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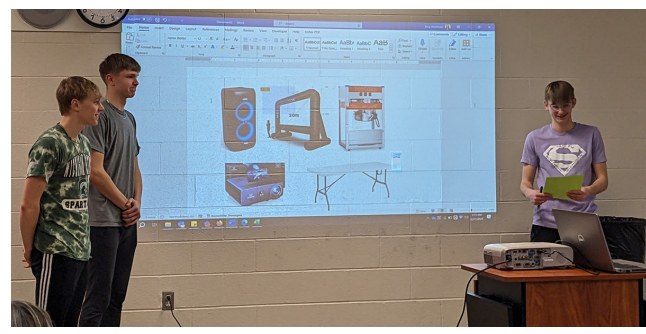
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## SAFE students from Antrim County met at Ellsworth Community School to present and plan events for their peers that are substance-free!

SAFE in Northern Michigan is a youth-led, adult guided, substance free coalition. SAFE exists to prevent youth substance use and create positive change through collaboration, education, and prevention strategies that target tobacco, alcohol, and other substance misuse in Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties.

There are currently 4 schools within Antrim County that SAFE partners with, including Ellsworth Community School, Central Lake Middle/High School, Mancelona High School, and Bellaire High School. The 55 high school students from those schools work to raise awareness among their peers on the harmful effects of substance use and the positive outcomes of leading a substance-free lifestyle. Each year, SAFE members create PSAs with a prevention message,



nominate their peers for a substance free student award and poster, participate in advocacy days with legislators, and provide education to their community

members on the importance of locking up substances they may have in their home, such as alcohol, marijuana, and prescription medications.



## Charlevoix Chamber Releases 2023 Annual Report

CHARLEVOIX – The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has released its 2023 Annual Report, shared initially to attendees at the February 23rd Annual Meeting & Awards Event, mailed to Chamber members, and now available online and at the Chamber office.

“The event brings together the community to celebrate the accomplishments of Charlevoix, the Chamber, and those who go above



**Charlevoix**  
— CHAMBER —

and beyond to make the community a great place to live” said Sarah Van Horn, Chamber President. “While we recognize those being awarded the annual Chamber Awards, we also use the event as an opportunity to share our Annual Report and

the work that the Chamber has done over the last year for businesses, residents, and visitors.”

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization existing to support commerce and provide leader-

ship to enhance the quality of life in our area. We exist because of and for our members: over 400 businesses, organizations, and individuals of the Charlevoix area. In 2023 we welcomed 24 new members, including both new and existing businesses. Two of our members, Charlevoix Cinema and the Charlevoix Veterinary Hospital, celebrated 50 years of

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It's almost that time of year again. On Sunday, most Americans will spring forward for daylight saving time.

Daylight saving time occurs every year on the second Sunday in March. It runs until the first Sunday in November.

With the exception of Arizona and Hawaii, every state will change its clocks an hour ahead at 2 a.m. on Sunday.

The reason for daylight saving time is to shift an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening. Governments implemented daylight saving time as a measure to conserve energy.



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### FRIDAY



**HIGH: 45**  
**LOW: 31**

### SATURDAY



**HIGH: 39**  
**LOW: 27**

### SUNDAY



**HIGH: 35**  
**LOW: 28**

## SNOWFALL

2023-24 AMOUNT			2022-23 AMOUNT		
3/4/24	43.6	Alpena	3/6/23	57.1	Alpena
3/4/24	24.2	Atlanta	3/6/23	50.8	Atlanta
3/4/24	50.8	Charlevoix	3/6/23	64.2	Charlevoix
3/4/24	50.8	Cheboygan	3/6/23	76	Cheboygan
3/4/24	55.9	East Jordan	3/6/23	120	East Jordan
3/4/24	72.8	Gaylord	3/6/23	132.1	Gaylord
3/4/24	70.1	Kalkaska	3/6/23	97.4	Kalkaska
3/4/24	33.6	Mio	3/6/23	51	Mio
3/4/24	70.9	Petoskey	3/6/23	96.3	Petoskey

## record temps

Day	Avg	HIGH	Avg	LOW	Record	HIGH	YEAR	Record	LOW	YEAR		
March 7	...	34	.....	14	.....	74	.....	2000	.....	-21	.....	1984
March 8	...	34	.....	15	.....	76	.....	2000	.....	-26	.....	1982
March 9	...	35	.....	15	.....	67	.....	2000	.....	-19	.....	1984
March 10	...	35	.....	15	.....	62	.....	1977	.....	-14	.....	2008
March 11	...	36	.....	16	.....	64	.....	1973	.....	-6	.....	1979
March 12	...	36	.....	16	.....	65	.....	1990	.....	-27	.....	1984
March 13	...	36	.....	17	.....	66	.....	1995	.....	-9	.....	2014

### Joseph A Leu (Butch), 83

(July 3, 1940 – Jan. 11, 2024)  
**MASS CITY (FORMERLY OF EAST JORDAN)**

Joseph A. "Butch" Leu of Mass City, MI passed away on January 11, 2024 after a lengthy illness at Westgate Nursing Home in Ironwood, MI.

Joe was born in East Jordan to Joseph and Fay (Shepard) Leu on July 3, 1940. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1958. He married Mary E. Borgen on June 9, 1962. He graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1963 with a Bachelor's degree, from the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in 1965 with a Master's degree, and from the University of Alberta in 1969 with a Ph. D., all in physics. He was a professor at several universities over the course of his career.

Joe is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary; their children Paula Leu, Edward (Stephanie) Leu, and Debra (Marc) McCloud; their grandchildren Rebecca McCloud, Logan McCloud, Karina Walker, and Isabel Leu; his sister Verna (Stanley) Sweet; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents; two infant sisters and his brother, Thomas Leu; and his niece, Amy (Mitch) Sadona.

The Cane Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements which will be announced at a later date.

70 years where she and Bill raised four children. They were married 54 years before his death in 1992.

She accepted hard work without complaint, quietly attending to the business of raising a family, cooking delicious meals, and keeping the home she loved neat and clean.

She held several jobs over her many years, the last as an assembly line worker at Boyne Products. Before her marriage, Stephanie worked at a pie factory near Chicago and later as a housekeeper for a family in Petoskey, Michigan.

Her ability to laugh and share stories with family and friends will always be remembered.

Stephanie is survived by her children: Ray (Karen) Guzniczak, Boyne City; Don Guzniczak, Boyne City; Carol Wiklanski, Columbus, Ohio; and Dave (Robin) Guzniczak, Boyne City. Survivors also include nine grandchildren: Michele, Kevin, Kris, Tim, Mike, Greg, Lisa, Randy and Brian; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William; brothers Stan Belzek, Feliz Belzek and Joe Belzek; and one sister, Florence Chromitz.

Rosary service, visitation, funeral mass and luncheon will be held Monday, March 11, 2024, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City. Rosary is at 9:30 a.m. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. The funeral mass is at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

Turnbull, Elizabeth "Bizzy" (Ryan) Turnbull, Derek Charles, Jr. "DJ" Turnbull, Haylee Maschino, Angellyna Maschino, Cayden Turnbull, Camden Turnbull; and a first great-granddaughter Amira Irene coming this month.

Vivian watched several kids anytime of the day and night. She loved them all and was a grandma to all. Family was always first. She also loved camping and going on vacation. Some hobbies Vivian enjoyed were sewing, making cakes, search words and many crafts. She was a great party thrower. Vivian just loved life and everyone in it. Those who knew her will remember her heart of gold. She made it her job to care for others.

Vivian is survived by her husband Butch of Boyne Falls; her mother Vivian Leazier of Boyne Falls; son Derek (Alyssa) Turnbull of Boyne City; daughter Georgia (Derek) Maschino of Boyne City; sisters Yvonne (Gary) Rose of Crystal River, Florida and Beth (Mark) Poole of Naples, Florida; brothers Chuck (Jan) Leazier of Charlevoix, Michigan and Purl Leazier of Boyne Falls; sister-in-law Debbie (Mike) Fitch of Lapeer, Michigan; brother-in-law Tony Turnbull of Pontiac, Michigan and Andrea Geldner of Boyne City; as well as many nieces, nephews and several cousins; and special people Dakota Mosley, Cindy Hess, and Taylor Leazier and her son Liam.

Vivian is preceded in death by her father Purl Leazier; grandparents Margaret Bailey and Purl Leazier; mother-in-law JoAnn Turnbull; brother-in-law Mark Turnbull; and niece Chellsie Leazier.

A funeral for Vivian will be officiated by Rev. David Behling at Stackus Funeral Home on March 10, 2024, at 11:00 AM. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

### Thomas Bickersteth, 80

Oct. 21, 1943 - March 4, 2024  
**CHARLEVOIX**

Thomas George Bickersteth of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Monday, March 4, 2024, at home surrounded by loved ones. He was born on October 21, 1943, in Flint, MI, the son of George and Ella (McCallum) Bickersteth.

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 his online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

### Dennis "Denny" Jason, 83

Oct. 10, 1940 - March 4, 2024

Dennis "Denny" Jason formerly of East Jordan, died Monday, March 4, 2024, at his home in Boyne City.

Arrangements are pending.

### Reginald "Reggie" Charles Sapp, 68

Jan. 19, 1958 - March 2, 2024

Reginald "Reggie" C. Sapp died on Saturday, March 2, 2024, in Charlevoix.

Arrangements are pending.

**Cathy Lynn Druckenmiller, 63**  
(Dec. 28, 1960 - Feb. 29, 2024)  
**ELLSWORTH**

Cathy L. Druckenmiller of Ellsworth passed away at Medilodge of Cheboygan.

Cathy was born on December 28, 1960, in Douglas, AZ, the daughter of George and Joni (Mingus) Putz.

She was a longtime resident of Antrim County and graduated from Charlevoix High School.

Surviving are 2 sons, Clint Druckenmiller (Candace Ritchie) of Ellsworth, Wade Druckenmiller of Ellsworth, 2 grandchildren, Tristan and Sonya Druckenmiller of Ellsworth, her mother Joni Putz of Ellsworth, 2 brothers, Phil Putz of Bellaire, Bill Putz of Ellsworth, and a sister Cindy (Jim) Potter of Central Lake.

Preceding her in death was her father George Putz. No services are planned. She will be buried alongside her father in Antrim City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are in the care of the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

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

### Aaron Dishong, 58

July 3, 1965 - Feb. 27, 2024  
**CHARLEVOIX**

Aaron Scott Dishong of Charlevoix passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at his home surrounded by loved ones. He was born on July 3, 1965, in Lakeview, MI, the son of Herbert and Gloria (Abbey) Dishong.

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 his online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

### Judith Melke, 85

(Oct. 28, 1938 - Feb. 27, 2024)  
**CHARLEVOIX**

Judith Jean (Hoag) Melke was called home to eternal life in heaven on February 27, 2024, with her family by her side following a brief illness. She was born on October 28, 1938 to James and Jean Hoag in Detroit, Michigan. She was united in Holy Matrimony to George August Melke on August 3, 1957, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan.

In 1973, she moved north with her husband and nine children to a farm in Charlevoix County and last year celebrated her 50th year under the theme "life's better at the farm." Mom had a beautiful singing voice, participating in church choirs or singing with her children walking down the street. She was a dedicated wife and mother remembered for driving her children to Lutheran schools, preparing countless daily and holiday meals, baking delicious birthday cakes, decorating her home for the holidays, watching the variety of birds

from her living room window, and traveling with her husband on many camping trips. She treasured the time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whether in person or on social media.

Survivors include her children and their families: son, George of San Mateo, California; son, Richard (Nancy) of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and grandchildren, Amanda (Jesse) Smith and Tiffany; daughter, Cheryl of Charlevoix; son, James (Sheila) of Charlevoix, and grandchildren, Jamie, Rachel (Matthew) Peterson and Tyler; son, David of Charlevoix, and grandchild, Erika; son, John (Karla) of Nekoosa, Wisconsin, and grandchildren, Samuel, Benjamin (Bridget) and Josiah, and great-grandchild, Elliott; son, Timothy (Mary) of Eagle Lake, Florida, and grandchild, Kaytlyn (Stephanie) Richards, and great-grandchildren, Lucas and Raelynn; daughter, Rebecca (Donald) Streeter of Charlevoix, and grandchildren, Courtney, Megan, Adam and Trevor; and daughter, Susanna (Raymond) Eggers of Boyne City, and grandchild, MacKenzie Eggers.

She is also survived by sister, Janet Krupski; brother, Jerry Hoag; brother-in-law, Martin Wildauer and nieces, nephews and cousins. She will be deeply missed by her dear friend, Judy Hendrickson who shared the same birthday. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brother, James Hoag; brother-in-laws, Charles Krupski and Daniel Melke; sister-in-law, Kathleen Wildauer and granddaughter Hannah Grace Eggers.

Tears of sorrow turn to tears of joy as Judy's Rite of Confirmation Bible verse comforts us: be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). A Christian funeral service will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix on Wednesday, March 6, conducted by Rev. James Redmann. Visitation is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes the night before on Tuesday, March 5, and one hour prior to the 11:00 a.m. worship service at the church.

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

Memorials may be directed to Bethany Lutheran Church or Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

Arrangements are under the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com).



