









# Venetian Fest 2023



Queens from all around Northern Michigan got together for a photo prior to the Venetian Festival parade. Courtesy Photo



The Gaylord Alpenfest Queen and court spend some time with the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Queen and Court prior to the Venetian Festival Parade last weekend

Flag - The Venetian Festival had Main Street blocked off so people could roam freely around downtown. The flag was kind of a barrier wall. It waved beautifully. Courtesy Photo

Sandy Ward and granddaughter - The little Junior Miss Charlevoix Isla Strahan stops for a photo with her grandmother, Sandy Ward. Courtesy Photo



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## Counties with the highest unemployment in Michigan

WRITTEN BY: STACKER

While significantly lower than the alarming pandemic peak of 14.7% experienced in April 2020, unemployment rates remain a subject of concern, though experts' views on a potential recession are mixed. The last economic recession—the Great Recession of 2007-2009—sent rates up to 10% as of October 2009. It was not until the spring of 2019 that unemployment finally went down to the same level it sits at now.

As of May 2023, national unemployment is at 3.4%, with little change from April. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates by state demonstrate a rather sizable spectrum, ranging from just 1.9% in South Dakota to 5.4% in Nevada. Stacker compiled a list of counties with the highest unemployment rates in Michigan using Bureau of Labor Statistics data. Counties are ranked by their preliminary unemployment

rate in May 2023, with initial ties broken by the number of unemployed people within that county, though some ties may remain. County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

### #1. ONTONAGON COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 8.7%
- 1-month change: Up 0.1 percentage points
- 1-year change: Up 0.4 percentage points
- Total labor force: 2,143 people (186 unemployed)

### #2. ALGER COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 8.2%
- 1-month change: Down 1.6 percentage points
- 1-year change: Up 1.5 percentage points
- Total labor force: 3,358 people (277 unemployed)

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### #4. ROSCOMMON COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 7.2%
- 1-month change: Down 0.6 percentage points
- 1-year change: Down 0.7 percentage points
- Total labor force: 8,474 people (613 unemployed)

### #5. SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 7.1%
- 1-month change: Down 0.8 percentage points
- 1-year change: No change
- Total labor force: 3,276 people (232 unemployed)

### #8. OSCODA COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 7%
- 1-month change: Down 0.2 percentage points
- 1-year change: Up 0.2 percentage points
- Total labor force: 3,007 people (210 unemployed)

### #9. MONTMORENCY COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 6.9%
- 1-month change: Down 0.3 percentage points
- 1-year change: Down 0.3 percentage points
- Total labor force: 3,228 people (224 unemployed)

### #14. OGEAW COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 6.3%
- 1-month change: Down 0.2 percentage points
- 1-year change: Up 0.3 percentage points
- Total labor force: 8,665 people (544 unemployed)

### #16. PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 6.2%
- 1-month change: Down 0.8 percentage points
- 1-year change: Up 0.1 percentage points
- Total labor force: 5,176 people (322 unemployed)

### #17. CRAWFORD COUNTY

- May unemployment rate

- (preliminary): 5.9%
- 1-month change: No change
- 1-year change: Down 0.1 percentage points
- Total labor force: 5,771 people (341 unemployed)

### #19. CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 5.8%
- 1-month change: Down 3.9 percentage points
- 1-year change: No change
- Total labor force: 10,707 people (618 unemployed)

### #24. KALKASKA COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 5.5%
- 1-month change: No change
- 1-year change: Up 0.2 percentage points
- Total labor force: 8,275 people (454 unemployed)

### #26. EMMET COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 5.4%
- 1-month change: Down 1.2 percentage points
- 1-year change: Up 0.5

- percentage points
- Total labor force: 17,562 people (951 unemployed)

### #30. ANTRIM COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 5.3%
- 1-month change: Down 0.1 percentage points
- 1-year change: Down 0.1 percentage points
- Total labor force: 10,703 people (566 unemployed)

### #38. MACKINAC COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 5%
- 1-month change: Down 8.4 percentage points
- 1-year change: Down 0.4 percentage points
- Total labor force: 5,601 people (280 unemployed)

### #39. OTSEGO COUNTY

- May unemployment rate (preliminary): 4.9%
- 1-month change: No change
- 1-year change: Down 0.1 percentage points
- Total labor force: 12,182 people (603 unemployed)

## Gov. Whitmer Statement on Lowest Unemployment Rate in 23 Years

*Labor force increases by 23,000, 76,000 jobs added year over year, unemployment rate drops to 3.6%, only third time below 4% since the 1970s and 2nd time since governor was elected.*

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued the following statement after Michigan's unemployment rate fell to 3.6% in June, the lowest rate in 23 years. The state's labor force participation rate continued increasing, the labor force grew by 23,000, and the economy added 76,000 jobs year over year. Michigan's labor force has increased by 85,000 in the first half of 2023, the most ever for the first six months of a year since the data series began in the 1970s.

"Michigan's economy continues to grow. "Our unemployment rate is the lowest in 23 years. Our labor force participation rate is up again, meaning more people are working and filling open positions at businesses across the state. Michiganders are rolling up their sleeves, working hard, and bringing home more money to provide for themselves and their families. "The investments we have made this year to win manufacturing projects, build

housing, revitalize communities, and empower workers are paying off. We are making it in Michigan. Soon, I will sign my fifth balanced, bipartisan budget that will further lower costs for Michiganders, power economic development, and build all kinds of infrastructure.

"Let's keep our foot on the accelerator and build on our economic momentum."

### ANOTHER STRONG JOBS REPORT

- Unemployment rate dropped to 3.6% in June, the lowest in 23 years.
- Since the mid-1970s, Michigan's unemployment rate only fell below 4.0% during three periods: periodically from 1998-2000, from November 2019 to March 2020 (during the Governor's first year in office), and now, from April 2023-present.
- The state recorded 4,439,000 payroll jobs, an increase of 2,000 over the month and 76,000 over the year.
- The state's labor force rose by 85,000 in the first half of 2023, the most ever for first six months of a year since the data series began in the mid-1970s.
- Labor force participation rate climbed to 60.7 percent this month.



Keith Harris donated his time to fix the Splash Pad this week.

## Keith Harris comes to the rescue of the splash pad

Boyer City's new splash pad experienced a problem last week that required it to be shut down for six days. Keith Harris, co-owner of Absolute Comfort Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, stepped in and donated his time and talent to fix the problem. It

is now working perfectly. Kids were in the splash pad two minutes after the repairs were finally completed. Three cheers for Absolute Comfort and Keith Harris! Boyne City volunteers always step up for community projects.

## COMMUNITY LEADERS

# SARA WARD

## EVERY DAY WE SHOULD BE LEARNING

BY JOHN KEYSER

Sara Ward is now President of Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which is a treasure for all of us blessed to live here, be we year-round, summer residents and visitors.

Sara grew up in Trenton, outside of Detroit, and attended school there through high school. Her mom, a dentist and educator, always encouraged each student to be respectful and kind, and this continues to shape who Sara is and her leadership principles and practices.

At the University of Michigan, Sara's focus was on English and Literature, as well as Psychology and History. As will be clear reading this article, Sara is a lifelong learner, continually learning about people and their approaches to success in life, relationships, business, and charitable activities.

