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**The First Tee Visits Ellsworth!**

Ellsworth Community School welcomed The First Tee, a well-known youth development organization that uses golf as a platform to instill essential life skills. With the coordination of ECS Athletic Director and PE teacher, Mr. Nick Hopp, students at Ellsworth were introduced to not only the physical aspects of the game of golf, but also a deeper understanding of resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving!

Kevin McKinley, director of The First Tee of Northern Michigan described the program: "First Tee is a youth organization that uses the game of golf to teach life skills and important key commitments that will not only benefit kids now but also as they continue to mature into adults. Our programs include summer day camps at The Highlands of Harbor Springs and also community programs in Gaylord, Elk Rapids, Mackinaw City, Indian River, Cheboygan and most likely growing to Charlevoix and St. Ignace. In the winter and spring, we work with physical education teachers to teach golf and life lessons right in the students' gym class. We expect to reach over 5000 kids during the 2023-24 school year. Finally, the First Tee also partners with organizations serving those with special needs like Challenge Mountain and Crossroads Industries. We are thrilled to be welcomed into schools so that we can make an impact on kids as they become young adults."

Ellsworth Middle/High School strives to provide a comprehensive learning experience that integrates academic and character development and the collaboration with The First Tee opens opportunities for a variety of students!



Pictured above are the ECS 9th Grade students along with Noah Slater, Kevin McKinley and Doug Drenth from The First Tee.



**Boyne City's City Commission held meeting to approve Sanitary Sewer System improvements**

BY GRACE BARAGREY

On January 9th, 2024 Boyne City's City Commission held a meeting. The council started off with Mayor Nemecek calling the meeting to order and saying the Pledge of Allegiance. They went on to motion the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund Opportunity Project Scope (\$7 Million)" and the motion was not carried out with two Ayes and three Nays. They continued the meeting with carrying

the motion of the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund Opportunity Project Scope (\$12.8 million)." This motion was in regards of approving the "Sanitary Sewer System Improvements" project scope at \$12.8 million.

They went on with their meeting carrying the motions of the "Opportunity Retaining of Consultants," which was in the regards of approving the proposed agreements for "Design, Bidding, and Construction Engineering for C2AE, Financial Consulting to Bakertilly, and Bond Council to Miller Canfield based on the fees proposed for the City approved project scope." City Commissioner Pritchard requested to sit and talk with C2AE to understand their terms and conditions.

As they continued with their meeting approving the "Historic District Ordinance Repeal Second Reading," the "New Trail Groomer Replacement," and DPW Director Dough Varney stated that he believes

"\$8,000 would be sufficient enough to purchase a new trail groomer."

Dough has voluntarily groomed the "Avalanche Trails" since 2017. The city commission thanked Varney for his generous community service. They carried the motions of the "Lake Charlevoix Association Shoreline District Gardens," the "MDOT Agreement 23-5443," the "Staff and Command School," the "Water Repair Near 643 W Michigan Ave," and the "Closed Session Request."

City Commissioner Farrell "encourages the public to attend the upcoming MCC information meetings about the recent proposal made by the Michigan Community Capital to expand their Lofts on the Lake Project."

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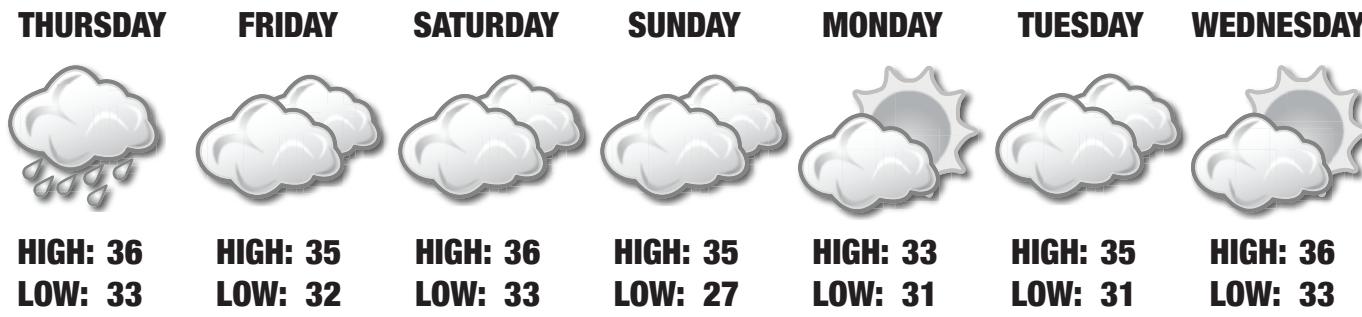
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Jan 26... 24	9	53	1973	-23	1959	
Jan 27... 24	9	52	1973	-26	2005	
Jan 28... 24	9	44	2006	-21	1986	
Jan 29... 24	9	47	2013	-14	1952	
Jan 30... 24	9	45	1974	-21	1994	
Jan 31... 24	9	46	2012	-15	1994	

## OBITUARIES

### Robert "Bob" Vollmer, 84

Aug. 22, 1939 - Jan. 20, 2024

#### ELLSWORTH

Robert "Bob" Vollmer of Ellsworth passed away Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility. He was born August 22, 1939 in Detroit the son of Robert



Vollmer and Violet Gentz. Family, friends, smiles, jokes, candy, and cars are just a few words that may come to mind when you hear Bob Vollmer's name. Bob was so much to so many people.

Bob made Ellsworth his home for 67 years. He started working and eventually owned the local full service gas station while selling cars on the opposite corner to those near and far. Generations of families and friends have purchased their first cars from Bob. He made it his mission to find exactly what they wanted. All you had to do was tell him the year, model and make - "There is an ass for every seat."

Bob loved and cherished his family. He was so very proud of his four boys! The men they grew into and the lives they lived. Bob spent 60 years with his wife, Judie, growing the Vollmer family into what it is today. If you knew Bob, you knew he couldn't get enough of his five grandchildren. Bob was the papa who took them for moped rides, who got them their first sweet treat, who traveled to see his grandkids participate in the sports they loved, even if it meant traveling across the country. Family was so important to Bob that during his last week of life while looking at photos he told us he would talk about his family until his last breath.

Most mornings Bob could be found at his favorite place, Front Porch Cafe, in Ellsworth having a sweet roll or cookie and a Sprite. He knew most of the people who walked in and greeted them with that warm gentle smile of his. In years past, Bob was often seen clearing tables and having conversations with community members he had known for a lifetime. The Front Porch was his happy place; his place to give back to the community - Ellsworth the place he called home. Bob was also known as the "candy man." It didn't matter if you were five or 85, he always had a sweet treat to offer at Vollmer Auto Sales, and he insisted you always take more than one! Left to cherish his memories are his wife Judie, his sons Jeff (Renea) of South Lyon and their children Emma and Julia, Bryan (Jen) of Charlevoix and their children Olivia and Hudson, Scott (Lynn) of Charlevoix and their son Parker Skeel, and Doug of

Charlevoix.

Bob/Papa has touched the lives of many and will continue to live on in the memories shared.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 24th, at Belltower Reformed Church in Ellsworth. Pastors Jim Heneveld and Cobus Manders officiated. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be given to the Front Porch, PO BOX 37, Ellsworth, MI 49729. Spring interment will take place in Atwood Cemetery, Banks Township. Arrangements are in the care of the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com).

### Rex Edward Judkins, 89

Oct. 10, 1934 - Jan. 17, 2024

#### BOYNE CITY

Rex Edward Judkins of Boyne City passed away Wednesday, January 17th, 2024

while doing something he loved, playing cribbage with his family. He was welcomed into the world by Freda (Mitchell) Judkins and Lionel "John" Judkins on October 10, 1934. Following graduation from Boyne City High School in 1952, Rex pursued a degree in business from Northeastern School of Commerce in Bay City, Michigan.

Rex went to work for East Jordan Iron Works in May of 1955; he retired after over 41 years of service in the accounting department. Coworkers described him as hardworking, loyal, honest, and kind.

Rex's contributions to both state and local organizations included over 60 years to Michigan Masons, over 50 years as a Boyne Valley Lions Club Charter Member, Lifelong Membership to Michigan State Bowling Association, volunteering at Boyne Area Free Clinic starting when it opened in 2007, and several additional volunteer positions. He was entered into the Boyne City Bowling Hall of Fame as well as the Boyne City Hall of Fame.

Rex's passion for the Boyne City Ramblers started early on. Unable to play sports, he assisted with managing equipment and scorekeeping. He oversaw the downs box at Varsity football games for nearly 50 years. Following that, his smiling face could be found holding up the fence at every football game in the fall and among the crowd at every basketball game.

When asked to make a wish on his 89th birthday he said, "The family I've got. I couldn't ask for anything more. I'm the luckiest man in the world."

Rex is survived by his

best friend, Judy; daughter Catherine; grandchildren Hailey (Jonathan) and Heather; great-granddaughters Olivia, Raina, and Vera; and nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents; and both siblings Larry Judkins and Carol (Judkins) Koteskey in addition to several other family members and close friends.

Those who would like to make a charitable donation in Rex's memory are asked to consider the Boyne City Booster Foundation.

Visitation will be at Stackus Funeral Home on January 25, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The funeral will be on January 26, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Church in Boyne City, visitation will begin at 10:00 AM. Burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery on April 24, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

### Isabell Ruby May LaPeer, 93

July 13, 1930 - Jan. 16, 2024

#### EAST JORDAN

Isabell Ruby May LaPeer of East Jordan passed away peacefully Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at home with her family by her side. She was born July 13, 1930 in Farwell, MI, the daughter of Quincey and Ruby (Hosler) Fuller.

On September 20, 1947 in East Jordan, she married August LaPeer. Together they enjoyed 54 years of marriage. Isabelle also enjoyed working a good crossword puzzle, watching the birds out the window and playing bingo in her younger years. Her favorite times were going to her family cabin in the UP and sitting by the fireplace and also taking twice yearly trips to Pennsylvania with her sisters to visit her daughter Connie. Family was very important to Isabell and she enjoyed spending as much time as she could with them.

Surviving are her children Constance (Gerald) Smith of PA, Gary (Brenda) LaPeer of East Jordan, Dennis (Pattie) LaPeer of Boyne City, sisters Betty Watros of Central Lake, Pauline (Harold) Hoogerhyde of East Jordan, 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, daughter-in-law Sheila LaPeer, sister-in-law Reva Fuller, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband August in 2001, sons Michael and Richard, infant daughter Denise, granddaughter Janel LaPeer, grandson Donald LaPeer, sister Cecelia Fuller, brothers Robert, Richard, Grant, and Herbert Fuller.

The family received friends Thursday, January 18, at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Spring graveside services

will be held at Southern Cemetery, Central Lake. Memorial contributions can be given to the Central Lake AmVets Post 6986, PO BOX 432, Central Lake, MI 49622. Please sign her online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

### Melvin George Winstone, 75

June 29, 1948 - Jan. 18, 2024

#### EAST JORDAN

Melvin G. Winstone of East Jordan passed away on January 18, 2024 at Mc-



Laren Hospital in Flint. He was born on June 29, 1948, in Charlevoix, the son of George

W. Winstone and Jean Esther Case.

Melvin's first love was fishing. Not only did he enjoy it as a hobby but he was a commercial fisherman for many years. He also enjoyed woodworking and was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Surviving are 9 children, George, Danny, Deanna Curcio, Aaryka McCauley, Melvin Winstone II, Santonya Winstone, Cheyenne Winstone, Aodyriona Winstone, Odessa Winstone, 19 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a sister Jody Underwood.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother John Alexander Case and a sister Rose Marie Lisk.

