 of those who were vaccinated and .1 of those who had received a booster.

"The data are really stunningly obvious why a booster is really very important," Anthony Fauci, MD, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said during the briefing.

Fauci also encouraged vaccination for those who

are pregnant and couples who may want to conceive in the near future. He highlighted two recent studies that found vaccination in either partner didn't affect fertility, including in vitro fertilization.

Meanwhile, fertility fell temporarily among men who were infected with the coronavirus. Couples were 18% less likely to conceive if the male partner had contracted the coronavirus within 60 days before a menstrual cycle.

"New data adds to previ-

ous studies that indicate that COVID-19 vaccination does not negatively impact fertility," Fauci said. "Vaccination is recommended for people who are trying to get pregnant now or might become pregnant in the future, as well as their partners."

About 80% of eligible Americans have received at least one vaccine dose, and 68% are fully vaccinated, according to the latest CDC data. About 51% of those who are eligible for a booster dose have received one.

The FDA could authorize the Pfizer vaccine for children under age 5 later this month. When that happens, about 18 million children will qualify for a shot, Jeff Zients, coordinator of the White House COVID-19 Response Team, said during the briefing. The Biden administration is already working on distribution plans for the shot for young kids, he added.

"We'll be ready to start getting shots in arms soon after FDA and CDC make their decisions," he said.

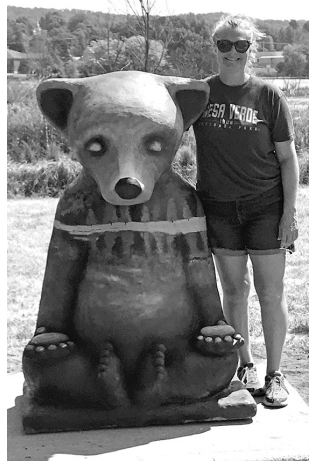
Jordan Art Walk call to artists

After a sensational first year debut, the Jordan Art Walk Committee is proudly announcing its 2nd Annual "Call to Artists" for sculpture with a nature based theme. The call for applications will run now through March 31, 2022. Artists may submit up to 3 entries digitally on the CaFE website (callforentry.org) or contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce for more information. Phone 231-536-7351 or email info@ejchamber.org.

Requirements include:

- Must be a safe design, construction and have the ability to be safely secured in an outdoor setting. Must be durable for outside four season display, must be compatible with the unique setting of the East Jordan area. Each sculpture entry must be submitted with photographs of the piece or of other works by the artist and a sketch of the proposed entry. An artist resume must also accompany the application. The sculptures will be in place for three (3) years and will be for sale with a 20% commission to the committee. There is a \$600.00 stipend for the artists selected to the exhibit. Artists are responsible for transporting, installing and de-installing the artwork.

The seven (7) member committee is excited on this new artist call and is looking to add up to seven (7) new sculptures to the original seven sculptures that launched this spectacular exhibit in 2021. Sculpture sponsors are also being recruited at this time. To learn more about The Jordan Art Walk "Call to Artists" or sponsorship opportunities contact Mary H. Faculak at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. 231-536-7351 or email to info@ejchamber.org



City Manager of Boyne City to Lead Statewide Association

Michael Cain Named President of Michigan Municipal Executives

Michael Cain, the city manager for Boyne City, is the new president of the statewide association representing Michigan's municipal managers.

Cain was selected as the 2022 president of the Michigan Municipal Executives (MME) during the organization's annual Winter Institute, which took place Jan. 25-28 in Troy. Cain succeeds Battle Creek City Manager Rebecca Fleury, who now serves as immediate past president. Cain has spent the past year as the organization's president-elect and served as vice president and as a board member.

"The MME has been a very important part of my professional career from its very beginning," Cain said. "I am proud and honored to have been selected by my peers to have this opportunity to give back and serve this organization, that has given so much to me, as its president in the year ahead."

Michael Cain has served as city manager of Boyne City since 2002 and has more than 38 years of municipal management experience, having previously worked for Grand Traverse County, Traverse City, Fenton, Wolverine Lake, Troy, and St. Johns.

In his year-long term as president, Cain plans to build on the ongoing work of the MME and its members to continue to evolve and grow the organization to meet the opportunities and challenges facing local governments of all types today.

Cain specifically thanked outgoing President Fleury and the whole MME Board for their outstanding work in continuing to implement the



Michael Cain has served as city manager of Boyne City since 2002 and has more than 38 years of municipal management experience. Courtesy Photo

organization's member engagement effort and strategic plan during a very challenging year. This includes following MME's newly adopted mission: "MME works to provide members professional development, support their personal growth, and promote the municipal executive profession in Michigan. In service to its members and their communities, MME seeks to enhance management excellence, continuous improvement, and high ethical standards."

"As we prepare to enter into the 100th year of our organization, we want to encourage more people to consider a rewarding career as a municipal executive, and more communities and governments to explore the benefits of adopting the professional management model. Visit our website at mme.org or contact your nearest professional local government executive for more information," Cain said.

"Out of 280 cities in the state of Michigan, 234 have

professional managers, as do many counties, villages and townships," Cain added. "It is important that the leaders of these communities have an organization to serve their unique professional needs here in Michigan so they can better serve their communities and the citizens and businesses in them. The MME provides first-rate educational, information sharing, and networking opportunities to its members who must hold themselves to the high ethical standards of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA)."

Cain is a member of the ICMA and has been active with MME for many years serving as a member of its board and several committees. He's also been very active with the Michigan Municipal League serving on several committees and is a past member of its Board of Trustees.

He is currently on the board of Networks Northwest and served as the chairperson of the Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet

County 911 Authority for several years.

Cain believes in and works hard to remove unnecessary organizational silos, and promoting collaboration and cooperation within and between organizations, communities, and people, all while looking for ways to say yes. He is the past president and current board member of the Boyne Valley Lions Club and is an Eagle Scout. Cain received his master's in Public Administration from Michigan State University.

