

weather forecast

THURSDAY



HIGH: 35
LOW: 29

FRIDAY



HIGH: 31
LOW: 17

SATURDAY



HIGH: 33
LOW: 28

SUNDAY



HIGH: 37
LOW: 30

SNOWFALL

2022-23	Amount	City	2021-22	Amount	City
2/6/23	62.5	Boyer Falls	2/7/22	49.5	Boyer Falls
2/6/23	48.5	Charlevoix	2/7/22	49.9	Charlevoix
2/6/23	57	Cheboygan	2/7/22	33.3	Cheboygan
2/6/23	94.6	East Jordan	2/7/22	71.3	East Jordan
2/6/23	98	Gaylord	2/7/22	105.5	Gaylord
2/6/23	60.8	Kalkaska	2/7/22	105.9	Kalkaska
2/6/23	61.1	Onaway	2/7/22	51.5	Onaway
2/6/23	71.5	Petoskey	2/7/22	65.2	Petoskey

record temps

Day	Avg	High	Low	Year	Record High	Year	Record Low	Year
FEB 9	25	9	48	1966	-27	1979		
10	26	9	54	2009	-23	1994		
11	26	9	49	1999	-25	1958		
12	26	9	53	1999	-21	1958		
13	26	9	48	1984	-25	2016		
14	27	9	46	2018	-20	2022		
15	27	9	49	1981	-24	2015		
16	27	10	51	1981	-22	2015		

John Everett Kircher, 64

(FEB. 18, 1958 - JAN. 28, 2023)

John Everett Kircher of Big Sky, Montana, died peacefully on January 28, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer. John remained brave, strong, and positive in his final days. He was surrounded by devoted friends and loving family members.



John married Kim Huleen Kircher, the love of his life, in 2005. They divided their time between mountains and surf, residing in two of John's favorite places, Maui, Hawaii and Big Sky, Montana.

John was born to Everett Frank Kircher and Mary "Carol" Carolyn Reeves on February 18, 1958, in Petoskey, Michigan. John graduated from Boyne City High School, attended the University of Michigan, and later received a Business degree from Western Michigan University.

John was born to be a ski area operator. When John's mother went into labor during a Northern Michigan snowstorm, Everett drove her to the hospital in a 1956 Tucker Sno Cat. John lived his first few years in the Main Lodge at the base of Boyne Mountain. He was selling lift tickets by age twelve, and driving snow cats, making snow, and loading chairlifts all by age sixteen.

John arrived in Big Sky Resort in 1981 beginning his long-time role as the General Manager. John would eventually manage four ski areas and become Boyne Resorts President of Western Operations. By 2007 he oversaw

1.75 million skier visits. In 2010 Cypress Mountain would host six events in the Winter Olympics under his management. John built numerous chair lifts, including the one-of-a-kind tram to Big Sky's Lone Peak in 1995, and the first 8-passenger gondola in Washington State at Crystal Mountain.

While his career was peppered with big projects, it was his love of the sport and consideration of others that will be most remembered. Some would say he was the "kindest person they ever met." He would think nothing of pulling a stranger's car from a snowy ditch or listening intently to a customer's complaints. John was a proud father, a devoted husband, a loving brother, and a loyal friend to many. He was a fantastic storyteller with the funniest one-liners imaginable.

John was a beautiful skier and a gifted athlete. His love for aviation took him all over the world, and also inspired his son, Andrew, to follow in his footsteps as a pilot. John craved adventure, and he loved nature whether surfing in Indonesia, ski touring in the Alps or fishing for tarpon from a houseboat in the Costa Rican jungle. John sucked the marrow out of life. He was spontaneous and could sweep others into his escapades with ease. John's shenanigans might include turning the ski lifts on after hours for powder turns under the night lights, last minute trips to Alaska or Japan because, "it's always snowing somewhere," or launching a snowball battle royale forming teams and fortresses in the base area of the ski hill. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

John was preceded in death by his father Everett, his mother Carol, and his

stepmother Lois. John is survived by his wife Kim, son Andrew Kircher (Stephanie), daughter Evelyn Kircher, sister Amy Kircher Wright (Greg), sister Kathryn Kircher, brother Stephen Kircher (Molly) and several adoring nieces and nephews.

The memorial service will be held at Big Sky Chapel at noon on February 11, 2023. Seating is limited. A Celebration of Life will follow immediately at the Yellowstone Conference Center Ballroom.

Memorial gifts can be made in John's name to Mayo Clinic at <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/johnkircher>.

Janet Marie (Nemecek) McKinnon, 74

(AUG. 29, 1948 - FEB. 4, 2023)

Janet Marie McKinnon died Saturday, February 4, 2023, at her home in East Jordan surrounded by her loving family.



She was born on August 29, 1948, in Petoskey, the daughter of Archie W. and Sophia "Sue" Mary (Skrocki) Nemecek. She grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1966. She then attended Davenport College and went to work at Northwestern State Bank, now known as Huntington Bank, in East Jordan.

On June 15, 1968, she married her sweetheart, Donald R. McKinnon, in East Jordan.

Janet worked 20 years as a receptionist at the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as EJ, USA, in East Jordan. She retired in 2008.

She loved working in her yard, casino trips, hosting card parties, waitressing at the Mallard, swimming in the pool and crocheting. But most of all, she loved spending time with her family: children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

Janet is survived by three children, Angela (Arnold) Smith, David (Charity) McKinnon and Susan (Thomas) Cannon, all of East Jordan; six grandchildren, Logan Smith, Lauren Smith, Caris McKinnon, Macie McKinnon, Riley Cannon and Chase Cannon; four siblings; Terry (Joanie) Nemecek of Cheboygan, Barbara Zynewicz of East Jordan, Mary (Fred) Murray of East Jordan and Robert (Roberta) Nemecek of East Jordan; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald R. McKinnon on February 28, 2013 and her father Archie W. Nemecek on October 15, 2007 and her mother, Sophia "Sue" Mary Nemecek on June 7, 2007.

A celebration of her life will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. A graveside service at Sunset Hill Cemetery will be announced in the spring.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. until service time at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Hospice of Michigan.

Marilyn "Meryl" Hutching, 78

(SEPT. 17, 1944 - JAN. 29, 2023)

Meryl Hutching, born Marilyn Joy Spencer of



Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada passed away Sunday, January 29, 2023 in Boyne Falls. Meryl passed peacefully in the early morning hours. Her devoted husband of 25 years, Ronald Hutching, was faithfully at her side along with her beloved dog, Zoe.

Meryl was born September 17, 1944 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada to Martha Hilda Clifford Spencer and William Russell Spencer. She was the youngest of six children.

She married in 1962 and was blessed with three girls, Kimberly, Karen and Jennifer. Meryl received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Grand Valley State University and continued with her graduate studies in English at Western University.

Meryl had many loves throughout her life, including books. She was an avid reader. Even as her sight waned in her older years, she still wanted to have books by her side.

Her adventurous spirit and love of life led her to pursue many different interests from motorcycling and sailing to celestial and astrological studies to gardening and plant grafting in her later years.

Her freest memories were enjoying time outdoors at Claybanks on Lake Michigan where she enjoyed camping, swimming, sunning and making her girls' favorite bean sandwiches over camp fires.

She especially loved her time at the Park of the Pines Family Church Camp. A campground event where she would gather with her parents and sisters. Later, it would become a multi-generational tradition still being carried on with her descendants to this day.

Meryl is predeceased in death by her eldest sister, Helen (Donald) Shirley Spencer Perkins and her brother John Russell Spencer. She is survived by her husband Ronald Hutching, sisters Winifred Edwards and Doris Hill, Ruth Lucenti, daughters, Kimberly Lynn Hardman Trent (Captain Dave), Karen Elizabeth Hardman Schrock (Kevin), Jennifer Joy Hardman Conner; grandchildren Madeline and Josh Farley of Kalamazoo, MI, Adrienne and Thomas Brady of Ann Arbor, MI, Conner Gorden Trent of Austin, TX, Cooper Schrock of Sarasota, FL, Finnegan Conner of Grand Haven, MI, Tucker Schrock of Sarasota, FL.; great grandchildren Reid Patterson Farley, Killian Thomas Brady, Spencer Marie Farley, Blair Margaret Brady.

Throughout her many health issues she remained a fighter until the end. She will be remembered and missed every day by those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 4th at 2pm at the Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1pm until the time of service.

Marilyn Janice (Cornell) Grunow, 86

(OCT. 13, 1936 - JAN. 29, 2023)

Marilyn Janice (Cornell) Grunow, 86 of Boyne City, Michigan, passed away at her home on January 29, 2023.

Lifelong resident of Boyne City, Marilyn was born on October 13, 1936, daughter of Verl and Pearl (Ward) Cornell. She graduated from Boyne City High School.

On July 5, 1958, she married Robert Grunow at the Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

Marilyn enjoyed cooking and going to the casino.

She is survived by her loving husband Robert Grunow; her children Dan (Debbie) Mikolowski; her grandchildren: Nate Mikolowski, Shandi and Shane Grunow; her step-grandchild Spencer Shore; her sisters: Elaine, Elouise, Karen, and Sandy; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents Verl and Pearl Cornell; her son Robert Grunow; and her siblings Maxine and Ray.

Those wishing to make a charitable donation in Marilyn's memory are asked to consider a charity of your choice.

Per Marilyn's request, there are no services scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

Marsha Jones, 67

(DEC. 11, 1955 - JAN. 29, 2023)

Marsha Lynn Jones of Charlevoix passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 29, 2023. She was born on December 11, 1955, in Ludington, the daughter of Raymond and Arlene (Auguston) Hanson.



Marsha graduated from Ludington High School and obtained her Associate's Degree from West Shore Community College with a focus on calligraphy and commercial art. She was always interested in art and continued to work on various art projects over the years. Her artistic abilities also shone through in her sewing. Marsha was also an avid baseball fan playing for multiple fast-pitch softball teams as a catcher during her teens and young adulthood.

Marsha moved to Traverse City in her 20's where she managed a McDonald's restaurant. After some time, she accepted a store management position for Burger King in Charlevoix where she worked for many years before retiring. She spent countless hours coaching her three boys in various sports as they were growing up, and she was also their Boy Scout troop leader. In recent years, she enjoyed tending to her flower gardens at home.

Marsha is survived by her mother, Arlene Hanson; three sons, Raymond Jones of East Jordan, Kyle (Michelle) Jones of Livonia, and Cliff (Carlie) Jones of East Jordan; three brothers, Ray (Phyllis) Hanson, David Hanson, and Tom (Chris) Hanson, all of Ludington; and three grandchildren, Avey, Clifford, and Sebastian.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Hanson, and her husband, Cliff Jones.

A celebration of Marsha's life will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, at the Community Reformed Church, 109 Elm St, Charlevoix. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until the time of services at 1:00.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, <https://charlevoixhumane.networkforgood.com/projects/157428-to-help-with-neglected-abused-and-abandoned-animals-or-Big-Brothers-Big-Sisters>, <https://donate.bigsupnorth.com/cheekout/19671>

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Cynthia Garland, 82

AUG 1, 1941 - JAN 29, 2023

Cynthia Ann Garland, beloved wife of David Thomas Garland and mother of Cristina Ruth and Jeanette Emily



passed on Sunday, January 29th 2023 in her home town of Charlevoix, Michigan. Born on August 1, 1941 eldest daughter of Ruth Ann Bedford and Franklin Curtis and sister to Franklyn (Corky) Curtis, she graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1959. Cynthia left Charlevoix to further her education at the University of Michigan earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Returning home for summer break, she met the man she would marry and be her partner of fifty-nine years at a beach party on Lake Michigan, where he was spending summer as a camp counselor.

