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At 5:30 p.m. on January 27th, 2024, East Jordan's Chamber of Commerce held an event at the "The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix."

The evening started with a cocktail hour, appetizers, and a silent auction. As the night continued and the bids were being made, Charlevoix's very own "Grey Gables Restaurant," started catering the event. They then closed the silent auction and left the many wondering minds to think about if they won their bid they so desperately wanted. This did not last long because the auctioneer started auctioning a live auction consisting of many custom and one of the kind items.

While everyone enjoyed their delicious meal and then started enjoying dessert, the event progressed into the reason everyone was attending





Jordan Valley Honor Star - Spirit Award EJPS Welding, Video, Am. Legion JAW

in the first place. Several awards were presented including the "Ambassador of the Year Award," the "Angel Award," the "Renaissance Award," the "Breezeway Business of the Year Award," the "East Jordan Business of the Year Award," and the "Citizen of the Year Award."

They presented the "Ambassador of the Year Award" to Brenda Bingham, so congratulations for receiving such an impressive award.

The "Angel Award" was presented to the "Helping Hearts of East Jordan."

The "Helping Hearts of East Jordan" is a non-profit organization that is extremely involved in their community. They employ thirty-five members and gave out \$47,000 in gas cards to cancer patients in their community driving to and from their treatment. As well as helping citizens who have cancer, they support their community by providing scholarships, supporting girl scouts, becoming involved in the youth parade, donations and so much more. The "Spirit Award" was presented to Dave Mulador's East

Jordan welding and video productions class. Dave Mulador started his welding class in 2022 and ever since then, his students developed a passion and pride for their work. They started on an astonishing tribute statue honoring all veterans. On 2024, the sculpture was dedicated to

the communi-Thank you so much to every single



Ellsworth Farmers Exchange - Breezeway Business of the Year Award



East Jordan BC Pizza - East Jordan Business of the Year Award



Jen & Jamie Maher - Murray's Body Shop

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Brenda Bingham Ambassador of the Year student who put their heart into that statue, and their passion can truly be an example to us all. The "Renaissance

Award" was presented to "Murray's Bodyshop." This business is owned and operated by Jenny and Jayden Murray, 3rd generation family members. They purchased this business in 2022 and have continued their family's legacy. The "Breezeway Busi-

ness of the Year Award" was presented to "Ellsworth Farmers Exchange." This business is often described as the "Anchor Business in Ellsworth." It was founded in 1918, and since then has expanded to 3 new locations including Mancelona, Atwood, and their newest store, Alanson.

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Rich Dietrich Citizen of the Year Award

The "East Jordan Business of the Year Award" was presented to East Jordans B.C. Pizza. B.C. Pizza has supported more events than can be said and has been a huge support to the community. It was founded in 1988, and since then has expanded to 32 locations in Michigan, and one location in Georgia.

The "Citizen of the Year Award" was presented to local citizen Rich Dietrich. Rich has been such an important part of his community and is known as someone who has a "Huge Heart for his Community." He is described as someone who is driven, meticulous, committed, consciousness, dedicated to preserving local history, a mentor, calm, and a role model for all who know and work for him.

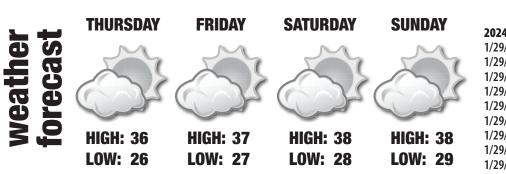
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Dorothy Irene (Johnecheck) Hawkins, 91

April 29, 1932-Jan. 27, 2024 BOYNE CITY

Dorothy Irene Hawkins of Boyne City passed away peacefully at The Brook in Boyne City on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

Dorothy was born on April 29, 1932 in Bay Township the daughter of August and Margarete (Peters) Johnecheck. She grew up in Bay Township and attended Boyne City High School graduating in 1951. On January 28, 1961 Dorothy married Carl Hawkins, Jr.; together they were blessed with a son Carly. Dorothy was a member of the Boyne City Free Methodist Church and served as the church treasurer. She worked many years as an accountant for the Boyne City Public School system until she retired.

Dorothy and Carl owned and maintained a farm for many years; she loved caring for the calves and her barn cats. Family will always remember Dorothy as an amazing care giver to family, friends and animals.

Dorothy is survived by her sisters Hilda and Helen along with many nieces and nephews and special friends Al and Theresa Schneider, Amy and Andrew.

She is preceded in death by her parents August and Margarete; husband Carl; son Carly and two brothers David was born in Royal Oak, Michigan to the late Elias Bonnell and Claudelle Drinkard Bonnell. He grew up in Berkley, MI, where he was a dedicated Eagle Scout and graduated from Berkley High School.

David served his country as a member of the Marine Corps and went on to own his own advertising company, Nichols-Bonnell. With offices in Detroit, MI, New Jersey, and Chicago, David was a prominent businessman and was the recipient of the Detroit's Advertising Man of the Year award in 1995. In his spare time, he enjoyed boating, walking, golfing, and bird watching.

He is survived by his children, Leslie Pender of Los Angeles, California, Pamela Jane Cartwright (Frank) of Seattle, Washington, and Wendy Jaent (Tim) of Waterford, MI; grandchildren Samson, Daisy, and Nina; and siblings Robert Bonnell of Florida and Michael Bonnell of Ann Arbor, MI.

Gregory Gerling, 77 May 8, 1946-Jan. 28, 2024 BOYNE CITY

Gregory Leo Gerling of Boyne City passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

A gathering of family and friends will take place from 1:00 to 4:00 PM Friday, February 2, 2024 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. A full obituary will soon follow.

OBITUARIES

tions at Butler's Cottage in Tawas, MI led to a love of beach life, some mischievous, teenage pranks, and a wealth of memories created with family and friends.

Carol attended St. Joseph School of Nursing from 1959 to 1962, graduating with a Diploma in Nursing. This began

in Nursing. This began her fifty-four-year career as a registered nurse, an occupation that proved to be more of a passion than a job. In 1962, Carol met her future husband, John, at the Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital. Their children would later report this as symbolic. The two were married in May of 1963. Following this, her places of employment included St. Joseph Hospital of Flint, Butterworth Hospital of Grand Rapids, Community Mental Health of Mt. Pleasant, and Charlevoix Area Hospital, the latter of which she worked for fifty years. Here she was known for her genuine and quality patient care, her contagious smile, and a fun-loving nature.

Carol lived a faith-filled life, and she was known to be witty and fun. She loved the beach, sunsets, reading, and caring for the wildlife that surrounded her home. Cats that she rescued became members of her family, and people in her circle were treated to a never-ending array of greeting cards. Most of all, she loved to eat.

Carol is survived by her four children, David (Theresa) Gagnon of Petoskey; Michelle (Ed) Drapeau of Traverse City, Cheryl (Rob) Wegener of Fenton; and MaryBeth Gagnon of Juneau, AK, as well as her grandson, Matthew Wegener. She also leaves behind her sister, Gail Addy of Fenton, sister-in-law Linda Crittenden of Davison, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cherished friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Lorretta Boucher; her step-mother Elizabeth Boucher; her husband John; her step-brother Donald Crittenden; her brother-inlaw Tom Addy; her nephew John Addy; and her granddaughter Madison Wegener. Visitation will be Friday, February 2 from 5-7 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating. A luncheon will follow. Memorial donations may be given to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society (www.CharlevoixHumane. org), St. Mary's School of Charlevoix (www.stmaryschoolcharlevoix.com) or the Madison E. Wegener Memorial Scholarship Fund (9142 Faussett Rd., Fenton, MI 48430).

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



Lorraine Way, 86 Feb. 19, 1937-Jan. 25, 2024 CHARLEVOIX

Lorraine Way spent her last days surrounded by her dearest friends and family and went to her long anticipated heavenly home on January 25, 2024. Lorraine (Lorrie) was born in Atwood Michigan on February 19, 1937 to Lewis and Della Essenburg. Her strong work ethic was fostered at a young age as she worked alongside her parents and three brothers on the family farm. She attended school at Ebenezer Christian School in Ellsworth until the 8th grade and graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1954.

While she was a senior in high school she met the love of her life, Douglas

(Doug) Way. They married

doors to Lorrie and Doug's home were always open to friends, family, and even strangers on more than occasion. The coffee was "always on" and within minutes she would have a table filled with appetizers and sweet treats for her guests. Around their table new friends become great friends, great friends became family, and their love for the Lord was always shared.

Lorrie's husband Douglas, her brothers Theodore (Ted) Essenburg, James (Jim) Essenburg and William (Bill) Essenburg all preceded her in death as did her first grandson Brandon Way.

She is survived by her children, Dennis (Jeanne) Way of Lakeland, Florida, her daughter Juli (Gary) Fryczynski of Petoskey, her son Scott (Angela) Way of Charlevoix and her son DJ Way of Charlevoix.

Her family would like to thank the staff of American House and Advisacare, and Hospice of Michigan for their loving care.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at Center Point Assembly in Charlevoix. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to a ministry in Nepal that was dear to Lorrie and her family; Sara Ministries % Scott Way. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www mortensenfuneral-

Grace was raised in the Detroit area, and would ultimately raise her family near the area as well. She took care of her two sons, was a hairdresser, and worked at several fast food restaurants over the years. She enjoyed many camping trips with her husband and sons, starting with tent camping, and eventually moving up to a large camper trailer. Her favorite time was spent with her family, especially her many grandchildren. Grace lived a simple life, and went out of her way to help anyone who was in need.

Grace is survived by her two sons, Tony Azzopardi (fiancé Amanda Falkenberg) of Charlevoix, and Jeff Azzopardi (fiancé Amy Solomon) of Monroe, MI; nine grandchildren, Lauren, Joshua, Joseph, James, Jacob, Jonathan, Ryan, Evermore, and Amylia; and several nieces nephews and siblings both by blood and by marriage.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Anthony Azzopardi; and several siblings.

Grace's family has chosen to celebrate her life privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Foster Kids, https://friendsoffosterkids.org/donate/

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Floyd and Harold.

A funeral service will be held 1:00 pm, Thursday, February 1, 2024 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with a visitation being held from 12:00 noon until the time of service. Burial will take place in the spring at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at The Brook in Boyne City for the care they showed Dorothy.



David Leslie Bonnell, 85

Jan. 11, 1939-Jan. 22, 2024

WALLOON LAKE

David Leslie Bonnell of Walloon Lake passed away at his home on January 22, 2024. He leaves behind a loving wife of 39 wonderful years, Kathleen Ruth Bonnell.



Carol A. Gagnon, 82 July 8, 1941-Jan. 27, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Carol Ann Gagnon passed away quietly in her sleep late in the evening of January 27, 2024, at her home in Charlevoix, surrounded by family and her beloved cat Timmy. She was 82 years old.

Carol was born on July 8, 1941, and was lovingly adopted by Loretta and Walter Boucher of Flint, MI. She was raised there with her sister Gail and graduated as a member of the last class to attend Flint Technical High School before its doors closed. She developed a fondness for the TV show I Love Lucy that followed her into adulthood, and family vacaon July 30, 1955. They soon started a family of their own and had 4 children, Denny, Juli, Scott & DJ. Lorrie had 16 grandchildren which were her richest treasure and greatest blessing, and 17 great grandchildren, three of which were born in the last 6 months. Doug and Lorrie were lifelong members of Charlevoix Assembly of God Church. They also attended Center Point Assembly, Ellsworth Wesleyan Church, and Freedom House Ministries. Lorrie worked at Charlevoix Area Hospital as a Nurse's Aid for 35 years. While she truly enjoyed the friendships and working alongside doctors, nurses and other staff, meticulously attending to her patients' needs while they were hospitalized was her favorite part of the job. She retired in 2003. After retiring she enjoyed volunteering at The Rainbow Shoppe, and church ministries such as Tabitha's Closet, and supporting her family as it grew. Lorrie and Doug enjoyed 17 winters spent at SanLan RV and Golf Resort in Lakeland Florida and made wonderful memories there with family and friends.

Lorrie was the quintessential hostess. The homes.com



Grace Azzopardi, 75

April 10, 1948-Jan. 23, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Grace A. Azzopardi of Charlevoix, formerly of Clinton Township, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, with her family at her side. She was born on April 10, 1948, in Detroit, the daughter of Sam and Josephine (Gancitano) Daleo.

Gloria Dishong, 90

June 19, 1933-Jan. 24, 2024

CHARLEVOIX

Gloria Ann Dishong of Charlevoix, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born on June 19, 1933, in Lakeview, MI, the daughter of William and Elvira (Raglin) Abbey.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com



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LEADERSHIP

Timeliness and Responsiveness

BY JOHN KEYSER

I wrote a short article some time ago about the importance of timeliness and responsiveness, and received appreciative feedback. Yet, the problem seems to be getting worse, not better, though it is generally good up here in Northern Michigan.

When there is a problem, it may not mean the managers are bad at what they do or are self-absorbed, it simply can be the crazy-busy world we live and work in.

In my leadership consulting and coaching work, I spoke with literally hundreds of business people every year and feel compelled to write about these very important themes, as I heard repeatedly:

 \Box I do not feel appreciated or valued.

 \Box Does she/he think what I do is not important? \Box She/he does not seem to care what I think \Box I quite often have to follow up.

