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Challenge Mountain Welcomes New Board Members and Honors Outgoing Leaders

BOYNE CITY — Challenge Mountain is excited to announce the expansion of its Board of Directors with the addition of four new members who will serve three-year terms. At the same time, the organization celebrates the incredible contributions of two outgoing board members whose leadership and dedication have profoundly impacted its mission of enriching lives through adaptive recreation.



New Challenge Mountain Board of Directors members, from left to right: New 2025 Challenge Mountain Board Members from left to right: Mike Eberhart, Devin Wise, David Coen. (Bentley Laser not pictured.)

Welcoming Four New Board Members

For 2025, Challenge Mountain is proud to welcome David Coen, Devin Wise, Bentley Laser II, and Mike Eberhart to the Board of Directors. These dynamic individuals bring fresh energy, innovative ideas, and a shared commitment to teamwork as they advance the organization's mission. Their professional expertise spans business, leadership, finance and special education, and their recreational passions include skiing, snowboarding, skydiving, hiking, mountain biking and golfing.

• David Coen, Charlevoix
"I'm not doing this for me," says David Coen, a longtime Challenge Mountain volunteer who measures progress in the smiles of participants. He is excited to expand his role and help the board fulfill its goals, both long and short-term.

• Devin Wise, Boyne City
Devin Wise knows firsthand the satisfaction that comes from helping her students live their best lives. Her daily professional experiences and her advocacy for adaptive activities strengthen and support the mission of the Board of Directors.

• Bentley Laser II, Petoskey
Bentley Laser "love[s] that Challenge Mountain is actively finding ways..." to lower the financial barriers for adaptive sports, and his professional ties should help the board achieve that goal.

• Mike Eberhart, Walloon Lake
Mike Eberhart is "passionate" about fitness, and

that energy, coupled with his professional skillset, are sure to help the board as it moves forward.

Board members serve three-year terms with a maximum of two terms, on a rotational basis, ensuring a mix of seasoned leaders and fresh perspectives.

"We have an unbelievable talent pool on our board of directors," says Board President Karen Mann.

"We look forward to working together to further the Challenge Mountain mission. Their interest in serving their communities and their dedication as volunteers help us fulfill our goals now and into the future."

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FUN FACTS



Groundhog Day is upon us once again. Hopefully the critter will not see his shadow and proclaim a short winter!

Groundhog Phil has been active since 1886

The world's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, has been providing predictions about winter from his lair in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania since 1886.

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

If the groundhog comes out and the day is cloudy and he cannot see his shadow, he will take this as a sign of spring and stay above the ground. This means the winter will not linger. (This is where everyone in northern Michigan starts chuckling loudly!)

It appears the Groundhog Day tradition in the U.S. has its roots in Germany, though the actual reckoning of February 2 as a predictor of winter weather can be traced back to Scotland and England. There was a longheld tradition in England that if the weather on "Candlemas Day" was "fair and bright," winter weather would remain. If the weather was cloudy and rainy, though, winter was on its way out. On Candlemas Day, clergymen would bless the candles needed for the cold season. If the candles happened to bring a sunny day, that meant six more weeks of winter. If the candles brought clouds, though, that indicated winter would not last much longer.

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1/27/2025	53.3	Charlevoix
1/27/2025	33.8	Cheboygan
1/27/2025	109.2	East Jordan
1/27/2025	137.2	Gaylord
1/27/2025	104.7	Kalkaska
1/27/2025	26.4	Mio
1/27/2025	95	Petoskey

2023-24 AMOUNT		
1/29/2024	34.9	Alpena
1/29/2024	12.9	Atlanta
1/29/2024	42.8	Charlevoix
1/29/2024	41	Cheboygan
1/29/2024	46	East Jordan
1/29/2024	60.4	Gaylord
1/29/2024	58.2	Kalkaska
1/29/2024	27.6	Mio
1/29/2024	60.5	Petoskey

IT'S TAX SEASON!
Here are a few tips to fight tax identity theft:

- File your tax return early, if you can.
- Use a secure internet connection if you file electronically, or mail your return directly from the Post Office.
- If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, do not give out any of your personal information over the phone.
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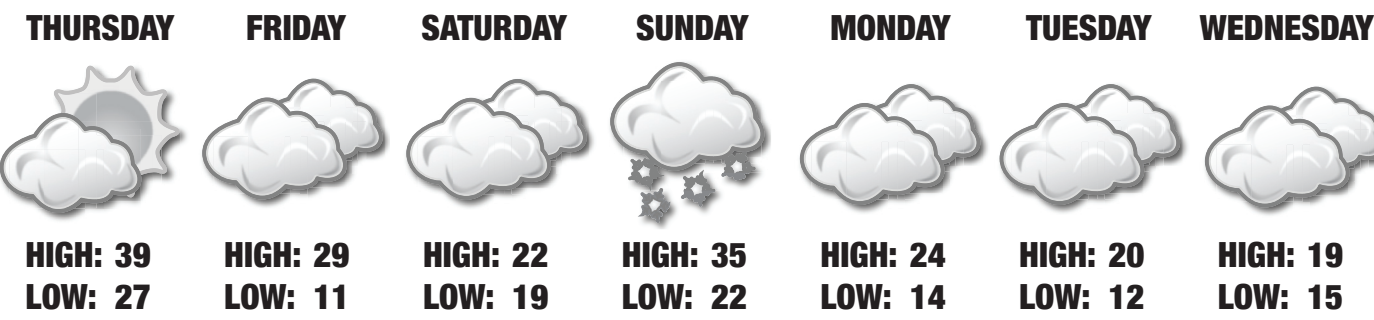
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weather forecast



record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
Jan 30	24	9	45	1974	-21	1994
Jan 31	24	9	46	2012	-15	1994
Feb 1	24	9	45	2022	-15	1994
Feb 2	24	9	42	1952	-25	1976
Feb 3	24	9	54	1991	-30	1996
Feb 4	24	9	51	1991	-23	1978
Feb 5	25	9	50	2005	-17	2009

OBITUARIES

David Gerard Matthews, 69

May 5, 1955 - Jan. 25, 2025

It is with a deep sadness that the family of David Gerard Matthews announce his passing on January 25, 2025.

David was born in Flint, Michigan on May 5, 1955. He was the son of Adrian & Doris Matthews. David was raised in Flint, Michigan until his family moved to Boyne City. He was a graduate of Boyne City High School. He enjoyed hunting, ice fishing, water skiing on Lake Charlevoix and was the contest winner of The Boyne City Mushroom Festival one year. His trades included carpentry and welding. Most everyone that knew him, knows that he never left home without his dog.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Anne Matthews (Gerry Wasageshik), his granddaughters Bailee McDougall and Rylee McDougall and grandson Maddox. Twin great grandchildren Malekai & Freya. His close friends Craig and Stacy Carrier. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Jamie Matthews (McDougall), his parents and his brother, Robert Matthews. A Rosary Service will be held on February 3, 2025 @ 1:00pm.

Viewing from 12:00-1:00pm at Stone Funeral Home in Indian River.

Richard Marshall Hodgson, 85

July 1, 1939 - January 25, 2025

CHARLEVOIX



Richard Marshall Hodgson of Charlevoix passed away January 25, 2025 at his home.

Richard was born July 1, 1939 in Detroit to Raymond J. and Elizabeth (Chisholm) Hodgson. A full obituary with service information will be posted in the near future.

Arrangements are under the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Andrew Veenstra, 87

Nov. 18, 1937 - Jan. 24, 2025

ELLSWORTH



Andrew John Veenstra was born in his home in Atwood, November 18, 1937 to Jacob & Engberdena

(VanderHeide) Veenstra. He was welcomed to his Heavenly home on January 24, 2025 at 87 years old on the same property as his birthplace.