After they married, David and Cynthia moved to Saline, Michigan where Cynthia taught first through sixth grade. They then started their family with their first daughter Cristina in 1969 and their second daughter Jeanette in 1972. Cynthia retired from teaching to concentrate on raising their two daughters. She spent many years heavily involved with them playing piano as part of the youth choir at the Saline Presbyterian Church. She spent time tutoring them and others, attended countless recitals, lessons, sporting events and her cinnamon rolls were coveted at every bake sale.

In 1997 she and David retired to her childhood home in Charlevoix, where she was an active member of the Charlevoix Garden Club, Historical Society and First Congregational Church. She loved animals of all kinds and knew each dog in the neighborhood. She was known to carry dog treats just in case she came across one.

For the last decade of her life, Cynthia was happiest spending time in her quilting room, in her garden, or most especially on her porch making friends with every type of four-legged creature imaginable.

She is survived by her husband David, her daughter Cristina, spouse Kevin and grandson Quinn, daughter Jeanette, and her cat B.C. (black cat). She is additionally survived by her sister-in-law Joanne Curtis, nephew Scott Curtis, spouse Robin and their children, Hannah, Taylor and Gavin.

There are no services planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign the online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Lauree Kay Crandall, 75

FEB 23, 1947 - JAN 26, 2023

Laurie Miles/Swan-son/Crandall



Lauree (Laurie) Kay Crandall of Charlevoix died peacefully with her 'boys' at her side, on January 26, 2023 in Petoskey. She was born on February 23, 1947 in Charlevoix to Keith and Jeanne (Goble) Miles. Laurie grew up a tomboy in a tight-

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CHAMBER AWARDS

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mined. Faculak said, "Nancy is always positive, always encouraging, a quiet yet fierce supporter of East Jordan."

Nancy Carey is a founding member of the Jordan River Arts Council. She is a member of the Friends of the Jordan River, Jordan Art Walk committee, Board member of East Jordan Chamber of Commerce and a mentor for Olympics of the Mind, Leadership Charlevoix County, East Jordan Public Schools Gifted Student Program, NCMC Nursing Students and volunteers at Portside Art Fair and Raven Hill Discovery Center.

SPIRIT AWARD

Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority was presented the Spirit Award.

The Ellsworth community has been very fortunate over the years to have individuals that are willing to step forward with a vision and commitment to help move the community forward in a positive direction for its residents and visitors.

Mary Faculak said, "This group is truly focused on moving Ellsworth forward and enhance the quality of life, services and assets to its businesses, residents and guests."

The volunteer board members are Lynn Spearling, Mari Palojac, Pastor Chris Wallace, Ginny McCallum, Nathan Swailles, Hugh Campbell, Tina Sundelius, Dr. Chris Randall and Mary Faculak.

AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Billie Jo Solgot was awarded Ambassador of the Year. Billie Jo has been to ultimate chamber ambassador stepping up to help organize, plan and volunteer top work all Chamber events. Including Music in the Park, Golf Outing, Jordan Art Walk, Chamber annual dinner auction. She often stops by the chamber office just to see if there is anything she can help with, including answering the phones, greeting customers or contacting members for donating to chamber events.



The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center was one of two Angel Award Winners.



The Ambassador of the Year Award went to Billie Jo Solgot.



Royal Farms was named the Breezeway Business of the Year.

ANGEL AWARD

There were two deserving Angel Award winners this year. Training Wheels Childcare Center and the Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center.

The Training Wheels Childcare Center opened in 2021 after the pandemic forced many parents of young children to search for new quality childcare solutions. The group repurposed a portion of the

former middle school building. Since it opened in April of 2021, Training Wheels has expanded its staff, size and number of students



The Training Wheels Childcare Center was one of two Angel Award Winners.

twice.

In the award presentation Mary Faculak said, "Traing Wheels Childcare Center is a treasure to our community. The 8 member board, executive director, Danille Pindexter and the ekeven staff members are all Community Angels."

The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center opened 6 years ago at the former community center in downtown East Jordan. This faith based 501c3 non-profit organization with its eight board members, executive director and 25 plus volunteers offer local teens a safe place to enjoy a home cooked hot meal, partake in cooking classes, learn about financial management, enjoy painting classes, pool hockey tournaments, board games and just have someone listen to them if they need encouragement and support. As weather permits the organization also gets the teens involved in outdoor community events and activities.

The teen center serves 60-65 teens each week and is growing and meets in the lower level of St. Joseph Catholic Church. True Angels they are taking care of local teens to help them become connected, responsible, confident and prepare teens to become young adults.



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EAST JORDAN BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The Foundry Bar & Grill opened in November of 2019... then came the pandemic five months later. They, as many other restaurants, struggled through the pandemic, but they came out of it strong and have flourished in their downtown East Jordan location. They are community supporters of many events and local causes.

BREEZEWAY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Royal Farms was named the Breezeway Business of the Year.

The Breezeway is a 28 mile scenic rural route and is celebrating 15 years of successful recognition. The Breezeway runs from Atwood through Ellsworth and East Jordan and continues to Boyne Falls.

Royal Farms is right at the beginning of the West end of the Breezeway. It has grown to a boutique farm market and winery selling their apples, cherries, peaches, pears, nectarines and more all grown on their 1,000 acres of farmland in Antrim county. In 2011, Royal Farms added their own winery.

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ELLSWORTH

FOGHORN JAZZ VALENTINE DANCE

February 10th at Banks Township Hall, 7-9 p.m. Bring your Valentine and dance the night away!

PETOSKEY & CHARLEVOIX

LITTLE WAVES LIBRARY MUSIC PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Petoskey District Library and Charlevoix Public Library are hosting "Little Waves," a young children's music program. Free and open to the public and sponsored by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO), the program is designed to introduce young children (ages 4 - 10) and their families to music in an entertaining setting. Each drop-in event takes place at 10:30 am in Petoskey and 1 pm in Charlevoix. The theme for this year is "Musical Adventures." Each session features a multimedia story, an opportunity to hear one or more GLCO musicians demonstrate and explain how their instruments work, and fun music-related activities for kids. The next event is Sat. February 11, featuring brass instruments, followed by Sat. Mar. 11 with cello and bassoon. For more information, contact the library, GLCO 231-487-0010, or visit www.glcorchestra.org/education/little-waves

MANCELONA

SNO-X BUMP & RUN

Feb 11 Round 8
March 18 State Finals

GAYLORD

CONCERT

88.1 The Living Word FM Presents 2023 Winter Warm Up Concert. An Evening with Greater Vision Saturday, February 11, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Located at Gaylord High School's Gornick Auditorium. Purchase Tickets at livingwordfm.com. Regular Seating: \$20. Preferred Seating: \$25 (includes early entry and choice of seating)

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.

BOYNE CITY

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Feb. 16 at Artifacts, 501 Boyne Ave, 5:30-7pm. Nibbles and adult beverages provided.

EAST JORDAN

SNO-BLAST FESTIVAL

Feb. 17-19. ORV Safari ride, Classic and antique snowmobile show, blessing of the sleds, chili cookoff, ORV and snowmobile obstacle course, radar runs, snow sculpture contest, ice fishing contest and lots more.

CHARLEVOIX

FILM SERIES AT LIBRARY

Created Equal Film Series by the National Endowment for the Humanities with Professor Charles McCaffrey. Every third Saturday, January - April, 1pm in the Community Room. Each film in this series tackles issues of equality, the law, and civil rights. Join us for a viewing of the films and a discussion with Professor Charles McCaffrey of North Central Michigan College.

February 18: Slavery by Another Name - A documentary that recounts the many ways in which American slavery persisted as a practice many decades after its supposed abolition.

March 18: Freedom Riders - Renowned director Stanley Nelson chronicles the inspirational story of American civil rights activists' peaceful fight against racial segregation on buses and trains in the 1960s.

April 15: Loving Story - In 1958, Richard and Mildred Loving are arrested for violating Virginia's anti-miscegenation laws, eventually leading to a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision on interracial marriage. Alternate Location: Coeling Computer Center

Spelling Bee Winners

St. Mary School hosted its annual Scripps Spelling Bee on Monday, January 16, 2023. Greyson (7th grade) was the top speller, followed by Ryder (5th grade) and Madison (5th grade) was runner up. Grade level winners were: 5th grade: Ryder (1st), Madison (2nd), Eddie (3rd); 6th grade: Hannah (1st), Paul (2nd), Lily (3rd); 7th grade: Greyson (1st), Phillip (2nd), Peter (3rd).



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.

CHARLEVOIX

HELP FILL FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is seeking the following Recipe Wish List ingredient donations to give our families so they are able to make Baked Corn Casserole: 8 oz. Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix, 15 oz Canned Whole Kernel Corn, 15 oz Canned Creamed Corn, Butter. Items can be dropped off at the pantry on Mondays from 9:00-12:00 am or 5:00-7:00 pm, or items can be placed in the drop box in front of the pantry anytime. We appreciate any help you can give!

ELLSWORTH

EUCHRE

On Saturday, February 18th, 6pm at the Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth, an evening of euchre and fun will be held. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 for two people. Refreshments, prizes and a raffle will be offered. All proceeds will go toward scholarships for area students and support for local non-profit organizations. For more information contact upchainoflakeswomensmi@gmail.com or text 616.901.0968.

CHARLEVOIX

WILD GAME DINNER

Charlevoix Elks Lodge 2856 at 12735 US-31 N is holding their annual game dinner Feb 18th at 6pm. The Beaver Island band is playing. Also they will have a gun raffle of a Remington 700 SPS 30-06. Tickets are \$10 for one or 3 for \$25. Diner tickets are \$10 each. There will also be a salient auction. For more info call Shawn McDonough at 231-675-0417 or John Haggard at 231-342-2905

EAST JORDAN

CHILI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Enjoy some great chili on Feb. 18, 3-6pm at the Amercan

Legion Rebec-Hosler Sweet Post, 305 Main St. Donation: Adults \$6. Children 12-6: \$4. children 5 and under free. All proceeds benefit improvements to GAR Park on Main St.

BOYNE CITY

SMELTANIA

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

EAST JORDAN

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

The East Jordan Co-op Nurse School presents the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance Feb. 25 at the Boathouse. Tickets go on sale Feb. 6.

CHARLEVOIX

CANDLELIGHT HIKES

The Charlevoix Recreation Department host Candlelight Hikes every Friday through February on the trails of Mt. McSaubia. This one mile hike offers residents and visitors to the area a unique opportunity to hike trails under the glow of luminary bags. The Recreation Department is seeking individuals, businesses, and service groups to volunteer at an upcoming hike. <https://signup.com/go/xTNNQq> If a business or service group volunteers, we will be sure to highlight that on our social media and web page. This wonderful community event regularly draws crowds of 200-600 visitors each week. For more information follow this link or call Kent Knorr, Recreation Director, at 231-547-7183.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

BUSINESS EXPO AND TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to host the 11th Annual Charlevoix Business Expo and

Taste of Charlevoix, taking place at Castle Farms on Wednesday, March 15 from 4-7:00 pm. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Cole at 231-547-2101 or cole@charlevoix.org.

PETOSKEY

HOME SHOW 2023

The 2023 Northern Michigan Home and Outdoor Living Show will be on March 17 & 18 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

FREE JOB SEEKER WORKSHOPS

Michigan Works Northeast Consortium is planning to hold a series of free workshops over the next few months to help those who are looking for a new job. Whether you've been out of the workforce, you're switching careers, or you're looking for a part time job, Michigan Works says the sessions could help you brush up your job hunting skills. Workshop topics include: Resume Writing, Cover Letters, and References; Acing the Interview; What Employers Expect from Employees; Online Job Search with Pure Michigan Talent Connect, Indeed, LinkedIn and more; and Computer Basics 101. Workshops are held at different times and days based on which Michigan Works Service Center you go to. Walk-ins are welcome or you can call ahead and reserve your spot. The full schedule of workshops is posted at www.miworksne.org/workshops.