### Stephanie Victoria (Belzek) Guzniczak, 107

May 21, 1916 - March 1, 2024  
**BOYNE CITY**

Stephanie Victoria Guzniczak of Boyne City passed away on March 1, 2024, at Grandvue Medical Center Facility.

Stephanie Belzek was born May 21, 1916, in the north Chicago area and was raised on a small farm outside East Jordan, Michigan near the Bohemian Settlement. Buses were not available during her childhood, so she walked or skied several miles to school.

She married William Henry Guzniczak on June 25, 1938, and they assumed ownership of his parents' farm on Boyne City-East Jordan Road. Stephanie lived in the home for over



### Vivian Irene (Leazier) Turnbull, 66

Dec. 7, 1957 - Feb. 29, 2024  
**BOYNE FALLS**

Vivian Irene (Leazier) Turnbull, 66 of Boyne Falls, Michigan, passed away February 29, 2024, at her home surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Daughter of Purl C. and Vivian (Vallad) Leazier of Boyne City, Vivian was born on December 7, 1957, in Petoskey.

She married George "Butch" Turnbull on May 27, 1978. Together they had two children, Derek (Alyssa) Turnbull of Boyne City; and Georgia (Derek) Maschino of Boyne City; grandchildren: Kaylee (Tray) Turnbull, Chanler

### Bennie Gill, 75

Jan. 24, 1949 - March 1, 2024  
**BOYNE CITY**

I, Bennie Jane Gill, being a sound mind, if I ever was, am moving on to join my parents, Phyllis Jean Gill (Martin) and Benjamin S. Gill, at the pearly gates of heaven.

I was born January 24th, 1949.

I have requested no visitation and as well, no funeral. My burial will be at the Brookside cemetery in Charlevoix with my parents. I am survived by my only sibling, Carrol.

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## LEADERSHIP

# A WINNING TEAM

BY JOHN KEYSER

I asked a particularly accomplished leader to describe the keys to the success of her business. I love her thoughtful response:

□ She asks each of her team members, “What do you think we could do differently and better?” She receives helpful ideas, and people respect her for asking.

□ She communicates regularly with her team members, each of them, about their area of responsibility – everyone clearly understands their goals and priorities. There is consistency, which she greatly values.

□ She has created a culture in which ideas are encouraged – everyone’s ideas! Ideas flow up!

□ She sets people up for success. Everyone wants to do well.

□ It is understood that this is a culture of positive energy, and positive energy only. She encourages everyone to genuinely support one another. They have each other’s back.

This conversation was heartwarming to me. It was all about the team, the team members!

Significantly, this leader brings her team members together and asks them to discuss what they feel she could do better. She then leaves the room so they may speak candidly. Afterwards, they present their ideas to her.

This is a clear sign of this leader’s true humility and inner-confidence.



John Keyser

It reminds me of hearing about another highly effective leader who had done the same thing, had asked his team members about how he could improve his leadership effectiveness and then left the room. His team member who told me about this said that he was so taken by the humility and sincerity of this leader that he actually welled up, had tears in his eyes, tears of admiration and gratitude. This creates a culture of support and continuous improvement!

Many businesses and nonprofits have goals relating solely to financial results.

Certainly, we must have growth and profitability goals. Recognize though, that we achieve our goals thanks to our team members.

Let’s assure that our key priorities include our support of our people, their learning, growth and happiness. Yes, happiness.

Happy team members do better work!

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, DC and Chicago, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice.

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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.

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## COMMUNITY LEADER

# DAVE BARAGREY

## LET’S ALL FOCUS ON MAKING THINGS BETTER

BY JOHN KEYSER

Dave Baragrey is the founder and owner of Choice Publications and Michigan Media, publisher of Charlevoix County News, Weekly Choice, and Michigan Money Saver. These are treasures, as local newspapers are a disappearing breed, up here in Northern Michigan as they are across the country. The very large publishing companies are taking over, buying up the local papers. Dave’s publishing companies are one of the few independently owned papers and have grown into the largest publishing company in Northern Michigan.

Dave’s background. He grew up in Ionia, Michigan, attended high school there. He was president of the student council, involved with plays, music, athletics and other extra-curricular activities. Dave began selling advertising for Weeklies, Inc (Star Publications) based in Gaylord, Michigan in 1978. He advanced quickly into management and helped guide one of the top free circulation group of papers in the country. Dave was awarded the Distinguished Service award from Independent Papers of America and awarded a lifetime achievement award from Community Papers of Michigan. He was fortunate to work with some great people including Gordon Everett, Jim Glasser, Ben Hammack and a very talented group of graphic designers.

After 22 years with Star Publications, and then living in Gaylord, Dave began publishing the Weekly Choice in 2003 with his oldest son, Dave 2. Dave and Dave developed a plan to create a community newspaper that readers would love to read. They focused on four basics. **FREE CIRCULATION** – everybody loves that. **LOCAL POSITIVE NEWS** – Negative news surrounds us, let’s be positive so we are different from other media. **LOCAL SPORTS** – Sports fans, Parents, Grandparents and high school students want to read about local sports. Let’s publish more local sports than anyone else. **GREAT VALUE TO ADVERTISERS** – Let’s go to a wider circulation area (10 counties) than any other paper so advertisers



Dave and Cathy Baragrey enjoy Alpenfest 2023.

reach more readers and get better response from their advertising.

After more than 20 years the Weekly Choice has become popular with readers and advertisers and is recognized as the top paper in the North. Our community residents want this news, not just what USA Today and the other news giants want us to know. Amen to that, Dave!

While most newspaper circulation has been dropping for years, the circulation of the Weekly Choice has continued to grow. The newspaper is so popular that in August of 2022 that they added subscriptions at the request of readers so they could have the paper delivered to their home. In November of 2023 the Weekly Choice expanded circulation east to Alpena, Rogers City and the surrounding area. Readers and advertisers in that area love all the local sports and positive news.

The Charlevoix County News began in 2009 after the Citizen Journal closed. The local newspaper covers East Jordan, Boyne City, Charlevoix, Boyne Falls and Ellsworth. After 15 years the County News has the largest circulation and is the best read newspaper in the county. Content includes local news, events, high school sports, profiles of community leaders, leadership, and personal growth and well-being information.

Dave should be applauded by us all as the focus is on positivity. There is too much negativity in national news in print, on the internet, TV and radio, and social media. As he says, “Let’s look for the silver lining”, a classic song by Irving Berlin. We should all



In 1987 Dave formed a basketball program, Bear Basketball at the Community Center, and it continues today.

Google the lyrics.

Dave brought a big smile to me when he said he had met and married the prettiest girl in Cadillac, his wife for 48 years now, Cathy. They have four sons, all athletes. The energy gushed in their home and schools in Gaylord. Dave admits that building this business would not be possible without the support of Cathy. Dave said, “We have a great deal of respect for each other and always support each other. I work 80 hours a week and she just loves and supports me every day. God knew exactly the woman I needed to share my life with when He brought us together. As a bonus, after 48 years of marriage she is still the prettiest girl in town.”

Their oldest son, Dave, is Director of Youth Ministries at E-Free Church in Gaylord; Chad is in Seattle; Jeff in Gaylord; and Ben in Oklahoma City. Dave and Cathy have been blessed with 13 grandchildren.

I mentioned above that Dave loves sports, especially at the school level, and he loves being with kids, helping them their well-being and reaching their potential. In 1987 he formed

a basketball program, Bear Basketball at the Community Center, and it continues today. That is 37 years now. What a blessing for the community! In his coaching, he is firm, but loving. This is just what our kids need, especially today, with all the endless distractions available.

Dave’s community activities are endless. He has served on the Boards of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation, United Way, Otsego Community Foundation, Jaycees, Gaylord Alpenfest and many other activities that help make the Gaylord community better. He and Cathy have been members of the Gaylord E-Free church for more than 40 years.

This is the message Dave wishes to send to us all, Let’s all focus on making our community better, and to definitely encourage our younger generations to do so, as well – to be out and helping rather than spending a great deal of time on social media, our computers and smart phones.

It is a privilege for me to spend time with such an outstanding and selfless community leader!

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Cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. Colorectal cancer is cancer that occurs in the colon or rectum. The colon is the large intestine or large bowel. The rectum is the passageway that connects the colon to the anus.

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## ASK LAURA

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# Reclaiming Worthiness: A Journey from Doubt to the Tippy-Top

Dear Readers, this week I want to share an aha moment that resonates deeply with Jamie Kern Lima's book, "Worthy: How to believe you are enough and transform your life," which a friend recently gifted me. In 2008, after my husband and I lost our jobs, I experienced a profound shift in my mindset. From an 'I can do anything' attitude, I found myself grappling with a shaken confidence and a sense of being lost.



Laura Jasurda

At the time, I was part of the John Maxwell coaching program. One of our assignments was to practice coaching with fellow trainees. In one of our sessions, after sharing my feelings of loss and diminished self-worth, my coach made an observation that became a turning point for me. He said, "It sounds like you no longer consider yourself worthy." This statement struck a chord with me, capturing exactly how I felt.

He then suggested a powerful exercise in visualization. He encouraged me to envision myself at the top again – as a woman standing triumphantly on a mountain peak or at the top of a ladder. I repeated the mantra, "I'm going to the tippy-top," and surrounded myself with these images – on my car's rearview mirror, bathroom mirrors, the refrigerator, and even tucked inside drawers and beneath pillows.

This simple act of visualization slowly but surely

rebuilt my confidence. Today, I feel unstoppable once again. But whenever I sense a dip in my confidence, I return to those affirmations and visualizations.

So, dear reader, if the question, "Do you feel worthy?" makes you pause, consider trying my coach's approach. And perhaps, take a moment to read the book that my friend gifted me. Remember, none of us should ever feel unworthy but rather embrace our intrinsic value and potential. Until next time, dear readers, believe you are enough, and watch your life transform.

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.

# 64th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival May 16-19, 2024

BOYNE CITY – The National Morel Mushroom Festival is thrilled to announce the dates of the 64th Annual Festival: May 16-19 in beautiful Boyne City. Confirmed events include a Craft Show + Food Trucks, Carnival, Wine & Dine, Competitive Hunt, Taste of Morels, Morel Seminar, Paint & Sip, Great Morel Giveaway, and a Concert featuring the return of The Family Tradition Band, Detroit's award-winning country rock band! It's gonna be one heck of a festival, so put it in your calendar

now! MORE events and details to be announced as confirmed. Check their website for details <https://www.bcmorefestival.com/> Festival proceeds go to eligible Charlevoix County graduates. Scholarship info at [www.bcmorefestival.com/uploads/3/1/3/9/31393017/2024\\_scholarship\\_app.pdf](http://www.bcmorefestival.com/uploads/3/1/3/9/31393017/2024_scholarship_app.pdf) The festival is non-profit and relies entirely on volunteers and sponsors. If you want to see it continue, we need your help! Please contact Jessica White at [jessicaboyneace@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaboyneace@gmail.com).

# Sen. Hoytenga stands against bill to remove voters' voice in inland lake level management

LANSING — State Sen. Michele Hoytenga on Wednesday said no to legislation to remove voter decision making over certain special assessments for inland lake districts.

"While there is a real need to address the issues caused by the impact of weather on fluctuating lake levels, this legislation goes too far by circumventing the voice of the voters living in these special assessment districts," said Hoytenga, R-Manton.

"There are many inland lake communities across northern lower Michigan and the people, not bureaucrats, should have the final say on these special tax assessments."

Senate Bill 662 seeks to amend the definition of a normal inland lake level and the process for financing a "normal level project," removing voter approval for special assessment districts of \$600,000 or less.



# Gov. Whitmer Urges Small Businesses Impacted by Lack of Snow to Apply for Available Federal Funding Amid the warmest winter on record, businesses in federally designated areas can apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans

LANSING — As Michigan continues to face record high winter temperatures, Governor Gretchen Whitmer urged Michigan small businesses impacted by lack of snow to apply for federal funding from the Small Business Administration (SBA). Amid the warmest winter on record, with days in February and March topping 60 degrees, federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available because of ongoing federal drought declarations affecting 42 Michigan counties.

"Michiganders are used to tough winters, but this year's record-setting warm winter has been tough in a different way, causing economic hardships for small businesses and regional economies that rely on snow," said Governor Whitmer. "I know how hard this winter has been on families and communities who rely on winter tourism revenue and all the associated business that comes with it—hotels, restaurants, and shops. Fortunately, businesses in these 42 counties in the UP and the Northern Lower Peninsula can apply for support right now. A drought is a drought—whether we're talking about rain or snow. Businesses impacted by low snow in these 42 counties can apply for support right now, and I'll continue to push our federal government for more solutions. We'll get through this warm winter together."

### Record-Breaking Winter

- The UP200 was cancelled for the second year in a row because of warm weather.
- 16% of the Great Lakes froze over this winter, compared to 53% normally.
- Marquette has seen 72.6 inches of snow this season, compared to 127 inches on average.
- The CopperDog 150 in the Keweenaw Peninsula was cancelled due to weather.
- The Tahquamenon Country Sled Dog Race in Newberry was cancelled due to weather.
- Detroit reached 73 degrees on February 27, the hottest February day in recorded history—dating back to 1874.
- Snowfall in Grand Rapids is more than three feet—36 inches—below the seasonal average.

