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## Governor Signs New Laws to Expand Housing Opportunities

A state legislation package designed to boost attainable housing development across Michigan was formally approved today by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, giving housing agencies, developers and communities new tools to expand housing opportunities for residents

and families throughout the state.

Gov. Whitmer signed the four housing bills, capping more than two years of effort by partners in the Michigan Housing Coalition including Housing North, that were crafted to address obstacles to workforce and affordable hous-

ing development in areas of land use, taxation and financing.

"It's really been a total team effort to get these bills over the line and to the Governor's desk for her signature," said Yarrow Brown, Executive Director of Housing North. Brown praised the bi-partisan support the

package received in both the state House and Senate, along with the grassroots advocacy work of the 60-plus partners in the Michigan Housing Coalition, along with the efforts of Housing Next based in Kent County and the Community and Economic Development Association of Michigan

(CEDAM) of Lansing.

The housing bills were the product of extensive input from stakeholders, local officials and others on ways to develop "missing middle" housing opportunities targeting the regional workforce. Housing North's

SEE HOUSING-5A



(L) Board Chair Ed Ginop and Christian Marcus of Antrim County (CENTER) Board Chair Ed Ginop and Paul Liss of Otsego County (R) Robert Draves of Charlevoix County and Board Chair Ed Ginop. Not pictured is Katina Banko of Kalkaska County.

## North Country CMH Commends Outgoing Board Members

North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) recently recognized four members of its Board of Directors whose terms of service have ended.

Board Chair Ed Ginop presented special resolutions to Paul Liss, Robert Draves, and Christian Marcus at the NCCMH December meeting for fulfilling their roles with distinction and dedication. Katina Banko was not present and received the resolution after the meeting.

Paul Liss served on the NCCMH Board for fourteen years, having been appointed by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners in 2009. He served on the Finance Committee and Executive Committee, and as Chair of the Per-

sonnel Committee.

Christian Marcus served on the NCCMH Board for ten years and was appointed by the Antrim County Board of Commissioners in 2013. In addition to serving as Chair of the Finance Committee, he also represented NCCMH on the Northern Michigan Regional Entity Board of Directors for three years.

Robert Draves was appointed to the NCCMH Board in 2019 by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners and served through December 2022. In addition to serving on the NCCMH Board, Draves also represented NCCMH on the Northern Michigan Regional Entity Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board.

Katina Banko was ap-

pointed to the NCCMH Board by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners in 2021 and served on the Finance Committee.

NCCMH provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties experiencing a serious mental illness, severe emotional problem, or intellectual/developmental disability, including individuals with co-occurring substance use disorder.

There are fourteen board members on the NCCMH Board of Directors who represent the six counties served by NCCMH. They are County Commissioners or appointees of their County Board of Commissions.

The County Commissions will be appointing four people to replace the outgoing NCCMH board members.

In addition, there are two vacancies, one in each of Charlevoix and Kalkaska Counties. If you are a resident of Charlevoix or Kalkaska County and are interested in supporting NCCMH programs, services, and clients by serving on the NCCMH Board of Directors as an appointed county representative, please contact your Board of Commissions.

Persons wishing to know more about NCCMH are encouraged to visit [www.norccmh.org](http://www.norccmh.org) or to access services call 877-470-7130.



## 6th Annual Walloon Lake Winterfest

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Walloon Lake, MI – The Village of Walloon Lake is hosting the 6th Annual Walloon Lake Winterfest on Saturday, February 18th, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The event will take place indoors at The Talcott, Barrel Back Restaurant, and Tommy's Walloon.

Winterfest is a free community event. There will be complimentary snowshoe and cross-country ski rentals available at Tommy's to explore local hiking trails. Warm up with a complimentary Hot Chocolate Bar provided by Walloon Lake Inn. Enjoy Barrel Back Restaurant with all-day Happy Hour specials from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. On-site accommodations are available at Hotel Walloon. Reserve the Walloon Winterfest Stay Package.

Explore Local Distilleries, Breweries & Wineries including: Wise Men Distillery, Big Buck Brewery, Gabriel Farms & Winery, Mammoth Distillery, High Five Spirits, and more. Tasting Room drink tickets can be purchased on site from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Purchase pre-sale tickets until Wednesday 02/08/23 to receive six (6) drinks tickets for the price of five (5) or receive a free Winterfest hat when you purchase ten (10) tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-walloon-lake-winterfest-tickets>.

Giveaway prizes from Barrel Back Restaurant, Wise Men Distillery, Tommy's Walloon, Walloon Lake Inn, and Hotel Walloon. Drawings will be held every half hour with the Grand Prize of a Two Night Stay at Hotel Walloon announced at 4:00 PM.

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forecast****THURSDAY****HIGH: 33  
LOW: 22****FRIDAY****HIGH: 29  
LOW: 24****SATURDAY****HIGH: 29  
LOW: 26****SUNDAY****HIGH: 31  
LOW: 26****SNOWFALL**

2022-23	Amount	City	2021-22	Amount	City
1/16/23	.52	Boyer Falls	1/17/22	.27	Boyer Falls
1/16/23	.38.3	Charlevoix	1/17/22	.29.9	Charlevoix
1/16/23	.49	Cheboygan	1/17/22	.22.8	Cheboygan
1/16/23	.80.6	East Jordan	1/17/22	.45.6	East Jordan
1/16/23	.80.3	Gaylord	1/17/22	.88.7	Gaylord
1/16/23	.42.8	Kalkaska	1/17/22	.81.4	Kalkaska
1/16/23	.44.2	Onaway	1/17/22	.40.5	Onaway
1/16/23	.52.3	Petoskey	1/17/22	.47	Petoskey

**record temps**

Day	AVG	HIGH	Low	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
JAN 19	.24	.10	.47	.1996	.22	.1983	
20	.24	.10	.39	.2018	-.15	.1983	
21	.24	.10	.43	.2018	-.25	.2019	
22	.24	.10	.47	.2002	-.17	.1954	
23	.24	.10	.46	.1999	-.25	.2011	
24	.24	.10	.47	.1999	-.16	.2004	
25	.24	.10	.47	.1967	-.15	.2004	
26	.24	.09	.53	.1973	-.23	.1959	

**OBITUARIES****Patrick James  
Kubesh, 78**

(MAY 16, 1944 - JAN. 16, 2023)



Patrick James Kubesh of Boyne City passed away on January 16, 2023 at Aspen Ridge Retirement Community in Gaylord, Michigan.

Son of George and Mary (Piette) Kubesh, Patrick was born in Traverse City, Michigan.

On April 1, 1967, Patrick married Gail Krey in Rogers City, Michigan at the Saint Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church.

Patrick was an engineer by trade and worked for and retired from Honeywell in Boyne City.

Patrick and Gail fostered over 40 children and took care of multiple family members over the years.

He enjoyed camping with family and going on family vacations. Patrick liked antique cars and ran the Boyne City Antique Auto Show and Flea Market. He was also on the Boyne City Zoning Board of Appeals for many years. Patrick was good at everything he did.

He was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church for many years.

Patrick is survived by his wife Gail; his children: Bryan of Michigan, Marc of Georgia, Debbie of Alabama, Nicole of Michigan, Carly of Michigan, and Ethan of Michigan.

A visitation for Patrick will be at Stackus Funeral Home on January 23, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A funeral mass will be officiated by Father Denis Stilwell at St. Matthew Catholic Church on January 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM, a visitation will begin at 10:00 AM. Burial at Maple Lawn Cemetery will take place in the spring of 2023.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

**Lois Jean  
Crego, 89**

(OCT. 12, 1933 - JAN. 15, 2023)



Lois Jean Crego went to be with her lord and savior on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

She married the love of her life in 1951. They went on to have nine children: David Theron (Erna), Charles James (Karol), Thomas Edward (Kathy), Linda Jean (Ray), Patricia Marie (Tom), Douglas Alan (Janine), Karen Annette, Stephen Paul (Terri), and Ronald Wayne (Kim).

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Annette, son, Carles James, and husband,

Theron Malcolm.

Aside her children she leaves behind 38 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

She loved the Lord, her husband of 70 years, and all her children selflessly. She was a wonderful mother and friend to all who knew her. She gave tatted crosses to those who touched her heart.

A funeral service for Lois will be officiated by Pastor Jeff Ellis and held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Walloon Lake Community Church with a gathering of family and friends at 10:00 AM until the service.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City, Michigan.

**Lyla Hankins, 86**

(JAN. 2, 1937 - JAN. 15, 2023)



Lyla Marie Hankins (nee: Rahn) passed away January 15, 2023 at Grandvue Medical Center. Per her wishes, there will be no service. Family will scatter her ashes in the beautiful scatter garden at Greenwood Cemetery overlooking Little Traverse Bay in the area where she raised her family.

Lyla was born on January 2, 1937 in Newberry, Michigan and raised there along with her two sisters. As a young girl she learned to be an overcomer after losing her mother when she was 8 years old, surviving polio, and living during the Depression. She attended Lutheran schools and eventually moved to Petoskey with her father who remarried.

She met and married Henry Hankins in Petoskey, Michigan where they began their family with the birth of Sheila. The small family then moved to Augsburg, Germany where Hank served in the 101st Airborne Division and where their son, Henry was born. Once discharged, they moved to Ohio and then back to Petoskey where they welcomed their son, Lylal. At some point, Lyla decided to assign nick names to her entire family so they were known as Hank, Perky, Cheech, Ryp and Dondi.

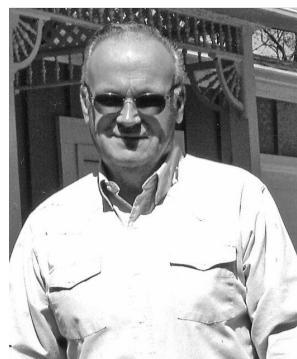
Lyla attended the nursing program at NCMC but went on to work in security at Giantway in Bay View. She then accepted a position as a private investigator and remained in the Petoskey/Harbor Springs area until her divorce from Hank, when she moved to Midland, Michigan. While there, she continued her PI work and also worked at the beautiful Dow Gardens. Upon retirement she moved back to northern Michigan where she volunteered at The Rainbow Shoppe, attended Charlevoix Assembly of God church, and enjoyed being closer to family. Lyla was a wonderful grandmother and quite a cat lover. She stood up in her son Lylal and Lois' wedding and died on their 24th anniversary.