During his life, he graduated from Ellsworth High school in 1955 and worked for several local farmers, including his father and brother's farm. He was drafted into the US Army as a meteorologist in 1961 and was honorably discharged in 1963. During that time, he proudly served for 18 months in Anchorage, Alaska. There, he met his wife Arlene who was serving on a mission trip and they married December 27, 1963 in Alamosa, Colorado and were married for 61 years.

In addition to his spouse, he is survived by his children: Elton (Deb) Veenstra, Alvin (Ellie) Veenstra, Harvey (Nina) Veenstra, Shanna (Bill) McCraney, and Jennifer Freiberg Veenstra. He was not only a farmer, but a machinist for several shops. He worked for Honeywell where he made guidance system components for airplanes and missiles. Andy insisted on the window seat by the wing on airplanes to watch his handiwork in action. He also worked for WillFlo where he was involved in the making of the "world's largest cherry pie pan" located in Charlevoix. Andy also made many household items out of the scrap stainless steel including a mailbox, clothesline, burn barrel, coat hooks, snow scoopers, and a wheelbarrow to name a few. He also served as Banks Township Zoning Administrator for 11 years and was a member of the Banks Township Fire Department for 35 years with his brother Jim and Jake and his son Al.

His kids knew not to park behind Dad's vehicle. He and Al served together on the Jansen/Richardson American Legion Post 488 for 24 years together. Andy was born and raised in the Atwood CRC and served as Elder & Deacon until the church closed down where he and Arlene then became members of the Ellsworth CRC. Andy served on the Ebenezer Christian School Board where he was involved in the planning and designing of the "All Purpose" Building. He volunteered at the Keryx Prison Ministry in key leadership roles for 15 years. In retirement, Andy and Arlene enjoyed traveling the country with their camper. Traveling by ship was a no go, but they loved to watch the freighters at Aunie Osborn Campground in Sault Ste. Marie. They would also camp with friends and family at the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers and the Buckley Old Engine Show. When they weren't traveling or camping, Andy enjoyed

hunting, proudly supporting his grandchildren's sporting events (especially against Central Lake), lawn care, and repairing machines in the garage and shed.

Andy is remembered by his living siblings, Flora Wynsma (Atwood), Jennie VandeKieft (Grand Rapids), sister-in-law Patsy Veenstra (Lowell), Jacob Jr. (Jan) Veenstra (Atwood). Also surviving him are Bumpa's grandchildren, Caleb V, Ben, Eddie, Emily (Andrew), Nathan, Tommy, Amanda (Sean), Beth, Jack, Chloe, Caleb M, Makayla, Keith, Keygan, Lilly, and his unofficially adopted granddaughters Grace and Molly. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Wilma (Dar) Penfold, Gezina (Frank) Meekhof, Rev. Paul (Kay) Veenstra, Minnie (Corwin) Sloothaak, Tom Wynsma, Rev. Richard VandeKieft, and Jim Veenstra.

The family thanks the church family, the community, and Advisacare for the prayers, support, and assistance in the last couple years with special thanks to his nurse, Tina. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Ebenezer Christian School, PO Box 158, Ellsworth, MI 49729 (<https://ebenezerchristian.org/financialgiving/>), Banks Township Fireman's Association PO Box 241 Ellsworth, MI 49729, or Keryx Prison Ministry PO Box 235 Central Lake, MI 49622.

Visitation will take place on Friday, January 31, from 4-7pm, at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church.

A Funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 1, at 11am. Visitation will be held from 10am until the time of the service.

The Service will be livestreamed and can be viewed via FaceBook or YouTube by searching for Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church.

Arrangements are in the care of the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Bonnie Voorhees, 88

Jan. 15, 1937 - Jan. 22, 2025

CHARLEVOIX



Bonnie Voorhees of Charlevoix passed away on January 22, 2025 at Boulder Park Terrace.

She was born on January 15, 1937, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Clayton and Dorothy (Beardsley) Brown.

Bonnie had attended the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix for the past 11 years.

Arrangements are currently pending and will be announced in the near future by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Reinhard Matye, 72

(March 20, 1952 - Jan. 20, 2025)

CHARLEVOIX



Reinhard Matye of Charlevoix passed away on January 20, 2025.

Born on March 20, 1952, in Hof, Germany, Reinhard immigrated to the United States in the mid 1950s with his parents, where he built a fulfilling life surrounded by family, friends, and the community he deeply cherished. In his early life he met and married Lilly Matye and had two children, Andrea and Christopher Matye. They moved to Charlevoix in April of 1978 where Reinhard put down lifelong roots and raised his children. In 2015, Reinhard celebrated a union with Jill Matye and became a stepfather to Brandon and Chris Ritchie.

Reinhard founded DCL in 1981 alongside partners Werner Egger and Phil Camilleri, driven by a vision to elevate the Bulk Handling Industry through superior products and services. At the heart of his mission was the desire to create a workplace where people felt valued and their talents could shine. Today, his vision has flourished into a company that employs over 135 people and serves customers across the globe. From Charlevoix and Traverse City to Hyderabad, India, DCL's products are used in more than 60 countries, a testament to his dedication and foresight.

Reinhard's passion for leaving a lasting legacy was unmistakable. He took great joy in developing new innovations, often working closely with his son, Chris, to push the company forward. His pride in DCL's success was evident, not only in its growth but also in the lives he impacted. Reinhard's leadership and kindness will forever be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Beyond his professional achievements, Reinhard had a zest for life that was evident in everything he did. He loved to travel and had countless stories, often outlandish and always entertaining, about his adventures around the world. His stories captivated friends, family, and even strangers, making him a beloved figure in his community.

Reinhard also had a knack for turning everyday moments into something memorable. Whether it was cruising around town on his motorcycle and sidecar or sitting at the outdoor bar he designed for the Elks Club, Reinhard's presence was always felt. His warm personality, quick wit, and love for his community made him a fixture in the lives of those who knew him.

His hobbies were vast including sailing, biking, golf, painting, playing music, smoking cigars, and sneaking his grandkids Twinkies when he was told not to. Memories of his guitar lessons and painting sessions will be remembered as fondly as the bike rides, sunset boat trips around Oyster Bay, and Sunday dinners he lovingly prepared.

He is survived by his current wife, Jill Matye; his children, Andrea Matye (Peter) Scholten and Christopher (Sarah) Matye ; his stepchildren Brandon Ritchie (Alexis Chesney) and Chris (Beverly) Ritchie; the mother of his children Lilly Matye; cherished "Opi" to Maya Whitley (Alex Matter), Kai Whitley, Julius Matye, Henry Matye, and Carter Ritchie; his brother Anton (Diane) Matye Jr. ; his nieces and nephews Anton Matye III (Dr. Lindsey Harden), Lauren Parady, Jared (Kirsten) Imlay, Christian Matye (Olivia Jeakle). Reinhard is preceded in death by his parents, Gisella and Anton Matye Sr., and his sister Lisa Matye. A funeral service and celebration of life will be held in Charlevoix as well as a celebration of life in Florida. Dates are yet to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St, Boyne City, MI 49712, or the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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

Heather DuBey, 49

Oct. 17, 1975 - Jan. 20, 2025

BOYNE CITY



Heather Marie DuBey of Boyne City passed away on January 20, 2025 as the result of a

traffic accident. Heather was born on October 17, 1975 to Lawrence and Cynthia DuBey. She graduated from Lake City High School in 1994

and went on to earn a Bachelor degree from Saginaw Valley State University in 2000.

Heather was a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts and was awarded their top honor of a Gold Award in 1994. Some of her best childhood moments were spent in the girl scouting organization at summer camps and on wider opportunities where she made lifelong friendships.

Heather had many hobbies and enjoyed being creative with photography, wood carving, crocheting, painting, and stained glass. She enjoyed being outdoors bird watching, snowshoeing, skiing, swimming, camping, and boating of all kinds. She was full of energy and loved to travel and meet new people. This served her well in what was likely her most proud accomplishment. Over the course of two years Heather completed 50 half marathon races, one in each of the 50 United States.

