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### Chip Hansen Announces Retirement from Charlevoix County Community Foundation



Chip Hansen has served as the President of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation since July 2010. He has announced that he will retire at the end of April 2023.

After serving as the Community Foundation's President for the past 13 years, Chip Hansen has announced that he will retire at the end of April 2023.

During Hansen's tenure as President, the assets of the Community Foundation grew from \$19.4 million in July 2010 to more than \$55 million today. The number of charitable funds has grown to 330. Total grants and scholarships have increased from \$1 million to more than \$2.5 million annually.

More than 80 Legacy Society members have been added as well, and these future gifts will ensure that the Community Foundation will continue to work at the intersection of resources and opportunity well into the future. He has expanded the role of the Community Foundation as a visible and engaged leader in the community locally, while also enriching the field of philanthropy regionally and statewide. Along with others, Hansen

organized a group of regional community foundation leaders who meet quarterly to share resources and ideas. He has served on several Council of Michigan Foundation (CMF) planning committees and is currently serving as one of four co-chairs of CMF's 50th Anniversary Committee. "Chip has been a dedicated and faithful advocate for all of us in Charlevoix County. His tire-

SEE CHIP HANSEN - 5A

## 42ND ANNUAL SNO-BLAST FESTIVAL

EAST JORDAN • FEBRUARY 17-19

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
(East Jordan Trailblazers Clubhouse, 5586 Mi. 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 Mi. 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 Genera-

tor, 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.

**12 PM-4 PM**  
**SCAVENGER HUNT, WARMING FIRE & REFRESHMENTS -**  
Wagbo Farm & Education Center

**CONTESTS**  
GET IN IT TO WIN IT!

**Sno-Sculpture Contest**  
Theme - "Movie Fun" - Entry is \$5: deadline Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Cash prizes awarded. Get your application at the Chamber Office or at www.ejchamber.org. Sponsored by South Arm Café.

**Kids Coloring Contest**  
Kids ages 0- 6th Grade are welcome to compete in a Sno-Blast Coloring Contest. Sponsored by East Jordan BC Pizza. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place. Entries will be displayed at the Elementary School. Judging will be held on Thursday, February 16th. Pages must be turned into the school office by Wednesday, February 15th. Coloring pages available at EJ Elem. School Office, EJ Chamber Office or online at www.ejchamber.org

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**  
**Ice Fishing Tournament**  
Sponsored by Tom's Bait and Tackle - To register call 231-536-3521

### Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority "Call for Musicians"

The Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority is looking to select musicians/musical groups that would like to perform on Wednesday evenings during the month of July, 2023, in the Ellsworth Community Square (outdoor venue). Concerts will start at 7:00 pm and will run 1 1/2 to 2 hours. If you/your group might be interested, please indicate what type of music you perform, what facility requirements you require and what you charge. Please e-mail that information (and/or questions) to lynnspearing@gmail.com.

### Chili Dinner Fundraiser

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

### 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/xTNNoqQ> 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.

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**THURSDAY**



**HIGH: 25  
LOW: 12**

**FRIDAY**



**HIGH: 22  
LOW: 19**

**SATURDAY**



**HIGH: 35  
LOW: 29**

**SUNDAY**



**HIGH: 40  
LOW: 31**

## SNOWFALL

2022-23	Amount	City	2021-22	Amount	City
2/13/23	62.5	Boyne Falls	2/14/22	49.5	Boyne Falls
2/13/23	48.5	Charlevoix	2/14/22	54.5	Charlevoix
2/13/23	58	Cheboygan	2/14/22	38.8	Cheboygan
2/13/23	97.5	East Jordan	2/14/22	77.4	East Jordan
2/13/23	102.1	Gaylord	2/14/22	109.6	Gaylord
2/13/23	63.8	Kalkaska	2/14/22	113.9	Kalkaska
2/13/23	67.3	Onaway	2/14/22	52.7	Onaway
2/13/23	74	Petoskey	2/14/22	70.4	Petoskey

## record temps

Day	Avg	High	Low	Record High	Year	Record Low	Year
FEB 16	.27	10	.51	1981	-22	2015	
17	.27	10	.55	1981	-37	1979	
18	.28	10	.54	1994	-20	1979	
19	.28	10	.53	1981	-27	2015	
20	.28	10	.56	1983	-31	2015	
21	.29	10	.6	2017	-11	1977	
22	.29	11	.9	2017	-19	1978	
23	.29	11	.58	1984	-24	2015	

### Brenda Lynn Graham-German, 62

(NOV. 28, 1960 - FEB. 9, 2023)



Brenda Lynn Graham-German died on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born on November 28, 1960, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Donald H. and Pauline A. (Doxtater) Graham.

She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1979.

She worked as a traveling Certified Nurse's Aide for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

Brenda enjoyed crocheting,

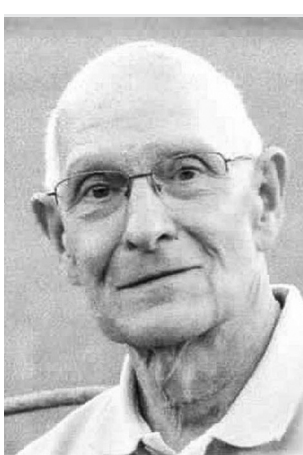
watching Wednesday night TV and was a great cook. She always loved trying different recipes. When she was young, Brenda played softball and was a great mushroom hunter. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great nieces. She was a "Great Mom!"

Brenda is survived by one daughter, Courtney Lynn Leftwich of East Jordan; two grandchildren, Colton Hayden of East Jordan and Chandler Scripser of East Jordan; her mother, Pauline A. Graham of East Jordan; her brother, Terry Graham of East Jordan; and her sister, Cheryl (Dean) Dryer of Harbor Springs; two aunts, Dianne Wheeler of East Jordan and Jean (Jerry) Strejc of Cadillac; nephew Joe "Ryan" (Emily) Graham of Harbor Springs; and two great nieces, Ember & Ada Graham of Harbor Springs. She was preceded in death by her father, Donald H. Graham on March 22, 2013.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, East Jordan.

### Dr. John James Karkosak, 82

(FEB. 13, 1940 - FEB. 10, 2023)



Dr. John James ("Jack") Karkosak of Boyne City passed away peacefully at his home on February 10, 2023 surrounded by his family, after an 11 year battle with lung cancer. He could not have been more loved.

Jack was born February 13, 1940 in Cleveland, Ohio to John Joseph and Mary (Sidor) Karkosak. He had a natural curiosity and love of learning that began in the woods surrounding his home, where he first learned to identify over 400 species of birds and their songs, a skill that continued to impress his children and grandchildren decades later. He had a quirky and quick wit, was the master of puns, and had a long line of obscure accomplishments to his credit, including earning the highest score in the Midwest Region on the National Latin Exam, winning road rally races in New England, and working on the Atlas missile program with early champions and developers of the American space program such as Kraft Ehrlicke.

Jack graduated from the University of Detroit, earning his bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering. While there, he was a member of the St. Francis Club, the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences and the Society of American Military Engineers, and served on the Student Council of Engineering and Architecture. He earned his Masters in Aeronautical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At MIT, he was research assistant for Professor Myron Hoffman, and conducted research on nuclear fusion that was sponsored by NASA. He later co-authored a paper with Prof. Hoffman on magnetohydrodynamics that appeared in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Journal, and was cited at an international symposium in Salzburg, Austria, jointly hosted by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the European Nuclear Energy Agency.

Post-graduation, Jack served as a Lieutenant and then Captain in the United States Army, specializing in Ordnance and participating in the Aviation Laboratory at Fort Lee, Virginia. He later served in Vietnam, assuming command of the 19th Maintenance Company and overseeing logistics. He consistently credited the Army with instilling him with duty, respect, honor, discipline and timeliness.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Jack made the decision that would change his life: he married our mother, Rosemary Swartz, on April 12, 1969. Although they shared a dislike of the word "soulmate," together they modeled what a relationship should be: committed, caring, challenging each other, and always pursuing the road less traveled. For their entire marriage, they shared faith and adventures, and taught each of their children that the journey is more im-

## OBITUARIES

portant than the destination. Jack later returned to school to study medicine, graduating from Michigan State University with a Doctor of Osteopathy Degree. From there, he began his medical practice in Boyne City, retiring in 2008. Jack appreciated the years of service he was able to provide to his patients, and kept in touch with many of them after retirement. He also greatly appreciated the many years that he worked with Mrs. Norma Doyal.

Jack is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rosemary, children Julie (Will Polleys), John (Nathalie Sirois), Susan, Jim, Jill (Aaron Taylor), and Beth (Kyle Lieberman); grandchildren Madelyn, Bailey, Jack, John James, Madison, Mikaelle, Manuel, Noah, Ben, Grace, Annabelle, and Hunter; niece Laurel Jernigan, and nephews Ron, Scott, and Dean Perreman, and Ken and Tim Waggoner. He is preceded in death by his son, John James, and his son-in-law Scott Wickiser (husband of Susan). He will be missed beyond measure, but will live on in every funny story that we tell.

Visitation will be at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City on Friday, February 17, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m. with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. The funeral Mass will take place at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2023, with visitation at the church from 10 to 11 a.m. In honor of Jack, the family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made in his memory to: Little Traverse Conservancy or United Plant Savers.org.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

### Alyssa Mae Burns, 33

(NOV. 7, 1989 - FEB. 10, 2023)



Alyssa Mae Burns of Ellsworth passed away at home on February 10, 2023.

Alyssa was born on November 7, 1989, in Petoskey to Gordon and Kathleen (Putney) Burns. She was raised in Boyne City, graduating Boyne City High School in 2008. She then spent five years in the U.S. Navy.

On her 26th birthday Alyssa met the love of her life Joel Telgenhof. They spent the last seven and a half years making memories and were looking forward to building a home on their property. Alyssa's love of animals led her to have a dog, two goats, two piggy pigs, two cats and her beloved chickens. She also loved fishing, hunting, pool and being with friends. She was a super giving person always looking for anyone in need of a listening ear, helping hand or a few bucks to get them through a rough time.

Alyssa leaves behind her life partner Joel; her parents Gordon and Kathleen; her sister Samantha; her brother David (Jackie); her nieces and nephews: Kaylee, Thomas and Skylar; her

grandmother Charlotte Putney; Joel's parents Ron and Laurene Kooyer; and Joel's son Andrew (Cassie) and grandson Avery.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents: Kenneth Putney, William and Virginia Burns; and Samantha's fiancé, Teddy Scott.

A gathering celebrating Alyssa's life is being planned for a later date.

