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**Northern Michigan's Best RV Show this weekend**

BY DAVE BARAGREY

GAYLORD – The largest selection of Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels will be on display at the Ellison Place near I-75 exit 279 in Gaylord this weekend. You will be able to tour all the 2024 models in the warmth and comfort of the Ellison Place. Even better... You can save \$1,000's on all 2024 Models!

Tony and Lisa Kesselring and the crew at Northern Michigan RV are excited to be back hosting the popular indoor January RV Show. Tony said, "We have hosted this RV show for a number of years and people love to come to the show. The Ellison Place is a great venue to show off the new models. This show is a favorite for RV buyers from all over Northern Michigan to be able to see what's new in 2024."

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be on site at the show to answer questions. Manufacturer reps will be on hand to explain all the features of the new models and bank reps will be on site to help with financing options.

At the show featured brands will include new 2024 models from our newest manufacturer, Jayco, plus Coachmen, Forest River, Palomino, and Keystone with models such as Alpine, Apex, Avalanche, Catalina,

Hideout, Freedom Express, Passport, R-pod, Raptor, Cedar Creek, Chaparral, XLR Toy Haulers, ALTA By East to West, Carbon, Puma, Outback, & More.

At Northern Michigan RV in Gaylord, we carry a large selection of all types of RVs, including Travel Trailers, Fifth Wheels, Toy Haulers, Light Weight Campers and Truck Campers.



2023 RV Show. Photo by Lisa Kesselring

SEE RV SHOW ON PAGE 7

**MUNSON HEALTHCARE CHARLEVOIX HOSPITAL**

**Last Baby of 2023 and First Baby of the New Year**



Gomes family

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital bid farewell to 2023 and greeted 2024 with joy as Edison Gomes, born to Julio and Kennedy Gomes of Mancelona on December 30, 2023, at 12:04 a.m., weighing 7lbs 12oz and measuring 20 1/2 inches.

Meanwhile, kicking off the new year, the first baby of 2024 at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital is Masyn Matthew Yettaw, born to Chris Yettaw and Lexi Dougherty of Boyne City on January 5, 2024, at 12:33 p.m., weighing 8lbs 8oz and measuring 20 inches.



Yettaw family

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1/8/24	12.5	Alpena
1/8/24	4	Atlanta
1/8/24	14	Boyne Falls
1/8/24	9	Charlevoix
1/8/24	7	Cheboygan
1/8/24	16.8	East Jordan
1/8/24	30.3	Gaylord
1/8/24	41.2	Kalkaska
1/8/24	6.6	Mio
1/8/24	1	Onaway
1/8/24	22.5	Petoskey

2022-23	AMOUNT	Location
1/9/23	22.9	Alpena
1/9/23	21.7	Atlanta
1/9/23	52	Boyne Falls
1/9/23	38.3	Charlevoix
1/9/23	49	Cheboygan
1/9/23	80.6	East Jordan
1/9/23	80.3	Gaylord
1/9/23	42.8	Kalkaska
1/9/23	23.4	Mio
1/9/23	44.2	Onaway
1/9/23	52.3	Petoskey

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## weather forecast

**THURSDAY**



**HIGH: 29  
LOW: 19**

**FRIDAY**



**HIGH: 28  
LOW: 20**

**SATURDAY**



**HIGH: 22  
LOW: 17**

**SUNDAY**



**HIGH: 19  
LOW: 14**

**MONDAY**



**HIGH: 16  
LOW: 14**

**TUESDAY**



**HIGH: 17  
LOW: 15**

**WEDNESDAY**



**HIGH: 18  
LOW: 17**

## record temps

Day	Avg	HIGH	Avg	LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
Jan 11...	25	.....12	.....	49	.....	2018	.....-22	.....1984
Jan 12...	25	.....11	.....	51	.....	2013	.....-13	.....1966
Jan 13...	25	.....11	.....	46	.....	2005	.....-21	.....2015
Jan 14...	25	.....11	.....	45	.....	1961	.....-21	.....2009
Jan 15...	24	.....11	.....	47	.....	1952	.....-31	.....1984
Jan 16...	24	.....11	.....	49	.....	1973	.....-16	.....1983
Jan 17...	24	.....11	.....	48	.....	1973	.....-22	.....1978

## OBITUARIES



**Nancy M. (Pobalis) Hauffe, 76**

**July 20, 1947-Dec. 31, 2023**

Nancy M. (Pobalis) Hauffe passed away after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease at Meadowbrook Antrim County Medical Care Facility in Bellaire on Sunday, December 31, 2023.

She was born on July 20, 1947, in Bay City, Michigan, the daughter of the late Stanley W. And Romaine (Pawlak) Pobalis.

Nancy graduated from Bay City Central High School in 1965, and went on to Northwood University where she obtained her two year business degree. She spent many successful years as a marketing / salesperson in Northern Michigan and the Tri-Cities. Nancy was an outgoing, friendly, person who always had a smile on her face as she greeted customers who in turn would quickly become friends.

Nancy is survived by her daughters, Heather Bordeaux (John) Richards, East Jordan, MI and Michelle (Jonathan Nesky) Bordeaux, Cedar, MI; grandchildren, Anna Richards, Emma Richards and Jasper Bordeaux Bottenhorn; her only sibling, sister, Maureen Pobalis, Petoskey, MI; and special former sister-in-law, Mary Beth (John) Bordeaux, Saginaw, MI. In addition, Nancy was also preceded in death by her first child, stillborn infant daughter, Baby Bordeaux in 1968 and her step-father, Glenn Porterfield.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the thoughtful and caring staff at Meadowbrook Antrim County Medical Care Facility who cared so lovingly for Nancy.

It was Nancy's desire for cremation to take place. For those who so desire, memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being provided by the Penzien Funeral Home of East Jordan, MI.



**Alan Lee Murphy, 68**

**(Aug. 6, 1955-Dec. 31, 2023)**

**EAST JORDAN**

Alan Lee Murphy of East Jordan passed away quietly at his home surrounded by his loved ones on December 31, 2023.

Alan was a good man who loved his family and friends, and enjoyed being a father, brother, son, grandfather, uncle and friend. His biggest joys were spending time outdoors enjoying ice fishing on the lake, canoeing on the Jordan River, mushroom hunting in the woods and drinking a cold beer with his family and friends around a bonfire.

Alan will be forever missed by all who loved him.

As per Alan's request, no funeral service will be held.



**Lois Lewis, 96**

**Dec. 24, 1927 - Jan. 4, 2024**

**CHARLEVOIX**

A beautiful soul has left this life to live with the Heavenly Father. Lois Lewis is passed peacefully at her home on Thursday, January 4, 2024 following a brief illness. Lois Elva Lane was born on the family's farm in Boyne City on Christmas Eve 1927, the first daughter and third child of Frederick James Lane and Alice Peredine Jones.

Lois's childhood was filled with many farm adventures and hard work which formed a framework for her practical wisdom, sense of humor and life of service to others. Lois graduated from Boyne City High School in 1945 and moved to Petoskey to find work.

She found it as the secretary to the manager of the Bell Telephone Company (presently the Petoskey District Library) and, while there, caught the attention of several Bell and Western Electric male employees including Russell Lewis. She and her Superman were married on June 21, 1948 and made a home in Charlevoix. Russ and Lois welcomed four

children into their lives; Richard, Kay, Karen, Nora. The children learned from their parents the same work ethic, sense of adventure and service to others and are forever grateful for the loving home their parents created.

Russ predeceased Lois on July 20, 1999 after 51 years of marriage. She was also predeceased by her son Richard Frederick Lewis, parents, brothers Kenneth Lane, William Lane and sister, Norma Wangeman.

If you knew Lois, you know you could ask her for anything. Her life of service included Hospice of Northern Michigan, the Women's Resource Center Safe Home, The Charlevoix Hospital Guild, the Rainbow Resale Shop, the Charlevoix Area Food Pantry, the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project, The Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Master Gardeners of Northern Michigan, the Order of the Eastern Stars and the Job Winslow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix for 75 years. Lois worked tirelessly in the community, church and her own gardens. Her beautiful quilts are treasured by her children and grandchildren. Her selfless giving to others will remain an inspiration to all who knew her. Many times her friends said, "I want to be like Lois." She lived a life of stewardship until the end.

Lois is survived by her daughters Kay Russell, Karen (Ed) Cole and Nora (Ken) Stiff, grandchildren Jent Lewis and Emily Higinbotham, Allen, Miles, Daniel, Joe and Matthew Russell, Steven and Scott Cole, Jason and Michael Stiff and Sarah Hlavacek, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A remembrance service honoring Lois's life will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. A reception will follow the service in Ransom Hall at the church. Lois will be laid to rest in Brookside Cemetery.

The family suggests donations in her honor be made to the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Hospice of Michigan or the Charlevoix United Church of Christ.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

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**Janet Jones, 80**

**April 17, 1943 - Jan. 3, 2024**

**CHARLEVOIX**

Janet Marie Jones of Charlevoix passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She was born on April 17, 1943, in Wyandotte, MI, the daughter of Leonard and Mary (Haxer) Prebes.