As an example, one very talented, dedicated, up and coming person shared her concern that she does not believe she and our contributions are valued as she is seldom asked for her ideas for potential improvements. When I discuss timeliness and responsiveness with senior managers, they invariably say, "I know, I'm so busy, I just don't have the time."

We cannot afford to make these excuses. The health and greater success of our organization depends upon our effective ness as communicators.



John Keyser

We need to be alongside our people!

Easy? No! - Necessary? Absolutely!

Simple little things that can go a long way to communicate our respect for the other. For example, if we receive a request and we're totally swamped, we can promptly respond, briefly explain, and ask if we can get back this afternoon, tomorrow or whenever we can be available. Our timely response will be appreciated.

There are resources to help us, e.g., helpful articles, books, videos and coaches. Let's realize the importance of our timeliness, responsiveness and attention if we are to be helpful and respectful.

The successful leaders control their attention and are responsive and timely. And they know the best ideas are bottom up ideas!

Let's make this a critically important principle of our leadership. In doing so, we increase the trust, respect and rapport between us and our team members, and we fuel our team with positive energy.

Leadership is how we

BY JOHN KEYSER I had such an interesting and enjoyable conversation

with Skylar MacNaughton, which I knew I would. Skylar founded the nonprofit Michigan Butterfly Habitats, which is all about saving and growing our population of Monarch Butterflies, preserving our very special eco habitats here in Up North Michigan, and promoting the planting of native species to our area - preserving our ecosystem!

This short article will not do justice to Skylar and his dedication to the wellbeing, i.e., the health of our area.

As background, Skylar grew up in Boyne City, as did his wife, Jessica. They met in high school and became partners in life shortly after graduating high school with 17 years invested into their relationship.

They have a daughter, Bella who is 12 years old, and son, Jaxtyn who is now 6 years old.

Just a few years ago, Skylar was diagnosed with ADHD, which explains to him why school was so difficult, e.g., sitting still for seven hours. Also, about seven years ago, he overcame his dependency on opioids and this changed his life, very much for the better, as he became very positive and optimistic with his thinking and outlook on life, and his appreciation of people, nature, and our community here in Up North Michigan.

As Skylar says, getting back to Mother Nature is the best medicine!

Between being a dad, a husband, heading his nonprofit, teaching children and adults about caring for nature, and his commitment to volunteering with a number of community activities and organizations, Skylar has a very full life, and surely, a very admirable life! Skylar's teaching is about native plants and butterflies, in classrooms at Boyne City, Boyne Concord, and Boyne Falls Schools, and at local clubs, like our special Zonta Club in Charlevoix, as just one example, at his home and garden, and wherever else he is invited. His volunteering is extensive, just like many other exemplary community leaders in our community and surrounding area. He was active with a number of



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clubs, though understandably, some require annual dues, and he and Jessica live paycheck to paycheck and have the nonprofit not just to keep afloat, but with plans to expand their activities to continue to educate our community about preserving our ecosystem. Thus, they are thoughtful about how they use their money, e.g., what is essential and what is not?

As my wife, Kerry, and I love Monarch Butterflies and are fortunate to have them visit our garden pretty regularly, I am thrilled to know that right here in our county we have a knowledgeable and dedicated stalwart of the cause to preserve and increase their population here in Up North Michigan.

With regard to our community, Skylar wants to help as he can and continue to learn rather than reacting, and he volunteers with the Boyne City Planning Committee, Avalanche Hill Preserve area, Lake Louise Christian Camp, as well as being an elected board member at Charlevoix Conservation District, and he was nearly elected as a



Skylar MacNaughton

this past November.

Skylar spends countless hours each fall putting native plants and spreading seeds in the ground at Avalanche Hill Preserve and Boyne River areas.

The Charlevoix Conservation District is interesting and important, as they help our farmers with regenerative agriculture, i.e., not working their land, rather

Skylar loves that he, Jessica and their children are in Boyne City. In fact, he considers the people here are his Moms and Dads, and he advocates that it takes a community to raise children today. Amen to that!

Skylar now finds his peace out in the trees, forests, and trails. This is a wonderful message to us

As leaders, we must make time to have oneon-one conversations and to ask for ideas, e.g., How can we improve? What can we do better? What I do better? Our busyness is not ac-

ceptable.

There is no magic bullet, though there are steps we can actively take. We must determine how to manage our schedule and not let our schedule manage us.

Each of us has different circumstances and levels of support. We each need a customized plan to manage our time and attention. It surely means not being captured by our smart phones and computers.

ON PAGE

help people feel about themselves!

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.

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The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City Announces Scholarship Opportunity

The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is looking for graduating seniors who reside within Boyne City and Boyne Falls School Districts who have displayed outstanding service in our community

The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City (Kiwanis Club) announces the opening of its scholarship for graduating seniors who display outstanding service in our community and who can serve as a role model for younger students.

The scholarship is open to graduating seniors who reside within the Boyne City and Boyne Falls School Districts. New this year, the application criteria have been expanded to include graduating seniors who may be attending non-traditional educational programming, including homeschooling and online schooling. The Kiwanis Club will award two winners with \$1,000.

"The Kiwanis Club believes in and embodies civic engagement. We know civic engagement has the potential to initiate change and students-especially those entering adulthoodplay an important role in shaping the future of our community and the world," said Kiwanis Club President, Syrina Dawson.

To apply, graduating seniors who plan to attend a college, university, trade or vocational school must submit an application, three letters of recommendation, and a 500-word essay relating their experience in one or more of the Six Objectives of Kiwanis: To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life; to encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships; to promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards; to develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship; to provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities; and to cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

"We are delighted to expand our application criteria to be more inclusive to all students residing within the Boyne City and Boyne Falls School Districts and we look forward to reading about the many young leaders in our community who are taking an interest in their community, giving back, and contributing to the health and wellness of the Boyne community," said Savanah Cool, Scholarship Chair.

Applications have been shared with school administrators and counselors, and are available for pick up from the community board at the Boyne District Library. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 5, 2024 and may be mailed to: Kiwanis Club of Boyne City, Attn. Kiwanis Scholarship Committee, PO Box 458, Boyne City, MI 49712. Winners will be announced by April 17, 2024.

About the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City

Established in 1999, the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City is celebrating its 25 th year anniversary. Known for its annual Turkey Trot, Labor Day Weekend Car Show, National Morel Mushroom Hunt, Eddy Essay Contest, Heidi Ho nut sales, mountain bike raffle, and more, the Kiwanis Club



works diligently to provide fun, engaging, and community enhancing activities and events while raising funds to support children in our local community and beyond. Part of Kiwanis International, we look after our local community while Kiwanis International takes on large-scale challenges such as disease and poverty. We are generous with our time, creative with our ideas, passionate about making a difference, and we have fun along the way!

Join the Kiwanis Club of Boyne City any Thursday morning, 7 AM, at the Boyne River Grill for breakfast, community, and civic engagement. Together, we are making a big difference in the Boyne Area!

In fiscal year 2023, Boyne City Kiwanis Club gave \$26,695 in financial support to more than 30 organizations supporting the Boyne area community. Join us and start making an impact today!

The Power of Belief: My Journey from High School to High Achievement Dear Reader, this week's

ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

aha moment brings us back to my high school graduation. It was a turning point, revealing the power of achievement and self-belief.

In school, I was unaware of the significance of academic achievements and the recognition they garnered. My graduation changed that. Seeing classmates adorned with cords of excellence and being honored for their hard work sparked a realization in me: if they could achieve such heights, so could I.

I promised myself that given another chance, I would excel. This mindset followed me through life. Attending college later, I graduated with a 3.8 GPA, wearing the cords I once missed. In my corporate career, I achieved numerous accolades, and when I started my own business, that same drive propelled me to global recognition.

That day taught me a crucial lesson: believing in oneself is the first step towards greatness. It's not about your starting point



Laura Jasurda

but where you aim to go and the belief that you can reach there.

So, dear readers, let's believe in our potential and soar together. Our aspirations are just the beginning.

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.



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Gov. Whitmer Delivers 2024 State of the State Address, Outlines Vision to Lower Costs, Improve

Education, and Help Anyone Make it in Michigan

LANSING – Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer delivered her 2024 State of the State address in front of a joint session of the Michigan Legislature. She laid out her plans to lower costs, improve education, and ensure anyone can "make it" in Michigan.

"We put together a heck of a record in 2023 and we are starting 2024 ready to rock," said Governor Whitmer. "This year let's keep our foot on the accelerator by continuing to focus on the issues that make a real difference in people's lives. Let's build more housing to expand supply and lower costs, and save family caregivers thousands on their taxes. To improve education, let's deliver a budget that expands free pre-K for all and makes community college tuition-free for every high school graduate. Finally, let's keep bringing supply chains and jobs back home to Michigan by shoring up our economic development toolkit so anyone can 'make it' in Michigan. Together, we can build a brighter future and help every Michigander have a classic Michigan story."

Housing

The State of Michigan will make the largest investment to build housing in Michigan history, nearly \$1.4 billion to build or rehabilitate nearly 10,000 homes. That is 10 times what the state invested to build housing 10 years ago. Building more of every kind of housing—single family homes, apartments, and mixed-use buildings will expand supply and lower costs. Getting this done will also support thousands of good-paying jobs in the skilled trades—from pipefitters and carpenters to bricklayers and roofers.

Caregiver Tax Credit

Michiganders with caregiving responsibilities juggle their own lives and careers while spending thousands of dollars out-ofpocket on related expenses. Governor Whitmer proposed the new Caring for MI Family Tax Credit to save thousands of Michigan families up to \$5,000 off their taxes. The proposal covers caregiving expenses including counseling, transportation, and nursing or respite services.

Pre-K for All

The governor wants to provide access to free pre-K for every single 4-year-old Michigander in the next budget. Free pre-K saves families an average of \$10,000 a year and helps students build a solid academic foundation for long-term success, improving literacy rates and closing achievement gaps. Data shows that children who attend pre-K have better academic outcomes, higher graduation rates, and go on to earn more money when they start working. Investments in pre-K will also attract employers seeking to expand or relocate to Michigan by giving parents more safe,

affordable options for their kids when they go to work.

Community College for All

Tonight, the governor proposed we work together to make the first 2 years of community college tuition-free for every high school graduate. This will save students an average of \$4,000 as they earn an associates degree or skills certificate at a community college, helping them land a better-paying, high-skill job in a career field they love. Getting this done will also help Michigan achieve its Sixty by 30 goal, to have 60% of working-age adults earn a postsecondary education by 2030. Michigan's growing economy must be driven by a growing base of skilled talent. As more supply chains come home and advanced manufacturing businesses expand in Michigan, they will need qualified talent to meet their needs. Every student deserves a chance to pursue their passion so they can build a good life in Michigan.

Rebuilding Michigan

Infrastructure is critical to growing Michigan's population and economy. Tonight, Governor Whitmer called on the Michigan Department of Transportation to authorize the final \$700 million of the Rebuilding Michigan Plan. The five-year, \$3.5 billion plan has focused on fixing Michigan's most economically critical roads while supporting over 45,000 jobs without raising taxes by a dime. The final round of bonding projects includes 94 right along the Detroit Airport, 696 from Southfield through Warren, and a bridge in Erie Township.

Make it in Michigan

Companies are bringing supply chains back home to America—and especially to Michigan—in a big way. Michigan is showing the world that we make a lot more than just cars. In the decades ahead, we will dominate batteries, chips, and clean energy. To keep winning this race for the future, Michigan needs to upgrade its bipartisan economic development toolkit:

- R&D Tax Credit: unleash innovation while lowering costs for businesses.
- HIRE Michigan: lower overall payroll taxes for these firms. The value behind it is simple: the more you hire in Michigan, the more you should save in Michigan.
- Renaissance Zones: spur investment in areas of the state that are too often left out or left behind by lowering the cost of doing business in them.
- Innovation Fund: invest in early-stage startups, help launch hundreds of new Michigan-based companies, creating thousands of jobs.

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'Groundhog Day' has Anglo, German origins

According to tradition, if the groundhog comes out of his hole on Feb. 2 after a long winter nap and sees his shadow, he will regard this as an omen of bad weather and return to his hole. Six more weeks of winter can be expected in such a case.

If the groundhog comes out and the day is cloudy and he cannot see his shadow, he will take this as a sign of spring and stay above the ground. This means the winter will not linger.

Since 1886, the world's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, has been providing predictions about winter from his lare in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania

The Groundhog Day event at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney has become a popular one in this country, sometimes drawing crowds of several thousand. And, of course, the results are broadcast nationally.

In 1993, a Hollywood movie was made starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell that centers around the Punxsutawney tradition, popularizing the annual event that much more. It appears the groundhog day tradition in the U.S. has its roots in Germany, though the actual reckoning of February 2 as a predictor of winter weather can be traced back to Scotland and England. There was a longheld tradition in England that if the weather on "Candlemas Day" was "fair and bright," winter weather would remain. If the weather was cloudy and rainy, though, winter was on its way out. Candlemas Day was February 2, a day set apart for the observation of Mary presenting Jesus at the temple when He was eight days old. Since Candlemas Day was celebrated in the middle of winter, it was natural to use the day as a gauge each year for measuring how many weeks of winter was left. It is believed the Romans, after conquering the north country, brought the Candlemas Day tradition back to the Teutons, or Germans. They picked it up and concluded that if the sun made an appearance on Candlemas Day, the hedgehog would cast a shadow and that meant six more weeks of bad weather. This was referred to as "second winter." Since the earliest settlers in Pennsylvania were German, the tradition continued there. And since groundhogs were prevalent and reminded the Germans of their native hedgehogs, the groundhog became the method for determining the

length of winter on Candlemas Day.