Donations in memory of Alyssa can be made to the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders, a group she loved to support.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

### Clayton J. McKay, 84

(AUG. 7, 1938 — FEB. 12, 2023)

Clayton J. McKay of Central Lake passed away on February 12, 2023 at his home.

Clayton was born on August 7, 1938, in Kewadin, MI, the son of Alba and Amy Belle (Ebenstien) McKay.

He enjoyed country music, playing guitar and following sports, especially the city of Detroit sports.

Surviving are 3 sons, Rick (Charlotte) McKay of East Jordan, Rocky (Jill) McKay of Central Lake, Tim (Angela) McKay of Traverse City, 5 grandchildren, Charity (Dave) McKinnon of East Jordan, Kirk McKay of Saint Ste. Marie, MI, Kyle McKay of Central Lake, Tracy (Qito) Maza of Bellaire, Lance (Katrina) McKay of Boyne City, 3 great-grandchildren, Caris and Macie McKinnon, and Aliyah Maza.

He was preceded in death by his wife Linda McKay, son Donald McKay, 3 sisters, Helen Clark, Jean and Joyce McKay as well as his parents.

Arrangements are currently pending and will be announced in the near future.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis, TN, 38105-9959.

An obit recently published on the Leelanau Enterprise was written for Henry "The Dog" Bachmeyer, and it's one of the best obituaries you'll ever read. It's sad, sweet, funny and simply just an amazing tribute to a beloved member of the family.

### HENRY "THE DOG" BACHMEYER

On Friday, January 13, we lost Henry the dog.

He had lymphoma for 3 months and succumbed to it as predicted by his vet. He was 15. We tried to ease his pain with medication prescribed by his special friend Dr. S.

However, soon it became time to call in the special doctor here in Florida. She sent him peacefully to the next life. I asked him to wait for me.

Henry will be remembered with special stories. He was a star. I found him on YouTube looking like a good dog. He was ready to find a new home. The rescue in Indiana called him 'Red'. My 8 year old granddaughter changed it to Henry and said his name had to have 2 syllables. The lady who ran the rescue center told me she found Henry running down the middle of I-65 in Indiana. He must have been trying to find me. Running was Henry's mantra. Not really good but always ready

to go. He followed his nose as his guide to where ever he traveled. The poor guy unfortunately was neutered before I picked him up to bring him home. He would have made beautiful puppies.

Henry was an escape artist with at least nine lives. He was always looking for a human that would contact me when he was lost. He had an ID tag with my phone number. He could eat a car bumper and loved Oreos and chicken wings. He had a big appetite. Once he ate 16 brats and was hospitalized for 3 days in Traverse City. He was famous for opening glass doors at Target and walking in to find a friend to help. He could be heard in the manager's office howling for me. One time he was found by the police who put him in the drunk tank and contacted me to pick him up. Jehovah Witness churches were convenient places to find nice people who called me. He never forgot where his last bowl of food was and always came back to it even if he was gone overnight.

Any backyard was a magnet if it had cats or chickens or raccoons or dogs.

The people who found Henry and called me I called rescue angels. They all had love at first sight for him. Henry had a long life of meeting many, many people while trying to find his way back to me. He knew many people and dogs in Leland, Cincinnati and Vero Beach.

He loved running golf courses and neighborhood streets. He was a cool dog.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to: Lap of Love Veterinary Hospice Attn Katie Flood DVM PO BOX 4157, Fort Pearce, FL 34948 or Leland Historical Society Leland, MI 49654

### Mark Fortune, 71

(MAY 22, 1951 - FEB. 10, 2023)

Mark Fortune passed away at his home on February 10, 2023.

He was born to Marlene (Aimesbury) and Edwin Fortune. He is survived by his wife Ann Fraley, son Lee Fortune, and grandson Parker Fortune, as well as his siblings, Raymond, Ed, Karen, Lori, Margie, Beverly, Edwina, and Rhonda. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Carl and sister Theresa.

He loved his family, so when you hug your loved ones - think of Mark.

He loved riding, so when you get on your motorcycle - think of Mark.

He loved his dogs, so when you cuddle yours - think of Mark.

Mark was a kind but private man, in accordance his wishes there will not be a funeral service.

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

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# News

## Char-Em ISD's Jim Rummer named Michigan's 2023 Career Tech Administrator of the Year

When Jim Rummer began his career as Director of Career and Technical Education for Char-Em ISD 15 years ago, there were a handful of vocational education programs spread around the ISD's 11 public school districts. CTE was just taking off and becoming recognized as a valuable path for some high school students post-graduation.

Rummer has spent the past 15-plus years growing not only CTE programs throughout the ISD, but also the reputation of the skilled trades as high-paying, in-demand, crucial jobs for young adults after they graduate from high school. Today, Char-Em ISD and local school district partners offer 20 different courses running the gamut of skills and subjects, from aviation to woodworking and many innovative options in between.

In recognition of Rummer's exceptional efforts with career and technical education in Michigan, he was selected as the Michigan Association for Career and Technical Education's 2023 CTE Administrator of the Year. He was recognized



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during the Michigan Career Education Conference annual event on Jan. 31, 2023, in Grand Rapids. Along with Rummer's recognition, Char-Em ISD career tech was also recognized with an Excellence in Practice Award for the newly launched Char-Em Street STEM program.

"Jim Rummer's name has become synonymous

with 'career tech' in Northern Michigan, and for good reason. He is committed to providing opportunities for kids to explore career interests and to find their passion, and he's also committed to making innovative programs happen," said Scott Koziol, Char-Em ISD Superintendent. "Jim has changed the conversation around the skilled

trades in our area to one that showcases the positive possibilities such careers hold for our region's young adults. This state-level award is much deserved, and his colleagues at Char-Em ISD congratulate Jim on this recognition."

## Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's Sunday Series presents Aquille Trio

The Achille Trio, presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO), will perform a free concert on Sunday, February 19 at 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey at 501 E. Mitchell

St. as part of GLCO's Sunday Series, bringing small orchestra ensembles to neighborhood venues across Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

The Achille Trio features Maestro Libor Ondras,

GLCO Music Director (viola), Abigail Walsh (flute) and Lynne Aspnes (harp), performing works by Astor Piazzolla, Jean-Phillippe Rameau and (Achille) Claude Debussy. The concert will begin

promptly at 4 p.m. No tickets or registration are needed for this free, public concert. For more information, visit [www.glcorchestra.org](http://www.glcorchestra.org) or call 231-487-0010.

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**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.

**BOYNE FALLS**  
**FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
Lake Louise Retreat Center 11037 Thumb Lake Rd., Boyne Falls, is having a Fishing Tournament this Saturday February 18. Registration starts at 8:30. Contest runs from 9 – 12. 7 & U, 8 – 12yr olds, Adult. \$10 to enter. Kids free w/paid adult. Goodie bags for the kids. Largest fish wins.

**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

**WALLOON LAKE**  
**WINTERFEST**  
See live ice carvings, and an antique snowmobile show on the lake. Enjoy free ice skating, hot chocolate, and bean soup with donations benefiting the Petoskey Snowmobile Club. Visit the Tasting Room featuring Michigan distilleries, winer-

ies, and breweries. Saturday, February 18, 12 PM to 4 PM

**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 up-perchainoflakeswomensmi@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 American 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**  
**CONCERT**

Northern Michigan Brass Band is performing on Sunday, February 26, 3PM at First Congregational Church, 101 State Street

**CHARLEVOIX**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday, Feb. 27, 11:30am - 5:45pm at Elks Club.

**PETOSKEY**  
**EXHIBIT SPACE AVAILABLE AT THE HOME & OUTDOOR LIVING SHOW**

The 45th Annual Northern Michigan Home and Outdoor Living Show is March 17 and 18 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. Companies interested in booth space can find information on exhibiting at www.HomeShowUp-North.com. In 2022, the show had about 1,000 visitors and 55 booths. Companies exhibiting have included contractors, home improvement supply vendors, water system companies, financial services businesses, realtors, specialists in outdoor spaces like landscapers and deck builders, among others. The show is hosted by the Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan. For information call 231-347-0982.

**CHARLEVOIX**  
**CANDLELIGHT HIKES**

The Charlevoix Recreation Department host Candlelight Hikes every Friday through February on the trails of Mt. McSauba. 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/xTNN0q> 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.

**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. Mar. 11 with cello and bassoon. For more information, contact the library, GLCO 231-487-0010, or visit [www.glcorchestra.org/education/little-waves](http://www.glcorchestra.org/education/little-waves)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.miworksne.org/workshops).

**ELLSWORTH**  
**LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS**

The Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority is looking to select musicians/musical groups that would like to perform on Wednesday evenings during the month of July, 2023, in the Ellsworth Community Square (outdoor venue). Concerts will start at 7:00 pm and will run 1 1/2 to 2 hours. If you/your group might be interested, please indicate what type of music you perform, what facility requirements you require and what you charge. Please e-mail that information (and/or questions) to [lynnspearing@gmail.com](mailto:lynnspearing@gmail.com).

**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.

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

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**BOYNE CITY**  
**FREE CLINIC**

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**EAST JORDAN**  
**RAVEN HILL UPDATED HOURS**

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**EAST JORDAN**  
**COMMUNITY BAND**

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

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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](mailto: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](mailto:EJDepot.org). (231) 222-2224. [DepotJVTeenCenter@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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# News

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## LEADERS

# Kieran Fleming – Protecting the North Country We All Love

BY JOHN KEYSER

On the encouragement of Chip Hansen, I met with Kieran Fleming, Executive Director of Little Traverse Conservancy, to learn more about the work of the 50-year old land trust that serves our region.

Kieran grew up in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin where he developed passions for fishing, hunting, and birding. He studied wildlife biology and had opportunities to do research in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore and the Chaquamegon National Forest in northern Wisconsin where he studied ducks, black bears, whitetail deer, and elk. This fascination with wildlife eventually led him to a career that focused on protecting the habitats that all species need for survival.

So many people love “Up North” Michigan because this region is absolutely blessed with beautiful natural resources. Our land, lakes, rivers and streams all offer us opportunities for wonderful outdoor recreation all year round, as well as beautiful landscapes that soothe our souls.

The Little Traverse Conservancy was formed to create voluntary ways that landowners could protect their land in perpetuity. Over the years, a handful of conservation tools have been developed by land trust organizations across our country, and LTC was one of the first in the Midwest to begin using and refining them. To date, the organization has worked with individuals, families, and local units of government to help them protect more than 68,500 acres including frontage on 168 miles of lakes, rivers, and streams. More than 100 miles of trails are maintained on their preserves and working forest reserves.

Today, Kieran and his team remain focused on this mission through three primary programs: land conservation, land stewardship, and environmental education.

