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Health Department Officer Peacock resigns effective April 29

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, served her resignation to the Board of Health on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Although at the board's discretion, per her contract, Peacock is giving the board a 60-day notice with her resignation effective April 29.

In her resignation letter she cited the "hostile work environment" and lack of support by some members of the Board of Health.

"One of my top priorities in my Health Officer role has



Health Officer Lisa Peacock

been to maintain the culture of excellence and innovation that the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has

been known for over the past 90 years," Peacock wrote in her letter to the Board of Health. "The employees are motivated to do this work because they are truly dedicated to serving the community and they also know that they are valued and supported by the organization's leadership. While by no means is our leadership team perfect, we understand that people function at their highest level when they are supported, valued, trained, and have the tools they need to be successful at their job.

The disconnect between this long-standing culture and the current Board of Health is both striking and damaging. It is literally impossible for me to continue to support our team in this way in the face of ongoing efforts by the Board of Health to damage this strong health department and me as its leader."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan Board of Health is comprised of two county commissioners appointed by their respective County Boards of Commissions in Antrim, Charlevoix,

Emmet, and Otsego counties.

Peacock has more than 28 years of experience in healthcare, the last 12 of those at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and has served as a Health Officer since July 2015. During her tenure she has led the 90-year-old agency to effectively and efficiently meet community needs identified through regional assessment and planning. In addition, among other highlights, she

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2021 Chamber Award Winners: New Business of the Year winner David Meikle owner of The Back Lot Charlevoix, Business of the Year winners Jeff Steffey and his crew from Central Drug Store, Outstanding Citizen of the Year David Miles, Customer Service Award winner Lorraine Niswander, Peggy Kusina accepting for Tourism Excellence Award winners Linda and Richard Mueller of Castle Farms and Lucky Ducks and Young Professional of the Year winner Amber Parsons. Not pictured: Chamber Ambassador of the Year Carrie Titus, Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Charlevoix - Local businesses and individuals were recognized for outstanding contributions to the community at the 2022 Charlevoix Chamber Awards Banquet Thursday, February 24 at Castle Farms.

The event that was celebrated virtually last year began with a recap of the 2020 award recipients, an update of Chamber activities and recognition of board members and Chamber Ambassadors. Guest speaker Craig Boss, MD shared his personal and comedic journey home to Charlevoix and paralleled a family slogan, "LNF", Leader Not a Follower, with the community. "Charlevoix epitomizes Leader Not a Follower. I think that phrase is lived out with all the people who've won awards here,"

he said. After his speech, Boss called each award recipient by name and personally congratulated them on their success. "It's passion that develops success, it's not a job," he said. "If you keep passion at the core always, Charlevoix will always be a leader not a follower."

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce exists to support commerce and provide leadership to their membership. They have over 400 businesses, organizations, and individual members. They recognize members who have gone above and beyond each year.



John Haggard of Haggard's Plumbing and Heating was awarded for 50 years of Chamber membership.



Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce members came together to recognize community award winners at the Castle last weekend.

Jordan Art Walk Website Launched

The Jordan Art Walk Committee is proud to announce that the Art Walk's official website has been launched. After two months of work on building and creating an informative, user-friendly and colorful site, the Jordanartwalk.org website went live on February 22nd. The seven member Jordan Art Walk Committee obtained a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to help with the website, an "Artist In Residence" Program currently underway with the East Jordan Middle High School Welding Class, Instructor Dave Muladore and sculptor Ann Gildner and funding of the platform CAFÉ to assist with their Call to Artist. The committee is planning on adding six to seven additional sculptures to the Jordan Art Walk which debuted in 2020. A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place June 15th, 10:30 AM, beginning in Memorial Park and the bandshell. Ribbon Cuttings will take place at each of the new sculptures being added this year by the artists and their sponsors. Sponsorship opportunities are currently available. For more information on the Jordan Art Walk, contact Mary at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org. The Jordan Art Walk is a collaboration of the Jordan River Arts Council, City of East Jordan, Friends of the Jordan River and Active Recovery Physical Therapy. Committee members include: Rich Dietrich, Babs Young, Nancy Carey, John Hunter, Tom Cannon, Jaleesa O'Neal and Mary Faculak.

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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LOW: 27

snowfall

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3/1/21	...59	...BOYNE FALLS	2/28/22	...63.5	...BOYNE FALLS
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3/1/21	...47.1	...CHEBOYGAN	2/28/22	...49.8	...CHEBOYGAN
3/1/21	...54.6	...EAST JORDAN	2/28/22	...85.5	...EAST JORDAN
3/1/21	...78.4	...GAYLORD	2/28/22	...121.8	...GAYLORD
3/1/21	...63.7	...KALKASKA	2/28/22	...120.9	...KALKASKA
3/1/21	...39.1	...MIO	2/28/22	...46	...MIO
3/1/21	...45.7	...ONAWAY	2/28/22	...56.7	...ONAWAY
3/1/21	...69.7	...PETOSKEY	2/28/22	...78.9	...PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAR 3	...15	...37	...-24 (1972)	...64 (1974)
MAR 4	...15	...37	...-16 (1978)	...60 (1974)
MAR 5	...16	...37	...-12 (1978)	...57 (1983)
MAR 6	...16	...38	...-20 (1972)	...66 (2000)
MAR 7	...16	...38	...-13 (1978)	...70 (2000)
MAR 8	...17	...38	...-19 (1982)	...80 (2000)
MAR 9	...17	...39	...-20 (1963)	...72 (2000)
MAR 10	...17	...39	...-12 (1972)	...60 (1977)
MAR 11	...18	...40	...-12 (1960)	...69 (1973)
MAR 12	...18	...40	...-15 (1980)	...68 (1990)

OBITUARIES

Rose Marie Jernberg, 81

(APRIL 5, 1940 – FEB. 25, 2022)



Rose M. Jernberg died on Friday, February 25, 2022, at the home of her daughter in Wilson Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

She was born on April 5, 1940, in Fostoria, Ohio.

Rose was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Grayling, the Eagles in Grayling and had volunteered at the food Pantry in Grayling.

She is survived by five children, Charles R. Knop of East Jordan, William C. Knop of Fairbanks, Alaska, Vivian M. Knop of Cordova, Alaska, Carl L. (Nicole) Knop of Oakhurst, New Jersey and Katharine S. (Bret) Roehrig of Boyne City; five grandchildren, Carrie A. (Kyle) White of Mt. Pleasant, Kayla Knop of Oakhurst, New Jersey, Alyssa Knop of Oakhurst, New Jersey, John Roehrig of Boyne City and Nolan Roehrig of Boyne City; two great granddaughters, Katherine White and Piper White; one brother, Johnny (Linda) Gingerick of Bay City; two sisters, Sarah (Carl) Beck of Roscommon and June (Earl) Griffith of Grayling; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by

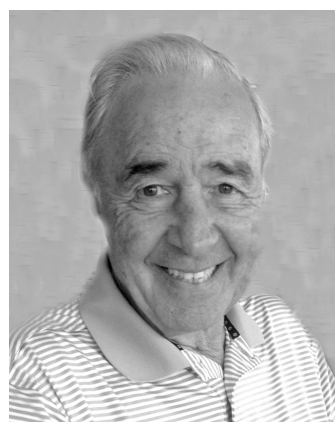
her husband of forty years, David Jernberg; parents, Vivian and Clyde Koch.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 11:00 A.M. at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until service time.

Memorial contributions may be directed to McLaren Hospice, One Hiland Cottage, Petoskey, MI 49770 or Christ Lutheran Church, 1250 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, MI 49712. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan.

Judge Daniel F. Walsh, 91

(OCT. 28, 1930 – FEB. 19, 2022)



Daniel Francis Walsh died on February 19, 2022, at his home in Savannah, Georgia.

Judge Walsh was born on October 28, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan to Francis and Eileen Walsh. He was the third of five children and preceded by all in death. He is also predeceased by a granddaughter, Mary-Katherine Sogan Bauer and step-grandson, Joshua Lee LaCrosse. He is survived by

his wife of 62 years, Carol, six children, Michael (Linda), Elizabeth (David), Patricia (William), Thomas (Kerri), Timothy (Erin), and William (Ninette), foster daughter Susan, 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Judge Walsh was educated at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, and graduated second in his class in 1952. He pursued graduate studies in theology and canon law at St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan. Then, after opting not to be ordained, obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit in 1958, where he was inducted in Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honor Society. While in seminary he began a lifelong association with Camp Sancta Maria as a camper, counselor, head counselor, and longtime board member.

Judge Walsh ascended to the judiciary in 1969, serving as a judge on the 87th Judicial District of Michigan and the 46th Judicial Circuit of Michigan. He then served as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals from 1975 to 1988. As State Court Administrator, he was requested by the Supreme Court in 1983 to temporarily take over the administration of the State trial courts and devise procedures to improve the Michigan court systems. His venerable reputation was such that following Justice Antonin Scalia's appointment to the Supreme Court in 1986, Judge Walsh was asked by the United States Attorney General's office to submit himself for consideration to replace Justice Scalia on the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

In addition to his many professional associations and activities, which included memberships on the Michigan Judges Association Executive Committee, the State Bar of Michigan Judicial Conference, and Michigan Judicial Council, Judge Walsh was also a prolific and devoted civic servant. He was most particularly involved with the Catholic Church and Catholic education in the state of Michigan. He was a member of the Diocesan Board of Education in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and president of the Board of Christian Education and St. Mary's School Board in Gaylord, Michigan. He was also deeply involved with Otsego Memorial Hospital, serving as president of the board of directors and senior vice president of the Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Judge Walsh retired early

from an auspicious career at age 58, choosing instead to devote his time to his cherished wife Carol, his children, and grandchildren. The Walsh's began spending time in their beloved Savannah, Georgia in 1989, where he continued to support his family and causes.

A public servant and pillar of the community for all his life, Judge Walsh was recognized for his distinguished judicial career and civic-mindedness. Among his family, he is remembered for his wisdom, steadfast moral code, and most of all his warmth, generosity, and playfulness. He applied the same thoughtful diligence to his many hobbies and interests as to every other area of his life. As an avid cyclist, he rode his bicycle up to 30 miles every morning. As a Disney fan, visits to Walt Disney World became an annual pilgrimage. As a sailor and golfer, he appreciated the outdoors with the fervor of a transcendentalist, turning to nature to, "expand my soul." He was a lover of classic movies and Irish folk songs, spaghetti with marinara, and vanilla ice cream with hot fudge. To his children and grandchildren, he imparted his guiding principles of humility, duty, and altruism and they continue to be always guided by his example.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held for Judge Walsh at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church, 11500 Middleground Road, Savannah, Georgia on Saturday, February 26th, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation by visiting alz.org

"Dan was one of the men I admired most in my lifetime. He was kind, honest and supportive of always doing the right thing. He was one of those people that you thank God for bringing into your life. He was a remarkable man," Dave Baragrey.

Shirley J. Hart, 66

(1955 – 2022)



Shirley J. Hart of East Jordan died on Sunday, February 27, 2022 in Petoskey.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 11:00 A.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan.

Russell Bolt, 92

(FEB. 28, 1929 – FEB. 24, 2022)



Russell "Russ" Allen Bolt of Charlevoix passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022. He was born on February 28, 1929 in Cleveland, OH, the son of Elmer and Hilda (Meyers) Bolt.

Russ graduated from John Marshall High School in Cleveland, and went to attend the Cleveland Institute of Art. His schooling was interrupted when he was drafted into the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning to the institute, he met Susan Collier, his partner in love and art, the two wed on November 25, 1954, in Cleveland.

Russ worked as an auto designer for GM at the Tech Center in Warren for 25 years, where safety was one of his crusades. He and Sue moved their family to Charlevoix in 1974 and opened Bolt Designs which remains in business to this day. Russ was an extremely gifted artist and designer, doing free-lance advertising, as well as specializing in watercolor painting, and ceramics. He enjoyed sharing his love for art by teaching classes in watercolor. His work was represented in many one man shows nationally and internationally. Russ was an active member of the Marine Corps League and organized many events for Toys for Tots throughout the years. He enjoyed spending time at his son's farm in Atwood, and he loved his grandchildren more than anything else.

Russ is survived by his loving wife, Susan Bolt; three children, Lori Bolt (Frank Hasseld) of East Jordan, Russell Jr. (Cindy) Bolt of Atwood, and Robert Bolt of Charlevoix; and four grandchildren, Elizabeth Hasseld of Edinburgh, Scotland, William Hasseld of Boyne City, Rusty Bolt of Petoskey, and Marguerite

Bolt of Lafayette, IN. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Don Bolt and Kenny Bolt.