Funeral services took place on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Burial will take place in the spring at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Charlevoix. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com).

### Jean A. Loper, 93

Sept. 26, 1930 - Jan. 15, 2024

#### CHARLEVOIX

Jean A. Loper of Charlevoix passed away peacefully, January 15, 2024 at her



daughter's home. She was born September 26, 1930 in Charleston, West Virginia the daughter of Delmar and V. Blanch (Workman) Keeling and graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1948 before moving to Charlevoix.

Jean worked for many years as a bus driver for the Char-Em school district and also as a study hall supervisor at the school. She was

very involved in the community over the years. She was active in the Venetian festival committee, the Women's Auxiliary, Charlevoix Little League, and Charlevoix Public Schools Band and Sports Boosters. Jean enjoyed bowling and playing bingo. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and watching them play sports too.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Carolyn Loper of Charlevoix, Greg (Lisa) Loper of Charlevoix, Mike (Patti) Loper of Petoskey, grandchildren Christopher (Alissa Gracy) Loper, Matthew (Heather) Loper, Jill Loper, Addie Loper, Brian (Chelsey) Loper, Ellen Loper, Monica Cornell, great grandchildren Jiri, Freja, Madison, Matthew II, Wesley, Alex, Everleigh, Charleigh, Sarena, Maddox, and step sister Kathy Stuart. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Arnold Loper, and son Jeffrey Loper.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 27th at 11 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix with Rev. Barry Bates officiating. The family will receive friends Friday, January, 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions can be given to the Christ Episcopal Church or the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Please sign her online guestbook [HYPERLINK "http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com"](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

### Gordon "Brian" Neff, 82

May 9, 1941 - Jan. 17, 2024

#### PETOSKEY

Gordon Brynn Neff of Petoskey passed away on January 17, 2024, at The



Birches of Perry Farm Village in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Son of Gordon N. and Catherine (Walgren) Neff, Brian was born on May 9, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up in Charlevoix, Michigan and graduated from Charlevoix High School. Brian then went to Detroit to a butcher meat vocation college.

Brian served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1965 during the Vietnam War. He was on a special rifle team that competed in shooting and sharp shooting competitions, Brian always won first. While in the army he was mainly stationed in Germany and worked with heavy equipment trucks and tanks.

On January 21, 1967, he married the love of his life, Betty Katherine Stoker. They married at the Presbyterian Church in Southfield, Michigan.

Brian owned and operated, with exquisite skill,

Neff's Gourmet Sausage for 50 years. He was known for his notorious hunter sticks, bratwurst and cherry bratwurst. Once the Traverse Magazine did an article on his Swedish potato sausage and how he could always have them available for sale during the holidays. Brian helped process meat for local farmers and hunters throughout the year. Before his store, Brian was the meat manager at Giants Supermarket in Petoskey and helped other local grocers set up their own meat department.

Brian was an avid hunter in many different seasons. He received two elk raffle tags throughout his life and was able to hunt a cow and bull. He also bear hunt and had gone moose hunting in Canada. Brian received the Master Angler Award and the Michigan state record for the catching the largest Brook Trout, which was caught during the winter on Little Traverse Bay.

Brian was very involved in helping the community and anyone he could. While his daughters and grandchildren were growing up, he helped them and the community with Emmet and Charlevoix County 4H Market Livestock Program. He also helped with Camp Daggett end of the year clean up and his wife's Girl Scout duties. Brian was very active in the DNR in Gaylord, Michigan. He helped pass a law regulating the size of a turtle someone can trap in Michigan. He also liked helping at Gruler's Farm Supply, especially on chick day.

He loved his wife, daughters, grandchildren and friends very much. Brian also loved talking on the phone all morning and night.

Brian is survived by his wife Betty Neff of 56 years and just shy three days of 57 years; his children: Kathy (Jeff) Dufek, Michelle (Patrick) Fetting, and Holly (Chad) Howard; his grandchildren: Brooke Dufek, Elizabeth (Jacob) Coats, Heather Dufek, Nicholas Fetting, William Fetting, Claire Howard, Courtney Howard, and Cora Howard; his soon to be great-grandson Kevin Coats; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many wonderful friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Gordon and Catherine Neff; and his sisters Marilyn Gibbons and Karen Hoffman.

A very heartfelt thank you to the wonderful care provided by Anna, Barb and all the staff at The Birches of Perry Farm Village. As well as the staff of Compass Hospice by Debbie, Shay, Jill and Darla. Those wishing to make a charitable donation in Brian's memory are asked to consider The Birches of Perry Farm Village: 4211 Village Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Visitation will be held at Stone Funeral Home on May 8, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A graveside service with military honors will be at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix, Michigan will be on May 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM. Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home, Inc.

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## The Dietrich Brothers Hosting Pop-Up Photography & Art Show Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Fundraiser

Wanting to share their love of nature, the area and to give back to the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, brothers Bill, Jim, Kevin and Rich Dietrich are hosting a two-day Pop-Up Photography and Art Show on Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th. The event will run from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on both days at the beautiful and historic Friends of the Jordan River Watershed building located at 101 Union Street in East Jordan.



All four brothers have years of experience as photographers and artists. Bill Dietrich often refers to photography as his “camera therapy”. He states “The world is full of photo ops”. Bill loves to spend time in nature where he can share his perspective of Light and Life through his lens.

Kevin, also a photographer, states “My approach to photography is to elicit emotion from the viewer similar to what I experience when I see a photo opportunity. I enjoy photography because it exercises both sides of

my mind, the creative and the logical, technical sides.”

Brother Jim, also a photographer, added “Photography is simply a tool to capture a moment in time.”

Paintings created by Rich along with Jim, Kevin and Bill’s photos will be available for purchase at the special two-day show. A portion of all sales will be donated to the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed.

Attendees will also be able to learn more about the Don and Eileen Klein Nature Trail which will be constructed in the Spring of 2024 and also about the mission and activities of the Friends of the Jordan River organization. The 2024 FJR calendars will also be available for purchase.

For more information on this upcoming special fundraiser event or information on the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed contact President Rich Dietrich at 231-350-8086 or email: foj@friendsofthejordan.org

## COMMUNITY LEADER

# MELISSA AGAWA

## A LIGHT TO BRING HOPE TO OTHERS

BY JOHN KEYSER

Mitchell Klooster recommended that I meet Melissa Agawa as she is definitely devoted to giving back and the many in our community who have struggles.

Thank you, Mitchell, as Melissa definitely is totally devoted to helping others, and she has the initiative to step up and create programs which are needed.

Melissa is a thinker and a doer, and that is why so much is happening, some without her name, which is how she would like it. She is spreading the word about the number of people and families here who could use assistance and she motivates people to step up and help.

Here’s Melissa’s background. She grew up in Charlevoix, graduated high school here, followed her desire to travel and see other areas, and moved to the Pacific Northwest, and subsequently to Mexico as at the time she had an interest in Anthropology and language and its history.

In time, Melissa married to a fellow who was on active military duty, and was frequently stationed overseas. They had two sons, Toagan and Alexander, now ages 11 and six. She knew she had to follow her instincts and she now wanted to be back in Up North Michigan to raise her family and be a helpful member of our community. She certainly is!

While her marriage did not last, she is very thankful for her sons and also that she was able as a military wife to attend University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law School, and that gives her background and knowledge to work with Corporate Settlement Solutions. (see the recent article about another unselfish exceptional community leader, Maura Snabes).

Melissa is totally, and I mean totally, busy with being a Mom, her work responsibilities, and her commitment to help our



Melissa Agawa

community in all the ways she can. Here is a brief list of activities, and know this is far from all inclusive, and also that when she has a new idea, she is inclined to try to make that happen, as well.

Melissa was a key factor in creating Charlevoix County Helping Hand, which at no cost, will help those in need, e.g., delivering prescriptions and groceries to one’s home, as just two examples.

As mentioned, these services are at no cost, as she raises money by speaking with the good people at our various clubs, Zonta, Rotary, Kiwanis, and others, and our members are touched by Melissa’s deep and unselfish desire to help those in our community.

Melissa is very active with Charlevoix Community Christmas Project and Toys for Tots, which serve in the area of 500 families.

In addition, Melissa can be active in our community (city) politics, as she will campaign for those she feels are the best candidates, by going door to door. I asked if she would run for office herself and she is not ready to do that. I

hope she changes her mind and does decide to become a candidate. I honestly believe she is what we need, someone who initiates ideas and is a doer! Just what we need to help solve our housing needs here! She would not wait for others to come with ideas, she would develop ideas herself and encourage and brainstorm ideas with council members and a wide variety of others in our community.

Also, in addition, Melissa mentors students and young adults at North Central Michigan University.

As mentioned, these community activities are far from all inclusive. This is understandable when we realize that her guiding principles are to be a light, to bring hope, not to toss in the towel, as it is never too late to make change, and to determine the moral compass by which we wish to lead our life.

Melissa’s relationship with our community is a huge part of her life.

Thank you for your very needed ideas and for rolling up your sleeves and making good things happen, Melissa!

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## 2020 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM

**East Jordan's Jayden Weber selected Player of the Year**



Jayden Weber.

**Charlevoix's Marc Sroufe is Coach of the Year**



Coach Marc Sroufe

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Another great season of basketball for our Northern Michigan area. While there continued to be strides made in each program of our coverage area this season, "What If" still lingers in regards to the Division 3, regional championship opportunity that was ahead of the Charlevoix girls basketball team when the season was halted. The Raylors put together the best season in the area over the winter months, finishing 15-5 overall, going a perfect 14-0 in Lake Michigan. See ALL-AREA BASKETBALL - Page 1B

## City votes to Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations

BY KAREN WALKER  
The Charlevoix City Council held a special meeting last Friday, April 3rd, to consider an ordinance restricting the use, operation and licensing of lodging establishments within the City. The virtual meeting was held online and by phone via Zoom with approximately 40 people participating. City Manager Mark Heydrauff and City Attorney Scott Howard first presented the emergency ordinance to council members to "Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations during the State of Emergency" in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. After much discussion, Council members directed the City Attorney to make

some changes to the proposed ordinance as initially presented, causing the Council to hold a second meeting the following day, Saturday, April 4th. The revisions included restricting the use of hotels and motels, and ensuring travelers staying at these establishments are there for essential services. Further, the ordinance requires all essential businesses comply with health and sanitation practices outlined by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. City Mayor Luther Kurtz pointed out that Charlevoix values its seasonal residents, and the city is trying to keep everyone safe. The City Attorney informed Council members that the city has

both the right and obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizenry and the ordinance is absolutely an important step towards protecting its residents. Excepted from the ban are rental units used to house economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of the emergency, and people with disabilities. Rentals may also be used to house persons working in COVID-19 mitigation and containment efforts and critical infrastructure workers so long as they comply with the Governor's executive orders relating to COVID-19. The Charlevoix City Council feels that continuing

to allow short term rentals would promote the movement of people, exacerbating the spread of COVID-19. And adoption of the Emergency Ordinance was necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. While several meeting attendees voiced concern over enforcement of the ordinance, it ultimately was approved with a lone dissenting vote cast by Councilman Greg Bryan. The ordinance aligns with Governor Whitmer's executive order issued on March 23rd and will be in effect for 60 days or until the governor's executive order, or subsequent orders, is lifted, whichever comes first.