The Germans even had a short rhyme: For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, So far will the snow swirl until the May.

The Groundhog Day observance at Punxsutawney likely stems from this German tradition, especially since the earliest records of the event always make reference to "the length of shadows."

The Punxsutawney Spirit newspaper is credited with printing the news of the first observance in 1886: "Today is groundhog day, and up to the time of going to press the beast has not seen his shadow."

The first actual trek to Gobber's Knob in Punxsutawney on Groundhog Day started in 1887 and it's continued every year since. Here are some other fun facts about the day and about groundhogs:

• According to legend, Punxsutawney Phil was

City Commission discusses housing with regional leaders

The City Commission of Boyne City spent nearly three hours discussing ideas for providing more housing options with representatives of five local and regional organizations on Tuesday. No specific action was taken other than deciding to continue the discussion on a regular basis at future meetings. The discussion included representatives from the Boyne City Housing Commission, Northern Homes, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Housing North and Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

In other action the **Commission:**

 \Box Adopted a new policy to improve and expand responses to citizens who ask questions at Commission meetings, especially during the "Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items" portion of each agenda.

 \Box Scheduled a Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m. February 6th (ahead of the regular meeting at 7 p.m.) to discuss awarding a contract to a new firm to serve as the City Attorney.

 \Box Approved a new Rotary Park Athletic Fields User Reservation Policy for the months of April and May,



Jane MacKenzie **Northern Homes**



Zach Sompels **Housing North**

as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

 \Box Approved advertising a request for proposals for design and development of the city website. \Box Approved a second reading of a Zoning Text Amendment to Section



Dan Leonard MEDC

4.20(B) reducing accessory structure setback requirements from 10 feet to 5 feet. □ Designated the Charlevoix County News as the city's Newspaper of Record, also allowing staff to utilize the Petoskey News-Review when needed due to timing.



Bethany Hedgepath Boyne City Housing Commission



Jessica Lovay **N. Lakes Economic Alliance**

□ Approved several Consent Agenda items: Ballot drop box purchase, auditing services proposals, Main Street special event liquor licenses, and the second reading of zoning amendment to allow driveable grass driveway approaches.

The Boyne City Main Street Façade Grant program for 2024 is now open

This program provides a reimbursement based, matching grant for façade named after King Phil- improvements for building and business owners within the Main Street District. For every dollar awarded the applicant must spend an

equal amount and individual grant amounts may be up to 50% of the project cost. A total of \$20,000 is allocated to be awarded during the current budget year and while competitive, there is no specific number

of grants that might be awarded.

Recommendations for funding grant applications decisions in June, 2024. Applications are due May 1, 2023. Please email bcmainstreet@gmail.

lip. Before being called Phil, he was known as "Br'er Groundhog."

- The average groundhog is 20 inches long and normally weighs from 12 to 15 pounds. Punxsutawney Phil weighs about 20 pounds and is 22 inches long.
- Over the years, Phil has seen his shadow way more frequently than not. From 1887 to now, Phil has seen his shadow more than 100 times. He has not seen his shadow less than 20 times. (There were about 10 years when Phil's prognostication was not recorded.)
- Groundhogs are one of the few animals that really hibernate. Hibernation is actually a deep coma, where the body temperature drops to a few degrees above freezing, the heart barely beats, the blood scarcely flows, and breathing nearly stops.
- Punxsutawney is located in western Pennsylvania, about 80 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.
- The name Punxsutawney comes from the Delaware Indian name that actually means "town of the sandflies."
- The "Groundhog Day" movie was not filmed in Punxsutawney but in Woodstock, Illinois because of easier accessibility. The actual Gobbler's Knob is a wooded hill with a beautiful view; the Gobbler's Knob in the movie is in the town square but it was built to scale.

- Compiled by Mike Dunn

will be made by the Main Street Design Committee to the Main Street Board which will make all final

com for application and guidelines. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

Eighty hunting seasons ... and counting!

William Kusey, 94, is part of DNR outdoor video series

"I'm William Kusey, Sr. I'm 94 years old, and I'm a hunter."

So starts a new video from the DNR, capturing the words, wisdom and charm of a longtime Michigan hunter who hasn't missed a firearm deer season opener in 80 years.

Kusey got his first buck at age 14 while hunting with his dad on opening day, a heart-pounding experience that he said has never faded.

"Even at my age," he laughed, "my heart beats when I see a buck!"

Kusey's recollections are part of the DNR's Experiencing Michigan's Outdoors video series, quick yet revealing looks at hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities through inspiring, personal stories.

If not for his brother's mentoring, Kusey said



William Kusey, 94, has hunting every Michigan firearm deer opening day for the last 80 years! (courtesy of DNR)

hunting might not be a part of his story. It was their encouragement that sparked a tradition that has grown to include deer and bear hunts - Kusey got his first bear in 1995, west of Copper Harbor, and followed that up with bear No. 2 in 2000, on the other side of Copper Harbor.

"To me, deer hunting was putting food on the table. I've hunted all my life, and I've really enjoyed every day of it," he said. "There's no better place in the world than to hunt in Michigan."

Veteran hunters like Kusey are an important part of our state's hunting heritage.

Visit Michigan.gov/ Hunting to learn about season/species opportunities, as well as simple ways - through mentoring and safety instruction - to share your knowledge and expertise with those just starting out.

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News Briefs

GAYLORD MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FESTIVAL CANCELED

The Gaylord Tourism Bureau is sad to announce that the Michigan Snowmobile Festival has been canceled due to last week's unseasonably warm temperatures.

CHARLEVOIX FREE COMMUNITY MOVIE

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.

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

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 PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Boyne City Pre-School pasta dinner fundraiser is Saturday, Feb. 10, 5-8pm at the Eagles Club, 106 River St. Suggested donation \$12 for adults, \$7 for children. Raffle auction, Super Bowl squares raffle, music, dancing, photobooth and of course great pasta dinner.

BOYNE CITY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Feb. 15, 5:30 - 7pm at Great Lakes Energy new office building. C-Hosted by Boyne City Public Schools and Char-Em ISD.

EAST JORDAN OPEN HOUSE

East Jordan Trailblazers Open House Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

5586 Mt. Bliss Road. Come and check us out.

11 a.m. Registration for Safari 11 a.m.- noon Coloring Contest Noon: Snowmobile Safari (weather permitting)

All Day Bean Pot 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Concessions inside clubhouse

After 3 p.m.- Club Members Only

BOYNE CITY EARLY VOTING

Voting for the February 27, Presidential Primary Election will take place between Sunday, February 17th through Sunday, February 25th at the Charlevoix County Building from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, except February 16. All voters still have the option of voting absentee if you cannot make it in person to vote.

CHARLEVOIX AFTER SCHOOL ART-VENTURES AT CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE OF ARTS

January 25th - March 7th. Kids ages 6 - 10 get to be creative, try new techniques and explore a

BOYNE CITY OVERNIGHT PARKING

With the return of winter weather, 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.

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,"

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. Local successful business owner, Dave Baragrey, will be our special guest.

BOYNE CITY FACADE GRANT PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN The Bovne City Main Street Facade

Grant program for 2024 is now open. This program provides a reimbursement based, matching grant for façade improvements for building and business owners within the Main Street District. Recommendations for funding grant applications will be made by the Main Street Design Committee to the Main Street Board which will make all final decisions in June, 2024. Applications are due May 1, 2023. Please email bcmainstreet@gmail.com for application and guidelines.

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

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

EAST JORDAN RAVEN HILL FALL HOURS

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

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

Collaboration Between The Free Breakfast Club & Commission On Aging has begun. Anyone can come to the Shirley Roloff Center (old

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Boyne Falls Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Eliiza Greathouse

Grade: Kindergarten

Parent's Name(s):

Cassandra Weiss and Matthew Greathouse

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

Eliiza would like to be a painter when she grows up. Her favorite type of painting is splatter painting.

Favorite Book: *Eliiza's favorite book is called Thor. She likes books about superheroes.*

Hobbies and Interests: *Eliiza likes to play with her toys and spend time with her mom and dad.* **School Activities:** *Eliiza likes to do Splash Learn during our computer time and she loves Math.*

Staff Comments: I am so proud of Eliiza. Each day she comes to school ready to learn and always uses her stamina and does her best work. Eliiza works hard each day to follow our Logger Agreement and helps her friends to follow it as well. Eliiza is kind and helpful to both her peers and teachers and I am so happy to have her in my Kindergarten class.

Submitted By: Mrs. Riccinto



ECS Middle/High School

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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY GRANT INFORMATION SESSION

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation will be hosting a Grant Information Session on Tuesday, February 6th at 11:00 am to kick off our 2024 grantmaking program. During the one-hour Zoom call, C3F grants staff, Ashley and Megan, will present an overview of the various grant cycles coming up for the year. We'll discuss some minor adjustments, and two larger changes that we are making this year. Additionally, we'll provide some "tips and tricks" for success, and there will be some time for you to ask general questions. This live Zoom call is open to everyone. No need to RSVP; we'll include the Zoom link to join below. Please feel free to share it with others who you think could benefit from our content, too.

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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 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:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Must obey all traffic regulations and stop at all intersec-
- tions, whether signed or not. (c) May not be operated:
- On Water Street, between Boyne Avenue and Lake Street.
 On Lake Street, between Water
- 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. (d) May use designated snowmobile trails in Avalanche Park only. (e) May park in parking areas of
- Rotary Park.
- (f) 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. 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 Truestream, 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.

BOYNE CITY LEGO BUILD

Thursday, Feb. 22, 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).

Elementary School on Division), between 8-9am and get a free breakfast sponsored by Safe Haven and prepared for you by COA chefs and our volunteers. You may dine in, take out or get curbside pick-up. This will happen at the Shirley Roloff center every Tuesday and Friday for all ages at no cost.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. 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

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

CHARLEVOIX Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process. Call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register.

EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

THE WEEK



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

Minchae Kim

Minchae is from Dongtan, South Korea and attending Ellsworth for this school year! She enjoys photography, riding bicycles, and observing landscapes. As an ECS student she participates in Yearbook and Robotics. Her favorite class is Pre-Calculus with Mrs. VanderHart because, "I love math and Mrs. V is pretty cool — she's very kind and fun." Next year she is interested in learning more in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) fields and pursuing a career in on of those areas, in the United States.

Our Lancer of the Week is an easy-going exchange student who has a love for learning in a variety of subjects — way to go Minchae Kim!

athletes of week



Jaden Alger **Boyne City Ramblers** Boys Basketball

In a win against Grayling, Jaden Alger, who recorded a double double with 21 points and 10 rebounds. In a loss to Harbor Springs, the Ramblers were paced by Alger who had another double double with 19 points and 16 rebounds.



175 lb. Weight Class 1st Place - Brady Jess of Charlevoix HS

At the Northern Michigan Wrestling Championship last Saturday Charlevoix had two wrestlers take first place in their weight class



215 lb. Weight Class 1st Place - Landon Swanson of Charlevoix HS



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NCMC Timberwolves To Hold Second Annual Military Appreciation Games on February 3rd

Veterans and current service members enjoy FREE admission to **Timberwolves vs. Raiders double-header**

PETOSKEY - NCMC Athletics and the men's and women's basketball teams will honor veterans and active-duty military on Saturday, February 3, when the Timberwolves face the Grand Rapids Community College Raiders at 1 p.m. at Petoskey Plastics Arena.

Veterans and active-duty military will receive free admission to NCMC'S second annual Military Appreciation Games. All Timberwolf players will be wearing special warmups to honor past and present service members. "One of the goals of our athletic program is developing student-athletes who are leaders on our campus and in our community, and gratitude is an important leadership quality," said Athletic Director Ashley Antonishen. "Our Military Appreciation Games are a small but sincere gesture of gratitude and appreciation



for our veterans and military service members." Antonishen added that emed games like the Mil-

deserve our recognition and thanks, and it will be nice to do so through our athletic program."



itary Appreciation Games and the Hunger Games ----which collected more than 400 pounds of food for the Campus Cupboard student food pantry last year — are important to players and coaches. Men's basketball head coach Jeff Corcoran agrees.

"I think after the last several years with current events, we have gotten away from honoring those who have put us in a position to participate in this game," Corcoran said. "Those men and women

Sophomore guard Julius Smith will play in honor of his uncle, Ronnie Smith, a veteran who played high school basketball for Corcoran.

"Ronnie dedicated his service for our country," Smith said. "I'm glad he is my uncle, and I'm proud to rep his name on the back of my shirt for our warmups."

Sophomore guard Caley Zukowski said she is grateful for the freedom to play the sport she loves while attending college.

Freshmen guards Kam Dorsey and Nikki Gunsell show off the special warmups all Timberwolves will wear during the teams' Military Appreciation Games on Saturday, February 3, at Petoskey Plastics Arena. Veterans and active-duty service members enjoy free admission to the double-header vs. the Grand Rapids Community College Raiders at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"To practice the everlasting gratitude we have for the veterans who fought for our right to pursue a higher education, we must celebrate them in everything we do," she said.