"It's all hands on deck to ensure our small businesses affected by the unseasonable lack of snow across the First District are able to make it through this tough winter," said U.S. Representative Jack Bergman. "Working together with the Governor, business owners, and local leaders, we will continue to take every step possible to extend necessary resources and assistance to help our communities thrive through this unprecedented winter."

"The many great businesses that depend on a winter wonderland need this chance to access relief

### Applicable SBA declarations and relevant deadlines are as follows:

1. Alcona – Drought Declaration #20175, Deadline 9/26/2024
2. Alger – Drought Declaration #20175, Deadline 9/26/2024
3. Alpena – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024 OR Drought Declaration #20175, Deadline 9/26/2024
4. Antrim – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024
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6. Bay – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024
7. Benzie – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024
8. Charlevoix – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024
9. Cheboygan – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024 OR Drought Declaration #20175, Deadline 9/26/2024
10. Clare – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024
11. Crawford – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024 OR Drought Declaration #20175, Deadline 9/26/2024
12. Delta – Drought Declaration #20175, Deadline 9/26/2024
13. Dickinson – Drought Declaration #20209, Deadline 11/27/24
14. Emmet – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024
15. Gladwin – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024
16. Gogebic – Drought Declaration #18175, Deadline 5/13/2024
17. Grand Traverse – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024
18. Gratiot – Drought Declaration #20133, Deadline 8/12/2024
19. Iosco – Drought Declaration #20175, Deadline 9/26/2024
20. Iron – Drought Declaration #18175, Deadline 5/13/2024
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funds," said state Senator Ed McBroom (R-Vulcan). "Winter will be back next year, and we want these shops to be open and ready to serve the visitors who come to the UP."

"This winter has been especially hard on our businesses that rely on snow. From ski hills to hotels and restaurants, many businesses I've spoken to are concerned whether they can even make it to the summer," said state Senator John Damoose (R-Harbor Springs). "Thank you to all who took the time to meet with us and to the Governor for working with the Small Business Administration to help make special low-interest EIDL loans available. I encourage all of our businesses to move quickly to secure this critical support."

"The lack of snow this winter has had a profound impact on our local seasonal economies and the people who depend on them, especially in the U.P.," said state Representative Jenn Hill (D-Marquette). "I appreciate the governor encouraging Michigan's small businesses to take advantage of the aid that's available. We all want to ensure our communities remain resilient in the face of these unexpected challenges."

"Michiganders up north know that getting through the winter means pulling together. That's true during

unusually warm winters, too," said state Representative Betsy Coffia (D-Traverse City). "This unseasonably warm winter has created unique challenges, especially for those businesses that rely on snow for a strong tourist season. So, I certainly echo Governor Whitmer's call for small businesses to apply for SBA funds in the face of these unpredictable and difficult times."

### Drought Designation

42 Michigan counties are covered by a disaster designation for drought from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through SBA declarations related to those designations, businesses in these counties may be eligible for emergency loans that offset their business losses if the loss is related to the drought.

There are the 42 counties covered by four different SBA drought declarations. Where two declarations cover one county, business-

es can apply under either declaration.

"The Michigan Snowsports Industries Association (MSIA) is very appreciative of the work by the Governor's office, the Small Business Administration and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to provide disaster relief funding, which will help many Michigan ski areas that are vital job providers and assets to our communities but suffered critical visitation and revenue losses due to weather, with reduced staffing and limited operations during key visitation times," said Mickey MacWilliams, president and executive director of MSIA. "This has been a challenging winter all across the state but we will persevere, and even with the mild temperatures, many Michigan ski areas are still open to welcome guests."

"This year's El Nino weather pattern and unusually mild winter have severely affected our snow-dependent industries," said Warren Call, President & CEO of Traverse Connect and member of the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance. "The loans available through this initiative are a much-needed support effort for northern Michigan's small business employees and owners that rely heavily on winter recreation for their livelihood."

### SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans are designed to help businesses through disaster situations that have impacted their economic well-being. Loans are up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses that could have been met had the disaster not occurred. Businesses pay no interest on the loan for the first year and a maximum rate of 4% for the rest of the loan period. Businesses must apply by the application deadline for their county.

Submit applications and find additional disaster assistance information at <https://lending.sba.gov>. Call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech-related disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Applicants may also contact the Michigan Small Business Development Center at 1-833-522-0025 or email [sbdc@michigan.gov](mailto:sbdc@michigan.gov).

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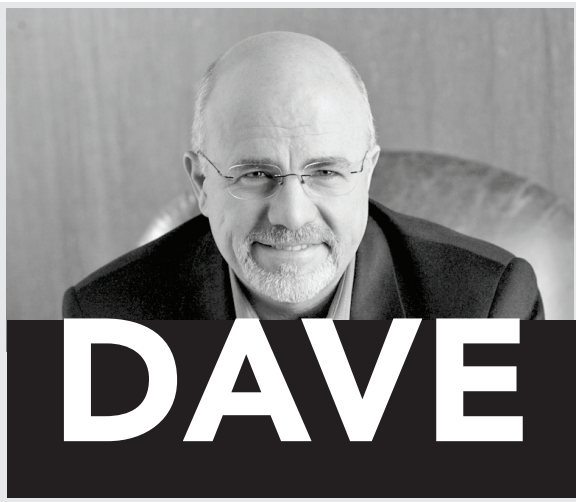
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# DAVE

## Says...

By Dave Ramsey

### Take Control of Your Mind and Money

Dear Dave,

I'm trying to work my way out of debt, but it seems like something always happens to stall things or knock me backwards. I make \$55,000 a year, I'm single and I have \$15,000 in debt, along with a mortgage payment of \$1,224 a month. I've been trying to live on a budget, but I'm still not sure where all my money goes. Can you help?

—Lindley

Dear Lindley,

I know living on a budget can be hard at first. And honestly, it usually takes folks who are new to doing it about three or four months of practice before they start getting it right and seeing the results.

For starters, your house payment is a little heavy for someone making \$55,000 a year. I generally recommend keeping your mortgage or rent payment at about 25% of your take-home pay. Sometimes you can slide by paying a little more, but in those cases, you'd really have to be on top of your finances. So, the biggest thing you can do right now is take control of your money, instead of letting it—or a lack of it—control you. And the best way to make all this happen is by consistently living on a realistic, written monthly budget.

Once you start doing this, you've taken your first big step toward

having a real gameplan for your money. At that point, the idea of trying to live on a budget ends, and the fact that you are living on a budget, and telling your money what to do—instead of a lack of it dictating what you can do—becomes more of a reality.

Remember the Star Wars movie “The Empire Strikes Back”? At one point during Luke’s training, Yoda tells him, “Do, or do not. There is no try.” In a larger sense, Yoda is urging Luke to focus and work harder, instead of continuing with half-hearted attempts and giving up easily. If you want to accomplish a difficult task, Lindley, you have to throw yourself into it completely. You must fully commit, and stop making excuses. You have to focus, and fight to make it happen.

It's no fun waking up broke at the end of every pay period. We both know this. So, put your head down and get your mind in gear. Make. This. Happen.

You can do it!

—Dave

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

## Discover Artistry In Woodturning and Quilting At Charlevoix Circle of Arts’ “Turned & Stitched” Exhibit

CHARLEVOIX — Charlevoix Circle of Arts is excited to announce its upcoming exhibit, Turned & Stitched: Artistry in Woodturning and Quilting, showcasing the incredible talents of local artisans. The exhibition will run from March 8th to April 6th, with an opening reception on Friday, March 8th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with the artists and enjoy light refreshments. We welcome everyone to witness the transformation of raw wood and fabric into exquisite works of art, each piece a testament to the skill and dedication of its creator.

The wood pieces featured in this exhibition were meticulously crafted by members of Northwestern Michigan Woodturners, a club dedicated to the art of turning wood on a lathe. With approximately 35 active members, the group convenes monthly in Traverse City. Member pieces for this exhibit were selected by juror by Chuck McLaughlin.

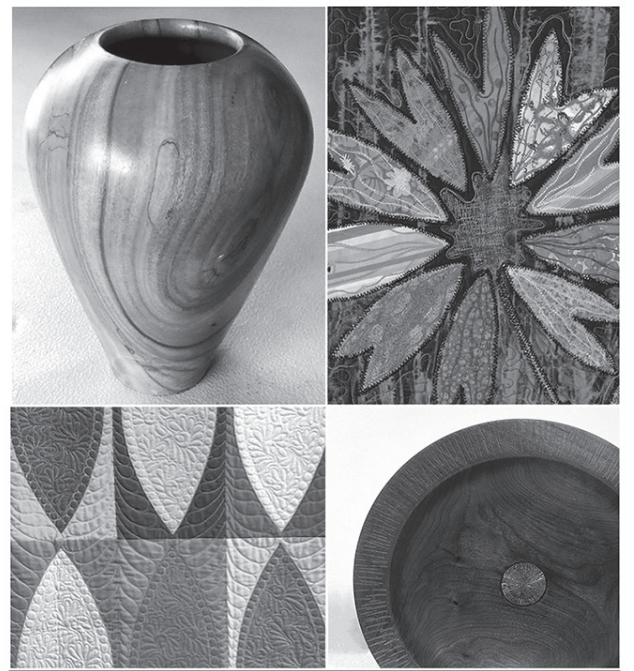
The quilts on display



were made by local artists who poured their creativity and passion into every facet of the quilt-making process, from fabric selection and cutting to stitching and quilting layers. The quilts were thoughtfully chosen by Carmin Hartwig, owner of Cousin’s Quilt Shop, with locations in both Bellaire and Charlevoix.

Event Details:  
 • Exhibit Dates: March 8–April 6, 2024  
 • Location: Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Street, Downtown Charlevoix  
 • Gallery Hours: Monday to Friday: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
 • Admission is free.

The public is invited to attend this fine art exhibition, made possible by



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the generous sponsorship support of Grey Gables Restaurant & Catering. Additionally, woodturning demonstrations, quilting classes and artist talks are being scheduled during this exhibit. For more informa-

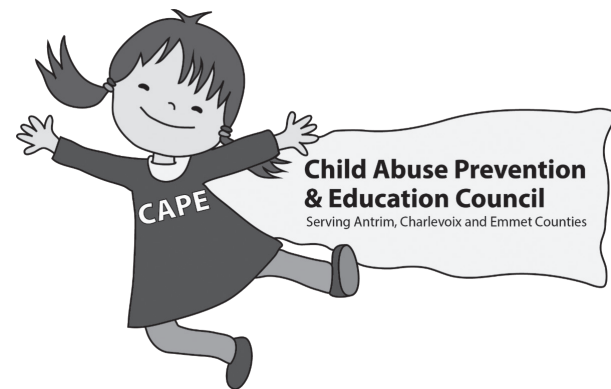
tion about the exhibition, related events, or Charlevoix Circle of Arts, please contact (231) 547-3554 or visit [www.charlevoixcircle.org](http://www.charlevoixcircle.org).

## Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council opens registration for annual spring conference set for April 26, 2024

‘Supporting children, strengthening families’ is this year’s conference theme

As part of Child Abuse Prevention Month outreach efforts, the Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council is encouraging attendance at its annual spring conference, to be held at Genesis Church in Petoskey on Friday, April 26, 2024.

“This conference is a great opportunity for our community to come together and learn helpful ways to support the children and families we come into contact with every day. ‘Supporting children and strengthening families’—the theme of this year’s conference - is something we should all strive to do to create the healthiest-community possible. Every child matters and every interaction has the ability to change a life in a positive way!” said Lisa Clavier, CAPE Council Executive



Director.

The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Cost is \$50 and includes light breakfast items, snacks, box lunch and beverages. Attendees will receive information and tools that can be used in family, educational and therapeutic settings. The conference is open to nurses, educators, social workers, parents/foster parents/caregivers of children, and all who wish to strengthen children and families in Northwest Michigan, Clavier said, and a limited number of scholarships are available for foster parents.

Sponsors include the Great Start Collaborative and Family Coalition of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim Counties; Charlevoix County Community Foundation; Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation; and St. John’s Episcopal Church, Harbor Springs.

Keynote:

**Dr. Stephanie Grant**

Grant is trained as a developmental psychologist and is licensed as a professional counselor. She has separate masters’ degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy and

Psychology and a PhD in Lifespan Developmental Psychology. Her clinical and research interests focus on working with infants and children with attachment concerns and trauma histories, specifically those who have adoption or foster care backgrounds. She has worked as a clinician, professor, and researcher. She has also parented biological, adopted, and foster children. In this keynote, Dr. Grant will explore what regulation is and how it develops in infancy and across the lifespan. Using a brain-based lens, strategies for supporting the development of regulation will be presented.