Over the years, the Little Traverse Conservancy has sustained continued growth in its work, a direct reflection of how much people care for this region. “To put it simply, this organization is a reflection of how much people love it up here and want the character to stay the same for them and for those who come after them,” Kieran says. “This is a place where many people experience the calm and peace that they so often



seek in their busy lives, and many have been doing so for generations and want the same for their children and grandchildren. The neat part is that the protection benefits everyone!”

Kieran also points out that while approximately 23,000 acres are owned as nature preserves or working forest reserves, almost the same amount has been protected on privately owned lands using the tool known as a conservation easement. “The conservation easement is perfect for the landowner who wants to ensure their land remains protected regardless of future ownership,” Kieran explained. “It has been around since the 1980s and gives landowners great peace of mind.”

To help them understand trail usage, the Conservancy rotates trail cameras around to their most popular preserve and volunteers help them count the number of visitors. The results for 2022 indicated that more than 86,000 user visits occurred at the hundreds of preserves and reserves owned by the organization. “The part of our program that will continue to grow is our land stewardship because the more lands we own, the more we have to care for,” Kieran added. He also pointed out that the organization is devoting more resources to community assets such as biking trails, to removing invasive species, and to ecological inventories of all the lands. “We want to get to know our lands at a deeper level to better understand how to

care for them going forward.”

Today, there are more 4,000 members of the Little Traverse Conservancy. Annual dues are whatever one can afford, and the organization greatly appreciates every single member at every giving level. “We love the personal feel of being a membership-based organization,” Kieran explains. “It creates the direct feeling that we are all in this for the same reason, working together on something we all care so much about.” Continued member support is critical for the organization’s ability to annually care for the growing number of lands under their protection, a number that grows bigger every year. “We have made a commitment of ‘forever’ and our promise to uphold that is something we take very seriously.” It is also important to note that the organization receives no government funding for its annual operations.

LTC also provides environmental protection programs at no cost to thousands of school children throughout the year. This is unique in the land trust world, and is something the board prioritized for the organization more than 30 years ago. The programs allow children to learn about the outdoors in the outdoors and quarterly field trips are offered for adult audiences interested in learning more about our valuable natural spaces. In addition, the organization offers community field trips each season that are open to

all ages and held at various trails.

Kieran has a wonderful and devoted staff of 17, which includes his wife, Anne, and literally hundreds of volunteers, who share their love for the work of protecting and enjoying the outdoors. “We so often stop and thank our founders and predecessors for the groundwork they laid that allows us to keep going today,” Fleming notes. “It is clear that this work has struck a chord in our communities and it is such a gift to be able to work with the incredible people who come to us year after year. There are so many forward thinking people in our communities who think well beyond themselves.”

Let’s all try to learn more about Little Traverse Conservancy. I believe it will only deepen our love of our resources and our appreciation of Kieran and his team’s commitment to helping us realize just how fortunate we are to be here with our beautiful land and wildlife.

Thank you Kieran and our Little Traverse Conservancy team, volunteers and members for connecting us with nature!

To learn more, visit [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) or call 231.347.0991. A free nature preserve map is available or visit the website for an interactive map or digital publications.



Ellsworth Community Schools

## LANCER OF THE WEEK



ABELLA OVIEDO

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 ISABELLA OVIEDO

**Inspired by:** Isabella says, “My dad inspires me because he has taught me that there are lots of things that I can do when I grow up and he encourages me to try new things!”

**School Activities:** Middle School Broadcasting, Basketball, Track

**Favorite Subject:** “My favorite subject is probably broadcasting because it is really fun to do and you get to know people when you interview them.”

**Her Teacher says:** “Isabella is always willing to help with any need. She is a kind, respectful, thoughtful, and happy student. The way she encourages others makes her a great Lancer LEADer!” –Mrs. Kiteley

**After High School:** “I want to be either an architect or a designer,” Isabella said.

Isabella enjoys hanging out with family and trying to learn new things—“I most recently learned how to play the electric guitar and ukulele.”

## CHIP HANSEN

FROM PG. 1A

less work at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will leave a measurable impact on our area for generations to come,” says Board Chair Monica Peck. “All of us who have had the pleasure of working with Chip have benefited from his kind and innovative leadership.”

Hansen reflects that “it’s been the honor of a lifetime to have had the opportunity to lead the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and to have worked alongside so many good-hearted people . . . humble and generous donors, committed nonprofit partners, dedicated current and former members of the Board

of Trustees, and an incredibly talented team of staff members through the years. It’s gratifying to reflect on the good that we’ve done together, and exciting to think about what the future will hold for the Community Foundation, as it has the right team at the right time to continue moving the community forward.”

The Board of Trustees selected the Community Foundation’s Vice President Sara Ward to succeed as President effective as of May 1, 2023. Ward has distinguished herself in 15 years in the field, including 7 years at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, as a thoughtful, innovative, and collaborative leader with a passion for community philanthropy. “I have seen what can be ac-

complished with relationships, resources, creativity, and commitment, which is why I believe in community philanthropy,” explains Ward. “By bringing people and resources together for the past 30 years, the Community Foundation really has made a difference. I’m grateful for the opportunity to work with our highly-capable team, dedicated trustees, and generous community members to continue that positive impact close to home.”

Board Chair Peck shares: “In the months ahead, Chip and Sara will continue to work closely together to ensure that the transition in leadership is both smooth and complete. The Trustees are enthusiastic about the next chapter at the Community Foundation.”

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# News

## LEADERSHIP

# The “Stay Interview” is Highly Effective Leadership

BY JOHN KEYSER

I came across a term that I love: the “stay interview”. The stay interview is designed for us as business owners and managers to have with our good performers, asking them purposeful questions to assure that they are happy and wish to stay with us.

I guess a stay interview could be considered preventive medicine, and it surely is a great idea.

If we are effective leader-

ship as a business owners and managers, our people will be motivated and energized.

Turnover is costly. It's actually way more than the salaries involved. Just think, it involves the exit costs, recruiting, orientation and training, lost productivity, often customer disappointment, and sometimes the adverse effects of negative energy and talk internally.

The point is, turnover is expensive.

We want to keep our best, our “A” performers, for sure, and also invest in our next level, our “B” performers, who we can develop into significant contributors.

Here's where the stay interview becomes very helpful. Asking our people such questions as:

What do you like about being a member of our team? Our business?

What gives you a sense of satisfaction? Of significance?

What could we do to enable you to better use your skills? To feel fulfilled?

How could we improve our productivity? Our communication?

What ideas would you like to offer us?

What questions would you like to ask us?

These are simply sample questions. Each business can determine their own, though I think they should be along these lines, and definitely focus on What? How? and Why?

It is important is that we have these conversations with our people. Conversations are how we develop trusting relationships. Just make sure our conversations are frequent, sincere and that we are focused on our team members and their ideas, asking purposeful questions and listening to understand and learn. They need not be long conversations.

Let's be sure to realize, a short conversation is better than no conversation.

No matter how busy we are, this is important and we must make the time. Our people have to know we care about them, we appreciate them, that they are important members of our team and business, and that their ideas matter and are heard.

The outcomes of this leadership practice will be increased retention of our good people, improved productivity, and very likely, significantly improved financial results!

## Gov. Whitmer Signs Legislation to Build Affordable Housing, Revitalize Communities, and Support Small Businesses

*New law invests \$150 million in Housing and Community Development Fund, \$100 million in Revitalization and Placemaking Grants, \$75 million in SmartZones, expands apprenticeships*

LANSING, Mich – Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer joined Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, Speaker of the House Joe Tate, and members of the Michigan Legislature to sign a bill into law that will invest in building affordable housing, revitalizing communities, and supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs. This signing marks the earliest a bill has been signed in a new term since 1947.

“Today, Michigan is taking a step forward to grow our economy, invest in our communities, and build a bright future,” said Governor Whitmer. “This supplemental bill will build thousands more affordable housing units across the state, revitalize our communities, empower entrepreneurs, and support workers. I’m proud of my partners in the Michigan Legislature for getting this done, and I look forward to seeing what else we accomplish this year.”

“I’m thrilled that this supplemental will lower costs and make a real difference for Michigan families, communities, and small businesses,” said Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist II. “This funding will help us revitalize communities where people want to live and work, remove barriers for people looking for a job, and lower start-up costs for entrepreneurs as they build and grow high-tech businesses here in Michigan. Let’s keep working together to make a difference for Michiganders.”

“Today, we’re making meaningful investments in housing, veterans services, water shutoff prevention, small business supports and apprenticeship programs, food assistance, behavioral health, and more. If these issues sound familiar, they should: We’ve been calling for more focused investment in efforts that get roofs over heads, meals on tables, and workers in jobs for years. By coming together and keeping Michigan families at the center of our conversations, we’ve delivered a bill that’s going to make a real impact in people’s lives,” said Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks.

“Michiganders can expect similar pragmatic, solutions-oriented, and swift action from Democratic leadership in the weeks and months ahead. We’re



just getting started.”

“Increased funding for affordable housing helps support diverse and thriving communities and is necessary to help achieve economic stability.

Whether you live in Metro Detroit, Up North or in the U.P., housing and community development are priorities for the people of Michigan. Michigan cannot attract and retain a highly skilled and talented workforce without affordable living options for workers to raise their families. And we know that housing is necessary to help parents provide a stable home for their children,” said House Speaker Joe Tate. “The investment we make today has generational impact. The more we can do to help support our workers, the greater the potential for economic development and expansion in our communities. It’s not only our current workforce that benefits. Generations of Michiganders will thrive because of this investment.”

The supplemental invests \$150 million in the Housing and Community Development Fund to build and refurbish housing and revitalize downtown areas across the state. This funding will allow Michigan to build or refurbish 2,000 housing units, house 6,000 Michiganders, and create 1,600 good-paying construction jobs. It will also fund the Missing Middle Housing Program which specifically aims to build and rehabilitate properties for middle class families.

This bill will provide \$100 million in Revitalization and Placemaking Grants to turn underutilized office, commercial, and community space into places for people to enjoy, including affordable housing, outdoor dining areas, or other place-based spaces. The supplemental delivers \$75 million to

SmartZones, 20 regions across our state where technology companies, entrepreneurs, and researchers are in close proximity to one another and organizations that help them succeed.

“As the sponsor of SB 7, I am proud that Governor Whitmer has signed this bipartisan law as the first public act of the new legislative session,” said Senate Appropriations Chair Sarah Anthony. “For years, we have heard from Michiganders that there hasn’t been nearly enough action at the state level to address the housing crisis, invest in our small businesses, and support workers—today that changes. These investments are just the beginning of creating a better future for all Michiganders, and I look forward to continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get things done for Michigan.”

