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COMMUNITY LEADERS

SAVANAH COOL LIFT UP OTHERS

BY JIM KEYSER



SAVANAH COOL

Savannah Cool is a role model of a devoted community leader. This short article does not begin to adequately describe her commitment and value to our community.

As background, Savannah grew up in Alanson, attended school there. While in her junior and senior years of high school, she embraced the opportunity to participate in dual-enrollment with North Central Michigan College. Actually, she entered college as a sophomore thanks to her earlier drive to learn. I should state right now that her drive to learn continues to define Savannah and her business, charitable and personal lives.

Savannah was a Presidential Scholar at NCMC, then went on to earn her degree in Community Development and Community Services from Central Michigan University while taking advantage of CMU's off-campus programming which allowed her to remain in the community. While in college, she was able to serve as an AmeriCorps Member with the Char-Em Intermediate School District, enabling her to mentor and tutor at-risk youths in academics, social skills and conflict resolution. This was and continues to be her passion, to help others, and particularly our youth, to lead better lives.

Subsequently, Savannah served in a number of roles in the field of human services including working at Char-Em United Way before transitioning into a more direct support role as Children's Services Specialist and Adult Services Specialist, assisting vulner-

able children and adults, Child Welfare Funding Specialist, procuring state and federal funds to support youth in foster care, and Child Welfare Analyst where she supported a ten county region with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services.

A theme to her growth and success in each role was having the support and guidance from many natural and intentional mentors who graciously gave their time, energy, and insight to support her learning and skill refinement while providing a safe space for personal reflection and an opportunity to practice the vulnerability of leadership. From the earliest stages of life, teachers and scout leaders showed up in a big way providing support and mentorship. The trend continued on with her earliest employer who welcomed her into the world of work at age 14 and embraced her drive to do more and take on greater responsibilities, pushing her to stretch further and reach outside her comfort zone.

Fast forward to her first professional position, Savannah credits AmeriCorps and the ISD specifically for fully embracing, encouraging and supporting her growth as a leader. Under

the leadership of Dennis Halverson, Savannah and fellow AmeriCorps Members grew in skill and confidence, honing their community leadership skills. And while Savannah moved on to work outside of the ISD, she found herself again supported by the ISD when then staff member Dr. Jennifer Sell served as her mentor via Leadership Charlevoix County.

A year and a half ago, things came full circle and Savannah returned to her beginning roots, rejoining the Char-Em Intermediate School District team as Director of the Great Start Collaborative (GSC) & Parent Coalition for Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim Counties. The GSC is the community's early childhood hub, bringing together community leaders and organizations dedicated to improving the local early childhood system. The collaborative brings together business, education, health, human services, tribes, higher education, non-profit, court systems and philanthropy to explore what it is like to raise young children and families in our community and how to better support families and children, prenatal to age eight. The Collaborative's sister body, the Parent Coalition, lifts up and seeks out parent and caregiver perspective, feedback and support that is used to inform improvement initiatives for our local early childhood system.

We should all be very appreciative of the exceptional support of Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition. The cover of their brochure describes their vision "Building a community where.....Every Child and Family is Nur-

tured and Supported so They May Thrive!"

Savannah's DNA: She loves learning and always needs to be doing more. At the end of her day, she wants to feel that she made a positive difference and is giving back as much as she has received from the many people and organizations in this community.

The list of Savannah's activities is endless. First and foremost, her family, husband, John, and their five-year-old daughter, Keely, and being at numerous community events, school, Community Foundation funding meetings, and functions where she can learn the needs of young children and families in our community and support parents and caregivers to prepare their children for success in their educational and character growth, and to have successful and fulfilling lives.

Thank you, Savannah. You are a gift, a blessing, to a great many in our community!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix. John was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, DC and Chicago, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute. Kerry teaches at St. Mary School in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.

Cutler pleas no contest to aggravated assault

On June 21st Antonio Cutler pled "no contest" to Aggravated Assault.

"No contest" is the same as a guilty plea for purposes of sentencing, though it is not an admission of guilt for purposes of a civil lawsuit.

Judge George Mertz of Otsego County had been assigned to handle the case and found that there was a sufficient basis for the no contest plea, and located this basis in the testimony of the victim.

The victim had testified that Cutler was his supervisor at a Boyne City restaurant and, while working, Cutler had twice brushed his hand against the victim's crotch region.

Cutler was arrested May 10, 2022 surrounding events with a then 16-year-old boy in June and July 2021 and was out on a \$20,000 bond with the condition that he had no contact with minors, according to court documents.

Cutler is a former school teacher, East Jordan City Commissioner and was a candidate for State Representative in the August 2020 primary election. When Cutler was arrested, he was acting as the Sault Ste. Marie DDA director.

Cutler now faces up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Sentencing is set for July 31st.



TONY CUTLER

54th Annual Charlevoix Art & Craft Show

Combine one of the most picturesque settings in the state with a gathering of artists and craftsmen from around the country, and the result is Charlevoix's 54th Annual Art & Craft Show. This popular event will take place downtown Charlevoix in East Park on July 8 & 9, 2023.

This year's show has something for everyone, offering an exciting mix of fine arts and hobby crafts. Acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture, hand-blown glass beadwork, pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing & accessories, hand-woven rugs, and quilted works are just a few of the things you will find. It is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many fun and unique products to choose from.

If you are looking for a unique shopping opportunity in a one of a kind community, Charlevoix the Beautiful is the place to be this summer.

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Maryjane R. Kirby, 80 (JAN. 2, 1943 - JUNE 22, 2023) GAYLORD



Maryjane Rose (Zynewicz) Kirby passed away peacefully on June 21, 2023, at home in her sleep.

Maryjane was born January 2, 1943, to Stanley and Corrine (Szczepaniak) Zynewicz in Grand Rapids, MI. She grew up on a farm in Boyne City, with her parents and her brother David, graduating from Boyne City High School in 1961.

Maryjane married John Kirby in 1961 after he returned from serving in the army. They had three children: Tim, Kelly, and Stan. Together they started ABC Music with locations in Petoskey, Gaylord, and Cheboygan, spreading the joy of music (playing and teaching) for over 15 years.

Maryjane and John also started a polka band called The Red Hearts and played for weddings and events. Eventually this grew to the point where they were playing out every weekend for over 25 years. In all of that time they only had 5 Saturdays off.

In the late 80's John and Maryjane moved and built a home in Boyne Falls. They attended St. Augustine's Catholic Church and MaryJane became the choir director and organist for the church. MaryJane served as the choir director for over 23 years.

In 1994 Maryjane and John started another

music store in Gaylord called The Musik Haus. Maryjane taught music lessons, trained other teachers and sold musical instruments. Over the years she shared her knowledge with generations of people.

If anyone knew the Kirby house, they knew the love of gardening. The yard (garden) was always amazing and full of flowers, vegetables, and fruit. Maryjane and John loved to take their grandchildren Emma and David in the garden to harvest all of the things that were ready. There were always mini lessons going on as they enjoyed the time together.

Maryjane is survived by her loving husband, John; children, Tim, Kelly, and Stan (Tricia); along with grandchildren Emma and David Kirby.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls Interment followed at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery.

Leon A. Bartlett, 87 (SEPT. 7, 1935 - JUNE 27, 2023) EAST JORDAN



Leon A. Bartlett of East Jordan died on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, in McLaren hospital in Petoskey.

He was born on September 7, 1935, in East Jordan, the son of Norman O. and Genevieve H. (Skrocki) Bartlett.

He graduated from East

Jordan High School in 1953. Leon attended Central Michigan College for a year then decided to move to the Detroit area where he did excavation for a few years. Upon returning to East Jordan, he started Bartlett's Excavating and worked on many projects throughout Northern Michigan including The Homestead in Glen Arbor. Later, Leon added Septic Pumping Services to his business.

Leon was active in the Lion's Club and served on the EJ School Board. He enjoyed snowmobiling, finding Morel mushrooms and spending time at the cabin in Chandlers Hill with family and friends.

Leon married Cynthia E. Sinclair on December 17, 1988 and she became a steadfast partner for him in both his work and his hobbies. They built the home they shared by hand hewing the logs and created a magnificent split face rock fireplace. His passion was restoring antique cars. He had an extensive collection of Model Ts and As and he recently sold his fully restored rare Orient car back to the original owner's family fifty years later. This made him very happy.

Leon loved hunting and his home features an Elk trophy mount from a Colorado trip he did with friends many years ago. He could still recount details of places and events that

happened on that trip. He also enjoyed gardening and Cindy making his Polish Mother's recipe for both Dill and Sweet Chunk pickles.

Leon was old school - a man's man. He valued hard work, was industrious and resourceful. He loved tinkering in his garage and retained his sharp mind for memories and numbers. One might consider him an engineer - although not formally trained. But most will remember him for being the kind man that he was.