Janet worked for the City of Dearborn for over 20 years, with her last position being an Ordinance officer and later fulfilled a similar position for the City of Charlevoix when she moved here permanently in 2009. She was also a regular attendee of mass at St Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

Janet loved her family above all else; she had a zest for life that brought her on many adventures, but she always put them first. Included in her family were her beloved King Charles Cavaliers; Solo (deceased), Sailor, and Sperry. Janet was an avid collector of Petoskey Stones, and could tell you where she picked each one from in her collection.

Some of her most favorite time was spent traveling in the motor home to camp in the U.P. with her husband Larry, and she made sure they found a spot overlooking the lake.

She would spend hours watching freighters pass by at the Soo Locks as well. She also enjoyed baking, shopping for fashionable clothes, and boating. On May 9, 1986, in Redford, MI, Janet married the love of her life, Larry Jones, who survives. Also surviving are her two children, Mark Tonge of Taylor, MI, and Karen (Tony) Belzak of Livonia; two grandchildren, Courtney Tonge and Kristin Tonge; and three sisters, Margaret Click of Allen Park, MI, Mary Ann Newton of Horton, MI, and Agnes (Glen) Long of Parma, MI as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will take place at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or the Father Solanus

Guild, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207

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**Charles "Charlie" Vincent, 81**

**Nov. 23, 1942-Jan. 2, 2024**

**CHARLEVOIX**

Charles Duncan "Charlie" Vincent of Charlevoix passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday January 2, 2024, at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey. He was born on November 23, 1942, in Youngstown, OH, the son of Frank J. and Julia (Janda) Vincent.

Charlie graduated from Boyne City High School in 1962, and was on the 1961 State Championship football team. However, he has since been converted to a supporter of the Charlevoix Rayders. On July 5, 1985, he married the love of his life, Dee (Smith) Vincent, in the backyard of her childhood home in Charlevoix.

Charlie worked at DURA in East Jordan as a forklift operator for many years, and finished out his working life driving truck for Wojan Window and Door. He enjoyed playing pool, meeting new people, and had a special love for animals. Charlie's kind heart and giving spirit will leave a lasting memory with all who had the chance to meet him.

Charlie is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Dee Vincent; four children, Melissa (Jared) Goble, Jason (Meghann) Vincent, Carl (Tanya) McPherson, and Steve (Danielle) Vincent; seven grandchildren, Kylee, Kaden, Kendra, Jarod, Henry, Charlie, and Clover; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, George (Sylvia) Smith; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bob (Wendy) Smith; his nephew, Kyle Smith; his great-nephew, Walker; and his great-niece, Hannah. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Katie Wingo; and his brother, Frank C. Vincent.

There are no services planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

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**Myron "Mike" Postmus, 99**

**March 18, 1924-Dec. 31, 2023**

**ELLSWORTH**

Myron (Mike) Postmus started his eternal life in Heaven on Sunday evening, December 31, 2023. He left us peacefully and his children were at his bedside.

Mike was born at his grandparents' 1911 farm on March 18, 1924 to August and Lena Postmus of Ellsworth. He married Natalie Whiteford of East Jordan on July 3, 1958.

They made the farm their home and with God's blessing raised 5 children in Ellsworth.

These five children and their families all survive him; Paul and Irene Hizerberger of Ellsworth, Mark and Susan Postmus of McCormick, SC, Tony and Diana Postmus of Ellsworth, Anna Postmus of Charlevoix, and Jim and Katy Postmus of Ellsworth.

Grandchildren are Matthew and Natasha Hizerberger, Kyle and Katie Postmus, Robert and Michelle Grove, Rachel, Noah, Luke, and Seth Postmus, Shanna Chaney, Muriah Armstrong; and great grandchildren, Mason, Bryton, Jack, August, Oswin, Alexia, Vance, Aydyn, Jonathan, and Jolene.

Mike was preceded in death by his wife Natalie, and his two sisters Gertrude Heeres and Martha Heeres. He is survived by younger sister Geraldine Rubingh.

Mike worked for Michigan State Extension as a milk tester for many years and was very active in the forming the Banks Township Historical Society, and a long-time member of the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Banks Township Historical Society or Banks Township Fire and Rescue.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. Visitation will also be on Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the church.

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## Jan. 10 US-31 Charlevoix bascule bridge overnight closure cancelled

Due to faster-than-expected work progress, an overnight closure of the US-31 Charlevoix bascule bridge, scheduled for the night of Jan. 10, will not be required and has been cancelled.

As part of a \$6.3 million Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project to replace the US 31 Charlevoix bascule bridge tread and track components, which are critical to the bridge's operation, MDOT had expected the bridge would be closed to US-31 traffic overnight from 7 p.m. Jan. 10. to 7 a.m. Jan. 11.

MDOT still expects 15-minute intermittent closures of the bridge from 8 p.m. to midnight on Jan. 10. No detour will be needed during the 15-minute closures.

Additional overnight closures are expected for

### FAST FACTS:

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the bridge between January and April, which will be announced in advance. The exact schedule of all expected closures has not yet been determined. During overnight closures, which will be dependent on weather and work progress, traffic will be detoured on US-31, M-66, M-32, and US-131.

Pedestrians and bicyclists will not be allowed to cross the bridge during the overnight closures. The bridge deck will be an ac-

tive construction site, with equipment and contractors performing work, making it unsafe to allow pedestrians or bicyclists to cross at those times.

MDOT also expects 15-minute intermittent closures of the bridge between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. the nights of Jan. 18 and 19. Exact dates of those closures are also dependent on weather and work progress, but no detour will be required for those intermittent closures.

At most times, the bridge will be open to two-way traffic. Beginning this month, traffic will be shifted to the west half of the bridge for approximately six weeks. In mid- to late-February, traffic will then be shifted to the east half of the bridge for another six weeks.

During this time, the bridge will be closed to marine traffic in the channel that would require the bridge to open. Work will require unscheduled intermittent closures to vehicle traffic of less than 10 minutes, a shorter duration than typical openings of the bridge for marine traffic.

From mid-April until the project is completed in late May, the channel will reopen to marine traffic while remaining work is finished. The bridge will return to normal operation for vehicle and marine traffic.

The project, which began in late October, also includes work on the bridge railings, electrical components, joints, curbs, and gutters, all with a goal of extending the 74-year-old bridge's service life and maintain its reliability.

Based on economic modeling, this investment is expected to directly and indirectly support 89 jobs.

## COMMUNITY LEADER

# KELLY MILLER

## PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL

BY JOHN KEYSER

Josh Galle encouraged me to meet Kelly Miller. They participated together in the Leadership Charlevoix County class of 2022 and have remained friends and admirers of each other's dedication to continue to grow as leaders and to give back to the community.

Kelly is Char-Em ISD's K-12 Career/College Readiness Specialist, in the Career and Technical Education Department. She loves her work helping local students reach their fullest potential.

Kelly grew up in Mt. Pleasant and was interested in interior design in high school, a path she continued at Central Michigan University where she took a few more interior design courses. She realized, however, that this was not a career she wished to pursue. She switched to a major in interpersonal and public communications with a minor in commercial recreation and facilities management. During summers in college and the year after she graduated, she worked on the S.S. Badger Lake Michigan Car Ferry.

Still not sure what career she wanted to pursue, her dad suggested she consider the military. Kelly met with U.S. Navy recruiters and was encouraged to enroll, which she did. After attending Signalman school, she was stationed in Pearl Harbor on board the USS Fletcher (DD-992), a Spruance-class destroyer.

During her four years of active service, she was proud to serve our country and traveled all over the Pacific. Kelly remembered the strictness of her immediate officer during that time.

"She explained to me just before my active duty ended that she was strict with me because she saw the potential in me as a leader," Kelly recalled.

Following her discharge, Kelly remained in the Navy Reserve, which involved ongoing monthly training.



Kelly Miller

For the next four years, she also made a career out of helping others, working with a rehabilitation agency assisting people with disabilities to secure employment.

When an admissions position opened at Central Michigan University, Kelly jumped at the chance to apply. She landed the job, and her territory covered Northern Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula. During her seven years in this role, Kelly also utilized the benefits afforded by the G.I. Bill as a military veteran and earned her master's degree in counseling.

In time, a friend introduced Kelly to an administrator with Char-Em ISD. He encouraged her to learn about the ISD's services to students and their families, and to interview for a position in the Career and Technical Education Department, which she successfully did.

Kelly's role as K-12 Career and College Readiness Specialist allows her to do what she loves most: connecting with kids every day. (Note: she also holds two other jobs, in the evenings, as she describes herself

as "not handling idleness well.")

She believes her work with Char-Em ISD and the students within the 11 local public school districts is truly her calling. Her goals include working to connect with more parents, many of whom are juggling the many demands of raising children and working. She also hopes to encourage students to avoid the peer pressure of making poor decisions that can impact their futures.

When I asked Kelly about her wish list, she immediately answered "more time in the day." Another critically important wish, she said, is for college to be more affordable. Tuition continues to increase, as well as associated living expenses, meals, and books. She also hopes her students will rely less on technology and spend more time "learning how to effectively communicate by discussion with adults and their peers."

We are fortunate to have Kelly here with helping our Char-Em students, making a difference in their lives. Her values and her commitment are very special.

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## Charlevoix Man Arrested for Carrying a Pistol Under the Influence and Operating While Intoxicated

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY – On Monday, January 1, 2024, at approximately 9:16 p.m. a trooper from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post stopped a vehicle on US-31 near Big Rock Road in Hayes Township for multiple violations.

