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**New Boyne City Commissioners Sworn in; Tim Nemecek Named Mayor**

New City Commissioners in Boyne City, Bob Farrell and Sandra Pritchard were sworn in and took their seats for their first meeting Tuesday. The first item on the agenda was electing Tim Nemecek as Mayor and George Lasater as Mayor Pro Tem. They all thanked outgoing Mayor Hugh Conklin and Commissioner Tom Neidhamer for their years of service. Conklin served on the Commission for 8 years, the final two as mayor. Neidhamer served on the Commission for 12 years, including 6 years as Mayor. Neidhamer also served 33 years on the City Planning Commission.

The Commission took care of a number of relatively routine items in other action, but the last item on the agenda was an opportunity to provide their thoughts on some goals for the coming year. All agreed that they wanted to solicit community input on citywide goals, something that was last done in 2018 and then was not continued on a previous every-other-year schedule when the pandemic came along in 2020. Mayor Nemecek and City Manager Mike Cain both discussed ideas they had heard at a recent Michigan Municipal League Conference (MML), which involved seeking ideas via visiting community groups rather than relying on people to come out and attend a special meeting.

Commissioners also agreed they would like to



**NEW CITY COMMISSION**, from left: City Commissioners Bob Farrell and Sandra Pritchard, Mayor Tim Nemecek, Mayor Pro Tem George Lasater, and Marty Moody. Courtesy Photo

invite a MML representative to host an orientation session for commissioners and department heads as had been done two years ago. The commissioners also supported scheduling another Joint Boards and Commissions meeting sometime in the coming months.

In other action, the Commission:

- Approved a second reading of the proposed repeal of the Pearl Street Historic District Ordinance.
- Directed the city manager to schedule a special meeting in early January to interview representa-

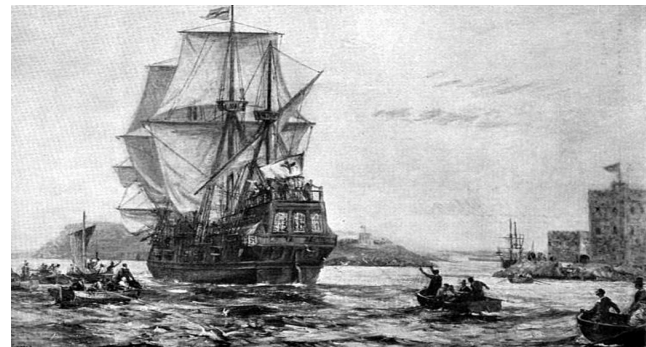
tives of four firms that have submitted proposals to become the new City Attorney.

- Approved a request from EMS Director Brenda Wilson to approve an agreement with Lake Superior State University for a student ride along program with the city Emergency Medical Services Department.
- Approved a request from Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury to use \$10,000 in grant funds to purchase a thermal imaging camera and 19 new helmets.
- Scheduled the annual audit presentation for the 7 p.m. December 12th Commission meeting with a more in-depth work session beginning at 4 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING HISTORY**

**The Mayflower landed first at Cape Cod**  
There are 35 million Americans descended from the early pilgrims

The Mayflower, in which the Pilgrims crossed the Atlantic to settled in the New World in the fall of 1620, did not land first at Plymouth but on the tip of Cape Cod, in what is now known as Provincetown. The pilgrims were actually trying to reach the mouth of the Hudson River and fine fertile farmland in what is present day New York City. The weather did not cooperate, however, as we know from history and the Mayflower, a merchant ship which was very difficult to



This is a depiction of the Mayflower as it set sail from Plymouth, England on Sept. 16, 1620. Of the 132 passengers and crew members on board, only 53 survived the first fierce winter. (public domain image)

steer on the ocean, actually dropped anchor off the coast of Cape Cod on Nov. 21, 1620.

The pilgrims still wanted to try and reach the Hudson River but winter was approaching rapidly and they were low on supplies so they opted to cross Cape Cod Bay and settle at Plymouth instead.

There were 102 men, women and children who boarded the Mayflower as passengers on Sept. 16, 1620 in Plymouth, England and there were 30 crew members, including Captain Christopher Jones. The maximum capacity for the ship, which was only about

100 feet long and 25 feet wide, was 140 passengers so it was tight sailing for all on board.

The trip lasted 65 grueling days, much longer than anticipated because of poor weather, and two passengers were lost during the voyage, including one who fell overboard during a storm. The first harsh winter in the New World was brutal, with nearly half of the Mayflower passengers and crew dying. Only 53 of those who departed from England survived. To hide their dwindling numbers from the Native Americans, they buried their dead at night in unmarked graves.

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But a small, resilient group did survive that first winter of 1621. And ultimately, by God's grace the pilgrims flourished; over the next 70 years, the colony grew to more than 3,000 people.

One interesting footnote to the voyage of the pilgrims: There was one baby born on the Mayflower during that fateful voyage in the fall of 1620. A son was born to Stephen and Elizabeth Hopkins and

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| Nov 23 | 38       | 25      | 58          | 2003 | -6         | 1956 |
| Nov 24 | 37       | 25      | 59          | 2017 | 4          | 1981 |
| Nov 25 | 37       | 24      | 56          | 2011 | 5          | 1985 |
| Nov 26 | 37       | 24      | 61          | 1960 | 3          | 1974 |
| Nov 27 | 36       | 24      | 64          | 1990 | -7         | 1951 |
| Nov 28 | 36       | 23      | 58          | 1998 | -2         | 2013 |
| Nov 29 | 35       | 23      | 59          | 1962 | -8         | 2013 |

## Ellsworth High School Juniors Teams Up with Agriscience Class for Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

ELLSWORTH — This holiday season, the Ellsworth High School Junior Class is collaborating with the Agriscience class for a fundraiser that not only spreads cheer but also supports their community. As a fundraiser for the 2024 junior/senior prom junior students, aided by the school's Agriscience class, are crafting Christmas wreaths for the local community.

Mrs. Jessica VanderHart, advisor to the Junior Class, expresses her enthusiasm for the project, stating, "The collaboration with the Agriscience class has been a learning opportunity for our junior students. They are not only contributing to a worthwhile cause for their class, but also supporting the community through the use of regionally grown evergreens."

Mrs. Amanda Potter, the Agriscience teacher, adds, "We're always looking for opportunities for our students to apply their agricultural skills in a real-world context. This project not only allows them to showcase their talents but also demonstrates the potential for agriculture to be a viable commercial enterprise."

Ellsworth High School Principal Naomi Sponable commends the initiative, stating, "I appreciate when classes and groups come together for fundraisers that not only benefit their immediate needs but also provide a service or an opportunity to purchase locally-produced items. It's a win-win for everyone involved."

The Ellsworth High School community is excited about this collaboration, which not only showcases the diverse talents of its students but also reinforces the importance of community engagement and entrepreneurship in education.

The Agriscience program in Ellsworth is one of four CTE programs offered by the district, alongside Building Trades, Graphic Design, and Business Administration. This collaboration underscores the district's dedication to providing students with diverse opportunities to explore and develop skills essential for success in various fields.

For more information on Ellsworth Community School please contact either Superintendent Aaron Gaffney at agaffney@ellsworth.k12.mi.us or Principal Naomi Sponable at nsponable@ellsworth.k12.mi.us.

## Ellsworth Community School and Communities in Schools of Northwest Michigan Celebrate Five Years of Exemplary Partnership

**AUTUMN MOSHER, DEDICATED CIS SITE COORDINATOR, LEADS INITIATIVES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

ELLSWORTH — In a testament to the power of community engagement, Ellsworth Community School proudly announces the ongoing success of its partnership with Communities In Schools (CIS) of Northwest Michigan, now in its fifth year. This collaboration, rooted in a national non-profit organization, underscores the commitment to fostering a nurturing environment for student success. At the heart of this endeavor is Autumn Mosher, who has served as the CIS Site Coordinator for Ellsworth for the past three years.

Communities In Schools is a leading national non-profit organization that specializes in providing support for students facing various challenges to their education. With a mission to surround students with a community of support, CIS works collaboratively with schools, communities, and dedicated professionals like Autumn Mosher to ensure that all students have the resources they need to succeed academically and personally.

Under Autumn's guidance, Ellsworth Community School has provided essential support for students and families to thrive academically and personally. One of the standout initiatives is the monthly Family Nights

spearheaded by Mosher, each featuring a unique theme aimed at strengthening family bonds and creating lasting memories. From capturing family pictures to crafting art projects and baking Christmas cookies, these events have become a cornerstone of the school's community engagement.

"A sense of community is vital for the success of our students, and Autumn has been instrumental in creating an inclusive and supportive environment at Ellsworth Community School," remarked Naomi Sponable PK-12 Principal at Ellsworth Community School.

Autumn has been a driving force behind several impactful programs such as collaborating with community partners to provide winter boots for students and families in need, ensuring that all students have access to essential resources for the colder months.

"Working with the incredible families and students at Ellsworth Community School is truly a joy. Seeing the positive impact we can make together is what I find most rewarding about my role. Every day brings a new opportunity to make a difference, and that's what makes this work so fulfilling," said Autumn Mosher, CIS Site Coordinator at Ellsworth Community School.

Amy Burk, Executive Director of Communities In Schools of Northwest Michigan, emphasized the organization's commitment



to empowering students. "Communities In Schools (CIS) of Northwest Michigan does whatever it takes to help students succeed. Being able to address the specific needs within our partner schools has resulted in the ability to break barriers and empower students. Working with Ellsworth Community Schools is a win-win for students, families, and the community."

The partnership between Ellsworth Community School and CIS has produced tangible outcomes, including:

- Boots for Kids: 28 pairs of boots distributed to families
- Harvest of the Month: Monthly introduction of students to new produce
- Community Partnerships: Building and maintaining relationships with partners to bring resources and experiences to students (Grain Train, Groundwork, FoodCorps, Good Samaritan, Goodwill, Boots for Kids, Royal Farms, Kings Orchards, Health Department, Anna Beth Smith Photography)

- Local Resource Navigation: Helping parents and students navigate available local resources
- Emotional Support: Supporting students as they learn and process through emotions

As Ellsworth Community School and Communities In Schools celebrate the ongoing success of their collaboration, the shared commitment to student success continues to grow stronger. The success stories emerging from this partnership reflect the transformative power of community engagement and dedicated individuals like Autumn Mosher, who are making a difference in the lives of students and families.

For more information about the achievements and initiatives at Ellsworth Community School, please contact: Naomi Sponable at 231-588-2544 or nsponable@ellsworth.k12.mi.us

For media inquiries or to learn more about Communities In Schools of Northwest Michigan, please contact: Amy Burk at 231-356-4385 or aburk@cisnwm.org

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## NLEA Launches Revolving Loan Fund with EDA Support

BOYNE CITY — The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) has announced that it has awarded the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) a \$400,000 investment to establish a revolving loan fund. The fund will serve as a financing tool for Northern Michigan businesses to support jobs and investment in the NLEA service area of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties. The loan fund is a gap financing tool for small businesses and will work in partnership with the borrower's primary lender. The goal of the fund is to be a component of a business's capital mix to bring growth and jobs to the region.

The total capital available in the loan fund is \$500,000. The grant has been accepted by the NLEA and more details on the program will be available later this year at [www.northernlakes.net](http://www.northernlakes.net).

Please contact Chris Bauer, Community and Economic Development Manager for the NLEA at (231) 582-6482 with any additional questions.

"Small businesses aren't only vital to our state's economy, they're also important to the character of our communities," said U.S. Senator Gary Peters. "I was proud to send a letter to the EDA advocating for this investment, which will help the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance provide business owners across Northern Michigan with the resources they need to grow and be successful."

"Small businesses are the backbone of our communities. That is why I am pleased to support the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance so it can continue to support our small business owners and grow our economy. This investment is a win for Northern Michigan," said U.S. Senator Stabenow.

"This is great news


for Northern Michigan," said state Senator John Damoose, Harbor Springs. "Business owners are facing a tough, unpredictable environment right now. This is a major investment in the region and will go a long way toward helping local businesses grow and thrive."

"Networks Northwest applauds the successful efforts of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) in meeting head-on the need for support of local business development and expansion through their management of a business Revolving Loan Fund, said Rob Carson, Regional Director of Community Development at Networks Northwest. "This successful grant award obtained through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) will act as a cornerstone to continued successful economic development efforts in the NLEA service area. Networks Northwest is a proud partner to

NLEA."