She is survived by her children Sheila Large (Al), "Ryp" Hankins (Vicki), and Lylal Hankins (Lois); grandchildren Spencer Hankins, Mariah Hankins, Michal Large, Evan Lambert (Stephanie Day), Erik Lambert, and Steven Hankins; great grandchildren Caden Hankins, Kya Hankins, Hayden Lambert, Violet Lambert, Trey Lambert, Max Large and Ares Large.

Lyla was preceded in death by grandson, Alfred Mckee Large ("Mac") and her sisters, Betty Rahn and Idele "Didi" Marguerite Rahn Hannula

**Leonard George  
Sherwood, 82**

(MARCH 24, 1940 - JAN. 14, 2023)



Leonard George Sherwood of Boyne City passed away Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey, Michigan.

Leonard was born in Harbor Beach, Michigan, to Lucile and George Sherwood and grew up in Bad Axe, Michigan.

Leonard graduated from Aldephian Academy in 1958 and thereafter graduated from four years of trade school in Detroit, Michigan. He then went onto work for Winegarden Construction before moving to Boyne City in 1968. He was a partner of Sherwood General Contractors with his brother, Leland Sherwood, for over 50 years. He was also an auctioneer with Sherwood Professional Auctioneers. He received his first Weimarner as a graduation gift which he dearly loved and went onto raise and own other Weimarners. He enjoyed being outdoors fishing and hunting. He especially liked the North Country, Hessel and Cedarville areas and traveling through Canada.

He is survived by his wife Susan; his children, Connie Dunlop (Jack), Leonard G. Sherwood, Jr. (Karen); and step-daughter, Robin Rees (Matthew); grandchildren Andrea, Daniel, Maria, Laura and Kelly and step-grandchildren Molly, Nicholas, Michael, Mark and Angela; great grandchildren Brandon and Tristan and great step-grandchild Gianna; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by Patricia Sherwood, his wife and mother his children.

Also survived by his siblings, Leland Sherwood (Daniella) and Joan Miller (Albert).

He was a Member and Elder of the Boyne City Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was a man of faith and prayer, and he lived by his favorite quote penned by John Wesley, "Do all the good you can."

All donations received will be given to dementia research. A memorial is planned for spring.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

**Michael Brian  
Davis, 67**

(APRIL 28, 1955 - JAN. 14, 2023)



Michael Brian Davis of Boyne City died January 14, 2023 at the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Michael was born on April 28, 1955 in Petoskey, the son of Fred and Grace (Ellig) Davis and grew up in Boyne City, although the family relocated to Pennsylvania for a time before returning to Boyne City. Michael graduated from the Boyne City High School with the Class of 1973. Following high school, Michael worked various jobs, from working for Boyne city Schools, then for Juvenile Justice in Charlevoix County and later even for the Petoskey News Review. In 2006 Michael went to work for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office as a Cook; and served that role for the next 15 years, retiring in 2021.

On May 20, 2006, Michael married the love of his life, the former Ann Hart in back of the Horton Bay General Store, and the two have made their home in Boyne City since.

Michael was a talented woodworker and made beautiful cabinets and arbors, one of the arbors his daughter was married under. He loved to sail and when he worked for Social Services in Charlevoix, he would take his boat to work once a week. He was truly a man of many hats and was always busy doing something and would help anyone with anything. He was a loving and caring man and always put everyone before himself. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; a brother, Bob and Nancy Davis; 3 step children, Charlene and Jerry Clark, Heidi Nelson, and Kevin Weisler; 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren; and by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by 3 siblings, Judy Spence, Donna Mosely, and Butch Davis.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

**Phyllis Darlene  
Konieczny, 84**

(AUG. 10, 1938 - JAN. 14, 2023)



On January 14, 2023, Phyllis Darlene Konieczny, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away at the age of 84. She was born on August 10, 1938, in Banks Township, the

daughter of Wilbert and Marion Nicola.

She stayed in the area until after World War 2, when the family relocated to Westland. Phyllis grew up and went to school in Westland, graduating with honors at Wayne Memorial Highschool in 1956. Phyllis then completed her associates degree in nursing and worked as a registered nurse in the Detroit area for approximately 40 years. In 1966 Phyllis married Ted Konieczny, her loving husband of 56 years. They would raise their children in Washington Township, and after retirement would return to their beloved Northern Michigan.

Phyllis and Ted loved to be in Northern Michigan. They would drive around and look for birds, flowers, deer, or a new restaurant to try. They would always drop in on friends and family on their trips. She often gave away their canned peaches and pickles to people for them to enjoy, and loved to have family and friends come over for picnics. They would spend the evening talking about old times. She enjoyed gardening and attending family reunions held every year in Eastport. She was a loving person who would always lend a hand when needed.

She is survived by her loving husband Ted, children, Jennifer (Stuart) Salter, Ted (Sara) Konieczny, grandchildren, Abby, Jacob, and Elizabeth.

A reunion of those who knew and loved Phyllis will be planned for the summer of 2023.

Arrangements are in the care of the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

**Drew Earl  
Young Jr.**

(DEC. 20, 1946 - JAN. 13, 2023)



Drew Earl Young Jr. "Skip", 76, of Charlevoix, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2023 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on December 20, 1946, in Charlevoix, the son of Drew Sr. and Jean (Newman) Young.

Skip graduated from Charlevoix High School, and went on to attend North Central Michigan College in Petoskey for 2 years. Shortly after, he joined the work force at Medusa Cement Plant as a chemist where he retired from in 2011 after 44 years.

Skip loved children; not only his own children and grandchildren, but also the children who went through his wife, Pauline's, daycare at their home. He was known to stir the pot and incite fun pandemonium any time he came around during the day. He often took his boys mushroom hunting, stoning, and built stone fireplaces.

He enjoyed golfing at the city course in Charlevoix,

playing pool at the old pool hall, and bowling at Paul Bunyan Lanes. He could often be found at the Townhouse playing Keno or solving the world's problems at the round table at JAX with a cold PBR in hand.

On September 21, 1966, Skip married Pauline (Oliver) Young, who survives. Also surviving are his two sons, Jeffrey Young of Charlevoix and James (Laura) Young of North Carolina; his brother, Doug (Julie) Young of California; his sister, Tricia (Tim) Doan of Florida; four grandchildren, Alexys Young, Ethan Young, Skylar Young, and Sienna Young; and many extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will take place on Wednesday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until the time of services. For those who are unable to attend, Skip's memorial service will be live-streamed via Zoom:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86303386587?pwd=RllwVm5HYkNOEON3Mj14Z1FqMksZUT09>  
Meeting ID: 863 0338 6587  
Passcode: 724832

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your local food pantry.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

**Janet Denomy, 98**

(OCT. 15, 1924 - JAN. 10, 2023)



Janet Margaret Denomy of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Tuesday January 10, 2023 at American House in Charlevoix. She was born on October 15, 1924, in Marine City, the daughter of Chester and Bessie (Kleihofer) Bell.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

**Aldene Barnes, 88**

(DEC. 20, 1934 - JAN. 10, 2023)

Aldene Barnes of Boyne Falls passed away Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at home.

The family has chosen to remember her privately.

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## MACKINAW CITY

### CHILI COOKOFF

Join us for the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook-Off 2023! The event is being held at Mama Mia's Pizza - 231 E. Central Ave. on Saturday, January 21 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm during WinterFest! \$5 entry includes tastings from each contestant. Vote for your favorite chili.

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- Dixie Saloon
- Keyhole Bar & Grill
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- White Buffalo Bar Restaurant Rooftop
- Team Metternich

## MANCELONA

### SNO-X Bump & Run

- Jan 21 Round 5
- Feb 4-5 Rounds 6 & 7
- Feb 11 Round 8
- March 18 State Finals

## EAST JORDAN

### CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING/DINNER/AUCTION/

## AWARDS

Saturday, January 28 at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix

## BOYNE CITY

### NEED SLEDs AND SKATES

The City of Boyne City is looking for more sleds and skates at Avalanche Preserve. We are running slim this year due to many disappearing and breaking. If you have some laying around, please make a kind donation to the Boyne Warming House. We appreciate our community coming together to keep this place running smoothly. We have a new station set up this year in case children show up without gloves, hats, or socks. It's open for anyone who is in need and also to those willing to add to it. Regular hours of operation for the warming house attendant are (weather permitting):

Monday - Friday: 4:00 - 9:00, Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 - 9:00. We haven't opened the ice rink yet this season due to warm temperatures. Sledding is allowed anytime (park closes at 10:30 p.m.); however, there is not any supervision outside of the regular hours of the warming house.

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## GAYLORD

### MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE

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## GAYLORD

### EXTREME POWER SPORTS 250

February 11-12. Back for its fourth year, the Extreme Powersports 250 is a Pro Enduro Sprint race that brings racers and spectators together for 2 days of ice track excitement! With a variety of racing classes and 2 solid days of competition, this event is an instant cure for the January blues.

## WALLOON LAKE

### 6TH ANNUAL WALLOON LAKE WINTERFEST

Saturday, February 18

The Village of Walloon Lake is hosting the 6th Annual Walloon Lake Winterfest on Saturday, February 18th, from Noon to 4PM. The event will take place indoors at The Talcott, Barrel Back Restaurant, and Tommy's Walloon.

## BOYNE CITY

### SMELTANIA

Boyne Area Chamber is hosting the historic festival "SMELTANIA" Saturday, February 25. A full day of fun for the whole family.

## GAYLORD

### GAYLORD ALL OUTDOORS TRI-45 WINTER TRIATHLON

March 4. Race Director Meagan Rinck says, "Why limit triathlons to just the summer? There is no off season, there is a new season." 5 K cross-country ski, 10K fat tire bike and 5K run...all in the wintery wonderland surrounding Tree-tops Resort.

## EAST JORDAN

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## BOYNE CITY

### FREE CLINIC

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## EAST JORDAN

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## EAST JORDAN

### COMMUNITY BAND

The Jordan Valley Community Band is looking for new members, all musicians welcome! We especially would like to have you join us if you play French Horn, Trombone or Clarinet. The Jordan Valley Community Band plays concerts on Thursday evenings in July at 7:30 PM in the East Jordan Memorial Park Bandshell. For more information or questions about joining the band, contact Becky at 231-675-0543. The Jordan Valley Community Band will once again be part of the East Jordan Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's. Please join us at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix, Saturday, November 26 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM where the band will be performing your favorite Christmas Carols.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

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## BOYNE CITY

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## EAST JORDAN

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## BOYNE CITY

### AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB

Fridays 3:30-4:30pm, Ages 12+ at Boyne District Library. After school drawing, collage, paper crafts, and making stuff while watching anime or other cartoons. Creativity required. Art Club for ages 12+ meets Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm. You can chill and make whatever you want.