The driver, 52-year-old James Robert Johnson of Charlevoix, displayed signs of intoxication. When asked if he had any weapons in the vehicle, Johnson stated



James Robert Johnson

he did. Johnson refused to participate in sobriety tests

and a preliminary breath test. Johnson was placed under arrest.

During the arrest, the trooper found Johnson was in possession of multiple knives, a pistol magazine, and a pistol in his waist band. The trooper found two more handguns inside the vehicle.

Johnson refused to submit to a chemical test. A search warrant for blood was obtained. Johnson was transported to a local hos-

pital for a blood draw and then lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail.

Johnson was arraigned in the 90th District Court in Charlevoix County for one count Dangerous Weapon, one count Retired Officer Carrying Under the Influence, and one count Operating While Intoxicated. His next scheduled court appearance is on January 23, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

## Former Boyne City Man Arrested for Multiple Counts Criminal Sexual Conduct Against Victim Under 13

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY – In May 2022, an adult contacted the Michigan State Police (MSP) Post in Gaylord and alleged she had been sexually assaulted when she was between the ages of eight and sixteen years old. The assaults began in 2006. The perpetrator, Jessie James Wisdom formerly of Boyne City, was incarcerated in Mississippi and eligible for parole in October 2022. A lengthy investigation followed, and troopers



Jessie James Wisdom

were able to determine the venues of the assaults. Wisdom was interviewed while

incarcerated in Mississippi. He denied the allegations. A report was turned over to the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office and an arrest warrant was issued on September 13, 2022.

Wisdom was denied parole in 2022. The MSP 7th District Fugitive Team traveled to Mississippi and took custody of now 41-year-old Wisdom after being released from prison in Mississippi. He was brought back to Michigan and lodged in the Charlev-

oix County Jail on December 20, 2023.

Wisdom was arraigned on December 29, 2023, in the 90th District Court in Charlevoix County on two counts Criminal Sexual Conduct First Degree (Victim Under 13), and one count Criminal Sexual Conduct First Degree Relationship. He is being held on a \$200,000 bond. His next scheduled court appearance is on January 16, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

## Join Little Traverse Conservancy and Partners for a Winter Outing!

**Snowshoe & Brew**  
Friday, January 12 • 3-5pm  
Elizabeth B. Hoffmann Preserve/  
Biers Brewery, Norwood

Join LTC staff to traverse through this winter wonderland preserve on snowshoe. The 1.5-mile trail passes through a mix of apple orchards, woods, and farm fields and follows a section of the beautiful Inwood Creek. After the hike, we'll gather at the brewery for drinks and pizza. Please bring your own snowshoes and park at the brewery. A wonderful way to break that cabin fever!

Registration is required at [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) or call 231.347.0991.

**Self-Care in the Winter**  
Wednesday January 17  
10:30am-Noon  
Seven Springs Nature Preserve

Indian River Library's theme for January will be self-care and we are partnering by offering a snowshoe outing to get people outdoors and active in the New Year! Call the Indian River Library to register at 231.238.8581.

**Hike the Elmer Johnston Preserve**  
Friday, January 19 • 1pm

A program for seniors! Come for a winter hike (snowshoes provided if needed) Registration is required by calling the Petoskey Friendship Center at 231.347.3211.

**Greenwood Foundation Winter Outing**  
Saturday, January 27  
10am-Noon

The Greenwood Foundation is a privately-owned property near Wolverine that is protected with a conservation easement held by LTC. Greenwood welcomes the public to explore this diverse property. A groomed trail for XC skiers and a shorter route for snowshoers offer respite in the beauty of a winter wildlife haven. Please provide your own skis or snowshoes, although snowshoes are available for children under 12. Enjoy a bonfire, treats, and drinks afterwards! Registration is required at [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) or call 231.347.0991.

**Snowy Owl Festival**  
Friday-Sunday, February 2-4  
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Avery Arts & Nature Center,  
Hessel

A wonderful opportunity to learn about and likely see these gorgeous creatures in their winter habitat north of Les Cheneaux in the eastern Upper Peninsula (Hessel/Cedarville). Little Traverse Conservancy was a founding partner of the North Huron Birding Trail which features a winter birding trail map. To learn more about the festival or to register, visit [www.hesselschoolhouse.org](http://www.hesselschoolhouse.org) or call 906.484.1333!

**Snowshoe Lantern Hike at the William B. Derby Preserve**

Saturday, February 10  
6:30-8:30pm  
Part of the Les Cheneaux annual Snowfest, this is an open event with no registration required. [www.lescheneaux.net/snowfest](http://www.lescheneaux.net/snowfest).



The Little Traverse Conservancy is your local land trust. Individuals, families, and businesses make annual donations to ensure that LTC can protect land throughout northern Michigan for your family and generations to come.

Nature Preserves and Working Forest Reserves are open to you and can be found throughout the northern lower and eastern upper peninsulas of Michigan. LTC receives no government funding for its operations. In addition to offering voluntary land protection options for landowners, we reach thousands of children with environmental education programs each year. More than 100 miles of trails are available on dozens of the more than 200 nature preserves and working forest reserves.

For more information, visit [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) or call 231.347.0991.

## ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

# Choosing Love Over Judgment

This week, let's delve into another aha moment from my childhood. My sister and I naively took money from our Mother's purse. We ventured to Ben Franklin's, a few blocks away, to find her the perfect gift. Our little hearts didn't grasp the gravity of our actions - taking what wasn't ours and wandering far from home without permission.

The real surprise came as we exited the store, clutching our purchases. There was my father, waiting in his pickup truck. His reaction, however, was what left an indelible mark on me.

Our mother, a pillar of strength, resilience, and hard work, was the disciplinarian at home. Her love was woven into her fortitude and persistence, but she was not one for overt affection. Dad, on the other hand, was the embodiment of unconditional love and empathy, particularly in that moment.

He didn't scold or express anger. With a voice resonating love and understanding, he gently told us he understood why we did what we did but that our mom was upset. There was no judgment or criticism in his eyes, just love, empathy, trust, and peace.

That day, I learned an invaluable lesson about life's dual responses. It was a lesson in how to respond to situations, failures, and shortcomings - both our own and others'.



Laura Jasurda

It took years to inch closer to making empathy and understanding my default response, rather than the exception. Life, I believe, presents two paths: one guided by raw human emotion and the other by love. It's an ongoing battle, but one I find myself winning more these days.

So, dear readers, when you find yourself at a crossroads, I hope you pause. Consider your options: respond with emotion and judgment or choose the path of love and compassion.

Laura Jasurda is not just a writer and columnist; she's also a certified John Maxwell Leadership Trainer and Mentor, as well as a highly accomplished global business development executive and entrepreneur. Her passion lies in spreading positivity, nurturing personal growth, and fortifying our community bonds. Laura's mission is to empower you to unlock your full potential and lead your best life, both individually and as an integral part of your community.

## LEADERSHIP

# HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE

BY JOHN KEYSER

If we hold humility and gratitude close to our hearts, we'll strengthen our leadership. These qualities are fundamental to enabling us to be our most effective as leaders. They are the trademarks of servant leaders, i.e., being focused on helping others.

Humility opens the doors for conversations with others, regardless of their position. It enables us to see the value in seeking ideas and feedback, which are so helpful. Humility also allows us to be receptive and open-minded.

Gratitude inspires us to thank and affirm our team members. Leadership is how we help others feel about themselves. And this is critically important given that many in the workforce feel under-appreciated.

Both humility and gratitude cultivate an atmosphere of respect, and set the tone for great teamwork and collaboration, a winning team culture. Let's keep in mind that our team members, all of them, want to do well, to do good work and be success-

ful, and as leader it is our responsibility to help them.

Our team members want to feel:

- Appreciated and valued
- Heard and that their ideas matter
- We care about them, their success, and their well-being
- We are committed to helping them be successful

As with our life in general, our work is about our relationships, and relationships are created and maintained by regular one-on-one conversations, two way conversations and our listening with an open mind, to understand and learn.

May we all be inspired as we go forward expressing our genuine gratitude to our team members - with a smile and comfortable eye contact with each.

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.



John Keyser

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## GREAT LAKES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

# Reperio in Sunday Series Recital

Welcome the New Year with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO), presenting Reperio, a trio of flute, piano and oboe, on Sunday, January 14 at 4 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. The free public recital is part of GLCO's Sunday Series, which features small orchestra ensembles performing in Northern Michigan neighborhood venues.

Flutist Nancy Stagnitta is a leading crossover artist as both classical flutist and jazz artist. Her passion, versatility, and elegant artistry have led to concert and teaching engagements in Africa, Europe, Asia, and across the United States. A Powell Artist, she gave the Asian premier of David Amram's "Giants of the Night" Flute Concerto in Beijing. She is principal flutist with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and the Traverse Symphony.

Pianist Ya-Ju Chuang, an active soloist, chamber musician, and collaborative pianist, has been awarded numerous prizes and scholarships in Taiwan and the United States. She was the first prize winner at the Brussels Grand Prize



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Oboist Dane Philipsen is passionate about honoring the traditions, techniques, and musical expression of the American school of oboe playing while allowing space for the evolution of the style through innovation, refinement, and creativity. Philipsen is principal oboist of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra and maintains guest affiliations with the Chicago and De-

troit Symphony Orchestras.