Sara's career began with a radio station, which she enjoyed but realized that to her, it lacked

a real purpose of helping others as best she could. She had met Brent, her husband, an MSU graduate, who had been offered a position with Drost Landscape in Petoskey and up north they moved. Sara initially worked in a retail store in Harbor Springs and then with our important Women's Resource Center. During this time, she became involved with Leadership Little Traverse and her leadership effectiveness continued to grow, very much so!

The Wards have two sons, Anderson and Beckett, who attend the Boyne City Public Schools, where they now live. They are avid hockey players at the regional level, and also play baseball and soccer.

In 2008, Sara joined Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation, specifically supporting their grant making. She was very happy with this work and it was a difficult decision for her, after eight years, to accept an offer by Chip Hansen for a new position focused on donors with the



SARA WARD

Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Thankfully she did, and a few months ago replaced Chip as President of the Community Foundation. She is a natural as she loves helping nonprofits make a difference, connecting with others who care about the community, and helping raise up other leaders.

Sara's DNA includes continuous learning, asking questions, reading important books, being ready to adjust as appropriate, and encouraging and empowering her team members. And the Community Foundation's team

is exceptional! Sara welcomes new challenges, knows she does not have all the answers, never will, is always encouraging fresh ideas from team members and they offer their ideas, listen to one another with open minds and respect, and have fruitful discussions. They know they are valued and co-create, and thus, they are truly engaged.

Sara and her team members stand ready to try new ideas – could this advance our mission?

In fact, Sara keeps a "Someday Maybe" file, refers to it often, and her team discusses the ideas and their potential and timing.

As mentioned above, Sara is totally committed to learning every day, and to earning and deserving people's trust, and she says a community is always changing and so must we be prepared to, as well.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation will continue to be an absolute blessing to our county, as is Sara's leadership!

## LEADERSHIP

# Encourage And Coach Our People On These Qualities

BY JOHN KEYSER

The owner of a successful business shared with me that she hires a new employee, and also when she looks to promote someone, there are particularly important qualities in her selection process, e.g., the person:



JOHN KEYSER

- ▣ Truly wants to be successful herself and as a team
- ▣ Is innovative and is always looking to make things better for the business, contributes ideas, and is a problem solver
- ▣ Is always looking to grow, develop and better herself; she is a lifelong learner
- ▣ Is an attentive and intentional listener, as the owner herself tries to be
- ▣ Is a doer, does not wait to be told
- ▣ Has the quiet confidence to contribute her ideas to help make things better
- ▣ Is a great teammate, is always encouraging and helpful to her colleagues
- ▣ Is proactive in taking the initiative to help customers
- ▣ Works hard, will go the extra mile when needed, while also being disciplined about being there for her family
- ▣ Is totally reliable, can be counted on
- ▣ Always asks what success looks like to assure clarity of the owner's expectations, needs and

wants for her and her team

- ▣ Brings an enthusiasm and positive energy to the business, the spirit of our people, and our team culture

These qualities are valued in any business, be it large, medium-sized, or small.

As leaders, let's encourage our people to make things better and to contribute their ideas. We want ideas to flow up, which is far more beneficial than top-down directives.

Let's realize that everyone wants to do a good job and be successful, that is if they feel a sense of family, that we as a leader, i.e., a business owner, or simply their immediate manager, genuinely care about them, their success, and their wellbeing.

### 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.

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## Chris Krajewski retires after 36 years with WRCNM



CHRIS KRAJEWSKI

On July 5, Chris Krajewski retired after 36 years with Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM). She has been an essential part of the agency's history, growth, and success. Her retirement comes just after having received national recognition with a Lifetime Achievement Award through DomesticShelters.org. In 1987, Krajewski moved from Green Bay, Wisconsin, to become Safe Home Director for Women's Resource

Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM). Over the years, the job grew exponentially to the position of Director of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Services. Chris directed programs that provide assistance and resources for survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking, sexual abuse, and other forms of gender-based violence. Not only has she been steadfast and loyal in her commitment to WRCNM, she has extended that same

energy to survivors throughout her tenure. Krajewski is described as being a dedicated mentor and leader with a can-do attitude who is courageous, empowering, passionate, and supportive. "Her positive impact on this organization, the people she worked with, survivors, the greater community, and throughout Michigan is immeasurable," said Gail Kloss, WRCNM Executive Director. In her work and daily life,

Krajewski has been a person who brings hope, encouragement, and light to others through a unique sense of humanity, genuine warmth of spirit, and commitment to creating a better world. Kloss said of Krajewski's three decades with the agency, "Every single day, Chris showed up for the people who needed it most in our community. We are grateful she chose to share her unique gifts with WRCNM to help make our community a safer, kinder,

and more compassionate place. We wish her all the best on her amazing, continued journey." Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, a non-profit organization founded in 1977, is committed to improving the quality of life for women, children, and families in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties. To learn more, call WRCNM's 24-hour help and information line at (231) 347-0082, or visit [www.wrcnm.org](http://www.wrcnm.org).

## 22nd Annual East Jordan Garden Club Flower Show

The East Jordan Garden Club and the Jordan River Arts Council proudly presents the 22nd Annual Flower Show on Saturday, July 29, from noon to 4:00 PM at the Jordan River Arts Center located at 301 N. Main Street downtown East Jordan. This year's show theme is "Sand, Sea and Shells" and will feature over 50 entries. Attendees are invited to vote for the winners in the following classes: Best of Show, Theme, Single Stem, Miniatures, Dried Arrangements, Herbs and Edible Arrangements. Admission is free and flower arrangements are for viewing and photos, they are not for sale. While at the Arts Council, be sure to check out their Gift Shop featuring beautiful items created by local artists and their current show "Farmer, Farmers and Farms". Enjoy some lunch, shopping and take in the Jordan Art Walk featuring 20 sculptures located in G.A.R., Memorial and



Sportsman's Parks. Plan on enjoying a Meatloaf Dinner from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post 227 American Legion after the Flower Show. The Meatloaf Dinner is a fundraising event to go towards the improvements to G.A.R. Park. For more information on the event or other East Jordan happenings, contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or email [info@ejchamber.org](mailto:info@ejchamber.org)

## The Invitational at Walloon Lake Fine Art show returns this weekend

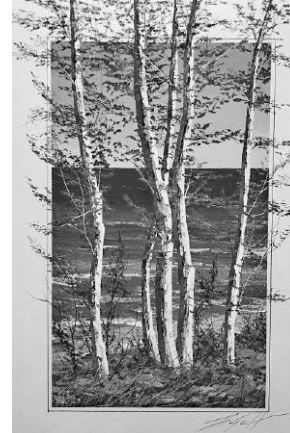
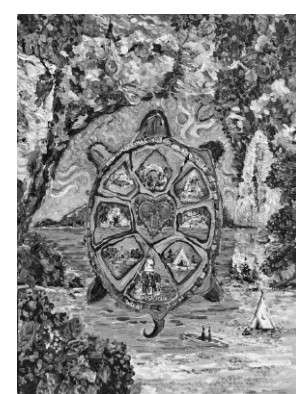
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WALLOON LAKE, MICHIGAN, 07/25/23 - You just can't beat a day on Walloon Lake. This weekend, the 4th annual Invitational at Walloon Lake is back with over 30 local and nationally award winning artists selling, demonstrating and answering your questions from 10am to 5pm daily. If you haven't been to an art show on Walloon Lake, you will be amazed and intrigued by the unique selection. Each artist is hand picked by a jury to help maintain top standards and variety. All unique handcrafted, all the time.