Leon is survived by his wife of 35 years, Cynthia E. Bartlett of East Jordan; children Karen Cooper of Boyne City, Mike (Tracy) Bartlett of Sault Ste. Marie, Terise (Mike) Gavar of Traverse City, Anne-Marie "Amy" (Michael) Awrey of Traverse City, and James Bartlett of Traverse City; plus two bonus daughters, Heidi Mead of Gaylord and Heather Derenzy of Wolverine; eighteen grandchildren; three great grandchildren; three brothers, Gary (Tootie) Bartlett of East Jordan, Wayne (Carol) Bartlett of East Jordan and Steve (Debbie) Bartlett of East Jordan; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two great grandchildren.

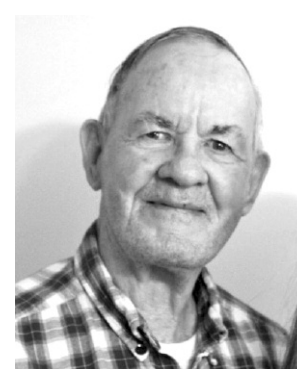
A Memorial Service is scheduled at the Sno-Mobilers Club located at 5586 Mt Bliss Rd, East Jordan

on Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 3-6. Please bring any photos to the memorial so that they can be scanned and preserved for the family's future use.

In lieu of flowers or other gifts, please consider a donation to your favorite charity or consider a Memorial Tree through Penzien Funeral Homes website.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Richard Sutton, 84 (AUG. 24, 1938 — JUNE 30, 2023) CHARLEVOIX



Richard Melford Sutton of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Friday, June 30, 2023 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility. He was born on August 24, 1938, in Charlevoix, the son of Rockliff and Arvilla (Yahr) Sutton.

Richard was a life-long resident of Charlevoix, and spent most of his working life contributing to its beauty through his crafts-

manship. After high school, he went to the Straits of Mackinac to aid in the construction of the Mackinac Bridge, which was something he was quite proud of. Upon completion, he returned to Charlevoix and worked at Kit-Carson Lumber for many years, while also doing carpentry work on the side. After 'retirement', he built several more houses in the area including his children's houses.

Richard loved spending time with his family more than anything. He seldom missed one of his grandchildren's events no matter what they were doing. He also enjoyed fishing the deep blue waters of Lake Michigan for salmon and trout, as well as playing cards with family and friends.

On June 23, 1962, at the Charlevoix Community Church of God, Richard married the love of his life, Jean (Denny) Sutton, who survives. Also surviving are three children, Richard Sutton (Tammi LaFave) of Charlevoix, Debbie (Randy) Wurst of Charlevoix, and Brenda (Stuart) Wright of Charlevoix; two brothers, Don (Acelia) Sutton of Petoskey and Arthur (Pat) Sutton of Charlevoix; two sisters, Wanda Barrow of Central Lake and Donna (Jerry) Himebauch of Alaska; six grandchildren, Devin Sutton, Ben Sutton,

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CIRCLE OF ARTS PAINT OUT EVENT

Charlevoix, MI, June 29, 2023 —Charlevoix Circle of Arts welcomes visiting and local artists to take part in the annual plein air Paint Out event on July 13th and 14th, 2023, highlighting Charlevoix's scenic beauty. The French phrase "en plein air" means "in the open air" and is used to describe the act of painting outdoors.

New this year is a Quick Draw event on Thursday, July 13, from 5-7pm in downtown Charlevoix's East Park. Artists are challenged to create a work of art in the 2-hour time-frame, from the perspective of their choice in East Park or the adjacent Marina area. Completed paintings will be on display in East Park from 7-9pm, and people are encouraged to stop down to take a look and vote for their favorite to win the People's Choice Award.

The public is invited to attend this event's Paint Out Reception and Summer Salon Open House, a



culmination celebration on Friday, July 14, from 5-7pm at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, where you can enjoy light fare, mingle with artists, and view and purchase artwork on display in the Summer Salon and created during the 2-day Paint Out.

Artists interested in par-

icipating in the Paint Out may register online by July 8 at www.charlevoix-circle.org/paint-out.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts is a nonprofit community arts organization, open to the public, and admission is free. The Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street, in down-

town Charlevoix and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3p.m. For more information about the exhibition or the Charlevoix Circle of Arts please call (231) 547-3554 or visit our website: www.charlevoixcircle.org.

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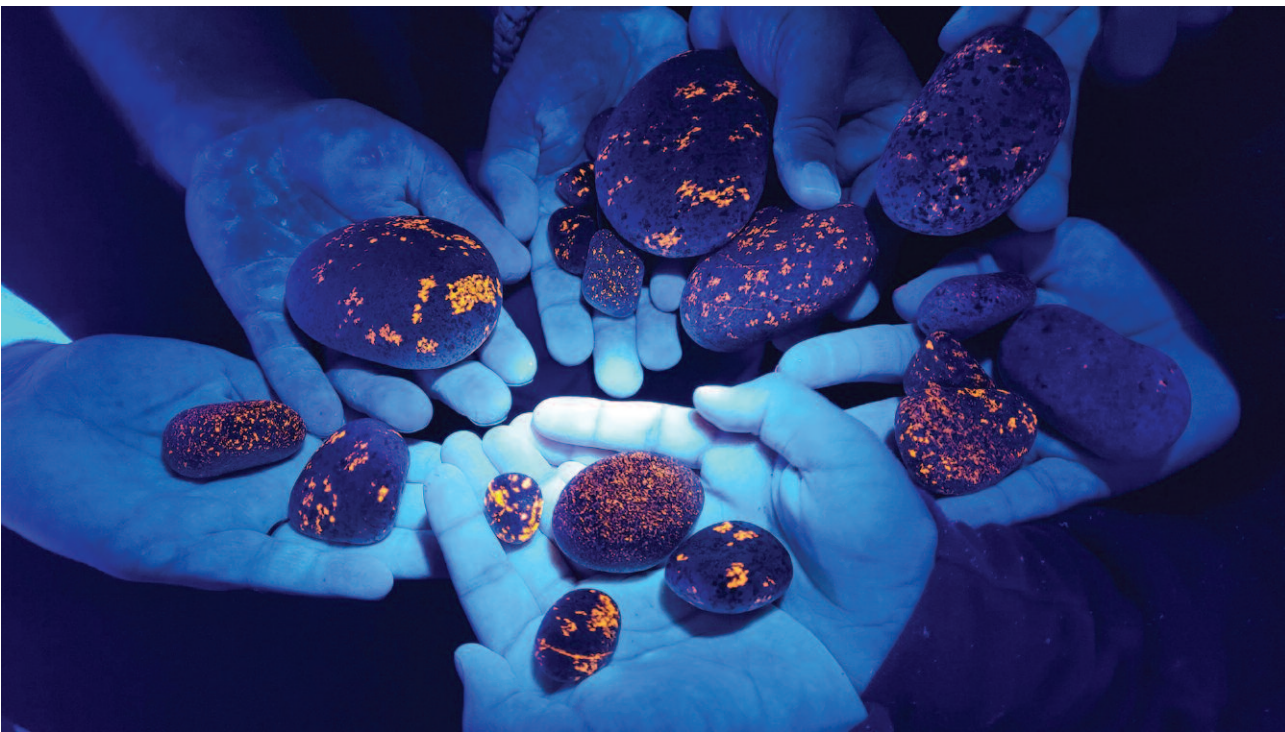
The hunt is on... Yooperlites of the UP!

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

“Look at that... found one already!” one of our group shouted. Their UV flashlight had just picked up the tell-tale sign of orange color shining up from Lake Superior beach stones. It was one of the stones we were seeking that chilly August 2021 night... in an “undisclosed location”. OK, it was on a beach... next to Lake Superior... in the UP. That’s all you need to know because much like morel mushrooms, Yooperlites are where you find them.

We were lucky enough to be traipsing along with none-other than the man himself: Erik Rintamaki... the life-long rock hound from Brimley, Michigan. He discovered and named the now famous Yooperlite after making an initial discovery, by accident (like many discoveries), in 2017. By 2018 word was getting out (much through his YouTube video which got millions of hits world-wide) that a “new” find had been made in the state of Michigan. Every rock hound (or for that matter anyone looking to name something) dreams of this and he did it. He discovered the rock with the use of a longwave ultraviolet (UV) light while rock hounding on the beach. Eric was actually looking for a good way to locate agates... his first passion.

The first verified Syenite-rich fluorescent Sodalite in Michigan was what he had discovered. Therefore, Erik had to select a name. He came up with the best one he could think of that was unique and representative of his discovery... Yooperlites were born. He mentioned to me that he



thought about a lot of names, after lengthy discussions, but wanted to pay homage to where they were found. What a great name! Way to go Erik. He said “Rintamakite just didn’t have that ring to it!”