In addition to selecting Cain as president, the organization elected the following to serve new roles and terms on the board: President-Elect Christine Burns, Village Manager, Spring Lake; Vice President Christian Wuerth, Village Manager, Milford; Matthew Butts, Assistant City Manager, Grandville; Aaron Desentz, City Manager, Mt. Pleasant; Brad Kaye, City Manager, Midland; and Laura Lam, Assistant City Manager, Kalamazoo.

The MME membership thanked outgoing board members John Shay, Administrator, Ottawa County; Cameron Van Wyngarden, Township Manager, Plainfield; Dana Muscott, City Manager, Bay City; and Juan Ganum, City Manager, Bridgman, for their service.

For additional information, contact Matt Bach, assistant director of strategic communications for the Michigan Municipal League, at mbach@mml.org and (810) 874-1073.

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Tourism is the lifeblood of Mackinaw City businesses

Chamber director responds to Attorney General action

Mackinaw City – In response to the recent notice of intended action issued against hotels in Mackinaw City for alleged deceptive practices from the office of the Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, The Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce is hopeful that the resolution is in a manner that best serves visitors in a way that encourages an exceptional vacation experience that Mackinaw City has been ultimately known for.

As quoted from Attorney General Nessel in the release issued on February 9, 2022, "Tourism is part of the lifeblood for the economy in Northern Michigan". Tourism is essential for a thriving community to exist for many of the businesses and residents that call Mackinaw City home. This notice of intended action shall not be suggested as a reflection of the business community as a whole.

"Mackinaw City, in its key location in the State of Michigan, has a long-standing history of welcoming visitors and we look forward to con-

tinuing that tradition", said Amy Millard, Executive Director of the Greater Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce. "There are well over 50 lodging accommodations made up of hotels, motels, bed & breakfast inns, and campgrounds in Mackinaw City that are owned and operated by incredibly hard-working individuals that have an excellent reputation and make every effort to create a memorable vacation experience for those visiting our city each year".

The Greater Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce has served as the voice of the business community since its founding in 1955. Through our mission of promoting regional commerce and vitality to serve as a voice for the collective business community, we strive to represent our members and the community with positivity and pride. The Greater Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce continues to promote the business community by providing a platform for our members to learn, connect, and prosper.

To whom it may concern:

The choice to rescind the mask mandate and likewise, to encourage our district Board of Education to make masks optional is a mistake. You are making a decision based on pressure from a group that is loud, but not actually caused any harm by their children being masked. It is hysteria at its finest. For the large portion of us in the immunocompromised camp, the opportunity for our children to attend public school quite literally lies in the balance. None of those people throwing adult sized tantrums are actually going to pull their kids from public school. And you know this.

However, those of us with family members that are immunocompromised are already being forced to do so. This is an incredible learning opportunity for our children and likewise the adults in our country who have failed to learn what it means to be a member of a community. As the educators, administrators and support staff well know, our children are not having an issue being masked. In fact, they are

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learning what it means to put inconvenience and selfishness aside to care for the needs of their community. A little bit of empathy would go a long way.

For some insane reason, this has been the hill that these parents want us to die on. They will go to church on Sunday and hear Jesus' words, but fail to put them into practice Monday through Saturday. My family has attended the Board of Health meetings only to be pushed out of the cue after hours of waiting by hackers. We have written to the Boyne City Board of Education members to have only received one response. We have written to our Commissioners and received no reply. If any one of you are going to politicize the health and wellbeing of my family, the least you could do is respond to this family who pays taxes, who votes in every election, has served our country, and dedicated years of our lives to civil service.

It seems you are missing some large components to this argument. I listened to a

commissioner at the last Board of Health meeting suggest that we are losing citizenry due to our mask mandates. That is asinine and there are no facts to back up that baseless claim. It's easy to recognize that people are going where the jobs are. Where they can attain affordable housing and access to childcare. Nevertheless, this joker wanted to politicize the move from our region as solely related to mask mandates.

Here's some actual information for you, sir: There is a teacher shortage everywhere, but as a rural community, with less to offer families (i.e. childcare and affordable housing), the choices that we have made to adversely affect the lives of our educators and support staff, to not consider their needs, their health and safety during a global pandemic, will have a detrimental effect on our ability to staff our schools long after the pandemic has dissipated. I don't see those criticizing our schools jumping at the chance to teach our kids. I simply see loads of criticism

from uneducated and entitled citizens who continue to drink the noxious Kool-aid and do nothing to actually make Northern Michigan a better place to live and to raise a family. Please do better.

It's time to put politics aside for once. We all say it, but we need to actually do it. We need a little more time and patience and grace. Mask up until the end of this semester and start fresh in the fall. My child should not miss out on the chance to be with their classmates and in the classroom, solely because some parents have decided that they can throw a tantrum. Their lives are not negatively impacted by their child wearing a mask, but ours and countless others are greatly impacted by the choice not to. Immunocompromised people are a valued part of this community and deserve the same consideration as able-bodied people. This drama needs to end. Our children deserve better.

With greater consideration,
Jessica Tison, East Jordan

News

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Consumers Energy Foundation calls for entries in Put Your Town on the Map competition

\$50,000 will be awarded between three small towns

The Consumers Energy Foundation is bringing back the Put Your Town on the Map pitch competition to provide \$50,000 for big ideas in Michigan's small towns.

The Put Your Town on the Map competition provides dollars for three projects that aim to help small communities in Michigan grow and thrive. Communities with a population of up to 10,000 have through March 18 to submit proposals.

"It's no secret the past two years have been challenging for everyone. As we look toward a more hopeful future, Consumers Energy is proud to continue our tradition of helping the communities we serve grow and thrive," said Roger Curtis, Consumers Energy's vice president of public affairs. "Michigan's small and rural towns have big ideas for their futures, and we're excited to help provide the resources necessary to bring those projects to life."

The Consumers Energy Foundation and the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) will select 10 finalists to make their pitch at the Small Town and Rural Development Conference in May. The top three winners will receive grants worth \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

Consumers Energy started the competition in 2019. In 2021, grant dollars were awarded to Comins Township in Oscoda County to support a public square for events and tourism promotion, Pinckney in Livingston County to build

an accessible community garden, and Alma in Gratiot County to create an art corridor in the downtown area.