Did you know you can arrive by boat? Village Green sits on the marina. Pull up along side the outside dock bar serving up tasty libations. Barrel back restaurant will also have the food truck open on location with mouth watering menu choices that you can eat right by the Marina.

Several award winners will be returning this year. George is a machinist by trade, self taught, 30 years as a full time professional artist. Inspired by nature, he incorporates organic elements collected on his travels, with copper sheeting and tubing. The organic elements may be stones, sticks, branches or whatever may catch his eye. The subject is non-objective abstract, with a focus on line, texture and color. The metal process includes repousse, chasing, hand tooling, torching and acid patinas applied to copper to create the surface variations. Completed works have a variety of tactile and visual textures and are designed as 3 dimensional wall sculptures.

Two other award winners, Thomas Legault and Noel Skiba will be painting



live throughout the event. Master painter, Thomas Legault is known for his birch trees popping off the canvas. He first discovered his passion for painting at the age of thirteen. A native Michigander, he has continued to develop his unique style and personal techniques for over 50 years. His distinct style, the strong use of color and mirror reflective imaging, have helped him to be one of the top selling artists in the US with paintings hung in thousands of houses.

Northern Michigan, fourth generation impressionistic painter and colorist, Noel Skiba began

attacking the world with color at the age of two. Vibrant colors pop off the canvas with bold strokes. She loves painting straight from the paint tube! Noel has painted President Ford's funeral featured in the Presidential Museum and National Archives, Kentucky Derby for many years and five murals of the Upper and Lower Peninsula and Mackinac Bridge views are in the Michigan House of Representatives. Noel has also created a triptych which may be viewed in the Michigan Capital. She has

won the Lilac Festival poster contest multiple years and does custom commission work as well. Stop by and ask her to paint your lake house!

Newcomer to Walloon Lake but a favorite across northwest Michigan, Jayney Payne Short has been exhibiting at fine art and craft shows for 35 years. She graduated from Long Beach University with a Bachelor's degree and taught elementary school for 10 years before beginning her career. Her work is primarily kiln-fired with mixed media to create dimensional shadow box art. The backgrounds are hand-pieced batik and all the animals are cut from clay, painted in underglazes and fired in a kiln. Original poetry is hand-lettered around the perimeter of the sponge-painted wooden frame. She has always specialized in cats and dogs, but the last few years she has concentrated on woodland animals. Her husband Sterling is a talented woodworker, and builds most of her shadow boxes and frames.

Numerous other artists will be available with various mediums. Mixed media artists, potters, jewelers, fiber artists, woodworkers, gourd art & pine needle baskets, sculptors and so many other intriguing mediums will be on display. Choose from windchimes, decorative laundry baskets, wooden bowls, wall art, or even a new pair of earrings. Selected artists will be open Friday evening for early shopping opportunities. For more information on future events or how you can participate as an artist, visit [www.daniellesblueribbon-events.com](http://www.daniellesblueribbon-events.com).



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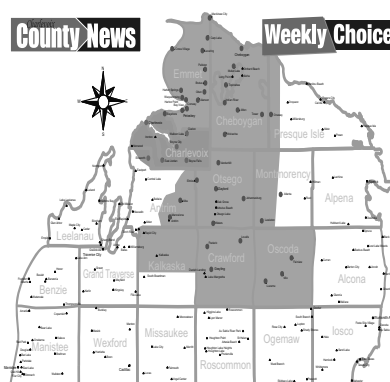
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## CHARLEVOIX LIVE ON THE LAKE

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

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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## PETOSKEY MOVIE IN THE PARK AT DARK

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

July 28 - Top Gun Maverick  
Aug. 4 - Sing 2

Aug. 11 - August Rush  
Aug. 18 - The Super Mario Bros. Movie

Sponsors: Grandpa Shorter's Gifts, Wolverine Cabinet Co., Great Lakes Orthodontics, Murrick's, Fox and Hound, Musik Haus, Bearcub Outfitters, Northgoods, Meyer Ace Hardware, Petoskey District Library.

## EAST JORDAN FREE KID CRAFT

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

July 25 - Canvas Painting  
Aug. 1 - Bird Feeders

Aug. 8 - Sun Catchers

## CHARLEVOIX SUMMERTIME MUSIC AT THE CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

SummerFolk Concert Series:

August 14th: Even Archambo

September 11th: Jack & Gary Jazz At the Library (JATL)

July 26th: Mike & Michelle Davis

August 2nd: Crispin Campbell

August 9th: Little Big Band  
August 16th: Family & Friends

## 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 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)

## 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.

## WALLOON LAKE FLYWHEELERS TRACTOR, ENGINE, AND CRAFT SHOW

Thursday Jul 27 - Sunday July 30 at the Flywheeler grounds, 00145 US 131 N., Boyne Falls. Entry fee is a donation of \$7. Northern Michigan Antique Flywheeler Club is exploring life in the past lane during their 36th Annual Walloon Lake Flywheeler Tractor, Engine, and Craft Show. Featuring Unstyled Tractors, washing machines, and Economy Small Engines with a parade of power at 2pm daily.

## 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

## EAST JORDAN SAND, SEA AND SHELLS

22nd annual flower show, July 29, Noon - 4pm at Jordan River Art Center, 301 N. Mai St. Free admission. You vote for the winners.

## 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](http://www.hdsa.org/thwboynecity)

## CHARLEVOIX WORSHIP ON THE FARM

Hear a Message of Hope. Join us for "Worship on the Farm" August 4-6. This free inter-denominational event is a gathering of Local people singing, praising, gaining encouragement in the word and finding hope in Christ the Lord. Featuring: Ministry Spotlights: Worship teams & Well-loved Pastors, On-going Prayer Tent & Fellowship, Kids Zone on Saturday with lots of activities, Bonfires Nightly, Food Truck on site, Campers Welcome (rustic) - no charge - call 231-622-3732. Donations accepted. Location: Berg's Farm, 9888 Old US 31 North, (Newly re-named: Major Douglas Sloan Road). Begins Friday Aug. 4th, 5-10 PM; Saturday Aug. 5th, 1-10pm. (Sunday morning chapel for remaining Campers) [www.Radical4Him.com](http://www.Radical4Him.com)

## EAST JORDAN FREE CLOTHING

Free apparel for girls, teens and women on Aug. 5, 10am - 1pm at My Sisters Closet inside Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Rd. Hosted by girls from the EJ Bright Lights group.

## EAST JORDAN PORTSIDE ART FAIR

The 60th annual Portside Art Fair is August 5 & 6, 10am - 4pm at Elm Pointe Park, 1787 M-66 (1.5 miles north of East Jordan). Sponsored by the East Jordan Historical Society. The Portside Arts Fair is a juried art show and is open to all artists and craftspeople who exhibit work of original design and execution. Live entertainment and concessions are available throughout the weekend. 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 [portsidearts-fair.org](http://portsidearts-fair.org) or call to Christine Wilhelm 231-675-4841 or email Christine at [christinewilhelm63@gmail.com](mailto:christinewilhelm63@gmail.com)

## EAST JORDAN FREE STROKE SCREENING

August 10, 11am - 3pm at Jordan Valley EMS Authority. 555 Maple St. Stroke is a serious medical condition that effects millions of people each year, but early detection and treatment of stroke risk factors can make a significant difference in reducing your risk. Risk reduction assessment includes Lipid Panel, A1c, Blood pressure, weight, BMI calculation, activity assessment, 3 lead EKG rhythm, stroke awareness. Contact Meghan Meyer, 231-536-7881.