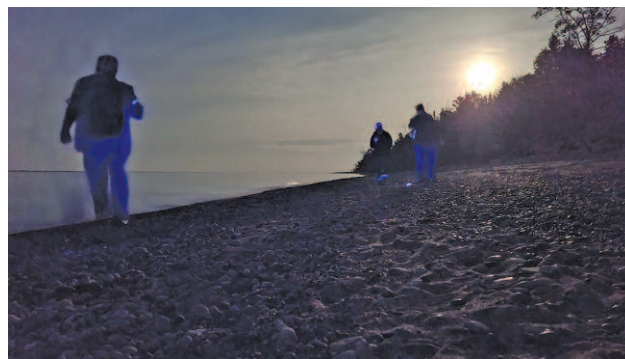
So, what is a Yooperlite? As described above, the science end anyway, technically, indicates what they are. And if you haven’t seen one, you may want to check ‘em out on line... the photos included here illustrate what they look like but there are many good photos on-line of course. I recommend Erik’s site:

yooperlites.com for all the lowdown and excellent recommendations, hints, equipment for sale (he has the best UV lights) and stories all about Yooperlites. Where else would you go? The source is best!

As indicated, Yooperlites have a very distinct orange color that is on-fire when

exposed to UV light. That’s why you spend all of your time looking for Yooperlites at night. Looking at a stone in daylight will look pretty much, well, like a stone! If you can spot one in daylight, you may want to see a doctor. The orange color you will see under the UV light will be very easy to differentiate from the blues, reds and other colors you may see. Don’t be surprised if you spot something “glowing” that moves... like a frog or spider! After all, UV lights are used to spot scorpions in the west!

What’s also great about Erik is he’s willing to share any and all information to help rookies located the stones. He’s been in numerous publications, podcasts, and given lectures and presentations world-wide. Running his business takes up most of his time and he still personally leads tours which you can participate



in. Very reasonable rates for the tour includes dinner at Pine Stump Junction, as well as a great UV light to keep (Convoy C8). Take the family! It’s a great time and what a unique experience. I won’t give away all his secrets but he has some pretty cool stories that he tells... that may or may not have anything to do with Yooperlites. You’ll just have to go to find out!

If you want to go on your own, it’s easy to do. Check out all the information you

can find on Erik’s site (or others), head to the UP... actually you can find them all over the 5 great lakes... even in rock gardens or gravel pits and roads!). All you need is a good reliable UV light with extra batteries (see website for recommended types... cheap ones aren’t that great), headlamp/flashlight (white LED light), glowsticks, small backpack or other for carrying snacks, bug spray, water, etc., and HAVE A PLAN! Safety is critical as

always. Share your plan, where you are going and when you’ll be back. I recommend not going alone. My wife tells me that on every type of hunting or fishing trip I go on. And this is no different... I’m hunting Yooperlites!

I would also recommend you don’t rely on your cell phone. It may not work in areas of the UP. And you may wonder why you bring cyalume or glow sticks. Think about it. You get all excited, you find a remote spot along the Lake Superior coast, you rush down to the beach from a perched dune when it’s still light... and then. DARKNESS. “Where did I come down from my parking spot? I know it’s along here somewhere.” Well, good luck with that. See ya next summer.

One more item I would add to your list: a pair of UV protective glasses/driving glasses (yellow tint). My wife and I both have issues with “black light” (UV light). Many people do. It can cause real eye fatigue and “fuzzy vision” while searching (obviously don’t shine the light in your eye). I noticed it right away and after using my yellow tinted glasses... wow. Awesome. I can see the Yooperlites better as well. Also, hold the UV light out in front of you... way out. Don’t point it down at your feet. Erik’s site has excellent videos demonstrating how to do it. He’s the one who knows so follow his instructions!

There you go, now get out there and chase down a couple Yooperlites. After your first find, you’ll be hooked. Make some truly unique Michigan memories!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You

The East Jordan Freedom Festival kicked off summer with a bang! The weather was great for the 2023 East Jordan Freedom Festival and everything was a huge success. Fabulous Fireworks, Parades, Live Music, Contest, Food and Fun were all part of the East Jordan Freedom Festival. The festival started off on Wednesday, June 21st with The Miss & Mr. Firecracker Pageant and ran through Sunday, June 25, 2023. The festival brought families and friends from throughout the area into downtown with lots of fun for all to enjoy.

The East Jordan Freedom Festival would like to thank the many, many organizations, businesses, churches and individuals for their donations and support that make the festival possible.

The Freedom Festival Committee would also like to thank the City of East Jordan and the city departments for all their hard work, East Jordan DPW, East Jordan Police Dept., East Jordan Fire Dept., and Jordan Valley



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EMS Authority. Thank you to the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce for their support and advertising assistance. We would also like to thank the Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Department. Special thanks to the East Jordan Trailblazers and The Helping Hearts of East Jordan for assisting with our parades. Thank you to the many volunteers that put in lots of hours to make the event a success.

As you can see...it takes MANY people to make a successful festival. Without their time and support events such as the

East Jordan Freedom Festival would not be possible! Visit www.eastjordanfreedomfestival.org for a complete list of festival sponsors and donors. Please thank the owners and managers of these businesses as you support them throughout the year.

If you would like to be part of the volunteer planning committee or festival board for the 2024 East Jordan Freedom Festival please contact the festival at info@eastjordanfreedomfestival.org

U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



The Veteran of the month for July 2023 is Ernest Beattie Nowland.

Born in Charlevoix Michigan to parents Ernest P. and Mary Elizabeth Beattie Nowland. He grew up in Charlevoix, and attended Charlevoix Schools graduating in the class of 1940. While in school, Ernest excelled in sports, receiving All State in football. On November 5, 1941 he would marry the former Elda May Dove and would make their temporary home in Charlevoix. Registering for the Draft on February 16, 1942, he would be called up for Military Service on August 28, 1942 reporting to Fort Custer, Michigan. After basic and advanced training he would receive Marksmanship with the M1 rifle, and a Heavy Truck Driver Badge. Ernest was then assigned to the 996th Engineer Treadway



ERNEST BEATTIE NOWLAND

Bridge Company as a Heavy Truck Driver/Dispatcher, and deployed to the European Theater of Operations. Leaving the United States on March 24, 1944, arriving in the ETO on April 4, 1944, the unit participated in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. During deployment Ernest was a pas-

senger in a truck that was involved in an accident, receiving back and hip injuries. Returning to the United States on September 15, 1945, at Separation Center Camp Grant, Illinois, Ernest was given an Honorable Discharge and awarded these Decorations: American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with 4 Bronze Battle Stars; Bronze Arrowhead; Good Conduct Medal; 1 Service Stripe; 3 Service Bars.

Returning home Ernest and Elda would make their home in Flushing, Michigan. He would work for the Burrough Building Center in Flint Michigan, and then Flint Plumbing and Heating. His activities included Hunting, Fishing, and Eating, as Elda was an excellent cook. On June 30, 1986, Ernest Beattie Nowland answered the final call and is being honored by his son Mel (Bud) Nowland.

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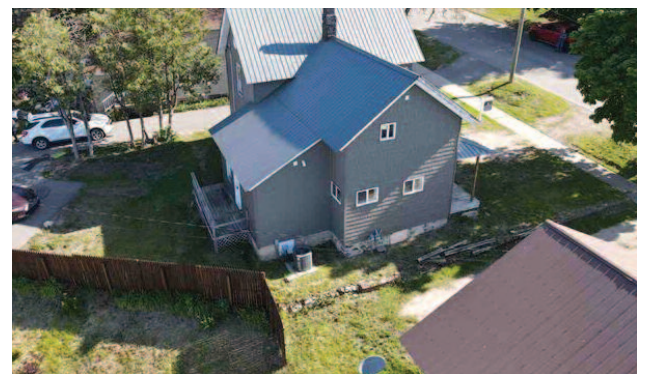
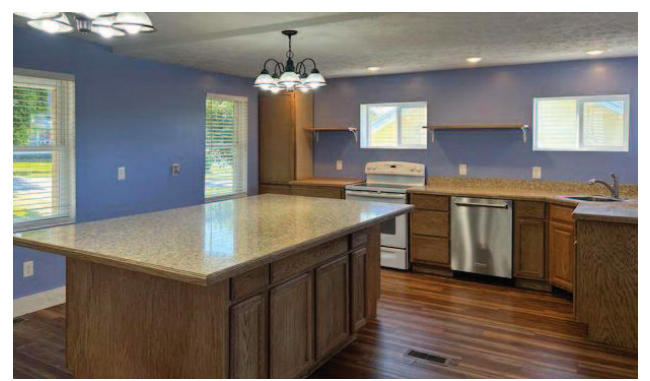
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BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED HOME IN EAST JORDAN



BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a beautifully updated two-story home, located just a few blocks from downtown East Jordan.