Register and learn more about the CAPE council, including its public training opportunities, online: [www.capeace.org](http://www.capeace.org). Questions can be directed to Clavier at (231) 675-5047 or [director@capeace.org](mailto:director@capeace.org)

## Don’t Forget to Register for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship Webinar!

### Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Students and their families looking to secure more financial aid for college are encouraged to register for an informational webinar about the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, which is the newest State of Michigan scholarship program expected to impact the majority of students. The next Michigan Achievement Scholarship informational webinar is scheduled for March 6, 2024 at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Participants will be able to gather the following information:

- Michigan Achievement Scholarship eligibility requirements

- Michigan Achievement Scholarship award amounts
- Important action items for students and families
- Additional resources and program information

All sessions are free of charge and open to the public. Register for one session only, as space is limited.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## “A Little Light on Logger Pride”

So disappointing to see that the Boyne Falls Public School bond renewal proposal was defeated by voters on Feb 27th. Full disclosure, I live in a neighboring public school district, but what happens to my neighbors is important to me.

So tell me, what were the big objections to the

millage renewal request? This was not a new tax. This was not a tax increase. It was a request to renew the existing school millage to fund construction projects that would have benefitted not only Boyne Falls students (more secure front entrance, additional classrooms, much needed

second gym), but the entire community (new community center, emergency shelter, indoor walking track).

It’s my understanding that the funds could not be used for textbooks and classroom materials or staff benefits and salaries. So again, what were the big objections? Information

provided said that owners of a \$100,000 home assessed at \$50,000 would (continue to) pay \$135/year—just 37¢ per day!

For those 309 voters who voted No on this proposal, I hope you enjoy that 37¢.

Beth Freeman  
 Boyne City

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## 2024 Business Expo & Taste Of Charlevoix

On Wednesday, March 13, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the 12th Annual Business Expo and Taste of Charlevoix at Castle Farms.

The Expo offers Chamber businesses and organizations a chance to build awareness in the community by promoting their products, services, and careers to fellow businesses, residents, and visitors. It's a one-stop shop for business exposure and exploration!

of Charlevoix is the largest networking event in the Charlevoix area and will feature vendor booths in a wide range of categories, including retail, professional, industry, service, tourism and more.

This Expo features the Taste of Charlevoix, with restaurants offering attendees a sampling of their culinary specialties. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to taste and vote for your favorite dining establishment.

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## Funds Needed for New Playground at Mt. McSauba

Through a Community Needs Assessment process, the City of Charlevoix identified the need for a modern playground facility at the Mt. McSauba Recreational Area and incorporated this need in its community master plan.

Unfortunately, funding for this substantial project has not been available. With the approval of the Charlevoix City Council, the Rotary Club of Charlevoix is partnering with the City of Charlevoix through the Recreation Department to orchestrate the funding and community build of a full playground at the Mt. McSauba Recreational Area.

This playground will be uniquely designed for the wooded environment where it will reside and will be utilized by hundreds of children and families who recreate at Mt. McSauba each year. The desired playground equipment will be from Penchura, a Michigan company. Doug Smith, a sales representative from Penchura as well



as a Charlevoix resident, is helping the Rotary Club of Charlevoix choose the right equipment for the area. Designed with a keen focus on promoting physical activity, imaginative play, and inclusivity, the Mt. McSauba Playground boasts a vibrant and engaging environment that seamlessly blends with the scenic surroundings.

The expected cost for the new playground is approximately \$250,000. With the help from gifts from foundations, businesses and residents the Rotary Club of Charlevoix is hopeful to make this playground a reality by next summer.

To donate, please visit [rotaryclubofcharlevoix.org/donations](http://rotaryclubofcharlevoix.org/donations). Your donation will be tax deductible.

## Meet with home improvement specialists at the Home and Outdoor Living Show March 15 and 16

BY MADALENA ROSA

Homeowners looking for remodeling ideas and landscaping suppliers will have an opportunity to meet with more than 50 companies at the 46th Annual Northern Michigan Home and Outdoor Living Show on March 15 and 16 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. The event hours are Friday, March 15 from 11am to 5pm and Saturday, March 16, from 9am to 4pm.

"This home and outdoor living show is one of the largest in Northern Michigan with about 1,000 attendees in 2023. We are thrilled with the lineup of vendors including new companies like Herbert Roofing, Geers Farm Sawmill & Woodworking, Northland Self Storage, and Rainey's Landscape" said James Dawley, President of the Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan.

The Home and Outdoor Living Show is a great place for homeowners to explore the latest materials, designs, and services for homes and yards. Lyn Ann Reid, Executive Director of the Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan said



the event is an ideal place to find the right business for any home renovation project. "The show features vendors showcasing kitchen and bath materials, home improvement ideas, patios and decks, outdoor furniture, homebuilding materials, and more," commented Reid.

"With many homeowners today focused on expanding their outdoor living spaces, our company is bringing a comprehensive display trailer with decking materials and railing choices along with a video display of completed decks. Visitors will see high-end grills and durable outdoor furniture as well," said Scott Ludwiczak from Renewit Deck Supply.

Kelsey Axford from Bulldog Garage Doors/Gutter Pro said their company will feature seamless rain gutters, asphalt seal coating,

garage doors and related services.

With kitchen and bathroom remodeling on the rise, homeowners will have a chance to meet with several companies who employ kitchen and bath designers such as Preston Feather Building Centers and Design Showrooms and Builders FirstSource. Other vendors at the show include those involved in home financing, home systems and all types of building materials.

Many vendors will have giveaways and advice on home projects.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with a closet organizer specialist at the Home Depot booth and with John Bush, a Certified Flooring Installer who can answer questions from contactors and do-it-yourselfers about any type of

floor installation.

Families are encouraged to bring their children on Saturday, March 16 from 11 am to 3 pm for the free children's building project hosted by Home Depot.

The Home and Outdoor Living Show is presented annually by the Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan, a non-profit organization. Show sponsors are Renew It Deck Supply, Boyd Construction Company, Eikenhout Inc. and Bulldog Garage Doors/Gutter Pro. Year-long sponsors are DTE, Builders FirstSource, Preston Feather, McBride Custom Homes, and Barden Lumber.

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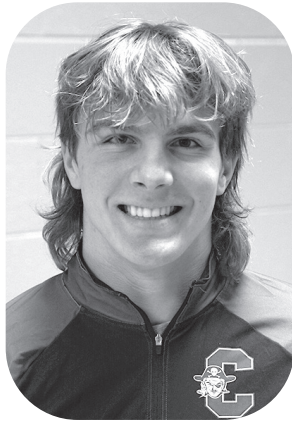
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# athletes of the week



## Brady Jess & Landon Swanson

Charlevoix Rayders Wrestling  
The Charlevoix Wrestling team sent 10 wrestlers to the MHSAA Division 4 Individual State Tournament last weekend. That was the most of any team in Northern Michigan. Brady Jess took 1st place at 175 lbs. Landon Swanson took 1st place at 215 lbs. These are first two 1st place champions in Rayder history. Trevor Streeter took 7th place at 190 lbs. Ben Matteer placed 8th at 215 lbs.



## Abbey Wright

Charlevoix Rayders Girls Basketball  
Charlevoix's girls basketball team head into the district tournament with good momentum after pulling out a tough 43-41 non-conference win over Manton in its season finale. Abbey Wright led the Rayders with 19 points including a 6-of-10 performance at the free throw line.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

### DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

BY DAVE BARAGREY

High School Boys Basketball District Tournament begins on Monday, February 26 in Michigan. All area MHSAA high school varsity teams participate in the district tournament. Winner of each district advance to regional rounds the following week and on the quarter, semi and finals. Following is a list of games as the tournament begins.

**DIVISION 1**  
**District 1**  
2/26  
Gaylord 71, TC Central 57  
Petoskey 56, Alpena 30  
2/28  
Marquette 62, Gaylord 56 (OT)  
TC West 63, Petoskey 52  
3/1 – District Final – TC West 63, Marquette 58

**Regional 1 Hosted by Gaylord**  
3/5 – TC West vs. Cadillac 6PM  
3/7 – Region Final – 7PM

**DIVISION 2**  
**District 34**  
2/26  
Kingsley 59, Grayling 40  
Kalkaska 57, Cheboygan 47  
2/28  
Sault Ste. Marie 36, Kingsley 29  
Boyne City 61, Kalkaska 42  
3/1 – District Final – Sault Ste. Marie 54, Boyne City 41

**Regional 9 Hosted by Gaylord**  
3/5 – Kingsford vs. Sault Ste. Marie at Munising  
3/7 – Region Final at Gaylord – 7PM

**DIVISION 3**  
**District 67**  
2/26  
Elk Rapids 69, Mancelona 43  
East Jordan 80, Johannesburg/Lewiston 34  
2/28  
Charlevoix 46, Elk Rapids 62  
Harbor Springs 68, East Jordan 53  
3/1 – District Final Elk Rapids 64, Harbor Springs 50

**Regional 17 Hosted By Manistique**  
3/5 – Elk Rapids vs. Roscommon - 7PM at Harbor Springs  
3/7 – Region Final at Manistique – 7PM

**DIVISION 4**  
**District 103**  
2/26  
Mackinaw City 94, Mackinac Island 53  
Harbor Lights 64, Petoskey St. Michael 15  
Alanson 61, Pellston 53  
2/28  
St. Ignace 79, Alanson 45  
Mackinaw City 31, Harbor Light 67  
3/1 – District Final – St. Ignace 71, Harbor Light 51

**District 104 at Rogers City**  
2/26  
Burt Lake NM Christian 48, Rogers City 44  
2/28  
Inland Lakes 84 Wolverine 39  
Onaway 81, winner Burt Lake 46  
3/1 – District Final – Onaway 83, Inland Lakes 77

**Regional 26 Hosted By Sault Ste. Marie**  
3/5 – St. Ignace vs. Onaway - 7PM at Inland Lakes  
3/7 – Region Final at Sault Ste. Marie – 7PM

**District 105 at Hillman**  
2/26  
Fairview vs. Mio 65, Fairview 16  
Hale 60, Atlanta 17  
2/28  
Hillman 59, Mio 46  
Posen 41, Hale 32  
3/1 – District Final Hillman 65, Posen 45

**District 106 at Gaylord St. Mary**  
2/26  
Boyne Falls vs. Ellsworth 60, Boyne Falls 30  
Central Lake 98, Alba 19  
2/28  
Bellaire 48, Ellsworth 42  
Gaylord St. Mary 63, Central Lake 60 (OT)  
3/1 – Bellaire 59, Gaylord St. Mary 33

**Regional 27 Hosted By Bellaire**  
3/5 – Hillman vs. Bellaire - 7PM at Bellaire  
3/7 – Region Final at Bellaire – 7PM

## INDIVIDUAL STATE RESULTS

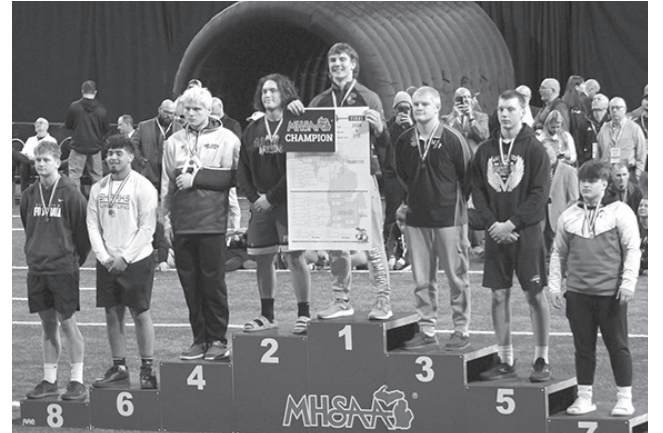
# Charlevoix's First State Champions

On March 1st and 2nd, ten Charlevoix varsity wrestlers competed in the MHSAA Individual State Championship Tournament held at Ford Field in Detroit. To make the podium at the state meet you have to win two before you lose two, and the Rayders had four wrestlers accomplish that to achieve all-state honors. Charlevoix has never had a state champion in wrestling.... until now. Both Brady Jess, 175 lbs. and Landon Swanson 215 lbs. went 4 and 0 to claim state championship titles. Trevor Streeter and Ben Matteer also made the podium claiming 7th place and 8th place respectively.

Coach Hinkle commented that he was proud of the entire team, the medalists, the qualifiers and the non-qualifiers that have continued to train with the qualifiers.... many of whom traveled to the tournament to support their teammates.

**Complete Individual results were as follows:**  
Jackson Fry, Sophomore, 106 lbs.: 0 and 2  
Anthony Wise, Senior, 138 lbs.: 0 and 2  
Logan Wilks, Junior, 157 lbs.: 0 and 2  
Brady Jess, Junior, 175 lbs.: 4 and 0, 1st Place  
Trevor Streeter, Senior, 190 lbs.: 3 and 2, 7th Place  
Ben Matteer, Senior, 215 lbs.: 2 and 3, 8th Place  
Landon Swanson, Senior, 215 lbs.: 4 and 0, 1st Place  
Adam Streeter, Senior, HWT, 0 and 2  
Sawyer Blaszczyk, Sophomore, HWT: 1 and 2  
Kate Matter, Freshman, 135 lbs.: 0 and 2

Pictures available on the Charlevoix Wrestling Facebook page.



Landon Swanson



Brady Jess

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Rayders close regular season with a great win

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Charlevoix's girls basketball team head into the district tournament with good momentum after pulling out a tough 43-41 non-conference win over Manton in its regular season finale.

It was Senior Night as well, and couldn't have finished any better for the Rayders, who began post-season play Monday night at Johannesburg-Lewiston against Mancelona in the first of two first-round games at 5:30 p.m.