## BOYNE CITY SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Charlevoix Conservation

District is hosting a summer garden oparty August 10, 5-7pm. RSVP appreciated, 231-582-6193. Stroll through the educational garden, native plant and conservation specialists on site.

## BELLAIRE ANTRIM COUNTY FAIR

August 10-12

## 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.

## BOYNE FALLS FUNDRAISER FOR KIERSTEN'S RIDE

Creating communities that are safer from suicide requires teamwork. Please join us for our 11th Annual Fundraiser for Kiersten's Ride on August 19 at Chandler Hill Campground, Boyne Falls. Join our mission and help us continue this life-saving work. You can participate in many ways, so choose which suits you best! You can register (horseback ride, bike trail ride, walk, or ORV ride)... attend in person; donate; or sponsor a participant online. There will also be a lunch, prizes, and a fantastic raffle. NOTE: We'd love you to share this information with others who may be interested. However, please ensure you send the direct link to those you share the trainings with; they need the url so that their registration goes under their email address (and not yours): [www.eventbrite.com/e/615709793567](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/615709793567)

## CHARLEVOIX CHARLEVOIX POOL HOSTS BBQ ON AUGUST 19

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a BBQ on Saturday, August 19, from 3-5 pm, at the pool. Enjoy a grilled chicken dinner prepared by the Charlevoix Lions Club for \$15 each. Includes a half chicken, chips, coleslaw, drink and chocolate covered cherries donated by Cherry Republic. Onsite seating or take out. Free swim offered from 1-3 pm. Reservations requested by Aug 9: 231-547-0982. Walkins are welcome. [www.charlevoixpool.org](http://www.charlevoixpool.org).

## 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.

## MACKINAW CITY CORVETTE CROSSROADS

Registration for the 34th Annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show is Now Open. Saturday, August 26th, hundreds of Corvettes will be on display in downtown Mackinaw City at its NEW location in the parking lot of the Straits State Harbor on South Huron Ave. from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

## MACKINAW CITY & ST. IGNACE MACKINAC BRIDGE WALK

The Labor Day bridge walk is Monday, Sept. 4. The bridge walk has been an annual event since 1958, with the exception of 2020. The 2023 walk will be the 65th event. Between 20,000 and 30,000 people have participated in recent years; 26,000 participated in the 2022 event.

## 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 COMMISSION ON AGING

Wednesday night dinners run every Wednesday through September 27. Dinner is served from 5p-6p. Centers are open from 2p-7p those Wednesday and there is NO lunch served that day.

## 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

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN 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 1/3 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-Otsego.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

## CHARLEVOIX

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

## EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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# Worship on the Farm

'Worship on the Farm' celebrates its fifth year the weekend of August 4 & 5. With a shift in emphasis to heart-felt worship this year, Berg's farm is a great place to connect with fellow Christians from across our area. A large tent provides cover for this multi-denominational ministry that will host well-loved pastors from northern Michigan and inspirational worship groups, like 'First Friday', 'Arrows Rising', the Harbor Light worship team and more. Please bring your lawn chairs or other comforts. Kids Zone has plenty of

activities for the young people on Saturday. Each night there's a family bon fire for good conversation, ministry and 'mallows! Bring your guitar if you'd like to take a turn with campfire sing-along songs. The prayer tent will be open all weekend, people are encouraged to, come and ask for prayer. There's a food truck on-site and plenty of room for rustic camping free of charge (Berg's farm 9888 Old 31 North in Charlevoix - newly renamed Major Douglas Sloan Road). You may call 231-622-3732 with camp-

ing questions. (Donations accepted) Hear a Message of Hope during 'Worship on the Farm' Friday and Saturday August 4 - 6. This free inter-denominational event is a gathering of Local people singing, praising, gaining encouragement in the word and finding hope in Jesus Christ the Lord. Ministry Spotlights: Worship teams & Well-loved Pastors On-going Prayer Tent & Fellowship Kids Zone on Saturday - lots of activities!

Bon fires Nightly Food Truck on site Campers Welcome - no charge - call 231-622-3732 Donations accepted. Location: Berg's Farm, 9888 Old 31 North, Charlevoix (Newly renamed: Major Douglas Sloan Road) Begins: Friday Aug. 4th, 5-10 PM Saturday Aug 5th, 1 - 10 PM (Sunday morning chapel Aug. 6th for remaining Campers) Website: www.Radical4Him.com

## Conservation District To Host 3rd Annual Garden Party

### Native Plant Educational Garden Event

Please join the Charlevoix Conservation District for our 3rd Annual Summer Garden Party on Thursday, August 10th, from 5-7 PM. Stroll through our Native Plant Educational Garden with over 50 species of plants native to northern Michigan. Meet our native and invasive plant specialists from Birdsfoot Native Nursery and VERN Stephens of Designs by Nature. Reservations for this event are appreciated, but not required. For additional questions, please contact District Manager, Alison Adams at 231-582-6193. The District office is located at 303 North Street, Boyne City, MI. 49712. More details about District and our programs and events can be found on our website at www.charlevoixcd.org.



ily, Mike & Rhea Dow and Gary & Karen Fate, Garrett Noyes of Birdsfoot Native Nursery and Vern Stephens of Designs by Nature.

# Charlevoix Public Library August Calendar Events

## Adult Programming:

### NORTON BRETZ: MURDER IN EASTPORT

Tuesday, August 1 • 6:00 pm  
Community Room Join us as Norton Bretz shares the story of two brothers (Charles & Gilbert Randall) that murdered William Swan in 1870. Believed to be the first racially motivated murder in the area, Bretz will discuss the crime, the aftermath, and the details related as he takes us on this journey. Jazz @ The Library (JATL) Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

In our Children's Garden (In Our Community Room if Rain) The Library is excited to continue hosting Jazz @ The Library (JATL) this summer as it has for many years past, featuring the Steve Stargardt Trio with Andy Evans, bass; Jon Lindeneau, drums; and Steve Stargardt, piano. Join us!  
• August 2: Crispin Campbell, Cello  
• August 9: Little Big Band: Mike Hunter, Trombone; Bill Sears, Sax  
• August 16: Family & Friends

JATL is sponsored by the Dion Family Charitable Fund, Melvy Lewis, Bobbie Rassieur Williams - in memory of Bob Williams, Lynne and Mason Rosenthal, the Polakowski Family Fund, Bill and Pam Gnodtke, and Patrons of JATL.

SummerFolk Concert Series: Evan Archambo Monday, August 14 • 6:30 pm (second Monday of the month) In our Children's Garden (In Our Community Room if Rain)

Throughout the course of his musical career, Evan Archambo has won over the hearts of music lovers from all walks of life. Performing at a variety of venues across the United States and beyond, making appearances and writing new singles, Archambo has been earning the admiration and affection of fans in the early stages of his life-beginning his launch into the musical world at a young age.

### BILLY MCALLISTER: SWINGIN' WITH FRANK SINATRA & FRIENDS

Tuesday, August 15 • 7:00 pm  
In Our Children's Garden (In Our Community Room if Rain)

We are thrilled to welcome back one of our favorites, Bill McAllister. In December of 2016 he launched his now highly successful Frank Sinatra

tribute show and the rest, as they say, is history. Join us for an evening that will leave you feeling like "you've got the world on a string."