## Health Department offers drive-through testing at Fairgrounds

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Emmet County Northern Michigan Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan, the Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the Petoskey Department of Public Safety will be offering appointment based, drive-through testing at the Emmet County Fairgrounds beginning Wednesday, April 1. Testing will be scheduled from noon - 4pm Monday through Friday for patients 12 and older. This testing facility is for individuals who have seen their primary care provider, have been determined to meet the criteria for testing, and have a lab slip. The drive-through testing facility will utilize a recently approved FDA testing method with nasal swab. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has created a statewide hotline for COVID-19. The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-835-6348. Additionally, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has a Public Health Information Phone Line - 1-800-398-5959 email publichealthinfo@nwhhealth.org.

## East Jordan Family Health Center employee receives positive Coronavirus test

On April 1, 2020, an East Jordan Family Health Center employee was confirmed as having a positive Coronavirus test. The employee has been quarantined at home since March 25th, 2020 and is doing well with mild symptoms at this time. Direct colleagues of this employee have been under delegated "self-monitoring" since March 25th and will continue for a minimum of 14 days. This individual had a history of downstate Michigan travel and was involved with a large group setting. The Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers have taken significant measures to prevent the transmission of Coronavirus within our facilities. The health center will continue these daily prevention efforts and will continue to monitor the Coronavirus situation in our workplace and throughout northern MI. As a result of these proactive measures, employees and patients of Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers remain at a low risk for exposure to the Coronavirus. All staff of the Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers will continue to strictly adhere to PPE, social distancing and handwashing guidelines, both at work and home, to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you have questions regarding the Coronavirus, visit our website at www.ejfh.org for up to date information along with additional services.

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## LEADERSHIP KEY LEADERSHIP PRACTICES: Prompt Responses And One-On-One Conversations

BY JOHN KEYSER



John Keyser

Our team members must feel appreciated and valued, and we, as leaders, have a responsibility to help them succeed. This is a challenge in today's crazy busy world with information coming at us continually. Yet, it is our responsibility.

When we do not respond as promptly as possible to voice calls, emails, texts, and other messages, people take this as a sign of disrespect, that they and their work is not important in our eyes.

In facilitating 360 leadership assessments, I would regularly hear good people lament that their manager does not seem to value them, that they have to follow up, often repeatedly.

Not good! Remember, happy employees do better work!

If we are in a meeting, or in an important conversation, or doing work that must be completed ASAP, which would be understood, we must, repeat must, let the person who left the message know that we are not available at the moment and will respond first chance. This honors the person.

There is another and equally important responsibility we have as a leader – initiating regular check ins with our people, asking, e.g.,

- How are you doing?
- Do you have what you need?
- What are your challenges?
- How may I help?

Ideally, these check ins should be a one-on-one conversation, not an email. Stop by to speak with the person, or if a different location, pick up the phone.

Try to speak with each of our team members weekly if we can, and certainly every two weeks if not weekly.

After all, our responsibility as a leader is to help our people learn, grow, and be successful. This is what effective and successful leaders do.

There are so many insightful questions we can ask our people, and we will gain a wealth of rich ideas, for example:

- How can we improve?
- What should be our priorities going forward?
- What are we missing

that would help us be a more effective team?

□ What advice do you have for me?

□ What have I not asked and that you would like to share with me?

Realize the helpful ideas we will gain, which should certainly help improve our productivity and relationships, there is another very fundamental reason for our regular conversations with our people – we are letting them know we value them and their ideas.

We must make the time to do that, and they need to be two-way conversations. We listen more than we speak. Not just hear, truly listen to learn and understand. Reflect back what we have heard, and take notes, which shows our appreciation and respect.

Everyone wants to do a good job and be successful. Our mentoring, teaching, encouraging, and coaching should and can be a difference maker for our people – each and every one of them.

Our priority must be that we treat everyone, each team member, with respect and dignity, and that means having constructive, helpful conversations with each of them, ideally on a regular basis.

Leadership is not about our being great our self, it is about our helping others be great.

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 Aviation Science & Technology program receives donations to support student flight training

ALANSON – The Aviation Science and Technology program, a Char-Em ISD Career and Technical Education offering hosted by Alanson Public Schools, is providing more students the chance to earn their pilots' licenses in high school, thanks to a number of recent donations to the program.

Instructor Duane Enos said the donations, totaling \$5,000 school year to date, help students continue to advance in their training by covering initial licensing costs and flights that can exceed \$10,000 per pilot.

"These donations make a big difference for our students and the industry. We want to ensure we do everything we can to keep students in our program on the path to becoming pilots," said Enos. "Becoming a pilot does incur some costs along the way. We are grateful to local residents and organizations for stepping up to provide the extra funding we need to help our students."

Aviation Science & Technology is one of the few high school classes in the nation where a student



Aviation class instructor Duane Enos is pictured with Pellston High School senior and aviation student Brailyn Truman.

is prepared to take the FAA license test and work toward earning a private pilot license. The students have access to top-of-the-line flight simulators to aid in their training.

This year, the aviation program, which is housed at Pellston Regional Airport, has 14 juniors and seniors enrolled from Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Pellston, and Alanson.

In the program, students

learn about a variety of aviation-related careers, from becoming private or commercial pilots to air traffic control, and aviation maintenance. Last year, the program trained 3 students who are currently enrolled in post-secondary pilot training programs. Enos expects 7 more students will continue their aviation career when they graduate this spring.

Enos noted special

thanks to this year's donors, Tim Statler, WW Fairbairn & Sons, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Harbor Springs Chapter 1087. All donations go directly to fund the students plane rental and fuel costs. The donations supplement career and technical education funding, due to the high costs required for insurance to allow students to fly airplanes. The donations allow the program to provide more flight time to students.

### How to donate to the program

The program is a public school program and donations are tax deductible.

Make checks payable to Alanson Public Schools with 'Aviation CTE' in the memo.

Mail to:

Duane Enos,  
7400 North St.  
Alanson, MI 49706

To learn more about the program, visit [www.charemisdcareertech.org](http://www.charemisdcareertech.org). The aviation program and all Char-Em ISD CTE programs are open to all students, from any Char-Em ISD district. Ask your high school how to enroll.

## East Jordan City Commission approves Early Voting Plan

BY GRACE BARAGREY

On Tuesday January 16, 2024, the City of East Jordan's City Commission held a meeting. The meeting started off with Mayor Penzien leading the pledge of allegiance at 5:30pm. As the meeting continued, they discussed new business such as the "JRAC Patio Project-William St ROW," which was regarding an upcoming project and citizen Nancy Carey, from JRAC, requesting support from the city. This motion passed 6-0.

The commission passed the motion of the "Approv-

al of Resolution 101/2024: Early Voting Plan for the City of East Jordan Residents," as well. They went on to pass the motions of the "Resolution 102/2024: Deficit Elimination Plan Tourist Park Fund," the "2024 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines Approval," the "Sportsman's Park Change Order #2," and the "EJ Sportsman's Park Draw #4 Approval." The council then went on to discuss the "Economic Development Strategy/Plan for RRC," and as they went over the means of this plan, Administrator Cannon indicated that "This is something that is required for

the Redevelopment Ready Program and something that is overdue." The council was in support of this. The council then discussed the "West Side/Old Boat Launch RFP Review," and the proposed RFP which was "drafted years ago with the Civic Center RFP and approved by all boards and the joint meetings."

Upcoming events in the near future include the "Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards/Dinner," which will be taking place on January 27, 2024. The "County Housing North meeting," will be taking place on January 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm meeting at

the Emergency Services Building.

The meeting continued with City Commissioner Amy Sherman offering a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Jason O'Neal from the DDA and to post the vacancy. The motion was carried 6-0. Commissioner Miller stated that he would "be resigning from the EMS Board at this time and would request the acceptance of this and the possibility of the reinstatement of Benjamin Newington to that board." This motion failed 5-0. The meeting ended with Mayor Penzien adjourning it at 7:21pm.

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## TOP OF MICHIGAN TRAILS COUNCIL

# REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NINTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF RACES

Registration is now open for the ninth annual Stafford's Hospitality Top of Michigan Festival of Races at Bayfront Park in Petoskey Memorial Day weekend hosted by Top of Michigan Trails Council. Set for Saturday, May 25, the event features three professionally timed run/walk events in half marathon, 10k, and 5k distances - all using the Little Traverse Wheelway. Participants can register at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com). The Festival of Races



is organized by the Top of Michigan Trails Council and supported by an array of local sponsors and

volunteers. Event registration fees benefit the Trails Council, which oversees over 300 miles of non

motorized trail in Northern Michigan. Over the years, local schools' athletic programs have provided volunteer help, and they enjoy a Trails Council donation for their efforts. In 2023, the event hosted over 300 runners and walkers. Like last year's race, the festival's 2024 installment features routes that keep athletes off of local roads, and on trails, including diverting them through Petoskey State Park.

## ASK LAURA

YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

# Reframing the Echoes: A Journey from Classroom Fear to Empowerment

Dear Reader, this week, I'd like to share another life-changing 'aha' moment from my past, unfolding during my fourth-grade year after we moved back to Michigan.

One morning, I realized with a sinking heart that I had forgotten my homework. Our teacher, a stern figure on the cusp of retirement, had a daunting announcement: any student without their homework would face the paddle, publicly.

The smallest in class, I watched, my heart pounding, as each of my classmates faced their turn. The paddle, a wooden instrument marred with holes, was wielded by the teacher with alarming intensity.

It seemed to channel more than just discipline — perhaps the weight of her own frustrations. When the paddle met me, an involuntary "Ouch!" escaped my lips, and a wave of laughter followed from my peers. That instance of humiliation burrowed into my psyche, planting seeds of fear.

But life has a remarkable way of restoring balance. Our teacher soon retired, and her successor was the antithesis of her predecessor: young and empathetic. She seemed to recognize the weight I carried and gently lifted it, honoring me with the title of 'teacher's pet.' The contrast between these two educators taught me that situations can and do change, often for the better.



Laura Jasurda

In time, I chose to reframe that distressing experience. Rather than perceiving my classmates' laughter as derision, I came to view it as a collective sigh of relief from the tension — not laughter at me, but with me.

Dear readers, it's undeniable that life isn't always filled with pleasant experiences. Yet as we ponder them, they often improve, and we hold the power to alter our perspective on these events. In doing so, we free ourselves from their grip and prevent them from becoming lifelong burdens. It's not the events themselves, but our response to them, that molds our life's journey.

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.

## GARY PETERS - US SENATOR FOR MICHIGAN

# What I delivered for Michiganders in 2023

BY GARY PETERS  
UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR MICHIGAN

2023 was a busy year in the U.S. Senate. Now, as 2024 gets underway, I wanted to take a look back at some of what I'm most proud to have accomplished for the people of Michigan last year.

### Assisting Michiganders with federal programs and agencies:

My casework team spends every day working with federal agencies to get Michiganders what they need. Last year we put millions of dollars back in Michiganders' pockets — including over \$1.5 million for our state's veterans.

My office was also able to help more than 600 Michiganders with their passports in 2023.

### Delivering effective results for Michiganders:

In March 2023, I was recognized by the Center for Effective Lawmaking as the most effective U.S. Senator for the second Congress in a row. Michiganders show up and work hard every day to support their families and communities — and I bring those Michigan values with me to the Senate.