Heather is survived by her partner Kurt Martin; her parents Lawrence and Cynthia DuBey; her sisters Amy Zellen (Mathew) and Shannon DuBey (Jennifer); her nieces Maddalynn, Genevieve, and Margurite Zellen; her nephew Gregory Zellen; her uncle David DuBey (Leheia); her aunts Kimberlee Rolin (Marvin), and Linda DuBey; and her cousins David Rolin (Jamie), Amanda Smith (Frank), David R. DuBey, and Larry R. DuBey. She was preceded in death by both her paternal grandparents, Reo and Virginia DuBey and her Maternal grandparents Lowell and Shirlee Zentz.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at the Lake City United Methodist Church, 301 John St, Lake City, MI, at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be at the church beginning at 10:00 AM. Luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Heather's name to support the Lake City Outdoor Education Program or one of two organizations specializing in equine therapy for those with traumatic brain injuries.


For more information on how to donate, please go to <https://shannondubey.com/heathermarie>

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LEADERSHIP

Leaders Listen Intentionally

BY JOHN KEYSER

In my work as a leadership coach I have had conversations with more than a thousand business women and men, often asking about what they particularly want from their manager (hopefully whom they consider a leader).

The most frequent responses are that they want their manager to listen to them, to ask for their ideas and to feel that their ideas matter.

This means that we as leaders must be “present”, not with our eyes on our smart phones and not multi-tasking. We must focus with purpose, to listen to understand and learn. What is the person saying, not saying, and what is she/he feeling and, hopefully, why?

And this means to listen with a quiet mind, to let our thoughts flout out of our heads, and not to be making judgments, or to be thinking about what we will say, or to be anxiously waiting our turn to talk.

No, we must be focused on the other person, ideally listening with comfortable eye contact, offering affirmations so she/he knows we care.

It is certainly not easy to be a good listener. Most of us are not, as we naturally have problem solving minds. Yet, highly effective leaders are skilled listeners.

My hope is that we will all try to make improving our listening skills a top priority. It will mean so much to our team members and other colleagues.



John Keyser

Improved listening will be achieved if we commit to it, with a strong desire to do so, and to practice it each day.

Take even brief notes after conversations. Perfect practice makes perfect! And what gets measured gets improved!

My other suggestion, really urging, is to spend a lot less time in meetings and be out with our people, asking about their work, and how we might help, and for their ideas.

Conversations are the work of a leader! per the insightful Susan Scott, author of Fierce Conversations.

Two tips of from two leaders I greatly admire: Sue Mahanor of Berkely Health Sciences always comes around her desk and sits alongside someone in her office. Christine LaSala of Willis, when asked how she turned around an office of some 1,200 people struggling with low morale, answered that she did it with conversations, every day, a great many conversations.

I absolutely promise you, everyone needs to feel appreciated and heard. As leaders, our intentional listening must be one of our very top priorities.

COMMUNITY LEADER

ANNIE JOY

A LIFE OF HELPING OTHERS

BY JOHN KEYSER

I had the pleasure of sitting with Annie Joy to discuss caring about community and all the people in the community, and I do mean all the people. She is amazing – and a role model for what is so special about Small Town America and Up North Michigan.

Her background. Annie grew up in Charlevoix, attended St. Mary School, then our public school. As a youngster, she was always helping out, at the time particularly at St. Mary, where her mom, Mindy worked, and also was especially influenced by Mary Plude, Lil Left, and others, as well as her mom.

Actually, Annie’s entire family are great influencers. Her grandma, aunts and mom are all active volunteers, helping in our community, be it Thanksgiving dinners, youth groups, church activities, and many other ways to help out.

Annie is an administrative assistant at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan, really assisting with whatever is needed, including their website and helping teach faith formation. And she is hoping to start youth and young adult groups going forward so they can socialize and deepen their faith together. Our community and our



ANNIE JOY

people are of utmost importance to Annie.

I was struck with Annie’s enthusiasm when she spoke about how leaders of the churches in East Jordan get together monthly and share what is going on in their church, their needs, how they could help people in the East Jordan community, and they pray for the well-being of their churches, our community and our people.

They realize that the churches together are a lot more effective than churches on their own. Amen to that!

It is all about helping to meet the needs of those in our community and letting

our people know they are cared for.

Annie is amazed by the generosity of so many East Jordan residents. They have a passion for helping others, e.g., meals, rides, bible schools, children ministry for those from the different churches. It’s learning about God and that they are loved.

The Depot Teen Center, of which Annie serves as Secretary of the Board, was started by all the churches. They meet four days a week during the school year. It is a safe place for the teens and they are given hot meals (unfortunately many do not get hot meals even in their own homes).

Annie emphasizes that we could not do all are doing without the help of the other churches!

Annie’s family exemplifies helping others in the community. They go above and beyond. Endlessly!

Be it cooking for large groups for holidays, the Helping Hearts in East Jordan for those needing cancer treatments, to winter gear for students, to raising money for extra-curricular activities for our students. These are just some examples.

I asked Annie about messages she’d like to offer us in the community. She shared:

- Smile
- Always be kind
- Speak with those around us
- Volunteer with our local non-profits
- Help our community feel like a family
- We can begin volunteering when we are young
- Be open to new ideas and challenges; often changes are good
- and that our giving back heals in a great many ways

Our helping others improves our community and actually fulfills us ourselves in ways we could not imagine.

LOCAL STUDENT NEWS

Jäger Griswold of Central Lake, MI is attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN he is a senior in the College of Arts and Science with a Dual Major

in Political Science and Human & Organizational Development, Jäger has made the Dean’s List for the Fall 2024 semester with a GPA of 3.6.

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The Charlevoix Chamber is excited to announce our 2024 Chamber Award recipients!
Thank you to these people and businesses who create a thriving community that we all live, work, and play in.

Help us celebrate on Thursday, February 20 at 5:30pm at Castle Farms featuring Brian Britton, CEO of Kilwin’s Chocolate Franchise as our keynote speaker.

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NCMC Partners With Industrial Arts Institute, Copesd To Expand CNC Training Opportunities

New partnerships ensure uninterrupted CNC training, expanded opportunities during construction of the Martin Jahn Technology Center

PETOSKEY — North Central Michigan College (NCMC) is collaborating with the Industrial Arts Institute (IAI) in Onaway and the Cheboygan-Otsego-Pr-esque Isle Educational Service District (COPESD) to expand training opportunities in Computer Numerical Control (CNC) programming. This partnership supports the construction of the new Martin Jahn Technology Center on NCMC’s Petoskey campus.



Part of North Central Michigan College’s \$22 million CATEE project, the new state-of-the-art Martin Jahn Technology Center will support technology and trades education, providing students with cutting-edge tools and spaces to prepare for high-demand careers.

Ongoing CNC Training During Construction

On January 8, NCMC relocated its CNC equipment to IAI in Onaway, ensuring uninterrupted training in this critical field. The move is part of Phase II of NCMC’s \$22 million Career and Technical Education Enhancement (CATEE) initiative, which includes demolishing the current Technology Building in February 2025 and constructing state-of-the-art, 11,750-square-foot Martin Jahn Technology Center. Once complete, the facility will serve as a hub for technology and skilled trades education.

“We’re excited to partner with IAI and COPESD to offer new training opportunities for local employees and students,” said NCMC Vice President of Affairs Stephen Strom. “This partnership allows us to provide hands-on, industry-relevant education in Computer-Aided Design, Computer-Aided Manufacturing, and CNC programming, all vital skills in today’s manufacturing world.”

CNC Training Course Launching February 11

In response to increasing demand for skilled workers, NCMC’s Corporate and Community Education (CCE) division will launch a 12-week CNC, CAD, and CAM training course at IAI on February 11. Classes will meet on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.—12 p.m., and the \$1,200 program is designed to equip participants with essential design-to-production skills, helping local businesses meet workforce needs.