BookTalkers: The King of Confidence by Miles Harvey Monday, August 21 • 6:00 pm Armstrong Conference Room - Please register

James Jesse Strang was a lawyer, preacher, newspaper editor, and state legislator. He was also a charismatic Mormon leader who, in the mid-nineteenth century, convinced hundreds of fellow converts to join him on Beaver Island, where he crowned himself "King of Heaven and Earth". Strang's remote outpost soon captured the attention of the media and federal authorities for illegal activities including theft, piracy, counterfeiting, and polygamy. Author Miles Harvey brings us an intriguing account of one of the country's boldest con men and Charlevoix county's most infamous residents. Anna Marck: Women of the Watch, Keepers of the Light Tuesday, August 22 • 6:00 pm Community Room Enjoy an evening with theater artist Anna Marck as she shares stories of female lighthouse keepers on the Great Lakes. In her one woman performance, she recalls many of her childhood experiences at Michigan lighthouses, which eventually led to her fascination with and discovery of several different incredible women who kept the lights on the Great Lakes.

### BOOK BY BOOK: ADULT SUMMER READING

Through - August 31 Summer Reading Challenge for ADULTS! Why let kids have all the fun? CPL is here to help grown-ups with the best reading challenge around, just for you! Read or listen to five books by August 31st, submit a completed "I read this!" form (available at the library) and be entered to win amazing prizes, including local gift certificates, fantastic bookish treasure, or a new Amazon Fire Tablet! Winners will be chosen from completed entries in a random drawing on Friday, September 8th at 3:00 pm. You need not be present to win.

### Youth Programming: KID'S BOOK YOGA

Wednesdays: August 2, August 9 • 10:30-11:15am Ages 4-6 • Children's Garden Registration Required:

Visit our website

Stretch, balance, and relax during a fun session of book yoga in the Children's Garden with Laurie Witt from Soul Yoga! Laurie is a certified children's yoga instructor with a passion for literacy, teaching, books, and yoga. Please dress comfortably for exercise in the outdoors - yoga mats will be provided. For ages 4-6 years old - parents and caregivers must be present for the class. Registration required. Limit 10 participants per session. Please register separately for each date that you wish to attend.

### DROP-IN LEGO BRICK CLUB

Tuesdays: August 8, August 22 • 1:00-3:00 pm Ages 6 and up Youth Activity Center If you can dream it, you can build it! Join us at the Youth Activity Center and get creative with Legos and Duplos during our Lego Brick Club. You can add to your creation each time or make something entirely new! This is a drop-in activity; no registration is required. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

### CRAFTERNOON: TINY TERRARIUMS

Monday, August 14 2:00-4:00 pm • Ages 8-14 Youth Activity Center Let's create some tiny worlds together! Your landscape might be perfect for a fairy family or prehistoric creature. You provide the container (an upcycled mason jar or bowl would be just the ticket). We will provide natural materials and some other doodads to put together a one-of-a-kind setting. No registration required. Recommended for ages 8-14. While supplies last.

### OUTDOOR STORY TIME

Thursdays: 10:30am-11am Birth to 5 years Children's Garden Join us every Thursday for Story Time in the Garden! Gather with new friends as we read stories, dance to songs, learn finger-plays, and have tons of fun! In the event of inclement weather, Story Time will take place in the Youth Activity Center. No registration required. Please note - Story Time on August 10 will take place at the Charlevoix Farmers Market.

### STORY TIME AT THE FARMERS MARKET

Thursday, August 10 • 10:30-11:00 am

All Ages • Odmark Pavilion at East Park

Join our community at the Charlevoix Farmers Market for fun stories, food, and local vendors at East Park. Story Time will take place at 10:30 at the Odmark Pavilion. The Charlevoix Public Library will additionally host a booth during the market - keep an eye out for fun prizes from the CPL Book Peddler; our great book bike! Market hours are 8:00 am - 1:00pm, rain or shine. No registration required.

### ALL TOGETHER NOW: SUMMER READING CLUB - THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

Through - Saturday, August 12 Birth - Grade 12 Did you know that there are only a couple of weeks of Summer Reading Club left? Be sure to stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up a Reading Log if you haven't yet - youth ages birth to grade 12 are invited to participate! Your goal is to read ten hours before August 12 for a chance to win up to five Treasure Chest prizes, a free book, and an entry into our Grand Prize drawing (prizes displayed above)! Grand Prize winners will be notified directly the week of August 14, 2023. Happy Reading! For more information, contact us at 231-237-7340 or email us at youth@charlevoixlibrary.org.

### COMING SOON: RENAISSANCE SCIENCE, MAGIC, AND MEDICINE IN HARRY POTTER'S WORLD

September 5 - October 1 The Charlevoix Public Library will host the National Library of Medicine's traveling six-banner exhibit focused on the links between the Harry Potter book series and the history of science. The six-banner traveling exhibit delves into the origins of alchemy, astrology, and natural philosophy as well as ethical topics such as the desire for knowledge, the effects of prejudice, and the responsibility that comes with power. Lectures and activities for all ages throughout the month will contribute to the experience. Watch for all the wand-waving details! For more information, please feel free to contact the Charlevoix Public Library at 231-237-7340 or email us at reference@charlevoixlibrary.org and visit our website at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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# Sports

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### OUTDOOR CHOICES

# Flying discs, Woods, and Water:

## Northern Michigan's Alternative Golf Courses

BY ERIN FANNING

Red, orange, yellow, green, and purple discs flew through the air, practically a rainbow against the cloudless sky. One disc bounced off the basket while another skimmed across a pond. The others disappeared into the woods. Finally, the clanging of a disc hitting the basket broke the silence, music to a disc golfer's ears.

Disc golf's popularity has grown over the years with, according to UDisc, 4.3 courses installed per day in 2022. The sport resembles traditional golf but uses discs (think small Frisbees) rather than clubs and a ball, and like all sports, features an array of equipment options with a disc for almost every situation.

For me, though, disc golf has primarily become an-

other avenue to the outdoors. It enhances a simple walk and is an excellent lure for pulling children away from screens and into nature.

With kids, I've found success by keeping equipment to a minimum, following the rules but not overly emphasizing them, and making scorekeeping optional. We maintain a brisk pace, stressing movement and fun.

For anyone who gets serious, however, there are plenty of opportunities to improve skills and engage in competition. Check out Northern Michigan Disc Golf at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nomidg> or the Professional Disc Golf Association at <https://www.pdga.com/>.

Luckily for Michiganders, courses stretch across the state, but, unfortunately, their maintenance

greatly varies. The courses recommended below are typically well-maintained and are either kid-friendly or offer an actual hike, featuring Northern Michigan's famous rolling hills.

Gaylord Disc Golf Course, Gaylord (<https://www.facebook.com/gaylorddiscgolfcourse/>)

This course is actually two: an easy 9 holes in an open field, perfect for children or beginners, and 18 holes that rambles through woods and gentle hills. Adjacent to Aspen Park, it features Northern Michigan's trademark obstacles from bouncing discs off trees to losing one in the underbrush.

Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area, Boyne City ([http://www.cityof-boyne.com/\\*\\*disc-golf-course-190/](http://www.cityof-boyne.com/**disc-golf-course-190/))

Located next to a mountain bike trail, this 18-hole course climbs to the top of Avalanche Preserve, rewarding disc golfers with views of Boyne City and Lake Charlevoix. Deep forest and the occasional meadow provide constant challenges as the trail twists up and up, giving golfers a true hike.