"NLEA has a rich history of providing support to small businesses, since 1984 in fact. Their dedication and professionalism in supporting economic development in northern Michigan has provided many opportunities in the communities they serve for businesses to start, grow, and succeed. This revolving loan fund is an excellent opportunity for them to expand their commitment to be a resource to small businesses," stated Doug Baum, Executive Director of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. Baum also stated, "this resource aligns with the Region 3 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which provides a regional plan for growth and sustainability in the region."

For further information, contact Chris Bauer at the NLEA, 231-582-6482 or email [info@northernlakes.net](mailto:info@northernlakes.net).



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## ASK LAURA

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### Finding Strength in Humility: A Lesson Beyond Resentment

Dear reader, let's dig even deeper into our journey through humility, an invaluable virtue that touches each of our lives. Recently, I found myself hurt when a family member didn't call me on my birthday. I shared my pain with a friend and her response was not only comforting but also a profound lesson in humility.



Laura Jasurda

like perfect timing, has shifted my perspective. Have you ever found yourself upset or disheartened by

what someone else thought, said, or perhaps failed to say or do? It's a common thread in the fabric of our human experience. Yet, sometimes, it takes a simple, heartfelt reminder to bring us back to the core of humility. Maybe my friend's wise words can offer you a moment of clarity too.

Until next time, reflect on the moments that have tested your humility and consider sharing your story. How did you find strength in those times? I'd love to hear from you.

She shared how, as a child, a close relative openly favored other family members over her. I expected a story of childhood resentment, but what she shared next was a lesson in grace. Despite the obvious snub, she harbored no bitterness. "Life's too short to worry about what other people think of you," she said, and it struck me hard. Her strength and self-love in the face of exclusion were the very essence of humility.

Reflecting on this, I realized that I had been teetering on the edge of self-pity, questioning my worth as a mother because of a missed phone call. I had forgotten the essence of that quote that recently inspired me: "Humility isn't about thinking less of yourself, it's about thinking about yourself less."

My friend showed true humility, not by devaluing herself, but by loving herself more. Her story, shared in a moment that now feels

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## COMMUNITY LEADERS

# JOSH CHAMBERLAIN

### 100% IN ON ANYTHING THAT HELPS OUR COMMUNITY

BY JOHN KEYSER

Mary Faculak has urged me to meet with Josh Chamberlain and to write an article highlighting his commitment to our community. I actually had just heard Josh speak at the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce State of the Community event. The event itself was special, as was Josh.

As background, Josh grew up in Charlevoix. When he graduated high school, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to start his own lawn care company, and with his drive, it was successful. At one point he was caring for 140 lawns. That is a lot!

And then he fell in love with maple syrup. His farm has many wonderful maple trees. So, he sold the landscaping company so he could focus on maple syrup.

There definitely are other even stronger loves in Josh's life, very much so. Early on, he met Maegan who had grown up in Boyne City. They married young and now have six children. Yes... six! The oldest is at North Central Michigan College, and the rest at the East Jordan schools.



Josh Chamberlain

Maegan was home caring for their children until an opportunity arose for her at East Jordan Family Health Center and she is thrilled with her work helping those in need.

Josh's favorite studies in school were government. He always had a keen interest, as did his father and his sister. Josh served in a number of capacities in local government activities, e.g., South Arm Planning Committee and the Zoning Administration. He also serves on the Board of

Grandvue. Josh felt good about these investments of his time and attention. They were helping our community.

Then, lo and behold, he decided to run for office, as County Commissioner, the 4th District. He was told it would take a good bit of money to win, and he said "No, I am doing it the old-fashioned way, knocking on doors." This was perfect, as Josh truly treasures meeting people. He got 77% of the votes. That is a huge victory.

As a County Commissioner, he serves in numerous capacities, on the Health Department and Human Services and many sub-committees, all relevant to us in our communities here. There are a lot of meetings to attend and he is happy to do it, feels privileged. In addition to these meetings, a great deal of important work happens behind the scenes.

As mentioned in the title, Josh is 100% in on anything that helps our community!

Josh's concern is our county community in ten years, that we will have a very serious problem, our aging population – and the housing and needed services for them. We need to understand this very critical issue now and take actions to resolve it before it becomes too late.

Also, we must see our school district grow. When Josh graduated from Charlevoix High School there were 126 in his class. There are 70 now.

As we were finishing our coffees and preparing to leave, Josh turned to me and said he feels grateful for the opportunity to serve our community, that helping makes my day!

## Challenge Mountain's Program Expansion Leads to New Hire Claire Hague is Challenge Mountain's First Associate Program Director

Challenge Mountain's adaptive programming has grown over the years to include year-round activities, hosting participants from across the region and State. With growth comes the need for expanded roles and positions to support the small army of staff and volunteers who operate as a "boots on the ground" unit tasked with organizing and facilitating Challenge Mountain's four-season programs.

Claire Hague, OTD, has recently been named Challenge Mountain's first associate program director. Her position supports year-round programming from adaptive skiing to nature and arts-focused activities for participants with cognitive, physical and developmental disabilities. Her role combines collaborative planning, best practices learned from her OT education, and on-site

interventional strategies. The Harbor Springs native and graduate of Western Michigan University spent a 16-week internship with Challenge Mountain, beginning in January 2023. As an avid sportsperson and adaptive specialist, Hague found the relationship to be a good fit, and the organization was thrilled with the connection.

Excerpts from Claire's Doctoral Capstone Project Report "Like many, my passion for skiing attracted me to the organization [Challenge Mountain]. Though I've loved every second of being on the slopes, it's the people who have made a profound impact. I've learned that it's more than just about providing access to skiing, it's about instilling self-determination.

Self-determination theory is frequently used

in clinical psychology research. According to Ryan & Deci, it refers to one's ability to make choices and take control of one's life (2000). The field of OT coins it as being an agent of one's own change – a primary decision maker in all life's choices (Cole & Tufano, 2020, p. 158). For individuals with disabilities, it's especially important that their freedom to choose is validated. From my time at Challenge Mountain, I can attest that the staff, volunteers, and board members are dedicated to enhancing self-determination.

There are 3 requirements that facilitate self-determination: competence, autonomy, and relatedness (Brown, 2011). Challenge Mountain fosters these conditions through providing instruction that facilitates competence, autonomy to choose from a variety of activities, and a culture of relatedness so that participants can share experiences with their peers and family.

By integrating these principles into their adap-



New Associate Program Director, Claire Hague, assists participants during the 2023 snow season as part of her WMU Doctoral Capstone project.

tive recreation programs, Challenge Mountain creates an environment for individuals to forge their own path to mastery in their desired activity. Whether it's choosing to put on ski boots for the first time, try a new activity, or simply experience wind in their face from a ski run, Challenge Mountain

embraces the individual choices that ultimately lead to self-determination in other areas of life.

In summary, my experience with Challenge Mountain has opened my eyes to the endless opportunities that can arise when you allow individuals with disabilities a chance to choose their own adventure. I've discovered that hope can be found anywhere – and a ski hill should not be overlooked."

"Claire brought a level of education and training to our staff that we've been looking for since we began focusing on expanding our

year-round adaptive programs," explains Program Director Linda Armstrong.

"Plus, she connected with every member of the staff and every volunteer." Perhaps more important, "Claire had an immediate rapport with our participants and their families. Her enthusiasm was infectious!"

The Occupational Therapy Doctorate is a three-year program with classroom, clinical and on-site learning which goes well beyond the hands-on therapies common to occupational science.

Advanced training includes applied theory, independent quantitative research, clinical leadership strategies, client advocacy, policymaking, and management. The OTD is for the professional working at both the clinical and administrative levels.

Hague's internship with Challenge Mountain was part of her Capstone project, a student-designed real-world experience with research applications.

"The project really sold us on her abilities, and we were very excited that she accepted our offer," shares Executive Director Elizabeth Gertz. "Her new position will surely lead to positive growth across the organization as it goes forward."

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## LEADERSHIP

# As Leader, We Want Our Team Members To Genuinely Feel Happy

BY JOHN KEYSER



John Keyser

Happy team members do better work!

A suggestion. Perhaps we could sit with each team member, explain that we value them and their ideas, that we care about their happiness and well-being, and that we ask them to be honest in giving us their feelings about these statements:

- My work gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment
- I feel satisfied with the level of recognition I receive
- I feel that my leadership recognizes and practices the value of diversity
- I feel that my skills and experience align with my responsibilities
- I feel that I could receive additional training to enhance my skills
- I have a clear understanding on how my contributions align with the goals of our business/organization
- I have the tools and resources to do my job well
- I receive timely and constructive feedback, mentoring/coaching
- I have a clear understanding of expectations for my role/responsibilities
- I have a clear understanding of what it takes to be successful
- I am encouraged to come up with creative ideas or better way of doing things
- I feel that leadership has effective communication in place when it comes to changes or announcements
- I feel that I have good

- work life balance
- I feel our overall employee morale is very high
- I am very satisfied with my work
- I am very satisfied with the business/organization I work with
- I would highly recommend the business/organization to my friends and others

There are overlaps here, and every one of the statements may not be necessary.

Be assured, the process could be very fruitful and appreciated. Again, happy team members do better 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 in Charlevoix and heads Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix campus.



The Great Start Collaborative hosted an organizational meeting on Oct. 17, 2023, to share its strategic plan for 2024-26 and reveal a new mission and vision statement that will guide the organization's work.

# Great Start Collaborative shares strategic plan, vision for 2024-26

*That children are born healthy, thriving, developmentally on track, and prepared to succeed*

CHARLEVOIX - Every three years, the Michigan Department of Education Office of Great Start requires Great Start Collaboratives across the state to update their local-level, early childhood system strategic plans.

The Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim Counties recently completed and shared its strategic plan with stakeholders, community members, and regional leaders at a meeting in Charlevoix Oct. 17, 2023.

"After surveys, focus groups, stakeholder conversations, and thoughtful consideration, the Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet, and Northern Antrim Counties created a strategic plan to enhance our early childhood system, while achieving the outcomes shared by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start," said GSC Director, Savannah Cool.

As the local early childhood system building bodies, Great Start Collaboratives are charged with conducting a community needs and strengths assessment, and developing an early childhood action agenda with clearly defined goals and objectives that ensure four required outcomes are made possible for all children:

- children are born healthy;
- children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade;
- children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry;
- children are prepared to succeed in 4th grade and beyond by reading proficiently at the end of third grade.

In developing its goals for 2024-26, the local GSC will center its work on the following, according to Cool:

- Early childhood organizations will have effective

communication, coordination, and collaboration.

- Families will have an awareness of services available, and be able to access those services effectively.
- Families will have increased knowledge of child development and an understanding of the importance of early intervention.

Additionally, after receiving significant feedback from collaborative members, partners, parents, and caregivers, the collaborative has made revisions to both its mission and vision. "The updated mission better aligns with the collaborative's shift to stronger systems change work, while the revisions to the vision lift up the importance of both the children and families as a whole and places further value on each child and family thriving in all facets of life," said Cool.

The revised mission and vision are:

- Mission: to coordinate a system of community

resources and support to strengthen families and improve child outcomes.

- Vision: every child and family is nurtured and supported so they may thrive.

"Overall, the collaborative will be working to strengthen our value as a connector and support for all members of our early childhood system," said Cool. "Community members can expect to see initiatives like the Family Resource Guide, Family Planning & Pregnancy Guide, Help Me Grow Char-Em, Strengthening Families training facilitation, and efforts to continue the growth of a healthy and strong Family Coalition taking precedence as we move forward."

To view the 2024-26 Great Start Collaborative Strategic Plan, go online to <https://greatstartcollaborative.org/collaborative-gsc>. The guides referenced above can also be found on the website.

## People Fund awards more than \$113,000 in grants to local groups

BOYNE CITY – In its final round of grants for 2023, Great Lakes Energy's People Fund has awarded 30 grants totaling more than \$113,000 to local nonprofit organizations across the cooperative's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

Since its inception in 1999, the People Fund has awarded more than \$4.5 million in grants.

"The People Fund is one of the many ways we strive to meet the cooperative guiding principle of 'concern for community,'" Great Lakes Energy President/CEO Shaun Lamp said. "This program is especially meaningful because it allows us to partner with our members to support the many nonprofit organizations who are making a positive impact on the communities we serve."

Funding for the program comes from members of the electric cooperative who agree to have their monthly bills rounded up to the next whole dollar. Members are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online at [gtlakes.com](http://gtlakes.com) or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's office.



Cooperative members also have the opportunity to increase their contributions to the People Fund through People Fund PLUS. The People Fund PLUS program allows members to choose an amount, in addition to the monthly bill round-up, to contribute to the program.

Grants are awarded twice each year by volunteer board members representing the cooperative's north, central, and south regions.