“This partnership offers incredible opportunities for

individuals to gain practical, high-demand skills right in their own community,” said IAI Executive Director Tamara Ward.

For more information or to register for the CNC training course, visit <https://www.ncmclifelonglearning.com/event-6025832>.

Expanding Opportunities for Local Students

For the past three years, NCMC and IAI have introduced middle school students to machining and skilled trades through career exploration camps, with great success. With the CNC equipment now housed at IAI, these efforts are expanding to include:

- Enhanced Middle School Camps: Hands-on opportunities to engage more students in machining and manufacturing
- High School Programs: Multi-week sessions offering deeper, specialized training for students interested in machining careers
- Academy Integration: Adding CNC training to welding and construction academies
- Year-Round Programming: Developing a comprehensive schedule to serve students in the Cheboygan, Otsego, and Presque Isle school districts

“With these expanded programs, we aim to inspire the next generation of skilled workers while aligning education with workforce needs,” said MiSTEM Region 12 Director Laura Percival.

COPESD Superintendent Jamie Huber is equally excited about the program’s potential.

“This is a great example of how strong community



North Central Michigan College’s CNC equipment is relocated from its Technology Building to the Industrial Arts Institute in Onaway as part of a partnership to expand training opportunities during the construction of the college’s new Martin Jahn Technology Center, set to open in Fall 2026.

partnerships can create real opportunities for students and businesses,” Huber said. “Together, we are preparing more local students for careers in the skilled trades, which is more important than ever.”

Future Plans for CNC Programming

CNC training will continue through Winter 2025 and into Summer 2026, both at IAI and in NCMC’s Mobile Fab Lab on the Petoskey campus, until construction of the Martin Jahn Technology Center is complete.

“This collaboration with IAI brings hands-on CNC, CAD, and CAM training to our region, helping individuals gain the skills needed for a successful future in manufacturing,” said CNC Instructor Jeff Montgomery.

A Vision for the Future

The Martin Jahn Technology Center is one piece of the CATEE initiative, which also includes the expansion of NCMC’s Jack and Dorothy Harris Health

Education and Science Center. Together, these cutting-edge facilities will provide modern environments for students pursuing careers in healthcare, technology, and skilled trades. Both buildings are expected to open for classes in Fall 2026.

For updates on the CATEE project’s progress and campus operations during construction, visit <https://www.ncmich.edu/about-us/our-campus/CATEE/>.

About North Central Michigan College:

North Central Michigan College is an open-door community college based in Petoskey with additional offerings in Cheboygan, Gaylord, and online. North Central’s mission is to provide exceptional, accessible, relevant higher education to the benefit of all. An Achieving the Dream Leader College with a designation of Veteran Friendly Gold by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, North Central is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Learn more at www.ncmich.edu.

ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

A Servant Spirit — The Legacy of Alfred Vanderbilt

Dear Readers, in a world often driven by ambition and self-interest, stories of servant-hearted leadership stand out like shining beacons, inspiring us to live with purpose and humility. This week, let’s reflect on the remarkable life of Alfred Vanderbilt, whose servant spirit left an indelible mark.



Laura Jasurda

Born into the wealthy and influential Vanderbilt family, Alfred had every reason to demand privilege and authority. Yet, unlike his siblings who sought managerial positions right away, Alfred chose a different path. He humbly started his career as a clerk, a position far beneath his status, but one that allowed him to learn, grow, and connect with people on a personal level. This humility and willingness to serve didn’t go unnoticed. Alfred’s father recognized his servant’s heart, leaving him a staggering \$76 million in his will—compared to \$7 million left to each of his siblings.

But Alfred’s servant spirit didn’t stop there. During World War I, he wasn’t satisfied with simply purchasing wagons for the Red Cross—he intended to drive them himself. He believed in action, not just charity, and his final moments aboard the RMS Lusitania exemplify his extraordinary character.

When the Lusitania was torpedoed in May 1915, Alfred’s actions spoke volumes about his character. He used his final moments not to save himself, but to save others. Newspapers later recounted how Alfred tied life jackets to baskets for babies and even gave up his own life jacket to a woman.

His last act on earth was one of sacrifice, a true testament to his servant spirit.

Alfred Vanderbilt’s story reminds us that leadership isn’t about titles or positions—it’s about serving others. Whether it’s humbly learning from the ground up, giving your time to those in need, or putting others’ safety above your own, a servant spirit leaves a legacy that far outlasts wealth or power.

So, this week, I encourage you to ask yourself: how can I serve those around me? In your workplace, in your community, or even in your family, there’s always an opportunity to make a difference. Alfred Vanderbilt’s story shows us that greatness comes from humility, service, and the courage to put others first. Let’s follow his example and lead with a servant spirit.

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

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PET OF THE WEEK

KIRA



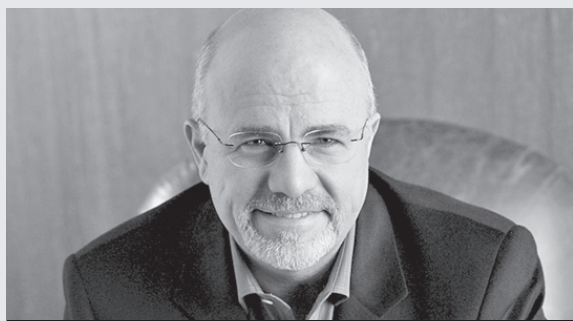
This pretty little lady is Kira! Kira came to us through a large-scale commercial breeding rescue mission funded and organized by Bissell Pet Foundation. She is very quiet which we believe to be a trait of her breed, but loves to make new friends. After observing Kira around other dogs, our staff is fairly confident that she could do well in a home with other dogs. Kira is very smart and appears to be totally housebroken. She is spayed, up to date on vaccinations, and ready to make her debut as your new best friend!



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DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

Safe and Easily Accessible

Dear Dave,
I stopped contributing to my 401(k) temporarily to help us build an emergency fund a little faster. Things are going slowly, though, and I'm getting worried. My wife and I are both 46, have no debt except our home and we have a combined household income of \$100,000 a year. We have \$20,000 in a single stock, and I was wondering if we should cash out that stock and use the money for our emergency fund.

—Doug

Dear Doug,
That's exactly what I'd do. I'd cash out that stock as soon as possible, and put the cash in a simple money market account with check writing privileges and no penalties for early withdrawals.

Basically, your emergency fund is in stock right now, and that's a bad place to keep it. You never know when life will throw unexpected expenses your way, or when the stock market will go down. You always want your emergency fund to be safe and easily accessible. Remember, your emergency fund is insurance—not an investment.

After that, make sure you keep pushing forward and jump back into Baby Step 4. That means start pouring money into your 401(k) again.

Great question, Doug!
—Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm trying to get out of debt and start handling my money better. Should I lower the amount I'm contributing to my 401(k) so I can pay off my car and house faster?

—Austin

Dear Austin,
I can tell you're excited about the idea of getting out of debt. And that's a good thing! But I don't

want you to get ahead of yourself when it comes to gaining control of your finances.

Here's my Baby Steps plan. The first thing you should do is set aside a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. That's Baby Step 1. Next comes Baby Step 2, which means paying off all your debt, except for your house. This would include your car. During this time, you should temporarily stop any kind of investing and retirement contributions, so you can attack your debt with a vengeance.

Once your mortgage is the only debt you have, it's on to Baby Step 3. This means you start saving money to grow your beginner emergency fund into a fully-funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. After that, it's on to Baby Step 4, which is investing 15 percent of your pre-tax income for retirement. In your case, that would mean re-starting contributions to your 401(k).