“Economic development and job growth is about attracting investment. By leveraging available resources, we are better able to compete for the companies and capital that our state needs to grow, diversify and thrive. We want Michigan to be a top contender for business investment opportunities because it is our residents who reap the benefits of that growth,” said House Appropriations Chair Angela Witwer. This legislation is a thoughtful plan to use available dollars to support local businesses and provide workforce development services, while at the same time making clear that Michigan is open for business and ready to get to work.

This supplemental addresses proposals that Governor Whitmer laid out in her State of the State address by removing barriers for workers like access to child care, transportation, and other basic

career services and providing \$25 million for apprenticeships.

The bill will also fund training for law enforcement to keep our communities safe and \$75 million in grants for blight removal.

The Escanaba paper mill will receive \$200 million to expand production and retain hundreds of jobs in the Upper Peninsula. The transformation of the mill is planned to be the cornerstone of Billerud’s expansion into North America. The project is expected to support hundreds of high paying jobs and require a significant number of contractors during the construction period.

“We thank Governor Whitmer, the legislature, and the MEDC for their investment support for Billerud’s planned transformation of our Escanaba Mill into a world-class paperboard production facility,” said Billerud America’s President Rob Kreizenbeck. “We look forward to continuing to collaborate with our partners in government to facilitate our investments for the benefit of the Escanaba community, Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan.”

“This historic investment will allow us to retain jobs, make our economy more competitive and combat climate change all at the same time,” said Jenn Hill, D-Marquette, 109 State House Representative. “I was proud to cast my vote supporting the bill on behalf of the Upper Peninsula’s working families. Our unions, universities, and businesses are all very excited by the new opportunities that are coming.”

“Make no mistake, this is truly a historic opportunity for the Upper Peninsula. Never before has the U.P. experienced a State of Michigan award of this

magnitude, let alone one that will serve to anchor the largest private sector investment ever made in the region,” said Marty Fittante, CEO of InvestUP.

“This is truly a transformative investment as it will result in a world-class mill that will deploy leading-edge technology that will serve new, emerging markets. As the Upper Peninsula’s regional economic development organization, InvestUP gives voice to families, businesses and communities from across the U.P. who will dramatically benefit from this investment to express our appreciation to Billerud for its consideration in making this generational investment in Escanaba, and its leadership, partnership, and persistence in helping secure this critical incentive from the State to anchor the investment here. The depth of our gratitude to Billerud owes to the realities that the mill when transformed will not only benefit the region’s economy and the environment with its best-in-class sustainability standards but provide notice that the U.P. can and will compete in attracting advanced technology opportunities.”

“The Michigan legislature’s recent passing of up to \$200 million earmarked for the historic transformation of our Escanaba paper mill will help ensure its continued prosperity for generations to come. The mill has stood as an economic keystone in Delta County for more than a century providing stability for countless Upper Peninsula residents and their communities,” said Gerald Kell, President USW Local 21. “As President of Local 21, and on behalf of our 650 proud USW union members, I want to thank Governor Whitmer and her administration for their commitment to UP working people. Additional thanks to USW District 1 Leadership and Rapid Response department for working diligently to garner support from our legislators.”

“With the bipartisan support and backing of the governor, Senate Bill 7 will bring about a positive and major transformation for the Billerud Paper Mill in Escanaba,” said George Edwardsen, President of the Upper Peninsula Building Trades Council. “This transformation will provide good paying jobs during construction and operations for many years to come. This is a major win for working people, Delta County, and for the Upper Peninsula as a whole.”



## DAVE Says

By Dave Ramsey

## Managing A Friend’s Will

Dear Dave,  
Our next-door neighbor was an older single man with no family, and my wife and I always tried to look out for him and help with things. He died recently, and in his will, he left us his home, his car and the money he had in his bank account. The will was handwritten, and it said the house was worth around \$350,000, with \$150,000 left on the mortgage. The car is worth about \$10,000. Officials at our county office building said the money in the bank account wouldn’t have to go into probate since I was listed as the beneficiary, and I was given a check for that amount. We’ve just never handled anything like this before, and my wife and I were hoping you would help us navigate things.

Steven  
Dear Steven,  
There are a couple hundred thousand dollars in equity involved here. The fact that the will is handwritten doesn’t necessarily invalidate it, but it does increase the possibility of encountering some bumps down the road.

I’m not a lawyer, so the first thing I’d do is talk to a couple of probate attorneys in your county. Find out what they’d charge to handle things. I wouldn’t spend thousands of dollars to get this done, but I would pay \$500, maybe \$1,000, to let someone who knows what they’re doing handle things. If your county affairs people are right and everything’s easy and straightforward, it’s not a lot of legal work for an attorney.

On top of that, if the attorney you work with knows folks at the courthouse and is familiar with how things work there, then it’s kind of like traffic court, you know? It’s almost automatic. I mean, we’re only talking about three assets here—a bank account that’s already been handed off, a car and a house that’s mortgaged. For me, it’d be worth a little money to have someone on my side who knows the path through the woods.

I’m sorry to hear your friend and neighbor passed on, Steven. But I hope I’ve been able to help.

— Dave

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# athlete of the week



**Alex Calcaterra**  
Rambler Boys Basketball

The Rambler boys are back on a winning streak again knocking off conference rivals Grayling and Harbor Springs last week. The team is performing well. In the win over Grayling, Alex Calcaterra contributed 16 points. Against Harbor Springs, Alex led all scorers with 24 points.

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**Morgan Deming**  
Rambler Girls Basketball

In an unexpected upset win over state ranked Harbor Springs Rams the Boyne City Ramblers handed the Rams their 3rd loss of the season in a 43-40 win. The team was led by Morgan Deming with 15 points and 11 rebounds.



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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Charlevoix boys drop close games to Grayling, Harbor Springs

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix boys basketball team came painfully close to getting back into the win column on Friday. The Rayders were hosting Grayling in a Lake Michigan Conference game, and while they led at times, they ended the night with a disappointing 50-47 setback. "We always keep fighting," head coach Anthony

Troshak said. "We were down 40-48 with about three minutes left and battled back to cut it to 47-48 and had a shot to tie at the end. I'm proud of our guys, we just keep battling and I love that about them."

Charlevoix got off to a 17-12 lead after the first quarter and led 27-24 at the half. Grayling went ahead 40-36 entering the fourth though and held on to the win in the final moments.

The Rayders were led by Ryan Pearl with 13 points, Hudson Vollmer put in 12 points, Peyton Scott added nine points, Vitale Collins had seven points and Troy Nickel had six points and six assists.

The Vikings were led by Kaleb Hall with 13 points and Fletcher Quinlan had 11 points.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7 Charlevoix was hosting Harbor Springs in another league game. They fell behind by double digits early on and couldn't put much of a dent into that deficit, falling 73-63.

"They get out well and run and hurt us in transition early," Troshak said. "I thought our guys battled back, never gave up, we got it within four in the third quarter but Harbor seemed to have an answer. We battled back from down 16 to cut it to seven in the fourth too but credit Harbor, they knocked down their free throws."

Harbor Springs led after each quarter break, 17-12

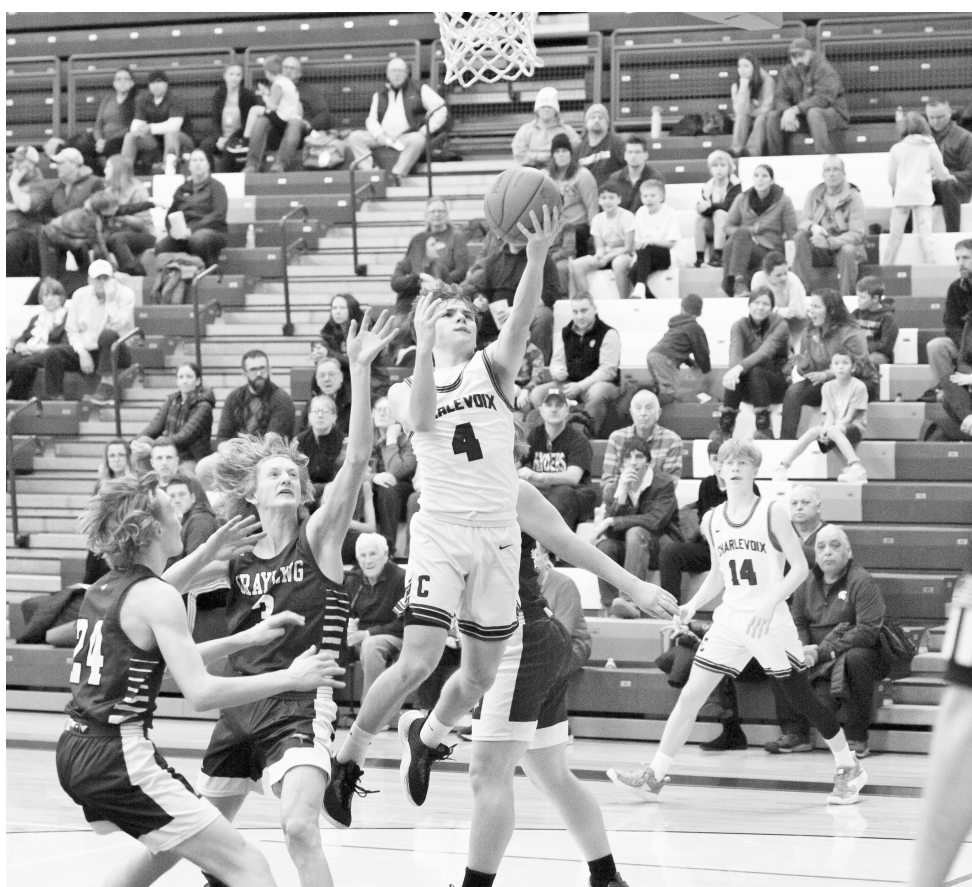


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after one, 38-28 at the half

and 58-47 entering the fourth.

The Rayders had Joe Gaffney lead the way with 23 points, Vollmer netted 11 points, Nickel chipped in with nine points and five assists and Pearl had six points and five assists. Harbor Springs was led

by Braeden Flynn with 26 points and Rider Bartel was able to net 23 points.

Charlevoix (2-14 overall, 1-9 Lake Michigan) played at Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, heads to Boyne City on Friday and hosts Kalkaska on Monday.

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## WRESTLING



The Charlevoix wrestling team celebrates with the district trophy, after winning their second team crown in a row last week. Courtesy Photo.

# CHARLEVOIX WRESTLING CAPTURES SECOND STRAIGHT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix wrestling team continued their impressive season on Wednesday, Feb. 8. The Rayders were taking part in a Division 4 team district at Pellston, and took down the hosts 70-12 and then took down St. Ignace 45-28 in the championship. This marks the second year in a row that Charlevoix has won the team district.