Lamp added: "We are grateful for our members' longstanding support for the People Fund and encourage community nonprofit groups that support our members to apply for the next round of grants which will be offered in the spring."

### North Area:

The north region board awarded the following 16 grants totaling \$59,285.10 in the final grant cycle of 2023. Great Lakes Energy's

northern service district includes the counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Montmorency, Otsego, and Oscoda. Information on grants awarded to organizations in GLE's central and south regions are listed at [gtlakes.com/people-fund/](http://gtlakes.com/people-fund/).

- American Legion Post 227, East Jordan: \$5,000 for the EJ Honor and Service project.
- Antrim County Drain Commissioner, Bellaire: \$1,000 for the Citizen Precipitation project.
- Banks Township Fire & Rescue, Ellsworth: \$7,000 for dive team equipment, contingent on raising the rest of the funding.
- Bellaire Area Historical Society, Bellaire: \$7,000 for a newspaper digitization project.
- Big Water Creative Arts, Inc., Petoskey: \$4,000 for equipment for the Rock Jam programs.

- Camp Quality, Boyne City: \$1,503.99 for a Camp Quality Teen Weekend.
- Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix: \$7,000 for roof replacement on the Charlevoix Historic Train Depot.
- Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Cheboygan: \$2,500 for the Technology for our Future program.
- Free Rein Farm, Inc., Bellaire: \$900 for equine-assisted learning at local schools.
- Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$2,000 for a Meals on Wheels replacement vehicle.
- G.R.A.C.E. Center, Grayling: \$1,075 for an AED, contingent on raising the rest of the funding.
- Kalkaska Commission on Aging, Kalkaska: \$1,075 for an AED.
- Rotary Club of Charlevoix Charities, Inc., Charlevoix: \$5,000 for the Mount McSauba (Charlevoix) Community Playground build.
- The Salvation Army, Petoskey: \$5,000 for a replacement copier/printer/scanner.
- Village of Ellsworth, Ellsworth: \$4,231.11 for the River Park playground equipment upgrade.
- Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Petoskey: \$5,000 for technology for the Empowering Bright Futures program.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is accepting applications from local non-profit organizations for the first 2024 grant cycle. The deadline for letters of intent is April 1 with grant applications due by April 15.

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— PETS OF THE WEEK —

MAX

Well hello, they call me Max. I found myself here at the shelter with my brother and sister. I'm the smallest and shyest of the bunch. New people really freak me out and it can take some time to gain my trust. I've really grown to love the staff here and they have gotten to see my true personality. I just love squeaky toys and I'm very eager to learn new things! Other dogs really help me to come out of my shell so a home with another dog would be awesome.

SNOOKI

Snooki here, thanks for stopping by, I can't wait to tell you all about myself. I've been here for a year and a half now and boy am I ready to meet my new family! I am sassy and sweet, and you never know quite what you'll get with me. But hey, surprises are fun right?! I have been known to cause some trouble here with the other cats (mainly the other females), so for everyone's sake, I should probably be an only cat. My favorite thing to do here is climb really high, and I love to chat. I know we could have some great convos if you just give me a chance!

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## MAYFLOWER, FROM PAGE 1

they appropriately named him Oceanus Hopkins. The exact date of his birth is not known but he was born sometime before November 9.

Today, it is estimated that about 35 million Americans are descended from the pilgrims who braved the Atlantic voyage in 1620 in order to establish a land where there would be religious freedom. There are six presidents who descended from the original pilgrims, including Franklin Roosevelt, and famous people from other fields ranging from actress Marilyn Monroe to astronaut Alan Shepard to actor/director Clint Eastwood to aviator Amelia Earhart to poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Here are some other interesting facts about the Mayflower and the voyage of the pilgrims:

– Many people aboard the Mayflower spent the voyage being seasick. The waves were very rough and, as we noted, one

passenger was swept overboard to his death. Another passenger who was swept overboard was miraculously saved when a lifeline was thrown to him.

– The Mayflower traveled a distance of 80 miles each day. The Mayflower, like all carracks, was difficult to sail and maneuver on the ocean due to its design. Carracks were designed for long voyages on rough seas, but they weren't very easy to steer.

– When the Mayflower set sail for America it was accompanied by another ship called the Speedwell. After sprouting a few leaks, though, the Speedwell returned to port and stayed behind.

– The Mayflower is estimated to have been about 12 years old when it made the trip to America. Captain Christopher Jones was also part owner of the ship.

– The Mayflower had 4 medium size cannons and 8 small size cannons. The passengers and crew felt that there might be a need for defense against pirates, Spanish, French, or even Native Americans.

## Non-Profit Organization Created To Support Health Department Of Northwest Michigan

A new non-profit organization has been established to promote better understanding of the vital work of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

"Friends of HDNW" was created by a group of community leaders in Emmet, Charlevoix, Otsego and Antrim counties to address the lack of public awareness of the agency's many vital public health services and to correct misunderstandings that have challenged the agency's ability to carry out its work.

Friends of HDNW is led by a board of directors from Emmet and Charlevoix counties and an advisory committee that also includes members from Otsego and Antrim counties.

The organization has a two-part mission: to assess public awareness of the agency's many public health functions; and to promote understanding of the agency's services. "The work of the health department is vital to the health of our entire community," said Charlie MacInnis of Harbor Springs, president of the group. "At the same time, it faces significant confusion regarding its vital mission that can be debilitating. Large segments of our community may not even be aware of the agency's many services."

Challenges are real. Earlier this month, members of the agency's governing body, made up of two county commissioners each from Emmet, Charlevoix, Otsego and Antrim counties, tried to abruptly cancel an ongoing program to monitor wastewater at municipal water treatment plants, schools and congregational care facilities for the

presence of the Covid virus. The cancellation attempt was narrowly rebuffed in a 4-4 tie vote by the governing board.

Wastewater monitoring can provide an early indicator for the presence of disease in our community and track trends over time. The monitoring program revealed spikes in the Covid virus at a public school and a long-term care facility, prompting swift remedial action to mitigate the threat.

Last June, five of the county commissioners on the governing body prevented agency staff from pursuing a half-million dollar grant to bring locally grown fruits and vegetables into local schools. In addition, hard feelings left over from the pandemic prevented agency staff from pursuing a half-million dollar grant to bring locally grown fruits and vegetables into local schools.

Overshadowed by those controversies are many vital programs including immunization clinics, and services involving maternal and child health, dental care and environmental health. A new state-funded kindergarten oral health assessment program has screened 408 kindergartners since its inception in 2022. Staff referred 38 children to their dental providers for restorative treatment and nine were referred for urgent needs.

Friends of HDNW was given 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service in August of this year. Donations to the group will be used exclusively for research and education. Its members are all volunteers so minimal overhead costs will be incurred. CONTACT: info@friendsofhdnw.org TO DONATE, JOIN OR LEARN MORE: www.friendsofhdnw.org

## Grants Awarded for Beaver Island, Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) responded to requests from nonprofit partners in four geographic areas in Charlevoix County in October. Thanks to donors who look to the Community Foundation to make a difference close to home, grants have been awarded to nonprofits who will work to improve the quality of life on Beaver Island, in Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan. In all, nearly \$172,000 in grants were awarded during the Geographic Enrichment cycle.

In Boyne City, recreation and parks will get a boost, with grants to the City of Boyne City and to Boyne Area Skate Park. The Boyne City Rotary Club is celebrating their 100th anniversary by building a pavilion for families to enjoy at Peninsula Beach and has partnered with the City of Boyne City to undertake this work. Work on the project began last year and will be completed this year with help from these grant funds. Boyne Area Skate Park is working hard to raise funds and awareness for building a skate park in Boyne City's Rotary Park. Grant funds will help them to acquire the necessary construction documents to keep the project moving forward. Additionally, middle school students at Concord Academy Boyne will get to experience a total solar eclipse on a field trip this spring.

In Charlevoix, art, history, recreation, and education were prioritized. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts will receive a grant for gallery enhancements, which will help them to better display works of fine art in their space. The Charlevoix Historical Society will receive assistance to replace

the roof at the historic train depot. The Rotary Club of Charlevoix Charities, Inc will receive funds for a community playground at Mt. McSauba recreation area. The playground is a priority project in the City of Charlevoix's master plan, but had yet to receive funding to move forward, until now.

A grant to the Charlevoix Kiwanis Youth Foundation will help to purchase books for various reading programs in partnership with the Charlevoix Public Schools, and a grant to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool will help to replace computers and other equipment. Finally, with an eye toward protecting the environment and helping neighbors in need, a grant to the Greensky Hill Indian United Methodist Church will help to install a solar array on the roof of Susan Hall. Among other things, Greensky Hill helps families in need by providing community meals and safe shelter to anyone who needs it.

East Jordan will see support for children, teens, and youth of all ages. For our youngest citizens, Training Wheels Childcare Center will use grant funds to purchase laundry machines for the center, helping staff to manage laundry needs in real time during the day without disruption to their mission of caring for the children "like grandma does."

The East Jordan Public School's softball and baseball fields will see some upgrades, as well as updates for Boswell Stadium, helping our teens to perform at their best in these facilities. Additionally, the school will get support for replacing metal pool lockers in the community pool with more durable plastic com-



posite lockers. The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center will use their grant to provide life skills and culture programming, just one of their many "tracks" for students to explore during after school hours.

Recreation for all ages in East Jordan will also see support, in the form of seating and overlooks to be installed on the new Don & Eileen Klein Nature Trail, through a grant to the Little Traverse Conservancy. Work on this new trail is already underway, in partnership with the City of East Jordan and many other partners. The City will also receive support for additional pickleball courts, and they are acting as fiduciary for the grant awarded for the EJPS Shoe Club's "EJ Honor and Serve" project this year. Shoe Club students are teaming up with the American Legion and the City to revitalize GAR Park on Main Street. Their plans include working with veterans to capture their stories, as well as building park improvements like a pavilion, fence, and more.

On Beaver Island, priority was given to health needs with a grant to Beaver Island EMS for an updated cardiac monitor.

For a complete list of grants awarded during the

Geographic Enrichment grant cycle, and for more information on each grant, visit [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org).

*A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. While a portion of the funds are utilized to support grant-making, the principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing ongoing charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents—now and in the future.*

*The Community Foundation is reviewing Youth Needs requests now and the next grant cycle will focus on Environment, Land Use, and Recreation projects, as well as Arts & Culture programs, after the New Year. Applications will become available in January and will be due by Friday, March 1, 2024. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants anytime by emailing Ashley Cousens at [acousens@c3f.org](mailto:acousens@c3f.org).*

*More information about each grant cycle can be found at [c3f.org](http://c3f.org) on the "Apply for a Grant" page.*

## Tips for responsible bird-watching and photography

BY MIKE DUNN

It was an incredible year for birding across the Great Lakes region, as a number of birds that were outside their normal wintering and breeding areas for various reasons were spotted in our wetlands and along our lakes. Among the rare vagrants were several species native to Florida, including the roseate spoonbill, limpkin and American flamingo.

Year-round, hundreds of bird species draw us outdoors as they flit in the treetops, hop through shrubs or run along the shorelines. With winter on its way, birders are excitedly awaiting the arrival of northern finches and owls.

Whether we encounter rare vagrants, irruptive northern breeders – those birds that hit the scene suddenly and in large numbers – or common backyard birds, it's important to use best birding practices to protect Michigan's birds and visitors. The following tips and resources from Mi



Fall is a key time for birders! Learn about ways to be a more responsible birder and wildlife photographer at [Audubon.org/Section/Ethics](http://Audubon.org/Section/Ethics). (courtesy of Audubon Society)

Birds can help guide your next outing.

- Keep a respectful distance. Getting too close to birds, and their nests, can cause them to flush (or fly away), interfering with their natural behavior and potentially preventing them from caring for their young or eating. If your approach causes

a bird to flush, you've gotten too close.

- Think carefully before sharing the location of a rare bird. While rare bird sightings are thrilling, they can draw a crowd, which can cause a disturbance.
- Share the shore. Great Lakes beach-nesting birds, like the Great Lakes piping plover,

require special care. By leashing pets and giving birds plenty of space (more than 100 feet, or about 16 beach towels), we can help ensure their survival.

- Leave the drones to the pros. Although drones can be useful for researchers and biologists documenting bird populations (such as at island nesting colonies), drones in general can be very disruptive to birds, especially osprey. They also are illegal in national parks, and their use is limited in state parks. (This DNR land use order provides more detail about unmanned aircraft, such as drones.)

MI BIRDS is a public outreach and education program presented by Audubon Great Lakes and the Michigan DNR that works to build and bring together wildlife enthusiasts across the state to engage with and conserve Michigan's birds, wildlife and public lands.