"Every small and rural community in Michigan needs to enter the Consumers Energy Foundation's Put Your Town on the Map contest," said Rob Murphy, Comins Township Supervisor. "Comins Township was honored to be recognized in 2021 as one of the three winners who received grant dollars from this competition. This opportunity has begun a community wide transformation and it's all centered around our new Fairview Town Square and events area being constructed. The entire township is excited to be recognized and thankful for the Foundation's work to support Michigan communities of any size."

The Put Your Town on the Map competition aims to reward innovative ideas that attract visitors to downtowns, focus on housing, education or employment, create community pride and more. Community leaders can learn more and apply at <http://cedamichigan.org/rpm/conference-rpm>.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider. The Foundation enables communities to thrive and grow by investing in what's most important to Michigan — its people, our planet and Michigan's prosperity. In 2021, the Consumers Energy Foundation, Consumers Energy, its employees and retirees contributed over \$17.5 million to Michigan nonprofits. For more information, visit www.ConsumersEnergy.com/foundation.

Health Department to lift K-12 mask mandate effective 11:59 p.m. February 17

Due to improving conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is announcing that the First Amended Order which requires masks to be worn in school settings will be lifted in one week, with rescission effective at 11:59 p.m., Thursday, February 17, 2022.

Although the lifting of the mandate does not take effect for one week, the announcement was made by Health Officer Lisa Peacock and Medical Director Dr. Josh Meyerson on February 10 to give school leaders advance notice prior to lifting the public health order so they had time to notify their school boards, prepare staff, make necessary policy changes, and notify families and their communities. This notice was expressed as preferable by many of the school superintendents across the jurisdiction throughout weekly discussions with the school leaders.

"The purpose of the First Amended Order was to protect students, school staff, as well as the community and was originally issued on August 27, 2021, and amended on November 9, 2021," Peacock said. "It was based on overwhelming medical evidence and support as well as then current and ongoing COVID-19 epidemic conditions including rapid growth of case and positivity rates, rising and ongoing strain on healthcare capacity, and a student population that was largely unvaccinated with no opportunity for vaccina-

tion of the youngest school-age children who weren't yet eligible," she said.

Ongoing review of local, regional, and state data has revealed the following information which supports the decision to rescind the emergency order:

- Ongoing weekly monitoring of pandemic risk indicators demonstrating weekly cases per 100,000 have decreased by 67% statewide over the past three weeks and decreased by 56% in the Traverse City Michigan Economic Recovery (MERC) region.

- While an increase in hospitalizations has typically followed a similar pattern as cases in previous surges, hospitalizations did rise but not as sharply as cases in the recent COVID-19 Omicron variant surge. Modeling projections estimate that an increase in deaths will also follow but are also not expected to rise as sharply as previous surges and it is predicted that this will continue to become evident over the next 1-2 weeks.

- Parents have had ample opportunity to get their eligible school-age children vaccinated and there continues to be available appointments in all counties for COVID-19 first doses, second doses, or booster vaccinations. In the Health Department of Northwest Michigan jurisdiction, 23% of 5-11-year-olds and 46% of those 12-15 have received at least one vaccination.

- Regular discussions with hospital partners reveal that several elements of healthcare capacity are in the

early stages of improving, including staffing shortages and absences, general and ICU capacity, and the volume of COVID inpatients.

- We now have access to additional tools and strategies for mitigating risk of COVID-19 including widespread vaccination opportunities, increasing availability of testing both at home and at community sites, broad access to effective masks and public health information for the general public. The health department continues to prioritize equitable access to these protective resources.

In general, due to the changing conditions of the pandemic, the public health response across local, state, and national agencies is shifting its focus from mandates and restrictions to individual personal protection responsibilities. One example of this is the recent transition away from universal case investigation and contact tracing which opens resources for more effective targeted strategies in high-risk settings and outbreak situations.

"As we have discussed in the past, a public health emergency order is only a temporary strategy, only exercised when other methods of protecting the public's health haven't been possible or effective," Peacock noted.

Dr. Meyerson emphasized that the lifting of the order is not intended to indicate that masking is no longer important.

"Masking indoors and in crowded settings continues to be recommended by

major health authorities and schools are urged to maintain masking policies especially when transmission levels remain high," Dr. Meyerson said. "The CDC offers key messages on properly wearing and choosing an appropriate mask. Masking on buses and other forms of public transportation continues to be a federal requirement," he added.

The health department continues to provide easy and free access to the COVID-19 vaccine in all its counties. Appointments and walk-in clinics are available via this link. In addition, while supplies last, the health department is distributing free KN95 masks and home tests at all office locations in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

Individuals are encouraged to get tested if they show any symptoms of COVID-19 and to isolate while they are ill or if they test positive. Free and easily accessible testing sites are located throughout the health department jurisdiction.

In addition, health department professionals are available to help school families and any other community members navigate any questions they may have about COVID-19 symptoms, vaccinations, or what to do if they are exposed to the coronavirus and need to isolate or quarantine. To discuss health concerns with health department staff during normal business hours, call 800-386-5959.

REAL ESTATE FEATURE



UPDATED RANCH STYLE HOME ON BEAUTIFUL 12-ACRE SETTING SOUTH OF EAST JORDAN

BY JIM AKANS

Situated on a beautiful, 12-acre setting south of East Jordan, this updated ranch style home offers many wonderful amenities.

The main home features three bedrooms and two baths, with approximately 1,352 square feet of impeccable update space. Interior

highlights include remodeled baths, open living, dining and kitchen layout with updated appliances in the kitchen and corner gas fireplace in the living room. There is a second dwelling on the property; a three bedroom, two bath mobile home that could serve as an in-law suite, guest quarters or even an investment property. The home also features central air conditioning

The 12-acre property offers stunning views. There is a large 30x80 pole barn with electric, concrete floor and even a bathroom. It provides lots of space for vehicles, equipment, workshop area and general storage. Other amenities include a whole-home back up generator system.

This updated ranch style home on 12 acres is located at

4276 Bartholomew Road south of East Jordan and it is listed at \$349,990. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtor, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 231 Water Street in Boyne City, at 231-582-6554 or email at jennifer.burr@cb-greatlakes.com.