The women tip off against GRCC at 1 p.m. Men's tip-off follows at 3 p.m. A live stream will be provided for fans who are unable to attend the games in person. Watch the live stream at https://team1sports.com/ncmctwolves/.

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WRESTLING

Charlevoix Rayders finish 3rd at Northern Michigan Championship

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Charlevoix's wrestling team had a good day at the Northern Michigan Championships in Gaylord on Saturday, finishing third overall in the 39-team tournament behind Gaylord and Benzie Central.

Two wrestlers brought home titles in their respective weight classes, Brady Jess in the 175-pound weight class and Landon Swanson at 215.

Jess was a perfect 4-0 on the day, while Swanson compiled a 3-0 mark.

A second place was earned by Trevor Streeter (3-1) at 190, while heavyweight Sawyer Blasczyzk (3-1) took third and Justin Whisler (2-2) was fourth at 165.

Earning consolation championships were Max Reynolds (1-1) at 126 and Anthony Wise went 3-1 at 138 for the consolation title in the 'B' division.

Other wrestlers competing for the Rayders included Jamie Parrish (1-2) Logan Wilks (2-2) at 157.

The Rayders took eight wrestlers to the annual



Charlevoix Rayders wrestling team placed third out of 39 teams at the Northern Michigan Championship wrestling tournament Saturday.

junior varsity invitational in Gaylord last Friday and five completed the day undefeated. Charlevoix senior Ben Matter went 4-0 at 190

pounds, junior heavyweight Connor Ortiz also finished 4-0, senior heavyweight

Adam Streeter went 3-0 and freshman Landon Whisler was 3-0 at 144.

Kate Matter, a freshman at 132, won both of her matches, senior Josh Schultz was 3-1 at 215 and junior Brady Warchol went 2-1 at 175. Ryan Glass, a 157-pound freshman, was 1-2.

Charlevoix next takes to the mat Friday hosting the Lake Michigan Conference meet.

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Sports **Area teams compete in Northern Michigan Wrestling Championship**

BY DAVE BARAGREY

39 teams from all over the Northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula competed in the Northern Michigan Wrestling Championship in Gaylord on Saturday, January 27.

This annual event is northern Michigan's premier wrestling tournament. With 5 mats going at a time the action is constant. There were 265 wrestlers that competed in the tournament. The Gaylord High

Team

School gym and commons area were packed with over 1,000 spectators to watch the exciting wrestling event.

Individual wrestlers compete on an equal level regardless of the size of the school. Charlevoix, a school that has a student population of 282 placed third in the team rankings ahead of both Traverse City West (5th place) with a student population of 1,455 in 10-12 grades and Traverse City Central (10th place)

with a student population of 1,382 in 10-12 grades.

Gaylord led the way winning three weight class championships. Charlevoix, Reed City and Gladstone each won two weight divisions. TC West, Escanaba, Kingsley, Cadillac and Petoskey each won one weight class championship.

This day long (about 10 hours) event was packed with action and featured many local athletes that will be competing for state championships.

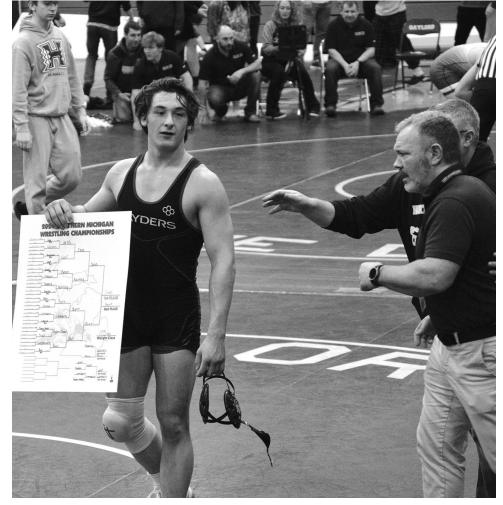
Northern Michigan Wrestling Championship

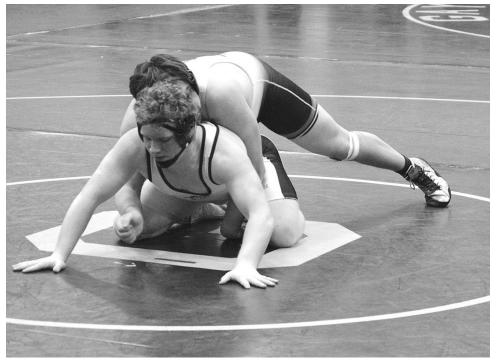
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2	Benzie Central HS 152.0
3	Charlevoix HS 142.5
4	Reed City HS 131.0
5	Traverse City West HS 125.0
6	Gladstone HS 124.0
7	Kingsley Area HS 120.0
8	Cadillac HS
9	Gladwin HS95.0
10	Traverse City Central HS
11	Sault Area HS83.0
12	Standish-Sterling HS74.0
13	Petoskey HS69.5
14	St Francis HS66.5
15	Ogemaw Heights HS 61.5
16	Whittemore-Prescott HS 57.5
17	Escanaba HS55.0
17	Tawas Area HS55.0
19	Inland Lakes HS53.0
20	St Ignace 44.0
21	Munising HS43.5
22	Roscommon HS
23	Marquette HS
24	Mio-Au Sable HS 34.0
25	Newberry HS
26	Alpena HS 31.0
27	Powers North Central HS 25.0
28	Cheboygan Area HS24.5
29	Rogers City HS 22.0
30	Pinconning Area HS 19.0
31	Oscoda HS 16.5
32	Mancelona HS 16.0
33	Charlton Heston Academy 11.0
34	Kalkaska HS 10.0
35	Negaunee HS9.0
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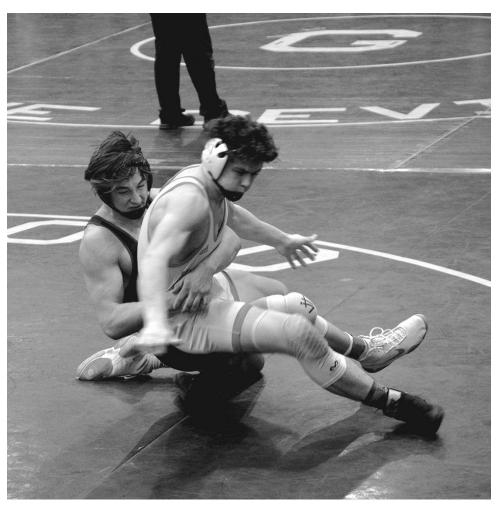
Champ 215 weight class - Charlevoix Landon Swanson





Sawyer Blasczcyk vs. Reed City

Charlevoix Brady Jess with coach Mike Hinkle

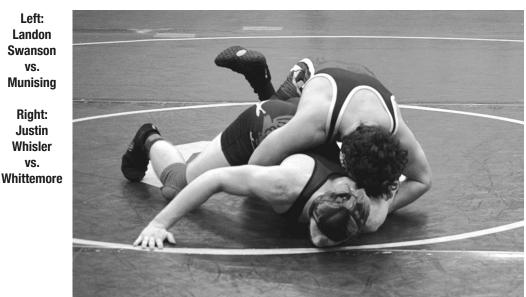


Brady Jess vs. Kingsley in Championship Match

Sports

Left: Landon Swanson VS. Munising

> **Right:** Justin Whisler vs.



Northern Michigan Wrestling Championship - Individual Weight Class Results

106 LB. WEIGHT CLASS Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Carter Johnson of Reed City HS 2nd Place - Vincent Finn of Tawas Area HS 3rd Place - Luka Lehre of Gaylord HS 4th Place - Roman Goulette of Ogemaw Heights HS 5th Place - Finn O`Brien of Traverse City West HS 6th Place - Jackson Fry of Charlevoix HS 7th Place - James Layman of Inland Lakes HS 8th Place - Drew Baldovski of Gladstone HS

1st Place Match

Carter Johnson (Reed City HS) 30-6, Sr. over Vincent Finn (Tawas Area HS) 21-7, Fr. (Fall 3:31)

3rd Place Match Luka Lehre (Gaylord HS) 19-6, Fr. over Roman Goulette (Ogemaw Heights HS) 27-7, Fr. (Fall 4:41)

5th Place Match Finn O'Brien (Traverse City West HS) 19-15, Fr. over Jackson Fry (Charlevoix HS) 22-12, So. (Dec 5-4)

8th Place Match

James Layman (Inland Lakes HS) 12-7, So. over Drew Baldovski (Gladstone HS) 18-15, Fr. (Fall 1:36)

Cons. A Champ Mason Hodnett (Roscommon HS) 18-12, . over Charles Schafer (Cadillac HS) 22-12, Fr. (Dec 1-0)

113 LB. WEIGHT CLASS Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Matthew Quigley of Traverse City West HS

- 2nd Place Cooper Raab of Powers North Central HS
- 3rd Place Dayne Gillison of Benzie Central HS
- 4th Place Dannielle Christian of Standish-Sterling HS
- 5th Place Sunni LaFond of Gaylord HS
- 6th Place Gracie Murphy of Whittemore-Prescott HS 7th Place - Luke Harper of St Francis HS

8th Place - Aidan Spriks of Gladstone HS

1st Place Match

Matthew Quigley (Traverse City West HS) 35-0, Fr. over Cooper Raab (Powers North Central HS) 19-5, Fr. (Fall 1:31)

3rd Place Match Dayne Gillison (Benzie Central HS) 26-7, So. over Dannielle Christian (Standish-Sterling HS) 27-8, Jr. (TF-1.5 3:59 (16-0))

5th Place Match

Sunni LaFond (Gaylord HS) 18-5, Jr. over Gracie Murphy (Whittemore-Prescott HS) 28-7, Jr. (Fall 1:54)

8th Place Match Luke Harper (St Francis HS) 13-10, So. over Aidan Spriks (Gladstone HS) 14-8, Jr. (Fall 4:21)

Cons. A Champ

Cashton Sours (Cadillac HS) 24-8, Fr. over Evan Fradette (Cheboygan Area HS) 14-9, So. (MD 12-1)

120 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

8th Place Match Wyatt Hanel (Inland Lakes HS) 18-2, So. over Andrew Cain (Munising HS) 26-10, Sr. (Fall 1:48)

Cons. A Champ Cruz Balcirak (Gladwin HS) 26-5, Fr. over Dominic Treiber (Cadillac HS) 28-6, So. (SV-1 5-3)

Cons. B Champ Max Reynolds (Charlevoix HS) 20-16, So. over Cayden Smith (Alpena HS) 10-14, So. (TF-1.5 3:41 (15-0))

132 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

Guaranteed Places 1st Place - Drew Hansen of Gladstone HS 2nd Place - Jon Pearson of Kingsley Area HS 3rd Place - Wyatt Peabody of Sault Area HS 4th Place - Javmes Wildfong of Mancelona HS 5th Place - Gabriel Buyze-Prieto of Kalkaska HS 6th Place - Caleb Thomas of Traverse City West HS 7th Place - Howard Bliss of Newberry HS 8th Place - Atreyu Burden of Mio-Au Sable HS 1st Place Match Drew Hansen (Gladstone HS) 33-1, Sr. over Jon Pearson (Kingsley Area HS) 20-6, Sr. (Fall 1:49) **3rd Place Match** Wyatt Peabody (Sault Area HS) 22-9, So. over Jaymes Wildfong (Mance-Iona HS) 32-1, Sr. (M. For.) **5th Place Match** Gabriel Buyze-Prieto (Kalkaska HS) 6-2, Jr. over Caleb Thomas (Traverse

City West HS) 22-12, Jr. (Dec 13-6) 8th Place Match

Howard Bliss (Newberry HS) 25-9, So. over Atreyu Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 18-19, Fr. (Fall 2:45) Cons. A Champ Gus Carper (Inland Lakes HS) 14-6, Fr. over Jeremiah Huntley (Cheboygan Area HS) 16-10, So. (Fall 4:08)

Cons. B Champ Brodie Leipold (St Ignace) 12-16, So. over Brady Wilczynsi (Pinconning Area HS) 8-13, Fr. (SV-1 5-3)

138 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

Guaranteed Places 1st Place - Gavyn Merchant of Kingsley Area HS 2nd Place - Jacob Gillison of Benzie Central HS 3rd Place - Will Ohman of Sault Area HS 4th Place - Brady Slocum of Traverse City Central HS 5th Place - Trace Reay of Tawas Area HS 6th Place - Elliot Gardner of Escanaba HS 7th Place - Robert Patrick of Petoskey HS 8th Place - Maveric Hoffert of Cadillac HS **1st Place Match**

Gavyn Merchant (Kingsley Area HS) 6-0, Sr. over Jacob Gillison (Benzie Central HS) 32-6, Sr. (Dec 4-2)

3rd Place Match

150 LB. WEIGHT CLASS Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Austin Solis of Gladstone HS 2nd Place - Grady Rousse of Traverse City Central HS 3rd Place - Trapper Holmes of Traverse City West HS 4th Place - Ashton Burden of Mio-Au Sable HS 5th Place - Dalton Geetings of Benzie Central HS 6th Place - Gabriel Werkheiser of St Ignace 7th Place - Thomas Saunders of Whittemore-Prescott HS 8th Place - Blake Davis of Gaylord HS **1st Place Match**