### Expanding reliable internet access:

I helped pass the bipartisan infrastructure law in 2021 because Michiganders



"2023 was a productive year, and I'm not going to slow down in 2024. I'll continue working hard every single day to deliver for Michiganders."  
— Gary Peters

in every corner of our state deserve infrastructure that gets the job done. This past year, I was able to announce HISTORIC investments to expand internet access in our state thanks to that law.

Reliable internet access is critical, and these investments will go a long way in helping connect Michiganders in rural and underserved communities to health care resources — as well as educational and job opportunities.

### Celebrating the anniversary of the PACT Act:

To date, the PACT Act has delivered expanded VA benefits to more than 600,000 veterans across our country who were exposed to toxic substances during their service. I kicked off

my 2023 motorcycle tour by celebrating the one-year anniversary of the PACT Act with veterans in Muskegon.

### Standing with the UAW:

Unions built the middle class, and the men and women of the UAW build the best cars in the world. I stood on the picket line with them as they fought for the wages, benefits, and job security they deserved last year, and I'll continue standing with them in the future.

### Fighting for Michigan on the Senate Appropriations Committee:

2023 was my first year serving on the Senate Appropriations Committee, and — while there's still more to do to ensure these bills are signed into law — I'm buckling down to bring resources back home to Michigan.

I'm working to deliver significant investments for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, continued

funding for the Great Lakes Center of Expertise to research freshwater oil spills, and resources for a new icebreaker.

I'm also fighting to secure millions for Michigan's universities, funding for a new crisis mental health care facility for Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties, and investments for neonatal care in Dearborn.

Every Michigander has a right to access clean drinking water, which is why I'm pushing for funding to reduce lead levels, improve local water infrastructure, and clean up toxic PFAS chemicals.

### Helping cadets serve our nation:

My CADETS Act was also signed into law last year!

This bipartisan bill will expand financial assistance for cadets at our state maritime academies — helping them receive a high-quality education and encouraging more cadets to serve.

# PET OF THE WEEK KISMIT



Meet Kismet! Kismet arrived here with her brother Finley due to no fault of their own. Kismet and her brother are pretty small for huskies, but they have big personalities! Kismet is shy of new people at first but warms up very quickly if you can be calm and patient with her. Once you've won her over, she is as sweet as can be. Kismet and Finley are such a duo! They love to play and goof around together. Kismet does seem to be the more dominant of the two. Kismet seems to enjoy the company of other male dogs, but we are unsure of how she would be around cats. Consider opening your hearts and giving one (or both) of these beautiful dogs a home.



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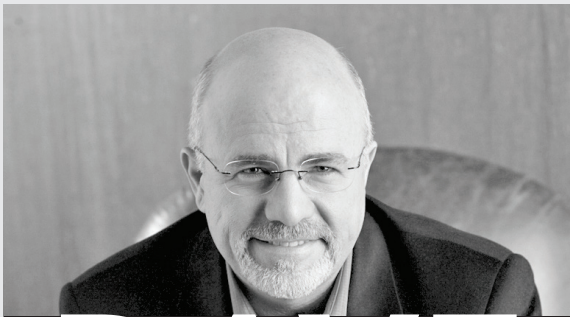
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# DAVE

## Says...

By Dave Ramsey

## Celebrate and Give With a Plan in Place

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have always accepted the fact that we'd have a mountain of debt to pay off after the holidays. Having to deal with it all seemed more frustrating this year than ever before. Can you tell us how to make it through the next Thanksgiving and Christmas without having to pay off so much debt?

—Brady

Dear Brady,

Giving is a wonderful thing if your intentions, and your finances, are in the right place. But generosity isn't meant to be stressful to you or your bank account. It's all too easy to try to justify overspending during the holiday season, because so many things you do are for family and friends. Still, you shouldn't let yourself become trapped by the shopping craze or overspending just because everyone else is doing it.

Give with the right intentions, and give with a financial plan in place ahead of time that doesn't include debt. Thanksgiving is always on the fourth Thursday of November, right?

And Christmas always falls on December 25th. The holidays don't come as a surprise to anyone, so don't wait until November, then act shocked that it's all just

around the corner. Jump on things right now, and start setting aside a little in your budget each month throughout the year for the holiday season.

Sit down with your wife, and decide together how much you can put aside each month for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Once you agree on an amount, make a list, check it twice and stick to it. It's easy to find something in the mall you just have to buy for someone. And that's where problems start.

So, include amounts you're going to spend on each person, each charity, or each event.

It's all just common sense. But it's up to you and your wife—together—to decide to live on a budget and give every single dollar a job.

You can do this, Brady.

Make it happen!

—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.

## US-31 Charlevoix bascule bridge 15-minute closures scheduled for Jan. 24 and 25

CHARLEVOIX — As part of a \$6.3 million Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project to replace the US-31 Charlevoix bascule bridge's tread and track components, which facilitate the structure's operation, the bridge will be closed to US-31 traffic for 15-minute periods intermittently between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. the nights of Jan. 24 and 25. Exact dates and times of closures are dependent on weather and work progress, but no detour will be required for intermittent closures.

Overall, the bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic intermittently for 15-min-

ute periods for as many as 12 nights during the project.

The exact schedule of all expected closures has not yet been determined.

At most times, the bridge will have one lane of traffic open in each direction.

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.

## 'Wardens' TV show begins airing again

Another season of the Outdoor Channel's "Wardens" — featuring the Michigan DNR — begins this Friday, Jan. 26.

It's a unique opportunity for a closer look at how our dedicated conservation officers, biologists, foresters, park employees and many others work to conserve, protect and manage Michigan's natural and cultural resources.

This year's episodes take viewers to locations across the state, including a wall-eye patrol on the Detroit River, the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program in the Upper Peninsula and a charity event hosted by Detroit Lions center Frank Ragnow at the Bald Mountain Shooting Range in Lake Orion. Check out a sneak peek of the season's first episode, "Firearm Season Whitetails & BOW."

The DNR initially partnered with the Outdoor Channel on production of the television show in 2016. "Wardens" viewership via the Outdoor Channel in 2023 was over 2 million households.

Since the show began featuring the Michigan



The work of DNR conservation officers and other staff is featured in the Outdoor Channel's "Wardens" TV show, starting a new season Jan. 26, 2024. (courtesy of DNR)

DNR:

- Total viewership is more than 36.6 million households.
- 78 episodes have aired over 1,000 times.
- "Wardens" continues to be available Sunday mornings on WLUC FOX UP TV6.
- Previous episodes have been repackaged on basic

cable as "Wardens of the North" and "Michigan Wardens" on Animal Planet. Outdoor Channel is accessible via cable and mobile platforms including MyOutdoorTV and Amazon Prime Video.

Episodes appearing on Animal Planet made an immediate public impact. The DNR doesn't have ratings

information but reports that public feedback was noticeable.

Commercial spots within the show feature recruiting opportunities for new officers and promote accessible recreation opportunities at Michigan state parks, hunting areas, beaches, fishing piers, historic sites and other destinations.

## SUCCESSFUL FISH STOCKING SEASON

### Fish stocking in fall creates more angling opportunities in state

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources today announced the totals from its 2023 fall fish stocking efforts. The DNR stocked six different species—totaling 1,076,204 fish that weighed 14.5 tons—at 103 locations throughout the state.

"It was another outstanding fall fish stocking season that will provide enhanced fishing opportunities throughout Michigan," said Ed Eisch, assistant chief of the DNR Fisheries Division. "When added to our successful spring and summer stocking efforts, that brings the total for 2023 to more than 10.4 million fish stocked in Michigan's waters."

The number and type of fish stocked vary by hatchery, as each facility's ability to rear fish differs because of water supplies and temperature. In Michigan, there are six state and three cooperative hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strain and size of fish needed by fisheries managers.

These fish must then be delivered at specific times and locations for stocking to ensure their success. Most fish in Michigan are stocked in the spring.

**Fall 2023 fish stocking consisted of six species:** brook trout, coho salmon, lake trout, steelhead strain rainbow trout, walleye and muskellunge.

— Marquette State Fish Hatchery (Marquette) stocked 35,782 fall fingerling and adult brook that weighed a combined 3,876 pounds. These fish were stocked at 42 locations, both in the Upper and Lower peninsulas. Marquette also stocked 290 adult lake trout that weighed 1,800 pounds at three locations in the U.P.

— Platte River State Fish Hatchery (Traverse City) stocked four locations, in both Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, with 416,474 coho salmon weighing 11,840 pounds.

— Thompson State Fish Hatchery (Manistique) stocked three locations



A net full of healthy fall walleye fingerlings, reared in a Michigan DNR pond in Roscommon County, are ready to be stocked as part of the DNR's fall walleye stocking efforts. (courtesy of DNR)

with 237,091 fall fingerling steelhead that weighed 2,375 pounds. Thompson also stocked 18,293 Great Lakes strain muskellunge that weighed 2,036 pounds at 11 locations in the Upper and Lower peninsulas. — Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery (west of Kalamazoo) stocked six locations with 3,320 Great Lakes strain muskellunge fall fingerlings that weighed 476 pounds. Wolf Lake also stocked 344,860 fall fingerling steelhead weighing 5,355 pounds in four locations.

**Fisheries management units also stocked fall fingerling walleyes last year:**

— Southern Lake Michigan FMU: 13,428 Muskegon strain fall fingerlings weighing 817 pounds in 15 locations.

— Central Lake Michigan FMU: 3,793 Muskegon strain fall fingerlings weighing 281 pounds in three locations.

— Lake Erie FMU: 623 Muskegon strain fall fingerlings weighing 59 pounds in Lakeville Lake.

— Northern Lake Michigan FMU: 2,250 same strain fall fingerlings weighing 108 pounds in Little Bay De Noc.

In general, fish are reared in Michigan's state fish hatcheries anywhere from one month to one and



Thompson State Fish Hatchery staff enjoying the view after stocking fall fingerling musky in the Black River in Cheboygan County. (courtesy of DNR)

a half years before they are stocked.

The DNR welcomes visitors to its state fish hatcheries and interpretative centers to witness firsthand the fish rearing process and to learn about Michigan's waters. For more informa-

tion, visit Michigan.gov/Hatcheries.

To find out if any fish were stocked in your favorite fishing spot, or to discover a new one, visit the DNR's fish stocking database at michigandnr.com/fishstock.

## Call the Human Trafficking Hotline

We have seen a lot of stories in the news recently about human trafficking in Michigan.

If you see or hear something that should be reported please call the hotline.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline number is

# 888-373-7888



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## CHARLEVOIX HAPPY BIRTHDAY PHYLLIS!

Phyllis Haggard birthday in Jan 26th. We wish her a happy birthday and many more. She will be 83 and doing very well. Love Charlevoix and her family.

## CHARLEVOIX FREE COMMUNITY MOVIE

Free Community Movie at Charlevoix Cinema III Sponsored By Ace Hardware, The Neverending Story. January 27th

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Free Community Movie at Charlevoix Cinema III Sponsored By Charlevoix Cultural Corridor, Mutiny On The Bounty. February 6th

## ELLSWORTH TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, Feb. 9. Banks Township Hall. 7 to 8:30pm. Donations will be accepted. All Proceeds will benefit the Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club Scholarship Fund and the Antrim Attic. Teams of 1 to 8 People. 5 Categories of 10 questions. Prizes. Snacks and water will be provided. Participants may bring their own drink.