Winning both of their matches was Max Reynolds, Jimmy Descamps, Sam Fry, Ellery Smith, Justin Whisler, Brady Jess, Landon Swanson and Trevor Streeter. Splitting their matches were Jackson Fry, Logan Wilks, Mason Cunningham and Adam Streeter. Charlevoix took on Inland Lakes in Munising on Wednesday in the team regional. Iron Mountain and Munising were in the other semi-final, with the winner moving on to next week's team

state finals. On Saturday, Charlevoix sent its wrestlers up to Manistique for individual districts. The Rayders had a program record 10 team members punch their ticket to regionals. Taking first place honors was Sam Fry (138), Brady Jess (175) and Trevor Streeter (215). In second was Landon Swanson (190) and Adam Streeter (285). Jackson Fry (106) was third place, as was Jamie Parrish (144), Ellerey

Smith (150) and Justin Whisler (165). Coming in fourth to grab a final spot in regionals was Mason Cunningham (157). Also competing, but unable to move on was Jimmy Descamps (120), Logan Wilks (144), Ben Matter (190) and Sawyer Blaszyk (215). Charlevoix hosts individual regionals on Saturday.

## BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE		
Cadillac	7-1	13-3
Traverse City Central	5-2	7-10
Petoskey	5-3	12-5
Traverse City West	4-4	7-11
Gaylord	2-6	10-8
Alpena	0-7	3-13

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE		
Boyer City	10-0	15-2
Traverse City St Francis	9-1	13-3
Elk Rapids	6-4	11-5
Grayling	6-4	10-6
Harbor Springs	4-6	7-9
Kalkaska	2-8	5-10
East Jordan	2-8	4-11
Charlevoix	1-9	2-14

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE		
Mackinaw City	8-1	12-3
Ellsworth	6-2	13-5
Harbor Light Christian	6-3	9-8
Alanson	5-4	7-6
Wolverine	2-5	4-7
Alba	0-0	0-0
Boyer Falls	0-13	0-16

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE		
Gaylord St Mary	11-0	15-2
Onaway	11-1	14-2
Indian River Inland Lakes	7-2	9-5
Mancelona	6-5	6-9
Central Lake	5-6	6-11
Bellaire	4-6	7-7
Pellston	2-7	4-9
Johannesburg-Lewiston	1-10	1-14
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-10	0-12

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE		
Sault Ste Marie	5-0	11-5
St Ignace	5-1	14-2
Rudyard	7-3	13-4
Cheboygan	2-5	6-12
Newberry	1-11	2-14

## GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE		
Petoskey	7-1	12-7
Traverse City Central	6-1	13-5
Gaylord	4-4	11-8
Alpena	2-5	5-11
Cadillac	2-6	6-12
Traverse City West	2-6	4-14

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE		
Traverse City St Francis	10-1	15-2
Elk Rapids	10-2	14-3
Harbor Springs	9-3	15-3
Charlevoix	6-5	8-10
Grayling	4-7	10-8
Boyer City	4-8	5-14
East Jordan	3-9	7-11
Kalkaska	0-11	1-14

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE		
Mackinaw City	10-0	17-1
Burt Lake NMC	9-1	13-6
Harbor Light Christian	7-4	10-5
Ellsworth	5-6	5-11
Alanson	4-6	6-9
Boyer Falls	1-10	2-12
Wolverine	1-10	2-15

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE		
Gaylord St Mary	13-0	16-2
Indian River Inland Lakes	11-2	15-4
Onaway	10-4	13-5
Johannesburg-Lewiston	8-4	13-5
Bellaire	6-7	10-7
Central Lake	5-8	8-10
Mancelona	4-9	6-12
Fife Lake Forest Area	1-12	1-16
Pellston	0-12	1-16

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE		
Sault Ste Marie	4-0	12-2
St Ignace	4-1	11-7
Cheboygan	2-4	4-14
Newberry	2-5	2-13
Rudyard	1-5	1-15

## HOCKEY STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE		
Alpena	8-0-0	20-3-0
Traverse City Central	7-1-0	13-7-3
Cadillac	6-3-1	12-10-1
Traverse City West	4-5-1	7-15-1
Gaylord	1-8-0	5-17-0
Petoskey	1-9-0	3-20-0

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# EJ girls get road win at Kalkaska

BY BEN MURPHY

### TC ST. FRANCIS

The Red Devils fell to division 3 eighth ranked Traverse City St. Francis last Tuesday in a home game by a score of 24-55. The Glads are leading the Lake Michigan conference with a conference record of 10-1 and 15-2 overall.

### KALKASKA

Playing with a mini three game losing streak, the East Jordan girls basketball team played at Kalkaska on Monday. The Lady Red Devils fortunately snapped that three game skid, claiming a 40-26 victory.

"We started slow, but our defense kept us in the



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LILLIAN STONE



JUNE KIRKPATRICK



ELLIONA LEAMAN

game," head coach Tim Smith said. "June Kirkpatrick played a real nice floor game, she really got us into a lot of open shots. We need to just keep getting better at finishing, especially around the rim."

East Jordan was behind 10-8 after the first quarter, but in the second, Lillian Stone was able to knock down a pair of threes, helping the Red Devils get ahead 22-12 at the half. E-J also led 32-19 entering the fourth.

Lindsey Cross scored 10 of her 18 points in the fourth quarter, Kirkpatrick added 12 points, Stone finished with six and Elliona Leaman chipped in with two points.

down 16-0 and from that point on I felt we played real well," Smith said. "Defensively, we were solid and we played with great effort and energy from the second quarter on."

It was 14-0 after the first quarter, 20-10 at the half and 32-25 entering the fourth.

Kirkpatrick had a big game with 19 points, Cross netted 11 and Leaman chipped in with five points.

E-J (7-11 overall, 3-9 Lake Michigan) played at Grayling on Tuesday, hosts Elk Rapids today (Thursday) and will host Bellaire on Monday.

### GAYLORD ST. MARY

On Friday, East Jordan played at division 4 third ranked Gaylord St. Mary. They lost this non-league game, 44-35.

"Story of the game was we came out flat and got

## BOWLING

# Boyne City girls finish 2nd in conference

The Varsity Girls Bowling team won their matches this weekend. They won 27-3 over Grayling and 27-3 over Rogers City. High scores for the day were:

Victoria McGeorge 244  
Ella Seelye 146  
Marlee Fischl 155  
Whitney Root 107

Lauren LaBute 178  
Miranda LaBute 131

The team finished the regular season 2nd place in the conference. Regionals will be held on Feb 24th and 25th in Cheboygan at Spare-times Lanes.

## STATE AP RANKING FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

### DIVISION 1

1. West Bloomfield (17-2) — 73 — {4}
2. Detroit Renaissance (15-0) — 69 — {1}
3. Rockford (16-1) — 64
4. Flint Carman-Ainsworth (14-0) — 61
5. Farmington Hills Mercy (16-2) — 57
6. Wayne Memorial (15-4) — 49
7. Grosse Pointe North (15-2) — 47
8. Holt (15-2) — 27
9. Byron Center (15-3) — 23
10. DeWitt (16-2) — 18

Others receiving votes: Jackson Northwest 16, Temperance Bedford 16, North Farmington 14, Coldwater 13, Saline 11, Utica Ford 8, Kalamazoo Central 8, Grand Blanc 6, Belleville 4, Lake Orion 4, East Grand Rapids 3, Rochester 3, Howell 2, Lowell 2, Riverview 1, Canton Salem 1.

### DIVISION 2

1. Grand Rapids West Catholic (17-0) — 75 — {5}
2. Detroit Edison (14-3) — 68
3. Chelsea (18-1) — 64
4. Haslett (19-0) — 63
5. Lake Fenton (19-0) — 55
6. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (15-3) — 47
7. Vicksburg (18-0) — 36
8. Goodrich (17-1) — 32
9. Dearborn Divine Child (13-5) — 29
10. Frankenmuth (15-2) — 26

Others receiving votes: Lansing Catholic 15, Big Rapids 14, Escanaba 12, North Branch 11, Romulus 11, Redford Westfield Prep 10, Wixom St. Catherine of Siena Academy 6, Ludington 5, Standish-Sterling 5, Warren Fitzgerald 4, Marine City 4, St. Clair 3, Marysville 2, Macomb Lutheran North 2, Hamilton 1.

### DIVISION 3

1. Buchanan (17-1) — 69 — {1}
2. Dansville (16-1) — 64 — {2}
3. Blissfield (17-1) — 62
4. Ypsilanti Arbor Prep (12-5) — 60 — {1}
5. Hancock (15-1) — 54
6. Lake City (17-1) — 54 — {1}
7. Hemlock (15-3) — 31
8. Traverse City St. Francis (15-2) — 29
9. Sanford Meridian (17-1) — 28
9. Kent City (16-3) — 28

Others receiving votes: McBain 22, Niles Brandywine 14, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 14, Evert 13, Harbor Springs 13, Hart 12, Calumet 12, Ovid-Elsie 7, Sandusky 5, Ithaca 5, Bronson 4.

### DIVISION 4

1. Maple City Glen Lake (14-2) — 74 — {4}
2. Kingston (15-1) — 69 — {1}
3. Gaylord St. Mary (16-2) — 63
4. Mackinaw City (16-1) — 60
5. St. Charles (16-2) — 53
6. Petersburg Summerfield (16-2) — 40
7. Norway (17-2) — 35
8. Baraga (14-3) — 31
9. Cedarville (13-3) — 24
10. Hillman (15-3) — 20
10. Martin (14-3) — 20

Others receiving votes: Morenci 19, Pittsford 18, Fowler 14, Lake Linden-Hubbell 14, Brethren 13, Genesee Christian 10, Colon 8, Ontonagon 8, Hillsdale Academy 3, Indian River-Inland Lakes 2, Ewen-Trout Creek 1, Manistee Catholic Central 1.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

SCHOOL	DATE	OPPONENT
Boyne City	2/16-7:00 PM *League game.	H Charlevoix
Boyne City	2/23-7:00 PM	A Bellaire
Boyne Falls	2/16-5:30 PM *League game.	H Wolverine
Boyne Falls	2/23-5:30 PM	A Cadillac Heritage Christian
Charlevoix	2/16-7:00 PM *League game.	A Boyne City
Charlevoix	2/23-7:00 PM	A Manton
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	2/20-5:30 PM *League game.	A Burt Lake NMC

## BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

SCHOOL	DATE	OPPONENT
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	2/16-7:00 PM *League game.	H Wolverine
Boyne Falls	2/23-7:00 PM	A Cadillac Heritage Christian
Boyne Falls	2/28-5:30 PM *League game.	A Alanson
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	2/17-7:00 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	2/21-7:00 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

## STATE AP RANKING FOR BOYS BASKETBALL

### DIVISION 1

1. Detroit Cass Tech (17-0) — 75 — {5}
2. North Farmington (15-1) — 67
3. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (16-1) — 64
3. Muskegon (15-1) — 64
5. Grand Blanc (15-2) — 54
6. Detroit U-D Jesuit (15-3) — 49
7. Ann Arbor Huron (16-1) — 47
8. Port Huron Northern (16-2) — 30
8. Kalamazoo Central (15-2) — 30
10. Grand Rapids Northview (13-4) — 28

Others receiving votes: Grosse Pointe South 18, Grand Haven 13, Warren De La Salle 11, Okemos 10, Battle Creek Lakeview 8, Portage Northern 7, Clarkston 6, Hamtramck 4, Mason 4, Mount Pleasant 4, Saline 2, St. Joseph 2, Ann Arbor Skyline 1, Mattawan 1, River Rouge 1.