BOYNE CITY

MARKET AT THE PAVILION

Every Saturday, 9am - 12:30pm at the Veterans Park pavilion. Artesian foods, crafts, local meats, fresh baked goods, live music.

EAST JORDAN

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Every Sunday, December through March, 7am - Noon at East Jordan Trailblazers, 5586 Mt. Bliss Rd.

PETOSKEY

CAREER FAIR

Register now for North Central Michigan College's Spring Career Fair. North Central Michigan College is hosting a

Spring Career Fair on Thursday, April 13, from 11 a.m.—3 p.m. in the NCMC Student & Community Resource Center gymnasium. Open to employers and jobseekers, the event will provide opportunities to network, recruit and interview candidates for career-track and entry-level positions as well as internships. Employers: Register before February 15 at the Early Bird rate of \$30! (Regular rate is \$50.) Thursday, April 13 from 11am — 3pm at NCMC Student & Community Resource Center Gymnasium in Petoskey. Questions about the event? Contact Lori Morgan, NCMC Career Development Specialist, at 231-439-6265.

PETOSKEY, CHARLEVOIX

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BOYNE CITY

SPRING TREE SALE

The Charlevoix Conservation District is holding their tree sale April 28, 29. Order before April 15. Call 231-582-6193 for an order form

BOYNE CITY

LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Spring registration for little league baseball and softball is now open. Ages 4 1/2 to 14 years old, \$75. (T-Ball \$65). www.BoyneCityLittleLeague.org.

BOYNE CITY

FREE CLINIC

The Boyne Area Free Clinic is now accepting Medicaid. Open Fridays, 8am - 4pm

EAST JORDAN

RAVEN HILL UPDATED HOURS

For those who develop cabin

fever, Raven Hill is open over the holidays by appointment. Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org to set a date and time to visit. After the holidays, we will be open noon to 4pm Saturdays & 2pm to 4pm Sundays, plus holidays & other times by appointment.

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.

BOYNE CITY

FREE FLU SHOTS

Boyne City EMS has a large stock of flu shots and would like to share them with the public. They are now available free of charge at the EMS garage next to City Hall. To make an appointment please call EMS 231-582-9535, text 231-350-2589 or email EMS@boynecity.com. If you are homebound, we will come to your home to give you your flu shot.

EAST JORDAN

FLU SHOTS

Flu Shots are available at Jordan Valley EMS Authority, 555 Maple St. Call for appointment Mon - Friday, 8am - 4pm. 231-536-7881

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

This program provides limited support for Snow Removal though an income qualifying voucher system only for seniors, 60 years of age and older, who are full-time Charlevoix County residents/homeowners. Seniors 60 years or older who are full-time Charlevoix County residents/homeowners must complete the Snow Removal Self Declaration Form, return it to the Charlevoix County COA along with the latest Income Tax Reporting Form 1040 or 1040A as proof of total household income and proof of residency in the form of a copy of property taxes or rental agreement.

EAST JORDAN

TEEN CENTER

The Depot Teen Center Located in the Teen Zone at 214 Main St. Serving 6th-12th Graders throughout Northern Michigan Wednesdays & Fridays after school until 6pm. EJDepot.org. (231) 222-2224. DepotJVTeenCenter@gmail.com

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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

News

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

Economic Impact of Tourism in Michigan, 2021 Report

Tourism Economics prepared a study of tourism and the impact it has on communities in Michigan.

The travel sector is an integral part of the Michigan economy. Visitors generate significant economic benefits to households, businesses, and government alike and represent a critical driver of the state's economy. In 2021, visitor activity supported 5.4% of all jobs in the state. By monitoring the visitor economy, policymakers can inform decisions regarding the funding and prioritization of the sector's development.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

KEY FINDINGS

Visitor activity increased significantly in 2021. With the pandemic's effects waning and traveler confidence rising, the number of visitors to Michigan grew by more than 11 million trips in 2021, an increase of 10%. The spending of these visitors grew by \$5.2 billion in 2021 to reach \$24.0 billion at hotels, restaurants, retailers and other businesses that support the visitor experience in Michigan. Visitor spending rebounded back to 91% of 2019 levels

TOTAL VISITATION

Visitation to Michigan topped 117 million in 2021, recovering to 93% of 2019 levels.

117.3 MILLION

Total Visitors to Michigan in 2021

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

The direct visitor spending impact of \$24.0 billion, when combined with cap-ex spending and governmental support, generated a total economic impact of \$43.1 billion in Michigan in 2021 including indirect and induced impacts. This total economic impact sustained 298,818 jobs and generated \$3.0 billion in state and local tax revenues in 2021.

\$43.1 BILLION

Total Economic Impact of Tourism in Michigan in 2021

This information is shared by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Michigan - All Counties								
County	Visitor Spending, millions					Percent Change (2021/2020)	Share of Region	Share of State
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Northwest Region	\$1,789.5	\$1,887.3	\$1,964.2	\$2,017.8	\$1,698.5	\$2,136.5	25.8%	100.0%
Antrim County	\$89.9	\$94.1	\$97.5	\$101.0	\$92.7	\$108.6	17.2%	0.5%
Benzie County	\$115.7	\$123.6	\$131.2	\$134.7	\$122.1	\$154.9	26.9%	0.6%
Charlevoix County	\$313.3	\$327.9	\$348.8	\$357.3	\$306.8	\$372.2	21.3%	1.5%
Emmet County	\$363.4	\$383.5	\$400.1	\$413.8	\$371.7	\$493.8	32.8%	2.1%
Grand Traverse County	\$426.8	\$450.9	\$465.9	\$477.1	\$389.6	\$493.2	26.6%	2.1%
Kalkaska County	\$57.4	\$62.1	\$63.9	\$65.4	\$56.8	\$81.4	43.4%	0.3%
Leelanau County	\$116.0	\$125.0	\$125.3	\$128.7	\$113.7	\$134.6	18.4%	0.6%
Manistee County	\$143.1	\$148.9	\$153.4	\$157.8	\$117.6	\$133.9	13.9%	0.6%
Missaukee County	\$39.3	\$41.1	\$42.7	\$43.9	\$39.0	\$45.6	17.0%	0.2%
Wexford County	\$124.5	\$130.1	\$135.4	\$138.1	\$88.5	\$118.4	33.7%	0.5%
Northeast Region	\$650.7	\$688.6	\$715.5	\$735.2	\$705.0	\$881.8	25.1%	100.0%
Alcona County	\$46.5	\$48.2	\$49.4	\$50.6	\$48.3	\$53.2	10.1%	0.2%
Alpena County	\$42.0	\$43.0	\$43.9	\$44.9	\$40.1	\$44.9	12.1%	0.2%
Cheboygan County	\$89.9	\$97.1	\$101.2	\$103.2	\$96.3	\$124.3	29.1%	0.5%
Crawford County	\$50.8	\$53.7	\$56.4	\$58.0	\$53.9	\$58.5	8.5%	0.2%
Iosco County	\$66.2	\$71.3	\$74.9	\$76.5	\$74.4	\$89.4	20.3%	0.4%
Montmorency County	\$39.7	\$42.8	\$44.1	\$45.2	\$45.9	\$59.7	30.0%	0.2%
Ogemaw County	\$65.2	\$67.6	\$69.7	\$72.1	\$68.4	\$76.0	11.1%	0.3%
Oscoda County	\$41.3	\$41.6	\$43.6	\$44.6	\$44.0	\$60.7	38.1%	0.3%
Otsego County	\$95.5	\$101.3	\$104.7	\$107.8	\$102.5	\$145.2	41.7%	0.6%
Presque Isle County	\$35.9	\$38.4	\$39.5	\$40.3	\$39.7	\$46.7	17.7%	0.2%
Roscommon County	\$77.7	\$83.6	\$88.1	\$92.0	\$91.6	\$123.1	34.4%	0.5%

Michigan - All Counties								
County	Visitor Spending, millions					Percent Change (2021/2020)	State and Local Tax Revenue (millions)	
	Lodging*	F&B	Retail	Recreation**	Transport**			Total
Northwest Region	\$688.6	\$449.1	\$267.3	\$372.1	\$361.5	\$2,136.5	25.8%	\$243.3
Antrim County	\$47.2	\$22.3	\$9.6	\$11.7	\$17.8	\$108.6	17.2%	\$11.0
Benzie County	\$56.2	\$31.5	\$17.7	\$19.2	\$30.3	\$154.9	26.9%	\$17.0
Charlevoix County	\$125.5	\$83.0	\$50.0	\$52.6	\$61.1	\$372.2	21.3%	\$47.1
Emmet County	\$162.6	\$99.6	\$60.9	\$103.4	\$67.3	\$493.8	32.8%	\$53.8
Grand Traverse County	\$143.9	\$118.9	\$68.9	\$70.1	\$91.5	\$493.2	26.6%	\$60.0
Kalkaska County	\$31.0	\$16.1	\$9.8	\$8.7	\$15.8	\$81.4	43.4%	\$8.3
Leelanau County	\$48.7	\$26.3	\$17.6	\$25.1	\$16.9	\$134.6	18.4%	\$13.3
Manistee County	\$25.3	\$16.3	\$10.8	\$59.1	\$22.2	\$133.9	13.9%	\$13.1
Missaukee County	\$15.5	\$8.9	\$5.6	\$6.3	\$9.3	\$45.6	17.0%	\$4.6
Wexford County	\$30.8	\$26.2	\$16.4	\$15.8	\$29.2	\$118.4	33.7%	\$15.1
Northeast Region	\$386.5	\$147.2	\$87.7	\$84.3	\$176.2	\$881.8	25.1%	\$81.4
Alcona County	\$29.1	\$6.5	\$4.9	\$5.2	\$7.5	\$53.2	10.1%	\$4.4
Alpena County	\$11.5	\$11.3	\$7.3	\$5.6	\$9.2	\$44.9	12.1%	\$5.0
Cheboygan County	\$46.5	\$25.3	\$11.8	\$14.5	\$26.3	\$124.3	29.1%	\$12.5
Crawford County	\$26.3	\$9.6	\$4.4	\$4.5	\$13.6	\$58.5	8.5%	\$5.8
Iosco County	\$40.1	\$17.4	\$10.1	\$8.1	\$13.6	\$89.4	20.3%	\$8.2
Montmorency County	\$30.0	\$9.5	\$5.2	\$6.4	\$8.6	\$59.7	30.0%	\$5.0
Ogemaw County	\$25.5	\$11.0	\$17.4	\$5.3	\$16.7	\$76.0	11.1%	\$7.4
Oscoda County	\$34.1	\$8.4	\$4.7	\$4.4	\$9.1	\$60.7	38.1%	\$4.8
Otsego County	\$47.3	\$23.5	\$11.2	\$16.1	\$47.1	\$145.2	41.7%	\$14.6
Presque Isle County	\$24.9	\$7.0	\$3.2	\$3.5	\$8.1	\$46.7	17.7%	\$4.0
Roscommon County	\$71.2	\$17.6	\$7.4	\$10.6	\$16.4	\$123.1	34.4%	\$9.7