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BUYING A HOME WITH A VIEW

Homes with a pleasant view of the horizon often sell at a premium above similar homes without the view. However, if a view is important to you, buy it mostly for your own pleasure and not as an investment. Though you may place a considerable dollar value on the view, future buyers may not be so like-minded. It may take you longer to find a buyer when it comes time to resell the house. Or you may end up dropping your price to more nearly match other sales prices in the neighborhood.

In short, if you are buying a house with a view, try to pay as little extra as possible. Otherwise, you might not get your money back.

LOTS AND LANDSCAPING

Even though most real estate value is usually concentrated in the building, the lot is important, too. Obviously, it should be as level as possible. Assuming the property is in a typical neighborhood, the lot should be rectangular — no odd shaped lots or oddly situated lots.

Yard sizes are smaller in modern homes than in older homes, but there should still be a decently sized front and back yard. Do not buy a house where the entire back

yard is taken up by a swimming pool, for example.

Do not purchase an over-landscaped property, either. You would normally pay a premium for that, which you may not be able to recover when you sell. You will get your best value if the house is moderately landscaped or under-landscaped for the area. You can always improve the landscaping during your ownership by improving the grass and adding bushes and trees. Just do not spend too much.

HOUSE SIZE

In each residential neighborhood, houses will vary in size and rooms, but they should not be too different. If resale value is an important consideration, you should not buy the largest model in the neighborhood. When determining market value, the homes nearest to yours are most important. If most of the nearby houses are smaller than your house, they can act as a drag on appreciation.

On the other hand, if you buy a small or medium house for the neighborhood, the larger homes can help pull up your value. This is one of those times where determining your "wants" versus your "needs" can be extremely important. Buying what you need in a more prestigious neighborhood may provide more financial reward than getting what you want in a less desirable neighborhood.

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athlete of the week



Mason Cunningham
Charlevoix Rayders Wrestling

Mason Cunningham took first place in district individual wrestling tournament last week in the 135 lb. class. The Rayders would have a team record nine wrestlers qualify for individual Regionals.

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Ava Maginity
Rambler Girls Basketball

In the win over East Jordan last week, the Ramblers would be led by Ava Maginity with 12 points, including 5 big moment free throws to help seal the game. The win would also stop a four game losing streak for the Ramblers.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ramblers win two in a row

BY: DOM SANTINA

EAST JORDAN

The Boyne City Girls Basketball team would travel to East Jordan on Tuesday, February 8. They would be look-

ing for their third win of the season and to get things on track once again.

The Ramblers would jump out to a 6-1 lead in the first quarter. That lead would end up carrying into the second quarter. They would stretch the lead by 1 as they would

lead 16-10 at halftime.

In the second half, the Red Devils would come storming back, as they would close the differential to just two points, 19-17 in favor of the Ramblers. The game would remain close in the fourth quarter, as the game would remain a one point differential. The Ramblers in the end would hold on for a 28-27 victory, giving them their third win on the season.

The win would also stop a four game losing streak for the Ramblers. The team would be led by Ava Maginity with 12 points, including 5 big moment free throws to help seal the game.

The win would move the Ramblers to 3-12 on the season. The next game would be against Grayling at home on Thursday, February 10.

GRAYLING

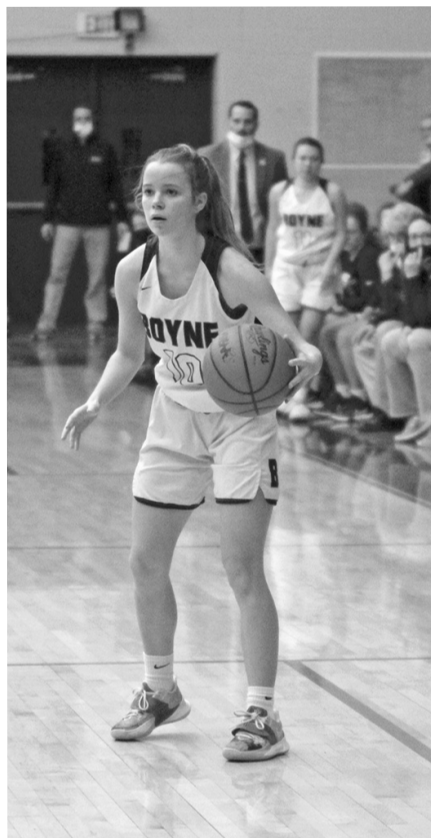
The Ramblers would try and put together a winning streak for the first time this season as Grayling came to the Wheelhouse.

The Ramblers would have a very strong offensive start to the game and it would only be matched by their defensive start. The Ramblers would hold a 30-5 halftime lead, after holding the Vikings scoreless in the second quarter.

That lead at halftime, would be more than enough to hold up through the rest of the game. As the Ramblers would win their second straight by a final of 47-29. Braylyn Rincon and Grace Dawson would each have 12 points to pace the Ramblers. Morgan Deming would have 11 points as well.

"This was a great week for us as we really locked down our opponents on the defensive end and made strides offensively both in ball movement and shooting with confidence".

The win now moves the Ramblers to 4-12 overall and sit at 4-8 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The Ramblers will be back in action on Tuesday, February 15 against Harbor Springs; Thursday, February 17 against Kalkaska and Tuesday, February 22 at Petoskey.



Boyne City junior guard, Ely Day (10) looks over the offense, waiting for a teammate to get open. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Rambler senior, Grace Dawson (15) pump fakes, getting the defense off the ground, before going up for a shot. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Boyne's Maddie Smith (21) drives in for a second quarter layup against the Vikings. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Lily Sherbing (5) of Boyne City, battles for position on the rebound vs Grayling. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



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WRESTLING

Rayders win team Districts

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Rayders wrestling team had a strong season and it would continue as they would head to team districts. They would travel to wrestle against Rogers City in the District Championship on Thursday, February 10.

The Rayders would end up defeating Rogers City by a final score of 56-18 and claim a District Championship.