Austin Solis (Gladstone HS) 27-1, Sr. over Grady Rousse (Traverse City Central HS) 30-5, So. (Dec 14-7) **3rd Place Match**

Trapper Holmes (Traverse City West HS) 27-6, Jr. over Ashton Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 25-6, Jr. (Dec 9-2)

5th Place Match Dalton Geetings (Benzie Central HS) 22-12, Sr. over Gabriel Werkheiser (St Ignace) 24-7, Jr. (Fall 3:56)

8th Place Match Thomas Saunders (Whittemore-Prescott HS) 20-6, Jr. over Blake Davis

(Gaylord HS) 19-8, Jr. (M. For.) Cons. A Champ Colton Goethals (Kingsley Area HS) 16-9, So. over Gabe Wolverton (Reed

City HS) 15-14, Fr. (Fall 2:44) Cons. B Champ

Brody Oliver (Alpena HS) 16-14, Fr. over Connor Chapman (Negaunee HS) 14-16, Jr. (Fall 4:32)

157 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

Guaranteed Places 1st Place - Zane Willobee of Gaylord HS 2nd Place - Xander Kartes of Ogemaw Heights HS 3rd Place - Jax Lipnitz of St Ignace 4th Place - Gaven Furgeson of Gladwin HS 5th Place - Conner Wenkel of Benzie Central HS 6th Place - Eli Murphy of Whittemore-Prescott HS 7th Place - Logan Wilks of Charlevoix HS 8th Place - Andrew Kiaunis of Reed City HS **1st Place Match** Zane Willobee (Gaylord HS) 18-0, So. over Xander Kartes (Ogemaw Heights HS) 29-3, Sr. (Dec 4-2) **3rd Place Match** Jax Lipnitz (St Ignace) 28-3, Sr. over Gaven Furgeson (Gladwin HS) 32-7,

Sr. (MD 9-0) **5th Place Match**

Conner Wenkel (Benzie Central HS) 25-12, Jr. over Eli Murphy (Whittemore-Prescott HS) 24-11, Sr. (SV-1 2-4) 8th Place Match

Logan Wilks (Charlevoix HS) 23-9, Jr. over Andrew Kiaunis (Reed City HS) 25-11, So. (Fall 0:58) Cons. A Champ

Max Wilson (Gladstone HS) 17-16, Jr. over Logan McMullen (Inland Lakes HS) 13-6, Jr. (Dec 3-0)

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3rd Place Match Lorcan Keatley (Gladwin HS) 30-5, Sr. over Isaac Paull (Rogers City HS) 22-5, Sr. (Fall 1:44) 5th Place Match

Logan Wolf (Gaylord HS) 25-7, . over Conner Lambert (Ogemaw Heights HS) 21-11, So. (Dec 5-1)

8th Place Match Cody Russo (Sault Area HS) 27-7, Jr. over Hunter Fagon-Moyer (Reed City HS) 25-12, Jr. (Fall 1:18)

Cons. A Champ Cameron Sellers (St Francis HS) 18-10, Jr. over Colten Longstreet (Cadillac HS) 18-16, So. (Fall 1:44)

Cons. B Champ Avery Enos (Inland Lakes HS) 14-6, So. over Lyrik Ricketts (Alpena HS) 6-7, Jr. (Fall 0:34)

190 LB. WEIGHT CLASS Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Ty Bensinger of Gaylord HS 2nd Place - Trevor Streeter of Charlevoix HS 3rd Place - Braden Ritchie of Gladwin HS 4th Place - Max Herrick of Tawas Area HS 5th Place - Curtis Houghton of Marquette HS 6th Place - Brecken Stokoszynski of Standish-Sterling HS 7th Place - Chris Kiekhaefer of Sault Area HS 8th Place - Eric Moore of Roscommon HS **1st Place Match** Ty Bensinger (Gaylord HS) 23-0, . over Trevor Streeter (Charlevoix HS) 32-3, Sr. (MD 15-5) **3rd Place Match**

Braden Ritchie (Gladwin HS) 29-8, Sr. over Max Herrick (Tawas Area HS) 30-8, Sr. (M. For.)

5th Place Match

Curtis Houghton (Marquette HS) 17-7, Sr. over Brecken Stokoszynski (Standish-Sterling HS) 21-11, Jr. (Dec 3-1) 8th Place Match Chris Kiekhaefer (Sault Area HS) 23-6, Sr. over Eric Moore (Roscommon

HS) 15-2, Sr. (M. For.) Cons. A Champ Jack Savard (Gladstone HS) 23-7, So. over Michael Beck (Cheboygan

Area HS) 14-9, Sr. (Fall 2:23) Cons. B Champ Dakota Bertram (Houghton Lake HS) 6-11, Fr. over (), . (Bye)

215 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

Guaranteed Places 1st Place - Landon Swanson of Charlevoix HS 2nd Place - Brady Vaughan of Traverse City West HS 3rd Place - Lane Sanchez of Benzie Central HS 4th Place - Robert Johns of Munising HS 5th Place - Walker Borchers of Roscommon HS 6th Place - Calvin Aldrich of Sault Area HS 7th Place - Christopher Wolgamott of Reed City HS 8th Place - Hunter Vance of Traverse City Central HS

Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Jaron Bensinger of Gaylord HS 2nd Place - Tyler Sheeran of St Francis HS 3rd Place - Ethan Palmateer of Gladwin HS 4th Place - Nathan Beauchamp of Gladstone HS 5th Place - Barron Bowman of Reed City HS 6th Place - Michael Risinger of Traverse City Central HS 7th Place - Benjamin Deridder of Benzie Central HS 8th Place - Jedidiah Brady of St Ignace

1st Place Match

Jaron Bensinger (Gaylord HS) 25-1, So. over Tyler Sheeran (St Francis HS) 28-6, Sr. (Fall 0:38)

3rd Place Match

Ethan Palmateer (Gladwin HS) 27-6, So. over Nathan Beauchamp (Gladstone HS) 22-12, Fr. (Fall 4:08)

5th Place Match

Barron Bowman (Reed City HS) 25-10, So. over Michael Risinger (Traverse City Central HS) 20-8, So. (MD 16-2)

8th Place Match

Benjamin Deridder (Benzie Central HS) 24-8, Jr. over Jedidiah Brady (St Ignace) 18-9, Fr. (Dec 8-2)

Cons. A Champ

Joseph Schafer (Cadillac HS) 26-12, So. over Jhonas Williams (Oscoda HS) 25-5, Jr. (Dec 4-3)

Cons. B Champ

Beepsee Teeple (Marquette HS) 9-13, So. over Jaycob Clark (Charlton Heston Academy) 2-4, Jr. (Fall 2:54)

126 LB. WEIGHT CLASS Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Cade Krueger of Escanaba HS 2nd Place - Mason Childs of Benzie Central HS 3rd Place - Alex Reynolds of Traverse City West HS 4th Place - Kieran Beach of Gaylord HS 5th Place - Ben Briggs of Standish-Sterling HS 6th Place - Jackson Ziegler of Ogemaw Heights HS 7th Place - Wyatt Hanel of Inland Lakes HS

8th Place - Andrew Cain of Munising HS

1st Place Match Cade Krueger (Escanaba HS) 22-5, Jr. over Mason Childs (Benzie Central HS) 22-14, So. (Fall 3:31)

3rd Place Match

Alex Reynolds (Traverse City West HS) 30-6, Sr. over Kieran Beach (Gaylord HS) 24-7, Fr. (Dec 8-7)

5th Place Match

Ben Briggs (Standish-Sterling HS) 25-6, So. over Jackson Ziegler (Ogemaw Heights HS) 22-12, Fr. (Dec 3-0)

Will Ohman (Sault Area HS) 32-4, Sr. over Brady Slocum (Traverse City Central HS) 24-9, Sr. (Fall 2:22)

5th Place Match

Trace Reay (Tawas Area HS) 32-7, Jr. over Elliot Gardner (Escanaba HS) 30-7, Sr. (Fall 2:14)

8th Place Match

Robert Patrick (Petoskey HS) 24-6, Jr. over Maveric Hoffert (Cadillac HS) 9-1, So. (M. For.)

Cons. A Champ

Laiken Reeves (Standish-Sterling HS) 20-11, Jr. over Elijah Lentz (Reed City HS) 28-10, Sr. (Fall 2:24) Cons. B Champ Anthony Wise (Charlevoix HS) 13-11, Sr. over Moses Kurtz (Ogemaw Heights HS) 15-13, Fr. (Fall 1:39)

144 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

Guaranteed Places 1st Place - Payton Sampson of Cadillac HS 2nd Place - Cameron Dundas of Kingsley Area HS 3rd Place - Owen Cruden of Benzie Central HS 4th Place - Hayden O`Neil of Newberry HS 5th Place - Izaiah Lentz of Reed City HS 6th Place - Tyler Foco of Standish-Sterling HS 7th Place - Ryan Cook of Petoskey HS 8th Place - Gavin Knepp of Mio-Au Sable HS **1st Place Match** Payton Sampson (Cadillac HS) 33-4, Fr. over Cameron Dundas (Kingsley Area HS) 19-6, Sr. (Dec 6-0) **3rd Place Match**

Owen Cruden (Benzie Central HS) 31-7, Sr. over Hayden O`Neil (Newberry HS) 26-6, Sr. (Fall 2:37)

5th Place Match Izaiah Lentz (Reed City HS) 28-7, Sr. over Tyler Foco (Standish-Sterling HS) 22-7, Sr. (Fall 4:07)

8th Place Match

Ryan Cook (Petoskey HS) 26-10, Sr. over Gavin Knepp (Mio-Au Sable HS) 23-8, Jr. (Fall 4:56)

Cons. A Champ

Keegan Ritchie (Alcona HS) 13-6, So. over Mason Wells (Gladstone HS) 22-11, So. (Fall 2:18)

Cons. B Champ Aiden Shutler (Traverse City Central HS) 7-11, Jr. over Miles Malarick (Charlton Heston Academy) 0-4, So. (Fall 0:48)

Cons. B Champ

Elliot Ferguson (Marquette HS) 1-7, Jr. over Andrew Oster (Houghton Lake HS) 9-17, Fr. (Fall 1:54)

165 LB. WEIGHT CLASS

Guaranteed Places 1st Place - Jaden Vanderwall of Petoskey HS 2nd Place - Sam Vyner of Whittemore-Prescott HS 3rd Place - Luke Phillips of Cadillac HS 4th Place - Justin Whisler of Charlevoix HS 5th Place - Beau Belanger of St Francis HS 6th Place - Joseph Kelley of Munising HS 7th Place - Kennedy Depew of Newberry HS 8th Place - Jesus Montelongo of Traverse City Central HS **1st Place Match** Jaden Vanderwall (Petoskey HS) 28-5, Sr. over Sam Vyner (Whittemore-Prescott HS) 29-4, Jr. (Fall 3:54)

3rd Place Match

Luke Phillips (Cadillac HS) 32-6, Jr. over Justin Whisler (Charlevoix HS) 28-8, Sr. (Dec 3-2)

5th Place Match

Beau Belanger (St Francis HS) 23-8, Jr. over Joseph Kelley (Munising HS) 29-6, Sr. (Dec 9-4)

8th Place Match

Kennedy Depew (Newberry HS) 23-8, Sr. over Jesus Montelongo (Traverse City Central HS) 11-11, Sr. (Fall 2:29)

Cons. A Champ

Andre Bradford (Inland Lakes HS) 17-3, So. over Tyrone Brouillet (Benzie Central HS) 24-15, Sr. (Dec 8-7)

Cons. B Champ

Jack Taylor (Gladstone HS) 14-6, Fr. over Daniel Hewitt (Marquette HS) 6-9, Sr. (Fall 2:08)

175 LB. WEIGHT CLASS Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Brady Jess of Charlevoix HS 2nd Place - Caleb Bott of Kingsley Area HS 3rd Place - Lorcan Keatley of Gladwin HS 4th Place - Isaac Paull of Rogers City HS 5th Place - Logan Wolf of Gaylord HS 6th Place - Conner Lambert of Ogemaw Heights HS 7th Place - Cody Russo of Sault Area HS 8th Place - Hunter Fagon-Moyer of Reed City HS **1st Place Match** Brady Jess (Charlevoix HS) 36-1, Jr. over Caleb Bott (Kingsley Area HS)

13-3, Sr. (Dec 9-2)

1st Place Match

Landon Swanson (Charlevoix HS) 35-2, Sr. over Brady Vaughan (Traverse City West HS) 35-4, Jr. (Dec 5-1)

3rd Place Match

Lane Sanchez (Benzie Central HS) 26-10, So. over Robert Johns (Munising HS) 27-14, Sr. (Fall 1:35)

5th Place Match Walker Borchers (Roscommon HS) 14-11, So. over Calvin Aldrich (Sault

Area HS) 17-9, Jr. (Dec 9-2) 8th Place Match Christopher Wolgamott (Reed City HS) 13-16, Fr. over Hunter Vance (Traverse City Central HS) 6-8, So. (Fall 0:53) Cons. A Champ

Parker Rood (Cadillac HS) 21-11, Fr. over Ben Eckler (St Francis HS) 8-13, Fr. (MD 10-0)