Log Lake County Park, Kalkaska (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/278988280306872>)

This 18-hole course lends itself to family play with its flat terrain. Tight trees and a pond provide some difficulties, but the shorter holes keep it kid-friendly.

Kenwood Heritage Park,



Will he score?

Cadillac (<https://cadillacmichigan.com/project/disc-golf/>)

Another two-course area, this park provides an easy 9-hole course next to Lake Cadillac. Obstacles include trees and water, but the terrain is mostly open. An 18-hole course sits on the other side of the road, and

although flat, a pond runs through it and soaring trees never allow golfers to relax. Hanson Hills Recreation Area, Grayling (<https://hansonhills.org/disc-golf/>)

With a total of 42 holes divided between two courses, Hanson Hills unfolds in layers from flat and open to

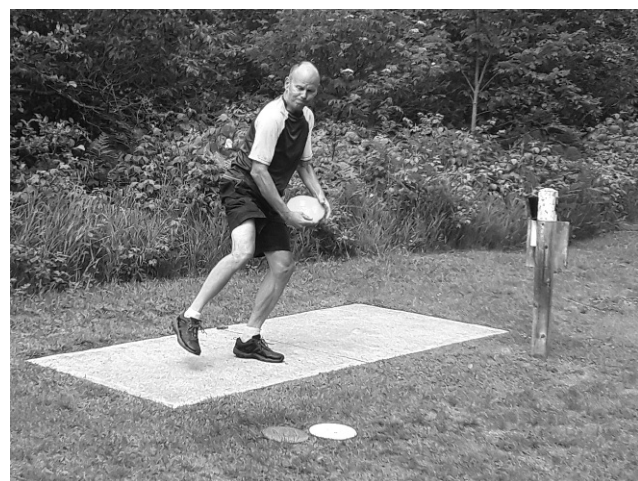


Retrieving a disc after a successful shot.

hilly and woodsy. The only thing missing is a water feature. The 18-hole Pine Knoll Course ambles along the base of the ski and tubing area, while the 24-hole PDGA Course constantly climbs up and down with views of undulating forest.

For me, Hanson represents the best of disc golf. It blends the challenge of throwing a disc with the exertion and exhilaration of a long hike in deep woods and steep hills. It's also where my husband and I introduced our nieces and nephews to the sport more than a decade ago.

Ultimately, Hanson symbolizes the value of Michigan's disc golf courses. They complement what makes the state remarkable: great outdoors and endless recreational opportunities, bringing families together.



Teeing off at the fourth hole on Hanson Hill's Pine Knoll Course.

## MHSAA Member Schools Continue Rebound in Sports Participation with 2022-23 Climb

EAST LANSING, Mich. – July 14 – Participation in Michigan High School Athletic Association-sponsored sports increased for the second-straight school year in 2022-23, continuing its recovery from a COVID-related decline and despite another decrease in school enrollment among the MHSAA's 750 member high schools.

A total of 268,071 participants were counted across the 28 sports for which the MHSAA sponsors postseason tournaments – a 2.7-percent increase from 2021-22 as participation has grown a combined 9.9 percent from a drastic downturn in 2020-21 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2022-23 increase of 2.7 percent also came as enrollment at MHSAA member schools fell 3.2 percent from the previous year. More specifically, boys participation rose 3.4 percent to 156,501 participants, despite a 2.9-percent decrease in

boys enrollment. Girls participation rose 1.7 percent to 111,570 participants despite a 3.4-percent enrollment dip. MHSAA participation totals count students once for each sport in which they participate, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

A total of 18 sports saw increases in participation in 2022-23 compared to 2021-22, with wrestling the largest gainer by 15.7 percent to 10,477 athletes – a rise in part attributable to a 41-percent increase in girls participation to 874 wrestlers which coincided with the second year of the MHSAA sponsoring a girls-only division at its Individual Finals. This year's wrestling total was the sport's highest since 2012-13.

Boys bowling enjoyed the next largest increase at 8.1 percent to 4,417 participants. Five more sports saw increases in participation by at least five percent over

the previous school year – girls track & field (5.6 percent to 16,470 participants), boys lacrosse (5.6 percent to 5,038), girls lacrosse (5.3 percent to 3,215), girls bowling (5.3 percent to 2,826) and football (5.2 percent to 34,997).

Also enjoying increases in participation during the 2022-23 school year were boys track & field (up 4.9 percent from 2021-22), girls competitive cheer (3.5 percent), boys basketball (3.2), girls tennis (2.9), girls volleyball (2.5), girls skiing (2.0), girls basketball (1.4), boys golf (1.3), boys soccer (0.9), baseball (0.8) and girls soccer (0.3). Of the eight sports that did see declines in 2022-23, four experienced decreases in participation that were lower than the 3.2-percent decrease in enrollment at MHSAA member schools – boys ice hockey (-1.4 percent), boys cross country and boys tennis (both -0.9 percent) and softball (-0.7).

Football, with a combined 34,997 participants over the 11 and 8-player formats, remained the most-played sport during the 2022-23 school year in posting its highest total of athletes since 2018-19. Boys track & field (23,211) and boys basketball (20,663) were next for total participants, followed by girls volleyball (19,270) – which remained the most popular girls sport – and then baseball (16,663) and girls track & field (16,470).

For the second-straight year, girls skiing (854 athletes) posted its highest participation total since 1998-99. Boys golf (6,916) joined wrestling in posting its highest total since 2012-13, and girls volleyball enjoyed its highest participation since 2017-18. Boys track & field, girls track & field and baseball all posted their highest participation totals since 2018-19.

The participation figures

are gathered annually from MHSAA member schools to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) for compiling of its national participation survey. Results of Michigan surveys from the 2000-01 school year to present may be viewed on the MHSAA Website – [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com) – by clicking on Schools > Administrators > Sports Participation Listing.

The chart shows participation figures for the 2022-23 school year from MHSAA member schools for sports in which the Association sponsors a postseason tournament:

(A) The first number is the number of schools reporting sponsorship on the Sports Participation Survey, including primary and secondary schools in cooperative programs as of May 15, 2023. The second number indicates the number of schools that had girls playing on teams consisting pri-

marily of boys.

(B) The second number indicates the number of additional girls playing on teams consisting primarily of boys and entered in boys competition.

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## NATURE

# The Unknowing Eye Cannot See

## Margaret Murie – *Two in the Far North*

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

“Did you hear that?” I whispered as I led my college intro biology students through a rather thick section of hardwood forest.

They stared back at me blankly. A few quiet “Hear what?” was all a few in the group-think could muster. This was not an unusual response. “That was the sound a pileated woodpecker makes” I told them confidently. Of course they didn’t recognize it... but many simply did not even “hear” it. Astonishing you say? Not really.

As quoted from Margaret E. Murie’s book “Two in the Far North”, the person with the unknowing eye cannot see... or hear... or recognize/sense in any way the mere existence of another organism if that person is unaware or uneducated concerning the other. In biological terms, when we study “Ethology” (the study of animal behavior in their natural habitat as opposed to in an artificial setting such as a lab), an attempt is made to understand and/or



**Pileated woodpecker...Largest in Michigan**

identify why another animal “does what it does”. This is not an easy task. We have a hard time understanding why we do what we do! Not to mention the problem of “anthropomorphism”... a big word for placing human thoughts, feelings and emotions into other animals. An example would be listening to the birds sing and call in the

warm spring sunshine. You or I might say “listen to those happy birds! They are singing for spring!” Well, do we really know if those birds are “happy”? Do they have the ability to feel that emotion? Is it a case of the feeling we get from hearing them... or perhaps our perception of why the birds sing?