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## Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Receives \$400,000 investment from the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration to establish a revolving loan fund for small businesses

BOYNE CITY – The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) has announced that it has awarded the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) a \$400,000 investment to establish a revolving loan fund. The fund will serve as a financing tool for Northern Michigan businesses to support jobs and investment in the NLEA service area of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties. The loan fund is a gap financing tool for small businesses and will work in partnership with the borrower's primary lender. The goal of the fund is to

be a component of a business's capital mix to bring growth and jobs to the region.

The total capital available in the loan fund is \$500,000. The grant has been accepted by the NLEA and more details on the program will be available later this year at [www.northernlakes.net](http://www.northernlakes.net). Please contact Chris Bauer, Community and Economic Development Manager for the NLEA at (231) 582-6482 with any additional questions.

"Small businesses aren't only vital to our state's economy, they're also important to the character of our communities," said

U.S. Senator Gary Peters. "I was proud to send a letter to the EDA advocating for this investment, which will help the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance provide businesses owners across Northern Michigan with the resources they need to grow and be successful."

"Small businesses are the backbone of our communities. That is why I am pleased to support the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance so it can continue to support our small business owners and grow our economy. This investment is a win for Northern Michigan," said U.S. Senator Stabenow.

"This is great news for Northern Michigan," said state Senator John Damoose, Harbor Springs. "Business owners are facing a tough, unpredictable environment right now. This is a major investment in the region and will go a long way toward helping local businesses grow and thrive."

"Networks Northwest applauds the successful efforts of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) in meeting head-on the need for support of local business development and expansion through their management of a business Revolving Loan Fund," said Rob Car-

son, Regional Director of Community Development at Networks Northwest. "This successful grant award obtained through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) will act as a cornerstone to continued successful economic development efforts in the NLEA service area. Networks Northwest is a proud partner to NLEA."

"NLEA has a rich history of providing support to small businesses, since 1984 in fact. Their dedication and professionalism in supporting economic development in northern Michigan has provided many opportunities in the communities they

serve for businesses to start, grow, and succeed. This revolving loan fund is an excellent opportunity for them to expand their commitment to be a resource to small businesses," stated Doug Baum, Executive Director of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. Baum also stated, "this resource aligns with the Region 3 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which provides a regional plan for growth and sustainability in the region."

For further information, contact Chris Bauer at the NLEA, 231-582-6482 or email [info@northernlakes.net](mailto:info@northernlakes.net).

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## THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

# It was Christopher Columbus who named the turkey!

Did the pilgrims eat turkey at the first Thanksgiving?

Did you know it was actually Christopher Columbus who was responsible for giving turkeys their name? Probably even the contestants on Jeopardy would be gobbled up that little Thanksgiving fun fact.

Yes, Columbus mistakenly thought these turkeys, which were indigenous to this continent but were not found in Europe, were relatives of the peacock. Why? Because Columbus originally thought he landed in India and he knew that peacocks were in abundance there. He figured the turkey was a member of the peacock family, which makes sense.

So he named them “tuka,” which is “peacock” in the Tamil language of India. But, by the way, turkeys are not related to peacocks. They are actually a type of pheasant. That’s another factoid that may give the Jeopardy contestants a fowl time.

Here’s another piece of trivia revolving around the Thanksgiving holiday in our country that probably not many people know about: Thanksgiving gave birth to the TV dinner!

It happened like this. In 1953, the Swanson Company had so much extra turkey – 260 tons worth! – that a salesman told them



When Columbus saw wild turkeys after he arrived in the New World, he thought they were related to the peacocks of Europe. (courtesy of DNR)

they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes ... and the first frozen TV dinner was born.

The convenience of frozen TV dinners caught on very quickly with consumers across the country and spread internationally within a few short years. Hopefully the Swanson salesman received a generous bonus from his employer.

While it’s uncertain if turkey was part of the first Thanksgiving celebration, the popular fowl has become standard fare for the annual holiday celebration. In the U.S., about 280 million turkeys are sold each year for Thanksgiving. The average size of the bird

is 15 pounds with about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.

Turkey today is as much a part of Thanksgiving as Detroit Lions’ football and drum sticks. Even if the pilgrims and their Native American guests did not partake of turkey at the first Thanksgiving meal in 1621 in Plymouth, Mass., we know from historical accounts that there was plenty of other scrumptious food prepared for the three-day feast, including some fine New England lobster.

Those who didn’t care for eating lobster weren’t shortchanged, though. Chicken, rabbit, venison, cod, bass, squash, beans, barley, chestnuts, hickory

nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese were also part of the fare. Wild turkey did inhabit the area but historians are divided on whether the fowl made it to the table in 1621 or not.

We do know that the first Thanksgiving feast was organized by Governor William Bradford to thank God for His bountiful provisions. The exact date is not known, though it took place sometime between Sept. 21 and Nov. 9, most likely in early October. The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by President Lincoln to correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape

Cod on Nov. 21, 1620.

Everyone ate with spoons, knives and their fingers at the first feast, since there were no forks available. The Wampanoag Indians had taught the pilgrims how to cultivate the land and were invited in appreciation of their friendliness. Chief Massasoit and the 90 men with him did not come to the banquet empty-handed; they killed five deer and added that to the feast.

### Here are some other interesting Thanksgiving facts:

- The consumption of turkey has been blamed for the annual “Thanksgiving nap” that mysteriously overtakes folks on the afternoon of the fourth Thursday in November. But, scientists pour water on that assertion. Scientists say that extra glass of wine, the high-calorie meal or relaxing after a busy work schedule is what makes folks drowsy after the Thanksgiving meal.
- President Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation on Oct. 3, 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. In the 1940s, Congress passed a law setting the fourth Thursday of the month as the official Thanksgiving date.
- Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President “pardons” the live turkey.
- Turkey has more protein than chicken or beef. The most popular ways to serve leftover turkey is in a sandwich, in stew, chili or soup, in a casserole or as a burger. Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16-18 pounds of turkey.
- A 16-week old turkey is called a fryer. A five-to-seven month old turkey is called a young roaster.
- The Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching from Convent Avenue to 145th Street in New York City. No large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo.
- A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.
- Wild turkeys, while technically the same species as domesticated turkeys, have a very different taste from farm-raised turkeys. Almost all of the meat is “dark” (even the breasts) with a more intense turkey flavor.

## CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

# DECEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



### HOLIDAY JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 7:00 PM • COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for an evening of holiday favorites with Andy Evans on bass, Jon Lindeneau on drums, Bill Sears on sax, and Steve Stargardt on keys!

### SANTA AND HIS REINDEER VISIT THE LIBRARY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 2:00 - 4:00 PM YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER

Santa and his reindeer are coming to the Charlevoix Public Library! Stop in anytime between 2-4pm to get your picture taken with Santa, enjoy hot chocolate and candy canes, write a letter to Santa, and meet a few of Santa’s reindeer.

### PETOSKEY MADRIGAL SINGERS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 6:00 PM COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for a special holiday concert with the Petoskey High School Madrigal Singers! This highly sought after group will be singing holiday crowd favorites in costume. The Madrigals have been making music together for over 50 years. The director, Julie Saunders, is a former Madrigal and is in her 30th year of teaching at Petoskey High School.

### GIFT WRAPPING STATION! DECEMBER 1 - 23 DURING LIBRARY HOURS COELING ACTIVITY ROOM

Bring your holiday gifts to the library to wrap! Wrapping paper, tape, scissors, tags, bows, and ribbon will be available free of charge. Donations of new wrapping materials are being accepted for this event.

### ADULT PROGRAMMING

#### ISLANDS OF DECEPTION WITH AUTHOR CHRIS THELEN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 6:00 PM COMMUNITY ROOM

Chris G. Thelen’s new novel, Islands of Deception, takes you on a thrilling adventure from the Michigan Capitol in Lansing to its exciting climax in Charlevoix and on Beaver Island. Many have asked Chris how a farm boy from a small town near Lansing could create such a compelling story with corrupt government officials, an ambitious tech billionaire, and heroic characters in search of the truth. Learn how our life experiences play a role in the stories we tell and how they influenced Chris in writing Islands of Deception. Chris will also discuss the publishing process.

#### ARTS & CRAFTS IN THE FOYER MAKE AND TAKE: SMALL WINTER CENTERPIECES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 2:00 - 4:00 PM OR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST Materials and instructions will be provided.

**No registration required**

- Materials and instructions provided
- No registration required
- Recommended for adults, or children accompanied by an adult

#### BOOKTALKERS: THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB BY RICHARD OSMAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 6:00 PM ARMSTRONG CONFERENCE ROOM Registration Required: Register online or call 231-237-7340 for this Book Discussion

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, club members suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Can this unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it’s too late?

This novel by British TV personality Richard Osman is a fascinating primer in detection. Its charming characters, brimming with dry wit, will draw you in and leave you wanting more.

### YOUTH PROGRAMMING

#### TEEN CUPCAKE WARS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 4:00 - 5:00 PM AGES 13+

**YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER  
ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

We provide the cupcakes and other ingredients, and you provide the creativity! Prizes will be given for the greatest cupcakes! Open to teens 13 and up. Space is limited - registration is required.

#### DECEMBER CRAFTERNOON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 4:00 - 5:00 PM AGES 6+ YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER

Fill your home with the sweet smells of December when you bring home a hand-crafted pomander. Participants will be designing pomanders to enjoy or give during this special season.

Drop by any time between 4-5pm. No registration required. Recommended for ages 6 and up. While supplies last.

#### DROP-IN LEGO BRICK CLUB TUESDAYS: DECEMBER 5, DECEMBER 19 3:30-5:00 PM AGES 6 AND UP YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER

Calling all Lego lovers - if you can dream it, you can build it! Join us in the Youth Activity Center and make new friends while you get creative with Legos and Duplos. This is a drop-in activity; no registration is required. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

#### GINGERBREAD HOUSES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 2:00 - 3:00 PM

**Online Registration Required  
Ages 6+**  
Youth Activity Center

Bring your family together to create an edible masterpiece of sweetness to display with your holiday celebrations! Enjoy festive music, hot cocoa, and friendship while decorating your gingerbread dream home of sugar and spice. Space is limited - registration is required. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

\* This is a family program and participants may need assistance from an adult - please do not leave children unattended. Please note that small candy pieces may be choking hazards for younger children. Thank you!

#### ENCHANTED OUTDOOR STORY WALK MONTH OF DECEMBER ALL AGES • LIBRARY GROUNDS

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# News Briefs

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## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The 2023/24 Senior Residential Snow Removal Program applications are now available. Contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging to sign up. Call 231-237-0103.

## BOYNE CITY LET'S TALK TURKEY

With Good Neighbors Food Pantry. Let's round up those turkeys for Thanksgiving and put them on the plates of those in need in the Boyne area. A \$20 donation will provide a family with a complete Thanksgiving meal. Drop off your check at Pat O'Brien Real Estate or mail to Good Neighbors Food Pantry, PO Box 35, Boyne City, MI 49712. You may also donate online at [www.goodneighborsboyne.org](http://www.goodneighborsboyne.org).

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COA CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

All COA Offices and Senior Centers are closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 23 & 24.

## WALLOON LAKE VILLAGE LIGHTING

Visit Walloon Lake for the annual Lighting of the Village, a free family friendly event on November 22. See live performances from the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, live reindeer, and a special visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus. Bring a donation for Toys for Tots and shop local vendors with gifts for everyone on your list. Enjoy free hot chocolate, kids' activities, and a cash bar available from 5 PM to 8 PM.

## PETOSKEY & CHARLEVOIX OLESON'S DOLLAR DRIVE FOR SAFE HOME

Oleson's Food Stores in Petoskey and Charlevoix are hosting a Dollar Drive fundraiser to support Safe Home services November 12 through Thanksgiving. Shoppers can choose to donate a dollar at checkout to support families seeking refuge from domestic abuse at Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's Safe Home. Dollars raised help shelter staff purchase fresh food items and fulfill current Safe Home needs. The Oleson Foundation will match the first \$1,000 raised. The Safe Home is staffed and operated 24/7 and provides support, shelter, meals, and daily necessities to survivors in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties at no cost. Oleson's is at 2000 US-31 North in Petoskey, and 112 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. To make a financial contribution to support families at the Safe Home, <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/wrcnm>

## CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

All are welcome. Meal provided for no charge. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, Noon - 3pm at Community Reformed Church, 109 Elm St. Eat in, Take out, Delivery to shut ins. Sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Assoc. and area community members. For more info or to volunteer contact Shelley, 989-640-5260 or [Shelley@AirAdvantage.net](mailto:Shelley@AirAdvantage.net).