### DIVISION 2

1. Romulus Summit Academy (15-1) — 72 — {4}
2. Warren Michigan Collegiate (14-2) — 67
3. Warren Lincoln (15-3) — 61
4. Olivet (17-0) — 59
5. Saginaw (15-4) — 48
6. Benton Harbor (13-4) — 46
7. Grand Rapids Christian (12-4) — 44
8. Grand Rapids Catholic Central (12-5) — 29
9. Ludington (15-1) — 28
10. Boyne City (15-2) — 22 — {1}
10. Grand Rapids South Christian (14-3) — 22

Others receiving votes: Big Rapids 20, Standish Sterling Central 16, Chelsea 15, Hart 13, Ferndale 12, Flat Rock 9, Kingsford 7, Cadillac 5, Flint Hamady 3, Richmond 2.<

### DIVISION 3

1. Detroit Loyola (15-1) — 88 — {4}
2. Laingsburg (16-0) — 82 — {1}
3. Flint Beecher (13-3) — 80 — {1}
4. Watervliet (15-1) — 68
5. Napoleon (16-0) — 54
6. Niles Brandywine (14-1) — 51
7. Iron Mountain (16-1) — 46
8. Grandville Calvin Christian (15-1) — 45
9. Cass City (15-1) — 34
10. Maple City Glen Lake (15-1) — 32

Others receiving votes: Traverse City St. Francis 26, St. Ignace 25, Blanchard Montabella 19, Saginaw Nouvel 18, Jonesville 11, McBain 10, Clinton 7, Ovid-Elsie 6, Ecorse 5, Brown City 4, New Haven 3, Bad Axe 3, Beal City 2, Erie-Mason 1.

### DIVISION 4

1. Taylor Trillium Academy (14-0) — 72 — {2}
2. Painesdale Jeffers (16-0) — 63 — {2}
3. Mio-Au Sable (14-0) — 54
4. Hillman (14-1) — 50
5. Munising (16-1) — 48
6. Lake Leelanau St. Mary (14-1) — 47 — {1}
7. Powers North Central (11-3) — 38
8. Gaylord St. Mary (15-2) — 37
9. Baldwin (16-1) — 34
10. Bellevue (14-1) — 32

Others receiving votes: Genesee Christian 28, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 26, Ironwood 20, Detroit Douglass 15, Kingston 10, Rudyard 9, Pittsford 4, Watersmeet 3, Onaway 3, Eau Claire 1.

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Harbor Springs girls too much for Charlevoix, hand Lady Rayders 62-34 setback

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix girls basketball team took on host Harbor Springs on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The Lady Rayders weren't able to overcome the talented Lady Rams though, and as a result took a 62-34 loss.

"I think we played a good first half and handled everything they threw at us," head coach Reece Koepke said. "Broke the press OK and played good defense down by 12 at the half. We missed a lot of shots in the second half and it got away from us in the

third quarter and it was hard to get back in it."

In the first quarter, Bayani Collins and Evelyn Rosier each hit a three pointer, but the Rams still led 20-8 after one. Another three by Collins helped the Rayders stay in things, down just 30-18 at the half. In the third they had a three pointer each by Rosier, Karlee Eaton and Mikayla Sharrow, but Harbor Springs pulled to a 50-27 lead entering the fourth.

Collins finished with 15 points and three rebounds to lead the team in the setback, Sharrow had six points, three rebounds and



BAYANI COLLINS

three steals and Rosier finished with six points. Abbey Wright and Anna Kemp also had two points



EVELYN ROSIER

each. Charlevoix (8-10 overall, 6-5 Lake Michigan) was at home against Traverse City



KARLEE EATON

St. Francis on Tuesday, heads to Boyne City today (Thursday) and is in Grayling on Tuesday.



MIKAYLA SHARROW

## Ellsworth Girls Roll Over Alanson

The Lady Lancers got a much-needed win over the Vikings at Alanson last week by a 48-18 count. The victory gave the Lancers a season sweep over Alanson this year. Ellsworth won every quarter and led 29-13 halftime and they produced a 13-0 white washing in the final frame.

Avery Strange led the Lancers with 14 points, Kerri DeYoung was also in double figures with 10, Hannah Essenberg added nine points, Ruby Pletcher had three baskets and six points, Bella Essenberg scored five and Annabelle Bartman rounded out the scoring with four points.

Earlier in the week Ellsworth dropped a home game against Grand Traverse Academy by a 54-34 score. The Lancers trailed only 26-22 at halftime but the Mustangs used a 28-12 second half to pull away and they won the game by 20 points. The Lancers had their chances, but they were unable to convert baskets in the paint and missed a bunch a free throws allowing GTA to pull away late in the game.

Strange and Bella Essenberg each had 10 points to lead Ellsworth, Hannah Essenberg scored six points, Nora Puroll had three, Samantha Pallman, DeYoung and Pletcher all scored two and Kyle Fuller added a free throw.

The Lancers now sit at 5-11 overall and 5-6 in the Northern Lakes Conference for the season. Ellsworth travels to Burt Lake NMC for a game next Monday evening.



AVERY STRANGE



KERRI DEYOUNG



BELLA ESSENBERG

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Slow start dooms East Jordan boys against visiting Kalkaska

BY BEN MURPHY

If not for slow starts at the beginning of each half on Friday, the East Jordan boys basketball team might have been able to celebrate a win against visiting Kalkaska. Their early first quarter and third quarter woes did the Red Devils in though, resulting in a 74-64 Lake Michigan Conference loss.

"We started both the first and second half slow," head coach Nate Dzwik said. "We struggled with maintaining our composure a little bit which was frustrating as we would beat their pressure but then they chased from behind for tips and steals and we just didn't recognize this. We got lost a few times on defense and got beat for layups on the backside."

Kalkaska jumped to a 17-11 lead after the first quarter, but East Jordan rallied to lead 20-17 by the half. The Blazers controlled things in the third quarter, regaining a lead, making it 33-27 entering the fourth and they didn't let East Jordan back in the mix.

The Red Devils were led by Lucas Stone with 22 points, two rebounds and two assists, Korbryn Russell had 13 points, five rebounds and there assists,



LUCAS STONE

Devon Olstrom had eight points and 10 rebounds, Ryder Malpass had seven points, seven rebounds and two assists, Max Beal put in seven points, Angel Delgado added four points, Brenden Aenis netted three points and adding one point was Ethan Thomas.

"Lucas did a great job in this game of keeping us in it on offense," Dzwik said. "The guys were doing a great job of getting him looks off screens, this opened up for guys like Korbryn and Devon to go get some buckets as the defense reacted to Lucas hitting threes. I was proud of our fight in the fourth quarter as we didn't roll over and quit."

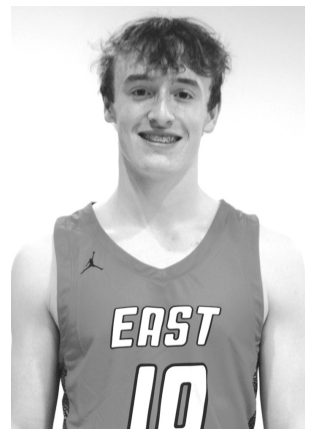
On Tuesday, Feb. 7 East Jordan lost a Lake Michigan Conference game at



RYDER MALPASS

Traverse City St. Francis, 68-40.

"Was proud of how hard the kids fought all game, we had a game plan in place to learn from our mistakes we made in the first game and for the most part we were able to execute that," Dzwik said. "They are a really good team and were playing with a chip on their shoulder after a loss on Saturday. We couldn't make a shot in the first few minutes which has been our issue in our losses, but we also held them scoreless for almost three minutes to start the game. Ryder and Max showed some grit during this game and although it may not have been their best stat lines of the season they really showed some of their potential."



MAX BEAL

The Gladiators went ahead double digits early on, taking a 17-5 lead after the first quarter. At the half it was a 38-22 St. Francis lead, with the scoreboard reading 60-29 entering the fourth.

Malpass led the team with 10 points, Beal had six points and eight rebounds, Russell and Aenis had five points apiece, Delgado and Ethan Thomas each had four points, Eli Burns added three, Stone netted two points and with one point was Steven Anderson.

E-J (4-11 overall, 2-8 Lake Michigan) hosted Grayling on Tuesday, heads to Elk Rapids on Friday and returns home to battle Bellaire on Monday.

## IMMEDIATE OPENING

**Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan**

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KELAN PLETCHER



JURGEN GRISWOLD



PATRICK PUROLL



JACOB JENUWINE

# Ellsworth Boys Get Back on Track

The Ellsworth Boys basketball team is back to their winning ways including an easy 80-37 win at Forest Area this past Monday evening at Fife Lake. The win was the Lances third consecutive and brings their overall record to a very respectable 13-5 mark for the season. With the Northern Lakes Title no longer in reach, Ellsworth and their head coach James Willingham will be concentrating on getting ready to defend their district title next month over their last four

regular season games. Monday against the Warriors Ellsworth came out on fire scorching the nets for 30 points and they took a 30-3 after the first quarter. Kelan Pletcher had 14 first half points and Jurgen Griswold added eight as the Lancers cruised to a 48-16 lead at halftime. Fife Lakes' Lucas Blankenship had a nice second quarter scoring nine points for the home standing Warriors. Coach Willingham was able to empty his bench the second half and all twelve players dressed

were able to get into the scorebook despite the running clock, "mercy rule" the entire fourth quarter. Blankenship was the leading scorer for the Warriors with 19 points and Hunter Boggs added 11. For the Lancers, Pletcher was the game's high scorer with 25 points and Jacob Jenuwine was also in double figures with 11. Cameron Snyder scored nine points; Griswold had all eight of his points in the first quarter; Gavin Clees and Patrick Puroll had five; Owen

Cary, Tyler DeYoung and Nick Sponable each had four points; Landon Droggt and Ben Strange both scored two points and Evinicio LaCount scored one to round out the scorebook. Ellsworth played this past Tuesday at Alanson and they host Burt Lake NMC next Tuesday.



## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Ramblers start February on 3 game winning streak

BY: DOM SANTINA

### GRAYLING

The Boyne City girls basketball team hosted Grayling on Tuesday, February 7 as they looked for their second straight home win.

The Ramblers found

themselves down at half-time, as the Vikings led 15-13. Yet, in the second half the Ramblers came charging back. They ended up claiming the lead at the end of the third quarter 28-25 and secured another win in the fourth quarter as they pulled away to a 46-31 victory.

The team was led by

Elly Wilcox with 11 points. While Braydin Noble added in another 10 points. The win moves the team to 4-14 on the season and to 3-8 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The Ramblers would look to start a winning streak against Harbor Springs on Thursday, February 9.

### HARBOR SPRINGS

The girls hosted Harbor Springs and looked to claim their fifth win of the season. The Ramblers jumped out to a 17-4 lead after the first quarter. The lead continued till the halftime break, where they lead 22-10.

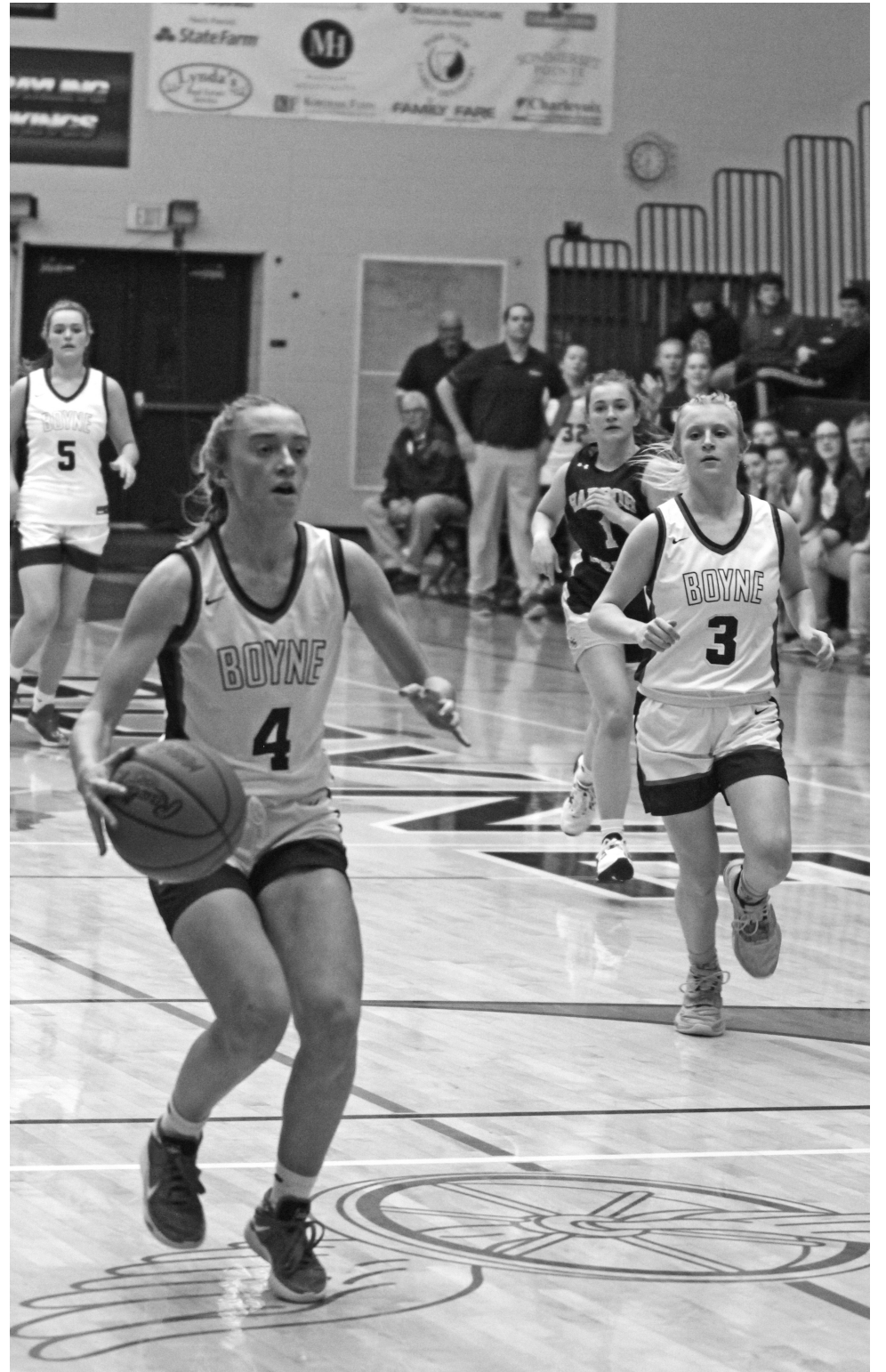
In the second half, the Rams started to make a comeback. The lead closed to just 8 points by the end of the third quarter, 33-25. It was all the Ramblers could do to hang on to a 43-40 win over the Rams.

"I am incredibly proud of this group and how hard they have been working. We are improving as a team each week and I am excited to see where we go from here. I am so happy for them," said Head Coach Adam Stefanski.

The team was led by Morgan Deming with 15 points and 11 rebounds. The win moves the Ramblers to 5-14 on the season and 4-8 in the LMC. The Ramblers are now on a 3-game winning streak as they head to Kalkaska on Tuesday, February 14. Then they will host Charlevoix on Thursday, February 16 and finish the regular season with Bellaire on Thursday, February 23.



Rambler Braydin Noble (15) scores on a layup against Harbor in first half play. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Ava Maginity (4) of Boyne City, drives to the hoop in first quarter action vs the Rams. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Loggers have win slip away

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne Falls boys basketball team traveled to take on Alanson for the third time this season on Friday, February 10. The Loggers were continuing to search for their first win of the season.

The Loggers held a 16-12 lead after the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Vikings got themselves into the mix of things. The Vikings outscored the Loggers 17-11 and claimed a 27-23 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Vikings continued to improve their lead by outscoring the Loggers 18-13. The fourth quarter was a limited

scoring quarter for both teams. In the end, the Vikings secured another win over the Loggers by a final score of 52-45.

The team was led by Ashton Spang and JT Greemier with 16 and 12 points respectively. The team also got a big defensive effort from Bryce Tonsor by helping shutdown Christian Silveus to just 6 points.

The loss moves the team to 0-16 on the season. While also moving to 0-11 in the Northern Lake Conference. They will be back in action on Tuesday, February 14 against Petoskey St. Michaels. Then they will play Wolverine on Thursday, February 16.

# Ramblers restart winning streak, move to 15-2

BY: DOM SANTINA

### GRAYLING

The Boyne City boys basketball team looked to put a second straight game in the win column against Grayling on the road, Tuesday, February 7.

The Ramblers made sure they valued their trips down the court, as they only turned the ball over 8 times and shot 65 percent from the field throughout the game. That helped the Ramblers secure a 64-46 victory over the Vikings.

The team was led by Jacob Johnson with 19 points and Mason Wilcox with 18 points. Alex Calcaterra contributed 16 points. The win moves the Ramblers to 14-2 on the season and to 9-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference. They would travel to Harbor Springs on Friday, February 10 for another conference matchup.

### HARBOR SPRINGS

The Ramblers looked to try and get back to a winning streak by making it 3 straight wins with one over Harbor Springs.

The team continued to value their possessions and ball security as they shot well and only turned the ball over 6 times throughout the night. That once again helped the Ramblers secure a 70-58 victory over the Rams.

The team was led by Calcaterra with 24 points and Wilcox with 16 points and 10 assists. The win moves the Ramblers to 15-2 on the season and 10-0 in the LMC. They will host Kalkaska on Tuesday, February 14, followed by hosting Charlevoix on Friday, February 17. That will lead into a week on the road against Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, February 21 and East Jordan on Friday, February 24. They will finish up their regular season against Petoskey at home on Monday, February 28.

## SKIING

# LCST competes at Regionals

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Lake Michigan Ski Team competed in regionals over the weekend. The boy's team finished in 7th out of 12 total teams. The girl's team was without their two fastest skiers

Mya Pofhal and Ella Dourmanian.

The girls had some skiers pick up the slack in a big way. Avery Kita was sitting in third place after her first run in Slalom, but ended up going down in run number two and finished in 19 place. Erica

Wyglendowski, Sophie Bergquist, Kelsey Wiatrolik and Olivia Dobbins all skied well. Kita ended up bouncing back in Giant Slalom for a 10 place finish and qualified for the state meet.

For the boys, Jack Herzog had a strong first run,

before falling on run number two. Josh Schultz finished in 18 place in Giant Slalom. The team also saw some strong skiing from Henry Herzog, David Grey, Finn Tosch and Alex Hogdson.

## FISHING

# Black Lake sturgeon limit hit in 65 minutes

Harvest quota of six reached in that time period

After only 65 minutes of fishing, this year's sturgeon season on Black Lake (in Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties) ended at 9:05 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. The season, which included spearing and hook-and-line fishing, was scheduled to run Feb. 4-8, or until the harvest quota of six lake sturgeon had been reached.

Anglers initially were allocated a season quota of seven sturgeon, but the Michigan Department of Natural Resources set the harvest limit at six fish. This action helps accommodate the expected number of anglers and anticipates the possibility of near-simultaneous harvest of more than one fish.

There were 630 registered anglers this year, including a good number of supervised youth. According to the DNR, the harvested sturgeon ranged in size from 32 inches to 55.5 inches long and 6.4 pounds to 35.5 pounds. The first fish was a 49-inch male that weighed 30 pounds.



After only 65 minutes of fishing, this year's sturgeon season on Black Lake (in Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties) ended at 9:05 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. There were 630 registered anglers, including a good number of supervised youth. (courtesy of DNR)

- Fish number two was a 55.5-inch female that weighed 35.5 pounds.
- Fish three was a 54.3-inch male that checked in at 32 pounds.
- Fish four was a 32-inch immature fish that weighed 6.4 pounds.
- The fifth fish was a 54-inch male that weighed 34 pounds.
- The sixth fish was a 39-inch male that weighed 11.8 pounds.

Only two of the harvested fish had been captured before by Michigan State University and the DNR during spring spawning runs in the Black River or from past

surveys of Black Lake. The harvested 55.5-inch female originally was captured in the river in 2012, while the 54-inch male originally was tagged in the lake in 2007 and captured in the river in 2017. The sex of the 32-inch immature fish will be determined using DNA. Also, the 54.3-inch male was a known stocked fish, as it had a fin clip.