## GAYLORD NIGHT TO SHINE

Night to Shine, our prom for people with special needs, is coming soon. This year it'll be on Friday, February 9 from 6-9pm at the E-Free Church, 1649 M-32 East. For more information and to view volunteer descriptions or to register as a volunteer, honored guest, or caregiver, please register at <https://www.miefree.org/nighttoshine>.

## 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 FALLS BLOOD DRIVE

Community blood drive hosted by Boyne Falls High School, 1662 M-75. Tuesday, Feb. 6. 9am - 2pm. Walk-ins welcome. Donors 16+ welcome. Age 16 bring a permission slip. 17+ no permission slip needed.

## 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)

## MICHIGAN FACEBOOK SCAM

Be Aware. There is a Facebook copyright scam going on. You may receive a direct message that says your page is scheduled for permanent deletion (see our example below). We have received several of these). Do not click on the link. We know of area businesses that have clicked on the link and lost their Facebook pages because of it. Also part of this scam is they gain access to your credit or debit card associated with your Facebook page. Be careful. Facebook doesn't direct message users.

## CHARLEVOIX AFTER SCHOOL ART-VENTURES AT CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE OF ARTS

Kids ages 6 - 10 get to be creative, try new techniques and explore a variety of materials. With art show finale. Session of 6 Classes: Date: January 25 - March 7 (no class Feb. 29) Time: Thursdays, 4 - 5:30 pm. Ages: 6 - 12 Fee: \$70 or \$60 for members. Includes all supplies & snack. Limited spots & pre-registration required. Class size limited to 12, minimum of 4 students to hold class.

## BOYNE CITY SNOWMOBILES IN THE CITY

Snowmobiles are allowed on most city streets except in the heart of downtown. The rules are summarized below:

- May be operated single file (except when safely passing another snowmobile) on the shoulder or far right edge of road right of ways, going with the flow of traffic.
- Must obey all traffic regulations and stop at all intersections, whether signed or not.
- May not be operated:
  - On Water Street, between Boyne Avenue and Lake Street.
  - On Lake Street, between Water and Main Streets.
  - On sidewalks or non-motorized trails (i.e. Boyne Valley trail and trail along Boyne City Road).
  - In a cemetery.
  - In Old City Park, Rotary Park and the City Marina.
  - Only in the 20 ft. west of Lake Street of Veterans and Sunset Parks, then immediately behind the log cabin to Front Street.
  - On private property, without permission.
- May use designated snowmobile trails in Avalanche Park only.
- May park in parking areas of Rotary Park.
- May access Lake Charlevoix from City property only at Tannery Park and the north boat launch ramp, if conditions allow.

Other City, County Road Commission and State laws and rules apply. Contact them for more information.

## BOYNE CITY OVERNIGHT PARKING

With the return of winter weather, our Boyne City Police Department is reminding everyone about overnight parking. City Ordinance Sec. 66-92 (b) prohibits parking in or on any city street from 2am-6am. This includes angle and parallel parking in the downtown area. Vehicles found in violation that impede progress of City snowplows or otherwise create a traffic obstruction are subject to being towed at the owner's expense. Please direct any questions to [police@boyncity.com](mailto:police@boyncity.com) or call our office at 231-582-6611.

## CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

Every Tuesday and Friday, our collaboration of the Free Breakfast Club with Safe Haven Ministries continues. You can come to the Shirley Roloff Center (old Elementary School on Division), between 8-9 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 that the COA is open for all ages at no cost.

## BOYNE CITY AVALANCHE WARMING HOUSE

Avalanche Warming House is now open Monday-Friday from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The ice skating rink was flooded on Monday, so we expect it to be open soon. Check our Facebook page for updates. We loan sleds and skates for free and warming house attendant Lacy Kotalik has set up a new station in case children show up without gloves, hats, or socks. It's open for anyone who is in need and also to those willing to add to it. We are always in need of donations of skates and sleds, if you have any that aren't being used.

## ANTRIM & CHARLEVOIX COUNTIES FROSTBITE TRAIL

The Frostbite Trail is back for 2024. No, that's not just what we're calling a walk in the woods without proper boots—the Frostbite Trail is a winter tasting and food experience hosted by 12 businesses in Antrim and Charlevoix counties. There are 3 more Saturday dates scheduled for 2024: Feb. 10, March 23, and April 20. Visit between 12pm and 6pm to sample a small bite food tasting with a pour of wine, beer, or cider. Cost is \$12 per person at each stop. This weekend's theme is "handhelds," with menus available on the participating location's websites: Townline Ciderworks, BOS Wine, Short's Pull Barn, WaterFire Vineyards, Torch Lake Cellars, Cellar 1914/Shooks Farms, Bier's Inwood Brewery, Folklor Wine and Cider, Lost Cellars, BluDot Farm and Vineyard, Spare Key Winery, and Ethanology Distilling.

## BOYNE CITY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

February 15, 5:30-7pm at Great Lakes Energy new office building, 1323 Boyne Ave. Free admission. You're invited to an evening of networking at Great Lakes Energy's new office building, home to the programs and services offered by Great Lakes Energy and Trustream, their amazing fiber internet business. Great Lakes Energy is a long-time community supporter and this event will be co-hosted by Boyne City Public Schools and Char-Em ISD.

## GAYLORD ZERO TO MASERATI

Roger Kopernik is bringing his popular Zero to Maserati class to Gaylord on March 16th, 10am at Otsego County Library 700 S Otsego Ave. This class is for those who think about goals, but are not writing them down. For those who have an idea or a dream, but aren't sure on how to implement it. For those who want to do more in their lives, but lack the self confidence to try something new. For those who are tired of being on sidelines, but are little afraid of jumping in the mix. For those who have a desire to change, but are looking for help. For those who want to make more money or be rich, but don't think they are able. This class is about the power of your mind, and how to train and control it. And most importantly, this class will be fun and informative. Local successful business owner, Dave Baragrey, will be our special guest.

## BOYNE CITY LEGO BUILD

Thursday, Feb. 22nd, 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 BUSINESS EXPO AND TASTE OF BOYNE

One of the largest business networking events in Northern Michigan is organized by the Boyne Area Chamber and is back by popular demand. This is the 12th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne and will include about 75 exhibitor booths from area businesses and organizations. This exciting event includes great food, networking, music, business exhibits and more, from 3 to 7pm at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center. The public and Chamber members are welcome to attend. Admission is \$10 and includes all Taste of Boyne booths. Boyne Mountain will be providing a shuttle bus to and from all parking lots. Registration is now open for booth space (only available to chamber members in good standing)

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ADVERTISING FUNDS THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS

We love to run community announcements and news releases about all the things happening in Northern Michigan in the Charlevoix County News. We help publicize hundreds of events and activities all across our area. Readers love the fact that the Charlevoix County News is distributed by mailed subscription or at tons of locations throughout Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Petoskey. However, it is expensive to publish this newspaper each week filled with tons of local news and sports. Our main source of revenue comes from advertising. If your business or organization has an advertising budget, be sure to include the Charlevoix County News in your plans. While other newspapers in the area are quickly fading, the Charlevoix County News is growing. Our advertising rates are far less than any other paper and your message will reach readers all across the area. Contact us at Office@CharlevoixCountyNEWS.com or call 989-732-8160. One of the few Locally Owned and Locally Operated newspapers in the state.

## 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

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## 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



Boyne Falls Public School

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## Maximus Thompson

**Grade:** 3rd

**Parent's Name(s):** Patricia and Mike Thompson

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

*Max would like to be a teacher when he grows up.*

**Favorite Book:** *Diary of a Wimpy Kid-Hard Luck*

**Hobbies and Interests:** *Max likes to play outside. He also enjoys playing with his dog.*

**School Activities:**

*His favorite subject in school is math.*

**Staff Comments:** *Max is an enthusiastic learner! He brings a positive outlook and attitude to the classroom every day. He seeks new challenges and takes responsibility in caring those challenges out. He is honest, trustworthy, and dependable. Max is kind, respectful and patient when interacting with his classmate. I have no doubt that he would make an excellent teacher.*

**Submitted By:** Mrs. Powers

## 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 MONTHLY ADULT GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd

## 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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American Cancer Society

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231-544-2583

18 & up Event

Casual & Formal Welcome

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*2nd Annual Bubbles & Bow Ties*

Saturday, February 10th  
5pm-2am  
\$75 for 1  
\$125 for 2

Book a room with The Blue Pelican Cabin, Villa or Lodge in Bellaire great for large groups! Bridge Walk Hotel Central Lake.

Live Band Strings Attached

This year is shaping up to be even bigger and better than last year! We will start the evening at 5pm with a DJ playing while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, and even a photo booth to get your prom pictures taken. We will then transition to the band at 10pm Strings Attached to begin dancing. Not a dancer? That's okay. We will also have various games and activities throughout the night to keep everyone entertained. There will be a pizza party at 9pm, and champagne toast at midnight.

Ticket Sales: The Blue Pelican, The Nest, Bellaire/Central Lake & Alden Hardware, Adams Madams, Merri's Market Boyne City Police Department, Ticket Sales are Cash Only Please



# athlete of the week



**Troy Nickel**  
 Charlevoix Rayders  
 Boys Basketball  
 In a losing effort to Elk Rapids last week, Troy Nickel led the Rayders with 16 points, five rebounds and three steals. In the win over East Jordan, he finished with a game-high 20 points, picked off six steals and took down four rebounds.

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**Braydin Noble**  
 Boyne City Ramblers  
 Girls Basketball  
 In the game against state ranked Elk Rapids last week, Braydin Noble did an outstanding job on defense, holding Elk Rapids center Morgan Bergquist to six points. In a win over East Jordan, Braydin led the scoring with 16 points.

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**Braydin Noble Boxes out June Kirkpatrick.**  
 Photos by In Motion Images

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Ramblers improve to 3-2 in conference

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Boyne City's girls basketball team bounced back from a 57-29 loss to Elk Rapids with a 55-41 win over East Jordan in last week's action.

#### Elk Rapids

The Ramblers stumbled after a good first quarter against the Elks, when they matched the Elks basket for basket and were only trailing, 13-10.

But the rest of the game did not go well.

Elk Rapids began to pull away with a 14-6 second quarter which extended the Elks' lead to 27-16. Boyne City would struggle to get back in the game.

Boyne couldn't match the Elks' offensive firepower in the third period, when the Elks blew the game open with an 18-9 advantage to roll into the fourth with a 20-point lead, 45-25. The Ramblers scored only four points in the final quarter.

Addy Burns and Elly Wilcox each scored nine points for the Ramblers.

Braylin Noble did an outstanding job on defense, holding Elk Rapids center Morgan Bergquist to six points.

#### East Jordan

The Ramblers came out against East Jordan looking like they had something to prove, and they responded in positive fashion in turn-

ing back the Red Devils. "Our defensive intensity was on point," said Ramblers coach Mike Wilson. "We had a balanced scoring attack."

Leading scorers for the Ramblers were Braylin Noble with 16 points, followed by Elly Wilcox with 12, Delaney Vollmer nine and Burns six.

Vollmer and Addy Patton did a good job drawing charging fouls against the Red Devils.

East Jordan was led by J. Kirkpatrick with 15 points while G. Nemecek added eight and L. Stone chipped in with seven.

Boyne City defeated Traverse City St. Francis, 59-46 on Jan. 11 as seven Ramblers made it into the scoring column in a display of excellent offensive balance.

Wilcox led the way for the Ramblers with 13, Mackensy Wilson and Delaney Little scored five apiece.