All three artists are also faculty members of the Interlochen Arts Academy.

At the heart of Reperio lies a shared passion for great chamber music, and a true celebration of the art of collaboration. With a strong commitment to the continued exploration of diverse and compelling repertoire, Reperio creates a powerfully unique connection with each new audience.

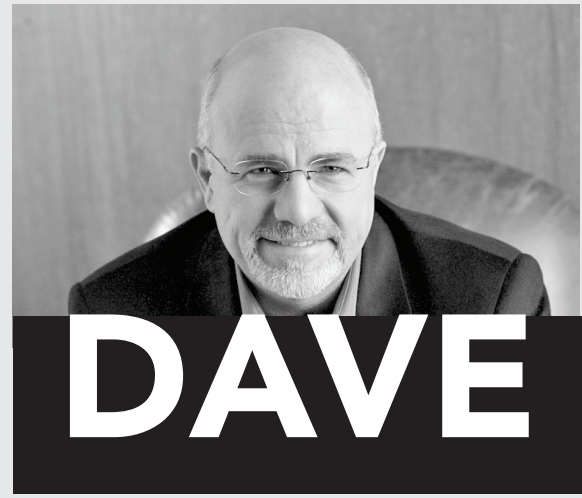
The trio will be performing music by Johann Sebas-

tian Bach, Clara Schumann, William Grant Still, Sigfrid Karg-Elert, and Madeline Dring.

The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City is located at 401 S. Park St. in Boyne City.

For more information about the performance and about the non-profit Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, visit [www.glcorchestra.org](http://www.glcorchestra.org) or call 231-487-0010.

Generous support for the Sunday Recital Series is provided by Carolyn Klender.



# DAVE

## Says...

By Dave Ramsey

### Guide Them, but Let Them Learn from Their Mistakes

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have started teaching our five-year-old son about money. Do you feel we should step in and fix things when he makes mistakes, or let him experience the consequences of his actions? It's so hard on my wife, especially, to see him disappointed when he makes a mistake, and his plans don't work out.

—Lane

be found in accomplishing a given task successfully. Then, once you pay him for the work he does, you have another perfect chance for teachable moments, because you can help him learn about saving, spending and giving, and how to do all three wisely.

It's always hard on parents when they see their kids unhappy. I know we went through it with ours. As a parent and protector, you want to jump in and make everything okay. But the hard truth is that fixing or doing everything for them is the easy way out. And in the process of doing that, a child will begin to develop a sort of learned helplessness.

Sometimes, Lane, you need to love kids enough to not do things for them. Let them make some mistakes, experience the consequences and fix things themselves. And it's better for them to do all this while they're still under your guidance and protection.

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Dear Lane,

I know this might sound mean to some folks, but sometimes a good financial disappointment when you're young is the best thing that can happen to you. They're hard to watch happen, or to experience, but often they'll teach life-long lessons. No decent parent wants to see their child sad or hurt, but reality is a pretty good teacher when it comes to learning how the world really works.

One of the jobs of a parent is to look for teachable moments with their kids. Of course, when it comes to teaching there's always a chance the student won't learn the lesson well enough the first time around. I'm not sure how you're doing things, but if I were in your shoes, I'd follow these steps. First, give him a chance to earn some money. In my book, that means work. No allowances! There's a lot of self-esteem and value to

## Northern Michigan Chorale Announces New Director Hannah Hoffman for Spring 2024

Hannah Hoffman is thrilled to direct the Northern Michigan Chorale for their Spring 2024 Concert. She first sang with the NMC last fall, and was very impressed by the group's musicianship, professionalism, and love for singing. As a recent graduate from the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree of Music in Music Therapy, Hannah is excited to be back home in Petoskey providing music therapy services and adaptive music lessons through her private practice, Remedies in Rhythm, LLC. She has been a part of numerous singing groups and music ensembles throughout her career.

As a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy for bassoon performance, she has

received great training in a variety of aspects for the arts and is looking forward to putting her clinical music therapy skills to the test to direct this fabulous group of singers and musicians.

Hannah's mission for the NMC is to "provide people with an opportunity to connect with others through the joy of music. Music is a universal language that connects us all - no matter your musical skills. Come sing with us, grow with us, and make a new friend."

All men, women and students are invited to join us. Rehearsals begin every Monday night 7:00-9:00 starting Jan. 15th at the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Petoskey.

For more information visit [www.NMChorale.org](http://www.NMChorale.org) and select JOIN US.



Hannah Hoffman, new director of the Northern Michigan Chorale

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Northern Michigan Chorale holiday concert

## Northern Michigan Chorale welcomes new members

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Mitchell Rd in Petoskey. Men, women and students are invited to join us. No auditions are necessary. Register at the rehearsal starting at 6 PM or online

at [www.NMChorale.org](http://www.NMChorale.org), selecting JOIN US.

Cost: \$15 for spring season for individual, \$20 for family. \$15 music deposit for new members only.

Concerts tentatively April 27 & 28 at Great Lakes Center for the Arts. For more info visit our website or email at [info@nmchorale.org](mailto:info@nmchorale.org).



# News

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## 2024 Banished Words List Press Release

### At the end of the day, Lake Superior State University slays once again, leaving a lasting impact on the linguistic world with the release of their 2024 Banished Words List

(SAULT STE. MARIE, MI) — As the new year inspires us to look ahead to the future, it also gives us time to reflect on the past. Lake Superior State University (LSSU) proudly unveils this year’s Banished Words List, a lively tradition that began in 1976.

This tradition highlights certain words that are often misused, overused, or have lost their meaning over the past year. It encourages us to laugh at ourselves as we reconsider and reflect on the importance of our vocabulary.

Language is a dynamic, ever-evolving entity. The banished words list recognizes the rapid changes in expression, encouraging a reassessment of the impact and relevance of our vocabulary. We think you will find this year’s submissions truly cringe-worthy.

“This season is marked by various joyful traditions, and the Banished Words List remains one of the most iconic, humorous, and quirky traditions in the region,” expressed Sheridan Worth, Director of Marketing at Lake Superior State University.

“The tradition provides a lighthearted opportunity to pause and reflect on the past year—our experiences, communication styles, and the phrases we commonly use. At the end of the day, it serves as a platform for considering how we can progress into the new year with a more mindful approach to language,” stated Worth.

LSSU received over 2,000 nominations from around the world, including submissions from Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, Croatia, Germany, Guam, Ireland, Lebanon, Namibia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, Switzerland, Thai-

land, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, with the majority coming from the United States.

Here is the list of the banished words and terms for 2024 and the reasons for their banishment:

#### 1. Hack

The term “hack” has increasingly become a popular buzzword, frequently utilized to impart an aura of innovation or sophistication to various subjects. Its widespread adoption in multiple contexts, extending beyond its initial technological context, has the potential to lessen its inherent significance. Using it everywhere, even beyond its tech roots, could make it lose its magic.

#### 2. Impact

Especially as a verb, why use this word when we have a perfectly good word that makes more sense: “affect”? Overusing it not only takes away its pizzazz but also robs other words of their spotlight.

#### 3. At the end of the day

Sometimes a word needs to be re-banished, and this is one of them. Many comments note that it is overused and meaningless, often employed as a rhetorical device that attempts to encapsulate the complexities of a situation summarily, lacking nuance and depth.

#### 4. Rizz

Rizz, derived as a shortened form for “charisma,” gained prominence as Oxford’s word of the year and has become a familiar presence in the realm of social media discourse. The ubiquity of this term prompts contemplation on whether it retains its relevance. With language doing the cha-cha of change, we’re wondering if this word still rocks the charisma scene or if it’s time for a language remix.

#### 5. Slay

While perfectly acceptable in specific contexts, “slay” has transcended its original meaning and infiltrated situations where its usage no longer aligns with its intended significance. Its transition from a specialized term denoting exceptional accomplishment to a commonplace expression for any achievement prompts scrutiny into its misapplication, particularly in the characterization of routine or mundane actions. Now, it’s sprinkled everywhere—from wearing a stylish outfit to tackling the art of parallel parking.

#### 6. Iconic

This one appeared on the list in 2009, so perhaps it’s time for another attempt to point out its overuse and lack of meaning in most situations. Despite its initial recognition as a word worthy of distinction, its repeated application in contexts that don’t merit such acclaim challenges its genuine iconic status. It’s like that one-hit wonder playing on loop.

#### 7. Cringe-worthy

From the comments: “The use of this term is cringe-worthy.” The irony is served hot, as the very term “cringe-worthy” finds itself under the spotlight. It’s like a word caught in its own cringe-worthy moment. Now, as we usher in the new year, it’s time to decide if this linguistic drama deserves an encore or if we should bid “cringe-worthy” adieu to make room for fresh, less cringe-inducing expressions in 2024.

#### 8. Obsessed

The use of this word for things that are not truly being obsessed over makes it a good candidate for rethinking how we use the word. The casual use of “obsessed” to describe routine interests or preferences

underscores a potential misappropriation of the term, prompting a reconsideration of its application. Should one be obsessed with a new kitchen gadget or a new shade of paint? This year’s contributors think not.

#### 9. Side hustle

The term “side hustle” has gained widespread use, prompting considerations about its impact on how we perceive economic challenges. It may be worth reflecting on whether its prevalence inadvertently downplays the genuine reality of the situation. While ‘side-hustle’ adds flair to our language, our contributors feel that the only hustle is the one needed to get to their second job.