This four bedroom, two bath home has just under 1,700 square feet of nicely updated space on the main

two levels. Highlights include gorgeous updated kitchen with convenient center island, elegant wood flooring, generously size bedrooms, updated bathrooms, main level laundry, metal roof, central air conditioning and much more.

The location is fantastic. The thriving East Jordan

downtown is just a short walk away, featuring tons of shopping, dining, entertainment, parks, and even the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. What a great spot to make your new home!

This beautifully updated home is located at 103 Third Street in East Jordan it is listed at \$250,000.

For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtors, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 231 Water Street in Boyne City, 231-675-0157 or email at jennifer.burr@cbgreatlakes.com. Website: jenniferburrgroup.com

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SHOULD I BUY OR SELL FIRST?

PART 1 OF 2

For homeowners aiming to sell their home and buy another, it's the classic real estate, which came first, the chicken or the egg, question -- buy or sell first?

If you sell first, you may find yourself under a tight deadline to find another house, or be forced in temporary quarters. If you buy first, you may be saddled with two mortgage payments for at least a couple months. You may need the money from the sale of your original home in order to pre-qualify for a loan for your new home. You may be facing a job relocation and need to sell quickly.

There are many variables involved; there is no universal correct answer. It basically comes down to your specific circumstances.

Dan Gregor, a Realtor in Pickerington, Ohio, says there is generally less pressure when you sell first.

"It really comes down to risk," Gregor said. "It's whether you want the risk of owning two houses, or possibly none at all."

Gregor says that if you have the money to make two mortgage payments, the pressure is off. But if you need to sell your house in order to qualify for a loan, then you have no choice -- you'll have to

sell first.

"You can write contingent contracts, but if you really want the home, you'll pay a premium -- that's if the seller will even entertain a contingent offer," he says.

And if you go ahead with a contingent offer, then you may end up settling for less for the house you're selling in an effort to get it sold quickly.

Gregor says for most people, the stress level is lower when you sell first.

"You have time to get pre-approved for your mortgage and see all the housing options in the price range you'd like to buy," he said.

When your selling house is in contract, he suggests you pick the three best homes of those you've viewed and prepare to make an offer on the one that best meets your needs.

"The absolute worst that can happen is the right home isn't available," Gregor said. "You end up in a short-term rental with the cash in your pocket and pre-approved financing for the balance you need. So you look like a cash buyer when you make an offer on the home you finally decide on."

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News

Housing North Releases 10-County Housing Needs Assessment Report

TRAVERSE CITY – Housing North announced today that it has publicly released its comprehensive Northwest Michigan Housing Needs Assessment. This report, developed in conjunction with Bowen National over the past nine months, provides vital insights into the region's housing needs from 2022 to 2027 and will supplement the Regional Housing Plan that will be developed through the Statewide Housing Partnership. The data was recently presented in a webinar and made possible by support from the Frey Foundation, Networks Northwest, and Hagerty.

Among the key findings of the Housing Needs Assessment are the following:

- The HNA results show a total Rental and For Sale need of 31, 268 housing units across the 10-county region and across the income spectrum.

- For rentals, there is a housing gap of 8,813 rental units in the region over the five-year projection period. An estimated 569 units of housing are needed for individuals and families who earn 120 percent or more of the Average Median Income (AMI). The region's largest rental gap by affordability level is for households earning up to 50 percent of Area Median Household Income (AMHI), with a gap of 5,014 units that represents well over half of the region's overall rental housing gap.

- The region is facing a shortage of about 22,455 available for-sale homes over the next five years. Around 5,977 housing units are needed for individuals or families who earn 120 percent or more of the Area Median Household Income (AMI). The highest demand for housing, based on affordability, is for households with incomes

between 81 and 120 percent of the Area Median Household Income (AMHI).

“We are excited to have up-to-date assessments that we can discuss with our communities and partners and use as a tool to help meet the high need for housing in our region,” Housing North Executive Director Yarrow Brown said. “We expected the results to be higher than the Target Market Analysis that was developed in 2019—a very different type of study—but we were surprised to see how much the need has grown in the last five years.” Brown and herby-county results, and discuss the recommendations presented to help create a Regional Housing Plan with clear goals and strategies.

“The report also indicates things we already knew, yet it points out some significant changes and challenges since the pandemic,” Brown continued. “We have clear recommendations that we can use to help inform our elected officials, partners and residents about how this is impacting our overall economy and our region.”

Key takeaways from the report for the region include:

- Household growth is projected to remain strong, with Grand Traverse and Emmet Counties leading the way.

- In 2022, the region's median household income was slightly lower than the state median. However, the region is expected to see significant growth in median household income over the next five years, with a double-digit increase projected.

- Although most of the region's renter household growth is expected to occur among moderate- and higher-income house-

holds, the largest concentration of renter households is among lower-income households (those earning less than \$30,000 annually)

- By 2027, lower-income owner households (earning less than \$30,000 per year) are estimated to make up one out of every nine owner households. Meanwhile, there is anticipated growth in the number of moderate to higher-income owner households.

- Many of the region's households are living in substandard housing situations.

- Housing affordability remains a persistent challenge. Shockingly, over 32,000 people, including approximately one in six children, are currently living in poverty within the area.

- There appears to be a mismatch of workers' wages and the affordability of housing, as most single wage-earning households have difficulty renting a home and few can buy a home.

Brown praised the efforts of Bowen National to create an in-depth and detailed report for the region.

“While this is a report on the county level, there is a lot of data and information we can use to create our own database to track progress towards the housing needs over the next five years,” she said. At least eight communities have signed on to a specific study for their City or Village/Township for an additional fee.

“We don't want to overwhelm people with the results of the projected need—they are high. We do want to emphasize that housing remains a significant issue in our region and a barrier to growth and providing housing for those who want to live here,” Brown said. “We have new tools,

resources and partnerships that can help us make significant progress. We will be working hard over the next few months to share the results with our counties, discuss recommended steps and how Housing North and other partners can help.”

Housing North will continue to release additional information as they work and diligently analyze the data further. “Our future plans include presenting county-specific key information in a user-friendly format. We invite individuals who are interested in obtaining more details or arranging a presentation for their community to reach out to us directly. We are committed to ensuring that the data is accessible and beneficial to all stakeholders involved in addressing housing needs within our region.”

“This data confirms that housing remains a critical issue for Northwest Michigan and emphasizes the importance of the efforts of Housing North and other local housing groups. We have a lot more work to do with this critical issue and it's going to require a lot of collaboration to move the needle.” Carlin Smith, Board President

Founded in 2018, Housing North is a nonprofit organization that works to build awareness, influence policy, and grow capacity and resources for housing solutions in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties. More information is available online at www.housingnorth.org.

Links to the full report and sections of the report

OUTDOOR CHOICES:



Grass Lake Overlook on the Shingle Mill Pathway

The Mountain Biker's Reward: Six Great Descents in Northern Lower Michigan

BY ERIN FANNING

Sweating and struggling, silently cursing the heat, I climbed to the top of Boyne Highlands Ski Resort on my mountain bike. From the top, a green canopy marched around me. But before I could relax and enjoy the view, my husband was already disappearing onto the next trail, ready to begin the swooping, twisting downhill, the mountain biker's reward.

While Northern Michigan can't claim soaring mountains, it does host endlessly rolling terrain, resulting in a rollercoaster effect as fun as any amusement park. Although I appreciate the challenge of the ascents, nothing can beat the long, flowing descents. The following are my six of my favorites:

1. Shingle Mill Pathway, Grass Lake Overlook: Located in the Pigeon River Country Forest, the Shingle Mill Pathway, about 10 miles east of Vanderbilt, always thrills, particularly the rollicking descent just past the Grass Lake Overlook. It comes after a lengthy climb, giving bikers a well-deserved rest and making one feel like a kid every time. (<https://pigeonriverdiscoverycenter.org/trails/>)

2. North Country Trail, Kipp Road: From Kipp Road, near Harbor Springs, the North Country Trail climbs off and on for about 3 miles with a demanding half-mile ascent near the beginning. But, as you have probably guessed, this section is well worth the effort with an exhilarating downhill ride, perhaps the best in Michigan. (<https://northcountrytrail.org/>)

3. and 4. Hanson Hills, Point F Lookout: Mountain biking at Hanson Hills, just outside of Grayling, is always a happy experience

with its well-maintained trails and proximity to Grayling's brewpubs and restaurants. It is also home to two of my favorite downhills, which, like many great descents, come at the end of the ride. The Red Loop concludes with a fast flight back to the parking lot; while the Yellow Loop has two exciting hills as the trail finishes. The first is a gradual descent with, unfortunately, a steep climb; however, you will be compensated with another rapid ramble (but expect sand and bumps) back to the trailhead. (<https://hansonhills.org/>)

5. North Country Trail, descent to Hodenpyl Dam Road: The popular section of the North Country Trail from Coates Highway to Hodenpyl Dam Road, near Mesick, challenges mountain bikers with its hill-hugging singletrack climbs. The last ascent on this section is particularly strenuous, but you can rest almost all the way down to Hodenpyl Dam Road, enjoying the bliss of flying along a skinny trail. (<https://northcountrytrail.org/>)

6. Boyne Highlands, North Spine: Boyne Highlands, about 5 miles from Harbor Springs, boasts more than 20 miles of mountain biking trails. At times, one can almost forget that they aren't in a mountainous terrain, particularly on the black-diamond North Spine Trail, which darts back to the bottom of the ski resort in a mad rush. (<https://www.highlandsharbor Springs.com/bike>)

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Bio: Erin Fanning, author of Mountain Biking Michigan, shares her biking and kayaking adventures at michiganbiyaking.com. You can find more about her writing at erinfanning.com

LEADERSHIP

OUR LEADERSHIP PLANTS SEEDS

BY JOHN KEYSER

St. Luke's gospel talks about a mustard seed planted in a garden, which grew into a large bush with strong branches where the birds of the sky dwell. Those branches are an attractive and sturdy framework for the birds to gather safely and purposefully.