The rest of the plan goes like this. Baby Step 5 is putting money into your kids' college funds, if you have kids. Baby Step 6 is focusing on paying off the house early, and then comes the real fun. Baby Step 7 is where you build wealth and give like crazy.

It may take a little time in some cases, but there are millions of people out there who will tell you this—following the Baby Steps works!

—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.



The 2025 Challenge Mountain Board of Directors, from left to right: Dave Gracy (Vice President), Karen Mann (President), Carole Melvin, Devin Wise, Joseph Schodde, Elizabeth Gertz (Executive Director), Mike Eberhart, Ralph Dubey, Bill Aten (Secretary), Dave Coen, Skip Simms (Treasurer).

CHALLENGE MOUNTAIN CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Honoring Outgoing Board Members

As 2024 drew to a close, Challenge Mountain reflected on the remarkable contributions of two outgoing board members: George Armstrong and Caren Peltier. Their leadership and commitment have been instrumental in advancing Challenge Mountain's mission. While their official board terms have ended, their continued involvement as volunteers and advocates ensures their lasting impact.

• George Armstrong

George Armstrong has been involved with Challenge Mountain and its mission since it was brought to his attention by the Coalition of Advocates for the Impaired in 1983. He was introduced to the founder of Challenge Mountain, Darla

Evans, and was encouraged to start SPIRIT Day Camp, a summer program now in its 41st year, that brings individuals with and without disabilities together in a summertime extravaganza of leisure activities.

Since then, he has been involved with Challenge Mountain in a variety of ways spanning over four decades and has been part of the Board of Directors for many years. George believes that Challenge Mountain is "all about the people;" a majority of the significant relationships in his life have been forged from his 37 years of special educational teaching at Petoskey High School and involvement in causes that help make the world barrier free for all. George has chosen to volunteer his time with Challenge Mountain because he "believes in and is inspired by the many participants."

• Caren Peltier

Challenge Mountain welcomed Caren Peltier to the Board of Directors in January 2020. After 32 years in the corporate end of the automotive industry, and later as administrative support for a private entrepreneur, Peltier moved to Boyne City with her husband, Tom, in 2018.

Throughout her term on the board, Caren brought a wealth of professional business experience, considerable organizational skills, and passion as a volunteer.

"When I heard how Challenge Mountain came to be, starting with Darla Evans' trip to Colorado with her daughter Chrissy, it is such a wonderful story of [paying] it forward, I was hooked," she says.

"George and Caren have been true champions of Challenge Mountain's

mission," says Executive Director Elizabeth Gertz.

"Their vision, energy and dedication have helped us reach new heights. Though their board terms have ended, their continued involvement as volunteers and advocates will keep the momentum going."

Looking Ahead

Challenge Mountain is excited to embrace the future with the support of its new board members and the ongoing involvement of its outgoing leaders.

"Together, they will continue to create opportunities that enrich lives through adaptive recreation," concludes Mann.

For more information about Challenge Mountain and its Board of Directors, visit challengemtn.org or call 231-582-1186.

Father Son Weekend at Camp Daggett to be held February 7-9, 2025

PETOSKEY – Camp Daggett is excited to share details about its highly anticipated Father Son Weekend, taking place February 7-9, 2025. Designed for boys ages 7-14 and their fathers, uncles, grandfathers, or other special mentors, this weekend offers a unique opportunity to bond, explore, and recharge in the beautiful setting of Camp Daggett.

"This weekend is so much more than just an event—it's a chance to step away from busy schedules and spend meaningful time



together," says Kayla Kuzel, Experiential Director at Camp Daggett. "Our goal is to create an experience where families can connect, enjoy the outdoors, and create memories they'll treasure forever."

Participants will enjoy:

- Outdoor Adventures: Explore Camp Daggett's stunning trails and activities.
- Adventure Education: Participate in teambuilding and high ropes courses.
- Quality Time: Strengthen relationships through shared experiences.
- Relaxation & Fun: Recharge and connect in a supportive and welcoming environment.

Father Son Weekend is a long-standing tradition at Camp Daggett, with

spaces filling up every year. Registration is now open, and spots are limited. Don't miss this chance to create lifelong memories!

Register today by visiting campdaggett.org.

About Camp Daggett

Camp Daggett has been providing exceptional outdoor education and adventure experiences since 1925. Located on the shores of Walloon Lake, the camp offers year-round programming that encourages personal growth, leadership, and connection to nature.

GROUNDHOG DAY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

It is believed the Romans, after conquering the north country, brought the Candlemas Day tradition back to the Teutons, or Germans. They picked it up and concluded that if the sun made an appearance on Candlemas Day, the hedgehog would cast a shadow and that meant six more weeks of bad weather. This was referred to as "second winter."

Since the earliest settlers in Pennsylvania were German, the tradition continued there. And since groundhogs were prevalent and reminded the Germans of their native hedgehogs, the groundhog became the method for determining the length of winter on Candlemas Day.

Here are some other fun facts about the day and about groundhogs:

- According to legend, Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip. Before being called Phil, he was known as "Br'er Groundhog."
- Not to be a "Karen" and spoil the fun, but the truth is that The National Climatic Data Center compared U.S. national temperatures from 1988 to 2012 to determine the accuracy of Phil's predictions, and he's only been proven correct 39% of the time — meaning you have a better chance of determining how many weeks of winter are left by flipping a coin!
- Over the years, Phil has seen his shadow way more frequently than not. From 1887 to now, Phil has seen

his shadow more than 100 times. He has not seen his shadow less than 20 times. (There were about 10 years when Phil's prognostication was not recorded.)

- The average groundhog is 20 inches long and normally weighs from 12 to 15 pounds. Punxsutawney Phil weighs about 20 pounds and is 22 inches long.
- Groundhogs are one of the few animals that really hibernate. Hibernation is actually a deep coma, where the body temperature drops to a few degrees above freezing, the heart barely beats, the blood scarcely flows, and breathing nearly stops.
- Punxsutawney is located in western Pennsylvania, about 80 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.
- The name Punxsutawney comes from the Delaware

Indian name that actually means "town of the sandflies."

- Punxsutawney Phil is the official groundhog forecaster on February 2, but many states or big cities have their own, like New York's Pothole Pete, General Beau Lee of Atlanta, GA, Sir Walter Wally of Raleigh, NC, and Birmingham Bill from Birmingham, Alabama.
- The "Groundhog Day" movie was not filmed in Punxsutawney but in Woodstock, Illinois because of easier accessibility. The actual Gobbler's Knob is a wooded hill with a beautiful view; the Gobbler's Knob in the movie is in the town square but it was built to scale.

—Compiled by Mike Dunn

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Peters Announces He Will Not Seek Reelection in 2026

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) released a statement and video to announce he will not seek reelection in 2026. Below are excerpts from his statement.

“I have always believed that American democracy can only remain healthy and vibrant when every citizen takes an active role in strengthening their community. There are many ways people can choose to serve their community and all are important. The how and when we serve is different for everyone and what we do becomes part of a unique individual life story having many chapters.

“At this point in my life, I have been able to write many different chapters, and I look forward to the new ones with both anticipation and excitement.

“When I was first elected to Congress in 2008, I always knew there would come a time to pass the torch to the next generation of public servants and allow them the opportunity to bring fresh energy and ideas to our nation’s capital. Our founding fathers envisioned members of Congress as citizens serving their country for a few terms and then returning to private life. I agree. After three terms in the House and two terms in the Senate, I believe now is time for me to write a few more paragraphs in my current chapter and turn over the reins. I will therefore not seek reelection in 2026.

“I have two more years remaining in my current term and there is more work to do. I intend to continue my work on issues important to all Michiganders by working to lower costs, make sure everyone has the opportunity to succeed, feel safe in their community, and protect core American democratic values.

“My service in the Congress has been the honor of my life. It has been a humbling responsibility given to me by the voters of the state I love. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve, and I believe my work has left our country a better place.