The Rayders enter the district with a two-game winning streak and a 12-9 record. Charlevoix finished



Bayani Collins

Rapids and Harbor Springs, who tied for first with identical 13-1 records.

Manton applied the defensive screws in the first half, outscoring the Rayders 10-9 in the first quarter and 14-8 in the second to take a 24-17 lead at the half.

But the Rayders used the halftime break to make



Abbey Wright

35-31 lead.

Bayani Collins knocked down three 3-pointers for nine points in the third period to lead the way and Abbey Wright contributed six points as Charlevoix took charge.

Manton came back to outscore the Rayders, 10-8 in the fourth period to close

some adjustments, and came storming back. They outscored the Rangers 18-7 in the third quarter to grab a

the gap before the clock finally ran out on the them and the Rayders hung on.

Wright wound up scoring 19 points, including a 6-of-10 performance at the free throw line. Collins added 11 points, Anna Kemp had eight and Karlee Eaton three.

Lauren Wilder led all scorers with 20 points for the Rangers, while Aubrey Hiller added 11.

Charlevoix opened district play with a 37-36 win Monday night over Mancelona. Wednesday night they will face a very good Johannesburg/Lewiston Cardinals team on Joburg's home court

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Red Devils blowout Joburg in opener, 80-34 Fall to Harbor Springs in district, semi-final, 68-53

BY GREG GIELCZYK

**East Jordan 80,  
Johannesburg/Lewiston 34**

East Jordan cruised to an 80-34 win over Johannesburg-Lewiston in the first round of the districts after racing out to a huge 45-14 halftime lead.

“It took us a few minutes to find our flow on both ends of the floor,” Dzwik said. “We definitely played with some nerves early. Once we hit a couple shots we relaxed and played like we were capable of.”

“I was really pleased with Lucas Stone. As a senior he really took the team on his shoulders in the first half at both ends to make sure this wasn’t his last game.”

“Trace Wynkoop did a great job of stepping into the starting lineup. The entire team had great energy and effort all night, and were flying around the floor.”

Stone fired in 23 points to lead the Red Devils, making 8-of-18 field goal attempts with seven 3-pointers. He also had two assists and three steals.

Ryder Malpass contributed another 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting from the field and had three triples, and Wynkoop added seven points. Ellis Malpass pulled down 10 rebounds.

**Harbor Springs 68,  
East Jordan 53**

A fast start is always a shot in the arm for any team, but sometimes the dosage might be a little too high and that seems to be what happened to the East Jordan boys basketball team when the Red Devils went up against Lake Michigan Conference foe Harbor Springs in the district at Harbor Springs.

The Red Devils came in with a two-game winning streak, and the momentum every coach hopes for heading into the post-season tournament.

But the quick outburst by the Red Devils eventually started to slow, and Harbor Springs -- which tied for second place in the



**Korbyn Russell on his way to the hoop.**  
In Motion Images

LMC at 10-4 -- recovered and knocked East Jordan out of the tournament, 68-53 last Thursday and finished 9-15 overall and were 3-11 in the league.

“I thought we started great, but I was a little worried that we started a little bit too fast of a pace as we were playing short-handed with a pair of starters out,” said Red Devils coach Nate Dzwik.

“That pace was something that we weren’t able to sustain throughout the game, as the Rams just kept pushing and really took control of the tempo in the second half.”

“Korbyn (Russell) obviously had a great night stat wise, and kept us in the game with some big shots throughout the game. Lucas (Stone) played his last game exactly as one would expect, with urgency and determination.”

But it wasn’t enough in the end.

East Jordan finished the first quarter with a 15-7 lead, but Harbor was able to shake it off and outscored the Red Devils, 20-12 in the second quarter to pull into a 27-27 tie at halftime.

Harbor dominated the second half, outscoring East Jordan in both of the last two quarters, 16-11 in the third to take a 43-38 lead into the fourth quarter.

Russell poured in 20



**Ryder Malpass at the free throw line.**  
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**Lucas Stone looks up the court.**  
In Motion Images

points to lead the Red Devils, while Stone ended up with 10. Ellis Malpass added eight, Ryder Malpass and Trace Wynkoop contributed six apiece and Austin Sneed scored three.



**Trace Wynkoop battles for a rebound.**  
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**EJ Ellis Malpass gets the tip over Joburg Kyler Nowak.** (Photo by Dave Baragrey 2)

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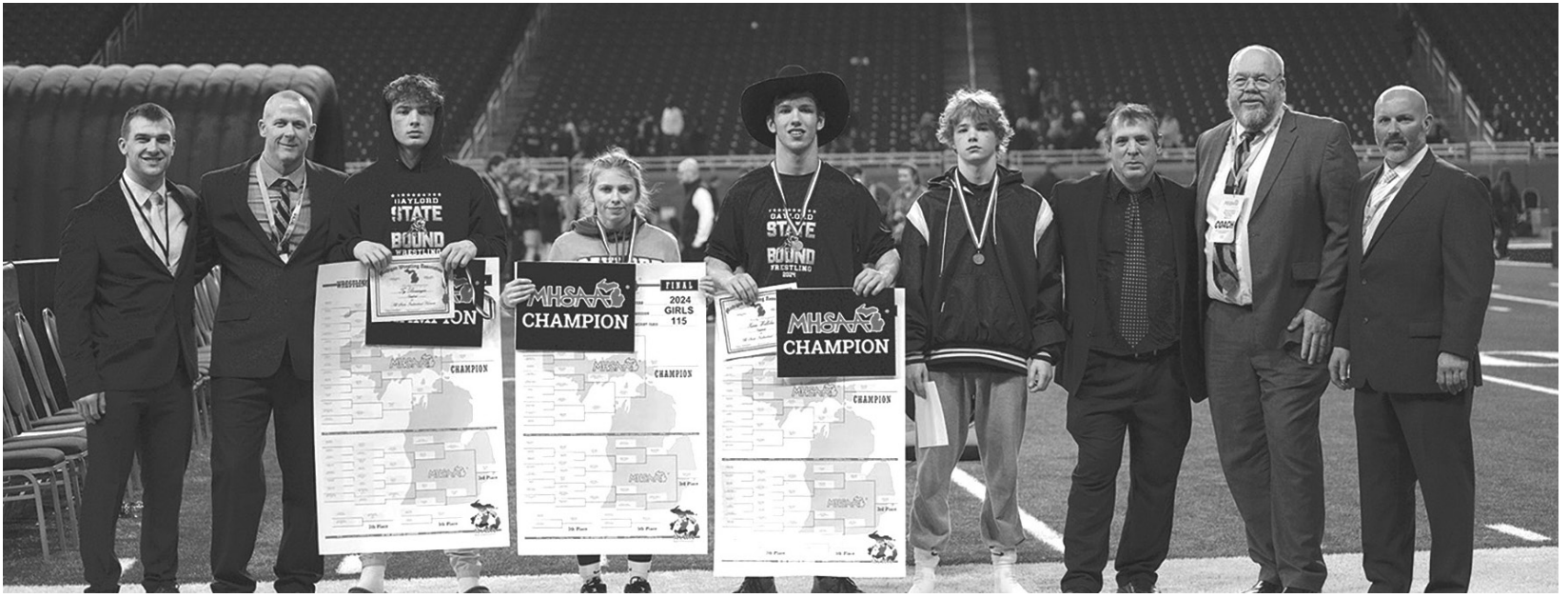
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# MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Tournament results

BY DAVE BARAGREY

Here are the results from the MHSAA Individual Wrestling tournament of wrestlers in our area.

Gaylord had six wrestlers compete in the state wrestling tournament. Three first place champions and one 2nd place winner. Zane Willobee, Ty Bensing-er and Sunni LaFond won state championships in their weight class and Jaron Bensing-er placed second. Charlevoix had ten wrestlers compete in the state wrestling tournament. Two first place champions and one wrestler that finished in 7th place and another that placed in 8th place. Brady Jess and Landon Swanson won state championships in their weight class. Trevor Streeter (44-8) placed 7th and Ben Matteer placed 8th. Grayling had two wrestlers compete in the state tournament. Logan Malonen placed 3rd and Jake Huspen placed 7th. Rogers City had one wrestler compete in the state tournament. Isaac Paull placed 4th. Mio AuSable had two wrestlers compete in the state tournament. Angellaya Burden placed 4th. Indian River Inland Lakes and Mancelona each sent two wrestlers to the state tournament. Petoskey sent one wrestler to the state tournament.



Coaches with State Champs Ty Bensing, Sunni LaFond, Zane Willobee and 2nd place Jaron Bensing.

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Jaron Bensing (38-2) placed 2nd.  
Champ. Round 1 - Jaron Bensing (Gaylord HS) 38-2 won by fall over Eugene Barrientes (Kenowa Hills HS) 29-10 (Fall 1:24)  
Quarterfinal - Jaron Bensing (Gaylord HS) 38-2 won by decision over Ethan Moreland (Three Rivers HS) 52-7 (Dec 10-4)  
Semifinal - Jaron Bensing (Gaylord HS) 38-2 won by decision over Rasler Warner (Gull Lake HS) 33-6 (Dec 8-5)  
1st Place Match - Ricardo Saenz (BH Brother Rice HS) 49-3 won by decision over Jaron Bensing (Gaylord HS) 38-2 (Dec 7-1)  
Girls-115  
Sunni LaFond (30-6) placed 1st.  
Champ. Round 1 - Sunni LaFond (Gaylord HS) 30-6 won by fall over Monita Penrose (Perry HS) 10-15 (Fall 2:37)  
Quarterfinal - Sunni LaFond (Gaylord HS) 30-6 won by fall over Rayna Richardson (Brighton HS) 16-4 (Fall 1:36)  
Semifinal - Sunni LaFond (Gaylord HS) 30-6 won by fall over Samantha Koch (Wylie E Groves HS) 18-4 (Fall 2:52)  
1st Place Match - Sunni LaFond (Gaylord HS) 30-6 won by decision over Gracey Barry (Grand Haven HS) 34-2 (Dec 13-9)

**MHSAA Championships Results for Gaylord HS**  
D2-157  
Zane Willobee (29-3) placed 1st.  
Champ. Round 1 - Zane Willobee (Gaylord HS) 29-3 won by decision over Drew Ladach (Huron HS (New Boston)) 48-6 (Dec 2-1)  
Quarterfinal - Zane Willobee (Gaylord HS) 29-3 won by major decision over Tyler Parmeter (Cedar Springs HS) 47-8 (MD 11-2)  
Semifinal - Zane Willobee (Gaylord HS) 29-3 won by decision over Jake Jonker (Kenowa Hills HS) 39-5 (Dec 6-2)  
1st Place Match - Zane Willobee (Gaylord HS) 29-3 won by decision over D' Marion Erlenbeck (Clio HS) 28-6 (Dec 11-5)  
D2-190  
Ty Bensing (37-1) placed 1st.  
Champ. Round 1 - Ty Bensing (Gaylord HS) 37-1 won by fall over Brock Culppepper (Trenton HS) 43-13 (Fall 1:19)  
Quarterfinal - Ty Bensing (Gaylord HS) 37-1 won by fall over Layne O' Neil (Fowlerville HS) 42-9 (Fall 0:44)  
Semifinal - Ty Bensing (Gaylord HS) 37-1 won by fall over Casey Engle (Lowell) 32-10 (Fall 0:59)  
1st Place Match - Ty Bensing (Gaylord HS) 37-1 won by disqualification over Easton Phipps (Goodrich HS) 27-1 (DQ)

**MHSAA Championships Results for Charlevoix HS**  
D4-138  
Anthony Wise (21-19) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Landyn Crance (Union City HS) 49-5 won by fall over Anthony Wise (Charlevoix HS) 21-19 (Fall 3:37)  
Cons. Round 1 - Alex Baker (Dansville HS) 43-8 won by fall over Anthony Wise (Charlevoix HS) 21-19 (Fall 1:00)  
D4-157  
Logan Wilks (31-15) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Schoff (Niles Brandywine HS) 49-0 won by fall over Logan Wilks (Charlevoix HS) 31-15 (Fall 2:36)  
Cons. Round 1 - Drew Challender (St Louis HS) 48-8 won by fall over Logan Wilks (Charlevoix HS) 31-15 (Fall 4:57)  
D4-175  
Brady Jess (54-1) placed 1st.  
Champ. Round 1 - Brady Jess (Charlevoix HS) 54-1 won by fall over Westley Chapin (Marlette HS) 38-12 (Fall 1:51)  
Quarterfinal - Brady Jess (Charlevoix HS) 54-1 won by fall over Gunner Carson (Manchester HS) 53-6 (Fall 1:53)  
Semifinal - Brady Jess (Charlevoix HS) 54-1 won by fall over Nolan Rowley (Bath HS) 36-7 (Fall 3:47)  
1st Place Match - Brady Jess (Charlevoix HS) 54-1 won by major decision over Caleb Lane (White Pigeon HS) 49-2 (MD 13-2)