Our leadership can certainly be that mustard seed. If we plant it with care and intention, it will grow and attract good people. If we create a culture of support and collaboration, our team members will thrive; they will feel they are vital members of that culture. They will fill those branches with purposeful work and they will strengthen the foundation of our business or non-profit organization.

True leadership, servant leadership, is attractive to others. When we project quiet confidence and a genuine, collaborative, encour-



JOHN KEYSER

aging spirit, we attract good people who want to do good work.

Leadership is how we help people feel about themselves. It is offering a smile, a question about if and how may we help. It is being fully present in a one-on-one conversation, giving our full attention, with an open mind, and eager to understand. It is our asking for ideas and honest feedback, and offer-

ing timely positive and helpful feedback ourselves.

Are these little things? Maybe, yet it is the little things—a smile, a conversation—that sustain the spirit of our team members. This is how we grow into and maintain a highly motivated, high performance team. Creating a winning organizational culture is the very best framework for success. Happy team members do the best work.

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, DC and Chicago, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, helping senior people in the business, academic and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute. Kerry teaches at St. Mary School

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Great Start Collaborative receives preschool grant funding from local foundations

The Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim Counties recently received preschool funding that will support families and children in Northern Michigan.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation both provided funding to the Great Start Preschool Scholarship Program.

“Having access to high-quality, early childcare is a key factor impacting a child's school readiness,” said Savannah Cool, Great Start director. “While

there are income-based programs in our communities - Great Start Readiness Program and Head Start, specifically - there is not enough capacity in those programs to serve every child that would qualify. These scholarships remove financial barriers for families to be able to enroll their children in available preschool programs.”

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation provided \$10,000, and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation provided \$8,500. Cool said these funds will be available for slots beginning in fall 2023.

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LIVE ON THE LAKE

Summer concerts Thursday nights in East Park at the Odmark Performance Pavilion in downtown.

July 6 - B-Side Growlers. 7pm

July 13 - Circle of Arts Quick Draw Paint Out. Painting 5-7pm. People's choice voting 7-9pm

July 13 - Eliza Thorp. 6pm

July 13 - Mark Lavengood. 7pm

July 27 - Traverse City Dance Project. 7pm

August 1-3 - The Soundgarden Project playing classical music in unexpected places. Various locations & times w/ a final performance on August 3rd at 7pm at the Odmark Performance Pavilion

August 3 - Childrens Activities. 5-7pm

August 3 - Distant Stars. 8pm

August 10 - Charlie Millard Band. 7pm

August 17 - The Real Ingredients. 7pm

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MOVIE IN THE PARK AT DARK

Grab your blankets for the Movie in the Park at Dark. Every Friday night from July 7 to August 18, Downtown Petoskey will host a movie on our huge inflatable movie screen in Pennsylvania Park.

July 7 - Minions: The Rise of Gru

July 14 - Holes

July 21 - Ferris Buellers Day Off

July 28 - Top Gun Maverick

Aug. 4 - Sing 2

Aug. 11 - August Rush

Aug. 18 - The Super Mario Bros. Movie

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EAST JORDAN

FREE KID CRAFT

At EJ Tourist Park Lions Pavilion, Noon - 2pm.

July 11 - Rock Painting

July 18 - Bracelet Making

July 25 - Canvas Painting

Aug. 1 - Bird Feeders

Aug. 8 - Sun Catchers

EAST JORDAN

SWEATY YETI

Race Day - July 8. Boswell Stadium - East Jordan High School. 5K - Our in-person race is professionally timed and starts at 8 am. All registrations will be moved to virtual in the event an in-person event cannot be held. Register at www.sweatyetirun.com/registration-info. 1 Mile Fun Run - This event starts after the 5K, at 9am. 5K/Virtual \$35

LAKES OF THE NORTH

ON ROAD OFF ROAD SHOW

Join us for our next On Road Off Road Show on Saturday July 8th at 5pm at Settings Restaurant, Lakes of the North Mancelona Michigan. Bring your old, new, whatever you want to show off car, truck, ATV or motorcycle. There will be music and if weather permits we may have a movie too

CHARLEVOIX

ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, July 8, 10am - 6pm. Sunday, July 9, 10am - 4pm. This popular event will take place downtown Charlevoix in East Park on July 8 & 9. If you are looking for a unique shopping opportunity in one of a kind community, Charlevoix the Beautiful is the place to be this summer.

EAST JORDAN

SOUTH ARM CLASSICS

The South Arm Classics will take place Saturday, July 9 from 10am-3pm. Classic cars food, music and fun. Memorial Park and Harbor Parking Lot.

CHARLEVOIX

SUMMERTIME MUSIC AT THE CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

SummerFolk Concert Series: July 10th: Kate Hinote Trio

August 14th: Even Archambo

September 11th: Jack & Gary

Jazz At the Library (JATL)

July 5th: Nancy Stagnitta

July 12th: Bill & Laurie Sears

July 26th: Mike & Michelle Davis

August 2nd: Crispin Campbell

August 9th: Little Big Band

August 16th: Family & Friends

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JAMES WEBB

TELESCOPE - NEW DISCOVERIES

July 13, 8:30pm. Join NASA astronomer ambassador, Rod Cortright, for a night under the stars. This family friendly outdoor presentation will explore the technology and discoveries mad so far using the James Webb telescope. No charge for workshop (donations are gladly accepted) but you must register at www.pigeonriverdiscoverycenter.org. Look under the events tab.

PETOSKEY

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Blissfest Music Organization and Downtown Petoskey bring you

Sounds of Summer. Enjoy live tunes in Pennsylvania Park Friday nights from July 14th through August 18th! Beginning at 7 pm these free concerts will get you grooving all summer long. Grab yourself take out or a drink from one of our Social District bars and restaurants and bring your blanket and chairs and enjoy the Sounds of Summer concert series.

July 14 - Tim Jones & Stonefolk (Americana Yacht Country)

July 21 - Silver Creek Revival (Indie-Folk & Americana)

July 28 - Bee Taylor (Delta Blues & Gypsy Jazz)

August 4 - Luke Winslow-King (Original Folk Blues)

August 11 - 1000 Watt Prophets (Soulful Americana)

August 18 - Al Bettis (Smooth Indie Soul)

PETOSKEY

PETOSKEY ART IN THE PARK

July 15th, 10am - 5pm. Artists from all over the United States will descend upon Downtown Petoskey to show off their wares. For the 37th year, over 100 booths will grace Pennsylvania Park with items ranging from pottery to jewelry, from paintings to photographs and much more. Find everything from that perfect, one-of-a-kind gift for someone special to that jaw-dropping focal piece for the office. Items range in size from small, intricate pieces of jewelry, to functional wearable art, and so much more. You'll find something for everyone, even if they're a budding art-lover or a seasoned collector of the fine things in life. The show is rain or shine, so come prepared to shop.

BOYNE CITY

FREE AIRPLANE RIDES

For kids ages 8-17. Saturday, July 15 from 9am - Noon at the Boyne City Municipal Airport. Sponsored by Chapter 1087 of the Experimental Aircraft Assn. For more info contact Rod at 231-675-0393 or cortrigh@msu.edu. If this event is canceled due to unsafe weather it will not be rescheduled.

BEAVER ISLAND

MUSIC FESTIVAL

We have a weekend packed with friends, family, activities, camping, and of course... MUSIC! Join us July 20, 21, & 22. Tickets on-line at <https://bimf.net/tickets>. Children 12 and under tickets and camping are FREE with your festival ticket purchase. If you have any questions about your trip, please give us a call at

231-330-9945. Beaver Fun tickets May 15 - July 10. At gate prices will apply after this date.