A celebration of Russ' life will be held this summer. Details will be added to his obituary on the Mortensen Funeral Homes website once they are available.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made by checks made payable to Charlevoix Community Foundation, with "Russ Bolt" on the memo line. This will support the Arts and Culture Fund. Mail To: C3F- Arts and Culture Fund P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com

Nellie Palazzolo

FEBRUARY 23, 2022



Nellie Palazzolo passed away on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 in Charlevoix.

Nellie was preceded in death by her husband Antonino "Tony" Palazzolo. Nellie is survived by her children Salvatore (Paula) Palazzolo & Rose Ann Miller, grandchildren Bryan (Karly) Miller, Sara (Daniel) Langham, Stephani (Andy) Leyva, Matthew Palazzolo & Alex (Clara) Miller, and great-grandchildren Greyson, Hudson & Warren.

A memorial service will be held in April. Exact date to be determined. Details will be added to Nellie's obituary on the Mortensen Funeral Home website once determined.

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Dear Carolyne,
 If you'd told me you guys make \$150,000 a year, I'd say go have a great time. But with your income, and a lot of debt on top, I'd put the brakes on that amount. It sounds like he's looking for an outlet to unwind and have a little fun, without giving a lot of thought to the big picture. The good thing, though, is you're working together and beginning to take this personal finance thing seriously.

My advice would be to lower the date night amount to about \$50 right now. That's plenty for a reasonable din-

ner and a babysitter for a couple of hours. You might not have to figure babysitting expenses into the equation at all if you have family or friends nearby.

Going out on a date doesn't have to mean spending a lot of money. Years ago, when my wife and I were broke, we did tons of stuff that didn't cost a dime. Things like hiking and picnics are great ways to spend quality time together, while keeping your pocketbook in your pocket. Just be creative, talk about it together and make sure you find ways to have a little us time on a regular basis.

I think you're right on this one, Carolyne!

— Dave



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Health Department celebrates School-Based Health Center Awareness Month in February

Students and families across Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties have better access to health services thanks to school-based health centers operated by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. During February, the staff and services provided by these health centers are celebrated as part of School Based Health Center Awareness Month.

“There have been school-based or school-linked health centers in Michigan for over 30 years,” said Cortney Crocker, a Nurse Practitioner with the Ironmen Health Center, operated in collaboration with Mancelona Public Schools at the Mancelona Family Resource Center.

Currently, there are just over 300 centers and programs in Michigan and over 2,500 nationwide. Michigan is among the top six states that have the largest number of



Mancelona Public School students Julia Kirby and Emma Moser read in the newly updated waiting room at the Ironmen Health Center.

health centers in the U.S.

The health impacts of school-based health centers are profound.

“Students have better access to health services creating healthier students and families,” Crocker said. “Healthy students learn bet-

ter, the attendance rate in schools increase, there’s reduced emergency room usage, and parents spend more time at work because they are not missing work for doctor’s appointments,” she explained.

The Ironmen Health Cen-

ter provides acute care visits, preventative health care, screenings, vaccinations, lab work, and mental health and wellness support services. In addition to the Ironmen Health Center, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in cooperation with local public schools operates the Blue Devil Wellness Center in Gaylord, the Hornet Health Center in Pellston, the Ram Wellness Program in Harbor Springs, and the Rambler Wellness Program in Boyne City. While slightly different services are offered at each location, the ultimate goal is the same: enhance the wellness of students and their families and communities.

The Ironmen Health Center recently underwent extensive renovations to enhance the appearance and attractiveness of the facility. The exam rooms have received a fresh coat of paint,



Nurse Practitioner Cortney Crocker checks Adam Ackler's reflexes in one of the freshly painted exam rooms at the Ironmen Health Center. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is celebrating all of its school-based health centers during School Based Health Center Awareness Month in February.

new growth mindset posters are located around the center, and creative student art-

work lines the halls of the wellness center.

Additionally, the Ironmen Health Center has an ongoing contest to encourage students to get updated on their preventative health care services. Students receive a ticket entry for keeping their appointments, getting a physical, participating in the teen advisory committee, and following the center on Facebook. Prizes include Super Sunday tickets and tubing tickets at Shanty Creek, a gift card to Paddles and Pedals in Bellaire, and a gift card to the Lakes of the North golf course.

Crocker also noted that Nurse Practitioner Tammy Hickman retired this summer after serving 27 years with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, with the majority of the years spent at the Ironmen Health Clinic.



The Mack is Back

Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball tournament is coming back to Gaylord June 25, 26

BY DAVE BARAGREY

GAYLORD – Gus Macker Basketball is returning to Gaylord, June 25, 26, 2022

Gus Macker Tournaments are designed for basketball players who love the fun of the driveway game – male or female, from age 7 to 70-plus, short and tall, the most experienced or those with little or no experience who just want to play.

Gaylord first hosted the Gus Macker tournament in 1991. Then Gaylord Chamber of Commerce director, Bill Wishart, was a basketball fan and referee and connected with the McNeal brothers to bring this popular basketball tournament to the Alpine Village. At the height of its popularity the Gaylord Gus Macker tournament hosted as many as 5,000 players and an estimated additional 20,000 fans. Gaylord hosted the Gus Macker tournament for 15 years until 2006.

The tournament is coming back to Gaylord under the direction of James Vanderveer, director of the Otsego County Sportsplex. Vanderveer is a long time registered basketball referee and has officiated state tournament and college games. The tournament will be held in the parking lot of the Sportsplex. Vanderveer commented, “I am excited to have Gus Macker return to Gaylord. A tournament like this brings a lot of excitement to the community and to the sport of basketball. This will inspire young people to enjoy being outdoors with a basketball in their hand. This is a great wholesome, fun event. I am thrilled to have it return to Gaylord.”

This year, 2022, is the 49th year of Gus Macker Basketball. For the first 13 years it was a single tournament started by a pair of brothers and their friends in Lowell, Mich., in 1974 but became a festival phenomenon and America’s Original 3-on-3

Basketball Tour in 1987.

Through the years there have been almost 1,500 sanctioned Gus Macker Tournaments presented for over 700,000 teams or almost 2.7 million players and played in front of almost 28 million spectators across the country.

Teams are computer-matched into male and female divisions in one of three categories: Junior, Adult, or Top. The age, height and experience of all four players on each team are considered in bracketing. Teams receive at least three scheduled games each tournament. Gus Macker is a double-elimination tournament, but with a consolation bracket historically called “The Toilet Bowl” for teams that lose the first two games.

In addition to the economic impact of bringing thousands of players and fans into the community, the charitable aspect of the Gus Macker Tournament is very important. At each tournament site the local organizing committee donates proceeds from their event to a local charity or charities. Also, in many cities local non-profit clubs, groups and organizations raise funds through on-site food concession sales, special events and other on-site activities. The total amount donated to local charities by the local committees has steadily increased over the past few years. Gus Macker estimates that since 1987 - approximately \$16 million has been raised for worthwhile local charities.

Family fun in a festival atmosphere is always the goal of a Gus Macker Tournament, and we proudly serve as the most popular basketball tournament for outdoor play in downtown streets, parking lots and community parks across the country.

Learn more and register your team at macker.com. Online Registration deadline is June 6.

Just Signed into Law: Bergman Bill to Name VA Clinic for Navy Corpsman Steve Andrews

Gaylord - Today, Rep. Jack Bergman’s bill was signed into law, naming the new Gaylord VA clinic in honor of the late Navy Corpsman Steve Andrews. of this legislation from the entire Michigan delegation as well as the Michigan chapters of the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, and DAV.

Andrews was a beloved member of the Gaylord community and a state legislator representing the 106th District, having previously served our Nation overseas at the U.S. Navy Hospital in Guam and as a medic in the 1st Marine Division and Marine 1st Force Reconnaissance Company in Vietnam.

Rep. Bergman stated, “I’m grateful for the support of so many in the community and across the state who helped in our effort to designate the Gaylord Community Based Outpatient Center (CBOC) in honor of Steve Andrews, a lifelong servant to both his nation and neighbors. I can say from personal experience, that Steve was the type of leader who did not hesitate to reach out to someone he had never met before and share his thoughts on what it meant to be a public servant. With President Biden signing this bill into law, I’m confident Navy Corpsman Andrews’ legacy will continue to inspire the Veterans and VA health staff throughout the area in which he had such an impact for



decades.” Jim Grisso, publisher of the Gaylord Herald Times from 1968 to 2008, praised Andrews, a Gaylord native, not only as a distinguished Vietnam war hero but a devoted public servant and local community leader as well.

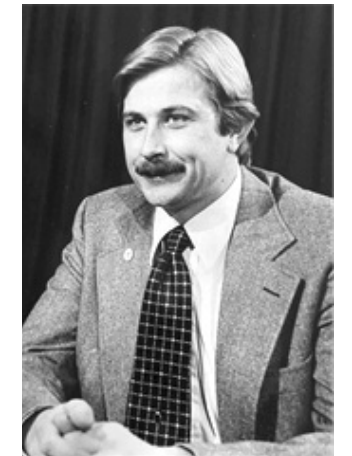
“Personally, I knew Steve, and his family, very well. As a newspaper editor and publisher I followed his role as a state legislator in the Michigan House of Representatives. He gave 100% effort all the time. Steve also was known for his ability to deal with others who sat across the political aisle. As a business owner in the Petoskey area, he was very active and played a leadership role in the community in many ways. Steve is very deserving of this

honor,” said Grisso.

BACKGROUND ON CORPSMAN ANDREWS:

Steve Andrews entered the U.S. Navy in 1967 as a Hospital Corpsman then subsequently served at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Guam and as a medic with the 1st Marine Division and Marine 1st Force Reconnaissance Company in Vietnam. For his actions in combat in Vietnam and for saving the lives of countless Marines, he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal and received the Purple Heart.

Following his military service, Steve worked as an entrepreneur and was later elected to the Michigan House of Representatives,



representing Northern Michigan’s 106th District. Steve served Northern Michigan for two terms and then turned his efforts to building his family and business. Steve coached and was a father figure to thousands of kids in baseball, football, and more. He additionally served on the board of trustees of North Central Michigan College and was president of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce. The new Gaylord VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) located at 2782 S. Otsego Avenue, officially opened its doors on Monday, August 24, 2020. The 18,362 square foot CBOC provides outpatient primary care, mental health, telehealth, laboratory services, home-based primary care, women’s health and whole health.

U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



The Veteran of the Month of March 2022 is Steven Ivan Kotowich.

Born January 12, 1924 to parents George and Anna Feidaw Kotowich on the family farm south of East Jordan, at Mr. Bliss. Steve grew up on Mount Bliss Road and

attended Mount Bliss School in early elementary, then to the East Jordan Public School through the 8th grade. Steve helped on the family farm until 1941, then joined the Civilian Conservation Corp. While in the CCC he took a 2 month course in Radio Transmission and worked as their Radio operator. On January 26, 1943, Steve enlisted into the United States Army joining his Sister Mary, Brothers John and Ted, during WWII in the European Theater of Opera-



STEVEN IVAN KOTOWICH.

tions. His CCC experience transferred to the military in Radio Operations. He would operate voice and code transmissions, and repair sets that were broken. On November 1, 1945, at Fort. Benning Georgia, Steve received an Honorable Discharge from

his military service. Returning home to Mt. Bliss, he would become a welder by trade working at the Ship Yard in Menominee, Michigan, and also had been a Merchant Marine Seaman on the Great Lakes for many years. Steve was a pilot, and enjoyed flying his several airplanes. One of which was the AT 6. He also had his own airfield by the family farm on Mt. Bliss Road, and designated it as KIA— Kotowich International Airport. Steve was a well known collector of knives and guns. He enjoyed travelling to Cuba, and the South Pacific. He always enjoyed sharing his experiences with friends when he returned home. On March 22, 1982, Steven Ivan Kotowich answered the final call and is being honored by his niece Mary Anne Smigulec.

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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.nmchorale.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

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

EAST JORDAN

EJPS EXTRAVAGANZA

Fundraiser benefitting East Jordan Public Schools Saturday, March 15 at 5:30-11pm at the Boat-house on Lae Charlevoix. Tickets are available at the elementary and middle/high school offices. \$75 each. Only 200 tickets

will be sold.