## BOYNE CITY TURKEY TROT

The 13th annual Kiwanis Boyne City Turkey Trot 5K/1 mile Fun Run will be held Thanksgiving morning, November 23 at 9:00am. The event will begin and end at the pavilion at Boyne City Veteran's Park. Registration will open at 8am, and chip timing will be provided by 3 Disciplines. Awards will be given for the top 3 finishers in 10 year age groups. Prior to the event, individuals can register for \$30 each which includes a long sleeve Tech shirt if registered before November 15. The day of the event, registration fees will be \$35 per person.

## EAST JORDAN HAPPY FRIENDSGIVING

Please join your friends and neighbors on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23 for a community Thanksgiving feast at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 1pm. Games, snacks at 1pm. Dinner at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

## BOYNE CITY LIVE NATIVITY

Friday, Nov. 24, 5-8pm at Coldwell Banker Parking lot, 231 Water St. Complimentary Chili, soups, hot dogs and cookies donated by Family Fare. Hot cocoa and coffee. Live camels, donkey, goats, baby cows and sheep along with food for the kids to feed the animals. Sponsored by Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors and Family Fare of Boyne City.

## BELLAIRE SKI SALE

Used Skis, snowboards, equipment, clothing Sat. Nov. 24, 9-3 pm. Drop off items for sale on Fri. 5-8pm. Sale location in the Grand Ballroom, Lakeview Hotel at Shanty Creek. Proceeds to fund the Antrim Ski Academy, scholarship program and the Great North Alpine co-op high school ski team.

## BOYNE CITY HOLLY JOLLY BOYNE

Open house and Parade Friday, Nov. 24 at 6pm downtown. Visit with Santa at the Eagles after lighting the tree in Sunset Park. Live nativity, 4-8pm at Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors.

## CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY PARADE

The 10th annual Holiday parade and tree lighting downtown, November 24. Sponsored by 4 Front Credit Union.

3-5pm- Pictures with Santa at Charlevoix State Bank  
3-5pm- Pick up a Make-and-Take Holiday Craft at Charlevoix Circle of Arts

5:30pm- Holiday Parade- We are looking for people to participate in the parade! Businesses, organizations, friends and family are welcome to be a part of the magical parade in Downtown Charlevoix. Decorate your car, truck, tractor, bike, boat, etc and join in the fun! Only one rule: No Santa! We have him covered.  
6pm- Santa Lights the Tree

## EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY BAND

Come join in the fun Thursday nights 6:30-8:30. The Jordan Valley Community Band welcomes everyone in the community to join us. We meet at the East Jordan High School Band room with the door being open at 6:15 p.m. for set up and warm up. We understand many musicians will have to drive straight from work or catch a quick dinner after work. If you cannot make it exactly at 6:30 we understand. Come for the part of rehearsal that fits into your schedule. Musicians in our band are mainly adult and high school band members. However we have had some outstanding 7th and 8th grade musicians play with us. If you are in 7th or 8th grade, our director would like to meet with you to hear you play, to see if you would be able to play our level of music. If you are not quite ready, but would love to be involved with our community band, we have many different hats that need to be worn and your help with any of these areas would be greatly appreciated. Contact our director Becky Palmiter at 231-675-0543 or our Board President Terri Warnos at 231 536-0417.

## EAST JORDAN LIGHTED CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

The East Jordan Lions Club is accepting applications for lighted Christmas displays for the annual Lighted Christmas Village at the EJ Tourist Park. The displays should be set up at the campsites by November 24th. Viewing by car or walk through continues through January 1st. The Tourist Park is open every day, and the displays are lighted from dusk until midnight. Businesses, churches, clubs, families, and school groups are encouraged to participate. There is no cost to set up a display, and electricity is provided by the city. Please contact Sherry Pursel at [skpursel@yahoo.com](mailto:skpursel@yahoo.com) for information or an application

## EAST JORDAN HOLIDAY AFTER HOURS

Holiday Business after Hours & Jubilee of Trees for 501 C3's. Thursday, November 30th at the Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Christmas Tree & Basket Auction, Food, Networking. Entry by donation to benefit Care & Share Food Pantry & Good Samaritan Food Pantry

## EAST JORDAN KAREN WALKER STUDIO PORTRAIT DAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Is it time you updated your business portrait? Want a professional portrait for high school graduation or something nice for Christmas? Now is your chance! Karen Walker will be setting up her studio at a nearby location on Thursday, November 30th to fill all your portrait needs. There is no session fee, packages start at \$300, and individual prints start at just \$40. Call Karen at 231-536-3663 or email [kwalkerphoto@gmail.com](mailto:kwalkerphoto@gmail.com) for more information or to reserve your time slot. By appointment only.

## EAST JORDAN ARTS COUNCIL GIFT MARKET IS OPEN

Join us for the JRAC Gift Market. Open 1 - 4PM. There will be fun and practical gifts for giving all made by local artists. Your purchase helps local artists as well as JRAC. We will have many items including paintings, collages, jewelry, scarves, baskets, cards and Christmas decorations. We will be open for extended hours on Friday, December 1 from 5:00 - 7:00. There will be cookies and an ornament decorating activity for children on the lower level that evening. Jordan River Arts Council, 301 Main St.

## EAST JORDAN ATTENTION CAROLERS

If you love singing Christmas carols, please join us as we bring a little old-school caroling to the Holiday Community Night and Lighted Parade Friday, Dec. 1. Who are we? Just a collection of locals from a variety of churches and organizations who are sharing good cheer. Song sheets will be provided. Please bring a battery-operated candle and dress for wintry weather. To join us, please meet at Gar Park at 6 p.m. We will then line up in the parade, which starts at 6:30 p.m. After reaching the main intersection by Charlevoix State Bank and The Foundry, we will gather around a firepit in the street and welcome others to join us for carols during the block party. As part of the evening's festivities, there's a soup cookoff, a raffle with a \$500 prize, and more. Individuals, families, employee and church groups—all are welcome. If you have questions, please call Janenne at 231-357-1869.

## EAST JORDAN LIGHT UP EAST JORDAN

December 1, Christmas Parade 6:30pm. Visit with Santa and his Reindeer, raffle drawing, Soup Cook-off, ornament making. Sponsored by Helping Hearts of East Jordan.

## CHARLEVOIX OPEN HOUSE & HOT COCOA CONTEST

Holiday merchant open house and hot cocoa contest December 2 All Day- Merchant Open House 12pm-4pm- Hot Cocoa Trail 1pm- Holiday Movie at Charlevoix Cinema III. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank- Bring 1 non-perishable item for admission

## EAST JORDAN HOLIDAY CONCERT

Join the Jordan Valley Community Band for an afternoon of Holiday music, Sunday, December 3 at 4PM in the Community Auditorium at the East Jordan Middle/High School. Free admission, donations greatly appreciated. Social gathering following.

## EAST JORDAN SWIM-A-THON

East Jordan community pool endowment fundraiser December 9, 10am - Noon. Help support our community pool. Interested in participating or making a pledge? Email lvy at [lWells@ejps.org](mailto:lWells@ejps.org).

## CHARLEVOIX HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Wednesday, December 13, 5-7pm at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. Wear your best ugly sweater- winner gets a prize

## MICHIGAN COAT DRIVE

The Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division is collecting new and gently used coats, scarves, gloves, hats and mittens for adults and children. All donations will remain local. Now thru Dec. 15 at MSP posts and Weigh Station facilities.

## EAST JORDAN CHRISTMAS TREES

The East Jordan Lions will be selling trees at the Jordan Inn, located at 228 Main St, November 24 - December 23rd. Due to lack of space, they have changed their location for this. We thank Gilroy's and the Miller family from True Value for allowing us to sell Christmas trees there for many years.

## EAST JORDAN VOLUNTEER AT THE DEPOT TEEN CENTER

When the snowflakes begin to fall, the volunteer snowbirds begin to fly! As a result, we need you to help pour into the lives of our community's Teens with us. For more information or to schedule a time to stop in to experience what it would be like, please contact The Depot's Outreach Director, Scott Gillespie at 989-444-1695.

## BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

The market now meets at the Veterans Park Pavilion every Saturday, 9am - 12:30pm. Fresh produce, local artists and live music

## EAST JORDAN RAVEN HILL FALL HOURS

Raven Hill Discovery Center is currently open noon to 4pm Saturdays; 2pm to 4pm Sundays and other times, including holidays, by appointment. Give a call if you are interested in visiting. 231-536-3369.

## CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

Collaboration Between The Free Breakfast Club & Commission On Aging has begun. Anyone can come to the Shirley Roloff Center (old Elementary School on Division), between 8-9am and get a free breakfast sponsored by Safe Haven and prepared for you by COA chefs and our volunteers. You may dine in, take out or get curbside pick-up. This will happen at the Shirley Roloff center every Tuesday and Friday for all ages at no cost.

## 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 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-Otsego.com](mailto: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. DepotJTeenCenter@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. 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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## Boyne Falls Public School STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## Sophia Stuart-Wall

Grade: 5th Grade

Parent's Name(s): John and Melissa Wall

What do you want to be when you grow up?:

Sophia wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She said that she wants to be able to help animals!

Favorite Book: *Superfudge* by Judy Blume.

Hobbies and Interests: Sophia enjoys playing with her cats when she is at home. She has two cats and their names Belle and Poppy. In her free time, she also enjoys playing games on her iPad.

School Activities: Sophia takes piano lessons; she has been playing the piano for five years. Additionally, she takes swimming lessons and has been taking swimming lessons for about two years. Sophia said that in the future, she is interested in playing volleyball.

Staff Comments: Sophia follows our Logger Agreement by being safe, being respectful to her peers and teachers, and being responsible. She is safe by walking quietly in the hallway and always following directions in the classroom. Sophia is respectful towards her peers and teachers by listening when they have something to say and using kind language when she is speaking. Sophia works very hard in my classroom, tries her best, turns in her homework when it's due, and she doesn't give up when presented with challenges. Sophia has impressed me with her dedication to reading. She has read a variety of books this trimester and this has paid off for her, as she has accomplished her AR Goal! Way to go, Sophia! Thank you for always following the Logger Agreement and making BFPS a great place to be!

Submitted By: Mrs. Jennings



## ECS Middle/High School LANCER OF THE WEEK

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

This week's LEAD Exemplar is SCARLETT FAIVOR



## Scarlett Faivor

"Scarlett's personality sparks joy in class. She is an active learner and is a positive influence on her classmates. She works hard to overcome obstacles and enjoys solving problems in creative ways." - Mrs. Kiteley

As a 6th grade student, she has quickly adapted to the challenges of Middle School. Scarlett is looking forward to participating in Track this year. She says that she enjoys reading, "because I'm good at it and it's something to do." She also is inspired by her friend MaKenzie because, "she's always there for me when I need her." A positive friend is important.



East Jordan

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH Lane Vincent



East Jordan Senior Student of the Month chosen by his teachers to be the November Student of the Month recipient for the Senior class.

His teachers state that he is hard working, responsible, trustworthy, and has a great sense of humor.

Lane excels in his automotive technology course and his work-based learning. Lane is the son of Mark and Holly Vincent.

**Congratulations, Lane, for being our senior student of the month!**



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### BASKETBALL

## Men's Basketball Battles Tough Opponents in Home Opening Tournament

PETOSKEY – North Central Michigan College opened up Petoskey Plastics Arena for teams to come and play in the Buffalo Wild Wings and Corktown Pizza Timberwolves Classic this past weekend on November 10th and 11th.

North Central Men's Basketball (0-4,0-0) opened this season's homestand against the Cuyahoga Community College Triceratops (4-1,0-0) on Friday followed with a matchup versus the defending 2022-23 NJCAA DII National Champions, Milwaukee Area Technical College (5-0, 0-0) on Saturday, November 11th.

#### Game 1: Tri-C- 101, NCMC- 62

On Friday night, against Cuyahoga Community College, the Timberwolves got off to a slow start. Cuyahoga shot out to a quick 13-2 lead. North Central would battle back to tie it up at 13 with help

from a nice 3 from Julius Smith (Joliet, IL / Lockport Township). The teams began to trade baskets, the game staying close until Cuyahoga was able to break the game open and go into halftime with a 9 point lead, with the score at 44-35.

Tri-C came out of halftime, and quickly built a 15 point lead only five minutes into the half. The Triceratops would slowly build the lead for the rest of the game, shooting 50% from the floor, to finish with a 101-62 win over the Timberwolves.