BAY VIEW

BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS

Blood, Sweat & Tears will play Bay View's Hall Auditorium on July 21 at 8pm this summer. Blood Sweat & Tears has been nominated for 10 Grammy awards and won 3. They performed in 1969 at Woodstock the same day as Jimi Hendrix among other great bands. Bobby Colomby discovered their latest vocalist, Keith Paluso of the 2018 season of "The Voice." Critics say Keith is the best singer since David Clayton-Thomas, the singer most recognize as being part of the band. Hits include "Spinning Wheel," "You Make Me So Very Happy," "God Bless the Child," and many more. Performance at John M. Hall Auditorium, Bay View Association. Tickets: <https://bva.booktix.com/>

BOYNE CITY

CONSERVATION DISTRICT FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Backyard Nature Program Summer Series every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30, starting June 14th through July 26th, join the Charlevoix Conservation District & the Boyne City Library at Old City Park in Boyne City for free nature programs for kids! The programs are geared toward ages 3-7, but families of all ages are welcome. Meet our intern, Miss Jalie, at the Gazebo to listen to a nature-based book related to the topic of the day before setting out to discover nature throughout the park. Gentle guidance, along with a few simple tools, will assist the children's efforts with observing and collecting. If time permits, a related art activity will wrap up the activities for the hour. There is no fee or RSVP required to attend this event, but parents or guardians are asked to stay for the duration. For questions or more information about these events or the conservation district, please contact district manager, Alison Adams for more details.

BOYNE CITY

FREE CLINIC

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

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.

PETOSKEY

SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE

July 28, 29. The granddaddy of them all - Shop the 59th annual Downtown Petoskey Sidewalk Sales. Sales are 9am - 6pm Friday, July 28, 9am - 6pm Saturday, July 29

BOYNE CITY

HDSA FUN WALK

Help for today, hope for tomorrow in the battle against Huntington's Disease. Join us for a fun walk Saturday, July 29. Registration at 9am, walk begins at 10am at the Boyne City pavilion at Veterans Park. Registration is \$20. Deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is June 20. Reserve your spot at www.hdsa.org/thwboynecity

EAST JORDAN

PORTSIDE ART FAIR

Calling all artists. Save the date, Saturday & Sunday, August 5th & 6th, 10AM - 4PM both days. Elm Pointe will be the location for this fabulous

art fair. A call for artist is currently taking place, so if you are an artist or know someone that would like to be a part of this show please visit portsideartfair.org or call to Christine Wilhelm 231-675-4841 or email Christine at christinewilhelm63@gmail.com

CHARLEVOIX

ART FROM THE ATTIC.

A fundraiser for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts featuring previously loved art. Saturday, Aug. 12, 11am - 3pm. Mon - Thurs, Aug. 14, 11am - 4pm. Donations to Art from the Attic accepted now thru Aug. 4 at Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St. Mon. - Fri, 11am - 4pm

PETOSKEY

SUMMER SENDOFF

Celebrating Community through Craft. Raise a glass to another great summer in Downtown Petoskey. In collaboration with Beards Brewery, come celebrate the Summer Sendoff on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19. Multiple concerts in the park, Movie in the Park at Dark, the Great Lakes Brass Band, street games, community partner tents, the Charlie Millard Band and more.

ELLSWORTH

CONCERTS

Concerts on the Ellsworth Community Square every Wednesday Night—7 p.m.

EAST JORDAN

MEET UP, EAT UP

Meet up and Eat up at East Jordan Elementary school. Lunch and breakfast are served daily Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is at 8:30 AM till 9 AM and lunch 11 AM to 12 PM. Free for anyone 18 and under.

BOYNE CITY

STROLL THE STREETS

Music, art, and downtown store deals fill the streets every Friday night through the summer 6-9pm. Sponsored by Boyne City Main Street.

BOYNE CITY

ARCHERY RANGE

The Archery Range on the back side of Avalanche Park is set up with 25 targets ready for public use. The entrance to the Archery Range is off of Pleasant Avenue. Thanks to Barney Hess for setting up the targets as he has done for several years

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

CASH RAFFLE

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, and East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce serve this function for Charlevoix County, energizing the County and encouraging economic activity throughout the region. One lucky Chamber Champion will win \$10,000 CASH! Additionally, two lucky Chamber Champions will win either \$2,000 or \$1,000 Cash! Drawing will take place on November 3rd at Castle Farms and will be

livestreamed on the Chambers' Facebook page. Only 400 tickets are being offered for purchase at \$100.00 each. To purchase a ticket, call Charlevoix Area Chamber at 231-547-2101, East Jordan Area Chamber at 231-536-7351 or Boyne Area Chamber at 231-582-6222

EAST JORDAN

FARMERS MARKET

The East Jordan Farmers Market is every Thursday. Hours 10am - 2pm at the East Jordan Tourist Park.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday at Veterans Park, 8am - Noon. Fresh produce, live music, local artwork, artisan food, kids corner and more.

CHARLEVOIX

FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers market is now open for the season every Thursday from 8AM - 1PM on Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix

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CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3 of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. Right now, some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albies Foods, Gaylor Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@GaylorD-ot-sego.com

EAST JORDAN

TEEN CENTER

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

BOYNE CITY

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB

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

EAST JORDAN

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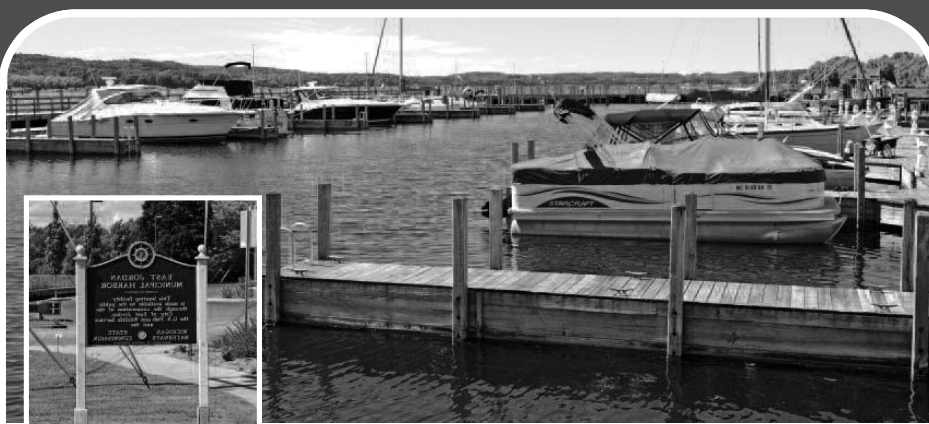
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ORV reminder: Ride right to be safe

Many people will be enjoying one of the fastest-growing recreation activities in Michigan again this summer – off-road vehicle riding. If you'll be on a quad, side-by-side, dirt bike or other type of ORV, the DNR wants everyone to Ride Right to ensure you ride again.

Speed, drugs and alcohol, and reckless operation are leading causes of ORV accidents.

"Conservation officers are seeing an increase in alcohol and marijuana use, particularly on side-by-sides," said the DNR's Cpl. Mike Hearn. "Alcohol and

marijuana laws are the same for ORVs as they are for street vehicles – there's zero tolerance."

If you are the first rider (acting as leader) of an ORV group, you can help prevent reckless operation by leading at a safe speed for all rider abilities, conditions and equipment. Also be cautious of dust clouds, especially during dry weather conditions such as those Michigan is now experiencing. Dust clouds can impair your ability to see nearby riders, trees and other objects, making it challenging to determine a safe stopping distance.

Keep these important ORV safety tips in mind:

- Ride at a safe speed based on your abilities and the machine's capabilities.
- Know the trail conditions.
- Ride sober; open alcohol is not allowed on side-by-sides or any other ORV.
- Ride on the right side of the trail.
- Wear a helmet and other appropriate safety gear, such as eye protection, gloves, footwear and chest protectors.
- Ride with your lights on to increase your visibility to others.
- Always supervise ORV

operators who are under the age of 16 (it's the law).

- Complete an approved ORV safety course.
- Refer to manufacturer guidelines for passenger limits.
- Stay on the trail and watch where you park. A hot muffler or engine can ignite dry leaves or grass, so keep machines and trailer chains away from potential fire fuel.
- Read more about ORV safety at Michigan.gov/RideRight. For more on where to ride and ORV laws in Michigan, go to Michigan.gov/ORV-Info.



STATE ROAD

If you're operating an ORV on a state forest road or elsewhere, be sure to put safety first and always "Ride Right" so you get the chance to ride again. (courtesy of DNR)

Rep. Friske Rallies Against Extreme Leftist State Budget

Rep. Friske is fighting back against the extreme left-wing ideology that is being forced into our state budget. For years, both parties have worked across the isle to make our state's funding as non-partisan and apolitical as possible so that our state may function properly. Now, under Democrat Leadership, things have changed.

"This is absolutely insane precedent!" urged Rep. Friske. "Repealing our state's ban on vaccine passports sets a dangerous path of what is to come for Michigan!"