PETOSKEY SWING DANCE CLASS

Northern Michigan Swing Dance lessons in Petoskey on March 8 and March 15. 405 E. Lake St. upstairs in the Masonic Lodge 6pm-7pm. Dancing after lesson, instructors: Mel and Nancy Kiogima. \$8 per person, no registration, no partner required. Free lessons, if you have not danced with us before, on March 8 and 15. East Coast Swing. If you wish to not change partners, your request will be honored. Call 231-632-5968 if you have questions. Ballroom Dance of Northern Michigan. Tea Dance on March 20, 2022

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

BOYNE CITY

LIBRARY HISTORY SERIES

An Historical Review of our Region. A four-part series on the history of the Boyne City region. Saturdays starting March 12th,

1pm-3pm, in the Community Room of the Boyne District Library. Program by Edward May III. Opening comments by Asuka Barden. Free and open to the public. Registration is required. Call 231-582-7861 or register online. Each day requires its own registration.

Part 1 - March 12th: The Path to Boyne - A detailed look into immigration and the founding families of Boyne City, MI, pre-1900s.

Part 2 - March 19: Emerging Industries - Railroads, industries, lumber boom and decline, the birth of F.O. Barden & Son.

Part 3 - March 26: Growing Community - Paternal clubs, schools, churches, city councils, trial by adversity ~ perseverance.

Part 4 - April 2: Loving Living & Passing It On - For the fun of it! Fishing, bowling, golf, football, barn mountain / avalanche, Smeltania, and the 4th of July.

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.

GAYLORD

CONCERT

Chonda Pierce live in concert 7pm, March 25 at the E-FREEE 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.

BELLAIRE

SNOW CHALLENGE

April 2/3 - Schuss Mountain Snow Challenge - 12th annual

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/NorthernMIevents](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernMIevents) or www.NorthernMIevents.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.charlevoixpool.org

KALKASKA

TROUT FESTIVAL

April 23 - National Trout Festival Week-end (Parade is 23rd)

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

COVID-19 VACCINES

AVAILABLE TO HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS

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

STATEWIDE

TROUT SEASON

April 30, Opening Day Trout Season

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 Educa-

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

CHARLEVOIX

IGLOO ISLAND

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

CHARLEVOIX

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB CALENDAR AVAILABLE

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

CHARLEVOIX

LITTLE WAVES CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

SNOWMOBILING

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

EAST JORDAN

THE DEPOT JORDAN VALLEY TEEN

CENTER

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

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

EAST JORDAN

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

ADVERTISING FUNDS THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS

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

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News

CDC revises mask guidance for communities where hospitals seeing less strain on capacity

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced Friday it is relaxing its mask guidance for communities where hospitals are not under high strain of COVID-19 cases. Under the new guidance, nearly 70% of the U.S. population lives in an area considered to be low or medium risk, and residents there are advised they can go indoors without masks.

The CDC recommends continued mask use in communities where serious cases of COVID-19 are straining the health system and of course for anyone who needs a higher level of protection for themselves or their family.

“As of Monday, Feb. 28, all counties in our jurisdiction are at medium or low risk,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, which includes the counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego. “To determine the COVID-19 com-



Our Mobile Testing Unit is on the move!
COVID-19 testing **this week:**

Tuesday, March 1st: E-Free Church 1649 E M-32 Gaylord 8:15 am - 12:15 pm	Wednesday, March 2nd: HDNW 205 Grove St. Mancelona 8:15 am - 12:15 pm	Thursday, March 3rd: HDNW 220 W. Garfield Charlevoix 8:15 am - 12:15 pm
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ADDITIONAL TESTING LOCATIONS/DATES AVAILABLE AT NWHEALTH.ORG/COVIDTEST

munity level, the CDC looks at a combination of three metrics – new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7

days.” According to the CDC, new COVID-19 admissions and the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied represent the current potential strain on the health system. Data on new cases acts as an early warning indicator of potential increases in health sys-

tem strain in the event of a COVID-19 surge. Using these data, the COVID-19 community level is classified as low, medium, or high. Currently in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan jurisdiction, Charlevoix and Emmet counties are considered at “low” risk and Antrim and

Otsego counties are labeled “medium” risk. To check your county’s COVID-19 community level, click here. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services also recently released updated guidance on masking as well as an updated summary of pandemic phases indicating our state is currently in a phase of Recovery.

“The move to ease up on universal masking reflects current conditions at this phase of the coronavirus pandemic, including widespread immunity through vaccination and prior infection as well as better access to testing and treatments,” Peacock noted. “Regardless, there may be groups of people who want to or should continue wearing a mask, including anyone with underlying health conditions, those who live with someone with high risk factors, anyone who is immunocompromised, as well as those who just feel

safer wearing a mask.” See the CDC when and where to wear a mask or respirator.

The importance of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 continues to be emphasized by health officials:

- Get vaccinated and/or get your booster.
- Get tested if you are exposed to COVID-19 or feeling any symptoms.
- Isolate and quarantine if you are exposed.

In addition, the health department is promoting testing at its new mobile unit. Walk-ins are welcome at the mobile unit following locations:

- Tuesday, March 1: E-Free Church 1649 E M-32 Gaylord, 8:15 am - 12:15 pm
 - Wednesday, March 2: HDNW 205 Grove St. Mancelona, 8:15 am - 12:15 pm
 - Thursday, March 3: HDNW 220 W. Garfield Charlevoix, 8:15 am - 12:15 pm
- Additional testing locations and dates are available at nwhealth.org/covidtest.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

The “Ocean-ification” of the Great Lakes

“Once an invasive species arrives, it’s about impossible to get rid of it.”

~Sean Hanna

BY PATRICK W. C. BEVIER

When University of Colorado Ecology Professor Patrick Kociolek told me there were 180 separate invasive species in Lake Michigan alone, I almost fell off my barstool! Actually, I was in a folding chair in his rather spartan office at the U. of M. Douglas Lake Biological Research Station near Pellston.

The alarming news that Dr. Kociolek relayed is true. Our once pristine and uninhabited freshwater oceans are now teaming with marine organisms. They’ve inadvertently hitch-hiked to the Great Lakes via the St. Lawrence Seaway in the ballast water of ocean-going ships. Other fresh and salt-water species have been transported on recreational and commercial watercraft from various places in the US and Canada, while others have been purposefully planted. From minuscule zooplankton to underwater jungles of watermilfoil a great diversity of invasive species have established a firm foothold in our aquatic ecosystems. What’s worse is that many invasives have benefited from what biologists call a, “competitive advantage” when introduced to new ecosystems, out competing native species for valuable resources. I’m calling this invasion an “ocean-ification” knowing full-well that’s not a real word. However, it describes the process quite appropriately. Here’s a sampling of short stories on some of our most intriguing, and sometimes insidious, invaders:

Lascivious Lamprey: Probably the most recognizable,



Quagga mussels and Round Gobies are two marine intruders that have thrived in the waters of the Great Lakes (photo Patrick Bevier).

and the most hideous, of all of our marine invaders are sea lampreys (*Petromyzon marinus*). These eel-like fish were first introduced to the Great Lakes in the early 1920’s and played a key role in almost decimating populations of one of our most prized sportfish, the lake trout. They feature a mouth, straight out of the most sinister science fiction stories, equipped with strong circular suction cup lips surrounding dozens of razor-sharp rasping teeth. This ancient species uses this well-adapted mouth to lock on to larger fish, much like a leech on smaller victims, and gradually suck blood and other life-essential fluids from the host. If the lamprey stays on the prey for an extended amount of time it can cause the fish to become so weak that it is susceptible to diseases and often dies. The good news is that fisheries biologists have been relatively successful at controlling lamprey numbers in the past decade. Control strategies include trapping them, and the use of pheromone attractors and lampricides in the rivers in which they spawn. Regardless, lampreys are still present in decent numbers and continue to prey on some of our most valuable sportfish.

The Good, the Bad, and the Gobies: Round gobies

(*Neogobius melanostomus*), a small, mottled, pop-eyed, clown-lipped bottom dwelling fish, were first discovered in the St. Clair River in 1990. Like most invasive species they likely entered through the ballast water of ocean-going ships. It took them almost two decades to establish significant populations but are now so prolific that state biologists estimate there may be as many as ten gobies for every square foot of shoreline lake bottom! Fisheries experts have also sited that both smallmouth bass and lake trout have adapted very well to eating gobies and that they are seeing significant growth in these two gamefish species because of this shift in diet. Indeed, I’ve caught lakers off the shoreline of Petoskey that are so full of gobies they’re actually pouring out of their mouths! These seemingly positive effects may not outweigh the fact that gobies are competing with our native fish for valuable resources as well as that they are voracious nest predators of some of our most valued sportfish species.

Mussel-Mania: Zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) and their close kin the quagga mussels (*Dreissena bugensis*) have established unreal population densities in our waters. What’s worse is that Kociolek, and his col-

leagues, believe that the wastes produced by these mollusks have made the lake bottoms so rich in nutrients that we have seen massive algal blooms of golden brown algae. This native plant, that was once fairly scarce, now literally blankets the shorelines of the northern Great Lakes and inland waters including Torch Lake and Crystal Lake.

I have to admit that as an avid snorkeler and SCUBA diver in Michigan I have to tip my hat to these mussels. Their abundance and efficient filter feeding nature has created the clearest water the Great Lakes has ever boasted. However, all things considered, these invaders have had more of a negative impact on our ecosystems than a positive one. Studies conducted by the U. of M. Biological Research Station indicate they crowd out and negatively affect growth of native clam species.

Splendid Smelt: But not all invasives have overt negative impacts. Anyone who has ever gone smelt dipping, or who has tasted these slender silver fish, knows that the rainbow smelt (*Osmerus mordax*) is an epicurean delight, and certainly a welcome visitor. Sportspeople also know that their numbers have absolutely plum-

meted in the last few decades. They are very difficult to find in numbers warranting wading in cold, hip-deep water to scoop up what used to be trash-can filling proportions. Conversely, we’ve caught them in substantial numbers, albeit one fish at a time, on light ice fishing gear in inland lakes including Higgins, Crystal, and Torch.

All-Present Alewives: Alewives (*Alosa pseudoharengus*) were an early arriving invasive species that first showed up in the Great Lakes in the 1870’s. They’re numbers ballooned until in the 1950’s and 60’s they had unprecedented fish die-offs. I still remember walking along the shoreline of Lake Huron on a vacation and seeing dead alewives stacked three feet high along the entire length of the beach. The smell was so atrocious that it led to citizens demanding answers from the DNR. The biologists from that agency brainstormed and came up with a solution that is now considered to be, “the greatest fisheries experiment in the history of Michigan.” That being the stocking of pacific salmon - Coho and Chinook species – in the mid 1960’s to prey on the excess alewives. Needless to say, the experiment worked and is now a xx billion dollar boon to the Michigan outdoor economy.

Milfoil Multitudes: Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) is an aquatic plant that has wreaked havoc on Michigan waters. It is believed to have first invaded the Great Lakes State in the xxx’s (1900 or 2000??) from

Spiny Snipers: Perhaps the most serious stone-cold killers among our invasive species are about the length of your thumb nail. They’re called spiny water fleas (*Bythotrephes longimanus*) and they are absolutely devastating to our native zooplankton species that are the foundation of our aquatic food webs. In particular, extraordinarily valuable zoo-

plankton from the genus *Daphnia* are being decimated by these invaders native to Lake Ladoga near the Baltic Sea of Russia no less. Water fleas are not insects as the name might suggest but are also zooplankton, but are several times the size of *Daphnia*. They are sight predators and possess a single large eyespot, formidable mandibles, and a spiny tail that makes up 70 percent of their length. What makes them particularly heinous is that in addition to eating our native plankton species they kill small fish that try to eat them because of the tail resembling a rose stem. Michigan anglers know the pests well as they will often real in clumps of them stuck to fishing lines. While I rarely approve of this type of behavior if you happen to “land” any of these obnoxious organisms, please do not allow them back in the water.

Other noteworthy invasives are the common carp introduced from Europe in the 1890’s, ruffe fish from Eurasia in the 1980’s, and tiny New Zealand mud snails which started showing up in our trout streams within the last decade. Technically, even Coho and Chinook salmon are invasives. But, of course, they were stocked purposefully by fisheries biologists in the mid-1960’s in what is often referred to as, “the greatest fisheries success story in Michigan history!”