For one thing, the “bird



**a tiny northern saw-whet owl commonly mistaken for a baby owl!**

brain” doesn’t really possess the ability to “feel” true emotion (they physically just don’t have the “parts” required!). Turns out they usually sing for something that any human can understand... mates! They also call and sing for territorial reasons. Woodpeckers even peck away at wood to make sounds that represent the theme that



**A 5-lined skink, Michigan’s only true lizard (there are other introduced species)**

“this is my neck of the woods” (territory). Some of you may be thinking, “Hey, I thought they were trying to get insects out of the wood”. Sometimes... but have you ever seen or heard a nice big downy woodpecker banging away on the side of your propane tank? I have. “Tang...ta ta tang... tang... tang... tang...”. No bugs or food in there. No.

It’s the repetitive sound that is the mark of their territory... telling all others this is “my place”.

Guess what though... if you don’t know even know what to look for, or how to look, or how to listen carefully... and I mean listen... you won’t notice that big beautiful buck bedded in a stand of pine not 35 yards away because your unknowing eye could not see. Hunters, trappers, and others learn to “read the sign” of animals. They may not see the animal, but they know that the critter is near. Listening well is an art... simply “hearing” won’t do. We hear a lot of things... but to truly listen, you must concentrate and know how, when and where to do so.

Look. Listen. Become more aware of your surroundings while you pursue your outdoor passions. Understanding leads to recognition which ultimately gives value. When we know, we appreciate more... as a matter of fact, you just might see more. Do you see?

## FISHING

# OUT FOR TROUT

## Fishing creates family bonds that last a lifetime

*“Headin’ in or headin’ out, standin’ on the shore; pause a moment to reflect which trip costs you more,” Bob Seger*

**BY JOHN PEPIN**  
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With the hot afternoon sun finally beginning to sink toward the western horizon, my brother Jimmy and I were headed into the woods to do a little trout fishing before darkness arrived.

For me, there are several types of trout fishing, and each has its own appeal, while differing greatly in its feel and approach.

There’s trout fishing by myself, which usually offers great moments of introspection, solace and peace.

I experience all the various stimuli nature has to offer – from the touch of cold waters to the smell of summer blossoms, the ebullient and delightful songs of the river and the birds to the sights and tastes of the seasons, like blueberries, blackberries and apples.

There’s also hitting the stream banks with my long-time brook trout fishing buddy, the Coaster King. The camaraderie we share is truly special to me, as we continue to pursue our childhood-borne pursuit of small-creek brook trout fishing.

Another, rarer pleasure is fishing with the Queen of Sheba, my lovely wife. While she is often too busy to follow this trout bum out into the woods, when we do get to arrange a day on the water together, we have a wonderful time.

She often catches more fish than I do, and I am happy to clean them.

Still rarer these days is the opportunity to trout fish with my boys, who live out

west with wives of their own. We only get to fish together every few years, but it’s a tremendous thing when it happens.

I taught them how to fish when they were very young, like my dad and mom taught me. It’s very rewarding to know that they still love to fish themselves and do so often, chasing fish like cutthroat trout that I’ve never seen in real life, much less caught.

I recall one summer when they came here to Michigan for a visit, we spent a few days in the western part of the peninsula, fishing for trout and spending evenings at a cabin we’d rented.

On that trip, I taught the boys how to pan-fry their brook trout and how to debone the fish once they were cooked. They helped clean up afterwards and participated in the whole process, from tying on and baiting their own hooks to giving the countertop a last wipe.

I was proud of them then, and I am proud of and impressed with the men they have become. I just wish we lived a little closer to each other. I hope to get to help teach my grandchildren to fish too.

I used to love to fish with my dad, but those days are gone. He’s now leaving me a spot next to him along the big trout waters in the sky. I wonder who he’s getting to clean his fish for him now that I’m not around.

Finally, there’s fishing with my brother. Fishing with him is kind of like a mixture of some of all the other types of trout fishing I just talked about, with a few more ingredients folded in.

We used to fish together all the time when we were young boys. He is four years younger than me. Our boyhood fishing ended abruptly when our parents got divorced when I was 13.

He moved to Canada with my mom and my two sisters, and I stayed in Michigan with my dad, the only child old enough to decide. Though we did fish a couple of times during those “missing years,” it wasn’t



**Brothers James and Jeff Pepin, children of the author and from left to right respectively, pose for a picture taken with some small trout they caught. (John Pepin photo)**

like the old days.

But when we get together now, it is.

As I used to do in those now-ancient times, I often serve as the guide, trying to find my little brother a good place to fish. I know that if he gets fish, he’ll be happy and that will make me happy.

It will also make my fishing experience better.

In some ways, I see a lot of my dad in my brother when fishing. Like my dad, he seems to be more bothered by mosquitoes than I am and gets frustrated more easily.

However, like my dad, he still toughs it out and is willing to stay out there as long as I am – which is usually a very long time. My brother also enjoys horrible puns. Clearly, he is his father’s son and his nephew’s uncle.

We parked my Jeep and got out, splitting up to each find a trout hole to fish. I urged my brother to head downstream, and I went upstream.

In any fishing partner pairing, I am most often the one to be using a spinner or other lure of some type. But tonight, before leaving the house, I decided to toss a container of Canadian crawlers into my bag, just in case.

I decided to start with a worm, as there happened to be a hook tied on the end of my line from the last time I was out. In about a half-dozen casts, I had three or four bites from small trout.

Just as I was realizing that there was nothing of any real size biting in this hole, my brother called out to me from the road beyond a big green wall of trees.

“Are you there?”

“Yeah, what are you doing?”

“There’s a couple of nice-sized fish over here that I can’t reach with my lure. I thought you might be able to get them with a worm.”

I followed him back downstream, and with two casts, I had both fish in my bag. I was obviously pleased with the beautiful catch, and he was happy to have been my guide to the fish.

“The roles have been reversed for once,” he said.

In a few more minutes, I landed another nice trout, and he hadn’t caught any yet.

I told him that it looked like a night for crawlers, and he should consider switching up his offering to the brookie trout gods.

He put a worm on his hook and was soon catching fish and catching up to me.

By the time we had moved to a couple more

places on the creek, I had caught my limit of five trout. My brother had two.

I was now in guide mode once again, putting my fishing pole away in the Jeep.

I suggested he get down very low to the ground to be able to sneak a cast over some branches and into a deep hole.

When he said he didn’t think he could get his line in there without snagging it, I offered to cast it for him. I was surprised he accepted the offer. I casted and then quickly handed the rod off.

On that first cast, a fish hit, but got off the hook on the retrieval.

A few more casts led to a few more hits, but no trout landed. We moved on to the next hole, where Jimmy put another fish in his basket. With the nighttime approaching, he said we could quit now, and he’d be fine with that.

I urged him to continue. I said we could pass a few less-than-premier holes to get to one that I often had great luck with, especially as night was falling.

He agreed to follow me through the brush.