#### Kalkaska

The Ramblers held off Kalkaska, 53-51 on Jan. 9 as Burns led all scorers with 13, sinking the game winning shot as time expired. Vollmer added 11, Wilcox nine and Noble seven.

Boyne City stayed in the hunt for the Lake Michigan Conference title, improving to 3-2. Elk Rapids is the conference leader at 5-0 and Harbor Springs is second at 4-1. The Ramblers are 6-5 overall.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Ellsworth make an upset bid, but fall to a very good Mancelona team 50-40

BY BOB DELONG

Don't let their 3-8 overall record deceive you, the Ellsworth High School varsity boys' basketball squad can be a very dangerous. Last week the Lancers played a pair of non-conference games against Ski Valley Conference teams. Ellsworth got by Central Lake, (4-7), in a thrilling 50-48 victory on their home floor and later in the week they played league leading Mancelona, (11-2), and played the Ironmen "toe to toe" over the first half before fading after intermission, losing by only 10 points, 50 to 40. (Please see the details of the Central Lake-Ellsworth contest inside this week's addition of the Antrim County Review).

"We were up by a point with under a minute to go in the first half and ended up down five at halftime and we just could not claw back into the game after that", said Ellsworth head coach James Willingham. "We must have had 30 turnovers and every time we got close, they put together a 6-0 run, which was just

enough to keep them up", continued Willingham.

The game started out as an even affair as both the Lancers and Ironmen each had five different players score in the opening quarter that ended in a 11-11 tie. Billy Hopp ticked the twine for 5 points over the games first eight minutes, (including a triple), and Jackson Bennett hit a trey for Mancelona. Alex Dixon was able to score six points in the second quarter for the Ironmen to offset five points from the Lancers Evincio LaCount and Mancelona took a 23-18 advantage into the locker room at the half.

Despite eight more points from LaCount, (including two more triples), and six points from Patrick Puroll, the Ironmen never lost the lead in the second half thanks to balanced scoring.

Tavin Morgan scored 13 points to lead Mancelona, Bennett was also in double figures with 11 points and Aiden Dixon and Ivan Kuzmanaski each scored eight points.

For Ellsworth, Lacount tied Morgan for the game



**Ellsworth Lancers Billy Hopp (11) and Mancelona Ironmen's Devan Hale (20) fight for a rebound in a game at Mancelona on January 18. The Ironmen earned a 50-40 win over the Lancers. Photo: Joanie Moore**

high of 13 points, Puroll scored 10, Hopp had seven, Cam Snyder scored a half dozen and Ben Strange rounded out the scoring with four points.

The Lancers finished their Antrim County tour this year with a 1-3 record, splitting with Central Lake and losing to both Bellaire and Mancelona,

who are two of the best teams in Northern Michigan, combining for a 19-5 overall record on the season. Ellsworth returns to Northern Lakes Conference play this week with games at Harbor Light and Mackinaw City, games that will go a long way in determining the league title this year.

## SKI TEAM

### Lake Charlevoix Ski Team second race of the season

The LCST had their second LMC race of the season at Nub's Nob on Thursday. The girls' team started the day out with very strong results in slalom. Ella Doumanian continued her comeback year with great skiing and a 2nd place finish. Avery Kita won the race by an impressive margin with strong skiing. Olivia Dobbins had a career-best result in slalom with a 20th. Ruby Tosch,

Erica Wyglendowski, and Addie Murray lent a hand to an awesome 3rd place finish in the slalom event.

In GS, the girls ended up 4th overall, paced by Kita's 3rd place, Erica Wyglendowski's 21st place finish and again great team skiing by Tosch, Dobbins, and Murray.

The boys were paced in the GS by Finn Tosch in 8th place. Alex Hogson had a career best finish in

11th, followed by incredible finishes by David Gray and Wyatt Dionne in 13th and 14th respectively, and a shout-out to new racer Owen Chappuies who finished in 17th place in his 3rd-ever race. Wow. Great skiing also by Isaac Dionne in 20th.

In slalom, the boys were again led by speedy Finn Tosch in 6th. David Gray was incredible with an 11th place finish. Isaac Dionne

finished in 19th, Wyatt Dioone was 18th and Sonny Raona finished in the top twenty.

What a great night for our skiers. The coaches are so proud of all the skiers and appreciate the dedication and teamwork the team has shown thus far this season. It's back to work for the LCST as we prepare to host our LMC Conference meet and our invitation in the near future.

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## BOYS BOWLING

### Rambler bowling has first loss of the season against very good Rogers City team

Boyne City's Varsity Boys bowling team have a record of 3-1 in the Conference after matches held January 20 at Spare Time Lanes in Cheboygan. BCHS boys started the day off competing against Rogers City in Match 1 and took a tough loss. In Match 2 they competed against Cheboygan and took the win.

**MATCH 1**  
**against Rogers City**  
 High Baker Game - 147  
 High Individual Games for Match 1 included:  
 Liam Dart – 158  
 Zach Piechan – 202  
 Johnathan Shepherd – 200

**MATCH 2**  
**against Cheboygan**  
 High Baker Game - 161  
 High Individual Games for Match 2 included:  
 Liam Dart – 158  
 Zach Piechan – 177  
 Jonathan Shepherd – 177

## GIRLS BOWLING

### McGeorge and LaBute roll personal bests against Grayling

Saturday, January 20 the Boyne City girls bowling team competed at Spare-time Lanes in Cheboygan. The first match was against Cheboygan. They ended up short in the end only taking 8 out of the 30 points. Second match of the day brought Grayling to the lanes against us. The girls showed a strong comeback sweeping the baker games. They continued strong throughout the individual games only giving up 3 points to take 27 points for

the match win. Victoria McGeorge and Lauren Labute had new personal bests for the day. High scores for the day: Victoria McGeorge – 269  
 Lauren LaBute – 236  
 Marlee Fischl – 154  
 Whitney Root – 147  
 Brynn Sero – 138  
 Lillie Bennett – 132  
 Miranda Knight – 108

Next week the Ramblers compete in Grayling facing Cheboygan again.

## BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

BOYNE FALLS (2-9)		
1/26–7:00 PM	H	Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian
2/2–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Ellsworth

BOYNE CITY (8-5)		
1/23–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Grayling
1/26–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Harbor Springs
1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Kalkaska
2/1–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX (10-2)		
1/23–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Harbor Springs
1/26–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Grayling
1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Traverse City St Francis
2/1–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Boyne City

ELLSWORTH (3-8)		
1/23–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian
1/26–5:30 PM *League game.	A	Mackinaw City
1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Wolverine
2/2–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Boyne Falls

EAST JORDAN (4-6)		
1/23–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Traverse City St Francis
1/24–7:00 PM	A	Bellaire
1/26–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Kalkaska
1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Grayling
2/1–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Elk Rapids

## GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

BOYNE CITY (6-5)		
1/23–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Grayling
1/25–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Harbor Springs
1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Kalkaska
2/2–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX (5-5)		
1/23–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Harbor Springs
1/25–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Grayling
1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Traverse City St Francis
2/2–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Boyne City

EAST JORDAN (4-4)		
1/24–5:30 PM	A	Bellaire
1/25–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Kalkaska
1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Grayling
2/1–5:30 PM	A	Central Lake
2/2–7:00 PM *League game.	A	Elk Rapids

ELLSWORTH (7-3)		
1/25–5:30 PM *League game.	A	Mackinaw City
1/29–7:00 PM *League game.	H	Wolverine

## HOCKEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS 1/22/24

Big North Conference		
Team	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Alpena	5-1-0	11-8-0
Traverse City Central	5-1-0	8-9-0
Traverse City West	4-2-0	8-9-0
Petoskey	3-3-0	8-5-1
Cadillac	3-5-0	7-11-0
Gaylord	0-6-0	3-11-0

Straits Area Conference		
Team	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Sault Ste Marie	0-0-0	14-4-1
Cheboygan	0-0-0	3-12-1

# Finalists Announced for 2023-24 MHSAA/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Awards

The 120 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Awards for the 2023-24 school year, presented by Farm Bureau Insurance, have been announced.

The program, in its 35th year, has recognized student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year and again this winter will honor 32 individuals from MHSAA member schools who participate in at least one sport in which the Association sponsors a postseason tournament.

Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the Scholar-Athlete Awards and will present a \$2,000 scholarship to each recipient. Since the beginning of the program, 928 scholarships have been awarded.

Scholarships will be presented proportionately by school classification, with 12 scholarships to be awarded to Class A student-athletes, six female and six male; eight scholarships will be awarded to Class B student-athletes, four female and four male; six scholarships will be awarded to

2023-24 Scholar-Athlete Award Finalists	
BOYS CLASS D	
Samuel Wallace Lutz Adrian Lenawee Christian	
<b>Jürgen Griswold</b>	<b>Ellsworth</b>
Christian Besonen	Ewen-Trout Creek
<b>Trenton Taratuta</b>	<b>Hillman</b>
Ridley Fast	Hillsdale Academy
Ben McCaw	Lawrence
Nathan Mihills	Marcellus
Clayton Shoup	Mason County Eastern

Class C student-athletes, three female and three male; and four scholarships will be awarded to Class D student-athletes, two female and two male. In addition, two scholarships will be awarded at-large to minority recipients, regardless of school size.

Every MHSAA member high school could submit as many applications as there

are scholarships available in its classification and could have more than one finalist. Ann Arbor Greenhills, Birmingham Seaholm, East Grand Rapids, Manistee and Midland Dow have three finalists this year. Seven schools have two finalists: Beal City, Britton Deerfield, Dearborn, Mason, Northville, Oxford, and Traverse City West.

Multiple-sport participation remains the norm among applicants. The average sport participation rate of the finalists is 2.88. There are 77 three-plus sport participants in the finalists field, and all but two of the 28 sports in which the MHSAA sponsors postseason tournaments are represented.

Of 445 schools which submitted applicants, 28 submitted the maximum allowed. This year, 1,607 applications were received. All applicants will be presented with certificates commemorating their achievement. Additional Scholar-Athlete Award information, including a complete list of scholarship nominees, can be found on the Scholar-Athlete page at <https://www.mhsaa.com/about/awards/scholar-athlete-award>.

The applications were judged by a 65-member committee of school coaches, counselors, faculty members, administrators and board members from MHSAA member schools. Selection of the 32 scholarship recipients will take place in early February. Class C and D scholarship recipients will be announced Feb. 6, Class B scholarship recipients will be announced Feb. 13 and Class A scholarship recipients will be announced Feb. 20. All announcements will be made on the MHSAA Website.