Michigan - All Counties							
County	Tourism-supported Employment		Share of Region	Share of State	Share of County Employment*	Tourism-supported Labor Income, (Millions)	
	Direct	Total				Direct	Total
Northwest Region	17,412	25,601	100.0%	8.6%	21.6%	\$634.1	\$1,042.8
Antrim County	911	1,329	5.2%	0.4%	26.6%	\$27.8	\$45.7
Benzie County	1,300	1,887	7.4%	0.6%	43.4%	\$44.2	\$72.0
Charlevoix County	4,290	6,219	24.3%	2.1%	62.6%	\$180.3	\$294.3
Emmet County	3,747	5,484	21.4%	1.8%	31.3%	\$134.7	\$220.6
Grand Traverse County	3,892	5,848	22.8%	2.0%	12.2%	\$140.8	\$234.4
Kalkaska County	534	789	3.1%	0.3%	19.0%	\$19.6	\$32.5
Leelanau County	644	945	3.7%	0.3%	15.5%	\$23.8	\$39.2
Manistee County	613	908	3.5%	0.3%	13.8%	\$20.6	\$33.8
Missaukee County	301	443	1.7%	0.1%	12.6%	\$8.6	\$14.1
Wexford County	1,180	1,749	6.8%	0.6%	13.0%	\$33.9	\$56.2
Northeast Region	5,000	7,443	100.0%	2.5%	13.0%	\$149.9	\$246.4
Alcona County	218	321	4.3%	0.1%	18.2%	\$7.1	\$11.6
Alpena County	380	595	8.0%	0.2%	5.3%	\$10.1	\$17.1
Cheboygan County	657	971	13.0%	0.3%	16.3%	\$22.0	\$36.1
Crawford County	433	637	8.6%	0.2%	15.9%	\$13.7	\$22.5
Iosco County	544	810	10.9%	0.3%	10.9%	\$13.9	\$23.1
Montmorency County	354	512	6.9%	0.2%	25.9%	\$11.0	\$17.9
Ogemaw County	410	618	8.3%	0.2%	10.6%	\$10.8	\$17.8
Oscoda County	289	420	5.6%	0.1%	31.2%	\$7.2	\$11.7
Otsego County	875	1,313	17.6%	0.4%	12.9%	\$30.8	\$50.5
Presque Isle County	260	382	5.1%	0.1%	15.2%	\$7.2	\$11.8
Roscommon County	580	865	11.6%	0.3%	16.7%	\$16.1	\$26.3

OBITUARIES

CONTINUED FROM PG. 2A

knit community of friends and family. After graduating from Charlevoix High School in 1965, her first focus was starting a family of her own, marrying Daniel Swanson in 1968 and having sons Bryan and Craig Swanson in 1969 and 1971, respectively.

One of Laurie's favorite quotes, "Life is what happens while you're busy making other plans" by John Lennon, aptly describes her life from then on, beginning in 1973 with the newly-emerging cultural practices of divorce and single motherhood. From 1982 to 1986, she was married to Charlevoix native and Vietnam War veteran Ronald Crandall.

Following her lifelong values of compassion, personal sacrifice, and helping others, Laurie worked in the field of public health, starting as a candy striper, several years

as a nurse aide, and finally retiring as a geriatric charge nurse from Grandvue MCF. Laurie lived a life dedicated to helping others. She comforted and humanized the sick and dying. She treated patients with respect and genuinely loving care. In her words, "a nurse is who I am, not what I do".

She served on the board of directors for the Charlevoix Housing Commission for many years, two of which as its President. During her years living at Pine River Place, Laurie was always 'on-call' to serve as unofficial nurse, providing medical advice and first aid care for many residents. She also greatly enjoyed meeting with her 'coffee clutch' of former nursing home colleagues. And she loved music and dancing more than anything, especially to her favorite band Aerosmith.

She was preceded in death by her parents Jeanne (1990) and Keith (2008); her husbands Danny and Ron (both

in 2015, both of Charlevoix); her sister Kathy Blechel of Charlevoix, who sadly died only 30 hours before her; and maternal first cousin Kay Jean Deadman of Traverse City (2021). Surviving are her sons Bryan (Dar) Swanson of East Jordan and Craig (Laura) Swanson of Charlevoix; her grandsons Jacob, Daryan, and Alex Swanson of East Jordan and Riley Doberstein of Copemish; her precious granddaughter Emma Sophia Swanson (a.k.a. Sophia Peters) of Houghton Lake; stepsons Zacharie Jacques and Brendan Jacques (a.k.a. Brendan Kitchen); nephew Scott Blechel of Charlevoix; niece Lyndsay (Skye) Blechel of Oxford; numerous paternal cousins, in particular David Miles of Charlevoix, to whom she was especially close; maternal cousins William and Charles Deadman of Traverse City; many wonderful friends from her apartment community; and lifelong friend Doug Johnson

of Charlevoix.

Laurie Crandall touched the lives of so many, sometimes deeply. If you are one of these folks, please show your appreciation for her life by being kind to others, by practicing empathy and understanding, and by spending time with those you love. As she said, "Things are nothing. People are everything."

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 11th, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Pine River Place, 210 West Garfield Street, Charlevoix.

Please donate generously in Laurie's name to the Charlevoix Historical Society and/or Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.



Ellsworth Community Schools

LANCER OF THE WEEK



KIM STOUTE

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 one of our exchange students: Kim Stoute

School Activities: Volleyball and Softball

Favorite Subject: Kim says she enjoys all of her classes!

Inspired By: "My parents," says Kim, "They do a lot for me!"

Her Teacher says: "Kim does her best in class and always has her work done on time. Kim can be counted on to be honest and responsible and is a pleasure to have in class. In personal finance class, she shares her financial experiences growing up in Europe and shares similarities and differences." - Mrs. Stuck

After High School: Kim plans to attend college in the Netherlands.

Kim enjoys photography, spending time with friends and playing field hockey.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



MILO KARASZEWSKI

Grade: Kindergarten

Parent's Name(s): Meredith Clemens and Nick Karaszewski

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Milo wants to be a builder when he grows up.

Favorite Book: Milo likes to read books about Owls.

Hobbies and Interests: Milo likes to play Legos with his little brother Maverick at home.

School Activities: Milo loves Math here at school.

Staff Comments: Milo is such a hard worker! He always uses his stamina and never gives up when work gets tough. Milo is extremely helpful and kind to both his peers and teachers. He always follows the Logger Agreement and helps remind his friends to do the same. I am very proud of Milo.

Submitted By: Mrs. Riccinto

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News

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Sue Hobbs – Putting Her Heart And Soul Into Helping Our Community

BY JOHN KEYSER

A number of people encouraged me to meet and write about Sue Hobbs, an outstanding community leader in Boyne Falls, as she previously had been in Boyne City.

As background, Sue was born and grew up on a farm by Deer Lake. She initially worked in a grocery store in Boyne City. When the store had to close, much to her disappointment as she loved the owners, she applied for a position as receptionist for the Boyne City municipal office and, very thankfully, was hired. During her time there she moved up to Clerk, then assistant to the City Manager, and then to Acting City Manager during an executive search for a new City Manager to replace the one who had retired. She was Acting City Manager for about a year

Sue had a great experience at the municipal office, as the first City Manager with whom she worked was encouraging, helpful and made it a priority to teach her a great deal about how a city runs, including understanding zoning issues and land use transfer, especially Michigan Act 425.

This knowledge proved very beneficial, as there was a time when Sue had to approach the Mayor with a solution to an issue involving land use transfer.

In time, Sue left the municipal office and returned to Boyne Valley. Her parents were aging and not doing well healthwise and she wanted to be there for them. Her care was essentially 24/7. During this time, she also took in two foreign exchange students. These students remain close to Sue now many years later.

In 2012, she ran for Boyne Val-



SUE HOBBS

ley Township Supervisor and was elected. Her motivation was her love for the community she had grown up in and lived much of her life, and her deep care for the people of Boyne Valley. They are

her family, friends and neighbors!

Boyne Valley is very fortunate to have Boyne Mountain as a major part of the community. The resort is essentially family owned, and they are great people and easy to work with. Sue feels blessed to have the Mountain be such an important part of the community. She also mentioned her great appreciation of Challenge Mountain, which offers a wide variety of opportunities that continue to enrich lives and empower individuals living with disabilities through year-round adaptive recreation.

Boyne Valley continues to grow, especially thanks to Boyne Mountain, but of course there are needs, e.g., housing, which is a great need throughout our county.

Sue hopes that growth of the area, while needed and good, does not change the character of the

community, that it remains a wonderful area in which to live, raise a family and conduct or own a business. It is a welcoming, friendly, and safe community.

Current projects include upgrading the skating rink and updating Veterans Park. She is excited about both.

Another priority for Sue is continuing to improve not only the township's primary roads, but the local roads as well. It is hard to obtain funding for local roads, and it is a focus for the Township Board.

It is inspiring to speak with Sue and realize her main focus and heart is with the Boyne Valley community and its residents, and as she says "Strong communities are built on the foundation of citizens who help others and volunteer their time."

This is a great message for us all! Thank you, Sue!

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Charlevoix Rayders Wrestling Team



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Lindsey Cross

Red Devils Girls Basketball

Lindsey Cross led the Red Devils to a win over Pickford last week. The third quarter saw Lindsey Cross break free for 13 points, including a clutch and-one play. She added 4 more points in the 4th quarter. Later in the week EJ lost to Boyne City. Lindsey led the Red Devils in scoring that game also with 11 points.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

East Jordan girls take down Pickford in low scoring game

BY BEN MURPHY

There wasn't a ton of offense to be had for the East Jordan girls' basketball team in their home game against Pickford on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The Lady Red Devils' defense slowed down Pickford too though and they had just enough offense to pick up a 36-19 non-conference victory.

Neither team was able to score through the first few minutes, with Pickford finally getting on the board with a three pointer. That would be the only bucket of the opening frame, as Pickford led 3-0 after one.

In the second quarter, East Jordan had a three

pointer by Lillian Stone, and two from Lily Snyder and June Kirkpatrick, but Pickford still led at the break, 9-7.

The third quarter saw Lindsey Cross break free for 13 points, including a clutch and-one play. Kirkpatrick also added a three in the frame as well, lifting the Red Devils to a 23-13 lead entering the fourth.

Cross knocked down four more points in the final frame and Kirkpatrick was able to connect on five points as E-J finished off the win.

The Red Devils had Cross finish with 17 points, Kirkpatrick chipped in with 10 points, Stone tallied three and with two apiece was

Snyder, Alley Whiteford and Lizzie Pop.

On Thursday East Jordan hosted Boyne City in a Lake Michigan Conference game. The Red Devils came up short in this contest, 33-28.

The Red Devils were led by Cross who put in 11 points, Kirkpatrick was able to net six, Stone added five

and with two apiece was Elliona Leaman, Snyder and Sydney Guerriero.

"Playing three games in four days caught up with us we are playing four varsity girls 32 minutes a game and we just ran out of gas," head coach Tim Smith said.

"We have to do it again next week so we need to find

away to manage to compete.

We actually played well under circumstances we got any shot we wanted just couldn't make an open look and give Boyne credit they had more energy than us in the fourth quarter and deserve to win. Sydney Guerriero gave us good minutes off the JV team which was

one of the bright spots."

E-J (6-9 overall, 2-8 Lake Michigan) hosted Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, heads to Kalkaska today (Thursday), plays at Gaylord St. Mary on Friday and heads over to Grayling on Tuesday.



June Kirkpatrick launches a three pointer. Photo by Ben Murphy.



East Jordan's Elliona Leaman debates a pass or shot during last week's home win over Pickford. Photo by Ben Murphy.



East Jordan's Lindsey Cross looks to pass the ball away moments after grabbing a rebound. Photo by Ben Murphy.