Arriving at the hole, he took one cast and then another. I think it was the first or second cast that he got his first bite. He then

snagged his line on a submerged log.

He tried to pull the hook free, and his line snapped loudly, the concussion rippled through the warm, night air. Again, he was ready to call it quits, as it was getting darker, but I told him I could see just fine and would tie another hook on for him.

I baited that hook and he casted his line into the hole. Within a few short minutes, he had landed two more beautiful trout. The last one was our biggest fish of the night.

We both had caught our brook trout limit. I led us back through the woods to the Jeep, my brother trailing me with a flashlight.

It was great fun and reminded me so much of the times I would fish as a kid along the creek banks near our house, with my little brother tagging along.

On the drive home, several woodcocks flew up off the dirt road, and a great horned owl afforded us a chance to see it with a flashlight trained on it.

At home, my brother headed for the shower and left me to clean our sink full of fish.

“Like father, like son,” I mumbled as I got my fillet knife out of the drawer.

But I didn’t really mind.

It’s been about a week since that night, and time has since enveloped the entire evening within a memory packed away tightly inside our hearts and heads.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP,  
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

The South Arm Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the South Arm Township Hall located at 02811 S. M-66 Highway, East Jordan, Michigan 49727 for the purposes of receiving public comment concerning an application by Michael R. Thomas (Miller Poineau & Naumes, Builder - representative) at 459 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, Michigan for a 5.3 foot variance from the 50 foot adjusted lake set-back line per the South Arm Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.14 (m) for construction of an attached garage on the Southwest side of the home that is being reconstructed on the same footprint as the existing cottage. If you have any questions, comments or would like addition information about this request, you can contact John Ferguson in writing at 8354 Mercer Road, Charlevoix Michigan 49720 or by phone at 231-459-8141.

**CITY OF EAST JORDAN  
POLICE CHIEF**

**City Overview:**  
The City of East Jordan is located in Charlevoix County and rests on the southern tip of Lake Charlevoix. It is located approximately 50 miles northeast of Traverse City, 28 miles south of Petoskey, and 29 miles west of Gaylord. 2,350 residents call East Jordan home and they are served by a Police Department consisting of the Chief of Police and 4 full time sworn officers.

**GENERAL POSITION OVERVIEW:**  
The City of East Jordan is seeking applicants for a new Chief of Police. The Chief of Police is responsible for the overall performance of The City of East Jordan Police Department. The Chief of Police reports to the City Administrator. This is a full-time position with a comprehensive benefit package. Salary negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. This a "working chief" position requiring the Chief of Police to perform road patrol duties along with completing administrative requirements. The City of East Jordan Police Department works closely with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office for mutual aid and backup.

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Lead the day-to-day operations of The City of East Jordan Police Department to enhance its overall effectiveness in police services and performance.
- Promote cooperation and partnership with the city officials, citizens of East Jordan and county partners.
- Exhibit leadership with vision and values that enhance organizational culture, public safety operations, and community trust.
- Supervise all East Jordan Police Department employees in the performance of their duties.
- Administer and implement training for all Department Members to ensure police legitimacy, continuous organizational improvements, and national best practices.
- Create opportunities, initiatives, and programs for continuing positive Community Relations between the police and the community.

**EDUCATION AND LICENSEURE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Associate's Degree in Police Administration, Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Public Administration or related field.
- Applicants must have a current Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) license to be considered for employment.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- High-level of critical and analytical skills for organizational development and emergency preparedness.
- Minimum 5 years of supervisory experience at the rank of Sergeant or above.
- Preference given to applicants who have completed a school of Police Staff and Command or the FBI National Academy.
- Proven track record of leadership skills and ability to be a team player.
- Must have basic working knowledge of computers; good knowledge of the modern methods and practices of police work; good knowledge of federal, state and local laws and ordinances which are enforced by the municipal police department; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; knowledge of two-way radio and standard office equipment. Good knowledge of the geography of the city; knowledge in the types and uses of firearms, communications and automotive equipment used in modern police work.
- It is preferred that the selected candidate live within 30 minutes of The City of East Jordan Police Department.
- The Chief of Police will be on call 24/7 to answer for and respond to all departmental needs.

**HOW TO APPLY:**  
Interested parties should submit a cover letter and a resume with at least three professional references by August 18, 2023 by 12:00 p.m. either in person, via email, or by regular mail to:

**Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MiPMC**  
City Clerk  
201 Main Street  
PO BOX 499  
East Jordan, MI 49727  
TELEPHONE: 231-536-3381  
EMAIL: cwilson@eastjordancity.org

**ELECTION NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF  
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
TO BE HELD AUGUST 8, 2023

To the qualified electors of the following City/Townships notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, for the purpose of nominating officials for the following offices:

**And to vote on the following proposal (s): (if any)**

Beaver Island District Library Millage Proposal

Peaine Township Emergency Medical Services Millage Renewal  
Peaine Township Road Millage Renewal  
Peaine Township Airport Millage Renewal

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk, or the City/Township Clerk listed below.

Julie Gillespie, Clerk St. James Township P.O. Box 85 Beaver Island, MI 49782 231-448-2761	Carla Martin, Clerk Peaine Township P.O. Box 91 Beaver Island, MI 49782 231-448-3540
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Julia A. Drost, County Clerk  
203 Antrim Street  
Charlevoix, MI 49720  
231-547-7200

The Polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

List of all polling place locations:

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<b>St. James Township Hall</b> 37735 Michigan Ave., Beaver Island, 49782	448-2260



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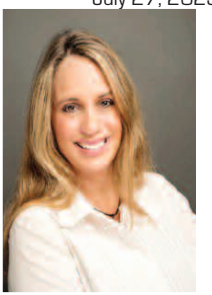
many, many highlights are an open main floor layout with stunning lake views, including a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and commercial grade stove, plus hardwood flooring, fireplace in the living area and three of the five bedrooms are en suites. The lower level features a huge family room as well as a home gym. A large composite deck overlooks the nicely landscaped and manicured

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If your answer is price, you'll be right a good majority of the time. If your home isn't selling, buyers think the value of your house is less than the price you want.

For all the time and effort that goes into buying and selling, the economics of the process is relatively simple. Anything is only worth what a buyer is willing to pay and a seller willing to accept. This is the same whether it's a pack of baseball cards or a \$1 million house.

Although the economics may be simple, arriving at that magic price is difficult. Just think of the cost, time and energy that companies put into pricing a product so it succeeds in the marketplace. It's no different in real estate.

If you've taken the time to educate yourself on the local market and are diligent in hiring a professional agent, and are willing to listen to her, you can get a lot closer to the magic number. But you are setting yourself up for disaster if you don't do your homework and go with what you "feel" your

house is worth. Worse yet, is interviewing agents and choosing one solely because she says she can get you more than what the other agents think the house will sell for.

These are some of the most common mistakes sellers make when setting a price:

**Price based on need**  
What you want to make from selling your home means absolutely nothing to buyers or the marketplace. So setting a price based on what you want so you can retire, move up, start a business, etc. will almost certainly fail.

**Price based on ego**  
Your neighbor sold for \$200,000 last year so you want \$210,000 because you "know" your house is better. Regardless that the market dropped five percent since your neighbor sold. Nearly every owner thinks their house is the best on the block, or at least better than any of the ones that have recently sold or are on the market. Unfortunately for sellers, your opinion doesn't carry any weight with buyers. Only their opinion matters.

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