D4-190  
Trevor Streeter (44-8) placed 7th.  
Champ. Round 1 - Ethan Wakefield (Michigan Lutheran Seminary) 46-6 won by fall over Trevor Streeter (Charlevoix HS) 44-8 (Fall 2:53)  
Cons. Round 1 - Trevor Streeter (Charlevoix HS) 44-8 won by fall over Kyle Bashaw (St Mary Catholic Central HS (Monroe)) 29-13 (Fall 3:40)  
Cons. Round 2 - Trevor Streeter (Charlevoix HS) 44-8 won by injury default over Jackson Burpee (Maple Valley HS) 35-6 (Inj. 3:12)  
Cons. Round 3 - Jacob Britten (Bron-

son HS) 50-7 won by decision over Trevor Streeter (Charlevoix HS) 44-8 (Dec 7-2)  
7th Place Match - Trevor Streeter (Charlevoix HS) 44-8 won by fall over Udtter Tweh (St Louis HS) 30-18 (Fall 2:00)  
D4-215  
Ben Matteer (25-10) placed 8th.  
Champ. Round 1 - Gabe Reynoso (Gobles HS) 25-13 won by fall over Ben Matteer (Charlevoix HS) 25-10 (Fall 1:08)  
Cons. Round 1 - Ben Matteer (Charlevoix HS) 25-10 won by decision over Maverick Stergakos (Lumen Christi HS) 24-18 (Dec 8-2)  
Cons. Round 2 - Ben Matteer (Charlevoix HS) 25-10 won by decision over Isaac Westfall (Reading HS) 36-14 (Dec 5-3)  
Cons. Round 3 - Nathan Fletcher (Manchester HS) 45-14 won by tech fall over Ben Matteer (Charlevoix HS) 25-10 (TF-1.5 3:39 (16-0))  
7th Place Match - Lane Sanchez (Benzie Central HS) 40-15 won by fall over Ben Matteer (Charlevoix HS) 25-10 (Fall 1:55)

D4-215  
Landon Swanson (49-2) placed 1st.  
Champ. Round 1 - Landon Swanson (Charlevoix HS) 49-2 won by major decision over Sam Bleeker (Martin HS) 34-18 (MD 8-0)  
Quarterfinal - Landon Swanson (Charlevoix HS) 49-2 won by fall over Isaac Westfall (Reading HS) 36-14 (Fall 4:40)  
Semifinal - Landon Swanson (Charlevoix HS) 49-2 won by decision over Seth Miller (White Pigeon HS) 44-7 (Dec 4-1)  
1st Place Match - Landon Swanson (Charlevoix HS) 49-2 won by decision over Cameron Doody (Perry HS) 47-5 (Dec 9-3)

D4-285  
Sawyer Blaszczyk (41-10) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Tanner Shugars (Decatur HS) 40-10 won by decision over Sawyer Blaszczyk (Charlevoix HS) 41-10 (Dec 3-1)  
Cons. Round 1 - Sawyer Blaszczyk (Charlevoix HS) 41-10 won by fall over Brandon Pass (Ithaca HS) 36-7 (Fall 3:48)  
Cons. Round 2 - Caleb Gepford (Pine River Area HS) 43-8 won by decision over Sawyer Blaszczyk (Charlevoix HS) 41-10 (Dec 1-0)  
D4-285  
Adam Streeter (23-10) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Chaz Underwood (White Pigeon HS) 43-9 won by fall over Adam Streeter (Charlevoix HS) 23-10 (Fall 3:00)  
Cons. Round 1 - Anthony Perez (Morenci Area HS) 22-12 won by fall over Adam Streeter (Charlevoix HS) 23-10 (Fall 2:38)

D4-106  
Jackson Fry (32-15) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Blayne Crance (Union City HS) 43-8 won by decision over Jackson Fry (Charlevoix HS) 32-15 (Dec 7-3)  
Cons. Round 1 - Aedynd Pasco (Brown City HS) 45-8 won by fall over Jackson Fry (Charlevoix HS) 32-15 (Fall 3:35)  
Girls-135  
Katherine Matteer (14-14) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Elliana Hillard (DeWitt HS) 18-7 won by fall over Katherine Matteer (Charlevoix HS) 14-14 (Fall 0:55)  
Cons. Round 1 - Milania Rodriguez



Zane Willobee won the 157# division state championship.

(Grosse Pointe South HS) 14-8 won by fall over Katherine Matteer (Charlevoix HS) 14-14 (Fall 3:52)  
**MHSAA Championships Results for Petoskey HS**  
D2-138  
Robert Patrick (34-12) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Tee Ward (Fremont HS) 53-1 won by major decision over Robert Patrick (Petoskey HS) 34-12 (MD 13-0)  
Cons. Round 1 - Robert Patrick (Petoskey HS) 34-12 won by decision over Ryder Mulherin (Jefferson HS) 49-14 (Dec 9-6)  
Cons. Round 2 - Connor Greer (John Glenn HS (Bay City)) 39-5 won by decision over Robert Patrick (Petoskey HS) 34-12 (Dec 3-0)

**MHSAA Championships Results for Grayling**  
HS D3-190  
Jake Huspen (43-7) placed 7th.  
Champ. Round 1 - Jake Huspen (Grayling HS) 43-7 won by decision over Ryan Gurley (New Haven HS) 26-14 (Dec 3-0)  
Quarterfinal - Stephen Petersen (Hillsdale HS) 41-5 won by fall over Jake Huspen (Grayling HS) 43-7 (Fall 5:42)  
Cons. Round 2 - Jake Huspen (Grayling HS) 43-7 won by fall over Emmett Lingeman (Central Montcalm HS) 43-6 (Fall 2:57)  
Cons. Round 3 - Gaje Glavan (Belding) 43-6 won by fall over Jake Huspen (Grayling HS) 43-7 (Fall 4:24)  
7th Place Match - Jake Huspen (Grayling HS) 43-7 won by decision over Jack Reid (Grass Lake HS) 42-10 (Dec 10-8)

D3-285  
Logan Malonen (51-3) placed 3rd.  
Champ. Round 1 - Logan Malonen (Grayling HS) 51-3 won by decision over Isaac Casey (Belding) 43-7 (Dec 4-2)  
Quarterfinal - Matthew Misch (Richmond HS) 39-6 won by decision over Logan Malonen (Grayling HS) 51-3 (Dec 5-1)  
Cons. Round 2 - Logan Malonen (Grayling HS) 51-3 won by fall over Jamario Dash (Orchard View HS) 37-10 (Fall 1:11)  
Cons. Round 3 - Logan Malonen (Grayling HS) 51-3 won by fall over Jason Smith (Whitehall HS) 28-13 (Fall 1:33)  
Cons. Semi - Logan Malonen (Grayling HS) 51-3 won by fall over Cal

Chapman (Dowagiac Union HS) 48-10 (Fall 3:26)  
3rd Place Match - Logan Malonen (Grayling HS) 51-3 won by fall over Matthew Misch (Richmond HS) 39-6 (Fall 2:41)  
**MHSAA Championships Results for Mancelona HS**  
D4-132  
Jaymes Wildfong (39-3) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Alex Boyer (Union City HS) 42-12 won by major decision over Jaymes Wildfong (Mancelona HS) 39-3 (MD 13-4)  
Cons. Round 1 - Laythan Haworth (St Louis HS) 45-12 won by fall over Jaymes Wildfong (Mancelona HS) 39-3 (Fall 2:30)

D4-132  
Theodore Parzych (35-19) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Logan Mears (Union City HS) 35-3 won by fall over Theodore Parzych (Mancelona HS) 35-19 (Fall 4:34)  
Cons. Round 1 - Theodore Parzych (Mancelona HS) 35-19 won by decision over Zachary Martinez (Morenci Area HS) 23-18 (Dec 10-6)  
Cons. Round 2 - Luke Harrington (Gabriel Richard (Riverview)) 41-8 won by fall over Theodore Parzych (Mancelona HS) 35-19 (Fall 4:31)

**MHSAA Championships Results for Mio-AuSable HS**  
D4-150  
Ashton Burden (40-11) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Cayden Bradburn (Whitmore Lake HS) 43-6 won by fall over Ashton Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 40-11 (Fall 3:21)  
Cons. Round 1 - Ryder Holmes (Pine River Area HS) 43-5 won by decision over Ashton Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 40-11 (Dec 12-5)

Girls-125  
Angellaya Burden (19-5) placed 4th.  
Champ. Round 1 - Angellaya Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 19-5 won by tech fall over Emmaleigh Peters (Millington HS) 17-4 (TF-1.5 5:39 (19-2))  
Quarterfinal - Tyler Swanigan (South Lyon East HS) 12-1 won by major decision over Angellaya Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 19-5 (MD 14-6)  
Cons. Round 2 - Angellaya Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 19-5 won by fall over Abigail Thommen (Montague HS) 23-12 (Fall 2:33)

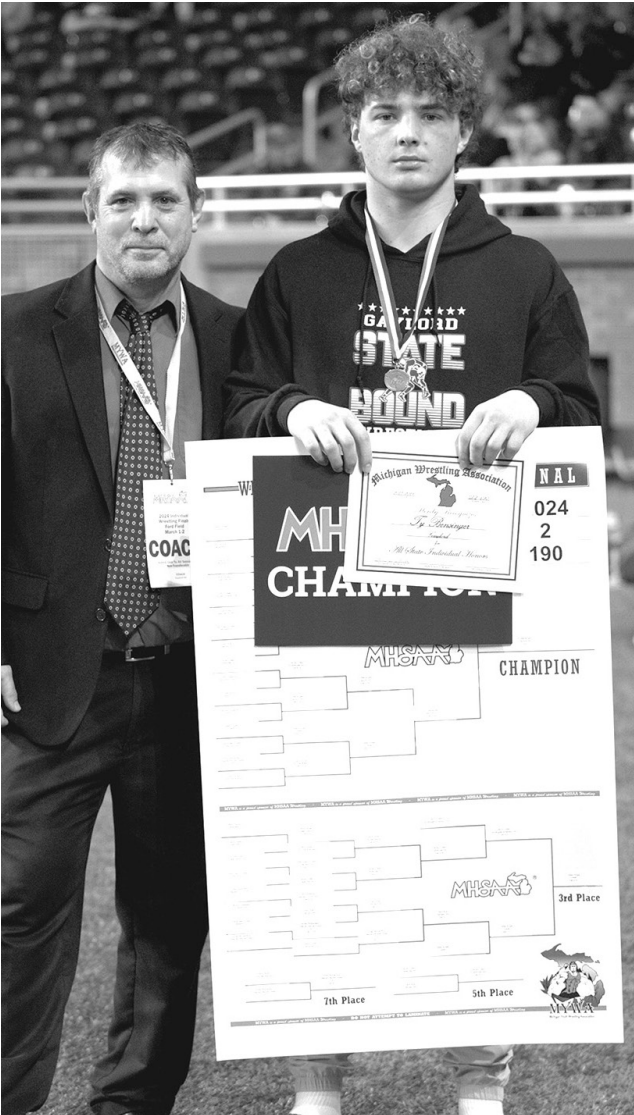
Cons. Round 3 - Angellaya Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 19-5 won by decision over Adeline Tuccini (Allen Park HS) 23-7 (Dec 10-4)  
3rd Place Match - Kennady Tiitola (Swan Valley HS) 19-6 won by decision over Angellaya Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 19-5 (Dec 9-6)  
**MHSAA Championships Results for Inland Lakes HS**  
D4-132  
Gus Carper (24-14) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Haylen Buell (Martin HS) 45-4 won by fall over Gus Carper (Inland Lakes HS) 24-14 (Fall 3:29)  
Cons. Round 1 - Blake Sayer (Hesperia Community HS) 42-14 won by fall over Gus Carper (Inland Lakes HS) 24-14 (Fall 2:13)

D4-126  
Wyatt Hanel (31-6) did not place.  
Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Hanel (Inland Lakes HS) 31-6 won by fall over Dylan Mazurek (Lakeview HS) 27-25 (Fall 0:46)  
Quarterfinal - Kaiden Rieth (Niles Brandywine HS) 45-7 won by fall over Wyatt Hanel (Inland Lakes HS) 31-6 (Fall 0:44)  
Cons. Round 2 - Jayce Ritchie (Martin HS) 31-7 won by decision over Wyatt Hanel (Inland Lakes HS) 31-6 (Dec 7-4)