#### Statistical Leaders for Game 1

Josh Adim (Joliet, IL / Joliet Central) scored a team high 15 points and went 7-15 from the floor. Andrew Johnson (Chicago, IL/ Joliet West) added 11 points and recorded a team high of seven rebounds while Julius Smith added eight points of his own. Jake Edwards (Perth, Aus-

tralia / Ocean Reef High School) and Kam Dorsey (Ypsilanti, MI / Ypsilanti Lincoln) each added eight points off the bench.

#### Game 2: MATC- 123, NCMC- 84

The Timberwolves battled against the Stormers of Milwaukee Area Technical College, the defending National Champions, on Saturday evening. The Stormers jumped out a 10 point lead early, and wouldn't let go. With the score 22-6, North Central took a full timeout to try and regroup. Over the next 8 minutes, the Timberwolves would claw back to a nine point deficit, down 31-23, led by a triple from JJ Weber (East Jordan, MI / East Jordan). Unfortunately, the Stormers would ignite offensively and go into halftime with a 30 point lead, 64-34.

The Timberwolves didn't back down as they competed with the Stormers in the second half. Despite

MATC 30-point lead in the first half, the Timberwolves stayed with the Stormers in the second half, scoring 50 points to MATC 59 point half. The Timberwolves didn't make it easy as they forced the Stormers to turn the ball over 20 times. The Stormers shot 54.8% from the floor while shooting an impressive 45.9% from behind the arc, finishing with the 123-84 win over the Timberwolves.

#### Statistical Leaders for Game 2

Again, Josh Adim (Joliet, IL/ Joliet Central) led the team in points, finishing with 20 and having shot an impressive 5-7 from behind the three-point line. Julius Smith (Joliet, IL/ Lockport Township) scored 19 points and collected five rebounds coming off the bench.

Andrew Johnson (Chicago, IL / Joliet West) scored 16 points and added four rebounds.

## North Central Women's Basketball Drop Two in Home Opening Tournament

PETOSKEY – North Central Michigan College opened Petoskey Plastics Arena for teams to come and play in the Buffalo Wild Wings and Corktown Pizza Timberwolves Classic this past weekend on November 10th and 11th.

North Central's women's basketball (0-4,0-0) played Cuyahoga Community College (3-1,0-0) on Friday evening, unfortunately losing 57-32. The Timberwolves tried to bounce back on Saturday when they faced Alpena Community College (2-3,0-0) in what was an exciting matchup but ended up falling short to the Lumberjacks (59-57).

#### Game 1: Tri-C- 57, NCMC- 32

The Timberwolves couldn't get it going offensively against the Triceratops scoring single digits in the first three quarters. The Triceratops took off with a 15-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and went into halftime with a 28-13 lead, holding the Timberwolves to five points in the second quarter.

The Timberwolves continued to have a flat night on both ends of the floor, allowing the Triceratops to go on a 7-0 run in the third quarter. The Timberwolves outscored the Triceratops in the fourth quarter 11-10 but wasn't enough as the Triceratops come out with the 57-32 win.

#### Statistical Leaders for Game 1

Sadie McGuire, (Brimley, MI/Brimley) scored a team high 10 points.

Lindsey Cross (East Jordan, MI/East Jordan) added 8 points of her own and dominated the boards with 12 rebounds.

#### Game 2: Alpena- 59, NCMC- 57

The fans at Petoskey Plastics Arena were treated

to an intense and exciting game on Saturday as North Central faced the Lumberjacks of Alpena Community College. Alpena started off the game on a 10-0 run before North Central scored their first points and went on a run of their own.

Led by Ella Marchand's (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area) five points and an electrifying three-pointer from just past half-court before the quarter ending buzzer. The Timberwolves took their first lead of the night at 15-14 in the second quarter. The two teams would battle back and forth, eventually going into halftime with Alpena up 33-29.

The Timberwolves came out of halftime outscoring the Lumberjacks 14-9 in the third quarter to take the lead 43-42. It was a battle to the end, but the Timberwolves fell short to the Lumberjacks by two (59-57).

#### Statistical Leaders for Game 2

Rae Hingston (Cheboygan/Mackinaw City) and Ryann Clancy (Topinabee/ Inland Lakes) led the Timberwolves offensively with 11 points each.

Ella Marchand added 10 points while adding five assists and three steals. Gloria House (Johannesburg/Johannesburg) and Caley Zukowski (Lockport, IL/Lockport) both chipped in nine points apiece.

#### Up Next

The Timberwolves travel up North for the Lindquist Classic, a Thanksgiving tournament, hosted by Gogebic Community College on November 25th and 26th. The Timberwolves will face the host team, GCC, Saturday (Nov. 25th) and Sunday (Nov. 26th) will matchup with Vermilion CC.

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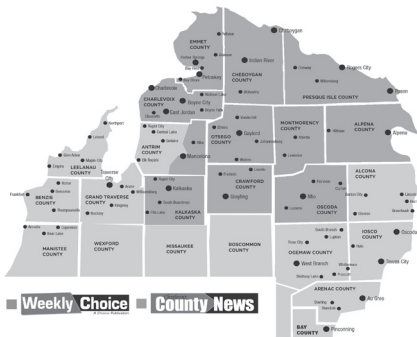
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Will this little guy reach “trophy potential” someday?

## “Will That Spike always be a Spike?”

### The debate over antler restrictions

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

The conversation may go something like this: “We have to shoot all the spikes... they don’t produce good antler growth”. “Yeah, they probably produce poor offspring too... more spikes and fork-horns”. “Yup, we need to improve the herd by culling the inferior deer with bad genetic traits”.

Sound familiar? You may have heard similar conversations or maybe you’ve participated in one yourself. But what this represents is a misconception concerning observable characteristics in animals. Biologists who study genetic traits call it “phenotype”. That is, how a gene (or genes) are “expressed”, or what we can observe or “see” in an organism. Examples would include behavior; skin, hair or eye color; disease, or in the case of white tail deer: antlers (shape, size, color) and behavior. Environmental conditions and diet, hormones, etc. influence how genes may be expressed as well. Biologists understand that it is a complex interaction of these factors (and others) that result in what an organism may look like and/or produce in their offspring. Things include recessive and dominant genes, co-dominance, incomplete dominance, and so on.

So, what does this have to do with the debate over shooting spikes or setting antler restrictions? Well, it may have quite a bit to do with it... and it’s quite simple. So simple, it seems to be overlooked by many people. There is one central problem with relying on physical appearance to make decisions on what an organism may look like in the future, or what type of offspring they may produce. That problem is: recessive genes. Recessive genes can be “carried” by an individual without “expression”. In other words, an individual can have a trait that is not observable. The gene is still found in the organism and can be passed on to future generations. This gene may not be expressed for many generations until it becomes “paired” with another recessive gene. This will allow the phenotype for that characteristic to be expressed.

In other words, physical appearance alone is not enough to determine what “potential” an organism may have. If so, Hitler would have had a good plan when he decided to develop the “perfect race” by mat-

ing tall, blue-eyed blond male and female Germans to produce like offspring. It didn’t work. Why: recessive traits. Hitler’s scientists tried and failed because they didn’t have genetic testing techniques used today. They relied mainly on physically observable traits (phenotype) of the individual and therefore could not detect the “un-observable” recessive traits. Some of the offspring from these pairings didn’t turn out quite like what the experimenters had in mind. This relates to deer hunters in the following way. A 1 ½ year-old deer with a set of spike antlers is observed by a hunter. The hunter is of the mind that this is an “inferior” deer and shoots it. Has the hunter eliminated an inferior set of genes from the gene pool? Perhaps. But does the spike horn really mean the deer will have inferior potential to produce bigger antlers or offspring that have great antler growth potential? How would a hunter know? Simple visual observation would not be enough. This deer could produce excellent antlers in his next year... or two. His offspring could be B&C record book bucks. The reverse is also true. A young deer with 6 or 8 points in its first year may or may not go on to produce a large rack of his own (or in his offspring).

The concept of recessive traits is not the only answer to questions concerning antler restrictions or to what potential antler growth an individual deer may possess. However, the idea that anyone can look at a young buck and predict its potential (either in offspring or antler growth) by observation alone may be misleading. We have not even discussed the fact that the buck only produces half the genes... the doe has her own set of chromosomes that contain her genes. Both set contribute to the offspring. So, what do we do? For one, we stop thinking we have all the answers. We might want to listen to the wildlife biologists and other scientists and not quite so much to some of the other “know-it-alls”. There is one thing that remains constant in science, and that is to question. In other words, we don’t automatically accept everything we hear and/or read in the literature. We take it in and continue to question and look for answers. The person that accepts everything without question is looking to be disappointed.

## MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHING ASSOCIATION MHSFCA 2023 AWARDS FIRST TEAM ALL-REGION

| REGION 1         | GRADE  | POS  | SCHOOL               | REGION 1           | GRADE     | POS  | SCHOOL                |
|------------------|--------|------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|-----------------------|
| Andrew Dennis    | Senior | OL   | Mt. Pleasant         | Connor Owens       | Senior    | OL   | Iron Mountain         |
| Brody Shaw       | Senior | OL   | Petoskey             | Aiden Sweeney      | Senior    | OL   | Frankfort             |
| Joey Wing        | Senior | OL   | Forest Hills Central | Colin Kasben       | Senior    | OL   | Maple City Glen Lake  |
| Bailey Wade      | Senior | OL   | Cadillac             | Hunter Witbeck     | Senior    | OL   | Ewart                 |
| Alex Winter      | Senior | OL   | Lowell               | Wesley Pennington  | Senior    | OL   | East Jordan           |
| Andre Johnson    | Junior | OL   | Northview            | Carlos Perez       | Junior    | OL   | Ishpeming             |
| Easton Day       | Junior | WR   | Mt. Pleasant         | Emmerson Farmer    | Senior    | WR   | Frankfort             |
| Kyle McGowan     | Junior | WR   | Cadillac             | Dakobe White       | Senior    | WR   | Ewart                 |
| Seth Marek       | Junior | WR   | Petoskey             | Noah Vanderlinde   | Junior    | WR   | Ewart                 |
| Max Richardson   | Junior | TE   | Forest Hills Central | Oskar Kangas       | Junior    | TE   | Iron Mountain         |
| JT Hartman       | Senior | RB   | Forest Hills Central | Luke Wolfe         | Senior    | RB   | Iron Mountain         |
| Russell Hush     | Senior | RB   | Gaylord              | Fletcher Middleton | Sophomore | RB   | Maple City Glen Lake  |
| Aidan Robinson   | Senior | RB   | Bay City Western     | Logan Shooks       | Junior    | RB   | East Jordan           |
| Logan Borodychuk | Senior | QB   | Mt. Pleasant         | Ian Marttila       | Junior    | QB   | Iron Mountain         |
| Jackson Reisbig  | Senior | QB   | Lowell               | Preston Wallace    | Senior    | QB   | Ewart                 |
| Jacob Krause     | Senior | DL   | East Grand Rapids    | Alec Haferkorn     | Junior    | DL   | Iron Mountain         |
| Kal Kowallic     | Senior | DL   | Mt. Pleasant         | Lucas Sischo       | Senior    | DL   | Bark River-Harris     |
| Dasan Smith      | Senior | DL   | Marquette            | Ty Beeman          | Junior    | DL   | Frankfort             |
| Lucas Fors       | Senior | DL   | Forest Hills Central | Angel Delgado      | Senior    | DL   | East Jordan           |
| Korbin Sulitis   | Junior | DL   | Petoskey             | Hayden Hares       | Senior    | DL   | Ishpeming             |
| Brady Pretzlaff  | Senior | LB   | Gaylord              | Fulton Stroud      | Senior    | LB   | Iron Mountain         |
| Nolan Hartl      | Senior | LB   | Forest Hills Central | Jacob Chartrand    | Senior    | LB   | Johannesburg-Lewiston |
| TJ Hollern       | Senior | LB   | Lowell               | Fletcher Anderson  | Senior    | LB   | Frankfort             |
| Logan LaHaie     | Junior | LB   | Petoskey             | Jaxon Craven       | Junior    | LB   | Ewart                 |
| Case Johnson     | Junior | LB   | Greenville           | Hunter Smith       | Senior    | LB   | Ishpeming             |
| Kaeson Frost     | Senior | DB   | Bay City Western     | Matthew Colavecchi | Senior    | DB   | Iron Mountain         |
| Charlie Hoekstra | Senior | DB   | East Grand Rapids    | Braylon Grybauskas | Senior    | DB   | East Jordan           |
| Ty Hudkins       | Senior | DB   | Forest Hills Central | Connor Gauthier    | Senior    | DB   | Ishpeming             |
| Ty Bensinger     | Senior | DB   | Gaylord              | Owen Craven        | Sophomore | DB   | Ewart                 |
| Haden Janes      | Junior | DB   | Petoskey             | Dylan Cundiff      | Senior    | DB   | Maple City Glen Lake  |
| Caleb Aungst     | Senior | ATH  | Gaylord              | Boden Fisher       | Junior    | ATH  | Maple City Glen Lake  |
| Connor Byram     | Junior | SPEC | Gaylord              | Braden Walstrom    | Senior    | SPEC | Iron Mountain         |