## 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

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## COMMUNITY LEADERS

# SHERIFF CHUCK VONDRA – WE SERVE AND PROTECT

BY JOHN KEYSER

Numerous people have urged that I write about Sheriff Chuck Vondra, as clearly he is one of our exemplary community leaders. It took awhile to get together with Chuck as he knew why I wanted to, and dislikes talking about himself. He is all about the team members of our county's sheriff department and everyone they serve.

As background, Chuck spent his early years in Illinois, moved up to Boyne City, attended high school there beginning his junior year. His wife, Theresa, grew up in Boyne City, now teaches at Charlevoix elementary school. They have a daughter and son, great athletes at Boyne City, especially softball and football, respectively, and now are in college. Actually, Chuck coached Boyne City football for a number of years and is an avid football fan (Hmm,

his team is the Packers). Chuck went to the Police Academy, then held various positions of responsibility, including corrections officer, marine division officer, drug task force, and detective, then deputy sheriff in 2008 and became Charlevoix County Sheriff in 2016.

There are a great many takeaways for me from our conversation, and each illustrates the person that Sheriff Vondra is, his character values, and why we have such great fortune to have an outstanding sheriff's team and the benefit of his leadership. Here are just a few of his principles and practices:

- “If you don't do it, well who then should?”
- “How can I help you?”
- “Everyone wants to tell to tell us something, and we must be smart enough to listen”
- “Ask more questions”



Sheriff Chuck Vondra

- “Everything goes here in our office except lying”
- “When a problem is not fixed, I am responsible, when we have success, we did it”
- “We all put our heart and soul into our work”

- “We are all connected, current team members and our retirees”
- “Our office and our jails are open to churches to come visit at any time”
- “Our jails are clean and in order, and we check that they are on a regular basis”
- “We all sang Christmas carols and served a hot lunch together” (and we received hand written thank you notes)
- “We have an extensive vegetable garden in spring, summer and fall. Actually grew 17,000 lbs of vegetables in '22. The prisoners take great pride in it, enjoy eating their produce and share it with family when visiting”
- “Our deputies attend sports and other school events and church services, in uniform, so folks realize that we are an ac-

tive part of the community”

- “We invest in people and get their best everyday”
- “We all read important books on a regular basis to aid our personal and professional growth”
- “I try to catch people doing good work every single day, and thank them for it”
- “In addition to serving our community residents and visitors, we serve our inmates”
- “Treat everyone with respect and dignity”

By the way, several times during our conversation, team members stopped by to give him reports and updates. Each time, he asked questions and thanked them. Leadership by questioning is an essential principle of servant leadership! An illustrative summary of Sheriff's procedure when something happens is to

ask:

- “What did you know about what happened?”
- “When did you know it?”
- “What did you do about it?”

Sheriff Vondra believes that nearly everyone in Up North Michigan is a good person. Of course, we do have exceptions whether it be due to drugs, alcohol addiction, inappropriate sexual advancements, theft and robbery, harassment or violence. Fortunately, there are not a lot of people to worry about. He does, of course, intentionally keep a focus on our schools and children, trying to assure their safety and positive values and wellbeing.

It was my privilege to meet with Sheriff Vondra and we are so very fortunate and blessed to have him and his team serving and protecting us.

## HOUSING

FROM PG. 1A

research shows that more than 15,600 housing units are needed in the 10-county region from 2020 to 2024 to meet existing demand, most for homes priced below \$200,000 or rental units costing up to \$1,000 per month. Available housing stock also remains stagnant while the number of seasonal housing units and short-term rental conversions continues to grow, further limiting housing options for the region's workforce.

The housing legislation is specifically designed to address various bottlenecks to workforce housing development, including:

- Establishment of Attainable Housing Districts that will offer tax incentives for housing developments that target income-qualified households, including dormant properties previously used as commercial or industrial sites.
- Creating Residential Facility Exemptions offering specific tax exemptions for income-eligible housing projects.
- Expanding PILOT - or Payment in Lieu of Taxes - pacts with local governments for projects dedicated to workforce housing opportunities on a long-term basis.
- Expansion of the state's Neighborhood Enterprise Zone legislation offering fi-



financial incentives for the creation of workforce housing.

Local officials said the legislation will significantly expand the opportunities for communities to partner with housing developers and agencies to put a significant dent in the region's housing backlog. Josh Mills, Superintendent for the City of Frankfort, called the housing bills “monumental” in addressing the area's housing shortage.

“The affordable housing bills signed into law by Governor Whitmer will have a significant positive impact in our community,” Mills said. “This critical legislation will allow our communities to better facilitate and support the necessary partnerships between the private sector, non-profit entities, and local units of government to create the necessary attainable housing opportunities that best serve the needs of our communities.”

Mills also anticipates that some of the tools in the legislation will attract more

housing developers into attainable housing projects and partnerships.

“We're hopeful that this new legislation will provide the incentives necessary for the private sector to play a larger role in the creation of attainable workforce housing,” Mills said. “The tax incentives and other enhancements associated with the construction process will help reduce the overall cost of housing, making it more affordable for people to rent and buy.”

Area economic development partners said the housing legislation will have a positive impact on the regional economy by creating more opportunities for workforce housing, as attracting and retaining a strong regional workforce is critical to the area's economic future.

“Traverse Connect applauds Gov. Whitmer for signing the Housing Michigan Coalition package to incentivize the development of workforce housing in Michigan,” said Warren Call, president and CEO of Traverse Connect that's

part of the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance which backed the legislation. “We are thankful to Sen. Wayne Schmidt, Rep. John Roth and our friends at Housing North for their partnership and collaboration. We look forward to continued progress on solutions to workforce housing challenges in the new legislative term.”

Brown said work is already underway on measures to help implement the new legislation. Housing North is planning a set of webinars early next year that highlight the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) and Neighborhood Enterprise Zones portions of the legislation, and how communities can implement those tools locally. Housing agencies like the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) are reviewing their programs and procedures to utilize the new legislation, and housing advocacy groups across the state are working on sample ordinances and training programs on the legislative changes.

“It's a huge win to get these bills approved, but now the work really begins,” Brown said. More information on the housing legislation, sample ordinances and ways to advocate for attainable housing development at the community level is available by visiting Housing North's website at [www.housingnorth.org](http://www.housingnorth.org)



Ellsworth Community Schools

## LANCER OF THE WEEK



### BOBBIE PAALMAN

Ellsworth Community School strives to instill values that will guide students through their academic and personal learning experiences. At the Middle/High School, Lancers are Engaged, Accountable, and Dependable (LEAD) in a great way! This week's LEAD Exemplar is Bobbie Paalman!

**ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:** Volleyball, spending time with friends, and boating.

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Bobbie says she really enjoys her online Economics class, but in-person she loves classes taught by Mrs. VanderHart because, “she is so nice and such a great teacher.”

Bobbie was nominated by a member of the community who said, “she is patient, willing, and always helpful!”

**AFTER HIGH SCHOOL:** Bobbie plans to pursue a career in healthcare.

Bobbie says her parents are her biggest inspiration and that she is thankful, “they raised me well.”

## Michigan Achievement Scholarship

The Michigan Achievement Scholarship is the newest State of Michigan scholarship program that has the potential to impact more students than any other State scholarship program!

High school students and parents interested in learning more are encouraged to register for an informational webinar provided by Michigan Department of Treasury's MI Student Aid team. Participants will be

able to gather the following information:

- Michigan Achievement Scholarship eligibility requirements
- Michigan Achievement Scholarship award amounts
- Important action items for students and families
- Additional resources and program information

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## A message from Gary Peters, United States Senator for Michigan

No one should have to choose between getting the health care and prescription drugs they need and putting food on the table for their families.

There's no question this dilemma is a reality too many Michiganders face. That's why I joined with my Senate colleagues to pass into law the Inflation Reduction Act — and I want to make sure you, your family and friends know about several of the law's provisions that went into effect January 1, 2023, which are lowering health care and prescription drug costs:

- Insulin now costs no more than \$35 a month for seniors on Medicare.
- All vaccines approved under Medicare Part D are free.
- Prescription drug rebates

will go into effect for Medicare, requiring pharmaceutical companies to pay back the federal government if prices for critical prescription drugs covered through Medicare rise faster than inflation. This measure is aimed to lower costs for Medicare patients and discourage pharmaceutical companies from exploiting inflation to hike up their prices.

If you are a senior on Medicare, these new Inflation Reduction Act provisions will be automatically applied, and you do not need to take any action.

Working to expand access to quality, affordable health care and lowering prescription drug prices are among my top priorities as your U.S. Senator — and I'll keep fighting to reduce costs.

## WINTERFEST

FROM PG. 1A

Participants must be present to win. There will be live ice carving in the Village Green Park from the Ice Brigades, who were featured on Food Network.

The Petoskey Snowmobile Club will be holding their 5th Annual Vintage Snowmobile Ride. The ride begins at the Petoskey Snowmobile Clubhouse (4172 Evergreen Trail, Petoskey, MI 49770) and will end at Barrel Back Restaurant. Gasoline and Snowmobile parking will be available at the Blue Maintenance and Facilities Building. Enjoy complimentary Bean Pot Soup; all

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# News

## New statewide outdoor recreation plan offers wealth of insights

Report to help shape planning for next five years

Michigan's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is a five-year strategic plan, required to access certain federal grants, that shapes investment by the state of Michigan and local communities in priority outdoor recreation infrastructure, land acquisition and programming.

It is designed to evaluate ongoing and emerging outdoor recreation trends, needs and issues, and to establish priority strategies for achieving outdoor recreation goals. The state and its local outdoor recreation partners use the plan, known as the SCORP, as an ongoing framework and action plan for guiding their outdoor recreation management and policy decisions.

The plan is designed to be broad, serving as a guide for all outdoor recreation activities and communities throughout Michigan. It is flexible to allow for collaboration and strategic partnerships, to be adaptable to changing needs, and to be open to new ideas and strategies.

### REQUIREMENTS

The SCORP process must include opportunity for engagement from all segments of the state's population and must be comprehensive, in that it specifically:

- Identifies outdoor recreation issues of statewide importance.