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WRESTLING



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Charlevoix wrestling claims first conference title in over 20 years

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix wrestling team can now officially call themselves Lake Michigan Conference champions. On Friday in Boyne City, the Rayders were able to win the league individual tournament, and when added to their undefeated dual meet season, gave the Ramblers their first league crown in at least 20 years.

"We are excited about it, but now we are looking ahead and viewing this as a stepping stone to a successful post-season," head coach Mike Hinkle said. "It is a reflection of their work ethic and dedication."

Charlevoix won the tournament with a score of 124.5, Grayling was second with 91, Traverse City St. Francis was third with 87.5, followed by Boyne City with 39.5 and Kalkaska with 16.

"We had several conference champions that are excellent wrestlers, but I think it is pretty cool that we entered three non-scorers in the tournament, and they all took second place behind our starter in their weight class," Hinkle said. "This shows that despite not having a starting position, they are improving as wrestlers, and can compete at the varsity level."

Jamie Parrish (144), Ellery Smith (150), Mason Cunningham (157), Brady Jess (175) Landon Swanson (190) and Trevor Streeter (215) all went undefeated on the day to win first place honors.

Coming in second place and with just one loss each was Sam Fry (138), Logan Wilks (144), Ben Matter (190) and Sawyer Blasczyk (215).

Adam Streeter (285) and Justin Whisler (165) also won at least one match to take third place and Jackson Fry (106), Max Reynolds (113) and Jimmy Descamps (120) also competed.

Charlevoix was at the team district in Pellston on Wednesday and heads to Manistique on Saturday for individual districts.

"First, we hope to make it to the team state tournament, this is hard with two open weight classes, but if we can keep everybody healthy it is possible," Hinkle said. "We lost in the team regional finals last year. Second, in the individual tournament, we want to get more wrestlers to Ford Field. I was a little disappointed last year when we had nine regional qualifiers, but only managed to get two through to the show. Of course, we set individual goals that vary with each wrestler. We have several that are capable of medaling at state."

On February 3rd the Charlevoix Varsity Wrestling team traveled to Boyne City to compete in the annual Lake Michigan Conference Championship Tournament. The Rayders won the tournament with a score of 124.5 followed by Grayling with 91.0, T.C. St. Francis with 87.5, Boyne City with 39.5, and Kalkaska with 16.0. The tournament victory combined with

their undefeated conference dual meet season made the Rayders the overall conference champions for 2022-23. Individual results were as follows:

- Jackson Fry, freshman, 106 lbs., 0 and 4
- Max Reynolds, freshman, 113 lbs., 0 and 2, 3rd Place
- Jimmy Descamps, senior 120 lbs., 0 and 2, 3rd Place
- Sam Fry, senior, 138 lbs., 1 and 1, 2nd Place, All-Conference Honorable Mention
- Jamie Parrish, junior, 144 lbs., 4 and 0, 1st Place, All Conference Logan Wilks, sophomore, 144 lbs., 3 and 1, 2nd Place, All Conference Honorable Mention
- Ellery Smith, senior, 150 lbs., 3 and 0, 1st Place, All Conference Mason Cunningham, senior, 157 lbs., 1 and 0, 1st Place, All Conference
- Justin Whisler, junior, 165 lbs., 1 and 2, 3rd Place
- Brady Jess, sophomore, 175 lbs., 4 and 0, 1st Place, All Conference
- Landon Swanson, junior, 190 lbs., 3 and 0, 1st Place, All Conference
- Ben Matter, junior, 190 lbs., 2 and 1, 2nd Place, All Conference Honorable Mention
- Trevor Streeter, junior, 215 lbs., 5 and 0, 1st Place, All Conference
- Sawyer Blasczyk, freshman, 215 lbs., 4 and 1, 2nd Place, All Conference Honorable Mention
- Adam Streeter, junior, Hwt., 2 and 2, 3rd Place

Next week the post-season begins with MHSAA Team Districts

in Pellston on February 8th and MHSAA Individual Districts on February 11th in Manistique.

SEASON RESULTS TO DATE:

- Dual meet record: 20 and 5
- Individual records: Jackson Fry, freshman, 106 lbs., 21 and 20
- Max Reynolds, freshman, 113 lbs., 26 and 16
- Jimmy Descamps, senior 120 lbs., 20 and 19
- Sam Fry, Senior, 138 lbs., 26 and 9
- Logan Wilks, sophomore, 144 lbs., 17 and 6
- Jamie Parrish, junior, 144 and 150 lbs., 23 and 10
- Ellery Smith, senior, 150 lbs., 27 and 7
- Mason Cunningham, senior, 157 lbs., 21 and 12
- Justin Whisler, junior, 165 lbs., 23 and 19
- Brady Jess, Sophomore, 175 lbs., 39 and 2
- Landon Swanson, junior, 190 lbs., 35 and 4
- Ben Matter, junior, 190 lbs., 22 and 3
- Andrew Glass, freshman, 190 lbs. (injured)
- Trevor Streeter, junior, 215 lbs., 38 and 3
- Sawyer Blasczyk, freshman, 215 lbs., 30 and 3
- Adam Streeter, junior, Hwt., 16 and 14
- Connor Ortiz, sophomore, Hwt., 16 and 9

BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Cadillac	7-0	13-2
Traverse City Central	4-2	6-10
Petoskey	4-3	11-5
Traverse City West	4-3	7-10
Gaylord	1-6	8-7
Alpena	0-6	3-11

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Mackinaw City	7-1	11-3
Ellsworth	6-2	12-5
Harbor Light Christian	6-2	8-7
Alanson	4-4	6-6
Wolverine	2-5	4-7
Alba	0-0	0-0
Boyer Falls	0-12	0-15

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Gaylord St Mary	9-0	13-2
Onaway	10-1	12-2
Indian River Inland Lakes	7-2	9-5
Mancelona	6-4	6-8
Bellaire	4-4	7-5
Central Lake	4-5	5-10
Pellston	1-7	3-9
Johannesburg-Lewiston	1-9	1-13
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-10	0-11

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Sault Ste Marie	4-0	8-5
St Ignace	5-1	14-2
Rudyard	5-3	11-3
Cheboygan	2-4	6-9
Newberry	1-9	2-12

GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Petoskey	6-1	10-7
Traverse City Central	5-1	12-3
Gaylord	3-4	10-8
Alpena	2-4	5-10
Cadillac	2-5	5-11
Traverse City West	2-5	4-13

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Elk Rapids	9-1	13-2
Traverse City St Francis	8-1	12-2
Harbor Springs	8-2	14-2
Charlevoix	6-4	8-9
Grayling	4-6	10-7
East Jordan	2-8	6-9
Boyer City	2-8	3-14
Kalkaska	0-9	1-12

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Mackinaw City	9-0	15-1
Burt Lake NMC	8-1	12-4
Harbor Light Christian	7-3	10-4
Ellsworth	4-6	4-10
Alanson	3-5	5-8
Boyer Falls	1-9	2-11
Wolverine	1-9	2-14

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Gaylord St Mary	12-0	14-2
Onaway	10-2	13-3
Indian River Inland Lakes	9-2	12-4
Johannesburg-Lewiston	7-4	11-5
Bellaire	4-7	7-7
Central Lake	4-7	7-9
Mancelona	3-8	5-11
Fife Lake Forest Area	1-10	1-13
Pellston	0-10	1-14

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Sault Ste Marie	4-0	11-2
St Ignace	4-1	11-6
Cheboygan	2-4	4-12
Newberry	2-4	2-12
Rudyard	1-4	1-13

HOCKEY STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Alpena	7-0-0	19-3-0
Traverse City Central	7-1-0	12-7-3
Cadillac	5-4-1	11-10-1
Traverse City West	3-4-1	6-13-1
Gaylord	1-8-0	5-16-0
Petoskey	1-8-0	3-18-0

BOWLING

Ramblers continue to pick up wins

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City girls bowling team picked up two more wins over the weekend. As they claimed wins over both St. Ignace and Cheboygan.

The team was led by Ella Seelye with a game high of 192 pins. Also having 192 pins was Lauren LaBute to help lead the way. Victoria McGeorge had 175 for third on the team. To finish up, Marlee Fischl had 152, followed by Whitney Root with 139 and Miranda Knight with 107.

The team will take on Grayling and Rogers City in Petoskey to finish up the regular season.

SKIING

Lake Charlevoix Ski Team has rough race at Nubs Nob

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Lake Charlevoix Ski Team went to compete at the Lake Michigan Conference meet at Nubs Nob on Thursday, February 2.

The boys team was led by Jack Herzog with an 11 place finish in Giant Slalom and a 14 place finish in Slalom. Finn Tosh finished in 16 place in GS while earning 15 in SL. Aiden Boop took 17 in SL and 21 place in GS. David Grey earned a 20 in GS while finishing in 24 place in SL. Alex Hodgson only com-

peted in GS and earned a 19 place finish.

On the girls side, Avery Kita earned a second place in GS and a fourth place in SL. Ella Doumainian earned a 16 place finish in SL. While Erica Wyglendowski finished in 20 in GS and 21 in SL. Sophie Bergquist took a 21 place finish in GS and a 23 place finish in SL. Kelsey Wiatrolik and Olivia Dobbins both competed in SL and earned finishes of 22 and 24 places.

"It was a tough night for our skiers" said Head Coach Christopher Herrmann.

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First quarter woes doom Charlevoix girls in home loss to Elk Rapids

BY BEN MURPHY

Charlevoix girls basketball head coach Reece Koepke liked how his team played in the second half of their home game with Elk Rapids on Thursday, Feb. 2. The first half was a problem for the Lady Rayders however, and the end result was a 42-26 Lake Michigan Conference setback.

“First half was a struggle for us, did not take care of the basketball and there was a lid on the hoop, had a hard time scoring,” Koepke said. “But, we made some adjustments and came out the second half playing the way we know how and I was very pleased with that, just got behind too much in second half to make the comeback. We pulled it within 10 in the fourth quarter and it was much better play and effort in second half.”

The Lady Elks sent the Lady Rayders into an 18-0 hole after the first quarter. Abbey Wright was able to knock down a pair of field goals to get Charlevoix on the board in the second, but Elk Rapids held a 22-5 lead at the half.

In the third, Wright connected on an and-one play and had five points in the frame, while Anna Kemp knocked down a pair of free throws and netted four. The Elk Rapid lead was 32-14 entering the fourth however.

Wright finished with 12 points and five rebounds, Kemp had six points and three steals, Mikayla Sharrow knocked down a three in the fourth quarter and finished with four points



ABBEY WRIGHT



ANNA KEMP

and adding two each was Evelyn Rosier and Bayani Collins.

Charlevoix (8-9 overall, 6-4 Lake Michigan) played at Harbor Springs on Tuesday, heads to Grayling today (Thursday) and is set to host Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday.

Ellsworth Girls Snap Losing Streak

BY BOB DELONG

Lady Lancers beat Lady Loggers 54-35

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team ended a tough stretch of five consecutive losses with a nice 54-35 victory at Boyne Falls this past Monday evening. The win over Boyne Falls gives the Lancers a season sweep over the Loggers.

The game was nip-and-tuck during the first quarter, however Ellsworth got balanced scoring, (four different starters scored), and they held a 10-9 lead after eight minutes of play. Hannah Essenberg got inside to score seven second stanza points and the Lancers extended their lead to five points, 25-20 at halftime.

After intermission the Lancers took control of the game with a 15-6 scoring advantage in the third quarter led by Avery Strange's six points. From that point on both teams emptied their benches and Ellsworth coasted to the 54-35 win.