“I am leaving Congress, but I am not retiring. I look forward to writing many more chapters when my term ends. I do not know what those chapters will be, but I expect one of them will be me finding endless twisting back roads where



U.S. Senator Gary Peters

I can experience the joy of total freedom riding my Harley Davidson motorcycle on a warm sunny day.”

Senator Gary Peters has been honored to represent the State of Michigan in the U.S. Senate since 2015. He worked in the private sector for 20 years as a financial advisor. He began his career in public service as a Rochester Hills City Councilman, and served two terms as a Michigan State Senator.

Peters volunteered for the U.S. Navy Reserve at age 34, where he earned a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist designation and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After the September 11th terrorist attacks on our country, he volunteered again for drilling status and served overseas as part of his Reserve duty.

He was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008, and then to the U.S. Senate in 2014. Peters currently serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senate Armed Services Committee, and the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and has been the top Democrat on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee since 2019.

Over the remaining two years of his term, Peters will continue his legislative efforts, but his 16 years in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate leave a clear legacy of an elected official who delivers real results for the people of Michigan. Below are some of Peters’ most significant legislative accomplishments.

An Effective, Bipartisan Leader

Even in an increasingly polarized Congress, Peters has been an effective

legislator. Over the 10 years he’s served so far in the Senate, Peters was the author and principal sponsor of more bills signed into law than any other member of the House or Senate. These bills helped strengthen our national security, support Michigan’s robust automotive manufacturing sector, ensure veterans can receive the benefits they earned in their service, protect our Great Lakes and drinking water, and more.

- Named the #1 most effective Senator in both the 116th and 117th Congresses by the nonpartisan Center for Effective Lawmaking.
- 117th Congress (2012-2022): Authored and was the principal sponsor of 19 bipartisan bills signed into law – the most enacted into law by a U.S. Senator during a single Congress in over 40 years.
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Only Senator to pass the most bills into law as a member of the minority party, and under a Republican President, since the Center for Effective Lawmaking began collecting data over 50 years ago.
- Built on that record in the 118th Congress (2023-2024) as the author and principal sponsor of 15 bipartisan standalone bills that were signed into law – the most of any member of the House or Senate.
- Recognized as the 2nd most bipartisan Senator – and the #1 most bipartisan Democrat – in 2023 by the nonpartisan Lugar Center and the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University.

Champion for Michigan’s Auto Industry from 2008 Financial Crisis to Today

When the 2008 financial crisis rocked Michigan’s automotive industry, Peters was instrumental in advocating for the rescue of the Big Three automakers, which saved more than 1 million automotive industry jobs in Michigan and across the country.

- Former House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA) called Peters the “single most effective person” in advocating for Michigan’s automotive industry.
- Despite being a freshman Congressman, Peters was also selected to serve on the conference commit-

tee that wrote and finalized the sweeping Dodd-Frank Wall Street and Consumer Protection Act to hold Wall Street accountable and establish strong consumer protections in the nation’s financial sector.

- Authored and secured provisions in the CHIPS and Science Act to support the domestic production of semiconductor materials and mature technologies – after the COVID-19 pandemic caused shortages. Michigan’s Hemlock Semiconductor recently finalized an agreement of up to \$325 million to build a new manufacturing facility and create jobs in Michigan to expand production of hyper-pure polysilicon thanks to Peters’ efforts.

Securing the Future of Selfridge Air National Guard Base

Peters served in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 12 years, rising to the rank of Lt. Commander. During that time, he drilled at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Macomb County. As a U.S. Senator, Peters has worked tirelessly to secure the future of Selfridge as Michigan’s premier military installation to maintain its role in our nation’s defense and as an economic driver for the state.

- Led the Michigan delegation to secure a full squadron of next generation KC-46A aircraft tankers, which will operate at Selfridge for the next 50 years.
- Established and secured funding for the Northern Border Mission Center to be located at Selfridge. The Center, which the Department of Homeland Security is already working to stand up, will strengthen border security and address evolving threats at the Northern Border, including illicit drug trafficking, human smuggling, and the rise of illegal drone use.

Protecting The Great Lakes from an Oil Spill and Addressing PFAS Contamination

Throughout his career in public service, Peters has been a champion for protecting the Great Lakes and Michigan’s drinking water from threats like oil spills and PFAS contamination. Peters’ efforts have helped protect our most precious source of drinking water and an economic engine for our state from the devastat-

ing consequences of pollution.

- As a state senator, Peters fought for a ban on drilling the Great Lakes.
- Authored a provision signed into law to create the U.S. Coast Guard National Center of Expertise (NCOE) for the Great Lakes, and secured \$1.5 million to launch the center.
- Headquartered at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie and the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor, the Great Lakes National Center of Expertise will examine the impacts of oil spills in freshwater environments and help develop effective responses that currently don’t exist.

Peters was also the first U.S. Senator to raise awareness of the PFAS contamination crisis and to work to address the effects of PFAS exposure to human health and the environment. PFAS exposure has been linked to increased risk of cancer, damage to the immune system, decreased fertility, birth defects, liver disease, and thyroid disease.

- Helped convene the first-ever hearing on PFAS contamination in the Senate in September 2018.
- Led hearings and oversight as Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee to examine how servicemembers, their families, and communities across the country have been harmed by exposure to toxic PFAS substances connected to military sites.
- Passed legislation into law to discontinue use of fire-fighting foams containing PFAS at commercial airports, direct funding to help commercial airports switch to PFAS-free fire-fighting foams, and help protect firefighters and emergency responders from PFAS exposure in the line of duty.

Fighting for Veterans Struggling with Invisible Wounds of War

As a former Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves and the son of a World War II Army veteran, Peters has always fought to ensure America’s servicemembers receive the benefits and support they earned through their service.

- Passed bipartisan Fairness for Veterans legislation

as an amendment to annual defense legislation to help veterans regain access to certain benefits they were denied because they wrongfully received a less than honorable discharge due to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) related to their service.

- As of the fall of 2020, more than 1,500 veterans have had their discharges upgraded and can access key health care and educational benefits since his legislation was enacted.
- Peters was honored as the Legislator of the Year by the Vietnam Veterans of America in 2017 for his work on this legislation, and was recently awarded the Department of the Navy’s Distinguished Public Service Award – the highest honor the Secretary of the Navy can bestow on a civilian.

Safeguarding Our Nation from Cybersecurity Threats

As Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Peters led significant efforts to protect against cyber-attacks that can threaten key services or risk exposing people’s personal information. Peters’ wide-ranging cybersecurity legislation helps better secure online information, save consumers money and prevent a major cyber-attack from disrupting key sectors that people depend on every day, like energy, transportation or communications.

- Authored and passed his bipartisan Cyber Incident Reporting Act into law to require critical infrastructure owners and operators to report to CISA within 72 hours if they are experiencing a substantial cyber-attack and within 24 hours of making a ransomware payment.

The required reporting ensures that critical infrastructure entities such as banks, electric grids, water networks, and transportation systems are working with the federal government to quickly restore services and prevent further breaches.

The Washington Post praised Peters’ leadership on cybersecurity policy, calling this “the most significant cyber legislation in history.”

Rep. Fairbairn secures passage of bills to protect tipped works, small businesses

Fixes to the tip credit and paid sick time clear the House with overwhelming bipartisan support

State Rep. Parker Fairbairn on Thursday voted in support of House Bills 4001 and 4002, the first two bills of the legislative term, which will restore the tip credit and protect small businesses from intrusive paid sick time mandates. The bills passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support.

“It’s a great feeling to be able to say that my first real vote on the House floor was in favor of something as important as this,” said Fairbairn, R-Harbor Springs. “I decided to run for office over five years ago in a deer blind with my dad. I knew then I could make a difference and really help our Northern Michigan and U.P. communities; that gut feeling

became a reality today.”