- Evaluates public outdoor recreation demand and preferences.

- Evaluates the supply of outdoor recreation resources and facilities.

- Identifies the state's strategies, priorities and actions for the obligation of its Land and Water Conservation Fund apportionment.

- Contains a wetlands priority component, including a listing of those wetland types that should receive priority for acquisition and consideration of outdoor recreation opportunities associated with wetlands resources.

- “The plan not only assesses the current status of recreation in Michigan but also identifies opportunities for the future to address important needs,” said John Pepin, DNR deputy public information officer. “This latest plan also employs some cutting-edge technologies, a significant public survey and explores new correlations between outdoor recreation and health benefits.”

- Goals and strategies

The overall goal of the 2023-2027 SCORP is to “ensure that Michigan's outdoor recreation assets are equitably distributed, developed and managed to provide convenient and welcoming access to the outdoors for healthful, outdoor physical activity; and while sustaining our lands, waters and wildlife for current and future generations, drive broad-based economic and quality-of-life benefits to people and communities.”

SCORP strategies to achieve the goal include:

- Improve collaboration: Outdoor recreation stakeholders collaborate and cooperate to ensure that Michigan's recreation system meets the needs of residents and visitors.

- Improve and expand recreational access: Recreation opportunities are connected and accessible to residents and visitors of all backgrounds, abilities, means and geographic loca-

tions.

- Enhance health benefits: Outdoor recreation increases the physical activity and health of Michigan's residents and visitors.

- Enhance prosperity: Outdoor recreation advances economic prosperity and supports a high quality of life as well as talent retention in Michigan's communities.

### PUBLIC SURVEY

The primary tool to assess various aspects of recreation throughout the state for the plan was the 2021 Michigan Outdoor Recreation Survey.

Survey administrators divided the state into 10 survey regions, based on geography and previously identified “prosperity regions,” which included Detroit Metro, East Central, East, Northeast, Northwest, South Central, Southeast, Southwest, West and Upper Peninsula.

Topics addressed in the survey instrument included recreation participation by activity (frequency and duration), motivations and barriers to participation, recreation opportunities, information seeking and technology, land use strategy (proximity and access to recreation and quality), resources, physical fitness and activity, and demographics.

Additional reports providing significant value included net economic valuation of outdoor recreation and cost of illness saved through recreation.

The goals for the survey were to be representative of Michigan's general population, repeatable to maintain relevance and enable collection of repeat information on a recurring basis, richer in information collected about activities, frequency and duration, and about motivations and barriers to participation in outdoor recreation, and regional.

“Empowering modeling by state agencies and other stakeholders and partners provides greater context and application of data to support outdoor recreation. It can be the basis for comparative information about outdoor recreation to guide decision making and weigh investments at the state, regional and local levels,” said Brad Garmon, senior strategic advisor and executive director of the Michigan Outdoor Recreation Industry Office. “This is likely only the beginning of additional modeling and analysis using this data that could be undertaken at the state and regional levels.”

### SURVEY RESULTS

The survey provided the basis for the goals, strategies and recommendations outlined above. Additional insights were gleaned from a follow-up series of diversity-focused regional conversations conducted across the state in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Both efforts, along with other data collection, were part of a multi-month effort to gather information about recreation demand and resources in Michigan.

Key takeaways from the statewide survey included data showing that:

- Most Michigan residents had participated in some type of outdoor recreation activity within the past year. However, African American or Black residents and those who live in the Detroit Metro area are less likely to engage in recreational activities. Factors



Two kayakers get ready to head out onto the waters of Lake Ovid at Sleepy Hollow

tors such as income, accessibility, age and health may affect one's ability to participate.

Outdoor recreation is a healthy, readily available resource with numerous mental and physical benefits. Michiganders, overall, report that participating in outdoor recreation allows them to be close to nature, enjoy psychological benefits and break from their typical routines. Certain motivations, such as practicing culturally meaningful activities and learning new skills, showed significant differences between racial groups. However, mental health benefits are a generally agreed-upon motivator by all.

Michiganders are generally happy with the availability and quality of recreation locations. However, residents of more densely populated areas are considerably less satisfied with the availability and quality of recreation locations close to their homes.

Participating in recreation and outdoor activities has many positive effects. Physical health is a primary motivator to engage in recreational activity. However, nearly half of Michigan residents do not engage in the recommended amount of regular physical activity. Promoting outdoor recreation is an easy way to increase and encourage overall health among all Michigan residents.

Health impact of outdoor recreation

The survey method in this SCORP provided the first estimate of the cost of illness savings based on participation in outdoor recreation activity in Michigan.

Based on prior work in Oregon, the “outdoor recreation estimator tool” estimates cost of illness savings for eight primary illnesses including breast cancer, colon cancer, stroke, ischemic heart disease, depression, dementia, diabetes and hypertensive heart disease.

The estimator models the relationship between behavioral changes, changes in physical activity exposure and the resulting health outcomes. Based on this model, the total annual health cost of illness savings in Michigan due to the health impact of outdoor recreation was estimated at \$2.8 billion.

At the state level, the top 10 activities with the highest annual cost of illness savings for Michigan were:

- Going for a walk on local streets or sidewalks: \$927 million.

- Going for a walk on local unpaved trails or paths: \$414 million.

- Bicycling on paved streets, paths or sidewalks: \$313 million.

- Going for a jog or run on paved streets and sidewalks: \$291 million.

- Day hiking on nonlocal, unpaved trails or paths: \$199 million.

- Big game hunting: \$151 million.

- Off road motorcycling, ATV riding or four-wheeling: \$121 million.

- Bicycling on unpaved paths or trails: \$113 million.

- Going for a jog or run on unpaved trails or paths: \$65

million.

- Swimming at the beach: \$44 million.

The results are also broken out for each of the 10 prosperity regions in Michigan.

Economic value of outdoor recreation in Michigan This SCORP effort similarly produced the first state economic value of participation in outdoor recreation.

The total net economic value of outdoor recreation in Michigan was estimated at \$165 billion.

At the state level, the top 10 most important activities using the net economic value model were:

- Going for a walk on local streets or sidewalks: \$26 billion.

- Day hiking on nonlocal, unpaved trails or paths: \$18 billion.

- Bicycling on unpaved paths or trails: \$16 billion.

- Bicycling on paved streets, paths or sidewalks: \$13 billion.

- Wildlife viewing and/or photography (including birding): \$12 billion.

- Going for a walk on local, unpaved trails or paths: \$11 billion.

- Off road motorcycling, ATV riding or four-wheeling: \$9 billion.

- Fishing on lakes or ponds: \$8 billion.

- Going for a jog or run on paved streets and sidewalks: \$5 billion.

- Big game hunting: \$5 billion.

Building on prior work done in Oregon, net economic value of outdoor recreation is modeled based on the economic value of outdoor recreation (or the benefits received by an individual or group who participates in outdoor recreation) using a consumer surplus approach.

Consumer surplus is defined as the economic value of a recreation activity above what must be paid by a person to enjoy it. At the individual level, the net economic value of a recreation activity is measured as the maximum amount an individual is willing to pay to participate in the activity minus the costs incurred in participating.

It is important to note that it is not a measure of direct spending, but an estimation of the maximum value of participating in a specific outdoor activity for an individual.

The results are also broken out for each of the 10 prosperity regions in Michigan.

### STATE INSIGHTS

In addition to these overarching results and modeling efforts, there were several additional highlights to report from the survey at the state level.

Michigan's overall outdoor recreation participation rate is 95%. Eighty-six percent of Michiganders are involved in trail activities and “other” outdoor activities. Water activities logged 80% participation, wildlife activities 52% and snow activities 40%.

The top 10 activities by frequency were ranked, with the percentages of Michigan residents participating and total annual occasions of participating

included.

- From this list, the top three, in ascending order, were visiting the beach but not swimming (60% – 49,959,236), going for a walk on local unpaved trails or paths (62% – 380,532,847) and going for a walk on local streets or sidewalks (80% – 1,156,390,531).

The top five motivations for participating in outdoor recreation were ranked with percentages of those agreeing with the reasons included.

The list, reproduced here in ascending order, included to have new experiences (80%), to exercise and be physically challenged (82%), to have time away from normal and life routines (89%), to feel better mentally and emotionally (93%) and to enjoy nature (94%).

In similar fashion, the top five barriers to participating in outdoor recreation were ranked. This list, also in ascending order, included not having enough money for gear, fees and other nontransportation expenses (49%), concern about safety and crime in outdoor recreation areas (49%), recreation areas are poorly maintained (53%), recreation areas are too crowded (60%) and not having time (64%).

Michigander satisfaction with the availability of outdoor recreation, expressed as a percentage of those agreeing, showed 69% were satisfied with recreation availability within a 10-minute walk from their homes; 81% within a 30-minute drive and 82% more than a 30-minute drive away.

Michiganders were satisfied with the quality of outdoor recreation within a 10-minute walk (71%), within a 30-minute drive (81%) and more than a 30-minute drive away (83%).

### COMPARISONS

While changes in methodology between this SCORP and prior plans make direct comparisons impossible, there are certain overall trends that can be identified. For example, the top five outdoor recreation activities in the 2017-2022 SCORP were as follows, in ascending order: visiting nature centers or historic sites, sightseeing and/or driving for pleasure, visiting parks or playgrounds, walking outdoors (including dog walking) and relaxing outdoors.

The top five outdoor recreation activities for the 2022-2027 SCORP, using the new survey methodology, are as follows in ascending order: sightseeing and/or scenic driving for pleasure, visiting parks or playgrounds, visiting the beach but not swimming, going for a walk on local unpaved trails or paths and going for a walk on local streets or sidewalks.

Robust regional comparisons and planning tools can also be made from the survey results. For example, the use of maps to make comparisons provides striking regional and statewide results at glance.

Looking at percentages of participation in water-, snow-, trail-, and wildlife-

related activities by region shows trail-related activities are most important in the Upper Peninsula and in northwest Michigan.

In addition, snow-related activities are most important in the Upper Peninsula and the northern two-thirds of the Lower Peninsula, aligning with the parts of the state that receive the most consistent snowfall.

Water-related activities scored highest statewide in northwest Michigan, while wildlife-related activities ranked highest in northeast Michigan.