These are just a few of the hundreds of invasive marine invaders that now inhabit Michigan waters. Many go unnoticed, however, as the vast majority are either plants or microscopic organisms. Regardless, these once ocean-going organisms now play a key role in the aquatic ecosystems of the Wolverine State. While some are heavily studied, the jury is still out regarding the eventual impacts of many of these invasives on our native species.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

- Monday February 7, 2022**
 0246 Car deer crash on M75 S
 1544 Minneapolis Flight control requesting check on overdue plane.
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2022
 0724 Arrested subject for OUID on W Division St and West St.
 1044 Vehicle unlock on Division St
 1208 Assist City of Jackson PD with paper service on Boyne Av
 1345 Paper service in the 600 block of Boyne Av
Wednesday, February 9, 2022

- 0821 Report of vehicle running school bus lights on Park St
 0856 Threats complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1122 Bullying complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1325 Disturbance reported in the 500 block of N Lake St
 1630 Asst. CPS in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 2000 Threats complaint in the 300 block of E Division St
 2229 Assist EMS in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.
 2310 Assist Sheriff Dept. in the 500 block of N Lake St
Thursday, February 10, 2022
 0022 Suicidal subject in the

- 500 block of N Lake St
 0825 Harassment complaint from the 500 block of N Lake St
 0839 Stalking complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
 0948 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls
 1012 Suspicious vehicle behind the 1910 building this morning.
 1358 Assist citizen in the 300 block of E Division St
 1858 Suspicious activity in the 300 block of E Division St.
 1929 Report of missing wallet.
 2308 Arrest subject for OWI in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.

- Friday, February 11, 2022**
 0901 Road Hazard on Crozier Crest 0923
 0930 Lock Down drill at the school admin
 1111 Assist EMS on Grove St.
 1526 Assist Sheriff Dept. on E. Cedar
 1555 Suspicious subject at Veteran’s Park Pavilion
 1915 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Jacquay Rd
 1940 Responded to report of B&E on W Court St.
 2039 Intoxicated subject on Park St
 2212 Peeping tom com-

- plaint from the 300 block of E Division St
Saturday, February 12, 2022
 1130 Parking violation in the 400 block of N Lake St
 1209 Assist Sheriff Dept. on BC-EJ Rd.
 1529 Private property damage crash in the 400 block of N Lake St
 2233 Suspicious subject in Veterans Park Pavilion
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2022
 0021 Citation issued for speed and Refusing PBT at Front St. and Second St.
 0851 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

- 1209 Driving complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St
 1250 Report of missing purse in the 400 block of N Lake St purse. Was located at home.
 1310 Driving complaint coming in from 131 on 75 S.
 1455 Parking complaint in the 200 block of E Main St.
 1551 Assist fire on Roosevelt St
 1610 Driving complaint on Behling at Wilson coming towards town.

News

St. Michael High School Announces Its 2022 Speaker Series!

Defend Us in Battle: Classical Education & the Future of America!

PETOSKEY – February 28, 2022 – St. Michael High School (SMHS), Northern Michigan's only Classical Catholic high school, is very pleased to announce "Defend Us in Battle!": The 2022 SMHS Speaker Series!

As in recent years, SMHS will bring prominent speakers to Northern Michigan this spring, presenting the community with the benefits of Classical education, especially within the current cultural landscape, as well as a primer on the rigorous, faith-filled curriculum particular to St. Michael. This year's speaker line-up features:

AN EVENING WITH DWIGHT LONGENECKER – MARCH 17 AT THE SMHS SCHOOLHOUSE!

The St. Michael Spring Gala featuring Joseph Pearce – April 23 at Grand Unity Event Center!

The St. Michael Graduation featuring Anthony Esolen – May 29 at Grand Unity Event Center!

SMHS Headmaster Dr. Richard Brake stated, "As parents nationwide increasingly demand that schools respect their traditional values and their role as the primary educators of their children, the time is now to take a fresh look at St. Michael High School. Our Speaker Series events provide a perfect venue to become better acquainted with an educational model that is sweeping our country. We invite all who want a better education for their child to learn more about what we're doing every day at St. Michael – "High School with a Higher Purpose!"

"CLASSICAL EDUCATION IN AN ATHEISTIC AGE" WITH FR. DWIGHT LONGENECKER!

Thursday, March 17 at 6:30pm at SMHS (2225 Summit Park Drive)

Fr. Longenecker is a Senior Contributor at The Imaginative Conservative and is regularly featured in many other magazines, papers, and journals.

Raised as an Evangelical Christian and later ordained as an Anglican priest, Fr. Longenecker and his family were received into the Catholic Church in 1995, and he became a Catholic priest a decade later. He is a prolific writer, with twenty books to his credit including his latest, "Beheading Hydra – A Radical Plan for Christians in an Atheistic Age".

This event is free and open to the public. Free will offerings are appreciated!

THE ST. MICHAEL SPRING GALA, FEATURING "CLASSICAL EDUCATION AND THE WISDOM OF G. K. CHESTERTON" WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER MR. JOSEPH PEARCE!

Saturday, April 23 at 5:30pm at Grand Unity Event Center (1106 Charlevoix Ave)

Mr. Pearce is a distinguished Catholic author and speaker, a regular guest on radio, television, podcasts, and webcasts, and a lecturer at literary events worldwide.

He is Director of Book Publishing at the Augustine Institute, a senior instructor with Homeschool Connections, and a Senior Contributor at Crisis.

An acclaimed biographer and scholar, Mr. Pearce has authored dozens of best-selling books, including Tolkien: Man and Myth, C. S. Lewis and The Catholic Church, Wisdom and Innocence: A Life of G.K. Chesterton, and Solzhenitsyn: A Soul in Exile. His latest book is Benedict XVI: Defender of the Faith.

The St. Michael Gala is a fundraising event designed to highlight the school's intrinsic "Truth, Goodness, and Beauty", as well as its full integration into the Chesterton Schools Network. Tickets are \$100 per person, with table sponsorships available by contacting Dr. Brake at drbrake@stmichaelchesterton.org or 231-489-3302.

ST. MICHAEL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY, FEATURING "REBUILDING CULTURE THROUGH CLASSICAL EDUCATION" WITH SPEAKER DR. ANTHONY ESOLEN!

Sunday, May 29 at 4:00pm at Grand Unity Event Center (1106 Charlevoix Ave)

A distinguished author, poet, and commentator, Dr. Esolen has written more than 25 books, and has a special affinity for classical schooling and Christian apologetics. He and his wife led their state's homeschooling organization for many years.

His book Ten Ways to Destroy the Imagination of Your Child has been described as "a worthy successor to C.S. Lewis' The Abolition of Man", and its sequel, Life Under Compulsion, has been called "essential reading for parents, educators, and anyone who is concerned to rescue children from the tedious and vacuous thing childhood has become."

Of particular interest to Christians are his two most recent works, Out of the Ashes: Rebuilding American Culture, and its sequel, Nostalgia: Going Home in a Homeless World.

Dr. Esolen's address will punctuate St. Michael commencement exercises that will also feature remarks by our Headmaster and Valedictorian, as well as the awarding of diplomas. He will address the students via Zoom.

Dr. Brake concluded, "We hope you'll join us for our Speaker Series events this spring – and please stay tuned for an exciting late addition to our line-up! As always, we appreciate your continued prayers and support!"

For up to-date information, visit the Speaker Series webpage at... <https://stmichaelchesterton.org/speaker-series/>.

St. Michael High School is High School with a Higher Purpose and a proud member of the Chesterton Schools Network, the largest and fastest-growing network of its kind in the country. SMHS welcomes all families who seek a better education and faith formation for their students and offers tuition assistance to qualifying families.

Established in 2013, the St. Michael mission is to nurture and elevate a new generation of joyful leaders educated in the Classical tradition and the truth of the Catholic faith. For information on SMHS, visit the school website at <https://stmichaelchesterton.org> or contact Headmaster Dr. Richard Brake at drbrake@stmichaelchesterton.org

Charlevoix Public Library March Events

Yoga for Health: Yoga, Meditation and Breathing Practices

Mondays through March 14 Online Mondays • 5:30 pm • Via Zoom – Please register

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Bier's & Books Club: Up North in Michigan: A Portrait of Place in Four Seasons by Jerry Dennis

Wednesday, March 2 • 6:00 pm – Please register

Bier's Inwood Brewery 17959 Ferry Road, Charlevoix

Award winning, Traverse City nature writer Jerry Dennis's new collection *Up North in Michigan*, captures his lifelong journey to better know this place he calls home by exploring it in every season, in every kind of weather, on foot, on

bicycle, in canoes and cars.

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- Please Register online or call (231)237-7340

- Cost: The discussion is free but the beverages are not

Beyond Telling: A one-man play performed by William Campbell

Tuesday, March 8 • 6:30 pm Community Room

Beyond Telling is a one-man play written by Raymond Goodwin and performed by William Campbell. It tells the story of a newspaper columnist who confronts a night of domestic terror. George Telling remembers and relives the circumstances of a horrific attack in a quiet Michigan City.

BookTalkers: The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal

Monday, March 21 • 6:00 pm – Please register

Armstrong Conference Room

Once upon a time, Helen Blotz inherited the family farm, alienating her sister Edith. Helen uses the proceeds to transform husband Orval's family soda business into the hottest brewery in Minnesota. Even as Edith's granddaughter

Diana launches her own brewpub, Helen's business starts sledding downhill, but there's a chance that Edith's Rhubarb Pie in a Bottle Ale might save the day. A love story to Minnesota, craft beer, and the power of second chances, this humorous novel by J. Ryan Stradal is a testament to the setbacks and achievements that come with following one's passion.

Winter Blues Concert Series: Peter Jensen

Monday, March 28 • 6:30 pm Community Room

Peter Allen Jensen is a Country Blues fingerstyle guitarist and singer from Petoskey, MI. After spending several years studying the Chicago Blues style, Peter has gone acoustic and now plays a variety of fingerstyle Country Blues, Ragtime and instrumental music. Peter also writes his own style of Americana instrumental music inspired by John Fahey and Leo Kottke.

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captures his lifelong journey to better know this place he calls home by exploring it in every season, in every kind of weather, on foot, on bicycle, in canoes and cars. The essays in this book are a reflection on the Up North that can only be experienced through your feet and fingertips, through your ears, mouth, and nose.

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Governor Whitmer Launches Growing MI Business Grant Program to Deliver \$409 Million to Support Michigan Businesses and Grow Economy

LANSING, Mich. – Governor Gretchen Whitmer today announced applications are now being accepted through Thursday, March 31 for the new Growing MI Business grant program, which was signed into law at the end of last year to deliver \$409 million in additional support to businesses across the state.

"My number one goal is to put Michigan first, and that means making sure Michigan businesses have the resources they need to build on our economic momentum," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "Over the last year, my administration has worked hard to add 220,000 jobs and help businesses bounce back. The Growing MI Business Grant Program will make a difference for Michigan's business owners and communities across our state. I will continue supporting Michigan's resilient, innovative businesses as they work to expand operations and create more jobs."

Under the Growing MI Business grant program, eligible businesses in operation before October 1, 2019, may receive a grant up to \$5 million due to financial hardship. Eligible businesses that began operating between October 1, 2019, and May 31, 2020, may receive a grant equal to 25% of certain specified costs.

Effective today, individuals can apply for business resources online at www.michigan.gov/abr. Each business must submit a completed online ap-

plication to the Michigan Department of Treasury no later than 11:59 p.m. EST Thursday, March 31. Grant awardees will be notified in the spring and grant awards will be distributed by July 1, 2022.

Businesses interested in applying for a grant are encouraged to attend an information webinar from 1-2 p.m. EST on Monday, March 7. Details for signing up for the webinar can be found on the grant program's website.

"Businesses thinking about applying are strongly encouraged to sign up for our March 7 webinar," said State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks. "It will be a great opportunity to learn about the details of the program and ask questions. It is critical for businesses to submit a correct application to avoid processing delays or exclusion from the program."

Growing MI Business grants may be prorated depending upon the number of businesses that apply to ensure that all eligible businesses can receive funding. Grants will not be distributed based on a first come, first serve basis.