Currently, Michigan's government is not allowed to deny services to citizens based on Covid-19 vaccination status due to a provision inserted into the previous budget for each department. If passed and signed by the governor, the upcoming budget will allow elementary schools to send your child home for being unvaccinated, veteran facilities will be able to deny unvaccinated veterans the help they need, and busses could potentially require proof of vaccine in order to ride.

"Among other terrible things in the budget I could name, there's definitely quite a few," said Rep. Friske. "There's over \$20 million for climate change hysteria, \$161,000 for DEI Research, and even the creation of a 'Social Equity Program' aimed at creating more minority-owned Marijuana Shops... Who comes up with this stuff? In fact, there's even a single line item in the budget for the Department of Transportation which establishes a \$218,000 salary for a 'Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator'! I'd certainly like to learn more about this profession!"

It's true, some of what the budget includes is:

- \$161,000 – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Research
- \$218,000 – Salary: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator (MDOT)
- \$2.9 million – Minority Farmer's Fund
- \$10 million – Grants for Small-Business Owners (Minority-Owned)
- \$2 million – 'Immigrant & Refugee Center'
- Creates 'Social Equity Program' for licensure in Marijuana Industry
- Over \$20 million dollars into various agricultural/businesses to fight climate change

"Another thing that re-

ally catches my eye," started Rep. Friske, "there's a \$10 million grant in there for small business owners. That sounds nice at first, but that catch is, your business isn't allowed to receive government support if you're white. Where I'm from, that's called racism, and I'll call it as I see it!"

Another provision changed in the education budget is a concern regarding abortion. Teachers will no longer be liable if they convince a child/pregnant teenager to seek out and obtain an abortion.

"This is sick and perverted!" urged Rep. Friske. "Why should a teacher be able to coerce your child into killing her baby without consequence? It's bad enough that this is the most expensive budget of all time, forcing this infanticidal ideology into our school budget is worse."

On the topic of abortion, the budget also allows the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to use taxpayer money for abortion and abortion procedures. Individual Departments are also not allowed to divert money away from abortion.

"The Democrats are even making the taxpayer foot the bill for their phony, election month ideology," said Rep. Friske. "The state is going to spend \$2.5 million to pay pre-postage for mail-in ballots, since apparently it's too hard to just use a simple stamp."

The general budget also includes a \$5.1 million for the Michigan State Capitol Commission to institute a weapons-ban.

"So now I can't even carry at work?" asked Rep. Friske. "It was bad enough when they banned my staff from being able to carry earlier this year. Lansing is a bad and rough area. Neither myself, nor my staff, should be subjected to a dangerous area without the God-given right to defend ourselves. Trust me, the threat is not coming from legislators or staffers!"

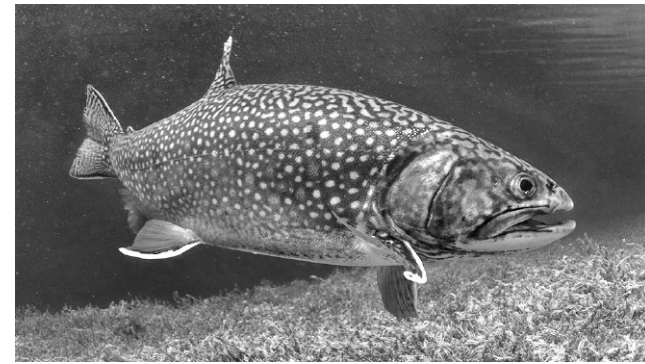
The budget passed the House of Representatives Tuesday night. Rep. Friske will continue urging his colleagues and fellow taxpayers to hold the state accountable for their actions and prevent further tyranny and infringement.

Brook trout flourish in state's northern streams

The brook trout is native to Michigan's waters and has been designated the state fish of Michigan. They can be found alongside rocks, under cover of logs and undercut banks, in cold water, spring-fed streams, rivers, lakes and in the Great Lakes.

The Black River system, in the northeastern Lower Peninsula, enjoys a reputation as being among the best brook trout streams in Michigan. Brookies are found in most major trout stream systems, but by summer, they have often migrated to the headwaters of the tributaries in search of colder water. Brook trout are widespread across the northern portion of the state, especially in the Upper Peninsula, where any stream that runs clear and cold is likely to hold a population of brook trout.

Brook trout take about 1.5



The brook trout is the state fish of Michigan and is plentiful in the Black River system in the northeastern Lower Peninsula. Brook trout prefer colder water temperatures and are more prevalent throughout the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula. (courtesy of Wikipedia)

to 2.5 years to mature and they usually do not live longer than 6 years. Brook trout living in streams reach between 7 to 9 inches in length. Great Lake brook trout or coasters can attain larger sizes up to 25 inches and 10 pounds.

Brook trout are ready biters and they can be

caught by using various baits and lures including worms, crickets, grasshoppers, wet and dry flies, spoons and spinners. They can be found in deep holes and under the cover of logs or overhanging banks in many streams where they often pursued by anglers drifting worms along the

bottom. Small spoons, spinners and jigs are the most popular spinning lures.

Brook trout have a long, streamlined body with a large mouth that extends past the eye. Color variations include olive, blue-gray or black above with a silvery white belly and wormlike markings (vermiculation pattern) along the back. They have red spots sometimes surrounded by bluish halos on their sides. The lower fins have a white front edge followed by black and the remainder being reddish orange. The tail fin is square or slightly forked. During fall breeding time, male brook trout will develop a slight hooked jaw and become very bright orange-red along the lower sides which is highlighted by a black vertical stripe along the belly.

Explaining Michigan's new hands-free driving laws

Michigan has become one of 26 states to pass so-called hands-free driving legislation meant to curb distracted driving and related crashes.

Prior to the new legislation, it has been illegal to text while driving in Michigan -- but that rule was established years ago when cellphones and their capabilities were much different. Michigan's existing vehicle code states, in part, that drivers cannot "read, manually type, or send a text message on a wireless 2-way communication device that is located in the person's hand or in the person's lap."

The newly signed hands-free driving rules will make all cellphone usage illegal while driving in Michigan -- not just texting.

Under the new law, drivers will be barred from using social media, watching or recording videos or holding their phones to make a call while driving in addition to texting.

Passenger vehicle drivers could be fined \$100 for a first offense, \$250 for subsequent violations and be required to complete a driver improvement course if they are cited three or more times within a three-year

period.

Emergency calls, cell phone mounts and Bluetooth-connected dashboard screens for mapping trips and changing tunes are exempt, as are electronic medical devices like insulin pumps, two-way radios and CB radios.

The newly signed legislation will make any cellphone use that isn't hands-free illegal, including scrolling, searching, calling, etc.

The language in the bills will amend Michigan law to make it illegal to "use a mobile electronic device to do any task, including, but not limited to" the following:

- Send or receive a telephone call.
- Send, receive, or read a text message.
- View, record, or transmit a video.
- Access, read, or post to a social networking site.
- It will also become illegal to reach for a cellphone or mobile electronic device in a way that requires the driver to maneuver so that they're no longer "in a seated driving position, restrained by a seat belt."
- Drivers caught violating the law can face fines and/or be required to perform community service.

If a person is caught holding or using a cellphone, or mobile electronic device, while driving a regular motor vehicle, they would face the following fines:

- First violation: \$100 fine or 16 hours of community service, or both.
- Second or subsequent violation: \$250 fine or 24 hours of community service, or both.
- If three violations occur within a 3-year period: The driver would be ordered by the court to complete a driver improvement course.
- If a person driving a commercial vehicle or a school bus is caught holding or using a cellphone, they would face the following fines:
 - First violation: \$200 fine or 32 hours of community service, or both.
 - Second or subsequent violation: \$500 fine or 48 hours of community service, or both.

Under the rules, if a crash were to occur and the at-fault driver was holding or using a cellphone while driving, any civil fines ordered "must be double the amount that would otherwise be ordered."

Exceptions to the rule

There are some exceptions to the new driving rules.

Law enforcement, first responders and other public emergency workers won't be prohibited from using a cellphone while performing official duties. The same exception goes for anyone calling or texting 911, a law enforcement agency or another emergency service to report an emergency or seek help.

Drivers also won't be prohibited from using their GPS, but only if they aren't using and holding their phone to access it or type in information. Phones could be used as navigation systems so long as it is in a hands-free fashion, such as mounting it to the dashboard or using voice commands to control it.

Generally, hands-free cellphone use will be allowed, such as using a system built into the vehicle, or using voice commands to access the phone.

Red lights are not exceptions, however. Even if a driver is at a complete stop at a red light, it would still be illegal to hold and use a cellphone.

OBITUARIES

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Shelby Wurst, Sydney Wurst, Cole Wright, and Abbey Wright; special friend Rick Wells; Lynn Sutton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, R.M. and Billy Sutton; and his brother, Andrew Sutton.