#### 10. Wait for it

If we’re watching the video, then we’re already waiting for it, right? While “wait for it” is trying to be the hype master, let’s question if it’s adding extra sparkle or just stating the obvious? Concluding the 48th year of this tradition, bidding farewell to banished words reflects our collective awareness of language’s constant evolution. The Banished Word list acknowledges the swift changes in modern communication, encouraging a tongue-in-cheek reassessment of our vocabulary’s impact.

As we part ways with words and phrases that have overstayed their welcome and enter a new era, let the banishment be a reminder of language’s dynamic nature and the joy found in embracing its ever-evolving landscape.

For more about LSSU’s Banished Words List and to nominate a word or term for banishment for 2025, visit <https://www.lssu.edu/traditions/banishedwords/>.

## Sounds of Ringing Bells to Sounds of Hammers

It is common to hear the sound of bell ringing during the holiday season at Red Kettles located across the region, but hammers? Hammers have been pounding at The Salvation Army of Petoskey’s new Community Center located at 2350 Mitchell Park Drive since renovations commenced during the 2nd week of November. The official project end date for renovations is May 30, 2024.

The new facility addresses many issues surrounding our current Community Center. It is barrier free, has ample parking, green space for children to play outdoors and the room to expand needed programs and services. Our new commercial kitchen will be a blessing that will serve warm, nutritious meals to many hungry neighbors. There will also be a larger community room which will be able to accommodate those attending congregational meals and meetings.

The Salvation Army’s current Community Center has many issues limiting its usefulness and we recently accepted an offer to sell the property. Because the new owners are taking immediate possession of the building, staff will be relocating to the new facility by January 5, 2024. The public will not be permitted to enter the building during its renovation, however all Salvation Army services will be continued.

The Emergency Financial Assistance Program that provides heat, electricity, emergency auto repair and other services to individuals and families, will continue to operate via phone and internet appoint-



ments. The Bible Adventure Corps Program which runs daily after school for children will temporarily be relocated to the True North Church, located on Mitchell Rd. Meal Delivery and Carry Out Services will continue with the continued help of The Church of Christ.

“It is important for the public to know that although we are in a transitional period while relocating, we are still here to help people” said Envoy Roman Hank.

The Salvation Army of Petoskey helps many individuals and families each year. To give, please visit [SAPetoskey.org](http://SAPetoskey.org) online and click on “Donate Now”, drop-off or mail a check or money order made out to The Salvation Army to their local office located at 712 Pleasant Street, or you may donate gently used items and shop at The Salvation Army Thrift Store located at 1615 Clarion Ave in Petoskey.

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. For more information about our ministries, programs or services, please visit [www.SAPetoskey.org](http://www.SAPetoskey.org) or call (231) 347-3531.

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Michigan Community Capital is proposing to re-develop two sites for workforce housing in Downtown Boyne, and everyone is invited to attend one of the four Q&A sessions at the Boyne District Library Community Room.

Here is the schedule:  
**Wednesday, January 10, 11:15 am and 6 p.m.**  
**Friday, January 12, 11:30 am and 7 p.m.**

Lofts on Lake would be located at 110 North Lake Street with 60-65 apartments and approximately 6,000-10,000 square feet of commercial space. Ray and Park would redevelop 211 South Park Street and 214 Ray Street into approximately 40 apartments, 4 live-work units and a new community room for the Boyne District Library. We hope to attract an impactful commercial tenant such as a high-quality childcare provider, a healthy food tenant, small business or another commercial tenant that positively serves year-round Boyne residents.

The new apartments will be year-round, 12 month minimum rentals. Short-term rentals or subleases would not be allowed in these properties. The

apartments will be made up of studios, 1 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms, and 3 bedroom apartments.

- 55% of the apartments will be affordable to household incomes ranging from \$35,050-\$60,080
- 35% of the apartments will be affordable to household incomes ranging from \$46,720-\$75,100
- 10% of the apartments, and the live-work units will be market rate MCC will seek approvals from the Boyne City Planning Commission and the Boyne City Commission in February and March of 2024.

If supported, the project will then seek funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Michigan Community Capital is a non-profit, mission-driven developer. They focus on creating housing for working residents of the community. They own properties long-term and manage their properties with professional, onsite staff. For details, visit [www.housingforboyne.com](http://www.housingforboyne.com).

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All COA Offices and Senior Centers are closed for the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday, January 15.

## BOYNE CITY WARRIORS BOOK CLUB

Sunday Jan 21, 2pm - 4pm at Boyne City District Library. Discussion, crafts, and snacks for fans of the Warriors book series. Grades 4-7. Registration required.

## CHARLEVOIX BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 22, 9am - 2:15pm at the Health Dept. of NW Michigan, 220 W. Garfield.

## BOYNE CITY LEGO BUILD

Thursday, Jan. 25th, 4pm - 5pm. Community Room / Boyne District Library, 201 E Main St. Get crazy with the LEGOS. Snacks provided. Ages 4-14. Registration required.

## BOYNE CITY SKATES & SLEDS

Skates & Sleds are needed for the warming house at the Avalanche Preserve ice rink and sledding hill. Yes, we know there's not much snow out there right now, but history tells us it won't be long. We are running slim on sleds and skates this year due to many disappearing and breaking. If you have some laying around, please make a kind donation to the Boyne Warming House. We

have a new station set up this year in case children show up here without gloves, hats, or socks. It's open for anyone who is in need and also to those willing to add to it. You can drop off at the City Hall, 319 N. Lake St.

## BOYNE CITY BC BLAZE NEEDS CAMERA EQUIPMENT

BC Blaze, the high school robotics team, doesn't have any type of equipment for photos or videos, other than their own personal devices or ones loaned to the team. I'd like to reach out to the community and see if anyone would be interested in donating any digital camera/video recorder that they may have upgraded to a newer model and no longer have a use for. Our build and competition season is quickly approaching and they're trying to make a "newscast" of the entire season

## BOYNE CITY COMPUTER HELP

30-minute appointments are open 2pm-3pm on Tuesdays. Computer Help sessions are for assistance with any computer/tech problems. We will find a solution or help guide you to one. Windows, Apple iOS, MS Office, email, digital imaging, internet funk, file format, security, hardware issues, or any frustration.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation applications are now open for 2024 scholarships. Students may contact their school counselor for more information or visit our website at [www.c3f.org/scholarships](http://www.c3f.org/scholarships)

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## 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@Gaylor-Otsego.com

## EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

## CHARLEVOIX MONTHLY ADULT GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

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

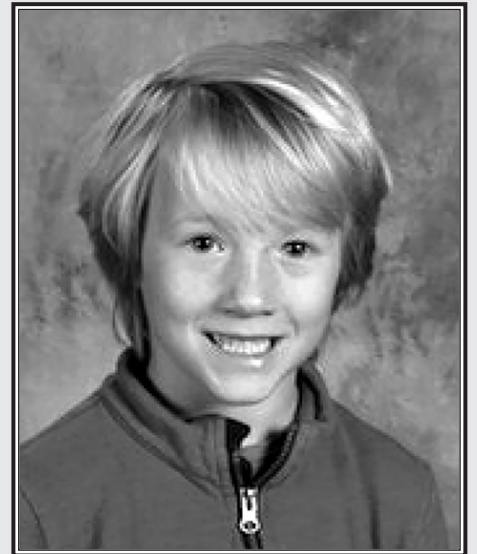
## EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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



## Boyne Falls Public School

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## Tristan Main

Grade: 1st Grade

Parent's Name(s): Brian and Sheryl Main

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

When Tristan grows up he wants to be a firefighter and learn how to use the big hoses.

Favorite Book: His favorite book is Where the Wild Things Are. Tristan shared that this was also his dad's favorite book as a child.

Hobbies and Interests: Tristan loves playing at the park and playground. He also enjoys soccer.

School Activities: In school, Tristan likes learning about math. He loves playing math games with friends.

Staff Comments: Tristan has a smile that lights up our classroom! He is a joy to have in class, gets along well with everyone, and has an amazing attitude about learning. Tristan always follows our Logger Agreement by working as a team, speaking up, and being safe. We are so proud to say that he is a part of our Logger Family. We look forward to seeing all the great things Tristan will still do this year!

Submitted By: Beth Meier



## ECS Middle/High School

# LANCER OF THE WEEK



## Cameron Snyder

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 Cameron Snyder.

Cameron is extensively involved in the daily activities at Ellsworth! He participates in Football, Basketball, Baseball, Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, SAFE in Northern Michigan, Youth Advisory Council, Student Council President, and he is the President of the Class of 2025.

When asked about what he likes to learn, Cameron said, "I love English and I love to write. Writing stories allows the creative juices to flow and it's a way to express what is in my mind without worrying about what other people think."

After High School, Cameron plans to go to college and pursue a career in business or public relations because he says, "I love to talk." When he's not studying, practicing, or volunteering, Cameron enjoys spending time with friends and family and watching the Detroit Lions!