Lancer heads coach Chad Pletcher was very pleased with his team's performance. “The girls played their most complete game of the season. We fo-

cused on improving defensively and playing more physical. Our defense set the tone and we were able to get higher percentage shots, which is very important to us and we got the much needed win,” said Pletcher.

The one thing that was “lacking” in this game for sure was the accuracy of free throws made. Ellsworth made 6 of their 17 attempts for 35%, but Boyne Falls made only 3 of 20 shots or 15% of their charity tosses. Loper and Spang scored 16 and 14 points respectively to lead the Loggers in scoring.

For Ellsworth, nine different players got into the scoring column. Strange led the way with 12 points and both Essenberg's, (Hannah and Bella), score 11 points. Annabelle Bartman had six; Ruby Pletcher and Kerri DeYoung each had four points and Samantha Pallman, Kyler Fuller and Nora Puroll all scored two points each.

Ellsworth improves their record to 4-10 overall and they stand 4-6 in the Northern Lakes Conference. The Lady Lancers played GT Academy last night, (Wednesday), at home and they travel to Alanson Friday.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ramblers earn third win of the season

BY DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City girls basketball continues to fight after having a rough season to this point. The Ramblers headed to take on East Jordan on Thursday, February 2.

Even with missing 5 players, the Ramblers were able to hold a 6-4 lead after the first quarter. The Red Devils got things going in the second quarter and claimed a 15-14 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the team continued to battle out the rivalry game and ended up being tied heading to the fourth quarter at 26-26. The Ramblers defense buckled down and did not allow the Red Devils to make a shot from the field in the fourth

quarter. Which allowed them to continue to score and pick up win number 3 on the season, by a score of 33-28.

The Ramblers were led by Morgan Deming and Elly Day with 9 points each. With the win the Ramblers move to 3-14 on the season. The win moves the Ramblers to 2-8 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The Ramblers will have a chance to make it two wins in a row with a game against Grayling on Tuesday, February 7. They will then host Harbor Springs on Thursday, February 9. The team will then take on Kalkaska on the road on Tuesday, February 14 and Charlevoix at home on Thursday, February 16.



MORGAN DEMING



ELLY DAY

STATE AP RANKING FOR BOYS BASKETBALL

DIVISION 1

1. Detroit Cass Tech (17-0) — 75 — {5}
 2. North Farmington (12-1) — 60
 3. Muskegon (13-1) — 57
 4. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (14-1) — 56
 5. Detroit U-D Jesuit (14-2) — 55
 6. Grand Blanc (14-2) — 52
 7. Ann Arbor Huron (13-1) — 44
 8. Port Huron Northern (14-1) — 40
 9. Grand Rapids Northview (12-3) — 36
 10. Kalamazoo Central (12-2) — 31
- Others receiving votes: Okemos 19, Bloomfield Hills 14, Warren De La Salle 9, Orchard Lake St. Mary's 8, Lansing Waverly 8, Grosse Pointe South 5, Mattawan 5, Mount Pleasant 5, Battle Creek Lakeview 5, Grand Haven 3, Hamtramck 3, Troy 3, Saline 2, Mason 2, Oak Park 2, St. Joseph 1.

DIVISION 2

1. Romulus Summit Academy (15-1) 75 — {5}
 2. Warren Michigan Collegiate (12-1) — 68
 3. Olivet (15-0) — 60
 4. Benton Harbor (13-3) — 46
 4. Warren Lincoln (11-4) — 46
 6. Saginaw (14-3) — 42
 7. Grand Rapids Catholic Central (10-5) — 40
 8. Grand Rapids Christian (9-4) — 34
 8. Ludington (14-1) — 34
 10. Chelsea (12-2) — 21
- Others receiving votes: Hart 20, Standish-Sterling Central 18, Cadillac 16, Big Rapids 14, Grand Rapids South Christian 13, Kingsford 10, Boyne City 10, Flat Rock 9, Onsted 6, Flint Hamady 5, Ferndale 5, Croswell-Lexington 4, Ionia 4.

DIVISION 3

1. Detroit Loyola (14-1) — 87 — {3}
 2. Laingsburg (14-0) — 82 — {1}
 3. Flint Beecher (12-3) — 75 — {2}
 4. Watervliet (13-1) — 65
 5. Napoleon (14-0) — 57
 6. Niles Brandywine (13-1) — 54
 7. Iron Mountain (13-1) — 39
 8. Grandville Calvin Christian (13-1) — 35
 9. Cass City (13-1) — 33
 10. Maple City Glen Lake (13-1) — 32
- Others receiving votes: New Haven 21, St. Ignace 21, Saginaw Nouvel 20, Traverse City St. Francis 19, Blanchard Montabella 18, Jonesville 17, McBain 11, Riverview Gabriel Richard 10, Reading 6, Brown City 4, Bad Axe 4, Ecorse 4, Beal City 3, Ovid-Elsie 2, North Muskegon 1.

DIVISION 4

1. Taylor Trillium Academy (13-0) — 70 — {1}
 2. Painesdale Jeffers (14-0) — 61 — {2}
 3. Genesee Christian (12-3) — 59 — {1}
 4. Lake Leelanau St. Mary (13-1) — 57 — {1}
 5. Mio-Au Sable (12-0) — 53
 6. Powers North Central (11-2) — 49
 7. Baldwin (12-1) — 40
 8. Hillman (12-1) — 39
 9. Munising (14-1) — 31
 10. Gaylord St. Mary (13-2) — 30
- Others receiving votes: Bellevue 25, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 25, Ironwood 17, Detroit Douglass 14, Rudyard 14, Kingston 7, Pittsford 4, Onaway 2, Watersmeet 2, Hillsdale Academy 1.

STATE AP RANKING FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

DIVISION 1

1. West Bloomfield (4)(15-2)72
 2. Detroit Renaissance (1)(15-0)69
 3. Rockford(14-1)64
 4. Flint Carman Ainsworth(12-0)61
 5. Farmington Hills Mercy(14-2)54
 6. Grosse Pointe North(13-2)47
 7. Wayne Memorial(12-5)46
 8. Jackson Northwest(15-1)38
 9. Byron Center(13-3)26
 10. Holt(14-2)24
- Others receiving votes: Saline 23, DeWitt 20, North Farmington 14, Temperance Bedford 8, East Grand Rapids 7, Utica Ford 7, Lake Orion 5, Coldwater 4, Grand Blanc 3, Kalamazoo Central 3, Muskegon 2, Howell 1, Belleville 1, Rochester 1.

DIVISION 2

1. Grand Rapids West Catholic (5)(15-0)75
 2. Chelsea(16-1)66(tie)
 2. Detroit Edison(12-3)66
 4. Haslett(17-0)62
 5. Lake Fenton(17-0)56
 6. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard(14-3)49
 7. Vicksburg(16-0)42
 8. Goodrich(14-1)35
 9. Dearborn Divine Child(13-4)31
 10. Frankenmuth(13-2)30
- Others receiving votes: Standish-Sterling 23, Lansing Catholic 17, Escanaba 15, Big Rapids 11, Redford Westfield Prep 5, Romulus 4, Wixom St. Catherine of Siena Academy 3, Tecumseh 3, Marysville 3, Macomb Lutheran North 2, Detroit Country Day 2.

DIVISION 3

1. Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory (2)(9-4)71
 2. Buchanan (1)(14-1)64
 3. Dansville (1)(15-1)62
 4. Blissfield(16-1)60
 5. Lake City (1)(15-1)53
 6. Hancock(13-1)50
 7. Hemlock(13-3)34
 8. Kent City(15-3)29
 9. Harbor Springs(14-2)28
 10. McBain(12-5)25
- Others receiving votes: Sanford-Meridian 23, Evert 19, Ovid-Elsie 14, Traverse City St. Francis 13, Bronson 11, Calumet 11, Niles Brandywine 10, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 9, Elk Rapids 7, Madison Heights Bishop Foley 3, Kalamazoo Christian 3, Detroit Osborn 1.

DIVISION 4

1. Maple City Glen Lake (5)(13-2)75
 2. Kingston(13-1)69
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 6. Norway(16-1)41
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Charlevoix boys come up short in Elk Rapids

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix boys basketball team had hoped for a win over one of the top teams in the Lake Michigan Conference on Friday. The Rayders couldn't take down host Elk Rapids however, as they dropped the game 51-28.

"Elk Rapids is a well-coached team, they played their game and we did not play our best game," head coach Anthony Troshak said. "They converted well off our turnovers."

Elk Rapids was able to take control early on, lead-

ing 14-6 after the first quarter. At the half that lead was 30-12 and it was a 46-19 margin entering the fourth.

The Rayders were led by Troy Nickel with 12 points and Logan Wadkins was able to chip in with five points.

Elk Rapids was led by Spencer Ball who had a game-high 15 points.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31 Charlevoix hosted Petoskey in a non-league game. They led after the first quarter, but couldn't keep the advantage through the night, falling 67-31.

The Rayders led 12-9 after the first quarter, but the

Northmen rallied to lead 29-19 at the half and 45-26 entering the fourth.

They were led by Joe Gaffney with 13 points in the loss and Nickel was able to put in another five points.

Petoskey had Cade Trudeau score 16 points while Shane Izzard was able to put in 10 points.

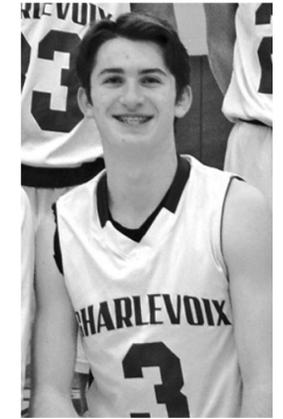
Charlevoix (2-12 overall, 1-7 Lake Michigan) was scheduled to host Harbor Springs on Tuesday, stays at home to take on Grayling on Friday and makes the trip to Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday.



TROY NICKEL



JOE GAFFNEY



LOGAN WADKINS

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

SCHOOL	DATE	OPPONENT
Boyne City	2/9-7:00 PM *League game.	H Harbor Springs
Boyne City	2/14-7:00 PM *League game.	A Kalkaska
Boyne City	2/16-7:00 PM *League game.	H Charlevoix
Boyne City	2/23-7:00 PM	A Bellaire
Boyne Falls	2/10-5:30 PM *League game.	A Alanson
Boyne Falls	2/16-5:30 PM *League game.	H Wolverine
Boyne Falls	2/23-5:30 PM	A Cadillac Heritage Christian
Charlevoix	2/9-7:00 PM *League game.	A Grayling
Charlevoix	2/14-7:00 PM *League game.	H Traverse City St Francis
Charlevoix	2/16-7:00 PM *League game.	A Boyne City
Charlevoix	2/23-7:00 PM	A Manton
East Jordan	2/7-7:00 PM *League game.	H Traverse City St Francis
East Jordan	2/9-7:00 PM *League game.	A Kalkaska
East Jordan	2/10-7:00 PM	A Gaylord St Mary
East Jordan	2/14-7:00 PM *League game.	A Grayling
East Jordan	2/16-7:00 PM *League game.	H Elk Rapids
East Jordan	2/20-5:30 PM	H Bellaire
East Jordan	2/23-7:00 PM	H Central Lake
Ellsworth	2/8-7:00 PM	H Grand Traverse Academy
Ellsworth	2/13-6:00 PM *League game.	A Alanson
Ellsworth	2/20-5:30 PM *League game.	A Burt Lake NMC