HB 4001 ensures the tip credit is maintained at 38% while allowing for reasonable annual minimum wage increases. Leaving the tip credit at its current level allows servers and other tipped wage workers to continue earning far beyond minimum wage through their tips.

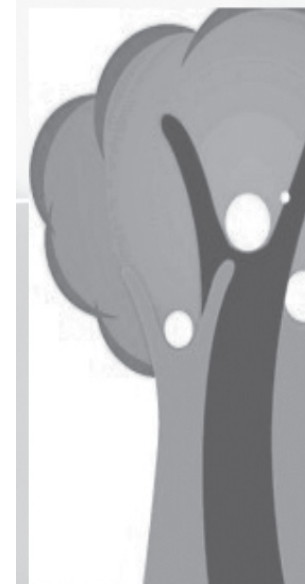
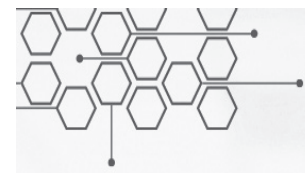
House Bill 4002 allows workers and small businesses to retain the paid leave options that work for them. The plan also clarifies the looming rules, viewed by many as a one-size-fits-all mandate that is unrealistic and so confusing even lawyers can’t understand.

Fairbairn recently served on the House Select Committee on Protecting Michigan Employees and Small Businesses, which was formed with the sole focus of addressing tipped-wage and earned sick time

legislation. Last week, the committee approved both HB 4001 and 4002 with near unanimous support.

“After the election, there’s a large chunk of time for those of us who won our races but couldn’t assume office until January, and I’ll tell you I spent every second I could meeting with tipped workers and small business owners,” Fairbairn said. “The stories I heard and input I received from folks across Northern Michigan and the U.P. were invaluable when it came time to consider the legislation we passed today. This may sound corny, but it’s the people back home that have helped me be so successful in these first few weeks and we’re only just getting started.”

Both bills now move to the Senate for further consideration.



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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY LIBRARY

February Calendar Events

ADULT PROGRAMMING:

WINTER MUSIC SERIES: NICK VEINE

Monday, February 3 • 6:30 pm
Community Room

Nick Veine grew up playing rock and blues before he started singing, pivoting to acoustic music without losing that electric flair.

CULTURAL CORRIDOR FILM SERIES: WE ARE MARSHALL (2006, PG)

Tuesday, February 4 at the
Charlevoix Cinema III

Doors open at 5:30 pm • Movies start at 6:00 pm
CuCo presents a free film series at Charlevoix Cinema III! Charlevoix Historical Society's Pick is We Are Marshall (2006, PG)

BIER'S & BOOKS CLUB: I'M SO GLAD WE HAD THIS TIME TOGETHER BY MAURICE VELLEKOOP.

Wednesday, February 5 • 6:00 pm

Bier's Inwood Brewery
7959 Ferry Road, Charlevoix
Please register

A gorgeous, moving, funny graphic novel about coming out to a loving yet conservative family. Ages 21 +
• Limited Attendance: Please Register online or call (231)237-7340

• Cost: The discussion is free but the beverages are not

YOGA FOR HEALTH: YOGA, MEDITATION, & BREATHING PRACTICES

Online

Wednesdays: February 5 to March 26
5:30 pm • Registration Required

Join Heidi Grace of Charlevoix Yoga from the comfort of your own home to explore ways to improve balance, reduce stress, and build strength. Classes are 60 minutes and all levels are welcome.

GREAT DECISIONS SERIES: AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AT A CROSSROADS

Facilitated by Dr. William Wadland, MD
Thursday, February 6 • 1:00 pm

Community Room • Registration Required

Great Decisions programs are prepared by the Foreign Policy Association. Books for this series will be provided to those who register, with the expectation that those

attending will have read each briefing before the presentation. This chapter will explore the contours of the U.S. foreign policy debate in a world of multiple and escalating crises and polarization.

JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

Tuesday, February 11 • 5:30 pm

Registration Required
Community Room

Teams of two to four people will compete to finish a 500-piece puzzle. The clock will start at 5:30pm and teams will have two hours to finish. Call to register your team.

BOOKTALKERS: MINISTRY OF TIME BY KALIANE BRADLEY

Monday, February 17 • 6:00 pm

Armstrong Conference Room

Registration Required

A time travel romance, a spy thriller, a workplace comedy, and an ingenious exploration of the nature of power and the potential for love to change it all.

CULTURAL CORRIDOR FILM SERIES: LION (2016, PG-13)

Tuesday, February 18

at the Charlevoix Cinema III

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Movies start at 6:00 pm

CuCo presents a free film series at Charlevoix Cinema III! Charlevoix Public Library's Pick: Lion (2016, PG-13)

CHARLEVOIX FILM CLUB AT THE LIBRARY

Thursday, February 20 • 5:00 pm: Chocolat (2000)

Community Room B

Are you a film enthusiast? The Charlevoix Film Club will meet at the library on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5pm in Community Room B. They will screen a movie at 5pm and have a lively discussion afterwards! All are welcome.

CRAFTERNOON FOR ADULTS: DROP SPINDLE CLASS

Saturday, February 22 • 1:00 pm

Registration Required

Join Christina Abramowski to learn how to spin wool with a drop spindle kit.

Take home your own starter kit! DYSLEXIA 101 WITH EDUCATIONAL THERAPIST, KATE COHEN

Tuesday February 25 • 6:00 pm

Community Room

Educational Therapist, Kate Cohen, will be teaching us what dyslexia is and what it isn't, who it affects and how, what the latest brain research tells us, and best practices for intervention.

TRIVIA NIGHT WITH THE CHARLEVOIX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday, February 27 • 6:00 pm

Community Room

Bring your team of up to eight players. Win prizes, bragging rights, and enjoy a fun night of camaraderie and competition.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

LEGOS @ THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, February 4 • 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Ages 6 and up • Youth Activity Center

Get creative in the Youth Activity Center with other Lego fans! Legos and Duplos will be provided. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR TEENS

Thursdays, February 6 & 20 • 4:00 pm

For teens ages 13-17 • Youth Activity Center

Whether you have been playing for years or you are brand new to the game, the library is the perfect place to play Dungeons and Dragons with other fans! Join us in the Youth Activity Center biweekly for an adventure run by Ms. Olivia. There will be yummy snacks and plenty of chances for imaginative storytelling. We will provide character sheets, handbooks, and dice to get everyone started. For teens ages 13-17.

MT. MCSAUBA CANDLELIT STORY WALK

Friday, February 7 • 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Mt McSauba

Join the library and the Charlevoix Recreation Department for a magical evening of snowshoeing, skiing, or hiking on candlelit trails as you enjoy a wintery family story walk. Set your own pace and enjoy a peaceful fire, craft, and hot cocoa at the end of your hike.

GLCO: LITTLE WAVES

Saturday, February 8 • 1:00 pm

Youth Activity Center

Dive into the enchanting world of music with Little Waves, a children's program presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. This innovative initiative invites young explorers to discover the wonders of music in a relaxed setting.

TEEN VALENTINE'S PARTY

Wednesday, February 12 • 4:00 pm

For teens ages 13-17

Teen Lounge

Stop by the teen lounge for snacks, crafts, and fun with other teens. For teens only ages 13-17. No registration required.

CRAFTERNOON FOR KIDS: RECYCLED CRAYONS

Tuesday, February 18

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Community Room

Out with the old, in with the... recycled! Join us in our Community Room on Tuesday, February 18 at 4pm to create colorful recycled crayons! Recommended for ages 5 and up. No registration is required. While supplies last.

LIBRARY PLAYGROUP

Wednesday, February 19

10:30 am - 12:00 pm • Birth - 5 years

Youth Activity Center

Parents and caregivers and their children are invited to gather in the Youth Activity Center for casual, free-form play for kids ages birth to five years old. Books, toys, music, sensory activities, and crafts will be available for families to explore while they connect with each other. This is a drop-in program, no registration is required.