Participating anglers were notified of the season closure in a variety of ways, mainly from nearly instantaneous text alerts and ice shanty visits from DNR personnel. All methods were used to indicate

Rehabilitation of lake sturgeon in the Cheboygan River watershed is a cooperative effort involving the DNR, the Black Lake Chapter of Sturgeon For Tomorrow, Michigan State University, Tower-Kleber Limited Partnership, the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

For more information on lake sturgeon in Michigan, visit [michigan.gov/Sturgeon](http://michigan.gov/Sturgeon). To learn more about all fishing opportunities statewide, go to [michigan.gov/Fishing](http://michigan.gov/Fishing).



# News

# Residents' Experiences, Research Show Trails Can Boost Quality of Life

BY ERIC COX  
TOP OF MICHIGAN  
TRAILS COUNCIL

There's a special kind of magic that tickles Jim and Rachel Votruba each summer in Petoskey.

It's not the azure lake or the soft sand beaches or the charming little towns. Those things play into their enchantment, to be certain. But, the Votrubas enjoy the fact that their seasonal home of 45 years is nestled neatly next to the Little Traverse Wheelway, the most popular paved recreational trail in the tip of the mitt.

Now retired, the couple spends five or six months a year in Petoskey, eschewing the humid, sweltering summers of southwestern Ohio at their main residence for this region's relatively dry, mild season.

With property so near the Wheelway, Jim said they've watched the 27-mile multi-use trail go from concept to completion.

"We've seen the evolution of the Little Traverse Wheelway in a way that many people have not," Votruba said. "We use it constantly. We're bikers. We're hikers. We walk our dog. We ride to Alanson, Harbor Springs, and Charlevoix. Our grandchildren ride to Mackinac City. We're on the trail at least a couple times a week."

But, for the Votrubas - like so many others who live near recreational trails, appreciation of the trail goes beyond personal recreational use. They say these trails enhance their lives in ways that can't be measured in sweat or dollars.

"The Wheelway is just absolutely wonderful," Votruba said. "It's so multi-generational. We can sit outside and we can hear young kids just learning to bike and older kids teaching the younger kids. We love the range of ages out there - not only seeing, but hearing the sounds of the trailway. That's a real asset



West of Bay Shore, the Little Traverse Wheelway dips down to the lakeside, offering captivating views of Lake Michigan's azure waters.

"There's little doubt that living near trails boosts a lot of people. Of course, not everyone takes advantage of their close proximity to the trails. But, those who do probably enjoy a healthier lifestyle, since a place to safely walk, run or bicycle is so invitingly close."

- Top of Michigan Trails Council Executive Director Brent Bolin

for us.

"The sound of laughter and families and individuals enjoying themselves close to our home is something that contributes to our quality of life in a very personal way," he continued. "What we enjoy is that the trail brings us in close proximity to the beautiful sights and sounds of a full range of ages. That just contributes to the full experience of living here."

Unlike the quantifiable economic impact of recreational trails, quality of life enhancement is more difficult to calculate. The Votrubas are just one family whose lives near a trail that have benefited - and many times in ways that are practically immeasurable, but no less valid, they say.

Of course, not everyone has such a profound appre-



Part-time Petoskey residents Jim and Rachel Votruba say living near the Little Traverse Wheelway enriches their lives. "The sound of laughter and families and individuals enjoying themselves close to our home is something that contributes to our quality of life in a very personal way," Jim said.

ciation for life near non-motorized recreational

trails. Some who live near trails fear vandalism by trail users and increased littering.

But, another trailside resident who lives within earshot of the Little Traverse Wheelway, said his experience has been positive.

"When we walk it, we hear birds," said Fred Geuder, who lives here year-round. "We see things. We've seen eagles, birds, deer, porcupine. It's just a beautiful thing to be aware of these surroundings. A lot of people miss out on it."

Geuder said in spite of some people's fears of mischief along the trails his experience has been all positive.

"So many people worry about property value," Geuder said. "Personally, I believe (trails) benefit property values. I think it's a more valuable property because of it, and I don't see a negative impact from people using it. People walking by can't see in our windows. They keep moving; they go by in seconds. Also, for the most part, people aren't throwing stuff away on the trail. There's really not much littering."

A variety of research not only affirms Geuder's stance, but also supports the conclusion that people who live near recreational trails do enjoy more physical and mental health benefits than those who don't.

According to a 2016 report by Headwaters Economics, an independent research firm specializing in community development and land use, trails can, in fact, measurably improve a community's quality of life by providing opportunities

for social connection, and safe places for recreation and commuting.

"Trails are an amenity that keeps existing residents and attracts new people; an asset that contributes to community identity," the report said. "When residents use trails frequently, they become an integral part of community life."

"These benefits focus on residents, rather than visitors. As such," the report continued, "the trails that can bring the greatest benefits to residents often are close to where people live and work, providing physical connections within a community."

The socialization and community development aspects of trails seem to occur in tandem with substantial health benefits, both personal and economic.

According to Michelle Archie of the Harbinger Consultancy, a California firm, research suggests a "predictable relationship between access to recreational facilities like trails and levels of physical activity, and also between levels of physical activity and overall health, and healthcare cost reductions over time."

Archie's 2022 report illuminated the health benefits of two trails in and near Morgantown, W. Va. (pop. 30,000). Her firm's study revealed that 25 percent of the community's population hadn't been physically active prior to trail construction, and they "reported large increases in physical activity" since they began using the trail.

"For most of these newly-active residents," the study said, "the trail

was the only place where they exercised and they report the trail's safety, paved and flat terrain, and convenience as the most important considerations in deciding to use the trail."

Another Harbinger Consultancy study, this one done in 2017 in Brownsville, Tex., indicated that people who live near trails exercise 22 percent more than those who don't. Brownsville community leaders speculated that completing a proposed 93 miles of multi-use trail would boost physical activity, saving \$5.9-\$12.3 million in healthcare costs.

The evidence suggests that trails can not only help develop and maintain physical fitness, but also assist in people's recovery from injury or illness - something of which Fred Geuder said he and his wife, Kay, have taken advantage.

"Both of us, over the last couple years, have had some health issues, especially with our backs," Geuder said. "It's nice to be able to go walking on the Wheelway. We're right there beside it. It's just a nice walk. I think we both need exercise. It's a good place to walk, when you can do it."

Exercise is a primary part of life for Resort Township resident Kathy Godfrey, who lives less than a mile from East Park and the Little Traverse Wheelway.

She and her family have been using the Wheelway since it was a humble dirt path and East Park was but a gleam in the township's eye. Sometimes, the Godfrey family was forced to use the U.S. 31 shoulder to ride into town. Later, as the trail developed, they could easily access a much safer route.

"When the trail came, it was like a night and day difference," said Godfrey. "We were on it weekly with the kids. Obviously, in the summer months we were on it a lot more. And then, as our children grew, my husband and I started biking more for exercise and leisure and fun. We're a lot more serious about it now."

Godfrey noted that her family's life experience, as well as the value of their home, improved as Northern Michigan trails continued to develop.

"Bay Harbor and the trail really added to our property value," she said. "We considered moving. Our family grew, and we kind of outgrew our home. But, we decided to stay because we love our quality of life there."

Brent Bolin, executive director of Top of Michigan Trails Council (TOMTC), which oversees maintenance and development of over 325 miles of Northern Michigan trails, said trails' impact on residents' quality of life is as significant as the economic impact.

"There's little doubt that living near trails boosts a lot of people," he said. "Of course, not everyone takes advantage of their close proximity to the trails. But, those who do probably enjoy a healthier lifestyle, since a place to safely walk, run or bicycle is so invitingly close."

Bolin said he's heard positive feedback over and over from communities across the trail network regarding ease of access and their value of safe recreation.

"When it comes to trails, if you build it, they will come," he concluded.

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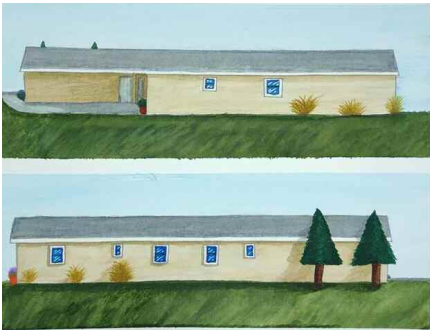
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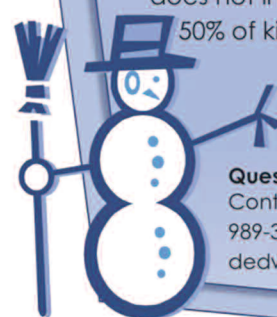
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Presented by Trooper Corey Hebner, Michigan State Police

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Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MPMC  
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Embrace winter with Boyne Mountain's newest adventure dining experience. The SkyBridge Snowshoe Supper combines the thrill of crossing the world's longest timber-towered suspension bridge, with the magic of a guided hike on lit mountain trails, followed by a prime rib and shrimp buffet. Whether you are dining with family, catching up with couples, or escaping the real world, this is an evening you won't soon forget.

**GET YOUR CRAWL ON**  
Thirsty Thursdays aren't just a college thing. Every Thursday night, beginning January 5 - April 6, we will be hosting a good ol' fashioned bar crawl. Everett's, Forty Acres Tavern, The Back Forty, Trophy Room Pub & Pizzeria, Après Ski Pub and Snowflake Lounge will all be offering drink features!

**TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE TROPHY ROOM**  
Show off your trivia skills at Local Love Nights, with Trivia Night at

the Trophy Room Pub & Pizzeria from 6-9pm. Grab your friends and enjoy large one topping pizzas for \$18, and pitchers of beer starting at \$14.

**LOCAL LOVE NIGHTS**  
Boyne Mountain Resort is pleased to offer Local Love Nights on February 16 and March 9. Boyne Mountain is showing some local love to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties with a multiple evenings of discounted fun. Offers include \$20 night lift tickets, \$20 ski & snowboard packages, \$20 evening passes to Avalanche Bay Waterpark, \$10 access to SkyBridge Michigan, and more!

Since agreeing to host next week's "Business After Hours," Lesley confirmed that beverages and "Starving Artist" happy hour munchies will be provided. She also committed to painting a series called "Small Works" whereby she will produce at least one 5" x 7" oil painting each day until the event. That means that ten (10) new small works will be revealed and on display in the studio. If you attend, you will be eligible to enter a drawing. If your name is drawn, you get first pick to take one home - FREE!

Business After Hours is designed to help make valuable business contacts and enjoy a night of networking with fellow professionals in a fun, relaxed setting. Business After Hours is open to members and non-members of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at no cost.

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