### TECHNOLOGICAL AIDS

“Several emerging digital tools are showing promise in the effort to understand and track our progress toward meeting the SCORP goals by providing more uniform, real-time insights into recreation demand across ownerships and management,” Garmon said.

For example, as part of the SCORP, the DNR contracted with Cobalt Community Consulting based in Charlotte, Michigan, to run pilot projects looking at several parks and recreation areas, using its “Visitor 360 tool,” which utilizes geofenced cellphone data collected and provided by a third party, ensuring anonymity of all data.

Ten pilot sites were selected to compare the tool's usefulness in a range of different locations with a variety of characteristics and availability of existing data. Graphs were able to be produced showing visits aggregated weekly, which illustrated peak visitation periods.

Another emerging digital tool that could enable greater collaboration is the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' Southeast Michigan Park Finder. The tool shows park locations on a map of the region.

Amenities for each park can be pulled up online by clicking on an icon for the park. Acreage for the park is also shown, as well as which entity owns or manages the park and who to contact about the park.

Links are then available to find the park via Google Maps or to plan a trip to the park using the “Turn off the App – Go Outside tool (TO-TAGO).”

Data compiled in the tool can also be filtered to show which parks offer certain features, like water recreation or trails and fitness, and to enable trip planning. Data can be filtered by activity, activity time, distance, difficulty and other parameters.

The map showing the locations of the parks can be zoomed in or out for easier searches. A search blank also allows searching for sites by city or address. The tool is being used in other cities across the country.

Another potential model is the website UpNorth-Trails.org, which provides similar data assembly and trip planning guidance by consolidating information from a variety of public recreational trails owners, operators and management agencies into a single site.

“These are examples of collaboration on shared data, with the goal of empowering users with more information to support their outdoor recreation aspirations,” said Scott Whitcomb, who worked on the plan as the director of the DNR's Office of Public Lands. “Convening agencies and exploring existing and needed investment in data for similar tools and information collection and sharing at the regional and state level could enable these kinds of tools to be used in more jurisdictions across Michigan.”

Find out more about the SCORP and recreation in Michigan.

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Two successful rabbit hunters hold up their prize.

# News

# Shackleton's Incredible Journey

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents Shackleton's Incredible Journey on Fri. January 27th in Bay Harbor



**Shackleton's Incredible Journey** is the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's 2023 educational concert, coming up on Friday, January 27th at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor. As part of the GLCO's annual "Legends & Mysteries" series, this performance focuses on the leadership of Ernest Shackleton, one of the principal figures in the age of Antarctic exploration. In this true survival story from 1914-1916, Shackleton leads the men of the Endurance voyage through almost two years of peril as their ship was crushed by ice. Shack-

Ernest Shackleton, leader of Endurance Antarctic voyage 1914-1916

leton & his crew camped out on the ice for nearly two years before Shackleton undertook a dangerous rescue mission and saved every member of the crew, surviving against all odds.

Audiences will be given an immersive musical experience as they watch the story unfold through live theater with actors from the Little Traverse Civic Theatre and film footage from the original voyage, with the GLCO orchestra performing 20th century orchestral masterpieces, many of which are about the sea. Selections from Beethoven, Ravel, Debussy, Mendelssohn, Rimsky-Korsakov, Grieg, Vaughan Williams, Elgar, Britten, and Wood represent the

qualities of Shackleton's leadership, including a sense of purpose, loyalty, optimism, ingenuity, and responsibility.

During the afternoon, 528 local 7th – 9th grade students will experience the program at a matinee as part of GLCO's collaboration with Great Lakes Center for the Arts' NextGen program. Says JD Friley, program writer and educator, "The co-presentation of live video, theater, and exhilarating orchestral music enables associative learning by helping to connect ideas and experiences that promote intellectual curiosity."

The 7 PM performance for the public includes an optional pre-concert talk at

6 PM by Dr. Libor Ondras, GLCO Music Director & Conductor.

Evening tickets for \$20 (general admission) and \$40 (VIP with post-concert meet and greet reception) can be purchased at [www.glcorchestra.org](http://www.glcorchestra.org). Complimentary general admission tickets are available for veterans, active service members, and students 18 and under by calling the GLCO office at (231) 487-0010.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is a nonprofit organization whose office is headquartered in downtown Petoskey. To learn more about upcoming GLCO events and concerts, visit [www.glcorchestra.org](http://www.glcorchestra.org).

## LEADERSHIP

# Three Key Questions To Ask Ourselves

BY JOHN KEYSER

The book, 3 Vital Questions: Transforming Workplace Drama, by David Emerald, who also authored The Power of Ted\* (\*The Empowerment Dynamic), which has been a favorite for its insight, and is certainly relevant to our business lives, as well as our personal lives and relationships.

3 Vital Questions is insightful and helpful, as well. The approach offered makes sense. It is simple – and simple is good!

It is three basic questions to ask ourselves – often, i.e., monthly, better weekly, even daily.

Where is my focus?

How are my relationships?

What actions/steps am I taking?

This is about our discernment and self-reflection leading us to intentional and focused action, which is so very important!

1. Where is my focus?

Is my focus where it should be, that is truly what is most important?

As a leader, am I focused on listening to my co-workers, and really hearing them, i.e., what they are saying and their reasons, and how they are feeling? Am I listening to learn and understand?

Are they feeling my appreciation and gratitude? Leadership is how we help others feel about themselves.

And leadership is about helping others do great work and be successful. Am I focused on doing just that?

Kindness is motivating. Am I communicating with kindness, respect, and dignity?

As a leader, offering timely and helpful feedback is being kind. People want to do good work and be successful.

My longtime boss, Bill Dunn, was conflict avoidant, as so many of us are. In my performance reviews he would say, "You're doing great, sport." I would reply, "Thank you, but please tell me what you think I could do better." I would have to pry it out of him. He just did not want to hurt my feelings.

This is common, leaders being hesitant to offer timely feedback if about improvement. There is an art to it. We should learn how to do it successfully. It strengthens our team members and enriches our culture.

Fortunately, Bill Dunn was outstanding in every other aspect of leadership. He was all about the team, totally selfless, cared deeply about each of us and our well-being, and was always ready to do all he could to

help.

As a leader, do I understand that I am a team member? Do I truly understand what being a great teammate looks like? Have I asked my team members?

2. How are my relationships?

This question is critical. Whatever our field, we are in a people business and our relationships matter greatly. The better our relationships, the better and easier work gets done. Happy people do better work!

A problem is that many assume our relationships are fine – and they may not be. We lack self-awareness and do not realize how we are received and perceived by others.

We certainly want to be respected by our team members and for them want to work with and follow us, to do their very best for us.

The way to develop and maintain sound and productive working relationships is through one-on-one conversations. We must make the time to do this. And to be ourselves, no airs, to allow ourselves to be vulnerable. This opens the door to trust, which is the foundation of solid relationships.

We all probably have had experience with people who are self-focused, rather than other-focused. They often assume their relationships with others are fine – but they are not. People need to feel we care about them. If we really don't genuinely care about them, they will sense this.

Great leaders focus on our people, not numbers.

3. What steps/actions am I taking?

Even baby steps make a difference. If there is a desired outcome, even doing the little things to get started or to keep us going puts us in a positive mindset. It really does. The most difficult step for a long-distance runner, is the first step, the one out the door. And this is true in business, to make something happen, take a step forward. We'll feel good, as will our teammates.

I am a believer in "to do" lists. A key to success with "to do" lists is to list just a few desired outcomes, maybe only three, and to make them the most important objectives – not the easy ones – the truly most essential ones that, when accomplished, will make a difference.

With the busyness of today's world, the endless information coming at us, it is easy to not take a step towards what we want to achieve. Let's recognize and avoid letting this happen.

Let's make the right things happen.

## Homeowner Assistance for Accessory Dwelling Units in Charlevoix County Available through Housing North

CHARLEVOIX - Housing North continues to expand housing options across Northwest Michigan with the launch of a new assistance program in Charlevoix County to help homeowners explore development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their properties.

The new Accessory Dwelling Unit Toolbox created by Housing North offers homeowners a step-by-step guide to investigating and pursuing the development of ADUs on their property, including information on the economic benefits of such projects, property eligibility and zoning maps where ADUs are permitted, design and financing, permitting, construction and more. Support for this program was funded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

"Accessory Dwelling Units are among many potential solutions needed in Charlevoix County," said Yarrow Brown, Executive Director for Housing North. "Given their

smaller size and lack of additional land costs, ADUs offer a more affordable housing option in neighborhoods where housing costs are out of reach for many people."

Sometimes called backyard cottages or "granny flats," ADUs share many characteristics of smaller detached homes. They can support a wide range of housing needs including older adults seeking smaller living quarters, seniors on fixed incomes, lower and middle-income households, members of the local workforce and multi-generational families. Homeowners can also benefit from the flexibility and additional income created by ADUs.

"The housing needs in Charlevoix County are so challenging," said Charlevoix County Community Foundation President Chip Hansen, adding, "any effort we can support, no matter how large or small, can end up making a difference, and that's what made the ADU program attractive to us, a small

grant, with big potential."

ADUs can be developed in various forms, including apartments within a home. They can also be built as a standalone structure on the same lot as an existing home, or constructed above an existing garage that's often called a carriage house.

"The demand for this housing is strong and creates stability for owners of ADUs," Brown said. "ADUs are a housing solution that is attainable for many in the local workforce at several income levels, and in neighborhoods that are near employment, shopping and important services."

Housing North's new ADU Toolbox includes:

- Comprehensive information explaining ADUs and their various types.
- Economic advantages to homeowners and residents of ADUs.
- Detailed land-use maps for the cities of Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City identifying where ADUs are permitted under local zoning.

- Free access to specific ADU designs that meet state building codes for Charlevoix County and local zoning codes for projects made available for year-round residents, offering potential savings to homeowners up to \$5,000.
- Information on financing, building and renting an ADU, and contact information for local zoning and building officials to assist in the process.

The ADU Toolbox is the latest initiative by Housing North to help communities across Northwest Michigan tackle the various economic challenges stemming from housing shortages that serve a wide range of income levels. Recent housing studies show more than 15,600 housing units are needed to meet existing demand in Northwest Michigan, most for homes priced below \$200,000 or rental units costing under \$800 per month.

## Rep. Friske: New Michigan House office open to serve 107th District residents

State Rep. Neil Friske (R-Charlevoix) today announced his new Lansing office is officially open and ready to serve the people of Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Friske is beginning his first term after being elected this past November. He represents the new 107th House District following the statewide redistricting process.