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

SCHOOL	DATE	OPPONENT
Boyne City	2/10-7:00 PM *League game.	A Harbor Springs
Boyne City	2/14-7:00 PM *League game.	H Kalkaska
Boyne City	2/17-7:00 PM *League game.	H Charlevoix
Boyne City	2/21-7:00 PM *League game.	A Traverse City St Francis
Boyne City	2/24-7:00 PM *League game.	A East Jordan
Boyne City	2/28-7:00 PM	H Petoskey
Boyne Falls	2/10-7:00 PM *League game.	A Alanson
Boyne Falls	2/14-5:30 PM *League game.	H Alba
Boyne Falls	2/16-7:00 PM *League game.	H Wolverine
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Charlevoix	2/17-7:00 PM *League game.	A Boyne City
Charlevoix	2/21-7:00 PM *League game.	H Kalkaska
Charlevoix	2/24-7:00 PM *League game.	H Elk Rapids
Charlevoix	2/27-7:00 PM	A Kingsley
Charlevoix	3/2-7:00 PM	H Mancelona
East Jordan	2/10-7:00 PM *League game.	H Kalkaska
East Jordan	2/14-7:00 PM *League game.	H Grayling
East Jordan	2/17-7:00 PM *League game.	A Elk Rapids
East Jordan	2/20-7:00 PM	H Bellaire
East Jordan	2/21-7:00 PM *League game.	A Harbor Springs
East Jordan	2/24-7:00 PM *League game.	H Boyne City
East Jordan	2/28-7:00 PM	A Ellsworth
East Jordan	3/2-7:00 PM	H Gaylord
Ellsworth	2/9-7:00 PM	H Fife Lake Forest Area
Ellsworth	2/14-7:00 PM *League game.	A Alanson
Ellsworth	2/21-7:00 PM *League game.	H Burt Lake NMC
Ellsworth	2/21-7:00 PM *League game.	A Alanson
Ellsworth	2/23-7:00 PM *League game.	H Make up - Wolverine
Ellsworth	2/28-7:00 PM	H East Jordan

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ellsworth loses tough battle with Mackinaw City

BY BOB DELONG

MACKINAW CITY

The Ellsworth varsity boys basketball team lost a spirited battle with a scrappy Mackinaw City team 75-69 in a game for the top of the Northern Lakes Conference last week. "We fell behind by 10 early and every time we got within two points we just could not get over the hump," said Lancer coach James Willingham. "give them credit, Lars, (Hoffman), was 7-7 at the free-throw line over the last four minutes."

The Comets did come out hot on the Lancers home floor as Copper Whipkey made a trio of threes to give Mac City a 23-13 lead after one quarter of play. The Lancers came back in the second stanza fueled by a 11 point quarter by Kelan Pletcher to narrow the gap to 35-34 at halftime.

Jacob Jenuwine hit a pair of threes in the third period, but the Comets got 14 combined points from Noah Valot and Lucas Bergstram to increase their lead after three 55-49. In the final stanza, very time Ellsworth made a run Huffman had the answer for Mac City as he went 10-10 from the free throw line and scored 17 of his 20 points over the games last eight minutes.

The Comets now sit on top of the conference standings at 7-1, while both Ellsworth and Harbor Light Christian have 6-2 league records. Mac City plays the Swordsmen this week at home, if they win, they will all but wrap up the conference crown, if they should lose there will be a three-way tie. Harbor light did win the first matchup between these two teams on their home floor. Mac City had all five starters score in double figures vs. Ellsworth with Hoffman leading the way with 20 points.

For the Lancers Pletcher had 29 points, Jenuwine was also in double figures with 16, Patrick Puroll scored nine, Tyler DeYoung added six, Owen Cary five and Cam Snyder four points.

The Lancers rebounded with a couple Northern Lakes Conference wins after the tough loss to Mackinaw City.

@ WOLVERINE

Ellsworth traveled to Wolverine last Friday and they easily disposed of the Wildcats 74-48. Puroll had a rare "triple double" with 17 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds; Pletcher had a dou-



Ellsworth's Patrick Puroll knocks down a close range contested shot during last week's home loss to Mackinaw City. Photo by Ben Murphy.



Owen Cary dribbles by a Mackinaw City defender. Photo by Ben Murphy.



Ellsworth Jacob Jenuwine looks to pass the ball away. Photo by Ben Murphy.

ble double with 22 points and 11 rebounds; Jenuwine was the leading scorer with 23 points and he snared seven boards and Cary had half a dozen points and led the game with eight steals.

@ BOYNE FALLS

This past Monday the Lancers won their second

game in a row and improved to 12-5 overall on the season with an easy 71-37 win at Boyne Falls. Pletcher was the games leading scorer with 27 points and he had eight rebounds and five assists; Puroll had 12 points, six steals and four assists; Jenuwine had 17 points and

six steals and Snyder scored eight points. Ellsworth travels to Fife Lake Forest Area today to play a non-conference game against the Warriors. The Lancers return to league play next Monday when they travel to Alanson to take on the Vikings.

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BOYS BASKETBALL



Boyne's Alex Calcaterra (13) shoots a baby hook shot over the Red Devil defense. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Korbyn Russell (54) of EJ, hauls in a rebound in front of Boyne's Jacob Johnson (3). (Photo by Chris Fiel)

Ramblers Throw Back Night

BY DOM SANTINA

GAYLORD

The Boyne City boys basketball welcomed former alumni Zach Napont and the Gaylord Blue Devils on Tuesday, January 31. The team decided to honor the 2014-2015 basketball team

that went on a run to the Breslin center.

Well just like in 2014, Napont helped lead the team to another upset win. As they would give the Ramblers their second loss of the season and spoil the party. As the Ramblers fell by a score of 50-47. The team was led by Alex Calcaterra with 20 points and

Mason Wilcox with 14 points.

The loss to Gaylord ends a 12-game winning streak for the Ramblers and gives them an overall record of 12-2 on the season. The Ramblers remain 7-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The team would then host East Jordan on Friday, February 3.

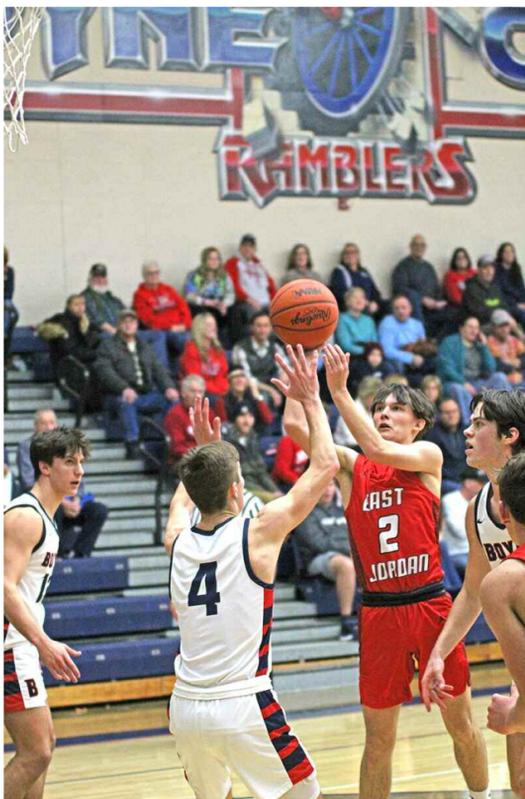
EAST JORDAN

The Ramblers looked to get revenge after suffering their second loss of the season. The team took on the Red Devils and controlled the game. As they won convincingly 85-39 over the Red Devils. The team was once again led by Wilcox with 16 points and also Jacob John-

son with 16 as well. Calcaterra had 14 points while Jaden Alger contributed 10 points.

The win gets them back in the right direction, as they move to 13-2 on the season, while moving to 8-0 in conference. The Ramblers will be back in action on Tuesday, February 7 against Grayling. That will

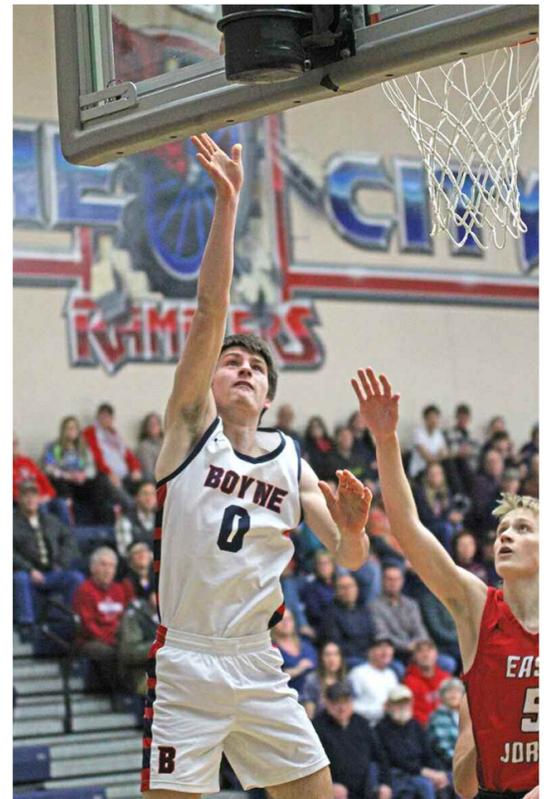
be followed by a game on Friday, February 10 at Harbor Springs. Then they will be back in action next week with games against Kalkaska and Charlevoix at home on Tuesday and Friday.



Red Devil guard, Eli Burns (2) works into traffic and takes a short jumper of the Rambler defense. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



East Jordan's Angel Delgado (42) powers up against Boyne's Ryan Spate (5). (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Chas Stanek (0) finishes a Rambler fast break with this easy basket. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

Loggers continue to search for their first win of the season

BY: DOM SANTINA

BURT LAKE NMC

The Boyne Falls boys basketball team travelled to Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy on Tuesday, January 31.

The Loggers quickly found themselves down 27-16 at halftime. A third quarter that went against the Loggers and saw them fall further behind. As they

headed to the fourth quarter, the Loggers were behind 49-26. In the end, the Loggers fell by a score of 66-36.

The team was led by JT Greenier with 13 points. The loss moves the Loggers to 0-13 on the season and 0-8 in the Northern Lakes Conference. The team would travel to Harbor Light Christian on Friday, February 3.

HARBOR LIGHT CHRISTIAN

The Loggers once again found themselves down early, as they fell behind 21-5 after the first quarter. The Swordsman doubled up the Loggers in the second quarter, by outscoring them 28-14. This gave the Swordsman a 49-19 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, both teams had very minimal offense, as the Swordsman outscored the Loggers 8-5.

The fourth quarter was enough for the Swordsman to secure a 73-31 victory over the Loggers.

The team was led by Ashton Spang with 14 points and Jerry Love with 9 points. The loss moves the team to 0-14 on the season, and move to 0-9 in the NLC. They would host Ellsworth on Monday, February 6.

ELLSWORTH

A Charlevoix Country ri-

valy game, would not pose an easier test for the Loggers. As they once again found themselves down big after the first quarter. A 23-9 lead for the Loggers after one quarter. That lead was stretched to 49-18 at halftime.

In the second half, the Lancers continued to add on, adding another 10 points to the lead in the third quarter. Before, the Loggers were finally able to outscore the Lancers in the

fourth quarter. In the end, the Lancers earned a 71-37 victory over the Loggers.

The team was led by Ashton Spang with 17 points and JT Greemier with 12 points. The loss moves the Loggers to 0-15 on the season and to 0-10 in the conference. They will travel to Alanson once again for a matchup on Friday, February 10.

News

LEADERSHIP

Growing In Our Self-Confidence

BY JOHN KEYSER



We wish there were a magic pill to help our team members with self-confidence. Often in our work, we wish we could help our colleagues realize that they are enough, in fact they are intelligent, knowledgeable, and a beacon of encouragement and inspiration to others; they are a gift to others. Nonetheless, they may not feel that and may sell themselves short, often hesitant to contribute their ideas, volunteer to take on more responsibilities, or step up into important leadership roles.