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|--------------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------|------|----------------------------|
| Eli Cottrel        | Junior    | OL   | Standish-Sterling Central | Jace Staff          | 12    | OL   | Carson City Crystal        |
| Maddox Gonzalez    | Senior    | OL   | Standish-Sterling Central | Haydn Rader         | 11    | OL   | Pickford                   |
| Logan Klein        | Senior    | OL   | Gladwin                   | Ethan Pavey         | 11    | OL   | Newberry                   |
| Noah MacFadyen     | Senior    | OL   | Muskegon Oakridge         | Redd Strong         | 12    | OL   | Ontonagon                  |
| Luke Munger        | Junior    | OL   | Cheboygan                 | Alex Ortman         | 12    | WR   | Norway                     |
| Garrett Veale      | Senior    | OL   | Kingsford                 | Jack Dusseault      | 11    | TE   | Munising                   |
| Jayden Button      | Sophomore | WR   | Howard City Tri County    | Landon VanderVlucht | 12    | RB   | Carson City Crystal        |
| Donald Corlew III  | Junior    | WR   | Gladwin                   | Kordell Killscrow   | 12    | RB   | St.Ignace                  |
| Cole Plotts        | Junior    | WR   | Howard City Tri County    | Jack Mezaros        | 11    | RB   | Brethren                   |
| Braydon Peterson   | Junior    | TE   | Muskegon Oakridge         | Garrett Somers      | 12    | QB   | Alcona                     |
| Jacob Bartlett     | Senior    | RB   | Standish-Sterling Central | Cole Baij           | 12    | QB   | Norway                     |
| Trever Jones       | Senior    | RB   | Muskegon Oakridge         | Kurt Bissell        | 12    | DL   | Ironwood                   |
| Elizin Rouse       | Senior    | RB   | Kingsford                 | Hudson Derry        | 9     | DL   | Rogers City                |
| Nic Novara         | Junior    | QB   | Kingsford                 | Joe Kelley          | 12    | DL   | Munising                   |
| Owen Behrenwald    | Senior    | QB   | Howard City Tri County    | Garrett Mobley      | 11    | DL   | Brethren                   |
| Noah Johnson       | Senior    | DL   | Kingsford                 | Hayden Amundson     | 12    | LB   | Norway                     |
| Aiden Johnston     | Senior    | DL   | Muskegon Oakridge         | Josh Altman         | 12    | LB   | Rogers City                |
| Hunter McDowell    | Senior    | DL   | Gladwin                   | Trevor Visnaw       | 12    | LB   | St.Ignace                  |
| Andrew Christner   | Senior    | DL   | Ogemaw Heights            | Gabe Harju          | 11    | LB   | Bessemer/Wakefield-Gogebic |
| Grayson Palmer     | Senior    | DL   | Kingsford                 | Ian Popp            | 12    | DB   | Norway                     |
| Brody Jennings     | Senior    | LB   | Muskegon Oakridge         | Eli Sprague         | 12    | DB   | Rudyard                    |
| Braden Ritchie     | Senior    | LB   | Gladwin                   | Caden Besonen       | 11    | DB   | Ontonagon                  |
| Karter Schmitt     | Senior    | LB   | Ogemaw Heights            | Matthew Rahilly     | 11    | ATH  | Newberry                   |
| Preston Willert    | Sophomore | LB   | Gladwin                   | Wyatt Spade         | 12    | SPEC | Norway                     |
| Tucker Rokosz      | Senior    | LB   | Standish-Sterling Central |                     |       |      |                            |
| Brayden Cunningham | Senior    | DB   | Muskegon Oakridge         |                     |       |      |                            |
| Rob Hock           | Junior    | DB   | Ogemaw Heights            |                     |       |      |                            |
| Xander Kartes      | Senior    | DB   | Ogemaw Heights            |                     |       |      |                            |
| Ashton Luckhardt   | Junior    | DB   | Shepherd                  |                     |       |      |                            |
| Gavin Trevillian   | Junior    | DB   | Kingsford                 |                     |       |      |                            |
| Jhace Massey       | Senior    | ATH  | Gladwin                   |                     |       |      |                            |
| Treyton Siegert    | Senior    | SPEC | Gladwin                   |                     |       |      |                            |

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|------------------|-----------|------|-----------|------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Caleb Bott       | Senior    | OL   | Kingsley  | Max Nason        | 12    | OL    | Powers-North Central        |
| Miles Haggart    | Senior    | OL   | Clare     | Kevin Giuliani   | 11    | OL    | Crystal Falls Forest Park   |
| Kaleb Hall       | Senior    | OL   | Grayling  | Andrew Sabin     | 12    | OL    | Au Gres-Sims                |
| Wyatt Spalo      | Junior    | OL   | Reed City | John Ennest      | 11    | OL    | Posen                       |
| Braydon Sorenson | Senior    | OL   | Manistee  | Gabe Popko       | 12    | WR/TE | Lake Linden-Hubbell         |
| Eli Cody         | Junior    | OL   | Negaunee  | Peyton Clouse    | 12    | WR/TE | Onekama                     |
| Kaden Gibbs      | Senior    | WR   | Gladstone | Felix Quevedo    | 12    | RB    | Crystal Falls Forest Park   |
| Fletcher Quinlan | Senior    | WR   | Grayling  | Sam Roberts      | 12    | RB    | Lake Linden-Hubbell         |
| Ryan Louch       | Junior    | WR   | Clare     | Ethan Romel      | 12    | RB    | Posen                       |
| Landon Sowa      | Sophomore | TE   | Manistee  | Danny Marcotte   | 12    | QB    | Lake Linden-Hubbell         |
| Eli Graves       | Senior    | RB   | Kingsley  | Jacob Gorzinski  | 12    | QB    | Powers-North Central        |
| Kai Lacar        | Senior    | RB   | Negaunee  | Jack Romel       | 12    | QB    | Posen                       |
| Jake Huspen      | Senior    | RB   | Grayling  | Matt Showers     | 11    | DL    | Crystal Falls Forest Park   |
| Nate Young       | Senior    | QB   | Gladstone | Arden Bradford   | 11    | DL    | Onekama                     |
| Gavyn Mechant    | Senior    | QB   | Kingsley  | Ty Norris        | 12    | DL    | Cedarville                  |
| Vinny Howes      | Senior    | DL   | Gladstone | Jason Kanerva    | 12    | DL    | Superior Central            |
| Jake Panches     | Senior    | DL   | Clare     | Nikolas Stephens | 11    | LB    | Crystal Falls Forest Park   |
| James Pearson    | Senior    | DL   | Kingsley  | Nate St. Onge    | 11    | LB    | Lake Linden-Hubbell         |
| Evan Gauthier    | Senior    | DL   | Negaunee  | Lane Gorzinski   | 11    | LB    | Powers-North Central        |
| Caius Johns      | Senior    | DL   | Manistee  | Eli Chojnacki    | 11    | LB    | Posen                       |
| Max Hammond      | Senior    | LB   | Reed City | Gaven Rintala    | 12    | DB    | Crystal Falls Forest Park   |
| Eli Berthaume    | Senior    | LB   | Gladstone | Aiden Burton     | 11    | DB    | Powers-North Central        |
| Alan Bjorn       | Senior    | LB   | Calumet   | Cole Pendred     | 12    | DB    | Au Gres-Sims                |
| Max Goethals     | Senior    | LB   | Kingsley  | Trey Rilema      | 12    | DB    | Wyoming Tri Unity Christian |
| Westyn Bryant    | Senior    | LB   | Clare     | Logan Timm       | 12    | ATH   | Posen                       |
| Spencer Hansen   | Senior    | DB   | Reed City | Gabe Quevedo     | 11    | SPEC  | Crystal Falls Forest Park   |
| Nick Hornkohl    | Senior    | DB   | Manistee  |                  |       |       |                             |
| Nate Young       | Senior    | DB   | Gladstone |                  |       |       |                             |
| Kai Lacar        | Senior    | DB   | Negaunee  |                  |       |       |                             |
| Corbin Allen     | Junior    | DB   | Grayling  |                  |       |       |                             |
| John Ondrus      | Senior    | ATH  | Reed City |                  |       |       |                             |
| Elliot Vitito    | Senior    | SPEC | Gladstone |                  |       |       |                             |

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|------------------|--------|-----|----------------|----------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|
| Bryson Wood      | Junior | OL  | Manistique     | Max Nason      | 12    | OL    | Powers-North Central      |
| Brayden Greensky | Senior | OL  | Charlevoix     | Kevin Giuliani | 11    | OL    | Crystal Falls Forest Park |
| Lucas Thoune     | Junior | OL  | Menominee      | Andrew Sabin   | 12    | OL    | Au Gres-Sims              |
| Justin Uhl       | Senior | OL  | Beaverton      | John Ennest    | 11    | OL    | Posen                     |
| Ryan Kincaid     | Senior | OL  | Benzie Central | Gabe Popko     | 12    | WR/TE | Lake Linden-Hubbell       |
| Bret Benthem     | Senior | OL  | McBain         | Peyton Clouse  | 12    | WR/TE | Onekama                   |
| Wyatt Demers     | Senior | WR  | Manistique     | Felix Quevedo  | 12    | RB    | Crystal Falls Forest Park |



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Hunters stand under their deer at the annual Buck Pole contest Thursday. Several deer were taken down early due to the warmer temperatures. A total of 35 deer were registered. All hunters who registered a deer in the contest receipt a bag of Kitchen Farms potatoes, Alden's Mill House season mix, and several other incentive and swag items donated by sponsors.



17½-POINT BUCK - Damian Howard Doney, of Royal Oak, stands beside a 17-point buck he bagged on Thursday, the second day of firearms deer season. He entered it in Mancelona's Buck Pole contest and won \$75 and other prizes. "I was just sitting in the blind with a friend and the buck walked in at 35 yards," Doney said. "We lost our breath for solid minute before we both realized what was in front of us." The deer had been seen multiple times on trail cameras in the area, including on Doney's.



## Mancelona's Buck Pole

Mancelona's Buck Pole, celebrating its 69th year, was just five entries short of their annual goal, and organizers say it was most likely due to the warmer temperatures. Mancelona Buck Pole committee chair Joanie Moore said the event was still a big success, as all raffle tickets were sold and sponsorship was up. Contest and raffle winners and a photo gallery are posted on [MancelonaChamber.org](http://MancelonaChamber.org).

PHOTOS BY JOANIE MOORE



BUCK POLE VOLUNTEERS weigh in a deer, measure the tines and register a deer Thursday at the Mancelona Buck Pole, a 69-year old tradition in the community.

## NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE MENS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

|                       |                                       |  |            |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Nov 03 (Fri)          | VS GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE        | @ Southwestern Michigan Dowagiac, MI     | 65-69 - L  |
| Nov 04 (Sat)          | AT SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN              | Dowagiac, MI Roadrunner Classic          | 57-61 - L  |
| Nov 10 (Fri)          | VS CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE         | Petoskey, MI Timberwolves ClassiC        | 62-101 - L |
| Nov 11 (Sat) 5:00 PM  | VS MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE   | Petoskey, MI Timberwolves Classic        | 84-123 - L |
| Nov 15 (Wed) 7:30 PM  | VS LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY -JV |  | CANCELLED  |
| Nov 20 (Mon) 5:30 PM  | VS ALMA JV                            | Petoskey, MI                             |            |
| Nov 25 (Sat) 8:00 PM  | AT GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE          | Ironwood, MI-Lindquist Classic           |            |
| Nov 26 (Sun) 12:00 PM | VS MINNESOTA NORTH COLLEGE-VERMILION  | @ Gogebic Community College Ironwood, MI |            |
| Dec 01 (Fri) 7:30 PM  | VS KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE          | Petoskey, MI                             |            |
| Dec 02 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | VS GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE        | Petoskey, MI                             |            |
| Dec 16 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | AT KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE          | Battle Creek, MI                         |            |
| Dec 18 (Mon) 7:30 PM  | VS KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE | Petoskey, MI                             |            |
| Dec 30 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | AT ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE | Port Huron, MI                           |            |
| Jan 13 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | VS MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE *             | Youth Basketball City Parks & Rec        |            |
| Jan 17 (Wed) 7:30 PM  | VS BAY COLLEGE *                      | Rotary Night                             |            |
| Jan 20 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | AT DELTA COLLEGE *                    | University Center, MI                    |            |
| Jan 24 (Wed) 7:30 PM  | VS KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE *       | Petoskey, MI                             |            |
| Jan 27 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | AT MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE *       | Muskegon, MI                             |            |
| Jan 31 (Wed) 7:30 PM  | AT ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *         | Alpena, MI                               |            |
| Feb 03 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | VS GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE *   | Petoskey, MI                             |            |
| Feb 07 (Wed) 7:30 PM  | AT BAY COLLEGE *                      | Escanaba, MI                             |            |
| Feb 10 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE *             | Mount Pleasant, MI                       |            |
| Feb 14 (Wed) 7:30 PM  | AT KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE *       | Grayling, MI                             |            |
| Feb 17 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | VS DELTA COLLEGE *                    | Petoskey, MI                             |            |
| Feb 21 (Wed) 7:30 PM  | VS ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *         | Hunger Games Event                       |            |
| Feb 24 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | AT GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE *   | Grand Rapids, MI                         |            |
| Feb 27 (Tue) 7:30 PM  | VS MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE *       | Sophomore Night                          |            |

## NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE WOMENS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

|                       |                                       |  |           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Nov 03 (Fri)          | VS GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE        | @ Southwestern Michigan Dowagiac, MI     | 32-59 - L |
| Nov 04 (Sat)          | AT SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN              | Dowagiac, MI Roadrunner Classic          | 20-72 - L |
| Nov 10 (Fri)          | VS CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE         | Petoskey, MI Timberwolves Classic        | 32-57 - L |
| Nov 11 (Sat) 5:00 PM  | VS ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLEGE   | Petoskey, MI Timberwolves Classic        | 57-59 - L |
| Nov 15 (Wed) 5:30 PM  | VS LAKE SUPERIOR ST. JV               |  | CANCELLED |
| Nov 25 (Sat) 6:00 PM  | AT GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE          | Ironwood, MI-Lindquist Classic           |           |
| Nov 26 (Sun) 10:00 AM | VS MINNESOTA NORTH COLLEGE-VERMILION  | @ Gogebic Community College Ironwood, MI |           |
| Dec 01 (Fri) 5:30 PM  | VS KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE          | Petoskey, MI                             |           |
| Dec 02 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | VS GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE        | Petoskey, MI                             |           |
| Dec 09 (Sat) 3:00 PM  | VS MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE           | Petoskey, MI                             |           |
| Dec 16 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | AT KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE          | Battle Creek, MI                         |           |
| Dec 18 (Mon) 5:30 PM  | VS OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE           | Petoskey, MI                             |           |
| Dec 30 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | AT ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE | Port Huron, MI                           |           |
| Jan 13 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | VS MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE *             | Youth Basketball City Parks & Rec        |           |
| Jan 17 (Wed) 5:30 PM  | VS BAY COLLEGE *                      | Rotary Night                             |           |
| Jan 20 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | AT DELTA COLLEGE *                    | University Center, MI                    |           |
| Jan 24 (Wed) 5:30 PM  | VS KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE *       | Petoskey, MI                             |           |
| Jan 27 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | AT MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE *       | Muskegon, MI                             |           |
| Jan 31 (Wed) 5:30 PM  | AT ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *         | Alpena, MI                               |           |
| Feb 03 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | VS GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE *   | Petoskey, MI                             |           |
| Feb 07 (Wed) 5:30 PM  | AT BAY COLLEGE *                      | Escanaba, MI                             |           |
| Feb 10 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE *             | Mount Pleasant, MI                       |           |
| Feb 14 (Wed) 5:30 PM  | AT KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE *       | Grayling, MI                             |           |
| Feb 17 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | VS DELTA COLLEGE *                    | Petoskey, MI                             |           |
| Feb 21 (Wed) 5:30 PM  | VS ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *         | Hunger Games Event                       |           |
| Feb 24 (Sat) 1:00 PM  | AT GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE *   | Grand Rapids, MI                         |           |
| Feb 27 (Tue) 5:30 PM  | VS MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE *       | Sophomore Night                          |           |

## MIVCA ALL REGION VOLLEYBALL TEAMS 2023

| REGION 3           |                        |       |          |          |        |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------|----------|----------|--------|
| Name               | School                 | Grade | Division | Position | Height |
| Avery Dubey        | Alpena                 | 12    | 1        | S        | 5'6"   |
| Lucy Tarachas      | Petoskey               | 12    | 1        | L        | 5'5"   |
| Brynn Jonker       | Petoskey               | 11    | 1        | MH       | 6'1"   |
| Caitlyn Matelski   | Petoskey               | 11    | 1        | RS       | 5'11"  |
| Katie Parker       | Petoskey               | 10    | 1        | S        | 5'7"   |
| Aubrey Burns       | Boyne City             | 12    | 2        | L        | 5'6"   |
| Ely Wilcox         | Boyne City             | 11    | 2        | OH       | 5'8"   |
| Ava Tarsi          | Boyne City             | 12    | 2        | S        | 5'8"   |
| Amelia Johnson     | Cheboygan              | 12    | 2        | MH       | 5'10"  |
| Bella Ecker        | Cheboygan              | 12    | 2        | MH       | 5'11"  |
| Ava Bury           | Cheboygan              | 12    | 2        | OH       | 5'4"   |
| Makaela Steiner    | Cheboygan              | 10    | 2        | S        | 5'4"   |
| Addison Boop       | Charlevoix             | 12    | 3        | MH       | 5'9"   |
| Abbey Wright       | Charlevoix             | 12    | 3        | OH       | 5'10"  |
| Kylee Rice         | Charlevoix             | 12    | 3        | S        | 5'8"   |
| Ava Boss           | Charlevoix             | 12    | 3        | S        | 5'5"   |
| Cassie Tallman     | Johannesburg-Lewiston  | 12    | 3        | L        | 5'1"   |
| Brooklyn Latuszek  | Johannesburg-Lewiston  | 12    | 3        | MH       | 5'8"   |
| Jayden Marlatt     | Johannesburg-Lewiston  | 12    | 3        | OH       | 5'6"   |
| Alexis Hogle       | Johannesburg-Lewiston  | 10    | 3        | S        | 5'6"   |
| Brianna Jadruch    | Atlanta                | 12    | 4        | MH       | 5'10"  |
| Maddison Loper     | Boyne Falls            | 12    | 4        | MH       | 5'9"   |
| Ava Kenwabikise    | Harbor Light Christian | 12    | 4        | MH       | 5'10"  |
| Molly Ogden        | Harbor Light Christian | 11    | 4        | S        | 5'6"   |
| Gretchen Weiland   | Hillman                | 10    | 4        | MH       | 5'10"  |
| Nicole Barbeau     | Hillman                | 12    | 4        | S        | 5'4"   |
| Brooklyn LaBrecque | Inland Lakes           | 11    | 4        | OH       | 5'9"   |
| Erica Taglauer     | Inland Lakes           | 12    | 4        | S        | 5'4"   |
| Sydney Peel        | Onaway                 | 12    | 4        | MH       | 5'11"  |
| Sadie Decker       | Onaway                 | 11    | 4        | OH       | 5'7"   |
| Grace Watson       | Onaway                 | 11    | 4        | S        | 5'9"   |

| REGION 5        |             |       |          |          |        |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|----------|----------|--------|
| Name            | School      | Grade | Division | Position | Height |
| Raquelle Miller | Mio AuSable | 12    | 4        | OH       | 5'7"   |

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|---|--|
| <b>BOYNE CITY</b><br>Ava Tarsi<br>Ely Wilcox<br>Honorable Mention:<br>Aubrey Burns                            | <b>GRAYLING</b><br>Cali DAmour<br>Honorable Mention:<br>Jorgi Bidwell  |
| <b>CHARLEVOIX</b><br>Addison Boop<br>Kylee Rice<br>Honorable Mention:<br>Abigail Wright                       | <b>HARBOR SPRINGS</b><br>Taylor Dickinson<br>Honorable Mention:<br>Paige Keiser  |
| <b>EAST JORDAN</b><br>June Kirkpatrick<br>Alyssa Sherman<br>Honorable Mention:<br>Meryn Vrondran              | <b>KALKASKA</b><br>Alyss Colvin<br>Honorable Mention:<br>Lucy Hall   |
| <b>ELK RAPIDS</b><br>Caroline Best<br>Morgan Bergquist<br>Honorable Mention:<br>Violet Sumerix<br>Gaby Morton | <b>ST. FRANCIS</b><br>Garnet Mullet<br>Avery Nance<br>Quinn Yenshaw<br>Honorable Mention:<br>Reese Muma<br>Harper Nausadis |



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## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS NOVEMBER 8, 2023

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on November 8, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #23-135, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #23-136, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved cancelling the November 22, 2023 meeting.

Motion approved Resolution #23-137, Whiting Park Natural Gas Conversion.

Motion approved Resolution #23-138, Network Host Servers Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #23-139, CBDG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Grant.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 10:38 a.m.

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

2014 Ford F-350 XL. 4x4, dually, 6.7 L Power stroke Diesel, tow pkg, crew cab, 166 K miles. Sale Price \$24,595. As low as \$429 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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2015 GMC Sierra 1500. All Terrain, 4x4, leather, soft tonneau cover, tow pkg, bedliner, crew cab, 159 K miles. Sale Price \$19,995. As low as \$339 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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### REAL ESTATE FEATURE

## PRICE REDUCED ON BEAUTIFUL, SPACIOUS EAST JORDAN HOME

BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a beautiful, spacious home in East Jordan with wonderful amenities.

With four bedrooms, three baths and over 2,900 square feet of space on the main floor and lower level, there is plenty of room to spread out and enjoy living in style. Interior highlights include an open kitchen, dining and living room layout, a kitchen with lots of cabinet storage, counter-top work space and a large center island complete with a handy snack bar.

The interior spaces feature lots of natural light on both the main and lower levels. There is a detached two car garage to keep vehicles out of the weather and provide extra storage.

The inviting back yard includes a privacy fence, and there is plenty of room for games, a firepit, play structure and more. Downtown East Jordan is nearby, offering easy access to shopping, dining, parks, the lakefront and schools. What a great spot to call home!



This beautiful, spacious home is located at 316 Bowen Street in East Jordan and the listing price has recently been reduced to \$299,900.

For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty – 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollyUpNorth@gmail.com



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## New House or an Old One?

CONSIDER THE PROS AND CONS TO EACH

As you embark on your venture to buy a home, one of the first decisions to make is whether to buy new or purchase an existing home. Each choice has its advantages, and there is no single answer that works for everyone.

You may be drawn to the shiny new, energy-efficient appliances, the great room, and the beautiful master suite offered in a new home. But you may also like the charm, the canopy of trees that drape over the sleepy neighborhood streets, and the increasing value of an existing home you've been eyeing.

Here are some things you'll want to ponder as you decide which route to take.

Existing homes offer many considerations for potential homebuyers, including:  
**The neighborhood.**

Many people are drawn to developed neighborhoods for the sense of community that has been established. The mature landscaping and developed trees are often a considering factor.

**Maintenance and repair.**

If you're considering an existing home, be sure you have a good handle on the working status of all major systems. Hire a professional home inspector to check out the house. As appliances and systems age they naturally require repair and replacement, something which may be reflected in a purchase price.

**Home improvement.**

If you enjoy small repairs and home improvement projects around the house, then an existing home would be your cup of tea.

**Existing features.**

When you buy an existing

home, you typically don't have to worry about buying the extras, such as blinds for the window, a security system, or a landscaped back yard.

**Land.**  
 In most metro centers, new homes may have less land than newer properties. Why? Because of changes in land-use patterns.

**Location.**

Existing homes are often found in older, more convenient metro core areas rather than outlying suburbs.

The opportunity to remodel.

In some cases buyers may prefer an older home in a particular location which can be modernized or expanded. In effect, use the existing home as a base to build a unique property.

**Price.**

In general terms, existing homes tend to be less expensive than new properties. As well, existing homes are likely to come complete with items which may represent new home extras—blinds, landscaping, built-ins, etc.

**Track record.**

When you purchase an existing home, you know how much the property has appreciated over the years -- in effect, you have an index of sorts which measures the community's marketplace appeal. At the same time, like stocks and bonds, you know that past results do not guarantee future marketplace performance.

**Taxes.**

Depending on your state, you will likely have lower property tax rates. Also, many older households aren't required to pay for local bonds associated with new development, such as schools, parks, or road or transportation improvements.





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