"I am honored and excited to serve on behalf of the residents of the 107th," Friske said. "As a small-business owner, I will be sure to prioritize the interests of our unique community. Feedback from constituents is of vital importance to me, and I welcome folks from the 107th to contact me at any time with questions, concerns or suggestions."

The 107th House District includes parts of Cheboygan, Chippewa, and Mack-



Rep. Friske is sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra.

inac counties, as well as all of Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Rep. Friske's office is located at S-1486 in the An-

derson House Office Building. He can be contacted by calling (517) 373-2629, emailing [NeilFriske@house.mi.gov](mailto:NeilFriske@house.mi.gov),

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# athlete of the week



**June Kirkpatrick**  
Red Devils Girls Basketball

Nice game over Kalkaska from June Kirkpatrick, she was all over the floor and played with great energy and confidence. Kirkpatrick finished her big night with 25 points, seven assists, six rebounds and six steals

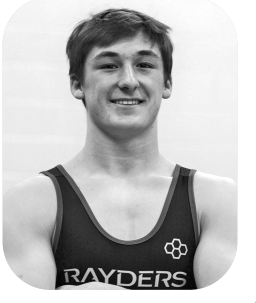
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**Brady Jess**  
Rayders Wrestling

Brady Jess (175), went 5-0 in a team tournament in Meridian last week. Then in a tri-meet against Traverse City St. Francis and Grayling Brady won both matches going 2-0



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East Jordan's Elliona Leaman plays defense against Kalkaska's Brooke Royston. (Photo- Todd VanSickle)

## East Jordan gets blowout home win

BY BEN MURPHY

The East Jordan girls basketball team bumped their record back to .500 on Friday. The Lady Red Devils were hosting Kalkaska in a Lake Michigan Conference game and after a close first quarter, mostly controlled things from there, getting a 59-19 win.

"Nice game from June Kirkpatrick, she was all over the floor and played with great energy and confidence," head coach Tim Smith said. "It was nice to get someone else besides Lindsey Cross scoring."

East Jordan led just 11-8 after the first quarter but had a lead of 29-14 at the half. They also led 45-15 entering the fourth.

Kirkpatrick finished her big night with 25 points, seven assists, six rebounds and six steals, Lindsey Cross had 22 points and eight rebounds and Lizzie Pop came off the bench to score six points.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10 the Red Devils lost a Lake Michigan Conference game at Traverse City St. Francis, 41-19.

"We played well defensively and played hard," Smith said. "Offensively, we struggled to make open shots and they doubled and triple teamed Lindsey the entire game."

East Jordan struggled from the three point line, where they made just one-of-23 attempts.

Cross finished with seven points and 11 rebounds and Kirkpatrick was able to score six points.

E-J (4-4 overall, 2-3 Lake Michigan) was at home against Grayling on Tuesday, heads to Elk Rapids on Friday, plays Battle Creek St. Phillip on Saturday at Ferris State University and heads to Harbor Springs on Tuesday.



East Jordan's June Kirkpatrick brings the ball up the floor. (Photo- Todd VanSickle)

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Ramblers rough season continues

By: Dom Santina

### GRAYLING

The Boyne City girls basketball team has had a rough start to their season. The team traveled on Tuesday, January 10 to take on Grayling.

The Ramblers had a chance to end a long losing streak and pushed the Vikings to the limit. In the end, the Ramblers suffered a 47-45 defeat to the Vikings. The team was led by Elly Wilcox with 12 points and Ava Maginity with 10 points.

The loss moves the Ramblers to 1-9 on the regular season. They also moved to 0-4 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The girls would then take on Harbor Springs on Friday, January 13.

### HARBOR SPRINGS

The Ramblers continued to look for a game to turn around their season. The Ramblers found another tough game against the Rams. In the end, the Rams handed the Ramblers another defeat by a score of 56-40. Despite the loss, the Ramblers had a big game from Morgan Deming with 18 points.

The loss moves the Ramblers record to 1-10 overall and 0-5 in conference. The team will be back in action on Tuesday, January 17 when they host Kalkaska. They will then travel to Charlevoix for a rivalry matchup on Friday, January 20. The upcoming week will finish off with a game at Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, January 24.

# Charlevoix outlasts Grayling to pick up conference win

BY BEN MURPHY

Charlevoix's girls basketball game with Grayling certainly went down to the wire on Friday. The Lady Rayders had just enough to take down the visiting Lady Vikings though, getting a hard-fought 50-46 Lake Michigan Conference victory.

"Evelyn Rosier stepped up at the end of the game and hit three big free throws for us to seal the game," head coach Reece Koepke said.

In the first quarter, Mikayla Sharrow knocked down a three pointer and four others knocked down two-pointers, though Grayling led 16-11 after one.

Bayani Collins was able to get going in the second frame. She scored nine points, highlighted by an and-one play, as the Rayders went ahead 32-26 at the half.

Collins scored six more points in the third as it was a 42-31 Charlevoix lead entering the fourth. In the final minutes, Karlee Eaton knocked down a key field-goal and Rosier's free throws helped finish things up in the win column.

Collins finished with 17 points, four rebounds and two steals, Sharrow had

eight points, four steals and three assists, Rosier finished with eight points, four rebounds and two assists and Eaton also had eight points. Abbey Wright contributed with four points, Anna Kemp had three and Ava Boss netted two.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10 the Rayders lost a home league game against Harbor Springs, 61-38.

Sharrow was able to hit a first quarter three pointer, but the Rayders could do little else in the opening frame, falling behind 21-6. Wright scored five of the team's eight points in the second as they faced a 32-14 deficit at the half. After three, The Lady Rams carried a 52-30 advantage.

Collins was able to score 14 points and get five rebounds in the loss, Wright finished with 11 points and five boards, Sharrow had seven points and four rebounds and Eaton had three points and seven rebounds. Rosier also added three points.

Charlevoix (5-7 overall, 4-2 Lake Michigan) played at Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, hosts Boyne City on Friday and is at home to take on Kalkaska on Tuesday.

# Ellsworth Girls win third straight

BY BOB DELONG

"The Lady Lancers continued their hot streak that they started before the Christmas break as they won their third straight contest, all at home, this time by a 41-28 count over Alanson. Sure Ellsworth's head coach Chad Pletcher knows that he will need to win on the road in the Northern Lakes Conference, and the competition will get better, but the Lancers three straight wins improve their record to 3-5 overall and 3-2 in the league.

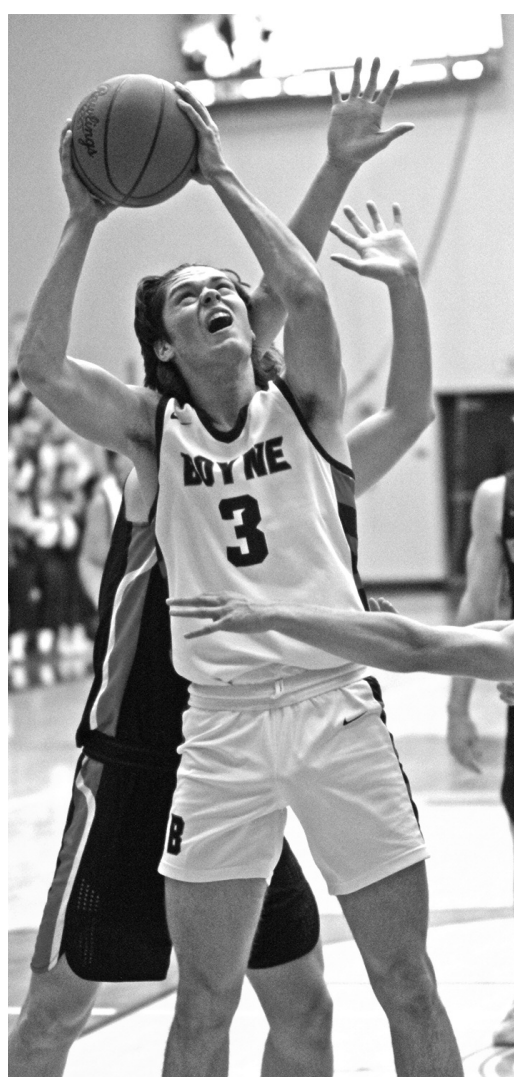
Ellsworth as Alanson were all knotted up at 16-16 at halftime and that is when Kerri DeYoung and Bella Essenberg got hot and led their team to victory. DeYoung scored 10 second half

points and Essenberg added nine as the lancers outscored the Vikings 25-12 after intermission and the 41-28 win.

Essenberg finished with 13 points, six steals and nine rebounds and DeYoung likewise scored 13 points and snared six boards. Avery Strang was also in double figures for Ellsworth with 11 points and she hauled in a team high 10 rebounds for a double double. Both Ruby Pletcher and Hannah Essenberg scored two points for the Lancers to complete the scoring.