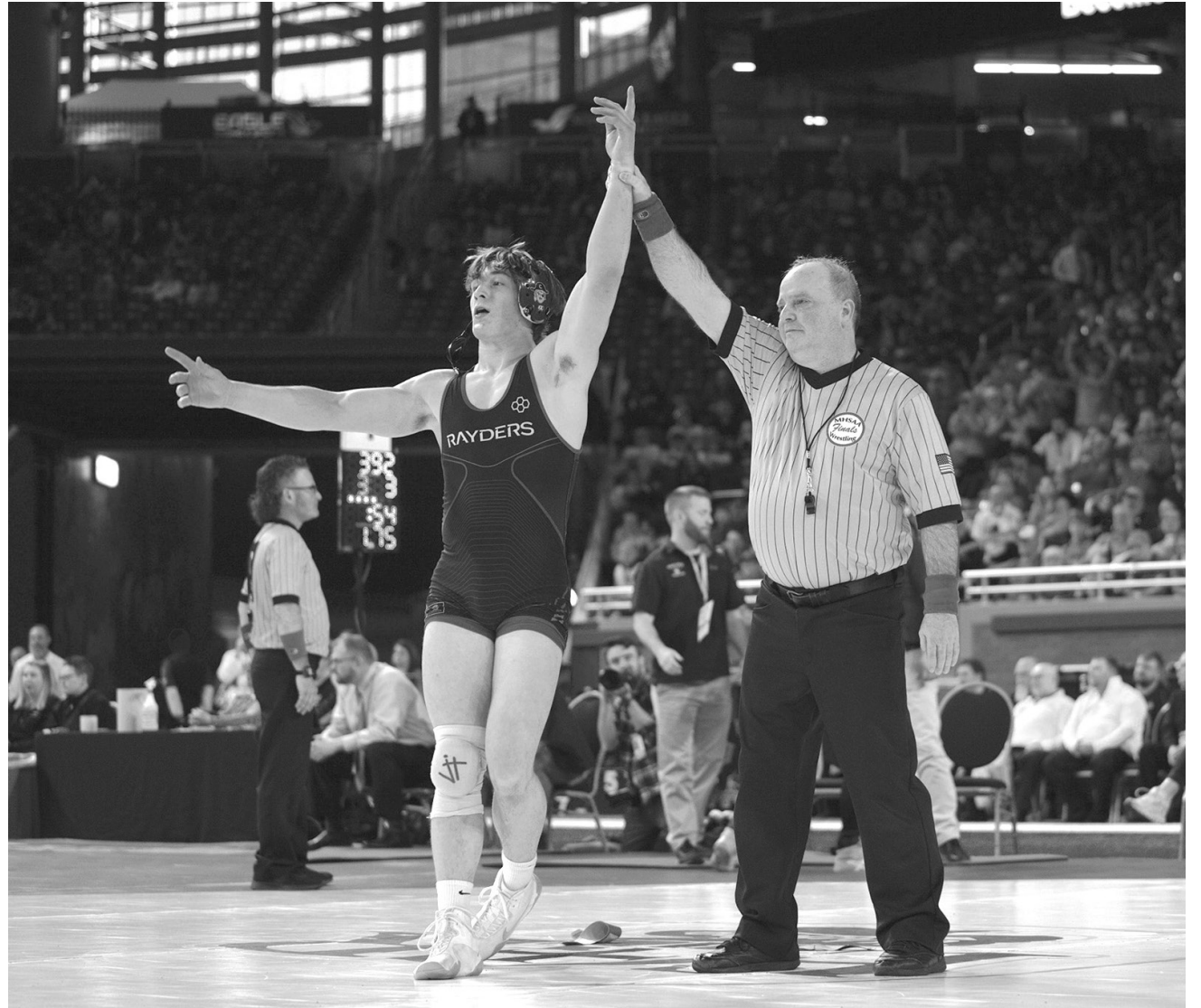
**MHSAA Championships Results for Rogers City HS**  
D4-175  
Isaac Paull (37-9) placed 4th.  
Champ. Round 1 - Isaac Paull (Rogers City HS) 37-9 won by major decision over Ethan Halfman (Carson City-Crystal HS) 25-20 (MD 15-5)  
Quarterfinal - Isaac Paull (Rogers City HS) 37-9 won by fall over Logan Ryan (Hudson Area HS) 41-10 (Fall 2:15)  
Semifinal - Caleb Lane (White Pigeon HS) 49-2 won by fall over Isaac Paull (Rogers City HS) 37-9 (Fall 3:07)  
Cons. Semi - Isaac Paull (Rogers City HS) 37-9 won by decision over Landen Johnson (Lakeview HS) 50-8 (Dec 6-3)  
3rd Place Match - Logan Ryan (Hudson Area HS) 41-10 won by fall over Isaac Paull (Rogers City HS) 37-9 (Fall 1:00)

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Ty Bensinger won the 190# division state championship.



Brady Jess won the 175# division 4 state championship.

## MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Tournament

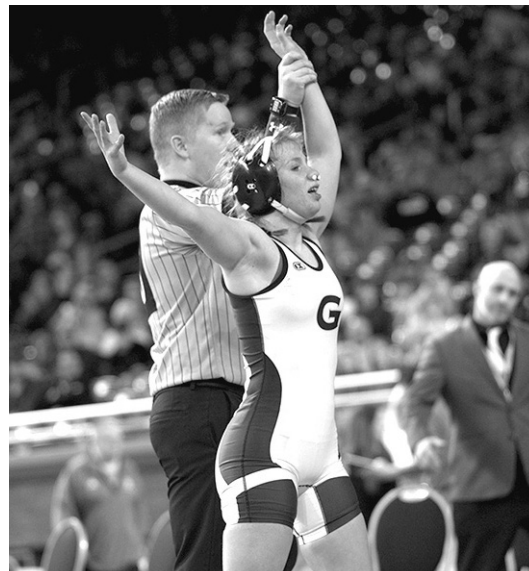
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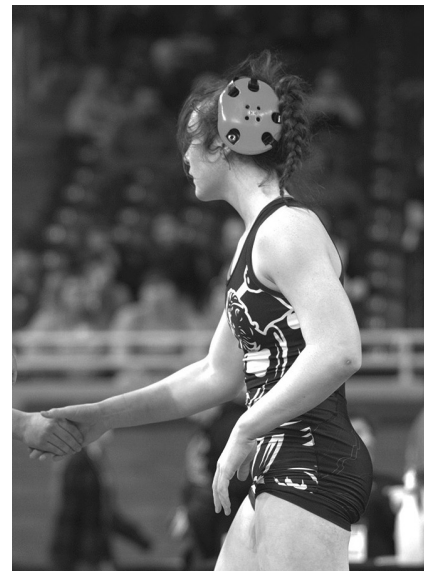
Charlevoix had ten wrestlers compete in the state individual wrestling tournament.



Trevor Streeter placed 7th in 190# division 4 state championship.



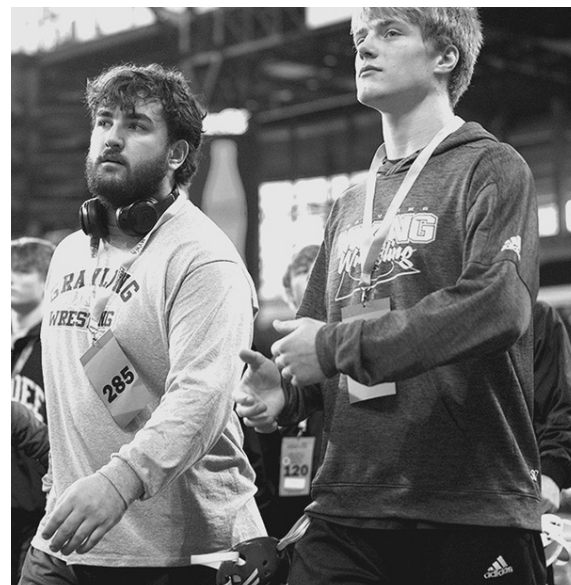
Sunni LaFond won the 115# girls division state championship.



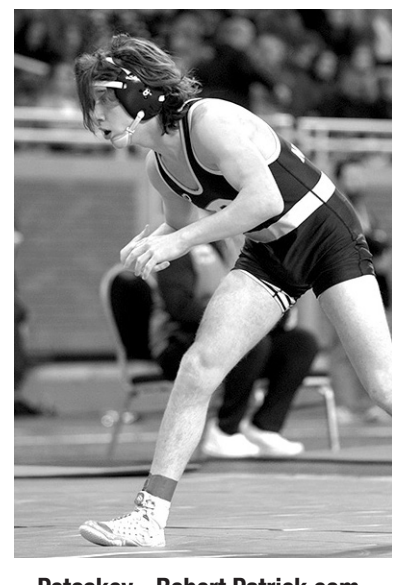
Angellaya Burden placed 4th in girls 125# state tournament.



Jaymes Wildfong competed in the 132# division 4 state wrestling championship.



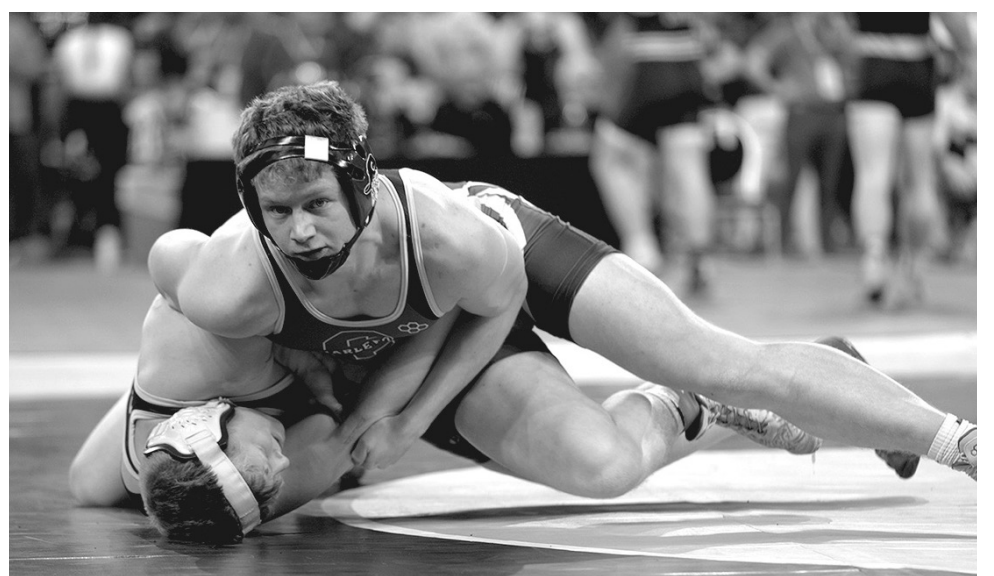
Jake Huspen placed 7th in the 190# division 3 state championship.



Petoskey - Robert Patrick competed in the 138# division 2 state wrestling championship.



Coaches at MHSAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament.



Ben Matteer placed 8th in 215# division 4 state championship.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Loggers season ends in Districts, 60-30

BY GREG GIELCZYK

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Boyne Falls basketball team saw its season come to an end in the district tournament with a 60-30 loss at the hands of Ellsworth in a game that got out of hand quickly.

The Lancers jumped on the Loggers for a 23-5 lead at the end of the first quarter, and Boyne Falls was not able to recover from the early barrage.

Ellsworth outscored the Loggers, 12-8 in the second quarter and raced into the half with a 35-13 lead.

The Lancers had a 13-6 advantage in the third quarter and started the fourth with a 48-19 lead.

Patrick Purroll led all scorers in the game with 27 points for the Lancers and Evincio LaCount added 13.

Keaton Matelski scored 13 points, Bryce Tonsor had 10 and JT Greenier contributed six for the Loggers.

Matelski, Tonsor and Greenier all played their last games for the Loggers.

The Loggers concluded the season 4-18 overall while they went 2-12 in the conference.

Ellsworth then lost to Bellaire, 48-42 in the next round and finished 11-13.



JT Greenier looks for an opening.



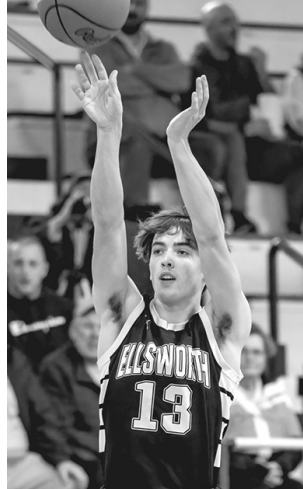
Bryce Tonsor brings the ball up court.



Billy Hopp breaks away for a lay-up.



Patrick Purroll finds an open teammate.



Evincio Lacount shoots a jumper.

### Associated Press High School Girls Basketball Final State

#### Rankings 3/5/24

#### DIVISION 1

1. West Bloomfield (20-1) 75
2. Rockford (21-1) 70
3. East Kentwood (19-3) 61
4. Belleville (19-2) 58
4. DeWitt (20-2) 58
6. Detroit Renaissance (19-3) 52
7. Bedford (20-2) 41
8. Byron Center (18-4) 35
9. Midland Dow (19-3) 25
10. Grand Blanc (17-4) 23

Others receiving votes: Portage Central 21, Grand Haven 19, Holland West Ottawa 11, Howell 10, Jackson Northwest 7, Saline 7, Cedar Springs 6, Macomb Dakota 5, Coldwater 4, Grosse Pointe North 3, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 3, Clarkston 2, Muskegon 2, Richland Gull Lake 1, Lowell 1.

#### DIVISION 2

1. AA Gabriel Richard (22-0) 74
2. GR West Catholic (21-1) 70
3. Detroit Edison (16-3) 56
4. Goodrich (22-0) 51
4. Negaunee (21-1) 51
6. Frankenmuth (20-2) 46
7. Orchard Lake. St. Mary (22-0) 44
7. Freeland (19-3) 44
9. Detroit Country Day (17-5) 31
10. Chelsea (18-4) 28

Others receiving votes: Lansing Catholic 22, Tecumseh 21, Portland 21, South Haven 13, Flint Powers 10, Paw Paw 8, Grand Rapids Catholic Central 4, Williamston 3, Redford Westfield Prep 2, Vicksburg 1.