285 LB. WEIGHT CLASS **Guaranteed Places**

1st Place - Wyatt Spalo of Reed City HS 2nd Place - Caden Sides of Gaylord HS 3rd Place - Sawyer Blasczyk of Charlevoix HS 4th Place - Sawyer Kuenzer of Sault Area HS 5th Place - Adam Goodwin of Petoskey HS 6th Place - Rvan Kincaid of Benzie Central HS 7th Place - Wyatt Gee of Gladwin HS 8th Place - Shawn Paszkowiski of Cadillac HS

1st Place Match

Wyatt Spalo (Reed City HS) 33-1, Jr. over Caden Sides (Gaylord HS) 26-4, Jr. (Dec 4-1)

3rd Place Match

Sawyer Blasczyk (Charlevoix HS) 25-7, So. over Sawyer Kuenzer (Sault Area HS) 31-4, Jr. (Dec 2-1)

5th Place Match

Adam Goodwin (Petoskey HS) 28-6, Jr. over Ryan Kincaid (Benzie Central HS) 25-12, Sr. (Fall 2:07)

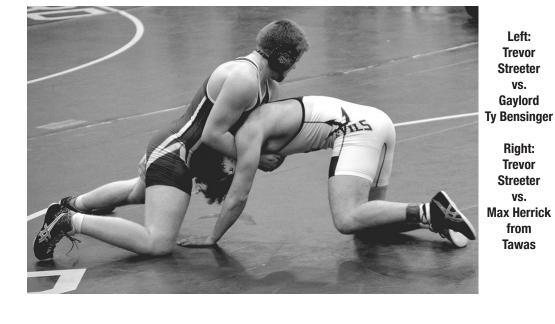
8th Place Match

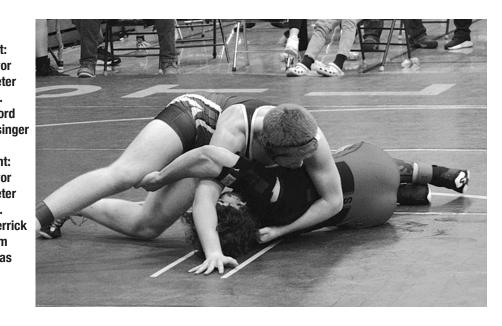
Wyatt Gee (Gladwin HS) 15-9, Sr. over Shawn Paszkowiski (Cadillac HS) 19-9, So. (Fall 1:37)

Cons. A Champ

Thomas Benoit (Escanaba HS) 18-8, Sr. over Talon Smith (Marquette HS) 9-4, Jr. (Fall 1:39) Cons. B Champ

Trenton Stephenson (Alpena HS) 3-7, Jr. over Symon Morris (Roscommon HS) 1-2, So. (Fall 1:46)





Sports

BOWLING

Boyne City Girls Splits with Cheboygan

While the Lady Ramblers came out firing against the Cheboygan Chiefs early claiming both baker games they couldn't keep it going. We took 3 out of the first individual games. We came up short in the second set of individuals to split the match 15 to 15. We take on Grayling next in Petoskey.

High	individual games
	for the day

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SKIING

Lake Charlevoix Ski Team races at Boyne Mountain

BY COACH HERRMANN

The Lake Charlevoix Ski Team hosted an LMC meet January 24 at Boyne Mountain. Ella Doumanian continued her great skiing with a first place finish in the slalom race, followed by her teammate Avery Kita in second. There was excellent skiing by Addie Murray, Olivia Dobbins, Ruby Tosch and more improvement by Jess Seltzer.

In the girls' GS race, Avery Kita took the win, followed by Olivia Dobbins in 19th and Ruby Tosch in 20th.

In the boys' GS race, Isaac Dionne led the Lake Charlevoix Ski Team with a 6th place finish, followed by Finn Tosch in 11th, David Gray with a career-best 16th, Wyatt Dionne in 19th

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and Alex Hodgson in 22nd. Strong skiing by Bennett Fruk, Miles Blakeney, Jack Sullivan, and Wyatt Wildman, who ended up 5th in a competitive JV race.

In slalom, Isaac Dionne once again led the boys' team with a 10th place finish. Alex Hodgson took 15th and Wyatt Dionne took 17th. Great skiing by newcomer Sonny Raona with an 18th place. The JV squad matched their good skiing in the GS race, paced by Owen Chappuies with a second place finish.

"I was really impressed with the positive attitude of the team and their approach in very difficult skiing conditions." said Coach Herrmann.

The team is scheduled

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for a LMC race at Schuss Mountain on January 29.

HOCKEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS 1/29/24

ASSOCIATED PRESS HIGH SCHOOL **BOYS BASKETBALL STATE RANKINGS - 1/29/24**

Division 1 1. Orchard Lake St. Mary's (5) (12-1) 75 2. Muskegon (10-0) 70 3. East Lansing (13-1) 64 4. Detroit Cass Tech (14-1) 58 5. Grand Rapids Northview (11-1) 55 6. Dearborn (14-0) 51 7. North Farmington (13-1) 47 8. Detroit U-D Jesuit (12-3) 40 9. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (11-4) 30 10. Ann Arbor Huron (10-2) 27

Others receiving votes: Detroit Catholic Central 11, Rockford 11, Saline 10, Zeeland West 9, Cadillac 9, Okemos 8, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 6, Ypsilanti Lincoln 6, Detroit King 5, Saginaw Heritage 4, Kalamazoo Central 2, Port Huron Northern 2.

Division 2

1. Warren Lincoln (6) (12-2) 90 2. Grand Rapids Christian (11-1) 83 3. Benton Harbor (16-0) 77 4. Romulus Summit Academy (13-1) 70 5. Whitehall (14-0) 69 6. Dundee (14-1) 54 7. Freeland (12-1) 48 8. Flint Powers Catholic (12-2) 40 9. Kingsford (12-2) 26 10. Grand Rapids Catholic Central (8-3) 24

Others receiving votes: Grand Rapids South Christian 23, Chelsea 21, Tecumseh 19, Ferndale 18, Saginaw Arthur Hill 15, Yale 13, Saginaw 8, Lansing Sexton 5, Adrian 4, Bay City John Glenn 3, Onsted 3, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 3, Warren Fitzgerald 2, Olivet 1, Flat Rock 1.

BOYS BASKE

Big North Conference				
Team	W-L	W-L		
	(Conference)	(Overall)		
Cadillac	6-0	12-1		
Traverse City West	5-1	11-4		
Petoskey	2-3	7-6		
Gaylord	2-4	6-9		
Traverse City Central	2-4	2-12		
Alpena	0-5	4-10		
Lake Michigan	Conferen	nce		
Team	W-L	W-L		
	(Conference)	(Overall)		
Elk Rapids	7-2	8-7		
Traverse City St Fran	cis 6-2	7-5		
Harbor Springs	6-3	9-5		
Charlevoix	5-3	11-3		
Boyne City	5-4	9-6		

Division 3 1. Iron Mountain (2) (13-0) 71 2. Laingsburg (2) (13-0) 67 3. Niles Brandywine (11-2) 64 4. McBain (11-1) 59 5. Jackson Lumen Christi (1) (12-1) 58 6. Cass City (13-0) 45 7. Riverview Gabriel Richard (12-2) 44 8. North Muskegon (13-0) 33 9. Chesaning (12-0) 32 10. Pewamo-Westphalia (10-2) 25

Others receiving votes: Sanford-Meridian 24, Menominee 19, Benzonia Benzie Central 10, Centreville 9, Harbor Beach 9, New Haven 9, Napoleon 7, Beal City 5, Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 3, Ishpeming 3, Michigan Center 2, Charlevoix 1, Clinton Township Clintondale 1.

Division 4

1. Wyoming Tri-unity Christian (3) (10-2) 73 2. Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart (13-1) 63 (tie) Taylor Trillium Academy (2) (12-1) 63 4. Adrian Lenawee Christian (11-2) 62 5. St. Ignace (11-3) 59 6. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (11-2) 41 7. Pickford (12-1) 40 8. Munising (12-3) 35 9. Bellevue (10-1) 22 10. Petersburg Summerfield (12-3) 21

Others receiving votes: Crystal Falls Forest Park 18, Hillman 17, Saginaw Nouvel 17, Britton-Deerfield 16, Lake Linden-Hubbell 14, Dryden 13, Maple City Glen Lake 12, Norway 10, Genesee Christian 4.

TBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS	
1/29/24	

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Sault Ste Marie	3-1	7-7
Rudyard	2-2	9-4
Cheboygan	1-3	8-7
Newberry	0-4	3-9
Northern Lakes	Confere	nce
Team	W-L	W-I
	(Conference)	(Overa
Harbor Springs Harb	or	
Light Christian	6-1	12-2
Alanson	6-2	9-3
Mackinaw City	5-2	8-6
Burt Lake Northern		
Michigan Christian	3-2	6-6
Ellsworth	3-3	4-9
Wolverine	1-6	2-7
Boyne Falls	1-7	3-9
Alba	0-2	0-3

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ASSOCIATED PRESS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE RANKINGS - 1/29/24

Division 1

1. West Bloomfield (5) (11-0) 75 2. Detroit Renaissance (12-0) 70 3. East Kentwood (12-1) 65 4. Rockford (13-1) 60 5. Belleville (10-1) 55 6. Grosse Pointe North (11-1) 40 7. Grand Haven (11-2) 38 8. Macomb Dakota (12-2) 36 9. Jackson Northwest (10-1) 30 10. DeWitt (11-3) 29

Others receiving votes: Byron Center 26, Lowell 22, Temperance Bedford 20, Wayne Memorial 17, Midland Dow 9, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 4, Canton Salem 3, Portage Central 1.

Division 2

1. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (3) (13-0) 72 2. Detroit Edison (1) (10-0) 69 3. Grand Rapids West Catholic (1) (11-1) 67 4. Goodrich (12-0) 61 5. Frankenmuth (9-2) 52 6. Negaunee (13-1) 41 7. Freeland (11-2) 38 8. Flint Powers (10-1) 34 9. Orchard Lake St. Mary (13-0) 32 10. Lansing Catholic (8-3) 30

Others receiving votes: Chelsea 29, Portland 26, Detroit Country Day 21, Lake Fenton 13, Alma 4, Redford Westfield Prep 4, Warren Fitzgerald 3, Paw Paw 2, Marine City 2.

(10-2)73 2. Niles Brandywine (1) (10-0) 71 3. Michigan Center (14-0) 65 4. Sanford-Meridian (10-0) 50 5. Lake City (12-2) 46 6. Ovid-Elsie (10-1) 42 7. Elk Rapids (12-1) 40 8. Kalamazoo Christian (10-1) 38 9. Blissfield (8-2) 37 10. Hemlock (9-2) 35

Others receiving votes: Harbor Springs 16, Sandusky 15, Bark River-Harris 14, Harbor Beach 12, Manton 11, Morley-Stanwood 11, St. Charles 8, Saugatuck 5, Mason County Central 4, St. Louis 4, Evart 2, Bath 1.

Division 4

1. lshpeming (5) (11-0) 75 2. Fowler (10-2) 66 3. Lake Linden-Hubbell (13-0) 59 4. Kingston (11-1) 53 5. Colon (10-1) 52 6. Lake Leelanau St. Mary (10-1) 33 7. Mackinaw City (11-0) 32 (tie) Portland St. Patrick (10-2) 32 9. St. Ignace LaSalle (10-3) 29 10. Martin (9-1) 26

Others receiving votes: Maple City Glen Lake 20, Frankfort 19, Bloomfield Hills Roeper 17, Clarkston Everest Catholic 16, Morenci 15, Mendon 14, Ewen-Trout Creek 10, Baraga 8, Birmingham Roeper 7, Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 6, Climax-Scotts 4, Munising 2, Brethren 2, Bay City All Saints 2, Mio Au Sable 1

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(Conference) (Overall)

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GIRLS BASKETBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS 1/29/24