A celebration of Richard's Life will take place on Sunday, July 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Fu-

neral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Sharon Snyder, 78
(JAN. 24, 1945 — JUNE 29, 2023)
CHARLEVOIX

Sharon Lee Snyder of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at the American House in Charlevoix. She was born on January 24, 1945, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Albert and Pauline (Zitka) Russell.

Sharon's family has chosen to remember her life privately.

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

Patricia K. DeGraeve, 75
(OCT. 27, 1947 — JUNE 26, 2023)
OAK RIDGE, TN. & CHARLEVOIX

Patricia K. DeGraeve of Oak Ridge, TN, and Charlevoix, passed away on June 26, 2023 in TN.

Funeral services will take place on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until the time of services.

Interment with military honors will follow in Greensky Hill Cemetery.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future.

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

www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Mary Jo (Peacock) Richter, 71
(MAY 23, 1952 - JUNE 29, 2023)
EAST JORDAN



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A complete obituary will be published at a later date.

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Available for occasional after-school meetings or activities planned for students involved in the Title IA/31A program or their parents/families.

Demonstrate initiative and excellent work habits (i.e. attendance, punctuality, responsibility, and collaboration).

Able to attend conferences when Title IA/31A appropriate and applicable.

Abide by FERPA confidentiality laws in handling student and family information.

Additions to the above qualifications as the Superintendent or Board of Education deem appropriate.

REPORTS TO:

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PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Take direction from supervising teacher(s) to work with students who have identified academic needs and are part of the Title IA/31A program.

Use available diagnostic information (from the supervising teacher or administrator's data analysis, leadership, planning, or guidance) to carry out a supplemental program of reinforcements and interventions for students who have not performed at grade level in the regular core subject areas of reading, writing, math, science, or social studies and have been identified and ranked-by-building for Title IA/31A services.

Maintain a system of records (e.g., an intervention activity log or personnel activity reports as required by legislation and the supervising teacher) to chronicle and help monitor a Title IA/31A student's progress.

Administer targeted assessments to progress monitor students in the Title IA/31A program as outlined by the supervising teacher.

Attend required district/building professional development programs and meetings.

In conjunction with the supervising teacher, help submit a year-end progress report of all Title IA/31A assigned students to the building principal(s) and the Director of Student Support Services.

Help maintain a culture of caring, follow/support the Full Value Agreement, and provide a safe, learning environment.

Maintain all certifications (note Qualifications #1).

Perform other intervention-related duties assigned by the Supervising Teacher(s), the Building Principal(s), and/or the Director of Student Support Specialist (Title IA/31A) as related to and allowed according to Targeted-Assist Title IA/31A federal and state legislation.

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Cheboygan's Kenzie Burt is the player of the year

Becca Madison is Coach of the Year

BY BEN MURPHY

The month of July is awards season at the Charlevoix County News and Weekly Choice. The publications kick things off this week with the Girls Soccer Dream Team. As always, there was plenty of impressive action in the coverage area.

Cheboygan senior Kenzie Burt had a huge final high school season. She sent in an impressive 33 goals and also added 20 assists for a vastly successful team. The Chiefs won the Northern Michigan Soccer League with a 12-0-3 record and finished 12-2-3 overall.

It was a close race to claim coach of the year. Boyne City head coach Becca Madison gets the nod however. The Lady Ramblers put together a great year, going 11-3-2 overall and taking second in the Lake Michigan Conference with a 7-2-2 record. All three losses this year were to state semi-finalist Elk Rapids.

A player to watch out for next year will be Gaylord's Claire Gorno. Playing as a junior this past spring, she had quite the impact in Big North Conference games, netting nine goals and getting eight assists in 10 matches. She was an easy first team honoree this year.

Rounding out the first team is as follows; Cheboygan had Burt and fellow seniors Cassidy Jewell and Callie Wanke. Gaylord had Gorno and senior Sydney Deer. Boyne City had sophomore Braydin Noble and senior Elly Day. Making the team for Charlevoix was senior Mikayla Sharrow and junior Addison Boop. Petoskey seniors Kate Far-



KENZIE BURT - PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ley and Annika Gandhi got first team honors as well and Grayling junior Emma Kuziel rounds out the first team honorees.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Becca Madison

Getting the honor as the Charlevoix County News

and Weekly Choice girls coach of the year is Boyne City head coach Becca Madison. The Lady Ramblers went 11-3-2 this season, with all three losses coming to Elk Rapids, a team that went all the way to the state semi-finals.

"The players' willingness to buy into our process and support one another contributed immensely to our success throughout the season," Madison said. "We focused on the day-to-day processes, and that helped us to evolve over time play-



BECCA MADISON - COACH OF THE YEAR

ing our best soccer at the end of May. We were never results driven but rather developmentally focused."

That formula proved to be successful for Boyne City on the soccer field this spring. They took second place in the Lake Michigan Conference, behind only Elk Rapids. They had a gutty early season 1-0 win over Traverse City St. Francis and wins over solid clubs like Harbor Springs, Cheboygan and McBain Northern Michigan Christian as well.

"We had excellent leader-

ship from several of our upperclassmen," Madison said. "Those leaders all provided a different style and voice, which benefited the team greatly."

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kenzie Burt

Cheboygan senior Kenzie Burt had one heck of a final high school season. Burt had 33 goals and 20 assists this spring. For her career

she finished with 60 goals and 33 assists. With her spectacular season in mind, and her team's success, Burt has been named the Charlevoix County News and the Weekly Choice's girls' soccer player of the year.

"I can't think of a player more deserving," her head coach Tom Markham said. "You will have to go far to find a better player or a better person than Kenzie Burt; she embodies the best in what it means to be a student-athlete. She is a class act on and off the field."

Burt helped lead the Lady Chiefs to a fantastic season, as they went 12-2-3 overall and were able to win the Northern Michigan Soccer League championship. Their season unfortunately ended with a 2-1 district loss to Traverse City St. Francis.

One of Burt's better highlights during the year came in their 6-0 road win at Tawas Area. Burt was able to impressively boot in five of the team's six goals.

"With 93 career points in just three seasons, Kenzie will go down as one of the finest soccer players Cheboygan has ever had," Markham said. "Her speed, intelligence, and finishing ability is simply remarkable."

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DREAM TEAM GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Kenzie Burt (12) Cheboygan



Cassidy Jewell (12) Cheboygan



Callie Wanke (12) Cheboygan



Mikayla Sharrow (12) Charlevoix



Addison Boop (11) Charlevoix



Braydin Noble (10) Boyne City



Elly Day (12) Boyne City



Claire Gorno (11) Gaylord



Sydney Deer (12) Gaylord



Kate Farley (12) Petoskey



Emma Kuziel (11) Grayling

Annika Gandhi (12) Petoskey

(Photo not available)

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Sports



2023 CHOICE PUBLICATIONS ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER DREAM TEAM

DREAM TEAM GIRLS SOCCER SECOND TEAM



Karlee Eaton (11) Charlevoix



Merette Carson (12) Charlevoix



Jordynn Sudderth (12) Boyne City



Maggi McHugh (12) Boyne City



Mackensy Wilson (11) Boyne City



Samantha Harke (10) Cheboygan



Addy Baldwin (10) Cheboygan



Alivia Zaremba (12) Gaylord



Aidda Freeman (12) Gaylord



Lauren Cole (11) Petoskey



Sadie Corey (10) Petoskey

FIRST TEAM

- Kenzie Burt (12) Cheboygan – PLAYER OF THE YEAR
- Cassidy Jewell (12) Cheboygan
- Callie Wanke (12) Cheboygan
- Mikayla Sharrow (12) Charlevoix
- Addison Boop (11) Charlevoix
- Braydin Noble (10) Boyne City
- Elly Day (12) Boyne City
- Claire Gorno (11) Gaylord
- Sydney Deer (12) Gaylord
- Kate Farley (12) Petoskey
- Annika Gandhi (12) Petoskey
- Emma Kuziel (11) Grayling

SECOND TEAM:

- Karlee Eaton (11) Charlevoix
- Merette Carson (12) Charlevoix
- Jordynn Sudderth (12) Boyne City
- Maggi McHugh (12) Boyne City
- Mackensy Wilson (11) Boyne City
- Samantha Harke (10) Cheboygan
- Addy Baldwin (10) Cheboygan
- Alivia Zaremba (12) Gaylord
- Aidda Freeman (12) Gaylord
- Lauren Cole (11) Petoskey
- Sadie Corey (10) Petoskey

HONORABLE MENTION

- Boyne City: Mira Hauger, Jordynn Sudderth
- Charlevoix: Ava Boss, Claire Scholten
- Cheboygan: Jaelyn Wheelock, Taylor Bent
- Gaylord: Madeline Gohl, Emma Ross
- Grayling: Edie Boik
- Petoskey: Annie Jones, Anna Dundon

COACHING STAFF

- Becca Madison – Boyne City – COACH OF THE YEAR
- Tom Markham – Cheboygan

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