#### DIVISION 3

1. Ypsilanti Arbor Prep (18-4) 74
2. Niles Brandywine (20-1) 70
3. Lake City (20-2) 61
4. Blissfield (20-2) 58
5. Kalamazoo Christian (21-1) 49
6. Sanford-Meridian (20-1) 44
7. Harbor Springs (20-2) 37
8. Saugatuck (21-1) 35
9. Ovid-Elsie (19-2) 28
10. Sandusky (21-1) 27

Others receiving votes: Elk Rapids 24, Hemlock 23, Bark River-Harris 17, Grass Lake 15, SMCC 14, White Pigeon 7, St. Charles 6, Michigan Center 6, Kent City 2, St. Louis 2, Springport 1.

#### DIVISION 4

1. Ishpeming (21-1) 72
2. Kingston (21-1) 62
2. Portland St. Patrick (20-2) 62
4. Colon (20-2) 60
5. Lake Linden-Hubbell (21-1) 53
6. Fowler (19-3) 49
7. Lake Leelanau St. Mary (16-2) 45
8. Bloomfield Hills Roeper (18-2) 30
9. Mendon (19-3) 27
10. Baraga (18-4) 26

Others receiving votes: Morenci 21, Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 19, Mio Au Sable 19, Clarkston Everest Catholic 17, Ewen-Trout Creek 8, Frankfort 7, Pittsford 5, St. Ignace LaSalle 5, Brethren 4, Kinross Maplewood Baptist Academy 4, Maple City Glen Lake 3, Breckenridge 2.

### Girls Basketball Conference Standings 3/2/24

Big North Conference			Straits Area Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Traverse City Central	10-0	16-5	Sault Ste Marie	6-0	13-6
Cadillac	5-5	14-9	Newberry	5-3	11-8
Alpena	5-5	13-9	St Ignace	3-4	14-7
Petoskey	4-6	11-10	Cheboygan	3-5	11-12
Traverse City West	4-6	9-14	Rudyard	0-5	1-18
Gaylord	2-8	9-12			
Lake Michigan Conference			Northern Lakes Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Elk Rapids	13-1	20-2	Mackinaw City	12-0	19-3
Harbor Springs	13-1	20-2	Ellsworth	9-3	12-9
Charlevoix	8-6	13-9	Burt Lake Northern		
Grayling	7-7	11-12	Michigan Christian	6-3	14-6
East Jordan	5-9	12-11	Harbor Springs Harbor		
Boyne City	5-9	10-13	Light Christian	5-6	10-12
Traverse City St Francis	5-9	5-17	Alanson	4-8	5-12
Kalkaska	0-14	1-19	Alba	1-9	1-9
			Wolverine	1-10	1-14
Ski Valley Conference			North Star League-Big Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Indian River			Mio	9-1	18-4
Inland Lakes	14-2	16-6	Oscoda	8-1	16-5
Johannesburg-			Rogers City	5-4	13-8
Lewiston	13-3	17-5	Alcona	5-5	12-10
Gaylord St Mary	12-4	14-8	Whittemore-Prescott	2-8	2-21
Mancelona	10-6	13-10	St Helen Charlton		
Onaway	9-7	15-8	Heston Academy	0-10	0-20
Bellaire	8-8	11-11			
Central Lake	4-12	6-16	North Star League-Little Dipper		
Fife Lake Forest Area	1-15	2-19	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Pellston	1-15	2-20	Hillman	10-0	14-8
			Au Gres-Sims	7-3	17-5
			Posen	6-4	10-12
			Hale	5-5	9-12
			Fairview	2-8	8-13
			Atlanta	0-10	4-12

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Rayders fall to conference champs Elk Rapids in district semi-finals

BY GREG GIELCZYK



Peyton Scott



Joe Gaffney

played them pretty much even in the second half.”

Elk Rapids capitalized on the Rayders’ trouble scoring and their turnovers and sped out to a 16-5 lead at the

end of the first quarter. The Rayders was outscored 15-10 in the second period and trailed 31-15 at the half.

Charlevoix regrouped at halftime and came out fired up in the third quarter, outscoring the Elks, 19-15

but still trailed by 15 points, 49-34 to start the fourth quarter.

Peyton Scott had a solid game for the Rayders with 12 points and seven rebounds, while Joe Gaffney also scored 12 points and Hudson Vollmer added nine points and four assists.

Elk Rapids was led by Christian Kerfott who scored a game-high 19 points. Haven Somers added 13 and Owen Spencer contributed 12.

The Rayders started the season strong, compiling a 10-2 record in their first 12 games. But they finished 7-4 for an overall total of 17-6.

But three of those losses were to Elk Rapids as the two are members of the Lake Michigan Conference. The Rayders finished second in the conference.

“It’s frustrating because I felt like in those three

games we just didn’t play our best,” Troshak said. “It’s what good teams will do to you.

“But, part of that is on me as a coach to just kind of find a way to do better against a team like Elk Rapids. They’re a tough matchup. They’re a lot like us with speed and athleticism.

“They just had a little more size. But, overall I was proud of the guys. Last year I think they were 6-18. It was a tough year, a challenging year and the guys could have easily packed it in but they worked hard every day.”

Charlevoix graduates five seniors, Peyton Scott, Brayden Greensky, Micah Richards, Hudson Vollmer and Troy Nickel. Vollmer and Nickel were three-year varsity players.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Ramblers fall to Soo in District, 54-41

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Playing a senior heavy and super physical Sault Ste. Marie team in the boys district basketball tournament last Friday was a bit more than the Boyne City Ramblers could chew and they fell, 54-41 to bring their season to an end.

The game was played in the Sault.

The Ramblers concluded the season 13-11 overall and were 8-6 in the rugged Lake Michigan Conference, putting them in a two-way tie with Traverse City St. Francis for third place.

“With us only having two seniors, their experience really showed,” said Boyne City coach Rob Jensen. “Our inexperience showed a little bit pretty much all season.

“Inexperience that we have was our downfall, and some of our positive things. We are winning games with people who haven’t had much experience.

“Hats off to Sault, they played the way the best of them play, and we kind of took the back burner. They got the job done. We played tough, and never gave up.”

The two Rambler seniors playing in their final

games were Chas Stanek, a three-year varsity starter and clearly one of the team leaders, and Trenton McBee.

But there’s plenty of talent and now experience returning in freshman Ben Stanek, Chas’ younger brother, who played some big minutes and made an impact in the post-season.

Also expected to be back are sophomores Lukas Van-Zee who was also brought up for the playoffs and gave the Ramblers some good minutes.

Two other sophomores, Drew Neer and Owen Hewitt started three

quarters of the games this season and gained valuable experience.

“Being a first-year coach, and a lot of first-year players on the varsity I thought we did a pretty decent job,” said Jensen. “We were in every single game.

“I think seven out of those 11 games we lost were by six points or less. We were a few plays away from having a 15-16 win season. I told the guys from here on out they need to get in the gym.”

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Ramblers head into districts with convincing win over Bellaire, 48-23

BY GREG GIELCZYK

With the district tournament starting Monday night, the Boyne City girls basketball team was looking for a win in the worse way and captured it with a dominating 48-23 non-conference throttling of Bellaire last Thursday.

The win snapped a five-game losing streak for the Ramblers, and sent them into the district opener against Grayling in Petoskey Monday night with a 9-13 record overall. Boyne finished 5-9 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

“We have some momentum coming in,” Ramblers coach Mike Wilson said. “We’re playing a good Grayling team that is very athletic.”

“Both times we played them this year (in the LMC) we were in both games. Squandered leads in both of them, so we’re ready. I tell the girls all the time that I’m ready.”

“I believe the girls are as prepared as they can be. At this point we’re not teaching anything new. We’re just going in doing what we’re doing, and hope for the best.”

The Vikings defeated the Ramblers, 52-39 in their last meeting back on Feb. 20, but the tournament is a totally different animal and anything usually can happen.



Elly Wilcox

Wilson believes that if the Ramblers can attack the Vikings like they’re capable of, not get caught up in the atmosphere and make their free throws they stand a chance of winning.

But the Ramblers have only shot the ball well from the field in spurts this season, and that certainly is a concern now that it’s a one-and-done scenario.

“We’ve always played good defenses. Defense has been our strong suit,” Wilson said. “Putting the ball in the basket has been our Achilles heel at times this season.”

“I don’t want to give a magic number, but if we can shoot 38 or 39 percent or better from the floor, typically that’s when we’re in games. In tough games, too.”

And shooting over 60 percent from the free throw line as well.

But the rub is the Vikings have a great defensive team, too, and no matter how well



Braydin Noble

the Ramblers perform it’s definitely going to be another tough game in Wilson’s opinion.

The Ramblers are led by a couple of juniors in Elly Wilcox and Braydin Noble who are the ones they turn to when they need a big basket, and Wilcox is shooting the ball well.

Wilson says Noble doesn’t have a low gear. She’s flying around the floor at 100 percent all the time. The Ramblers will be looking for them often, and early.

Freshman Addy Burns has earned a spot in the starting lineup, and has been a sparkplug. She’s averaging six or seven points after being brought up the second or third game of the season.

Another key player is center Delaney Vollmer, who can strike for double figures at any time, especially if she’s able to get in the low post, and is a strong rebounder.

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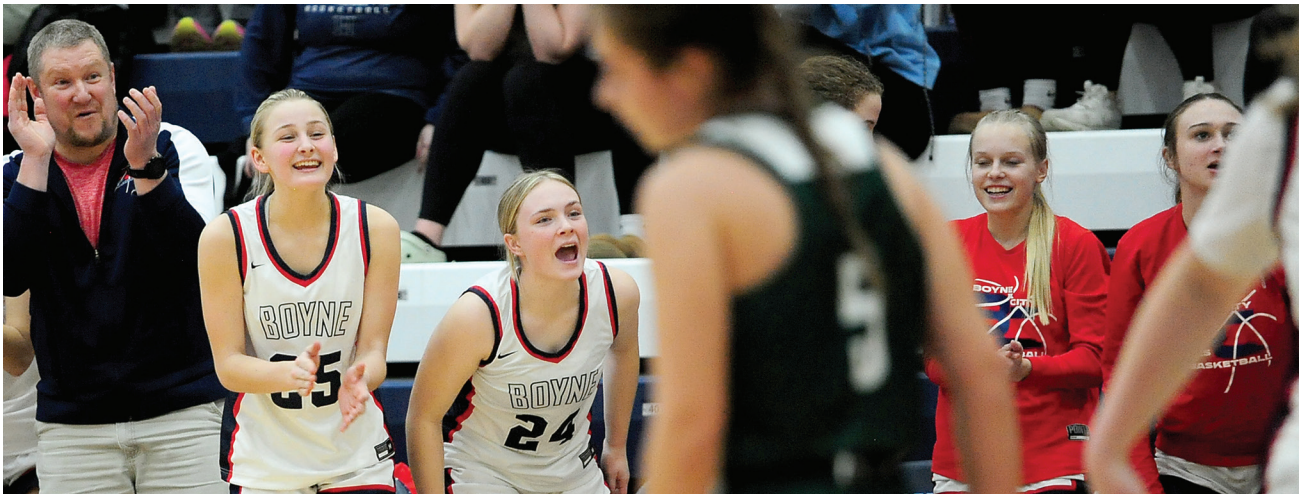
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Boyerne City's bench celebrates after scoring against Grayling. (Photo: Todd VanSickle)

## GIRL BASKETBALL

# Vikings fall in first round of D-34 tourney

By Todd VanSickle

The Grayling girls varsity basketball season came to an end on Monday night when the Vikings lost to the Boyne City Ramblers, 34-49, during the first round of the MHSAA Division 2 District 34 tournament.

Boyerne City's Braydin Noble led all scorers with 14 points, while teammate Addison Burns scored 13 points in the win.

Makayla Watkins led the Vikings with 11 points, while Amanda Lewis scored nine points in the loss.

"I am disappointed we lost," Watkins said, who was playing in her last high school game. "It definitely wasn't our best game. But I am happy to have played with this team. They are like family."

Ali Helinski and Cali D'Amour finished the night with five points.

The Vikings led 17-12 after the first quarter, but scored just 17 points the rest of the game.

In the fourth quarter, Boyne City held the Vikings to just four points. The two buckets came from Lewis.

However, the fourth quarter was a different ball game for the Ramblers, who scored 15 in the final quarter. Ten of those points came from Boyne's Noble.



Boyerne's Kaelyn Matelski goes up for a basket against Grayling. (Photo: Todd VanSickle)



Boyerne's Braydin Noble brings the ball up the floor against Grayling. (Photo: Todd VanSickle)

"Maybe a timeout reset would have helped," Watkins said. "We needed to have more positivity on the court. I think we got real negative."

Although the Grayling senior was playing in her last high school game, she plans to continue her basketball career at the collegiate



Sidney Bush, of Boyne, reaches for a rebound over Grayling's Alison Helinski. (Photo: Todd VanSickle)



Grayling's Makayla Watkins goes up for a shot over Boyne's defense. (Photo: Todd VanSickle)

level. "I am going to attend college for basketball, but right now I am undecided," Watkins said.

On Wednesday, Boyne City will face Petoskey in the next round of the tourna-

ment. Grayling finished the year 11-12 overall and was 7-7 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

## CHAMBER

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membership in 2023, adding to our list of over thirty 50+ year members.

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