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3-1	7-7	Big North Co	nference	2	Straits Area Co	onferen	ce
2-2	9-4	Team	W-L	W-L	Team	W-L	W-l
1-3	8-7		(Conference)	(Overall)		(Conference)	(Overa
0-4	3-9	Traverse City Central	5-0	8-3	Sault Ste Marie	3-0	7-3
Confere	200	Alpena	3-2	7-5	St Ignace	2-1	11-3
W-L	W-L	Cadillac	2-2	7-4	Newberry	2-3	5-6
		Petoskey	2-4	8-6	Cheboygan	0-2	4-7
onference) (Overall)	Gaylord	1-3	6-7	Rudyard	0-5	0-1
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6-1	12-2				Team	W-L	W-I
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5-2	8-6	Lake Michigan			Mackinaw City	7-0	11-(
		Team	W-L	W-L	Ellsworth	6-2	8-4
3-2	6-6		(Conference)	. ,	Burt Lake Northern		
3-3	4-9	Elk Rapids	7-0	12-1	Michigan Christian	2-1	8-3
1-6	2-7	Harbor Springs	6-1	10-2	Harbor Springs Harbo		
1-7	3-9	Charlevoix	4-3	6-6	Light Christian	3-3	6-7
0-2	0-3	Grayling	3-3	6-6	Alanson	3-4	4-6
e-Big D	innor	Boyne City	3-4	6-7	Alba	0-3	0-3
W-L	W-L	East Jordan	2-3	6-4	Wolverine	0-8	0-10
		Traverse City			North Star Leagu	e-Big D	ipper
) (Overall)	St Francis	1-6	1-11	Team	W-Ĺ	W-l
5-0	12-4	Kalkaska	0-6	0-9		(Conference)	(Overa
3-1	10-4				Mio	3-0	10-
2-1	3-9	Ski Valley Co	nforonco		Oscoda	4-1	8-4
6-7		Team	W-L	W-L	Rogers City	3-1	8-3
					Alcona	3-2	8-3
1-3	7-6		(Conference)	. ,	St Helen Charlton		
0-5	2-11	Gaylord St Mary	7-1	8-4	Heston Academy	0-4	0-1
Little	Dipper	Indian River			Whittemore-Prescott	0-5	0-10
W-L	W-L	Inland Lakes	7-1	7-4	North Star League	-Little [Dippe
onference) (Overall)	Johannesburg-			Team	W-L	W-l
5-0	13-2	Lewiston	5-3	7-5		(Conference)	
3-1	8-5	Mancelona	5-3	7-6	Hillman	6-0	8-6
3-2	5-9	Onaway	5-4	8-4	Au Gres-Sims	5-1	10-3
3-3	4-10	Bellaire	4-4	7-6	Hale	2-2	4-6
5-5 1-5	4-10 2-12	Central Lake	1-6	1-9	Fairview	1-4	5-7
		Pellston	0-6	1-9	Posen	1-4	3-9
0-4	0-8	Fife Lake Forest Area	0-6	0-9	Atlanta	0-4	3-4

Division 3

1. Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory (4)

	Big North Conference	
Team	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Traverse City Central	6-1-0	9-10-0
Alpena	6-2-0	12-9-0
Traverse City West	5-2-0	9-10-0
Cadillac	4-6-0	8-12-0
Petoskey	3-5-0	10-7-1
Gaylord	0-7-0	3-14-0
	Straits Area Conference	
Team	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Sault Ste Marie	0-0-0	16-4-1

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Grayling	2-5	6-7
East Jordan	1-6	5-8
Kalkaska	0-7	1-12
Ski Valley Co	nference	•
Team	W-L	W-L
	(Conference)	(Overall)
Mancelona	10-0	13-2
Bellaire	8-1	10-3
Gaylord St Mary	7-3	9-4
Onaway	7-3	9-4
Indian River Inland Lak	æs 6-4	8-6
Central Lake	3-6	6-9
Johannesburg-Lewist	on 2-8	2-13
Pellston	1-9	2-12
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-10	3-12
Straits Area C	onferenc	e
Team	W-L	W-L

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(Conference) (Overall)

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North Star League-Big Dipper						
Team	W-L	W-L				
	(Conference)	(Overall)				
Alcona	5-0	12-4				
Oscoda	3-1	10-4				
Rogers City	2-1	3-9				
Mio1-2	6-7					
St Helen Charlton						
Heston Academy	1-3	7-6				
Whittemore-Prescot	t 0-5	2-11				
North Star Leagu	e-Little D	ipper				
Team	W-L	W-L				
	(Conference)	(Overall)				
Hillman	5-0	13-2				
Posen	3-1	8-5				
Hale	3-2	5-9				
Fairview	3-3	4-10				
Au Gres-Sims	1-5	2-12				
Atlanta	0-4	0-8				

Alanson	3-4	4-6
Alba	0-3	0-3
Wolverine	0-8	0-10
North Star Leagu	ıe-Big Di	pper
Team	W-L	W-L
	(Conference)	(Overall)
Mio	3-0	10-3
Oscoda	4-1	8-4
Rogers City	3-1	8-3
Alcona	3-2	8-3
St Helen Charlton		
Heston Academy	0-4	0-11
Whittemore-Prescot	t 0-5	0-10
North Star League	e-Little D	ipper
Team	W-L	W-L
	(Conference)	(Overall)
Hillman	6-0	8-6
Au Gres-Sims	5-1	10-3
Hale	2-2	4-6
Fairview	1-4	5-7
Posen	1-4	3-9
Atlanta	0-4	3-4

PET OF THE WEEK **SNOWBALL**



This little cutie is Snowball. Snowball is considered a "special needs" dog as she is totally deaf, but she doesn't let a little thing like that get in her way! Snowball is full of sweetness and has wonderful manners. Snowball was originally adopted from us several years ago but was found running as a stray in another county and was never picked up. After that Snowball found herself back at CAHS in search of a lasting forever home. Snowball is a bit cautious of other dogs and we think she would be fine with cats. She is also house trained. Open your home to this little lady and we promise she will warm your heart!



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BOYS BASKETBALL

Ramblers showing improvement as season progresses

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Things are starting to come together a little more for the Boyne City boys basketball team as the Ramblers are well into the second half of the season, heading for the post-season.

Experience is starting to show and the Ramblers are beginning to assert their will on teams. But, there's a long way to go yet and standing pat is not an option.

Grayling

Last week the Ramblers divided a pair of Lake Michigan Conference games, thanks to a strong first half which enabled them to weather a choppy second half for a 52-49 win over Grayling last Tuesday and lost to Harbor Springs, 59-55 last Friday.

"We're starting to do what we want, get the ball inside and use our height and strength to our advantage," Ramblers coach Rob Jensen said. "We have four losses in the conference by 11 points total, so we're right there.

"Every game's meaningful now because the conference is just so tight, a few losses here or there can put us down from first place to sixth place just like that.

"So, trying to focus on that is pretty tough. But picking them up afterwards is tougher. We've had a couple weeks of tough games, and they're starting to feel the pressure a little

Jensen said the Ramblers played with great energy in the first half against Grayling, but then struggled in the second half as they turned the ball over a bit too much.

But, they survived. Topping the individual statistics was Jaden Alger, who recorded a double double with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Ryan Spate finished with 16 points, eight rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Harbor Springs

Although the Ramblers looked better against the Rams, taking care of the ball better and rebounded well, they couldn't get over the hump.

Boyne had three players score in double figures, paced by Alger who had another double double with 19 points and 16 rebounds. Chad Stanek added 13 points and 11 rebounds while Owen Hewitt contributed 10 points.

Stanek, a senior starter, has taken on a new role this year handling the ball as the team's point guard despite his 6-foot-5 size.

He's averaging about 14 points a game and eight rebounds, and his senior leadership has been helpful.

Only a junior, Alger has exceeded Jensen's expectations with almost 17 points a game and 13 rebounds. Jensen says he's been a dominant force on the boards.

Boyne is 9-6 overall and 5-4 in the conference.

Red Devils snaps losing streak with win over Kalkaska

BOYS BASKETBALL

BY GREG GIELCZYK

EJ 47, Kalkaska 38

East Jordan snapped a two-game losing streak with a 47-38 victory over Kalkaska in a Lake Michigan Conference boys basketball game last Friday, January 26.

It was a close game throughout, as the Red Devils bounced back after being outscored 11-10 in the first quarter to reverse the score in the second to go into the half with the score knotted at 21-21.

Kalkaska retook the lead, 30-27 at the end of the third period with a 9-6 edge over the Red Devils on the quarter. East Jordan again rallied, exploding in the fourth period for a 20-8 advantage.

The Red Devils shot nearly 35 percent from the field, including a 5-of-26 from beyond the 3-point arc. East Jordan finished 16-of-46 from the field overall.

East Jordan scored 11 points off turnovers to only four for the Blazers. The Red Devils had 22 points in the paint and held the Blazers to 16.

Korbyn Russell led the Red Devils with 19 points, shooting a fine 10-of-25 which included a 3-of-10 effort from 3-point land. Angel Delgado contributed nine and Lucas Stone added eight.

William Webb was the leader on the boards for East Jordan with nine rebounds, and he added four assists. Stone picked off four steals.

It was the end of a brutal stretch for the Red Devils

where they played six games in 11 days.

"We gave our best defensive effort," said East Jordan coach Nate Dzwik said. "We didn't shoot the ball particularly well, but in the fourth quarter we really worked the ball inside and got some easy shots which opened things up for a couple of open 3's."

St. Francis 55, EJ 47

East Jordan got off to a fast start against Traverse City St. Francis but couldn't maintain the momentum and wound up dropping a 55-47 to the Gladiators last Tuesday, January 23.

"It was a well played game, and I was proud of our effort and energy," said Dzwik. "St. Francis is a good team and made us pay for our mistakes."

The Red Devils took a 12-8 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Gladiators doubled them up in the second, 14-7 and forged a 22-19 lead at the half.

St. Francis outscored the Red Devils, 16-11 in the third and had a 38-30 advantage going into the fourth period, which both teams scored 17 apiece. St. Francis is in second place in the Lake Michigan conference with a record of 6-2 in conference, 7-5 overall.

East Jordan was paced by Stone with 14 points, followed by Russell with 12 and Delgado with eight. Delgado and Webb had five rebounds each. Webb also had three assists and two steals. Stone had two steals.



East Jordan's Korbyn Russell (54) passes the ball over Bellaire Eagles Kaden Battershell (3) in a game at Bellaire on January 24. The Eagles and Red Devils battled back and forth through most of the game. With just two minutes remaining on the clock, Bellaire turned up the heat and clinched a 49-44 victory over East Jordan. **Photo: Joanie Moore**

Bellaire 49, EJ 44

In another tight affair, the Red Devils fell just short in a 49-44 loss to the Bellaire Eagles last Wednesday, January 24.

East Jordan opened the game with a 15-13 edge at the end of the first quarter, and outscored the Eagles 14-12 in the second to build a 29-24 halftime edge.

But the game flipped the other way in the second half as the Eagles charged back, outscoring the 24-15. The

Eagles had a 14-9 edge in the third period and led, 43-33 going into the fourth.

"We just couldn't put the ball in the basket," Dzwik said. "We had a bunch of great looks that we just didn't make. Credit to Bellaire for finishing the game they did on the defensive end." Bellaire has a record of 10-3.

Stone led the Red Devils with eight points, while Ryder Malpass and Ellis Malpass had six apiece.

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BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Boyne Falls 3-9

2/1-7:30 PM *League game.	A	Ellsworth
2/5-5:30 PM *League game.	Н	Alanson
2/8-5:30 PM *League game.	А	Alba

Boyne City 9-6

1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	А	Kalkaska
2/1—7:00 PM *League game.	А	Charlevoix
2/6—7:00 PM *League game.	Н	Traverse City St Francis
2/8—7:00 PM *League game.	А	East Jordan

Charlevoix 11-3

1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	Н	Traverse City St Francis
2/1-7:00 PM *League game.	Н	Boyne City
2/6-7:00 PM *League game.	Α	Kalkaska
2/8—7:00 PM *League game.	Н	Elk Rapids

Ellsworth 4-9

- 1/30–7:00 PM *League game. H Wolverine 2/1–7:00 PM *League game. 2/2-7:30 PM 2/5-7:00 PM 2/9-7:00 PM *League game.
 - Н **Boyne Falls** Н Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Н Gaylord St Mary Н Alanson

East Jordan 5-8

1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	Н	Grayling
2/1-7:00 PM *League game.	Α	Elk Rapids
2/6–7:00 PM *League game.	Α	Harbor Springs
2/8-7:00 PM *League game.	Н	Boyne City

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Boyne City 6-7

1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	Ĥ	Kalkaska
2/2-7:00 PM *League game.	Н	Charlevoix
2/6-7:00 PM *League game.	Α	Traverse City St Francis
2/9-7:00 PM *League game.	Н	East Jordan

Charlevoix 6-6

1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	А	Traverse City St Francis		
2/2-7:00 PM *League game.	Α	Boyne City		
2/6-7:00 PM *League game.	Н	Kalkaska		
2/9–7:00 PM *League game.	А	Elk Rapids		
East landam 6.4				

East Jordan 6-4 Grayling

1/30–7:00 PM *League game.	Α	Grayling
2/1-5:30 PM	Α	Central Lake
2/2-7:00 PM *League game.	Α	Elk Rapids
2/6-7:00 PM *League game.	Η	Harbor Springs
2/9–7:00 PM *League game.	Α	Boyne City

Ellsworth 8-4

2/2-5:30 PM *League game.	Н	Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian
2/5–5:30 PM *League game.	А	Alba
2/6-7:00 PM	Н	Mancelona
2/8–7:00 PM *League game.	Η	Alanson

Loggers beat Forest Area, fall to Burt Lake

BY GREG GIELCZYK

After beating the Forest Area JV, 47-40 last Monday, the Boyne Falls boys basketball team fell, 52-49 to Burt Lake Christian last Friday.

It dropped the Loggers' record to 3-9 overall 1-7 in the Northern Lakes Conference heading into this week.

Boyne Falls 47, Forest Area JV 40

The Loggers couldn't get off the dime in the first quarter and finished the

period with a 9-2 deficit. Each team scored 13 points in the second quarter and the Warriors held a 22-15 lead at the half.

Boyne Falls regrouped at halftime and came out with more energy and fire in the third quarter, outscoring the Warriors 14-6 and climbed into a 29-28 lead. The Loggers had a 13-8 advantage in the fourth period.

Keaton Matelski scored 17 points to lead the Loggers, while Matthew Schafer contributed nine and Bryce

Tensor eight.

"We had a chance to play our younger players a lot," Loggers coach Ted Beyer said. "We still are suffering from Monday shooting woes."