To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) and previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament. Students also were asked to respond to a series of short essay questions, and submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

## Boys Basketball Conference Standings 1/22/24

Big North Conference			Straits Area Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Cadillac	6-0	11-0	St Ignace	4-0	9-2
Traverse City West	5-1	11-2	Sault Ste Marie	3-1	5-6
Petoskey	2-3	6-6	Rudyard	2-2	8-4
Gaylord	2-4	4-8	Cheboygan	1-3	7-6
Traverse City Central	2-4	2-9	Newberry	0-4	3-7
Alpena	0-5	3-10	<b>Northern Lakes Conference</b>		
			Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
			Mackinaw City	5-1	8-3
			Harbor Springs Harbor		
			Light Christian	4-1	10-2
			Alanson	5-2	8-3
			Burt Lake Northern		
			Michigan Christian	2-2	4-6
			Ellsworth	2-2	3-8
			Wolverine	1-4	2-5
			Boyne Falls	1-6	3-8
			Alba	0-2	0-3
			<b>North Star League-Big Dipper</b>		
			Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
			Alcona	3-0	9-4
			Oscoda	3-1	9-4
			St Helen Charlton		
			Heston Academy	1-1	6-3
			Rogers City	1-1	2-7
			Mio	0-2	5-6
			Whittemore-Prescott	0-3	1-9
			<b>North Star League-Little Dipper</b>		
			Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
			Hillman	4-0	11-2
			Hale	3-1	5-7
			Posen	2-1	6-5
			Au Gres-Sims	1-3	2-9
			Fairview	1-3	2-9
			Atlanta	0-3	0-6

## ASSOCIATED PRESS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL STATE RANKINGS - 1/22/24

Division 1	Division 3
1. East Lansing (11-0) 73 -- {3}	1. Riverview Gabriel Richard (11-1) -- 75 -- {5}
2. Orchard Lake St. Mary's (10-1) 70 -- {2}	2. Laingsburg (10-0) -- 60
3. Muskegon (7-0) -- 65	3. Iron Mountain (11-0) -- 54
4. North Farmington (11-0) -- 62	4. McBain (9-1) -- 53
5. Detroit Cass Tech (9-1) -- 54	5. Niles Brandywine (9-2) -- 49
6. Grand Rapids Northview (8-1) -- 47	5. Cass City (12-0) -- 49
7. Dearborn (11-0) -- 44	7. Pewamo-Westphalia (9-1) -- 42
8. Detroit U-D Jesuit (10-3) -- 40	8. Chesaning (11-0) -- 37
9. Zeeland West (8-3) -- 25	9. Jackson Lumen Christi (10-1) -- 35
10. Saline (9-2) -- 20	10. North Muskegon (11-0) -- 32

Division 4	Division 2
1. Wyoming Tri-unity Christian (8-2) -- 70 -- {3}	1. Warren Lincoln (9-2) -- 88 -- {4}
2. Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart (11-1) -- 63	2. Grand Rapids Christian (8-1) -- 82
3. Adrian Lenawee Christian (10-2) -- 62	3. Benton Harbor (13-0) -- 78 -- {1}
4. Taylor Trillium Academy (11-1) -- 57 -- {2}	4. Romulus Summit Academy (10-1) -- 72 -- {4}
<b>5. St. Ignace (9-2) -- 48</b>	
6. Pickford (9-1) -- 41	5. Whitehall (12-0) -- 69
7. Munising (10-3) -- 38	6. Dundee (13-1) -- 46
8. Britton-Deerfield (11-2) -- 33	7. Freeland (11-1) -- 43
9. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (9-2) -- 28	8. Saginaw Arthur Hill (9-2) -- 37
10. Maple City Glen Lake (8-2) -- 27	9. Flint Powers Catholic (10-2) -- 36
10. Kingsford (11-2) -- 24	

Others receiving votes: Ferndale 20, Yale 20, Grand Rapids South Christian 18, Saginaw 18, Tecumseh 14, Grand Rapids Catholic Central 11, Adrian 11, Chelsea 11, Flat Rock 5, Warren Fitzgerald 5, Niles 4, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 4, Onsted 3, Olivet 1.

## Girls Basketball Conference Standings 1/22/24

Big North Conference			Straits Area Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Traverse City Central	3-0	5-3	Sault Ste Marie	3-0	5-3
Cadillac	2-1	6-2	St Ignace	1-1	9-3
Petoskey	2-2	8-4	Newberry	2-2	5-4
Alpena	2-2	6-5	Cheboygan	0-2	2-7
Gaylord	1-2	6-5	Rudyard	0-6	0-8
Traverse City West	0-3	3-8	<b>Northern Lakes Conference</b>		
			Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
			Mackinaw City	5-0	9-0
			Ellsworth	5-1	7-3
			Burt Lake Northern		
			Michigan Christian	2-1	7-3
			Alanson	3-4	3-6
			Harbor Springs Harbor		
			Light Christian	2-3	5-7
			Alba	0-2	0-2
			Boyne Falls	0-0	0-0
			Wolverine	0-6	0-8
			<b>North Star League-Big Dipper</b>		
			Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
			Rogers City	1-0	6-1
			Mio	2-0	9-2
			Oscoda	3-1	7-4
			Alcona	1-2	6-3
			St Helen Charlton		
			Heston Academy	0-1	0-7
			Whittemore-Prescott	0-3	0-7
			<b>North Star League-Little Dipper</b>		
			Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
			Hillman	4-0	6-6
			Au Gres-Sims	3-1	7-3
			Hale	2-1	4-5
			Posen	1-2	2-7
			Fairview	0-3	4-5
			Atlanta	0-3	2-3

## ASSOCIATED PRESS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE RANKINGS - 1/22/24

Division 1	Division 3
1. West Bloomfield (5) (9-0) 75	1. Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory (4) (8-2) 73
2. Detroit Renaissance (12-0) 70	2. Niles Brandywine (1) (8-0) 71
3. East Kentwood (10-1) 65	3. Michigan Center (12-0) 66
4. Rockford (10-1) 60	<b>4. Lake City (9-2) 51</b>
5. Belleville (8-1) 51	<b>5. Elk Rapids (10-1) 35</b>
6. Grand Haven (10-1) 46	(tie) Ovid-Elsie (9-1) 35
7. Byron Center (8-2) 43	7. Hemlock (7-2) 34
8. Lowell (8-2) 34	(tie) Kalamazoo Christian (8-1) 34
9. Macomb Dakota (10-2) 29	(tie) Sanford-Meridian (8-0) 34
10. Grosse Pointe North (9-1) 26	10. Blissfield (6-2) 32

Division 4	Division 2
1. Ishpeming (4) (9-0) 74	1. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (2) (11-0) 71
2. Fowler (1) (9-1) 66	2. Detroit Edison (2) (9-0) 70
3. Colon (8-0) 66	3. Grand Rapids West Catholic (1) (9-1) 67
4. Lake Linden-Hubbell (11-0) 54	4. Goodrich (11-0) 60
5. Kingston (10-1) 43	5. Frankenmuth (8-2) 44
<b>6. Maple City Glen Lake (8-3) 32</b>	6. Detroit Country Day (8-4) 42
<b>(tie) St. Ignace LaSalle (9-3) 32</b>	7. Freeland (9-1) 36
<b>8. Mackinaw City (8-0) 30</b>	8. Negaunee (11-1) 34
<b>9. Lake Leelanau St. Mary (8-1) 29</b>	9. Orchard Lake St. Mary (10-0) 33
10. Portland St. Patrick (7-2) 25	10. Chelsea (8-3) 32

Others receiving votes: Martin 18, Mio Au Sable 16, Bloomfield Hills Roeper 16, Morenci 15, Frankfort 15, Mendon 13, Clarkston Everest Catholic 12, Birmingham Roever 10, Baraga 8, Ironwood Luther L Wright 8, Ewen-Trout Creek 7, Climax-Scotts 5, Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 5, Bay City All Saints 1.



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## WRESTLING

### Rayders take 2nd place in 22 team tournament

BY GREG GIELCZYK

On Saturday, Jan. 20 the Charlevoix Rayder varsity wrestling team competed in the annual Mio Thunderbolt Invitational and took second overall in the 22-team tournament, behind Frankenmuth.

The Rayders had three tournament champions: Brady Jess at 175, Trevor Streeter at 190 and Landon Swanson at 215.

Other Rayders who made the podium (top four) included Adam Streeter, second place at heavy-weight; Justin Whisler, third place at 165, and Anthony Wise, fourth place at 138.

#### Benzie Central

Although it won six of the 11 matches on the day, the Charlevoix wrestling team left three weight classes empty and those three voids were part of the reason the Rayders lost to Benzie Central, 46-27 last Thursday in Benzonia.

Picking up wins for the Rayders were sophomore Jackson Fry at 106 pounds,

senior Justin Whisler at 165, junior Brady Jess at 175, senior Trevor Streeter at 190, senior Landon Swanson at 215 and sophomore heavy-weight Sawyer Blaszczyk.

Brady Warchol, a 175-pound junior, 190-pound senior Ben Matter and heavyweight senior Adam Streeter all were winners in exhibition matches.

#### LMC tri-meet

The Rayders competed in a Lake Michigan Conference tri-meet last Wednesday with Boyne City and Kalkaska, finishing 2-0 on the night.

Charlevoix handled Boyne City, 64-10 and defeated Kalkaska, 76-3.

Junior 106-pounder James Kewagshken, Ben Schultz (sophomore 120-pounder), freshman 144-pounder Landon Whisler, senior 150-pounder Jamie Parrish, junior 157-pounder Logan Wilks and senior 165-pounder Justin Whisler all went 2-0.

Also going 2-0 were Jess, Streeter, Laso Swanson and Blaszczyk.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Ramblers dominate Red Devils

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Turning around from a rugged 35-33 loss to Traverse City St. Francis, the Boyne City boys basketball team put that behind them the next time out when they took their frustration out on East Jordan, dominating the Red Devils for a 45-28 win last week.

#### TC St. Francis

Although the loss to St. Francis was a blow to their chances of keeping pace with the Lake Michigan Conference leaders, who finished last week 5-1 in the conference, the Ramblers certainly aren't out of it yet.

The loss makes it more difficult for the Ramblers, who dropped to 4-3 in the LMC, there's still plenty of season left to get the job done. But, they will have to hope for some help.

"Both teams played well defensively," Boyne City coach Rob Jensen said of the St. Francis game. "It was hard to get a bucket all night.

"My guys never gave up. They fought through everything that was thrown at them. St. Francis is always a tough place to play."

Jaden Alger had a double double to lead the Ramblers, scoring 12 points and taking down 12 rebounds. Chas Stanek also scored 12.

#### East Jordan

"The boys played hard for all four quarters," Jensen said of the Ramblers win over East Jordan. "Our team defense has been pretty solid the last few weeks."

Stanek just missed recording a double double, scoring 12 points and grabbing nine rebounds. He also had five steals. Alger added nine points and was the leader with 11 rebounds.

Drew Neer added eight points an Rider Peck chipped in with seven points and four assists.

#### Elk Rapids

Boyne City held off Elk Rapids for a big 47-46 conference win last Tuesday.

"The boys played until the final buzzer," Jensen said. "We were trailing most of the game, and they never quit. We had some great defensive pressure in the second half."

Elk Rapids led 15-12 after one and 29-22 at the half, but the Ramblers came charging back and took a 35-34 edge into the fourth period. Each team scored 12 in the final stanza.

Alger had a double double with 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Ramblers. Stanek contributed nine points and eight rebounds.

Boyne City came into this week 8-5.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Ellsworth avenges an earlier loss to Central Lake with a thrilling 50-48 victory

BY BOB DELONG

The Ellsworth High School varsity boys' basketball team earned a thrilling 50-48 win on their home floor last week over their non-conference rival Central Lake. Earlier this year the Trojans easily handled the Lancers at Central Lake in a 60-42 victory in the season opener just after Thanksgiving.

To say that these two schools know each other is an understatement. They co-op in football, track and cross country; the Trojans high school has only 83 students and the Lancers have 77 students and the two buildings are separated by only 8.3 miles, or less than a 15-minute drive. During this boys' varsity basketball game, the scoring could not get any closer and the outcome was not determined until the game's final minute.

The two squads were tied at 10-10 after eight minutes of play, as Lancer Patrick Puroll scored 7 of his teams' points and the Trojans Garrison Barrett scored six points in the opening frame. Drayten Evans gave Central Lake a slim 23-18 lead at intermission thanks to nine points in the second stanza to offset six points from Ellsworth's Cam Snyder.