The team would have wins by: Jimmy Descamp, Sam Fry, Mason Cunningham, Jamie Parrish, Ellery Smith, Trevor Streeter, Brady Jess, Landon Swanson, Adam Streeter and Conner Ortiz.

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS

After winning the Team District championship on Thursday, the team would then travel on Saturday, February 12 to Westwood High School for the Individual District Tournament.

The top four finishers from each weight class would move on to the Regional Individual tournament.

The Rayders would have a team record nine wrestlers qualify for individual Regionals. The wrestlers that would qualify for Regionals would be Cunningham (1 place, 135 lb), Fry (2 place, 130 lb), Smith (3 place, 145 lb), Trevor Streeter (2 place, 160 lb), Justin Whisler (3 place, 160 lb), Jess (3 place, 171 lb), Swanson (3 place, 189 lb), Streeter (2 place, 215



Mason Cunningham is District Champion. Courtesy Photo



Trevor Streeter takes 2nd place and Justin Whisler takes 3rd place



Sam Fry takes 2nd place

lb) and Ortiz (3 place, 285 lb).

The Rayders would also have Descamp compete at

the 119 pounds division and finished with a record of 0-2. Parrish, Logan Wilks and Ben Matter would all finish

the individual tournament with a 1-2 record on the day. The Rayders will host team Regionals on Wednesday, February 16 and individual Regionals on Saturday, February 19.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Red Devils suffer two close losses

BY: DOM SANTINA

BOYNE CITY

The East Jordan Girls Basketball team has had some ups and some downs this season. The team came into their matchup with Boyne City with a record of 6-10.

The Red Devils would have a hole to dig out of after the first quarter, as they would be down 6-1. They would find some more offense in the second quarter, as they would be able to put up 9 points to raise their total to 10. However, the Ramblers would be able to stretch the lead to 6 points at halftime, 16-10.

A good third quarter for the Red Devils would allow them to close back in and make it a 2 point 19-17 game as they went to start the



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fourth quarter. The Red Devils would be able to keep the Ramblers honest and give them a hard test, but some solid free throw shooting would hand the Red Devils a 28-27 loss.

The Red Devils would be led by Lindsey Cross with 13 points. The loss would move the Red Devils to 6-11 on the season as they got ready to



MYCAH HEISE

play Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, February 10.

TC ST. FRANCIS

The Red Devils would get off to a good start to open the game. They would end up holding a 19-13 lead after the first quarter. The second quarter would have both



ANNA RICHARDS

teams trade baskets and points, with both teams adding 9 points to their score. This would mean the Red Devils would hold a 28-22 lead at halftime.

As has been the case most of the season, the third quarter would be a problem for the Red Devils. A big 18-4 quarter for the Gladiators would not only allow them to

close the deficit but allow them to take an 8 point lead heading into the fourth quarter. The Red Devils would try and mount a comeback in the fourth quarter, but the momentum had shifted to the Gladiators and they would put another two points towards the lead and secure a 57-47 victory.

The Red Devils would be led by Mycah Heise with 14 points, while Anna Richards would add another 13 points. With the loss, the Red Devils fall to 6-12 on the season overall and to 4-8 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The Red Devils only have two more games left on their regular season schedule, as they will play Kalkaska on Tuesday, February 15 and Grayling at home on Thursday, February 17.

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Rayders End 4 Game Winning Streak

BY: DOM SANTINA

ELK RAPIDS

As with other girls basketball teams this season, the Rayders have had a rough season. The Rayders came into the matchup with Elk Rapids on a four game winning streak to push their season record to 6-8. The last matchup against the Elks was not very successful, as they fell to the Elks by 34 points. The team would be looking for a better performance on Tuesday, February 8.

The Rayders would end up making the game a lot closer the second time around. Unfortunately, they could not hold on and secure a fifth straight victory. As the Elks would get



TAYLOR PETROSKY

very hot from behind the three point arc, which would allow them to secure a 54-42 victory over the Rayders.

The team was led by Taylor Petrosky with 7 points in the loss. The loss would move the Rayders to

6-9 on the season and to 6-4 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

HARBOR SPRINGS

The Rayders would then travel to take on Harbor Springs on Thursday, February 10. It would be another rough one for the Rayders. As they would end up falling to the Rams by a final score of 57-25.

The loss would move the Rayders to 6-10 on the season, while they hold a very slim winning record in the LMC at 6-5. The Rayders will be back in action on Tuesday, February 15 against Grayling. Then they will play Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, February 18 on the road, before hosting Harbor Springs on Monday, February 21.

BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Cadillac	6-2	11-4
Petoskey	5-3	10-5
TC Central	5-3	7-6
TC West	5-3	8-8
Alpena	3-5	8-6
Gaylord	0-8	4-11

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Onaway	11-1	13-1
Mancelona	9-1	9-5
Joburg-Lewiston	6-5	8-6
Inland Lakes	6-5	6-7
Bellaire	5-5	7-7
Gaylord St Mary	6-6	6-9
Pellston	3-7	3-10
Central Lake	2-10	3-11
Forest Area	0-10	0-12

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Rudyard	6-0	14-0
St Ignace	4-2	11-4
Sault	3-3	7-9
Cheboygan	2-3	4-10
Newberry	0-7	5-9

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Ellsworth	8-0	14-2
Mackinaw City	6-2	10-5
Harbor Lt Chr	5-4	9-6
Alanson	2-4	3-5
Boyne Falls	1-5	3-9
North Mich Chr	0-0	5-8
Wolverine	0-7	1-9
Alba	0-0	0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-3

NORTH STAR - BIG DIPPER

Oscoda	6-1	9-6
Mio	4-1	7-6
Alcona	6-2	8-5
Rogers City	5-4	6-8
Charlton Heston	1-1	11-4
W-P	0-8	1-13

NORTH STAR - LITTLE DIPPER

Hillman	8-0	16-0
Posen	6-2	10-4
Au Gres-Sims	4-3	8-6
Atlanta	2-6	5-9
Hale	1-7	2-12
Fairview	0-9	0-14

GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Petoskey	5-2	10-6
Gaylord	5-3	11-6
Alpena	5-3	10-7
TC Central	4-4	10-6
TC West	3-4	7-9
Cadillac	1-7	4-12

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Elk Rapids	11-1	14-2
Harbor Springs	10-1	16-1
St Francis	10-2	12-4
Charlevoix	6-5	6-10
East Jordan	4-8	6-12
Boyne City	4-8	4-12
Grayling	2-10	5-12
Kalkaska	0-12	0-16

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Gaylord St Mary	10-1	15-2
Inland Lakes	9-3	10-7
Joburg-Lewiston	8-3	10-5
Bellaire	8-4	10-5
Central Lake	6-6	8-7
Onaway	4-8	7-10
Mancelona	2-9	3-12
Forest Area	0-12	1-15

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

St Ignace	4-1	15-2
Sault	4-2	13-4
Rudyard	3-2	7-6
Cheboygan	2-4	8-10
Newberry	0-4	0-10

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Mackinaw City	12-0	16-1
North Mich Chr	6-2	8-4
Harbor Lt Chr	5-3	9-6
Wolverine	6-5	8-6
Ellsworth	3-7	4-11
Alanson	0-7	0-8
Alba	0-8	0-9

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - BIG DIPPER

Oscoda	5-1	12-5
Alcona	4-1	12-5
Rogers City	1-3	5-11
W-P	0-5	5-9

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - LITTLE DIPPER

Posen	7-1	14-1
Hillman	7-1	10-6
Atlanta	3-3	4-8
Hale	3-4	5-9
Fairview	2-6	3-11
Au Gres-Sims	0-7	1-12

HOCKEY STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Petoskey	9-1	21-4
Alpena	6-2	11-12
TC Central	5-2-1	15-7-1
TC West	4-4-1	11-12-1
Gaylord	2-7	8-13-1
Cadillac	0-10	8-16

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Ramblers reach 10 wins on the season

BY: DOM SANTINA

EAST JORDAN

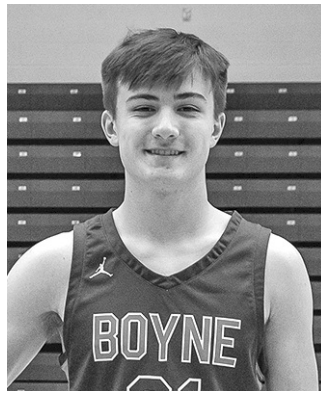
The Boyne City Boys basketball team would look to get back to their winning ways against East Jordan on Tuesday, February 8.

The Red Devils would end up jumping out to the first quarter lead, as it would be 20-17 heading to the second quarter. The Ramblers would take control in the second, as they would answer with 21 points, while holding the Red Devils to 13. This would have the Ramblers up 38-33 at halftime.

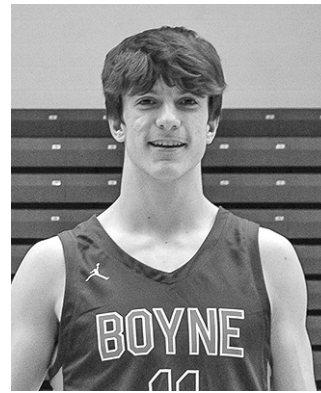
In the second half it would be a wash, as it would be back and forth in the third quarter. As both teams would end up putting up 12 points each. The offense would increase, but both teams would



MASON WILCOX



GAVIN HEWITT



ALEX CALCATERRA

cancel each other out again at 26 points each. The Ramblers would be able to sneak by a tough Red Devils team by a final score of 76-71. As the Ramblers would be able to knock down the needed free throws to secure the win.

We have to give credit to East Jordan for really improving and fighting from

start to finish, and a great game by Mason Malpass with 29 points and great defense," said Head Coach Randy Calcaterra.

The team would be led by Gavin Hewitt with 24 points, while Alex Calcaterra would have 16, Mason Wilcox would have 12 and Jack Neer would have 10 points. The win

moves the Ramblers to 9-4 on the season, as they would travel to play Grayling on Friday, February 11.

GRAYLING

The boys would be back in action on Friday, against Grayling as they would look for their 10 win on the sea-

son.

The first quarter would prove to be a big one, as the Ramblers would end up jumping out to a 15-3 lead. In the second quarter, the Vikings would be able to get their offense going a little more, but still see themselves fall behind by two more points to the Ramblers. As the Ramblers would lead 27-13 at halftime.

The third quarter would be a spark for the Vikings, as they would put up 21 points and close the gap by five points. However, a four point deficit in the fourth quarter would quickly eliminate the third quarter run and give the Ramblers a 60-46 victory over the Vikings.

Alex Calcaterra led the way with 15 points, Neer would have 14 and Wilcox would contribute 11. The win moves the Ramblers to 10-4

on the season overall and to 6-4 in the Lake Michigan Conference. They currently sit in third place in the conference standings, a full four games back of first place, with four conference games remaining. While it is not mathematically impossible, the Ramblers need a lot of help in order to claim a conference title.

The Ramblers will be in action on Tuesday, February 15 against Harbor Springs.

Which will be followed by Kalkaska at home on Friday, February 18 and Charlevoix at home on Tuesday, February 22.

Lancers suffer second loss

BY: DOM SANTINA

WOLVERINE

The Ellsworth Boys basketball would have a very busy week, starting with hosting Wolverine on Wednesday, February 9. The Lancers would look to continue to stay undefeated in Northern Lakes Conference play.

It would be an ugly game right from the start, but luckily not for the Lancers. As they would put up one of, if not, their highest scoring quarters of the season. The Lancers would end up putting up 37 points and holding the Wildcats to just 9 points.

The massive first quarter would allow the Lancers to dial it back in the preceding quarters. However, that did not start their defense, as a 14-3 quarter for the Lancers, gave them a 51-12 halftime lead.

Things would not get much better for the Wildcats in the third or fourth quarter either. The Lancers would outscore them 18-1 in the third quarter and 16-4 in the fourth quarter. Which would secure a 85-17 victory for the Lancers.