Under state law, there are nine types of businesses eligible a grant:

- Entertainment venues
- Recreational facilities and public places of amusement
- Barbers and cosmetologists
- Exercise facilities
- Food service establishments
- Nursery dealers and growers
- Athletic trainers
- Body art facilities
- Hotels and bed & breakfast establishments

Getting Things Done Governor Whitmer is committed to supporting small businesses as Michigan emerges from the pandemic and ushers in a new era of prosperity. Through COVID, the state implemented 23 economic relief programs for businesses, supporting more than 25,000 companies and retaining more than 200,000 jobs. Now, Governor Whitmer is dedicated to helping small businesses navigate existing programs and services available to help them recover and thrive for years to come. Recently, the governor laid out a \$2.1 billion proposal to grow Michigan's middle class, support small businesses, and invest in communities by tackling several underlying issues. As Michigan's economic jumpstart continues, bolstered by a strong GDP, and a historic surplus, Governor Whitmer's proposals will tackle underlying issues faced by small businesses and take advantage of the massive influx of federal resources Michigan has received to deliver meaningful change that makes a real difference for small businesses and Michigan workers.

Additional information about the Growing MI Business Grant Program – including frequently asked questions, fact sheets and previously recorded webinars – can be found on www.michigan.gov/abr.

Key Numbers

- Ushered in 8.3% GDP growth, best in the Midwest

again and third-best nationwide in Q2.

- Took Michigan from a projected \$3 billion deficit to a \$7 billion surplus.

- Launched 23 economic relief programs providing over \$240 million in vital economic support to small businesses across all 83 Michigan counties. The programs supported over 25,000 companies and retained over 200,000 jobs with nearly 75% of support going to restaurants, bars, retailers and other service industry small businesses.

- Saved 52,500 jobs by providing grants to 6,000 small businesses.

- Provided \$100 million through the Small Business Restart Program to help restaurants and other place-based businesses cover costs by providing grants up to \$20,000 for mortgage, rent, taxes, payroll and other operating expenses.

- Expanded Work Share to offer employers greater flexibility as they brought employees back from unemployment, provided over \$550 million, preserved over 110,000 jobs, and helped nearly 2,600 employers retain workers and bring them back to the workforce.

- Set up free virtual job fairs connecting over 2,600 employers and 9,900 job seekers.

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has helped:

- expand services to schools including school-based health clinics, mental health services and served in an advisory role to schools throughout various health concerns, including the current COVID-19 pandemic;

- expand the Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region through strong regional partnerships to assure the top health needs of the community are addressed through effective and sus-

tainable services:

- navigate the two-year pandemic response, including working with community partners to establish one of the first drive through testing sites in northern Michigan at the Emmet County Fairgrounds, organize vaccination clinics for thousands of residents and their families, arranged for additional testing sites, as well as the distribution of free home tests and KN95 masks;

- oversee numerous state and federal grants that have been awarded to the health department to provide vital services to citizens in the region;

- planned and overseen

expansion of the Northern Michigan Regional Lab in Gaylord to serve as a regional resource for northern Michigan for COVID testing, water testing and wastewater surveillance; and

- acquire acquisition of a mobile unit to expand the reach of services to more

rural regions.

"I am very saddened to offer my resignation," Peacock said. "I love my job, the employees I work with, and our community partners who support our mission," she added.

Peacock is working with the health department lead-

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athlete of the week



Kelan Pletcher
Ellsworth Lancers
Boys Basketball

Kelan Pletcher would lead the way with 26 points in the 58-52 Lancers win over UP powerhouse Pickford last week.

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Braylyn Rincon
Boyne City Ramblers
Girls Basketball

Braylyn Rincon with 4 three point baskets for a total of 12 points in the 1st round of district play in the 43-29 win over Cheboygan..



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Petrosky Hits 1,000 points, Red Devils season ends in first round of districts

BY: DOM SANTANA

The Charlevoix Rayders would have one big accomplishment left to check off before the end of the regular season. The team hosted Manton on Thursday, February 24 for senior night and the final game of the regular season.

The Rayders would end up finding it to be a struggle against Manton. In the end they would end up falling by a final score of 37-25. The Rayders would have a big moment in the game when senior Taylor Petrosky would hit the 1,000 point mark in her career. A massive milestone for the senior that has been a driving force behind the Rayders success.

The Rayders would end up finishing the regular season with a record of 7-13. They started postseason play on Monday, February 28 against East Jordan in the first round of the district tournament.

The Rayders jumped out to a solid lead from the opening tip. They would hold a 15-8 lead over the Red Devils after the first quarter. That lead would only continue to grow in the second quarter as they would hold a 31-14 lead at



TAYLOR PETROSKY

halftime.

In the third quarter, the lead would only continue to grow, it would turn into a 40-29 deficit for the Red Devils. The win would not come easily though, as the Red Devils would come storming back. The gap would close to just four points late in the game. The Rayders would have to dig deep to secure a 48-44 victory and send them to the second round of the tournament.

The Rayders were led by Petrosky with 22 points. The Rayders will take on Harbor Springs on Wednesday, March 2. While the Red Devils see their season come to an end with an overall record of 8-13.



Charlevoix's Taylor Petrosky and team mate shut down EJ. Photo by Scott Richards.



Charlevoix's #14 Mikayla Sharrow goes for a lay up in the second half. Photo by Scott Richards.



Charlevoix's Taylor Petrosky goes in for a layup in the second half. Photo by Scott Richards.



EJ #24 Mycah Heise pulls up for a jump shot in the first half. Photo by Scott Richards.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Ramblers finish week 2-1 in three tough games

BY: DOM SANTINA

CHARLEVOIX

The Boyne City Boys basketball team would host rival Charlevoix on Wednesday, February 23.

The Rayders would start the first quarter off just a touch better than the Ramblers. As they would hold a 16-14 lead. The second quarter would end up swinging in favor of the Ramblers, as they would claim a 3 point

lead at halftime, 33-30.

The third quarter would be a more defensive quarter, as the Ramblers would score one point more than the Rayders and expand their lead to 4. In the fourth quarter, the Rayders would be able to close back in, but not nearly enough. As the Ramblers would hold on for a 53-50 victory.

The Ramblers would have two players in double figures for scoring, as Alex Calcaterra would lead the way with 16 points. While Mason

Wilcox would contribute 14 points. The win moves the Ramblers to 12-5 on the season and to 7-5 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The team would be back in action on Friday, February 25 at Traverse City St. Francis.

TRAVERSE CITY ST. FRANCIS

The Ramblers would have a tough test in front of them. The Gladiators were 13-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference and 16-2 overall. The clear and obvious top team in the conference would not have too much of a struggle against the Ramblers. As the Gladiators would end up taking the matchup by a final score of 58-40.

The loss would move the Ramblers record to 12-6 on the season and 7-6 in the LMC. The Ramblers would have just two games remaining in the regular season. As they would travel to play McBain on Monday, February 28 and then have Petoskey on Tuesday, March 1.

MCBAIN

In the battle of Ramblers, the Boyne City team would draw the early advantage, as the lead would be 15-9 after the opening quarter. The McBain Ramblers would try to form a comeback in the second quarter, but would only be able to cut into the lead by 1. The halftime score would have the Boyne Ramblers up 25-20.

The third quarter would be very similar to the second quarter, as both teams would barely break 10 points. This

time though, the Boyne Ramblers would add 1 point to the lead and hold the 6 point lead into the final quarter. The defensive battle would continue

to the fourth quarter, the Ramblers would be able to narrowly escape with a 47-40 victory over the Ramblers. The Ramblers would be led

by Jack Neer with 13 points. The win moves the Ramblers to 13-6 on the season. As they will play Petoskey on Tuesday, March 1 and have Kalka-



Boyne's Scotty Haley (35) wins the tip over Charlevoix's Jack Gaffney (14). (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Charlevoix's Evan Solomon (12) brings the ball up-court as Boyne City's Alex Calcaterra (11) defends and teammate Jack Neer gives chase. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Rayder Caleb Stuck (34) gets to the lane as Rambler Aaron Bess (5) defends and Scotty Haley (35) rotates over to help. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Boayne guard, Ava Maginity (4) looks over the Chief defense, waiting for an open teammate to pass to. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Rambler senior, Harley Cadarette (13) puts up a shot against some tough Cheboygan defense. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Maddie Smith (21) of Boyne City, drives in for a layup attempt vs the Chiefs. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

Ramblers earn opening round district win

BY: DOM SANTINA

PETOSKEY

The Boyne City girls basketball team would travel to play Petoskey on Wednesday, February 23. A rough season would lead to a very hard game against the Northmen.

The Ramblers would trail 6-4 after the opening quarter. The offense would take off in the second quarter and the Ramblers would find themselves only down five more, 25-18 at halftime.

The Ramblers would continue to fight in the second half but would end up losing by a final score of 48-29. The team would be led by Elly

Day with 8 points. The loss would move the Ramblers to 5-14 on the season. The team would have a quick turnaround as they would welcome Bellaire for senior night at home on Thursday, February 24.

BELLAIRE

The Ramblers would be looking for a spark to send the seniors out with one final win at home against Bellaire.

The teams would be tied at

6-6 after the first quarter. The Eagles would be able to grab a slim 2 point lead at half-time. The Eagles would be able to expand their lead in the second half, as they would hold a 27-19. The Eagles would barely be able to hold off a hard fight Ramblers team to secure a 29-26 victory.

The Ramblers would come up short on senior night and would end the season with a regular season record of 5-15. The team would be led by

Grace Dawson with 14 points. The Ramblers would have the comforts of home for the district tournament which started on February 28 against Cheboygan.

CHEBOYGAN

What a difference a year can make, last season the Ramblers would be eliminated in their first game of the district tournament by Cheboygan.

This season would be a

whole new story, as the Ramblers would jump out to a 16-9 lead in the first quarter. That momentum would only carry through the second quarter as they would stretch the lead to 30-12 over the Chiefs.

There would be a lot less offensive production in the third quarter, which would allow the Ramblers to maintain their lead and hold a 33-16 lead over them heading into the fourth quarter. The Ramblers would be able to win their opening round dis-

trict game by a final score of 43-29.

The team would be led by Braylyn Rincon with 4 three point baskets for a total of 12 points in the game.

The Ramblers will move to the semi-final match up on Wednesday, March 2 at home against Kingsley. It will be a tough matchup for the Ramblers, as the Stags come into the game with a 15-5 record.



Boayne junior Braylyn Rincon (11) looks on this play. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

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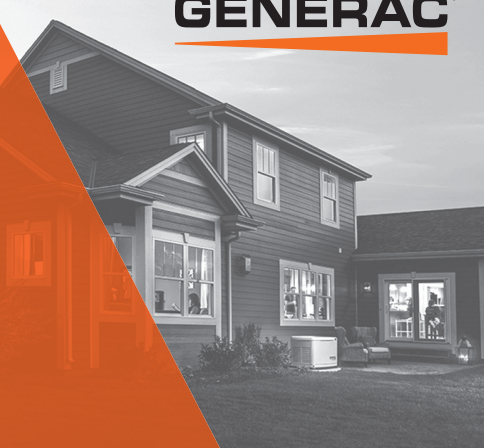
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Red Devils top Ellsworth, Kalkaska, Fall to Grayling

BY: DOM SANTINA

ELLSWORTH

The East Jordan Boys basketball team hosted Ellsworth on Monday, February 14. The Red Devils would jump out to a 14-12 lead after the first quarter. They would end up being able to stretch their lead to a 4 point lead, as they would outscore the Lancers 19-17.

The third quarter would end up being a big point for the Red Devils. As they would be able to stretch the lead by another 10 points, outscoring the Lancers 25-15. The Red Devils would be able to seal the game with another strong quarter. The Red Devils would be able to take the win 81-62.

“A great local game that lived up to a top team in their conference and division and us playing. We have to give credit to Ellsworth as they competed and fought the whole game. I was pleased with the effort and how we played through some adversity on the night and took the lead out in the third quarter. (Ethan) Antaya had a career high, Devon Olstom had 6 rebounds and did a great job of keeping them from get-



ETHAN ANTAYA



PRESTON MALPASS



JJ WEBER

ting into their offense,” said Head Coach Nate Dzwik.

The team would be led by Ethan Antaya with 25 points. JJ Weber would add in another 19 points and Preston Malpass would contribute 16 points. The win would move the team to 8-7 on the season. The team would have a quick turnaround as they would host Kalkaska on Tuesday, February 15.

KALKASKA

The Red Devils would be able to earn a slim first quarter lead as the time would expire. They would hold a 15-11 lead heading into the second quarter. The Red Devils would put up another 15 points, but the Blazers would be able to hang

with, as they would only allow the Red Devils to expand their lead by 1. The score would be 30-25 at the halftime break.

A big third quarter would put the Red Devils up for good. As they would outscore the Blazers 20-12 and stretch their lead to 13 points. In the fourth quarter, the Red Devils would be out scored by the Blazers, but only by 1 point. This would allow the Red Devils to secure a 66-54 victory over the Blazers.