Burt Lake 59, **Boyne Falls 42**

The Loggers were outscored, 16-7 in the first quarter but bounced back in the second to take Burt Lake's measure, 17-12 and trailed by four, 28-24 at the half.

Boyne was outscored, 16-11 in the third quarter and was looking at a 44-35 deficit going into the fourth when they had a 14-8 advantage that fell short.

Matelski had a big game for the Loggers with 20 points, JT Greenier followed with 15 and Devin Hausler tossed in another 10 points.

"We had a slow start, and we did not match up well with their top two scorers," said Beyer. "We made it close at the end. It was a good effort."

Rayders roll in 2nd half after bizarre first half

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Rayders 59,

Grayling 47

After a strange first half that coach Anthony Troshak called "bizarre," the Charlevoix boys basketball team got into its transition game and pulled away from Grayling for a 59-47 victory in the Lake Michigan Conference last Friday night.

It snapped a two-game losing streak for the Rayders, and improved their record to 11-3 overall. Unfortunately, all three of their losses have come in the conference, which leaves them fourth at 5-3.

But it's still a close race, with Elk Rapids holding a narrow edge in first place with a 7-2 record (8-7 overall), Traverse City St. Francis just behind in second at 6-2 (7-5 overall) and Harbor Springs third with a 6-3 mark (9-5 overall).

Charlevoix still has time to make up the ground on the top three, although the Rayders will need some help along the way if they hope to gain a share of the title.

"It was a bizarre game, especially in the first half," Troshak said of the Grayling contest. "Not much flow. Once we settled in and got stops we were able to get out in transition.

"When we moved the ball we got some nice looks, both inside and out. They switch up defenses, and keep you on your toes. We had some foul trouble, and a few guys came off the bench and gave us good minutes."

Grayling worked into an 11-6 lead after the first quarter, but the Rayders bounced back in the second and forged a slight 17-15 edge, cutting the deficit to three, 26-23 at the half.

The Rayders got their offense rolling in the third, outscoring the Vikings,

19-14 to surge ahead, 42-40 heading into the fourth quarter.

Charlevoix ended the game with a 17-7 burst in the final stanza for the final margin.

Hudson Vollmer scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Rayders, and he also had six rebounds. Vitale Collins scored nine points, and Jackson Crouse added nine points and eight rebounds.

Tristan Demlow led the Vikings with 15 points, Kaleb Hill tossed in 11 and Fletcher Qinlan added nine.

Harbor Springs 64, **Rayders 44**

Harbor Springs avenged a 57-43 loss to the Rayders back in December with a 63-44 victory last Tuesday in Harbor Springs, giving the Rams three wins in their last four games.

Charlevoix recovered from a 16-13 deficit at the end of the first quarter,

outscoring the Rams, 13-8 in the second period to take a 26-24 edge at the halftime break.

But the Ram came out hot in the third period, outscoring the Rayders, 19-10 to open a seven-point lead, 43-36 and then exploded for a 20-8 fourth quarter to win going away.

"We fought back multiple times, and Harbor countered and did a great job," said Troshak. "They came out and got some open looks in the third that jumped started an 11-0 run.

"We need to take care of the ball better, and be disciplined on defense. We'll bounce back."

Joe Gaffney led the Rayders with 13 points, while Logan Wadkins added 11 and Peyton Scott contributed eight.

Harbor Springs had Rider Bartel score a game-high 22 points and Braden Flynn added 20.

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If interested in the position, send a resume and cover letter to 2202 Mitchell Park Drive, Unit 4, Petoskey, MI 49770.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BOYNE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that, a public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Boyne City Planning Commission on Monday, February 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Boyne City Hall Commission Chambers, 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI, to review and consider the following:

A public hearing to consider a proposed conditional zoning offer for property owned by Alisha Peck located at 668 State Street Property ID# 15-051-275-016-10. The offer is requesting a conditional zoning change for the property from Traditional Residential District to Transitional Commercial District in order operate a retail store for the Cracker Jack Board Shack LLC.

A complete copy of the conditional zoning offer is available at the Boyne City Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. it will also be posted on the Boyne City website at cityofboynecity.com prior to the meeting. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and participate in the discussion. Any written input in regard to the issues may be received in the City Planner's office until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the public hearing or at the public hearing. For further information contact the City Planner's office at 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 or call (231)-582-0343. Questions and comments may also be e-mailed to smcpherson@boynecity.com.

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4-20(B). Attached or detached accessory apartments, provided the site contains an owner-occupied single-family dwelling, limited to one (1) accessory apartment per site. Accessory apartments can be attached to either a single-family dwelling or a detached garage. Detached accessory apartments shall have a minimum side yard and rear yard setback of five (5) feet. Off-street parking shall be in accordance with D.1.a of this subsection.

24-80(B). For any Development in the Residential Districts, the parking surface on the property and access driveways shall be covered with Pavement or Hard Surface material (plant-mixed bituminous material, concrete, and brick or masonry pavers). Where appropriate and with prior City approval, engineered permeable systems that allow water flow through the driveway may be used. The portion of the driveway within the Right-of-Way shall meet the then current City specifications.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS JANUARY 24, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on January 24, 2024, at 6:00 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Excused: Commissioner Harmon.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #24-008, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved the appointment of Cheryl Potter Browe, Pat Harmon, Becki King, and alternate Scott Hankins to the Charlevoix County Transit Advisory Committee.

Motion approved the appointment of Sharon Misiak, Cathy Kessler, Wanda Carr, Harry Wright, and Janet Kalbfell to the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Advisory Board.

Motion approved the appointment of Robin Hissong-Berry, Brian Williams, Cindy Banner, Lisa Alexander, and Craig Williams to the Charlevoix County Parks Advisory Committee.

Motion approved Resolution #24-009, Amended Student Government Policy.

Motion approved Resolution #24-010, Employee Handbook.

Motion approved Resolution #24-011, FY 2025 Resolution of Intent.

Motion approved Resolution #24-012, FY 2025 Contract Clauses Certification.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 7:55 p.m.

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

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

USERS OF THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM OF INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, intends to issue and sell revenue bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, in one or more series in a total amount not to exceed Twelve Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,800,000) for the purpose of paying the cost to acquire, construct, furnish and equip improvements to the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the City (the "System"), including force main replacement, sewer line repairs and replacements, wastewater treatment plant improvements and collection system improvements, together with all related equipment, appurtenances and attachments.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF REVENUE BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE from the revenues received by the City from the operations of the System except as provided below in the case of bonds sold to the Michigan Finance Authority in connection with the State of Michigan's Clean Water State Revolving Fund program. The revenues will consist of rates and charges billed to the users of the System, a schedule of which is presently on file in the office of the City Clerk. The rates and charges may from time to time be revised to provide sufficient revenues to provide for the expenses of operating and maintaining the system, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and to pay other obligations of the System.

BOND DETAILS

Each series of the revenue bonds will be payable in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at public or private sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on the bonds.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF PAYMENTS FOR BONDS SOLD TO MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY

IN THE EVENT THAT THE REVENUE BONDS ARE SOLD TO THE MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE CITY MAY PLEDGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS MONEY RECEIVED OR TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY DERIVED FROM IMPOSITION OF TAXES BY THE STATE AND RETURNED OR TO BE RETURNED TO THE CITY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, except for money the use of which is prohibited for such purposes by the State Constitution. The City may enter into an agreement providing for the payment of taxes, which taxes are collected by the State and returned to the City as provided by law, to the Michigan Finance Authority or a trustee, and such funds may be pledged for the payment of the revenue bonds.

IN THE EVENT THAT THE REVENUE BONDS ARE SOLD TO THE MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE CITY MAY PLEDGE ITS LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AS SECURITY FOR THE REVENUE BONDS, IN WHICH EVENT DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE EITHER FROM REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM OR FROM AD VALOREM TAXES THAT MAY BE LEVIED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, SUBJECT HOWEVER, TO CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE REVENUE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

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

2023 Rockwood Ultra Lite 2608BS Travel Trailer. 2 slideouts, Power awning with rain dump and LED, outside griddle, All In One Wi-Fi Booster/ LTE Prep & Antenna, outside shower. MSRP \$58,660. Sale Price \$42,995. Save \$15,665. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North, Petoskey. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskeyRVUSA.com. PLUS, Save an additional \$250 when you let us know you saw the ad in the Weekly Choice.

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2024 Cherokee Wolf Pup 16EV Travel Trailer. All electric, sleeps 5, 2 bunks, On Demand Tankless Water Heater, backup camera, MSRP \$23,954. Sale Price \$13,995. Save \$9,959. Petoskey RV USA. 2215 US 31 North. Petoskev. 231-347-3200. www.PetoskevRVUSA.com. PLUS, Save an additional \$250 when you let us know you saw the ad in the Weekly Choice.

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

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

2006 Ford F-150. 4x4, regular cab 202 K miles. Sale Price \$7,995. As low as \$219 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www. rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles. 2014 Ram 1500 Big Horn. 5.7 L Hemi, quad cab, 4x4, tow pkg, bedliner. Sale Price \$13,995. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2015 Chevy Silverado 1500. 4x4, Double cab, tow pkg, 168 K miles. Sale Price \$16,995. As low as \$319 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700.

2015 Ford F-150. 4x4, crew cab, 160 K miles. Sale Price \$17,995. As low as \$349 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2015 Ford F-250 Super Duty XLT. 4x4, bedliner, double cab, tow pkg, 225 K miles. Sale Price \$16,495. As low as \$550 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week.

2015 Toyota Tacoma. Bedliner. Sale Price \$9,995. As low as \$249 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week.

2016 Chevy Silverado 1500 LT. Crew cab, 4x4, spray-in bedliner, tow pkg. \$18.995. As low as \$329 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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2016 Ford F-150 XL. 4x4, double cab, 198 K miles. Sale Price \$14,995. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2016 Ford F-150 XL. Double cab, tool box, rear camera, 191 K miles. 2 to choose from. Sale Price \$14,995. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We 2018 Ford F-150 XLT. 4x4, bedliner, club cab. Sale Price \$26,595. As low as \$479 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2018 Ford F-150. Crew cab, rear camera, soft tonneau cover, tow pkg, bedliner, 217 K miles. Sale Price \$12,995. As low as \$279 a Month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2019 Chevy Colorado. 4x4, crew cab, bedliner, rear camera, 133 K miles. Sale Price \$21,995. As low as \$379 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2024

To the qualified electors of the following City/Township notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, for the purpose of nominating officials for the following offices:

President

And to vote on the following proposal (s): (if any) Beaver Island Community School Operating Millage Proposal

> BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BYLAW 15.3905 MILLS FOR 3 YEARS AND 0.4003 MILL FOR 3 YEARS TO RESTORE HEADLEE REDUCTION

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Beaver Island Community School, 37895 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782-5142, telephone: (231) 448-2744.

Boyne Falls Public School Bond Proposal

BOYNE FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,950,000

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Boyne Falls Public School, 01662 M-75 South, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713-0356, telephone: (231) 549-2211.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

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List of all polling place locations:

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Hudson Township Hall	549-2646	East Jordan Cit
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Marion Township Hall	547-2154	Boyne Falls Vil
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BY JIM AKANS

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It isn't necessary, but an appraisal will give a good indication of the price the seller will actually get for their property. A real estate agent can give you similar reliable data to determine current market value.

First, to determine the asking price, a seller's agent will look at the "comps," the price for which "comparable" homes in the area have recently been sold.

Based upon these prices, the seller should adjust what they are asking. For example, if similar properties in the area are selling for \$210,000, then trying to get \$250,000 usually does not make sense. Thus, before putting the house on the market, a seller should review the "comps," which can be obtained from a local real estate professional.

The appraisal process used by a licensed appraiser is more theoretical than a "comp," and doesn't predict what a buyer will be willing to pay. Why would anyone ever get an appraisal then? Although rarely needed by buyers or sellers, appraisals are normally required by lenders who are considering making a loan.

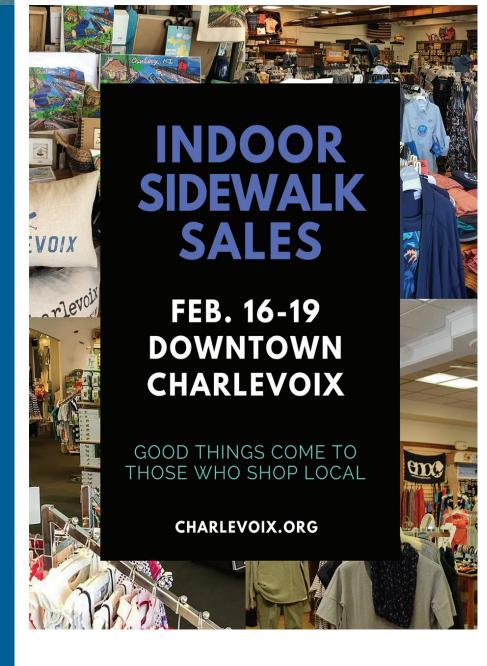
However, sellers of expensive, custom homes may get appraisals, because there may not be any homes in the area that compare. Buyers of these one-of-a-kind homes will also have more confidence in an asking price that is supported by an appraisal. Before determining an asking price, sellers should give their agent a list of major improvements done to the home, such as a new roof or upgraded heating system.

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