The team would have four players in double digits, as Brayden Steenwyk would have 24 points, Kelan Pletcher would have 18, Patrick Puroll would have 16 and Jacob Jenuwine would have 13. The Lancers would move to 13-1 on the season with the win. The Lancers would then play Boyne Falls on Friday, February 11 at Boyne Falls.

BOYNE FALLS

For the last few years, Boyne Falls and Ellsworth have been a heated rivalry game with very competitive basketball. Well this game would not be quite as competitive.

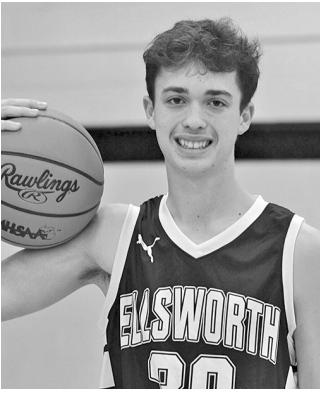
As the Lancers would once again take full control of the game very early on. A 20-8 first quarter would give the Lancers a 12 point advantage to start the second quarter. The Lancers defense would stand strong in the second quarter, as they would only allow 2 points. An 11 point offensive burst would have the Lancers lead 31-10 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Lancers would double up the score on the Loggers. As the Lancers would stretch the lead to 47-16. The fourth quarter would not be any help to the Loggers either, as the Lancers would outscore the Loggers by another 16 points and seal the game at 67-20.

The Lancers would continue to roll with Steenwyk having 20 points and Jenuwine, Pletcher and



BRAYDEN STEENWYK



JACOB JENUWINE

Jamal Cebulski each with 12 points. The Lancers would move to 14-1 on the season and move to 8-0 in the NLC. The busy week would finish with a matchup on Monday, February 14 against East Jordan.

EAST JORDAN

While the Lancers have been running through their conference and dominating teams. A matchup against a class C team, would give them a good idea of where they stack up.

The Lancers would be able to hang with East Jordan in the first quarter, as they would only find themselves down 14-12. The same could be said for the second quarter as well, as the Red Devils expanded their lead to just four point before halftime, 33-29.

The third quarter would be the difference maker. As the Red Devils would put up more points than the Lancers and stretch their lead to 58-47. The Lancers would not be able to close in any further in the fourth quarter. As the Red Devils would pad their lead. The Lancers would end up suffering their second loss of the season by a final of 81-62.

The team would be led by Pletcher with 23 points, while Steenwyk would have 18 and Puroll would have 10. The loss moves the Lancers to 14-2 on the season, while not affecting the conference standings. They will be back in action on Wednesday, February 16 against Johannesburg-Lewiston, followed by Alanson on Friday, February 18. The next week will be finished off with a trip to Pickford on Wednesday, February 23.

Red Devils defeat Ellsworth

BY: DOM SANTINA

BOYNE CITY

The East Jordan Boys basketball team would look to avenge a loss against the Ramblers on Tuesday, February 8 at home.

The Red Devils would jump out to a 20-17 lead over the Ramblers at the end of the first quarter. However, the Ramblers would come charging back in the second quarter and take a five point lead at halftime, 38-33.

The second half was a very close one, as teams would continue to swap points through the third and fourth quarter. As they would end up both scoring 38 points total between the two quarters. The Red Devils would be able to keep pace, but would not be able to close in. The Ramblers would end up once again beating the Red Devils, but not nearly by as much this time.

A fantastic environment for basketball and a great game between two rival schools that both played really hard for 32 minutes. (Mason) Malpass was by far the MVP of the game, not only did he lead the offense but he also did a great job on Alex Calcaterra in the second half. (JJ) Weber and (Ethan) Antaya played great games and really helped move the ball and did a great job of communicating from the back end of our defense. (Devon) Olstrom and Carter Sherman played great minutes and really did a good job of keeping the ball out of the paint on defense and closing



MASON MALPASS



ETHAN ANTAYA

out on shooters. (Devon) Olstrom kept another 5 or 6 plays alive with getting hands on loose balls or tipping a rebound," said Head Coach Nate Dzwik.

The final would end up being 76-71, as the Red Devils would have four players in double digits for scoring. Mason Malpass would have 29 points, Ethan Antaya would have 13 points, JJ Weber had 11 points and Devon Olstrom had 10 points. The Red Devils would move to 7-6 on the season, as they would travel to play Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, February 11.

TC ST. FRANCIS

The Red Devils would have a very tough test against Traverse City St. Francis, as they came into the game undefeated in conference play.

The Red Devils would find themselves down a big hole in the first quarter. As the Gladiators would jump out to a 19-6 lead. The Red Devils would try to start clawing their way back into it during the second quarter and

would trim the halftime deficit down to 9 points, 32-23.

The Red Devils would try to hang with the Gladiators in the third quarter and would do a decent job. The Gladiators would be able to stretch the lead back over 10 points, as they would outscore the Red Devils 17-13. With a 13 point lead in the fourth quarter, the Gladiators could feel that the game was on the verge of being locked up and that is exactly what they would do in the fourth quarter. A strong 27-10 run would lock the game up and hand the Red Devils their 7 loss of the season.

"A tough game that we dug ourselves a big hole to start being down 17-2 in the first quarter. I loved the fight and the grit as we fought back all game. (Ethan) Antaya and (JJ) Weber played great games, (Devon) Olstrom was huge on both ends of the floor and did a really great job of controlling the half-court defense and finding openings with the ball. The score doesn't reflect how the game was

played for 3 quarters," said Coach Dzwik.

The Red Devils would have Antaya as the leading scorer with 17 points and Weber would have another 11. The Red Devils would move to 7-7 on the season and to 4-6 in the conference. The Red Devils would host Ellsworth on Monday, February 14.

ELLSWORTH

After falling to 7-7 on the season, the Red Devils would have a great opportunity to get back to a winning record against Ellsworth.

The Red Devils would find themselves in a fight however, as they would hold a 14-12 lead after the first quarter. They would be able to stretch the lead to four through the second quarter, as they would outscore the Lancers once again 19-17.

In the third quarter, the Red Devils would be able to break away, as a 25 point outburst would put them up 14 points, after holding the Lancers to just 15 points. A strong 23 point quarter would be able to seal the game for the Red Devils, picking up an 81-62 victory over the Lancers.