The team was led by Preston Malpass with 29 points and 12 rebounds. Weber and Antaya would add in 12 points each as well. The win would move the Red Devils to 9-7 on the season. While they would move to 5-6 in the Lake Michigan Confer-

ence. The team would then travel to play Grayling on Friday, February 18.

GRAYLING

In the previous couple games, the Red Devils had got off to good starts. Unfortunately, this time the Vikings would draw the early 16-10 first quarter lead. The Red Devils would hope for a better second quarter, but the Vikings would be able to add another 6 points to their lead. The Red Devils would find themselves down 34-22 at halftime.

The Red Devils would have a good third quarter once again, which would help them pull back into the game. As the Red Devils would cut the Vikings lead

down to 5 by the time the quarter would end. The fourth quarter would be the highest scoring quarter of the game, but unfortunately it was also the same for the Vikings. The Vikings would be able to expand their lead back to 8 points. Which would allow the Vikings to secure a 67-59 victory over the Red Devils.

“We started ok, fought through a bunch of foul trouble and lack of energy in the first half. I was really proud of the kids’ effort in the third and fourth quarter. We had the game down to a bucket a few times but we couldn’t hit that next shot or get the next stop. We lost our composure in the second half and played a game that isn’t our strong suit,” said coach Dzwik.

The Red Devils would be led by Antaya once again with 19 points. Preston Malpass would add in another 10 points as well. The loss moved the Red Devils to 9-8 in the regular season. The Red Devils would be 5-7 in the LMC. The Red Devils will be back in action on Tuesday, March 1 against Gaylord. Then they will finish the regular season on Thursday, March 3 against Elk Rapids on the road.

Lancers claim hard earned win over Pickford

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Boys Basketball team would end up having a tough test to have for one of their final regular season games. The team would travel to Pickford on Wednesday, February 23.

The Lancers would be able to grab a very slim lead

at the end of the first quarter, as they would lead 17-16. The second quarter would be good for the Lancers as they would be able to stretch their lead by 5 points. They would hold a 35-29 lead at the break.

The third quarter has traditionally been very good for the Lancers. This time

however, that would not be the case. As the Panthers would have a very solid defensive effort, only allowing 6 points by the Lancers. A 12 point offensive outburst by the Pioneers would tie the game up heading to the fourth quarter. The Lancers would be able to regroup in the fourth quarter though.

As they would be able to outscore the Panthers 17-11 in the quarter to take the win.

The scoring for the Lancers would be very lopsided for once for the Lancers. As Kelan Pletcher would lead the way with 26 points. Brayden Steenwyk would have 16 points. Usu-

ally the Lancers would have 3 or 4 players in double figures, but it would just be these two this time. The win moves the Lancers overall record to 16-3 on the season. They will wrap up their regular season with a make-up game against Boyne Falls on Tuesday, March 1 at home.

SKIING

LCST makes noise at championship meets

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Lake Charlevoix Ski Team competed in the Lake Michigan Conference championships on Thursday, February 24.

The boys team would end up continuing to show great improvement and teamwork. Jack Herzog would end up being the lead skier for the team with a 5 place finish in Slalom and 12 in Giant Slalom and earning All-Conference honors. Henry Herzog would have a problem during his second run of SL, which would end

up having him finish 13, he would finish up GS with a 17 place finish. David Gray would continue to improve and find himself inside the top 20, with a 19 place in SL. He would be just outside the top 20 in GS with a 21 place finish.

On the girls side, the team earned a second place finish in the LMC. Taylor Stockwell would end up being the conference champion in SL, while finishing in GS, also taking home all-conference honors. Ella Doumanian would end up finishing in 3 for GS and 4 for SL, while also being named to the all-

conference team. Avery Kita would have the third fastest second run, propelling herself to a 14 place finish in GS and a 9 place finish in SL. Mya Pfahl would end up having a 18 place finish in GS and 17 in SL. While Kelsey Wiatrolik would finish in 21 place for GS and SL. She would be followed closely by teammate Lily Brya with 22 place finishes for both events.

STATE MEET

In its first season the Lake Charlevoix Ski Team had four members representing

at the State Meet, which was held at Schuss Mountain.

Taylor Stockwell, who came in on the day with high expectations would end up battling to come away with being named second team all-state.

Ella Doumanian would battle through a nagging injury to finish in the top 25 in both events.

Avery Kita would end up earning second team all-state honors with a 19 place finish in SL and 16 place in GS.

The boys’ team would be represented by Jack Herzog, who would have a good day

and finish 15 in SL. He would be the third member to earn second team all-state honors.

“The future is really exciting for our program. We have a group of great kids who made this year special. We will miss the contributions of seniors (Lily) Brya and (Taylor) Stockwell, but we look forward to future team growth and success,” said Head Coach Christopher Herrmann.

BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Cadillac	7-3	14-5
TC Central	7-3	10-7
Petoskey	6-4	12-6
TC West	6-4	9-9
Alpena	4-6	10-8
Gaylord	0-10	4-15

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

St Francis	14-0	17-2
Elk Rapids	10-3	12-5
Boyne City	8-6	13-6
East Jordan	6-7	10-8
Grayling	6-8	10-9
Charlevoix	5-8	9-9
Harbor Springs	3-10	7-10
Kalkaska	2-12	4-14

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Onaway	15-1	18-1
Mancelona	13-2	13-6
Joburg-Lewiston	10-5	12-6
Inland Lakes	8-7	8-10
Bellaire	7-7	9-9
Gaylord St Mary	7-8	7-12
Pellston	4-10	5-12
Central Lake	3-12	4-14
Forest Area	0-15	0-17

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Rudyard	7-1	17-1
St Ignace	6-2	14-4
Sault	4-4	8-11
Cheboygan	2-6	5-13
Newberry	2-7	8-9

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Ellsworth	11-0	16-3
Mackinaw City	9-2	12-7
Harbor Lt Chr	7-5	10-8
Alanson	5-6	6-7
North Mich Chr	3-7	6-9
Boyne Falls	2-9	4-11
Wolverine	1-9	2-12

NORTH STAR - BIG DIPPER

Oscoda	7-1	11-7
Mio	5-2	9-7
Alcona	5-3	10-7
Rogers City	2-6	6-11
W-P	0-7	1-16

NORTH STAR - LITTLE DIPPER

Hillman	10-0	19-0
Posen	7-3	12-6
Au Gres-Sims	6-3	11-6
Atlanta	4-5	7-10
Hale	1-8	3-15
Fairview	0-9	0-18

GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Petoskey	8-2	14-7
Gaylord	6-4	13-8
TC Central	5-5	11-8
Alpena	5-5	12-9
TC West	4-6	10-11
Cadillac	2-8	8-13

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Elk Rapids	13-1	18-2
Harbor Springs	12-2	18-2
St Francis	11-3	15-6
Charlevoix	7-7	8-13
East Jordan	6-8	8-13
Boyne City	5-9	6-15
Grayling	2-12	7-14
Kalkaska	0-14	0-18

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

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Central Lake	6-8	11-9
Onaway	4-10	8-13
Mancelona	4-10	6-14
Forest Area	0-15	1-19

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

St Ignace	6-1	18-2
Sault	6-2	16-4
Rudyard	3-3	9-8
Cheboygan	2-6	8-13
Newberry	0-5	0-14

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Mackinaw City	12-0	18-3
North Mich Chr	8-2	11-5
Harbor Lt Chr	7-3	12-7
Wolverine	7-7	12-8
Ellsworth	3-7	4-13
Alba	1-8	1-13
Alanson	0-9	0-15

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - BIG DIPPER

Posen	9-1	18-1
Hillman	9-1	12-7
Atlanta	4-5	5-10
Hale	4-6	7-11
Fairview	2-8	4-14
Au Gres-Sims	1-8	2-15

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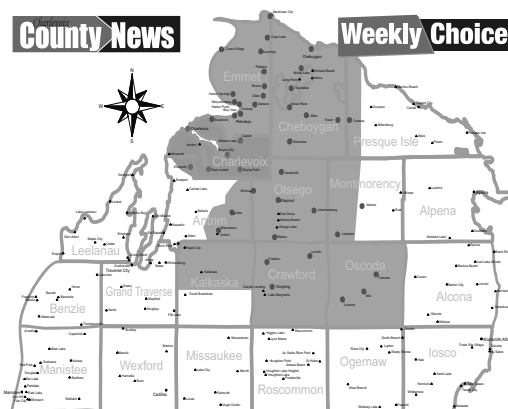
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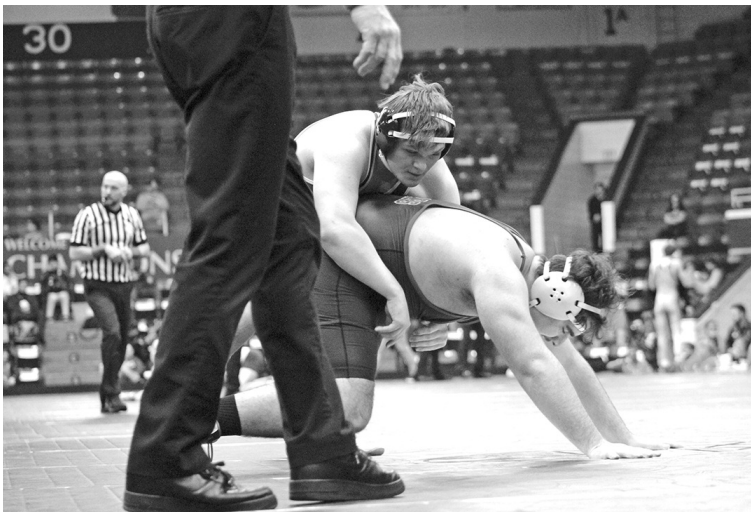
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WRESTLING

Gaylord's Road to the State Finals



AARON KASSUBA

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BY DAVE BARAGREY

Gaylord Blue Devils wrestling team has been a regular at the state wrestling tournament year after year. Coach LaJoie and his staff seem to reload year after year with young men that work hard with positive results.

This year the Blue Devil wrestling team won the Regional tournament with a 63 - 18 win over Petoskey. Then a 34 - 29 win over Bay City John Glenn to move into the state quarterfinals.

In the Quarterfinals #4 seed Gaylord defeated #5 seed Monroe Jefferson by a score of 36 - 35.

In the Semi-Finals Gaylord met the #1 seed Lowell. Lowell has won the state championship in division 2 on numerous occasions. They beat the Blue Devils by a score of 50 - 6. Lowell advanced to the finals and won the state championship by beating Goodrich by a score of 46 - 16.

This coming weekend six Blue Devils will compete in the state individual championship. Advancing to the state tournament after placing in regionals Gaylord will be represented by: Ty Bensinger, Brayden Gautreau, Riley Hush, Loudon Stradling, Gabe Thompson and Gus James.

Petoskey will send two wrestlers to the state individual tournament, Trevor Swiss and Brendon Swiss.

In Division 3 Boyne City will send Tim Bowman and Jordan McBee to the boys individual state tournament and Lydia Krauss will compete in the girls individual state tournament.

In Division 4 Charlevoix will send Landon Swanson and Sam Fry. Mio will send Tyler Demory, Brandon Wiltse and Trennen Smith.

Below are the results for the Gaylord wrestlers in the Division 2 State Team tournament.