A strong and caring leader shared with me that for many years in her career, she, in fact, struggled with her confidence, and I

feel her story could be helpful to others.

She grew up in a family which was not especially nurturing. She was picked on in school for not being one of the “cool” kids. As a result, she felt she was not smart nor good enough.

Unfortunately, her career began with managers who were not encouraging and did not help her learn and grow. While her low self-confidence continued, she began to feel that she was better than she was being viewed. She committed to herself that she was going to prove that she was.

She found it was helpful to her self-esteem not to shy away from conversations with people in important roles. The more conversa-

tions she had, the more comfortable she became. In these conversations, she asked questions, questions that were relevant to their business and its success. In doing so, she began to feel better about her capabilities – and that she did belong!

Susan Scott, author of *Fierce Conversations*, refers to this as “showing up”, being fully present and engaged; in essence, “coming out from behind ourself.”

Fortunately, a new manager, who while tough, was much more positive, encouraging, caring, and helpful than her previous managers.

She did not mind tough. She welcomed accountability, as virtually all capable people do.

This manager would ask what she wanted to achieve,

and then with a smile, explained the high but achievable expectations of her and trusted her to achieve these goals. She appreciated the manager’s faith in her.

As she continued to think better about herself, she worked hard, as always, and now volunteered for significant assignments, took advantage of opportunities for important conversations, and she attentively observed good leadership practices, as well as poor practices. This helped her a great deal when she stepped into a management herself. She knew the importance of being positive, encouraging, helpful, and having regular one-on-one conversations with her team members. She set high expectations for herself and for her people.

She learned the impor-

ance of knowing and analyzing the facts and to never try to bluff it.

A turning point she remembers well was when she realized she had made a financial mistake on a financial analysis and she immediately let the people involved know. She apologized as she explained her mistake and her suggested solution.

In the past she would have said “I’m sorry” over and over again. But everyone makes mistakes. We must own up to our mistake and learn from it.

And with her new confidence, if asked a question, she could say she does not know the answer, would learn it and report back.

As she shared the story of her career with me, I especially admired how she realized and committed to:

Not selling herself short
Asking the important questions

Having significant conversations

Always being prepared
Learning to help others and to trust them

Being likeable
Dressing appropriately as she advanced

Trying to be early, always

In addition to her work, she is an active volunteer in her community and her church, and she easily makes new friends – and is always positive, optimistic, and with a genuine smile.

She has grown from someone who lacked confidence to a highly respected and successful leader.

Promoting Healthy Habits During Children’s Dental Health Month

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is taking part in National Children’s Dental Health Month by distributing about 2,000 toothbrush kits to children and providing information on how they can keep their teeth and gums healthy. Each kit has a toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss. The kits will be distributed by HDNW staff who will be using the agency’s “Re-Think the Drink” display as part of the oral health education presentation.

For February 2023, Children’s Dental Health Month is promoting the basics: “Brush your teeth with fluoride toothpaste and clean between your teeth for a healthy smile.” The month-long event, sponsored by the American Dental Association (ADA), empowers children to protect those pearly whites and practice effective dental hygiene.

“Teaching dental health isn’t as daunting as it may sound. We consider it an extension of hygiene, such as handwashing,” says Dawn Marie Strehl, HDNW Regional Oral Health Coordinator, Registered Dental Hygienist.

The following information is being shared with students:

- Learn about our teeth and how they work.
- Brush our teeth twice a day.

• See the benefits of healthy eating habits and how sugary foods can damage our teeth.

- Encourage positive choices, such as drinking water instead of juice or soda.
- Learn about oral health professionals and how they work to keep our teeth healthy.

Classroom gatherings are taking place throughout February at schools in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

Add in Dental Sealants Rounding out healthy at-home care, dental sealants



HDNW Regional Oral Health Educator Dawn Marie Strehl uses fun tools while teaching these preschoolers about how to care for their teeth and gums.

can help protect children’s teeth and save money. Sealants form a protective barrier that helps prevent bacteria from causing tooth decay. Strehl and a team of dental professionals have, and continue to, offer free sealants through the schools.

For coloring and activity sheets, and free posters for children, click here. To learn more about sealants and how they are offered, call 800-432-4121 and follow HDNW on Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.



DONA International Approved Birth Doula Trainer, Jessica English (center), is pictured in action during a workshop.

Doula training to be held in Boyne City in May

New Medicaid coverage of doula services expected to increase demand

BOYNE CITY - Pregnant individuals and their families in Michigan have a new birthing option that is covered by Medicaid as of Jan. 1, 2023 - doula services. Michigan Medicaid insurance will now cover different types of doula services, including community-based doulas, prenatal doulas, labor and birth doulas, and postpartum doulas.

Savanah Cool, Director of the Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition of Charlevoix, Emmet, and Northern Antrim Counties, said doula services are another avenue for helping to ensure maternal and infant health, meeting one of the GSC’s core objectives to increase the chances that children are born healthy.

To meet the expected need for additional doulas in Northern Michigan, the collaborative will be hosting a doula training series in May 2023. A doula is a non-clinical, trained professional who provides physical, emotional, and informational support to pregnant individuals during the prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum periods.

“Countless scientific trials examining doula care demonstrate remarkably improved physical and psychological outcomes for both pregnant, birthing, and postpartum people and their baby,” said Cool. “Doula services have been shown to positively impact social determinants of health, support birth equity, and decrease existing health and racial disparities. Doulas have a positive impact on the well-being of the entire family.”

The GSC is partnering with the Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition of Cheboygan, Otsego, and Presque Isle to bring the DONA International Birth Doula training to Boyne City. This four-day session is open to any individual who is interested in becoming a birth doula. It

will take place May 5-8, 2023; attendance at all four days is mandatory. The training will be held at the Boyne District Library in Boyne City with trainer Jessica English. Cost is \$699, with financial scholarships available to support individuals who may not otherwise be able to attend.

“The GSC is bringing this training to our community to reduce barriers to professional entry for individuals interested in joining the professional doula community and to meet the increasing demand of individuals and families who may now be able to access doula services via Michigan Medicaid, in addition to private insurance, and/or private pay,” Cool said.

The GSC has secured \$7,500 in grant funding, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care, to support scholarships. Those requesting financial assistance must commit to serving Michigan Medicaid recipients and their families.

If you are interested in registering for the doula training; would like to learn more about the training; are interested in applying for financial assistance; or would like to learn more about Michigan’s coverage of doula services, visit <https://greatstartcollaborative.org/doula>.

Contact GSC Director Savanah Cool, cools@charemsd.org, with any questions.

Additional family resources: The GSC remains committed to improving maternal and infant health and actively working to increase the chances that children are born healthy. The GSC has been working in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to create a Family Planning and Pregnancy Resource Guide. The guide will provide public health information and connection to local resources for individuals and families who are considering growing their family and those who are currently pregnant.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for doing an article on my mom, she has put her heart and soul into every community she has served! Boyne Valley Township is certainly the most dear to her, so much so that she is still serving our community with the same drive and passion as ever at 79 ½ years young! She has always wanted what is best for the community and its residents and has written countless grants to help out financially and worked tire-

lessly to make it happen if at all possible. She’s an inspiration and role model to so many and her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren could not be more proud of her. She is very humble and doesn’t really like the focus to be on her, as you can probably tell, so we just want to say a quick thank you for giving her a bit of the recognition she deserves.

Thank you again, Kim Matelski

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FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce presented donation checks to both the Care and Share Food Pantry and the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. The funds were from the Holiday Business After Hours event held in December 2022. The donation from the event were split between the two food pantries.



Mary H. Faculak, President/CEO of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce & Kelly Seaney, Client Services Coordinator of Good Samaritan Food Pantry



Mary H. Faculak & Shannon Fender of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce with Care and Share director Laura Czajka-Robinson, volunteers and members of the Care and Share Food Pantry Board of Directors.

42nd Sno-Blast Festival

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17. (EJ Trailblazers Clubhouse, 5586 Mt. Bliss Rd.)
6 PM ORV Safari Ride – Leave the Clubhouse on a guided ride & back to clubhouse.

SATURDAY, February 18 (East Jordan Trailblazers Clubhouse, 5586 Mt. Bliss Rd.)
9 AM – 1 PM Classic & Antique Snowmobile Show
10 AM Sharp Blessing of the Sleds & ORV's
10 AM – 3 PM Traditional Bean Pot & Concessions in the Clubhouse
10 AM – 3 PM Chili Cook-Off inside clubhouse (Chili Cook-Off entry at Clubhouse)
10:15 AM ORV & Snowmobile Obstacle Course - registration & Run - Timed FUN course \$5 per run (18 years old and up), See what your ORV or Sled can do on the obstacle Course - ALL participants must wear a helmet
11 AM Registration for Radar Runs (snowmobiles & ORV's)
12 PM Radar Runs -Snowmobile & ORV- \$5 per person, make as many runs as you want. Must be 18 years old, must wear a helmet. One machine on track at a time

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 (Locations around town)
11 AM Grand Story Hour – Story Time with Luanne Reed – Books N Things
12 PM – 4 PM Scavenger Hunt, Warming Fire & Refreshments - Wagbo Farm & Education Center
3 PM – 6 PM Chili Dinner Fundraiser – Rebec – Hosler Sweet American Legion Post #227 – Fundraiser for G.A.R. Park Improvements – Adults \$6, Kids 6-12 \$4, 5 and under Free
5 PM or 7 PM Comedy/Variety Theater Show "Live at the Foundry", 2 show times - by Tropic Bros Productions. Tickets \$40 per person (includes show, dinner & tip) Tickets at The Foundry, EJ Chamber Office
8:30 – 11 PM Party at the Foundry Bar & Grill – open to all, no cover charge

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7 AM – Noon East Jordan Trailblazers Sno-Lovers Breakfast
12:30 PM East Jordan Trailblazers Raffle Drawing, 1st Prize – 3500/3000W Inverter Generator, 2nd Prize – MSA 140 Stihl Battery Operated Chainsaw Package, 3rd Prize – Raft Trip for 4, w/ Jordan Valley Outfitters, 4th Prize - \$100 Marathon Gift Card. Tickets available from any East Jordan Trailblazer Members. Sold until drawing or until they are gone. (Raffle Lic. # R67237) @ East Jordan Trailblazers Clubhouse, Mt. Bliss Rd.
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East Jordan/Ellsworth 2023 Events

February 17 – 19	Sno- Blast
March 4	EJ Extravaganza
April 8	EJ Lion's Club Easter Fun & Games
April 15	Miss East Jordan
May 26 & 27	Garage Sales Across the Breezeway
May 29	Memorial Day Parade
June 2	Chamber Golf Outing
June 2 – July 28	East Jordan Music in the Park (Friday's 7:00 pm)
June 14	Jordan Art Walk 2023 Ribbon Cutting Event
June 16 & 17	Ellsworth Pig Roast
June 22 – 25	East Jordan Freedom Festival
July 6 - 27	Jordan Valley Community Band in the Park (Thur. 7:30 pm)
July 8	South Arm Classics
July 8	Sweaty Yeti Run
July 14 & 5	Up North Busker Fest
August 5 & 6	Portside Art Fair
August 19	Kiersten's Ride
September 14 – 16	Paddle Antrim
September 30	Fall Festival
September 30, Oct. 7 & 14	Breezeway Fall Cruises
October 31	Ellsworth Community Trunk or Treat
November 25	Small Business Saturday
TBD	3 rd Annual Jubilee of Trees
December 1	Light Up East Jordan Parade
December 1 – January 1	Lion's Lighted Christmas Village
December 2	Christmas in Atwood
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