Ellsworth hosts Burt Lake NMC on Tuesday of this week in GLC play and then they travel to Mancelona for a non-conference game with the Lady Ironmen on Thursday.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

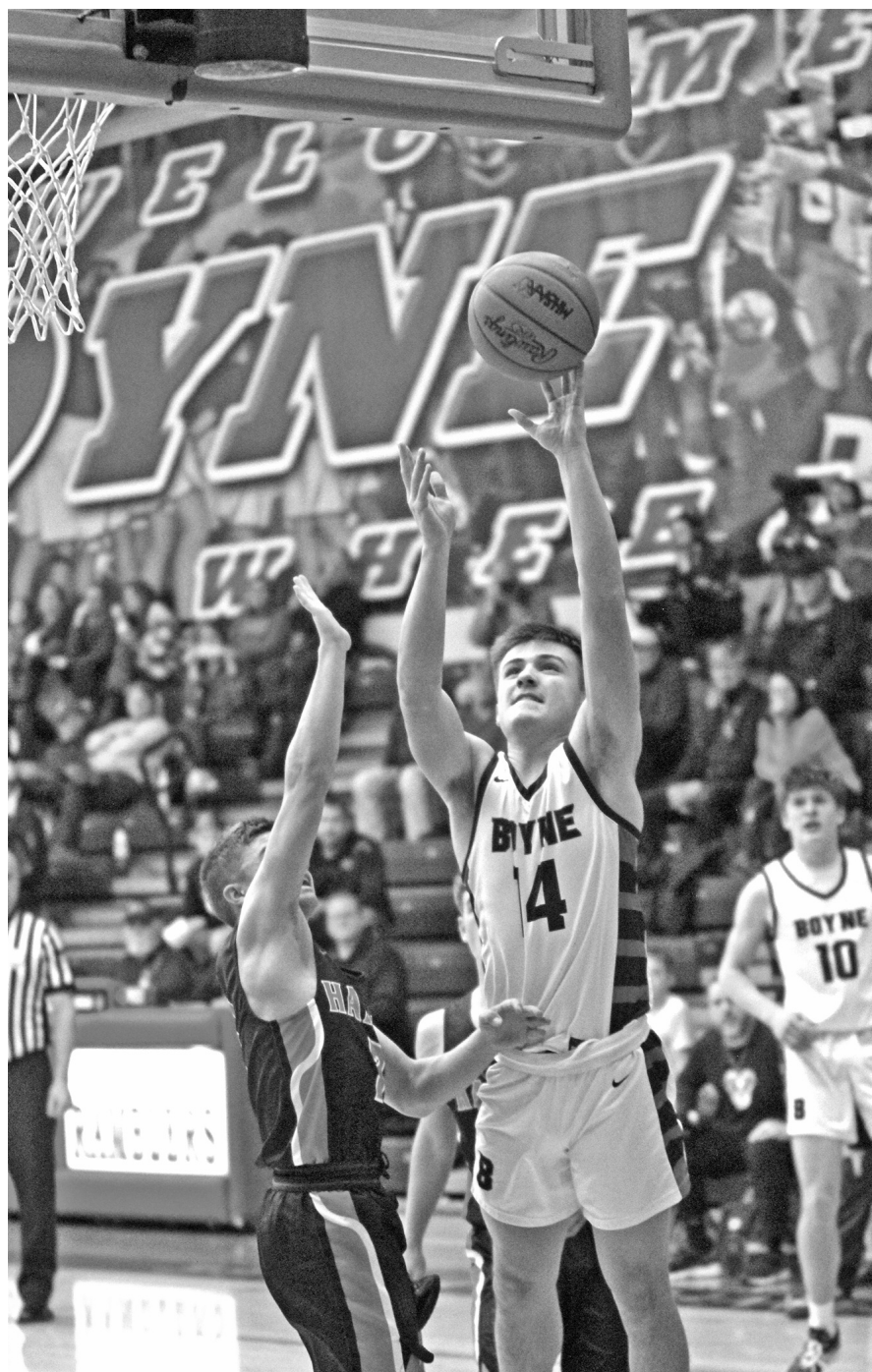


Rambler senior, Jacob Johnson (3) powers up for two against the interior defense of Harbor Springs. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Boyne senior, Jack Neer (2) draws contact as he goes up for a reverse layup. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

# Ramblers push winning streak up to 8 games



Gavin Hewitt (14) of Boyne City scores against Harbor Springs Braeden Flynn. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City boys basketball team has been rolling since their loss to begin the season. The Ramblers welcomed Grayling on Tuesday, January 10.

The game was highlighted with a big third quarter, as the Ramblers scored 26 points. The Ramblers controlled the final quarter and secure a 65-47 victory over the Vikings. The team was led by Alex Calcaterra with 20 points. Mason Wilcox added in 12 points, as did freshman Drew Neer.

The win moves the team to 7-1 on the season and 3-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The team then hosted Harbor Springs on Friday, January 13.

### HARBOR SPRINGS

The Ramblers were efficient throughout the game, both inside and outside the arc. The team shot 59 percent from the field, while shooting 50 percent from behind the arc. This along with some good defense allowed the Ramblers to secure a convincing 69-44 victory.

The team was once again led by Calcaterra with 20 points. Jacob Johnson added in 14 points and Wilcox had 11, even though he was in foul trouble most of the night.

The win moves the Ramblers to 8-1 on the season and to 4-0 in the conference. The team will be back in action on Monday, January 16 against McBain. The team will then take on Charlevoix on Friday, January 19. They will wrap up the next week of games against Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, January 24.

# Charlevoix drops double overtime battle at Grayling

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix boys basketball team certainly put up a good fight in their Lake Michigan Conference game at Grayling on Thursday. The Rayders battled the Vikings through two overtimes, but ultimately came up short, 73-65.

"I am proud of the way the guys fought back, multiple times we could have folded but we never quit," head coach Anthony Troshak said. "In the end, we just came up short. We had some foul trouble but guys gave us great minutes off the bench. Both teams

hit some big shots down the stretch."

Grayling led the game 18-9 after the first quarter and appeared to have the game in hand at the half with a 33-21 advantage. Charlevoix fought back to pull within 40-39 entering the fourth and it sent the game to overtime with things knotted up at 53-all. Both teams scored 10 points in the first extra session to send it to a second overtime, with it tied 63-all. The Rayders could only score two points in the second overtime however.

The Rayders were led by Joe Gaffney with 21 points and five assists, Hudson Vollmer put in 19 points

and swiped five steals and Ryan Pearl had seven points and 11 rebounds.

For the Vikings, Ethan Kucharek had 28 points and Fletcher Quinlan scored 22 points.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10 Charlevoix played a league game in Harbor Springs, but they came up short in this one as well, 65-47.

"They moved the ball well and came out with good energy and we did not," Troshak said. "I take a lot of the blame. I need to coach better. Harbor Springs played well together and are well coached."

The Rams took a double-digit lead after the first

quarter, 24-12. From there Harbor Springs led 41-19 at the half and 54-37 entering the fourth.

Pearl was able to score 11 points to lead the Rayders, with Gaffney netting nine and Vollmer and Troy Nickel had eight points apiece.

For the Rams, Braylen Flynn led all scorers with 17 points and Jack Clancy scored 15 points.

Charlevoix (1-7 overall, 0-3 Lake Michigan) was at home against Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, hosts Boyne City today (Thursday) and heads to Kalkaska on Monday.

# Sports

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Ellsworth boys get back on track

BY BOB DELONG

The Ellsworth High School boys' basketball team got back in the win column Monday night with a 79-57 non-league victory at Burt Lake NMC. The Lancers have become road warriors of late and Ellsworth had dropped two tough non-conference contests, (TC Christian and Elk Rapids), away

from their home gym against good competition. The early tough schedule should help out with the MHSAA district later this winter. The game started out slow with the Lancers in a little bit of early foul trouble and the Eagles only trailed by three on their home court 21-18. However, the Ellsworth "big three" of Kelan Pletcher, Jacob Jenuwine and

Patrick Puroll combined for 41 first half points, (including seven treys), and the Lancers pulled ahead 45-32 at the intermission. Ellsworth also won the second half 34-25 and coasted to the 22 point, 79-57 victory. Josiah Brabson had a huge game for Burt Lake NMC by scoring 37 points, (including five threes), and was the game's leading scorer. The Lancers were led by

Pletcher with 29 points, Jenuwine had 27 and Puroll was also in double figures with 16 points. Owen Carey had a triple and both Tyler DeYoung and Cameron Snyder scored two points each. Ellsworth head coach James Willingham credits DeYoung with a good game saying, "Tyler stepped up with Cam in foul trouble early on." The Lancers improve to

6-3 overall and remained tied in the loss column, (only one each), with both Mackinac City and Harbor Springs HLC. The second half of the Northern Lakes Conference race should be a good one. Ellsworth hosts Buckley this Wednesday and Grand Traverse Academy this Friday in two more non-league tilts.

### BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

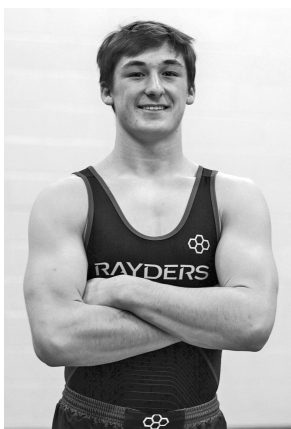
BIG NORTH CONFERENCE		
Cadillac	4-0	7-1
Petoskey	2-1	7-3
Traverse City West	2-1	5-6
Traverse City Central	2-1	4-7
Gaylord	0-4	5-4
Alpena	0-3	2-8
LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE		
Boyerne City	4-0	9-1
Traverse City St Francis	3-0	6-1
Grayling	2-1	5-3
Elk Rapids	2-2	6-3
Kalkaska	2-3	4-5
Harbor Springs	1-2	3-4
East Jordan	1-2	2-5
Charlevoix	0-3	1-7
NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE		
Mackinaw City	5-1	9-2
Harbor Light Christian	4-1	5-4
Ellsworth	3-1	6-3
Alanson	3-5	3-5
Wolverine	0-3	2-5
Alba	0-0	0-0
Boyerne Falls	0-6	0-7
SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE		
Gaylord St Mary	5-0	8-1
Inland Lakes	5-1	7-2
Onaway	5-1	6-2
Central Lake	3-2	4-6
Manclona	3-2	3-5
Bellaire	2-3	3-4
Pellston	0-5	1-7
Forest Area	0-5	0-6
Johannesburg-Lewiston	0-4	0-7
STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE		
Sault Ste Marie	3-0	6-2
St Ignace	3-1	6-2
Rudyard	2-1	7-1
Cheboygan	1-3	2-7
Newberry	0-5	1-8

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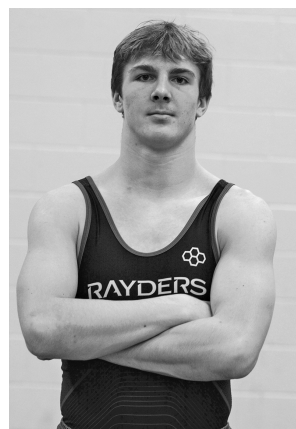
# Charlevoix Wrestlers take fourth at Meridian team tournament

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix wrestling team competed at Meridian on Saturday, taking part in a team tournament. The Rayders went 3-2 as a team to come in fourth place. They opened with a 45-33 loss to Frankenmuth, but bounced back with a 43-30 win over Meridian, topped Ogemaw Heights 36-32 and took down Manton 60-18. Their day ended with a 42-42 loss to Standish-Sterling, losing on tiebreaker criteria. Going 5-0 on the day were Brady Jess (175), Landon Swanson (190), Trevor Streeter (215) and Adam Streeter (285). Getting three wins was Jackson Fry (106), Max



BRADY JESS (175)



LANDON SWANSON (190)



TREVOR STREETER (215)