103 RESULTS

Sunni LaFond of Gaylord HS went 0-2
103 - Issac Masserant (Monroe Jefferson HS) over Sunni LaFond (Gaylord HS) Fall 5:29
103 - Carter Cichocki (Lowell HS) over Sunni LaFond (Gaylord HS) Maj 15-2

112 RESULTS

Austin Morse of Gaylord HS went 0-1
112 - Landon Musgrave (Lowell HS) over Austin Morse (Gaylord HS) Maj 9-0

119 RESULTS

Ethan Eubank of Gaylord HS went 0-1
119 - Easton Lyons (Lowell HS) over Ethan Eubank (Gaylord HS) TF 15-0
Austin Morse of Gaylord HS went 0-1
119 - Ryder Mulherin (Monroe Jefferson HS) over Austin Morse (Gaylord HS) Fall 4:26

125 RESULTS

Blake Davis of Gaylord HS went 0-1
125 - Owen Segorski (Lowell HS) over Blake Davis (Gaylord HS) Fall 0:58
Joey Zaremba of Gaylord HS went 0-1
125 - John Allen (Monroe Jefferson HS) over Joey Zaremba (Gaylord HS) TF 19-4

130 RESULTS

Louden Stradling of Gaylord HS went 1-1
130 - Ramsy Mutschler (Lowell HS) over Loudon Stradling (Gaylord HS) Dec 3-2
130 - Loudon Stradling (Gaylord HS) over Ty Rose (Monroe Jefferson HS) Fall 0:54

135 Results

Gabe Thompson of Gaylord HS went 1-1
135 - Gabe Thompson (Gaylord HS) over Dylan Garcia (Monroe Jefferson HS) Fall 3:27
135 - James Link (Lowell HS) over Gabe Thompson (Gaylord HS) Dec 4-1

140 RESULTS

Gus James of Gaylord HS went 1-1
140 - Gus James (Gaylord HS) over Caleb Smiley (Monroe Jefferson HS) Dec 3-1
140 - Landon Miller (Lowell HS) over Gus James (Gaylord HS) Dec 6-4

145 RESULTS

Drew Anderson of Gaylord HS went 1-1
145 - Drew Anderson (Gaylord HS) over Noah White (Monroe Jefferson HS) Dec 10-3
145 - Jared Boone (Lowell HS) over Drew Anderson (Gaylord HS) Maj 12-0

152 RESULTS

Benny Blyveis of Gaylord HS went 2-0
152 - Benny Blyveis (Gaylord HS) over Ronnie Allen (Monroe Jefferson HS) Fall 1:11
152 - Benny Blyveis (Gaylord HS) over Nate Cleaver (Lowell HS) Dec 3-1

160 Results

Ty Bensinger of Gaylord HS went 1-0
160 - Ty Bensinger (Gaylord HS) over Tacho Gonzales (Lowell HS) Dec 5-1

171 RESULTS

Kaeden Yocum of Gaylord HS went 1-1
171 - Kaeden Yocum (Gaylord HS) over Seth Minney (Monroe Jefferson HS) Dec 15-8
171 - Will Neeley (Lowell HS) over Kaeden Yocum (Gaylord HS) Dec 5-2

189 RESULTS

Riley Hush of Gaylord HS went 1-1
189 - Riley Hush (Gaylord HS) over Anthony Cousino (Monroe Jefferson HS) Fall 2:00
189 - Carson Crace (Lowell HS) over Riley Hush (Gaylord HS) Dec 5-2

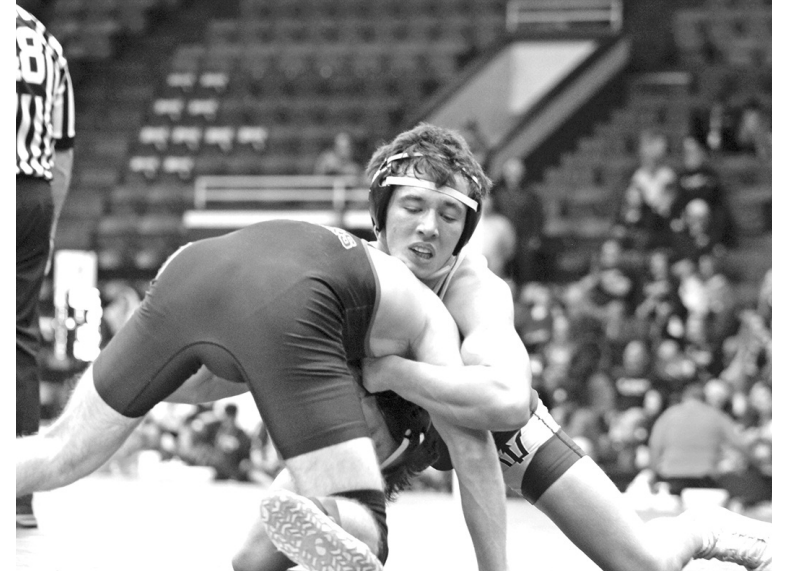
215 RESULTS

Brayden Gautreau of Gaylord HS went 1-0
215 - Brayden Gautreau (Gaylord HS) over Nathan Masserant (Monroe Jefferson HS) Dec 12-6

Aaron Kassuba of Gaylord HS went 0-1
215 - Carter Blough (Lowell HS) over Aaron Kassuba (Gaylord HS) Fall 1:09

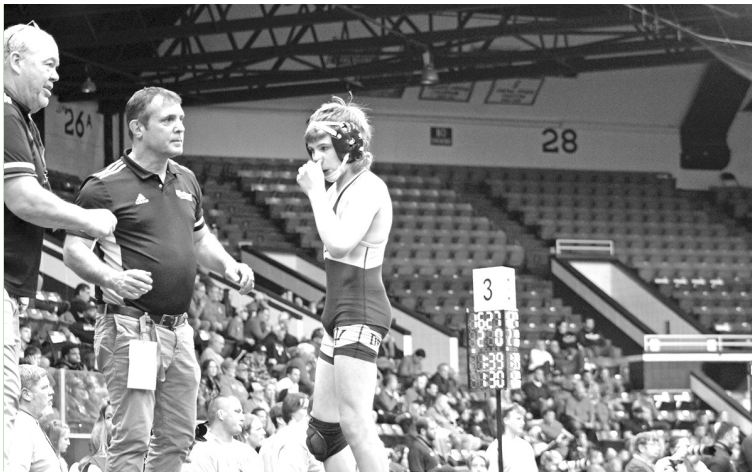
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Caden Sides of Gaylord HS went 0-1
285 - Bryson Vandermeulen (Lowell HS) over Caden Sides (Gaylord HS) Fall 1:49
Aaron Kassuba of Gaylord HS went 0-1
285 - Freddie Martin (Monroe Jefferson HS) over Aaron Kassuba (Gaylord HS) Fall 0:25



GUS JAMES

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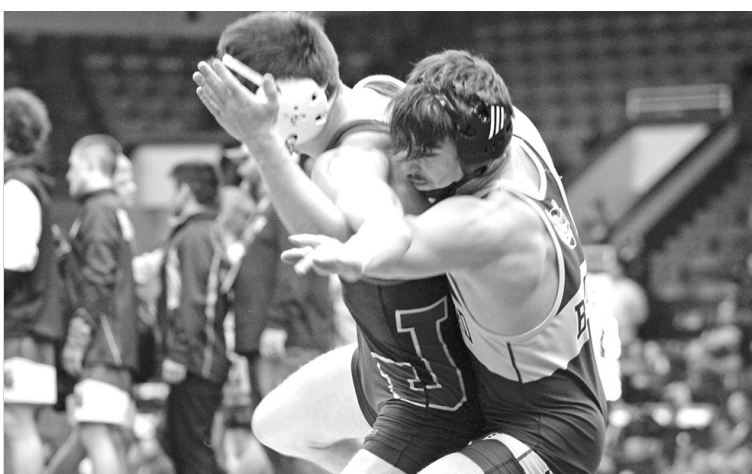
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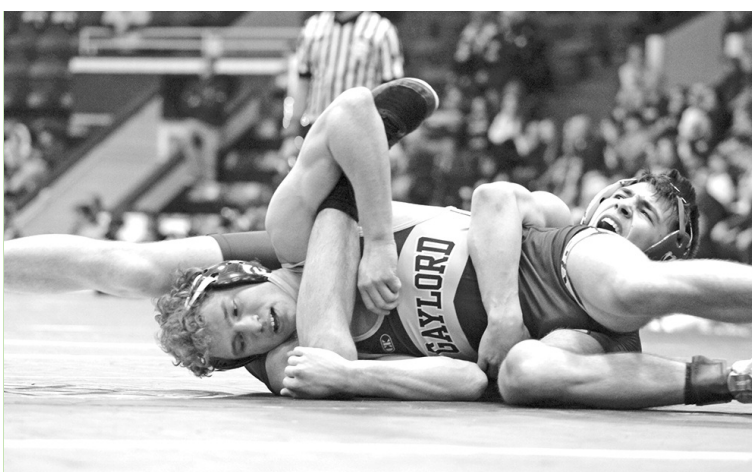
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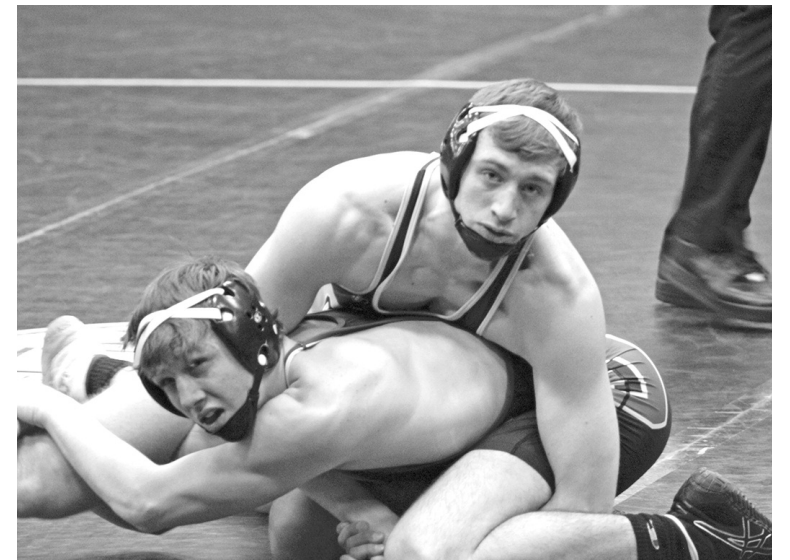
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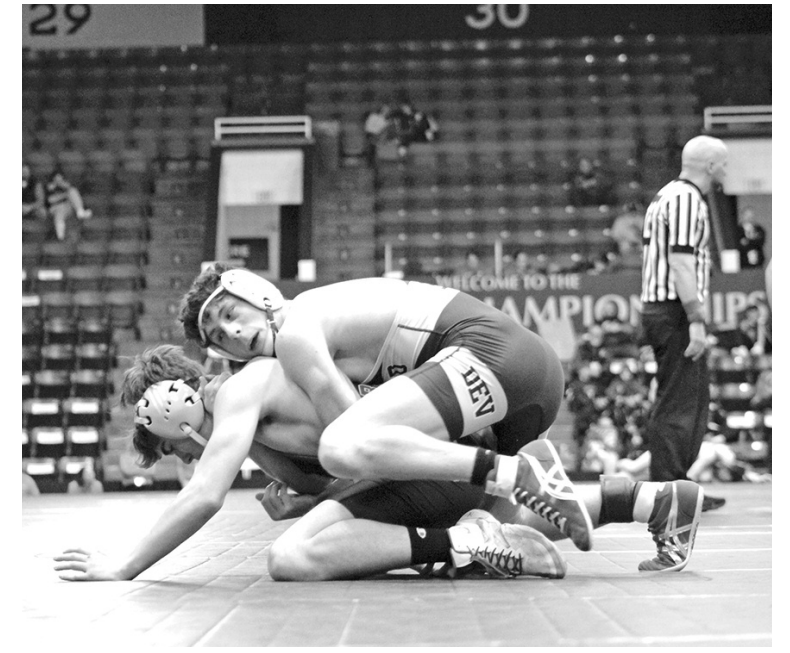
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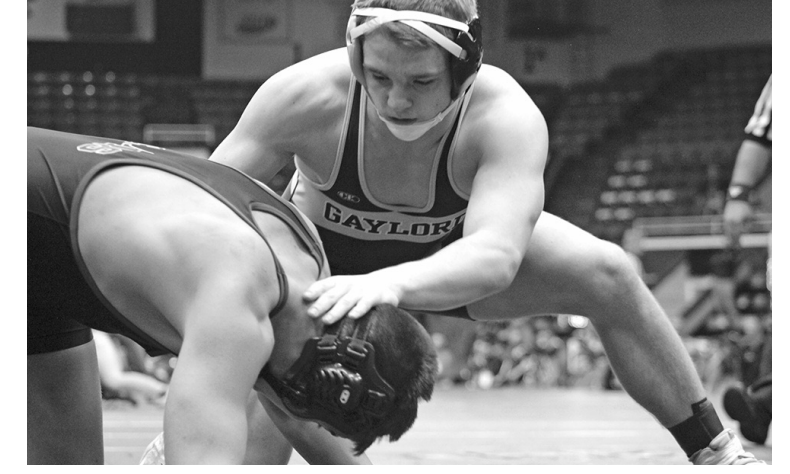
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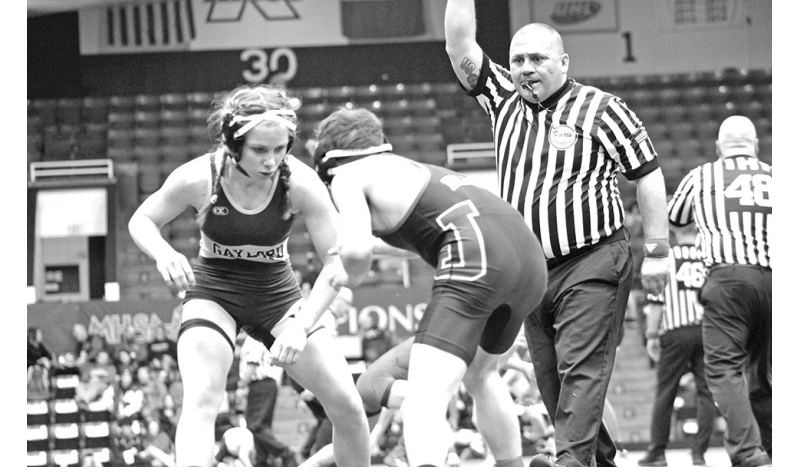
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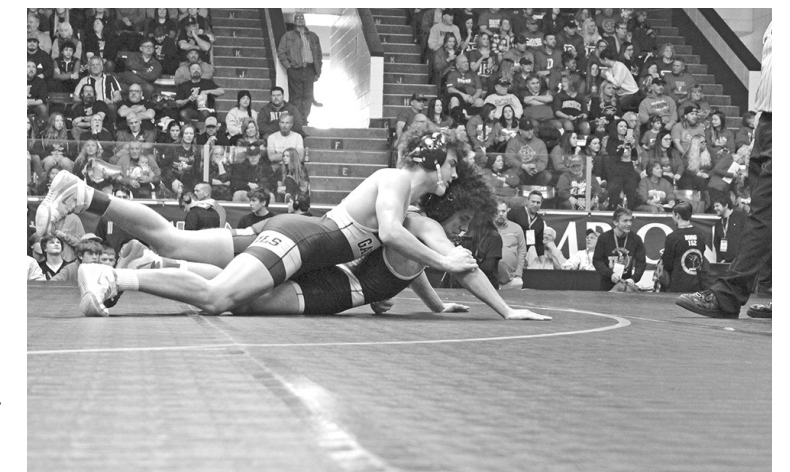
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News