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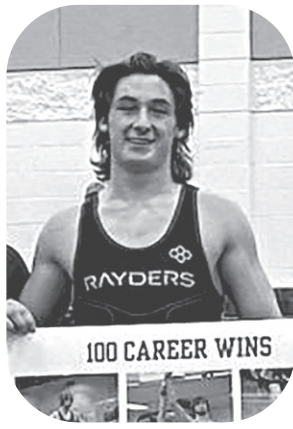
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# athlete of the week



**Brady Jess**  
Charlevoix Rayders  
Wrestling  
Brady Jess had already recorded his 100th career win in the Rayders' on Wednesday in Cadillac, and now is adding to his total as he moves through the season and gets ready for the post-season.  
The all-state wrestler has started at quarterback for the Rayders' football team the last two seasons, and is quite comfortable in the hot glare of the spotlight. He is a junior with one more year remaining in his high school eligibility, and there's no telling what kind of numbers he'll put up before it's all done.

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**June Kirkpatrick**  
East Jordan Red Devils Girls Basketball  
The East Jordan girls basketball team played tough in a loss to TC St. Francis last week. June Kirkpatrick scored 26 points to lead the Red Devils against St. Francis

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## Jess notches 100th win for Rayders

BY GREG GIELCZYK

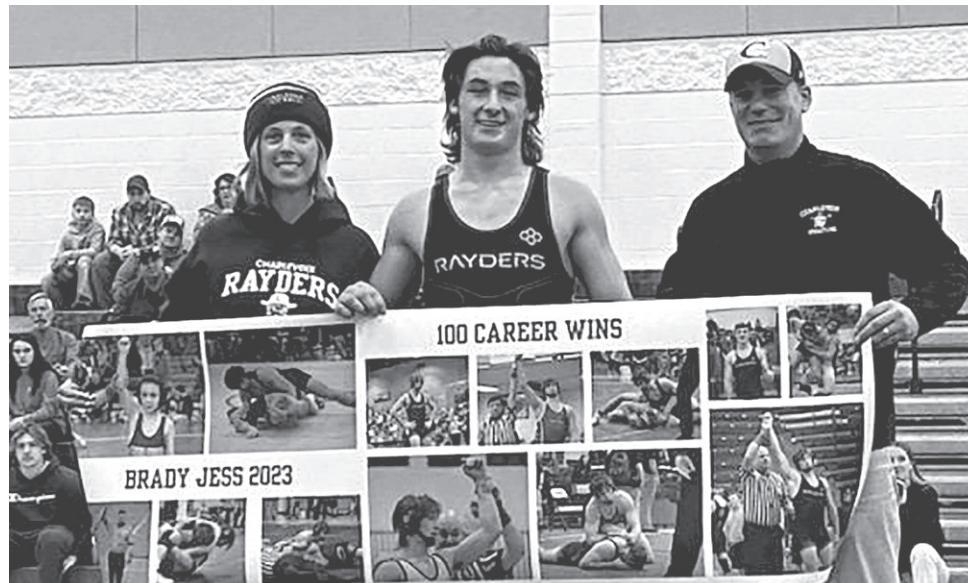
Charlevoix sophomore 106-pounder Jackson Fry, senior 190-pounder Trevor Streeter and junior 175-pounder Brady Jess all finished 5-0 on the day as the Rayders went 3-2 on the day at the annual Carl Vanderwall Memorial Dual Meet Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Jess had already recorded his 100th career win in the Rayders' on Wednesday in Cadillac, and now is adding to his total as he moves through the season and gets ready for the post-season.

The all-state wrestler has started at quarterback for the Rayders' football team the last two seasons, and is quite comfortable in the hot glare of the spotlight.

And he is a junior with one more year remaining in his high school eligibility, and there's no telling what kind of numbers he'll put up before it's all done.

Rayders senior 215-pounder and sophomore heavyweight Sawyer Blaszczyk each were 4-1. Charlevoix defeated Division 2 Petoskey (40-28), Division 3 Boyne City (66-12) and Division 4 Mancelona (51-27) while losing to Division 2 Cadillac (39-30)



and Division 1 Grand Ledge (51-17).

Individuals finishing 3-2 for the Rayders were sophomore 126-pounder Max Reynolds, senior 150-pounder Jamie Parrish and senior 165-pounder Justin Whisler.

Senior 138-pounder Anthony Wise collected a pair of wins, and freshman 144-pounder Landon Whisler picked up one win.

In exhibition matches senior 190-pounder Ben Matter went 4-0, finishing 3-0 was junior 175-pounder Brady Warchol, senior 215-pounder Joshua Schultz was 3-1 and freshman 138-pounder Kate Matter went 2-2. Also record-

ing wins were freshman 157-pounder Ryan Glass, junior heavyweight Connor Ortiz and senior heavyweight Adam Streeter.

### JESS PICKS UP 100TH WIN

Last Wednesday the Rayders split a pair of matches at Cadillac, defeating Alpena 54-24 and falling to Cadillac 48-30. The highlight of the evening was Jess notching his 100th career win finishing 2-0.

Also going 2-0 were Whisler, Streeter, Swanson and Blaszczyk while Reynolds, senior 138-pounder Anthony Wise, Parrish and Glass each picked up a win.

### TRAVERSE CITY TOURNEY

The Rayders took third in the 15-team Traverse City Holiday Classic on Thursday, Dec 28 despite leaving four vacant weight classes.

Blaszczyk, Trevor Streeter and Whisler each went 3-0 to take first place in their respective weight classes. Parrish was 3-1 and finished third.

Fry and Matter both went 2-1 and were second individually, while Ortiz finished 3-2 and was fourth while Adam Streeter went 2-2 at heavyweight.

Kate Matter participated in the Lady Titan Invitational on Dec. 27 and went 3-1 at 140 pounds.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

## Rayder boys win third straight

BY GREG GIELCZYK

It's the mark of a good team when it can win on the road. Charlevoix's boys basketball team has not only done that, but recorded three consecutive wins away from home to improve to 8-1 on the season.

The Rayders came out of the break and pulled out an exciting 52-50 victory over the Boyne City Ramblers in a Lake Michigan Conference battle on Jan. 5 on a last-second shot by Troy Nickel.

Charlevoix is 2-1 in the conference and entered the week tied with Harbor Springs and Elk Rapids for second place behind conference leader Traverse City St. Francis which came in 3-0.

St. Francis was scheduled to host Charlevoix in an early conference showdown on Wednesday, depending on the weather. The forecast called for a major storm.

"Credit Boyne City and coach (Robby) Jensen," Rayders coach Anthony Troshak said. "He has those guys ready to play. They came out swinging, and landed the first blow.

"I'm proud of the way our guys fought back. There were multiple times when we could have folded, but we stuck together. We had multiple players step up and make big plays, especially on defense. Joe Gaffney and Vitale Collins got us going by pressuring the ball."

Coach Jensen ran an elevator play as a decoy, and slipped Jaden Alger for an easy two to tie it up. But the Ramblers showed great composure, and Nickel sliced down the lane for a bucket as time expired.

But the Rayders sputtered on offense early, and were outscored by the



Joe Gaffney



Vitale Collins

Ramblers, 17-8 in the first quarter. Boyne City led by five, 29-24 at the half.

The Ramblers still led by six, 41-35 after three quarters before the Rayders rallied to outscore the Ramblers, 17-9 in the fourth period for the win.

Gaffney paced the Rayders with 14 points three assists and three steals. Hudson Vollmer followed him with 13 points and Nickel added 11.

Charlevoix hit on 20-of-50 field goals and 5-of-17 free throws on the night.

Boyne City had the game's leading scorer in Alger who finished with 18 points. Chaz Stanke added 16 and Ryan Spate contributed another eight.

The Ramblers were 23-of-45 from the field, but just 1-of-7 at the line.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

## Boyne Fall Loggers fall to Wolverine. Roll over Alba

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Although they gave it a good try, the Boyne Falls Loggers couldn't stretch their winning streak to two Monday night when they fell, 47-31 to Wolverine in the Northern Lakes Conference.

Boyne Falls had snapped a five-game losing streak to open the season with a 85-14 blasting of Alba, but came up short against Wolverine in the second game of a four-game homestand.

The Loggers (1-6) had trouble finding their offense

from the start, and were outscored 14-8 in the first quarter. They matched that total in the second, and went into the half with a 29-16 deficit.

Wolverine produced a 13-9 edge in the third period and had a 42-25 lead on the Loggers to start the fourth, and then finished the game with a 9-8 advantage over the final eight minutes.

Keaton Matelski scored 16 points to lead the Loggers, who lived and died on outside shooting.

Jason Dutcher fired in a game-high 19 points for

Wolverine while BJ Ashenfeller contributed 17.

The final statistics show how close the two teams were, with Wolverine hitting nine 3-point field goals to just two for the Loggers which was the difference.

Each team made eight 2-point goals, and the Loggers outscored Wolverine from the free throw line, making 9-of-12 and Wolverine sinking 4-of-11.

### ALBA

Boyne exploded out of the gates against Alba with a 29-6 first quarter and

never looked back. The Loggers rolled up a 24-6 advantage in the second and enjoyed a 55-12 halftime cushion.

Matelski had a big game for the Loggers with 23 points. Devin Hausler finished with 19, JT Greenier added 17 and Bryce Tensor tossed in 14.

The one-sided contest allowed the Loggers to clear the bench early.

"Most of our younger players played a lot to gain some much needed experience," coach Ted Beyer said.