ADAM STREETER (285)

Reynolds (113), Sam Fry (138), Ellery Smith (150) and Mason Cunningham (157). Justin Whisler (165) had two wins and Jimmy Descamps (120) added one win. The Rayders also had Ben Matter (190) and

Sawyer Blaszczyk (215) win two exhibition matches apiece. On Thursday Charlevoix competed in a Lake Michigan Conference tri-meet at Traverse City St. Francis. The Rayders won both of their

matches, taking down St. Francis 44-30 and taking care of Grayling 43-30. Jamie Parrish (144), Smith (150), Cunningham (157), Jess (175), Swanson (190) and T. Streeter (215) won both of their matches. J. Fry (106),

Reynolds (113), Descamps (120) and S. Fry (138) each won a match. Justin Whisler (165), A. Streeter (285) and Connor Ortiz (285) also competed in matches.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE		
Traverse City Central	2-0	9-1
Petoskey	3-0	7-5
Gaylord	2-1	8-4
Alpena	1-2	3-7
Cadillac	1-3	2-8
Traverse City West	0-3	1-10
LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE		
Harbor Springs	5-0	10-0
Traverse City St Francis	4-1	8-1
Elk Rapids	4-1	7-2
Charlevoix	3-2	5-7
Grayling	2-3	7-4
East Jordan	2-3	4-4
Kalkaska	0-5	1-7
Boyerne City	0-5	1-10
NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE		
Mackinaw City	4-0	9-0
Burt Lake NMC	5-1	8-3
Harbor Light Christian	5-1	5-2
Ellsworth	3-2	3-5
Alanson	3-4	4-5
Wolverine	1-5	1-8
Alba	0-0	0-0
Boyerne Falls	0-6	0-6
SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE		
Gaylord St Mary	7-0	8-2
Indian River Inland Lakes	6-1	8-3
Johannesburg-Lewiston	6-2	8-3
Central Lake	3-4	6-6
Bellaire	2-5	4-5
Manclona	1-5	2-8
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-4	1-8
STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE		
Sault Ste Marie	2-0	6-2
St Ignace	2-1	5-4
Cheboygan	2-2	3-9
Rudyard	1-3	1-7
Newberry	0-4	0-7
HOCKEY STANDINGS		
BIG NORTH CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Alpena	3-0-0	14-2-0
Traverse City Central	5-1-0	8-5-2
Cadillac	4-3-1	9-4-1
Traverse City West	2-3-1	3-9-1
Petoskey	1-4-0	3-10-0
Gaylord	0-5-0	2-11-0

## SKIING

### Lake Charlevoix Ski Team Competes at Nubs Nob

By: Dom Santana

The Lake Charlevoix Ski team opened their season at Nubs Nob on Tuesday, January 10. The girls team was led by Ella Doumanian who placed seventh in both Giant Slalom and Slalom. Avery Kita was fourth in SL while losing a ski in her second run of GS. Mya Pofahl took 14 place in GS and 17 in SL. The team also produced some strong results by Kelsey Wiatrolik, Sophia Bergquist and Olivia Dobbins. On the boys side, Jack Herzog took eighth place in GS and Henry Herzog took eighth in SL. After a few years off, Josh Shultz finished ninth in GS. Finn Tosh made his varsity debut and took ninth in SL. Aiden Boop and David Grey took finishes of 13 and 10 in SL. The team will be back in action on Thursday, January 19 for another Lake Michigan Conference race.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# East Jordan plays well in loss at Kalkaska

BY BEN MURPHY

The East Jordan boys basketball team wasn't able to come up with a win in their road Lake Michigan Conference game at Kalkaska on Thursday. Despite that, head coach Nate Dzwik felt good with the progress his team showed in the 52-40 setback. "We took a big step forward from the week before," he said. "I was proud of our kids' effort and energy for the game.

We got speed a couple of times thanks to their pressure and it was too much for us to overcome in the fourth quarter. I thought we were good and aggressive on offense and that allowed us to get good shots, we just didn't make them." The Red Devils were able to hold a 12-11 lead after the first quarter, and trailed just 25-24 at the half. They fell further back in the third though, facing a 43-36 hole entering the fourth. Brendan Aenis was

four-of-six shooting and finished with 10 points and he also tracked down five rebounds. Max Beale had seven points, eight rebounds, two steals and two blocks, Devon Olstrom put in six points and had 11 rebounds, Eli Burns also had six points, Korbyn Russell was able to score four points and track down nine rebounds and he also had one steal and one block. Ryder Malpass chipped in with three points and Ethan Thomas and Angel Delgado added two points apiece. Thomas

also had two assists and two blocks. E-J (2-5 overall, 1-2 Lake Michigan) played over at Grayling on Tuesday, is at home against Elk Rapids today (Thursday), plays Battle Creek St. Phillip on Saturday at Ferris State University and Hosts Harbor Springs on Tuesday.

## SNOCROSS

# Hauger looks for championship after signing with race team

BY: DOM SANTINA

Boyerne City's Inanna Hauger made a name for herself during the 2022 Amsoil Championship Snocross season in route to a runner up finish in the points standings. By doing so, Hauger ended up signing a deal to ride for Frataltone Racing. She along with a couple other woman were the first in the sport to get such a deal. After having such a strong season last year and now racing out of a team trailer. Hauger looked for a strong start to the 2022-23 championship season. That took her to Fargo, North Dakota on December 16 and 17 for the opening two rounds of racing. On Friday, December 16, Hauger started the day of strong by winning her first qualifying round. That led

to a more stacked second round of qualifying, where she finished second to defending two time champion Malene Cottew. However, it set her up well for the final. While, Hauger started off strong as always. Cottew eventually ran her down and grabbed the race lead. Hauger eventually faded to third place and secured a spot on the podium. While not the exact place she wanted to be, a good start to the season. Saturday, December 17 brought round two of the season. Hauger found herself behind fellow racer and title combatant Taven Woodie in round number one. She would then find herself behind Cottew in round number two as well. Despite not winning a heat race, she still have a good qualifying position for the final. The final was very similar to the round before, as Hauger found her-

self once again on the box, but in the third position behind both Cottew and Woodie. Hauger would leave Fargo sitting in third place in points with a total of 77 points. Just 6 behind Woodie for second place and 13 behind Cottew for the lead. The series would break for the holidays before heading to Shakopee, Minnesota. SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA After the month long break from competing, Hauger looked to show she had got some valuable practice time in. The series made it second stop of the year in Shakopee, Minnesota on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14. On Friday, Hauger picked up where she left off, by claiming her second qualifying win of the season. That put her in a stacked second round with

all three title combatants in the same heat race. Hauger ended up drawing the short end of the deal and finishing in third place. She would end up looking to get it back in the final. Hauger grabbed the early race lead and held on for a long time. As she started to deal with two downed riders to navigate around for multiple laps and lap traffic. Hauger looked well on her way to her first final win of the season. However, with a lap and a half to go, Woodie found a better rhythm and got passed Hauger. Even though Hauger gassed her Polaris snowmobile up and tried getting the spot back, she had to settle for a runner up position. While disappointed the win slipped away, it was still her best finish of the season so far. Saturday meant a new day and another chance at a win. Hauger had a run-

ner up finish in round one of qualifying to Cottew. She ended up having another runner up finish in round two to the hands of Woodie. That gave her a good starting position for the final. Once again on the start, she jumped into one of the top spots. Hauger found herself in the second position until Woodie took the position away and pushed her back to third. Hauger did end up falling farther back but tried to recover and charge back up front. In the end, she finished in fifth place. Hauger leaves Shakopee still sitting third place in points with 151 total points. She is 13 points behind second place Woodie and 23 behind Cottew for the lead. The series will make its next stop at Deadwood, South Dakota on Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28. You can catch all the live action on FloRacing.



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### YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SHOULD GET VACCINATED!

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#### AVOID

Avoid any close contact with sick people; avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; cover your nose and mouth with a paper towel when coughing or sneezing, wash your hands frequently (with soap and water), and clean and sanitize the surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with the flu viruses.

If you get sick, limit your contact with other people as much as possible. Stay at home until at least for 24 hours after the fever is gone, except to receive medical care for other needs. (Before resuming your regular activities, your fever must have disappeared for about 24 hours without using a drug to decrease it).

### TAKE ANTIVIRAL DRUGS IF PRESCRIBED BY YOUR DOCTOR!



If you catch the flu, antiviral drugs can be used to treat it. Antiviral drugs can alleviate the symptoms and shorten the duration of the disease. They can also prevent severe flu complications, such as pneumonia.

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### 2022-2023 SECOND SEMESTER SCHOOL OF CHOICE OPPORTUNITIES

Gaylord Community Schools is accepting applications for enrollment under schools of choice for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year. Individuals residing outside of the Gaylord Community School district with students in all grade levels are to apply by January 27, 2023. Applications are available at [www.gaylordschools.com](http://www.gaylordschools.com) or at 615 South Elm Street, Gaylord.

IN ADDITION TO K-12 FACE-TO- FACE, GAYLORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS HAVE THE FOLLOWING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR.

#### Accounting I & II

- These courses are designed to develop the skills of accounting principles and theory.

#### Automotive Technology I & II

- These courses are designed to teach automotive techniques in regard to the NATEF certification process.

#### Heavy Equipment

- This course provides training and opportunities to students interested in pursuing a career in the heavy equipment industry.

#### Integrated Computer Applications & Advanced Integrated Computer Applications

- These computer courses incorporate all of the Microsoft Suite Software programs.

#### Culinary Arts & Advanced Culinary Arts

- These courses concentrate on cooking in the food service industry as related to restaurant service.

#### Agricultural Sciences

- These courses are designed to provide an awareness of entrepreneurial opportunities in the field of Agricultural Sciences.

#### Medical Occupations & Advanced Medical Occupations

- These courses provide instruction in basic health care; then students are placed in an independent work experience in a health care work site.

#### Marketing I & II

- These courses are designed to develop skills in major occupational areas of marketing, including advertising and promotion, distribution, marketing management, selling, global marketing and e-commerce.

For more information about these courses, contact

**Mr. Chris Hodges, Gaylord High School Principal (989-731-0969)**

The GCS Career and Technical Education Program follows the district's policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight, marital status or any other legally protected characteristic in all programs, activities, and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation. Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should be directed to: Civil Rights Coordinator, Gaylord Community Schools, 615 S. Elm Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735 (989-705-3080)