Rep. Borton backs tax relief for families in Northern Michigan

State Rep. Ken Borton, who serves on the House Appropriations Committee, today announced his support for a plan to reduce taxes for working families and expand tax savings for seniors.



State Rep. Ken Borton, R-Gaylord, listens during a joint hearing by the House Appropriations and Tax Policy committees on Thursday, Feb. 24, at the state Capitol. The committees considered a plan, supported by Borton, to reduce taxes for seniors and working families.

House Bill 5838, which would provide \$1.7 billion in annual tax relief, today received approval from the House Tax Policy Committee, during a joint hearing with the Appropriations Committee.

“With inflation sweeping our nation, the bare necessities are more expensive everywhere you look in Northern Michigan,” said Borton, R-Gaylord. “Working families and seniors with limited income feel this crisis worse than anyone. Our tax cut plan will help people breathe a little easier as they keep more of what they’ve earned.”

HB 5838 would lower Michigan’s individual income tax rate from 4.25% to 3.9%, reducing the burden on working and retired families across Michigan.

In addition to paying a

lower rate, seniors 62 years and older would be able to exempt \$20,000 of all their income from the state income tax, or \$40,000 for couples filing jointly. Eligibility for this exemption currently begins at age 67. The plan would further enable seniors to deduct retirement income — such as pensions, 401(k) plans and individual retirement accounts — not already included in the first exemption. This additional deduction would also allow up to \$20,000 for individual filers and \$40,000 for joint filers.

HB 5838 now advances to the entire House of Representatives for consideration.

BY MARY FACULAK

EAST JORDAN - We are seeing “IT” everywhere. We are reading about “IT”, talking about “IT”. What is “IT”??? “IT” is the lack of volunteers. “IT” is not happening in just our area, “IT” is happening throughout the country. Less and less people are willing to step up and get involved with a club, organization, festival, event or activity. Those individuals that have been pulling the load, especially over the last few years, are burned out and are stepping down. The result if “IT” doesn’t change....the beloved events, activities, clubs, organizations and experiences that we have enjoyed over the years will go away.

Currently in our area the East Jordan Freedom Festival and the East Jordan Little League is experiencing “IT”. The current leadership is stepping down and no one is step-

ping up. I know there are several clubs and organizations throughout the area that are in need of “new” members or they could be a victim of “IT”. Perhaps now is the time for some of these activities, events, etc. to begin to make some changes. If you are one of those individuals that feel that way, get involved and help be a part of a positive change or shift. Sitting on the sidelines, criticizing (especially on social media) saying “you have ideas, but no time”. (not a good excuse) will not help “IT”. All of the people who have stepped up and volunteered over the years have worked, had a family and life issues. They still did “IT”. They worked “together” and made a positive difference in the community they lived. They helped contribute to the quality of life, helped grow and supported our local businesses, they met new friends, made lasting memories, enjoyed many rewarding experiences,

they lived! Volunteering is great and all ages can participate. We all have talents, experiences and knowledge to share. It doesn’t mean you have to take on an entire project, event, etc. on your own! The old adage “Many hands make less work” is so true. Being part of a collaborative team is fulfilling and rewarding. “We” is much better than “I” when it comes to volunteering. As we move through this moment, hopefully every one of us will step back, reflect on what we are doing to help make a positive difference in our community. Perhaps “IT” will start to change before we totally lose all that we have enjoyed in our area.

If you are not sure how to get in contact with a club, organization, etc. please contact the Chamber for a list of groups, organizations, etc. and their contact information. Perhaps you attend a few meetings before deciding where you would like to

volunteer to be sure it is the right fit for you. I am confident that “together” we can overcome “IT” and move forward.

Congratulations and THANK YOU to all of the dedicated volunteers who helped organize and run the 41st Annual Sno-Blast Winter Festival. Despite some intense winter weather the festival carried on! Congratulations to all of our event participants and winners! THANK YOU to all of our sponsors who helped make the festival possible!!! Looking forward to the 42nd Annual Sno-Blast Winter Festival. Volunteers and new ideas are needed to ensure that the festival continues next year. Contact Shannon at the Chamber Office for more information. Sno-Blast Committee Members - Connie Massey, Don Massey, Alan Kava, Kelly Kava, Shannon Fender.

REAL ESTATE FEATURE

TWO STORY, UPDATED BOYNE FALLS HOME OFFERS LOTS OF SPACE INSIDE AND OUT



BY JIM AKANS

Set on a large lot in the Village of Boyne Falls, this two story home offers plenty of room to roam both inside and out.

This four bedroom, three bath home has approximately 2,303 square feet of nicely designed and appointed space. Interior highlights include wood floors, kitchen with wood cabinetry and handy snack bar and lots of win-

dows throughout that fill the spaces with natural light. There is a large main level laundry/mud room and a suite with a bedroom and bath that can be utilized for visiting family and friends, or a spot for in-laws. The remodel of this home will also include a pergola entry that enters the mud room.

Boyne Mountain, offering year-round recreation with skiing, golf plus a waterpark, dining and entertainment is

close at hand. This is a great up north location.

This two story, updated home on a large lot is located at 3056 Mill Street in Boyne Falls, and it is listed at \$324,900.

For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda’s Real Estate Service



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How Much Insulation Do I Have?

Look into your attic. We start with the attic because it is usually easy to add insulation to an attic.

Look into your walls. It is difficult to add insulation to existing walls unless:

You are planning to add new siding to your house, or You plan to finish unfinished space (like a basement or bonus room).

If so, you need to know whether the exterior walls are already insulated or not. One method is to use an electrical outlet on the wall, but first be sure to turn off the power to the outlet. Then remove the cover plate and shine a flashlight into the crack around the outlet box. You should be able to see whether or not insulation is in the wall. Also, you should check separate outlets on the first and second floor, and in old and new parts of the house, because wall insulation in one wall doesn’t necessarily mean that it’s everywhere in the house. An alternative to checking through electrical outlets is to remove and then replace a small section of the exterior siding.

Look under your floors. Look at the underside of any floor over an unheated space like a garage, basement, or crawlspace. Inspect and measure the thickness of any insulation you find there. It will most likely be a fiberglass batt, so multiply the thickness in inches by 3.2 to find out the R-value (or the R-value might be visible on a product label). If the insulation is a foam board or sprayed-on foam, use any visible label information or multiply the thickness in inches by 5 to estimate the R-value.

Look at your ductwork. Don’t overlook another area in your home where energy can be saved - the ductwork of the heating and air conditioning system. If the ducts of your heating or air-conditioning system run through un-

heated or uncooled spaces in your home, such as attic or crawlspaces, then the ducts should be insulated. First check the ductwork for air leaks. Repair leaking joints first with mechanical fasteners, then seal any remaining leaks with water-soluble mastic and embedded fiber glass mesh. Never use gray cloth duct tape because it degrades, cracks, and loses its bond with age. If a joint has to be accessible for future maintenance, use pressure- or heat-sensitive aluminum foil tape. Then wrap the ducts with duct wrap insulation of R-6 with a vapor retarder facing on the outer side. All joints where sections of insulation meet should have overlapped facings and be tightly sealed with fiber glass tape; but avoid compressing the insulation, thus reducing its thickness and R-value.

Return air ducts are often located inside the heated portion of the house where they don’t need to be insulated, but they should still be sealed off from air passageways that connect to unheated areas. Drywall to ductwork connections should be inspected because they are often poor (or nonexistent) and lead to unwanted air flows through wall cavities. If the return air ducts are located in an unconditioned part of the building, they should be insulated.

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PUBLIC HEARING

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

- ◆ Amend Chapter 46 Zoning, Article I In General, Amend Article I, Section 46-8 Definitions
- ◆ Amend Chapter 46 Zoning, Article III Division 9, C1 Local Commercial District, Amend Section 46-445
- ◆ Amend Chapter 46 Zoning, Article V, Special Uses, Amend Article V to add new Section 46-798 Regulations for variety stores and small box stores

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MARION TOWNSHIP, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

The Marion Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Marion Township Hall located at 3735 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, Michigan at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning an application by Hagen Manker on Unit 42 of Pine Bluff Estates for a 15.0 foot front yard variance from the required 35.0 foot front set-back due to the severe slope to the rear of said unit.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

The South Arm Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the South Arm Township Hall located at 02811 South M-66 Highway, East Jordan, Michigan for the purpose of receiving public comment pertaining to an application by Thomas Stolt requesting a special use permit allowing him to conduct marina operations and services that include washing, winterization, maintenance and other services on site at 6353 Dutchman Bay Road which is commercial use. Mr. Stolt received a prior special use permit for construction of two large pole buildings to be used for winter storage of boats and boat trailers only.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like additional information pertaining to this request, you can contact John Ferguson, Zoning Administrator in writing at 8354 Mercer Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or by phone at 231-547-6218 or 231-459-8141.

The Boyne City Housing Commission is currently accepting applications for the following waiting lists: Public Housing (Litzenburger Place Apts. and Family Housing), Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, and Deer Meadows Apts. Applications can be obtained at 829 S. Park St., Boyne City, MI 49712 or by calling 231-582-6203. Applications can also be downloaded at boynehousingcommission.org. Equal Housing Opportunity.

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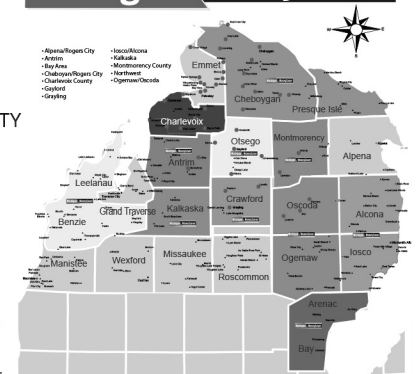
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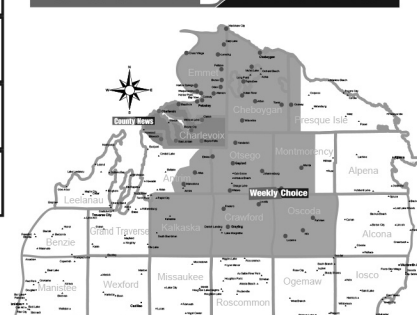
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