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### East Jordan comes up short in close game with St. Francis

BY GREG GIELCZYK

After falling flat in a 46-23 non-conference loss to Mancelona on Tuesday, Jan. 3 the East Jordan girls basketball team turned around and gave Traverse City St. Francis a real scare before losing the Lake Michigan Conference game, 40-37 two days later.

It was the Red Devils second straight loss after starting the season 3-0, and their first loss in the conference. It was the Gladiators' first win of the season after an 0-6 start.

"We did not have a very good third quarter (against Mancelona), and we were only 5-of-16 from the line,"

East Jordan coach Tim Smith said.

But the Red Devils took a lot of steps in the right direction against St. Francis coming off that bad loss, Smith said. They played hard, and had good production out of their bench.

St. Francis just made a couple more plays at the end.

Although the Red Devils did a lot of things well against the Gladiators, there's still much they need to work on as the season goes forward.

"Our effort was so much better than it was last Tuesday," Smith added. "I'm not into moral victories, but I did like the way we

competed for four quarters. "When we left there, St. Francis knew they were in a game. The other night, I'm not sure Mancelona broke a sweat."

June Kirkpatrick scored 26 points to lead the Red Devils against St. Francis, and Ella Stone added six. The Red Devils trailed the Gladiators by four, 10-6 at the end of the first quarter but were outscored only 6-5 in the second for a 16-11 halftime deficit.

East Jordan was outscored, 16-5 in the third quarter and entered the fourth behind, 32-16 and then were outscored, 12-11 in the final stanza.

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Ella Schram was the Red Devils' leading scorer against the Ironmen with 15 points, Kirkpatrick finished with 13 and Jones added 12.

"We had three and a half weeks off and we played like it," said Smith. "We only made one shot the first half. The gym was as hot as any I've ever coached in, and we had just zero energy.

"It zapped the life out of us. Mancelona played in the same conditions and were much more acclimated so give them credit."

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### DIVISION 1

1. East Lansing (8-0) -- 71 -- {3}
  2. Detroit U-D Jesuit (8-1) -- 65 -- {2}
  3. Detroit Cass Tech (7-0) -- 63
  4. Orchard Lake St. Mary's (7-1) -- 61
  5. North Farmington (8-0) -- 53
  6. Muskegon (5-0) -- 50
  7. Grand Rapids Northview (5-0) -- 41
  7. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (8-2) -- 41
  9. Detroit Catholic Central (7-2) -- 23
  10. Saginaw Heritage (6-0) -- 20
  10. Dearborn (8-0) -- 20
- Others receiving votes: Ann Arbor Huron 16, Warren De La Salle 15, Saline 10, Ypsilanti Lincoln 8, Okemos 7, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 6, Lansing Waverly 4, Canton 4, Cadillac 4, Utica 4, Rochester Adams 3, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 3, Hudsonville 3, Kalamazoo Central 2, East Kentwood 1, Battle Creek Lakeview 1, Traverse City West 1.

### DIVISION 2

1. Warren Lincoln (6-1) -- 81 -- {1}
2. Grand Rapids Christian (7-0) -- 74 -- {4}
3. Romulus Summit Academy (8-1) -- 72
4. Benton Harbor (9-0) -- 71
5. Whitehall (9-0) -- 64
6. Flint Powers Catholic (8-1) -- 58
7. Adrian (8-1) -- 41
8. Grand Rapids South Christian (5-3) 39 -- {1}
9. Dundee (9-1) -- 32
10. Yale (8-1) -- 28

Others receiving votes: Ferndale 27, Chelsea 27, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 18, Kingsford 16, Muskegon Oakridge 15, Grand Rapids Catholic Central 13, Freeland 11, Tecumseh 9, Flat Rock 7, Reed City 6, Bay City John Glenn 5, Ida 3, Lansing Sexton 1, Hudsonville Unity Christian 1, Standish Sterling Central 1.

### DIVISION 3

1. Riverview Gabriel Richard (7-1) -- 74 -- {4}
  2. McBain (6-0) -- 61
  3. Iron Mountain (8-0) -- 59 -- {1}
  4. Laingsburg (7-0) -- 57
  5. Menominee (8-1) -- 49
  6. Niles Brandywine (8-1) -- 48
  7. New Haven (8-2) -- 39
  7. Cass City (9-0) -- 39
  9. North Muskegon (9-0) -- 34
  10. Pewamo-Westphalia (7-1) -- 32
- Others receiving votes: Charlevoix 29, Jackson Lumen Christi 25, Beal City 12, Michigan Center 7, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 7, Chesaning 7, Centreville 7, Harbor Springs 6, Brooklyn Columbia Central 4, Sanford Meridian 4.

### DIVISION 4

1. Wyoming Tri-unity Christian (8-1) -- 73 -- {3}
2. Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart (9-1) -- 66 -- {1}
3. Adrian Lenawee Christian (7-2) -- 56
4. Taylor Trillium Academy (8-1) -- 54 -- {1}
5. Pickford (7-0) -- 50
6. Britton-Deerfield (9-1) -- 46
7. Crystal Falls Forest Park (6-0) -- 44
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10. Munising (7-3) -- 27

Others receiving votes: Petersburg Summerfield 22, Bellevue 21, Alanson-Littlefield 16, Maple City Glen Lake 14, Dryden 10, Norway 9, Hillman 6, Detroit University Prep Art & Design 6, Marcellus Howardsville Christian 5, Burr Oak 5, Frankfort 3, Gaylord St. Mary 2, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 1, Lake Linden-Hubbell 1, Onaway 1.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Rayders snap losing streak

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Charlevoix's girls basketball team put the brakes on a two-game losing streak last Wednesday with a convincing 52-22 non-conference home win over Ellsworth.

It was a positive way to come out of the break, lifting the Rayders above the .500 mark on the season

at 4-3 and gave them some momentum to take into their next game Thursday when they host Kalkaska.

Abbey Wright led the way for the Rayders with 16 points and nine rebounds. Anna Kemp contributed 11 points, had five steals and four assists followed by Ava Boss added eight points and had four rebounds.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Red Devils fall to Elk Rapids

BY GREG GIELCZYK

In a game that was much closer than the score indicated at the end the East Jordan boys basketball team played well in stretches and showed a lot of youth and lack of patience in other moments according to coach Nate Dzwik.

Elk Rapids took advantage of those occasional shortcomings by the Red Devils to pull away in the fourth quarter for a 66-53 victory in the Lake Michigan Conference contest last Friday night at East Jordan.

The two teams were tied, 12-12 when the first quarter ended but the Elks flexed their offensive muscle in the second, outscoring

the Red Devils, 18-12 to break in front, 30-24 at the half.

Both teams engaged in a high scoring third period, with the Red Devils managing to keep pace with the Elks as each team netted 19 points for a 49-43 score entering the fourth.

Elk Rapids then outscored the Red Devils, 17-10 in the final stanza for the final margin.

William Webb was the leading scorer for East Jordan with 16 points and Lucas Stone finished with 11. Korbyn Russell contributed nine, Ellis Malpass eight and Ryder Malpass five.

Malpass dished out four assists and had two steals. Webb led with four rebounds and also had two assists.

## HOCKEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	BIG NORTH CONFERENCE	
	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Traverse City Central	5-1-0	7-7-0
Alpena	4-1-0	7-8-0
Traverse City West	4-2-0	6-6-0
Petoskey	2-3-0	7-5-1
Cadillac	2-5-0	5-8-0
Gaylord	0-4-0	3-9-0

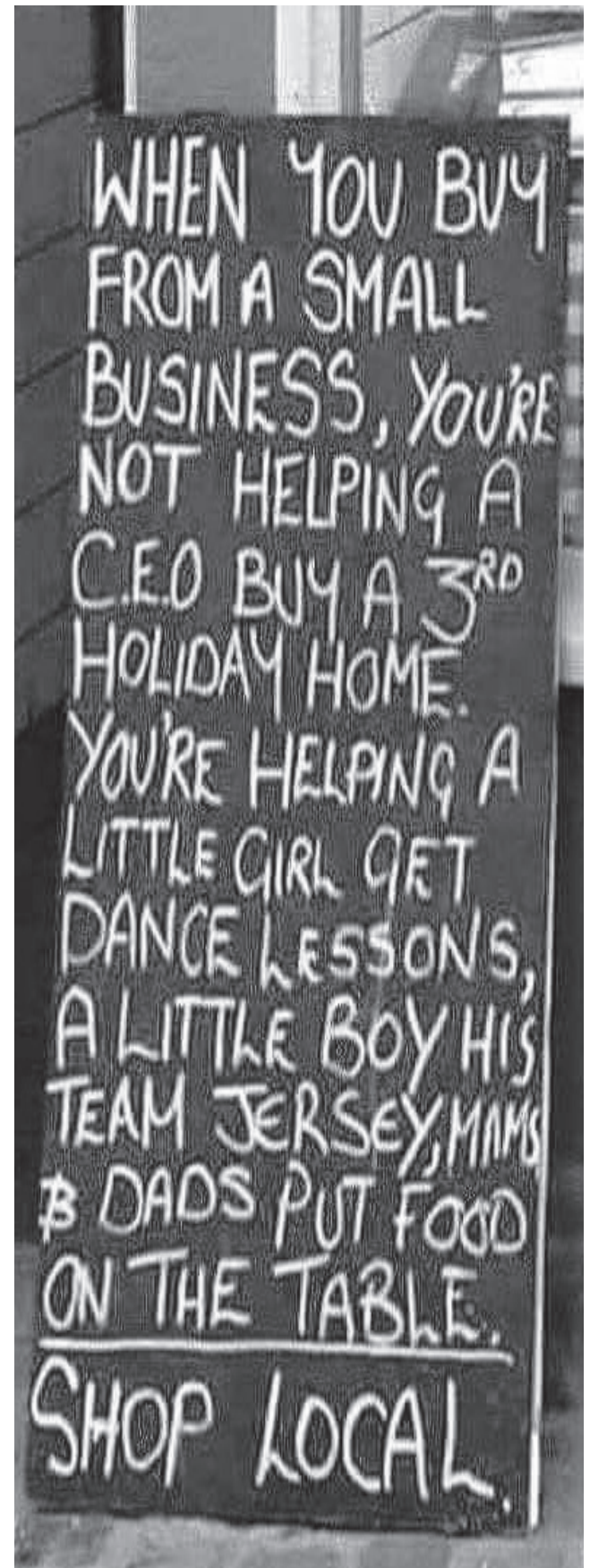
  

Team	STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE	
	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Sault Ste Marie	0-0-0	10-4-1
Cheboygan	0-0-0	3-9-1