Puroll, Snyder and Evincio LaCount each scored five points in a 17-10 quarter advantage for the Lancers as Ellsworth took a 35-33 lead entering the final frame. The final quarter went back and forth until less than a minute remained in the game. The Lancers Jurgen Griswold, who did not score a point in the game had a huge steal, he passed ahead to teammate Billy Hopp for a huge assist and Ellsworth took the lead.



Patrick Puroll was guiding the ship most of the night



Sophomore Ezra Wallis showing off some speed

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On the next possession the Lancers created another Central Lake turnover with another steal and that ended the game.

Lancer head coach James Willingham said, "it had to be exciting for our fans", as both teams had many chances throughout the game to score more points. A telling stat for both teams was at the charity stripe, Central Lake was only 4-11 on their free throws and Ellsworth made only 9 of 22! However, Snyder made 7-9 free throws on the evening, including going four for four in the final period that



Patrick Puroll battling for a layup with Central Lakes Grant Miller



Sophomore Evincio LaCount hits a 3



Jurgen Griswold soars above Central lake defense for a layup.

helped the Lancers secure the win.

The dynamic senior duo of Evans and Barrett once again led the Trojans in scoring with 18 and 17 points respectively; Grant Miller scored six points; Tristin Wiltse made a triple try and both Sam Moore and Hudson Cassio each

scored two points.

For the Lancers, Puroll scored 18; Snyder and LaCount were also both in double figures with 15 and 11 points respectively; Hopp had four points and Ezra Wallis scored two points.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Charlevoix Rayders Boys still within striking distance of conference lead

BY GREG GIELCZYK

#### Elk Rapids

The train was barreling right along ... until Elk Rapids sent it off the rails last Friday with a 58-50 victory in the Lake Michigan Conference to end the Charlevoix boys basketball team's winning streak at five in a row.

But the Rayders (10-2) won't let the loss linger as they forge ahead with their goal of at least sharing the conference title still possible, although Traverse City St. Francis has the lead at the moment.

St. Francis is 5-1 with Charlevoix and Elk Rapids within striking distance of the Gladiators at 4-2, but both will need some help from others to gain ground.

Charlevoix finished the first quarter with a 21-14 lead, but the Elks responded with a 12-2 second which gave them a 26-23 halftime edge.

Elk Rapids would lead the rest of the way, outscoring

the Rayders 16-12 in the third and moved out to a nine-point lead, 42-33.

"They came out strong, and we responded well, but couldn't get anything going in the second quarter," Rayders coach Anthony Troshak said.

"We had a couple good looks that did not fall. That's part of the game. I also think our ball movement wasn't up to the level it has been.

"It wasn't bad, but we needed better. Credit Elk Rapids, they knocked down some shots and played good defense."

Troy Nickel led the Rayders with 16 points, five rebounds and three steals. Joe Gaffney contributed 11 and Ryan Pearl added 10.

#### East Jordan

Charlevoix defeated East Jordan, 66-42 for its fifth straight win, pulling away from the Red Devils after a close first quarter.

East Jordan stayed with the Rayders through the

first period, trailing by just two, 13-11 at the buzzer. But the Rayders opened it up with a 25-9 second quarter to take a 38-20 lead at the half.

The Rayders experienced a little more difficulty against the Red Devils in the third, as they were outscored, 16-12. But the Rayders still led by 14 points, 50-36 at the end of three.

"I thought our defense got us going early," Troshak said. "We were able to convert off of some turnovers. We had a lapse in the third quarter, much credit to East Jordan they kept battling and closed the gap in the third.

"Jackson Crouse might show a ton in the stat book, but he gave us great minutes. He made the right plays, and rebounded well. Joe Gaffney was stout on defense, and was a great floor general."

Nickel finished with a game-high 20 points, picked off six steals and

took down four rebounds. Vitale Collins added 10 points. Hudson Vollmer added nine points and four assists and Pearl had eight points.

"It was as gritty effort from our kids, who were playing their second game in less than 24 hours," Red Devils coach Nate Dzwik said.

"Despite getting down pretty big early, we kept playing hard. Korbyn (Russell) and Lucas (Stone) made some huge shots down the stretch.

"Angel and Ellis did a great job of protecting the paint and rebounding. The guys on the bench helped bring a ton of energy, especially in the second half."

William Webb scored 10 points for the Red Devils, while Korbyn Russell added six.

Delgado led the Red Devils with 10 rebounds and Ellis Malpass had eight. Stone had five assists and Ryder Malpass three. Stone also had two steals.

### Boyne Falls hosted Cadillac Heritage Christian in a Boy's Varsity, Non-Conference Boys Basketball Game Friday

Score: BF - Cadillac HC , 45- 49

#### Quarter scoring:

BF: 8 12 14 11  
Cadillac HC 9 14 11 15

High scorer(s) for Cadillac HC: Ethan Glupker - 11 pts. Seth Salisbury- 11 pts, Jaden Salisbury - 9 pts.

High scorer(s) for Boyne Falls: Keaton Matelski - 20 pts, Bryce Tonsor -10 pts., JT Greenier - 9 pts.

Coach Byer said, "We had our chances but could not finish. We have not been in any close games. so I hope this was a good learning opportunity."

#### Box score

2FG	3FG	FTA	FTM	TP	TEAM
13	2	19	13	45	BF
14	3	23	12	49	CHC

Conference, Varsity Win-Loss Record: 1 - 6  
Overall, Varsity Win-Loss Record: 2 - 8



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#### TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of any of the above- mentioned who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City or Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City or Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any other manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, February 12, 2024.**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL168.492) at the local Clerk's offices listed below:

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- Chandler Township Hall ..... 07620 Chandler Hill Road, Boyne Falls, MI 49713  
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Special Hours Saturday February 24, 2024 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Evangeline Township Hall ..... 02746 Wildwood Harbor Rd, Boyne City, MI 49712  
Special Hours Saturday February 24, 2024 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Special Hours Sunday February 25, 2024 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the February 27, 2024, Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for all jurisdictions. Please see below for the dates, times, and locations.

<b>Bay Township</b>	February 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. 05045 Boyne City Rd, Boyne City, MI 49712
<b>Boyer Valley Township</b>	February 7, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. 2489 Railroad St., Boyne Falls, 49713
<b>Chandler Township</b>	February 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. 07620 Chandler Hill Rd. Boyne Falls, MI 49713
<b>Charlevoix Township</b>	February 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. 12491 Waller Rd., Charlevoix, 49720
<b>Evangeline Township</b>	February 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. 02746 Wildwood Harbor Rd, Boyne City, MI 49712
<b>Eveline Township</b>	February 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI 49727
<b>Hayes Township</b>	February 5, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. 09195 Major Douglas Sloan Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720
<b>Hudson Township</b>	February 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. 07865 Reynolds Rd., Elmira, 49730
<b>Marion Township</b>	February 6, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. 03735 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, 49720
<b>Melrose Township</b>	February 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. 04289 M75 N., Walloon Lake, 49796
<b>Norwood Township</b>	February 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. 00640 Lakeshore, Charlevoix, 49720
<b>Peaine Township</b>	February 8, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. 36825 Kings Hwy, Beaver Island, 49782
<b>St. James Township</b>	February 8, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. 37735 Michigan Ave., Beaver Island, 49782
<b>South Arm Township</b>	February 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI 49727
<b>Wilson Township</b>	February 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. 02530 Fall Park Rd., Boyne City, 49712
<b>Boyer City</b>	February 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. 319 North Lake St, Boyne City, 49712
<b>Charlevoix City</b>	February 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. 210 State St., Charlevoix, 49720
<b>East Jordan City</b>	February 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. 201 Main Street, East Jordan, 49727

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

JULIA A. DROST  
Charlevoix County Clerk

## CITY OF BOYNE CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTE SYNOPSIS

**January 9, 2024** - Approve the December 12, 2023 work session meeting minutes, the December 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes, and the December 19, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented, motion carried; Approve the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements project scope at \$7 million, motion not carried; Approve the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements project scope at \$12.8 million, motion carried; Approve the proposed notice of intent resolution at \$12.8 million, motion carried; Approve the proposed agreements for a) Design, Bidding and Construction Engineering to C2AE, for b) Financial Consulting to Bakertilly, and c) Bond Counsel to Miller Canfield based on the fees proposed for the City approved project scope, motion carried; Approve the proposed ordinance repealing City of Boyne City Ordinance Chapter 30 Article II - Historic Districts, motion carried; Approve using \$8,000 of the \$70,000 budgeted for capital outlay for the Parks Department for the purchase of a new trail groomer, motion carried; Approve the Lake Charlevoix Association Shoreline District Gardens plans as presented and to proceed with the project, motion carried; Approve a certified resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk/Treasurer, or the City Deputy Clerk to execute contract 23-5443 and all necessary documents with the Michigan Department of Transportation for this Front St road improvement project, motion carried; Approve and pay the tuition bill for MSU Staff and Command School for Assistant Police Chief Dan Mercer in the amount of \$3,700, motion carried; Approve the recommendation for emergency water repair near 643 W Michigan Ave not to exceed \$15,000, motion carried; Approve to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney client privilege discussion pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.268(1)(h)) to discuss material protected by the attorney client privilege, which is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.243(1)(g)), motion carried; Approve to return to open session, motion carried.

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BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a large parcel of property with Wilson Lake waterfront. It is located between Central Lake and Ellsworth.

The property is just under fifteen acres and offers a beautiful spot to build your dream home or simply enjoy relaxing, camping and hiking amid the natural beauty of northern Lower Michigan. There is approximately 727 feet of waterfront on the shores of Wilson Lake. It's an ideal spot to set up a campsite

near the beach or use the dock to launch your craft out on the peaceful waters. The property borders State Land bringing even more privacy to this Up North retreat.

This Wilson Lake waterfront property on nearly 15 acres is located on Rushton Road in Central Lake and is listed at \$134,900.

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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Forgetting, for a moment, the interior improvements that set one home apart from another, there are exterior factors that also influence price. For instance, homes on primary ingress and egress streets—that is, the main streets that lead in and out of a tract—generally appreciate more slowly than those within the tract that are not on primary streets.

Primary ingress/egress streets generate more traffic and are therefore, generally less desirable. Thus, they have lower prices.

Within a tract, a home on a cul-de-sac may generate a higher price for the same reason-less traffic. Cul-de-sacs are frequently like a maze and they discourage drive-throughs, which is, of course, a definite benefit to residential privacy.

Even properties on one side of a street can be worth more than a similar property across from it. Why? Certain communities, because of their name, are more prestigious than others. Beverly Hills, California, of course, is one. It is known worldwide for its high-end shopping, expensive housing and impeccable name. In sections where Beverly Hills is divided from other cities and/or communities by a street, the homes on

the Beverly Hills side of the avenue command a higher price than those in the non-Beverly Hills city across from it.

Existing homes may differ radically in price for another reason—one homeowner wants to sell, and the other has to sell. The motivation for each is quite different, and so may be the pricing strategies.

Some other factors that influence price: What commercial developments are adjacent to the tract? How (un)desirable are they? And, don't forget supply and demand.

The wise buyer checks one other thing—a community's master plan. This is a must, especially if a tract (or home) is surrounded by vacant land. Most communities have one. It is usually drawn up by planners within the city of county and approved by a local planning commission. Find out what is going to be built nearby and determine how it might impact the value of the tract.

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