The Red Devils were able to bounce back and get themselves to 8-7 on the season with the win. They will host Kalkaska on Tuesday, February 15, while traveling to play Grayling on Friday, February 18 and Elk Rapids on Tuesday, February 22.

SKIING

Ski Team has 4 members qualify for State Finals

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Lake Charlevoix Ski Team would compete in their Regionals Monday, February 14. The team would end up having four state qualifiers. The girls team would earn a 4 place finish overall, while the boys would take home an 8 place finish.

The team would be led by

Taylor Stockwell with a 6 place finish in Giant Slalom. Avery Kita join her in qualifying for the State Finals with a 10 place finish in GS. Ella Doumanian and Jack Herzog would each earn a spot in the State Finals in Slalom. Doumanian would finish in 10 place and Herzog would finish in 8 place.

The rest of the girls team would be finished by Lily

Brya in 33 place in GS and 26 in Slalom. Mya Profthal would finish in 35 in GS and 38 in Slalom. Along with Delaney Boehm with a 35 place finish in GS and 40 place in Slalom. Kelsey Wiatrolik filling in for an injured teammate earned a 43 place finish in GS and 40 in Slalom.

The boys team would have Henry Herzog earn a 37 place finish in GS and a 29

in Slalom. David Gray would finish 35 in Slalom and 42 place in GS.

"It was a great day by the new team that work together and support each other every day," said Head Coach Christopher Herrmann.

The Division 2 State Finals will be held on Saturday, February 28 at Schuss Mountain in Bellaire.

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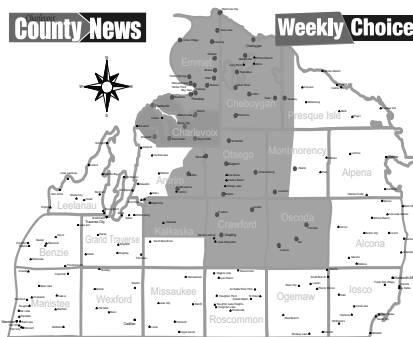
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Free Fishing Weekend (Feb. 19-20) in Michigan

Ready for a classic Michigan winter outdoor experience? How about the annual Winter Free Fishing Weekend, this year on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19 and 20 – two full days for family and friends to fish without a license, though all other fishing regulations still apply.

Michigan has celebrated Free Fishing Weekend every year since 1986 as a way to promote awareness of the state's world-class fishing and vast aquatic resources. With more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams, and 11,000 inland lakes, Michigan and fishing are a perfect match.

Before heading out to your favorite spot, make sure you and your fishing buddies are prepared for winter weather. Take a few minutes to review our ice safety tips at Michigan.gov/IceSafety, too.

If you already have a fishing license, the Winter Free Fishing Weekend is a great opportunity to introduce someone new to Michigan fishing. Who knows? They might just get hooked on this popular pastime!

Another bonus: During Free Fishing Weekend, the DNR waives the need for the Recreation Passport, usually required for vehicle access to Michigan's 103 state parks and more than 1,300 DNR-managed boating access sites.

Get more details on the weekend at Michigan.gov/FreeFishing. Brush up on current fishing regulations at Michigan.gov/DNRDigests.



Get outdoors for some world-class fishing this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19-20, as Michigan's annual Winter Free Fishing Weekend returns! Everyone can fish, like these young persons on Higgins Lake, without a license all weekend long, though all regulations still apply. (courtesy of DNR)

Wearing respirator-type mask indoors provides greatest protection against COVID-19

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reminds families that masks and respirators are effective at reducing transmission of COVID-19 when worn consistently and correctly.

Although the First Amended Order which requires masks to be worn in school settings will be lifted at 11:59 p.m., Thursday, February 17, 2022, health officials still advise individuals to wear a mask in public indoor spaces while community transmission levels remain high. The change in the school mask mandate was announced February 11 and was based on rapidly decreasing COVID-19 cases in the region, less pressure on healthcare facilities and services, and the availability of the

COVID-19 CASE DATA			
FEBRUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 15, 2022			
	Total New Cases	Avg Daily Cases	New Deaths
Arctic	54	7.7	1
Charlevoix	45	6.4	1
Emmet	54	7.7	3
Otsego	78	11.1	2

vaccine for anyone 5 years of age or older.

Health officials stress that vaccination, masking, testing and therapeutics continue to be critical tools in our fight against the impact of COVID-19.

"Properly and consistently wearing a mask in public indoor locations protects those around you and the individual wearing the mask," said Dr. Joshua Meyerson, health department medical director. "And, wearing a N95 or KN95 mask is more effective at fil-

tering the viral containing particles and reducing one's risk of contracting COVID-19," Dr. Meyerson added.

A recent study published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report found that consistent use of a face mask or respirator in indoor public settings reduces the odds of testing positive for COVID-19.

For example, wearing a cloth mask reduces one's risk 56% over wearing no mask. A graphic visualization shows wearing a surgical mask reduces that risk by 66% and wearing a respirator-type mask (N95/KN95) reduces one's risk by 83%.

"Wearing a respirator-type mask with higher filtration capacity is associated

with the most protection against the virus," Dr. Meyerson explained. The health department recently distributed KN95 masks from their office locations (check your local location for availability) and the masks are readily available at local stores. More information about masks and respirators, including free N95 mask manufacturers, can be found at the CDC website.

For your best protection, 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.

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Making time for self-care can keep your heart healthy.



Make Heart Health Part of Your Self-Care Routine

Devoting a little time every day to care for yourself can go a long way toward protecting the health of your heart. Simple self-care, such as taking a moment to de-stress, giving yourself time to move more, preparing healthier meals, and not cheating on sleep can all benefit your heart.

Follow these heart-healthy lifestyle tips to protect your heart. It will be easier and more successful if you work on them with others, including by texting or phone calls if needed.

- Be more physically active.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Eat a nutritious diet.
- Quit smoking.
- Reduce stress.
- Get 7-8 hours of quality sleep.
- Track your heart health stats.

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