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### NORWOOD TOWNSHIP

At their regular meeting December 19, 2023, the Norwood Township Board voted unanimously to revise their fee schedule.

A complete copy of the fee schedule can be found on our website <http://www.norwoodtpw.org> The fee schedule will go into effect 30 days from the date of this publication - February 10, 2024.

Brenda Freds, Clerk

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Delivery of bids:  
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203 Antrim St.  
Charlevoix, MI 49720

For questions, site visit, or other pre-submission inquiries, please contact Terry Amick at 231-437-0945

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 27, 2023

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on December 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #23-154, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #23-155, FY 2024 Snap-Ed Mini Grant.

Motion approved Resolution #23-156, FY 2024 Recovery Support High School Program (RHSP).

Motion approved Resolution #23-157, Application for Funds.

Motion approved Resolution #23-158, Agreement for Extension Services.

Motion approved Resolution #23-159, Application for Funds.

Motion approved Resolution #23-160, Charlevoix County Transit Server Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #23-161, Charlevoix County Transit Vehicle Purchase.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 6:25 p.m.

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, [www.charlevoixcounty.org](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org).

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**Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum Seeking Executive Administrator.** The Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum is seeking an Executive Administrator. The Administrator answers to the Board of Directors. The perfect candidate would have knowledge of Quickbooks, Financial Statements, Excel, Word, excellent communication skills and tech savvy with social media skills. Candidate will be responsible for seeking grant funding and fundraising. The selected candidate will also be responsible for hiring, training, and scheduling all other positions on the ship. Prior experience with ships or museums is desired but not required. This is a year-round salaried position with 40+ hours required May through mid-October, reduced hours mid-October through April. Send resume and cover letter to IMMMSecretary@gmail.com or mail C/O IMMM Secretary Linda Rogers, 1805 W US 23 Hwy, Cheboygan, MI 49721 by January 26th for consideration. Salary negotiable depending on experience.

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## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

**2003 Spartan 40 foot Motorhome.** Double slideout, Owens 7500 watt quiet diesel generator, diesel pusher rear engine, 32 K miles. Sale Price \$44,900. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

**2023 Rockwood Ultra Lite 2608BS Travel Trailer.** 2 slideouts, Power awning with rain dump and LED, outside grid-dle, All In One Wi-Fi Booster/LTE Prep & Antenna, outside shower. MSRP \$58,660. Sale Price \$42,995. Save \$15,665. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com

**2024 Cherokee Grey Wolf 26BRB Travel Trailer.** Bunkhouse sleeps 10, slideout, outdoor kitchen, 2 entry doors, fireplace, backup camera. MSRP \$48,713. Sale Price \$29,995. Save \$18,718. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com

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**2012 Ford Edge SEL. AWD,** rear camera, high miles. Sale Price \$8,995. As low as \$219 a month. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call Zeke Eberly, 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On

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The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of law.

The City of East Jordan, South Arm Township and Eveline Township will all be conducting their public accuracy test at this location during this time.

Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MiPMC  
City Clerk  
City of East Jordan

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF

### Eveline Township Planning Commission Meetings

Eveline Township  
08525 Ferry Road  
East Jordan, MI 49727  
(231) 459-4258  
www.evelinetownship.org

The Eveline Township Planning Commission will meet on the following dates for the 2024 year.

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted and will take place at the Eveline Township Hall, 08525 Ferry Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727.

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 Wednesday, July 3, 2024  
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Wednesday, August 7, 2024  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Wednesday, September 4, 2024  
\*\*\*Wednesday, April 3, 2024 Wednesday, October 2, 2024  
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 Wednesday, November 6, 2024  
Wednesday, June 5, 2024 Wednesday, December 4, 2024

\*\*\*WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 MEETING WILL CONVENE AT HUNGRY DUCKS ADVENTURE FARM AT 5:00 P.M.

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### To All Qualified Electors in Charlevoix County

Notice is hereby given under authority granted in Public Act 81 of 2023, that the location[s] of the early voting site[s] for all federal and statewide election dates will be the following. The site may also serve as an early voting site for additional election dates.

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301 State Street  
Charlevoix, MI 49720

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2017 Chevy Equinox. AWD, 87 K miles, Trade-in, rebuilt title. Sale Price \$5,995. As low as \$219 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700.

2017 Jeep Patriot. 4x4, 106 K miles. Buy Here, Pay Here. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call Zeke Eberly, 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On

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2019 GMC Acadia SLE 2. AWD. \$24,995. As low as \$466 a month. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call Zeke Eberly, 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On

2021 Hyundai Palisade. H-Trac AWD, leather, 3rd row seats 8, rear camera. 51 K miles. Cash price \$31,995. As low as \$469 a month. Byrider - 2215 US Hwy 31 N, Petoskey. Call Zeke Eberly, 231-347-3200. Buy. Finance. Drive On

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**TRUCKS**

2001 Ram 1500. 4x4, reg. cab, 8 foot bed, V-8 magnum, 130 K miles. Sales Price \$5,995. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2006 Chevy Silverado 1500. Z-71 4x4, double cab, bedliner, tow pkg, soft tonneau cover. Sale Price \$7,995. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2006 Ford F-150. 4x4, regular cab 202 K miles. Sale Price \$7,995. As low as \$219 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2006 Ford F-150. 71 K actual miles, 4x4, crew cab. Sale Price \$9,995. As low as \$249 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2012 Nissan Frontier SV. 4x4, soft tonneau, double cab, 186 K miles. Sale Price \$12,995. As low as \$229 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2013 Ford F-150 XLT. Ladder rack, bedliner, tow pkg, bedliner, 167 K miles. Sale Price \$13,995. As low as \$299 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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Interior highlights include a kitchen with soft close cabinetry, high end appliances and granite countertops. Three of the bedrooms and bath are on the main floor with the fourth bedroom and a bath on the finished lower level.

These homes have an open concept design, wonderful for family living as well as entertaining. Please note that the furnishings in the home in the photos have been virtually staged.

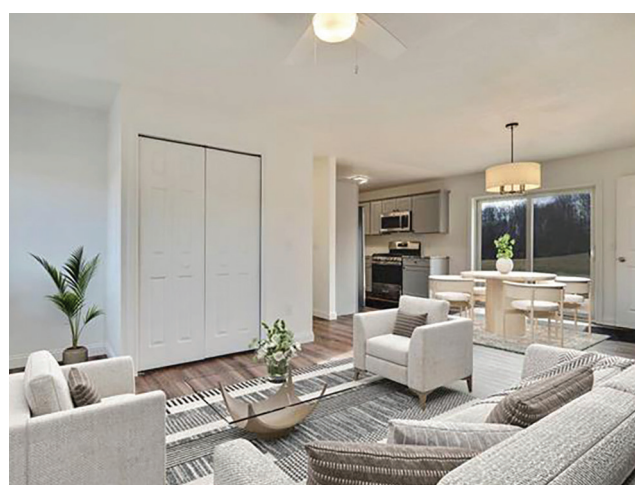
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Of course, deciding the value of a home isn't an exact science, so it's understandable that a seller might put their home on the market with an asking price that is on the high side.

Additionally, most of us believe that our homes are really "worth more" than the one down the block, around the corner or the one next door that was just sold. And, if we are wrong, we can always drop the price later, can't we? Yes, but by then, the seller may have not only lost potential buyers, but they may have also driven off interested Realtors-and Realtors are the prime source of buyers. Generally, they bring the buyers.

When a property is put up for sale, the first 30 days are the most critical. Statistics show that's when most buyers (and

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Some sellers, however, believe that if someone is really interested they will counter-offer. Some will, some won't. Some well-qualified buyers may just walk away. The bottom line is a high priced listing will turn many buyers off.

Still, a seller wants to be confident he or she is getting the best price for their home.

The way to accomplish this is by talking to a real estate agent before listing the property. Ask for a comparative market analysis-that is, research what similar homes in the area have sold for recently. Compare your property to those, and have the agent help you calculate a fair market value. Be objective-even though it is your home.

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