STORY TIME

Thursdays: 10:30 - 11:00 am

Birth to 6 years

Youth Activity Center

Join us on Thursdays for Storytime at the library! Gather with new friends as we read interactive stories, sing, dance, and have tons of fun! Recommended for ages 0-6. We will additionally host special Saturday Storytimes on March 1, and April 5 at 10:30am.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Charlevoix Public Library at 231-237-7340 or email us at reference@charlevoixlibrary.org and visit our website at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

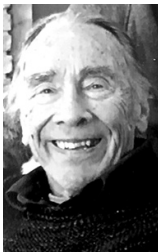
OBITUARIES

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Howard Holmes Ellis, Jr., 87

(Feb. 10, 1937 ~
Jan. 22, 2025)

EAST JORDAN



Howard Holmes Ellis, Jr. passed away peacefully with his sister, Mary Anne Rivers-Friese, at his side on January 22, 2025, in Bellaire after suffering from a long illness.

Howard was born on February 10, 1937, in Ann Arbor, MI to Howard "Holmes" Ellis, Sr. and Mary Virginia (O'Brien) Ellis. He graduated from East Grand Rapids High School in 1954, and from Aquinas College in 1958, with a degree in English Literature. He received his MSW Degree in Social Work Family Counseling in 1963, from Michigan State University.

Howard served in the Air Force as a Language Specialist from 1958-1960. Through the Air Force, he was trained in Chinese at Yale University and he maintained a fondness for all things Asian because of this experience.

Howard's first job out of the military was as a French teacher in the Cedar Springs High School in Cedar Springs, MI. He then worked in Administration for the St. Lawrence Hospital in East Lansing, MI.

Howard spent 15 years in Ontario, Canada as a Family Counselor. He then moved back to the USA and became a Family Counselor in East Jordan,

MI. He also went on to be a very popular Substitute Teacher.

While living in East Jordan, Howard volunteered for 25 years on the Jordan River Arts Council Board. He was named Volunteer of the Year for the city of East Jordan for his many community services including the Friends of the Library, Wagbo Peace Farm, Socrates Café, Writers Club, local theater productions, Concerts in the Park and the East Jordan Garden Club.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents. His surviving family includes his sisters Mary Anne Rivers-Friese (Gordon Friese) and Skyler Elizabeth Ellis. His nieces Karen Langseth (Steve), Cindy Spielmaker (Jerry Morlock), Anne Rivers (Mark Werkema), Cathy Pisciotta (Peter), Elizabeth Rivers and Kelly Kruger. And his nephews Rick Spielmaker (Deb) and James Robertson. Howard is also survived by his cousins Tom Male, Bonnie Shank, Margaret Kelly and Rob Male.

Howard was well read, thoughtful and enjoyed his debates to the end. His insights into life, art, politics and the world will be missed. He had a smile for everyone and made many friends whom he kept throughout his life.

A celebration of life for Howard will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at his beloved farm, 2131 Vance Road, East Jordan, Michigan.

Arrangements are being handled by Penzien Funeral Home of East Jordan.

Memorial gifts can be made to Jordan River Arts Council, PO Box 1178, East Jordan, Michigan 49727.

Nicholas "Pete" Russell Ratu, 71

(March 3, 1953 -
Jan. 23, 2025)

BOYNE CITY



Pete, who affectionately went by his nickname throughout his life, was born March 3, 1953 in Carson City, MI to Victor and Mary Anne (Peiffer) Ratu. He passed away unexpectedly on January 23, 2025. Pete attended a 1-room schoolhouse in Matherton, MI; St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Hubbardston, MI; graduated from Carson City-Crystal High School in 1971; and obtained an Associate's Degree from Lansing Community College. Pete married Leisa Bissell on August 2, 1980 and she survives him.

Pete retired from the State of Michigan in 2010 with 35 years of service and had worked in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Management and Budget.

Known for his dry sense of humor, Pete garnered countless friendships throughout his life – in the Hubbardston/Carson City area where he grew up, in the St. Johns/Lansing area and downtown Detroit where jobs took him, and in Boyne City in retirement. He was a music enthusiast -- the Beatles his favorite -- and he loved his days in the band he started during his youth. Pete enjoyed boating and traveling a great deal, and he was an avid Michigan football fan. He also loved taking a daily ride with his English Springer Spaniel companion, Max, to buy the Detroit

Free Press and a cup of coffee.

Pete is also survived by his father Victor Ratu and brother John (Ann) Ratu; mother-in-law Marjorie (Bissell) Bast; sister-in-law Kellie Seman and brother-in-law Steve (Teresa) Bissell; nephews Jordan (Laura) Ratu, Jonah Ratu, Lucas Ratu, Alec Seman, Benjamin (Megan) Bissell and Spencer Bissell; niece Anna Seman; great nephew Hudson Ratu; great nieces Harlow Ratu and Scarlett Bissell.

Pete was preceded in death by his mother Mary Anne Ratu; father-in-law Marvin Bissell; brother-in-law Dennis Seman; and nephew Caleb Ratu. Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association and Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

A celebration of life open house will occur on Saturday, February 8 from 1-5 pm at Eagle Eye Golf Club, 15500 Chandler Road, Bath Township, MI. Arrangements are being handled by Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

John Eugene Bernadyn, 61

(Oct. 21, 1963 -
Jan. 22, 2025)

BOYNE FALLS



Sgt. John E. Bernadyn of Boyne Falls passed away on January 22, 2025, at his brother's home in East Jordan, Michigan.

Son of Frank and Mae Bernadyn, John was born in Gaylord, Michigan. He grew up in Boyne Falls and graduated from Petoskey

High School.

After graduating high school John went straight into the United States Army. He was in the 416th train company and served in both Desert Storm and Iraq. John was a fuel tank truck driver and delivered U.S. mail to his active soldiers. Before retiring he drove colonels around and trained soldiers.

While still active in the Army, John started working at Caremike Cinema. After retiring from the Army, he became the manager of Carmike Cinema before becoming too ill to work.

John loved sharing rides in his Lincoln Town Car. He was loved and well cared for by his brother Micheal and sister-in-law Jill.

He is survived by his brother Micheal (Jill) Bernadyn of East Jordan, Michigan; his sister Janet Morris of Vanderbilt, Michigan; his sister Joyce (Chris) Tripp of Maine; his brother Chad of Boyne Falls; his nieces and nephews: Clifford Gregware, Nicole Gregware, R.C., Trent, Lillian, Tyler, Madison, Desiree, Dominic; many great nieces, nephews, cousins, and aunts.

John is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Mae Bernadyn; and his brother Terry Bernadyn.

Those wishing to make a charitable donation in John's memory are asked to consider making it to John's family.

A funeral mass officiated by Father Dennis Stilwell will be on January 31, 2025, at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM and a rosary will be at 10:30 AM.

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

Jerome "Jerry" Albert Sulak, Jr., 84

(July 26, 1940 -
Jan. 18, 2025)

BOYNE CITY

Jerome "Jerry" Albert Sulak Jr. of Boyne City passed away unexpectedly on January 18, 2025 at McLaren Bay Region in Bay City, Michigan.

Born and raised in East Jordan, Michigan, Jerry graduated from East Jordan High School in 1958. He later retired from the Harborage Condo Association after a dedicated career with them.

Jerry had a love for the outdoors and was known as an exceptional fisherman who always knew the best fishing spots. He also enjoyed hunting, woodworking, and cooking-often sharing his culinary talents with others. He loved to spend time with his two little dogs.

Jerry was the beloved father of Ashley (Jackson) Jones, Jerome Sulak, III, Brenda (Tom) Farmer, Amy (Dan) Morse, and Curt Sulak; twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; five brothers; and one sister.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Jerome A. Sulak, Sr. and Agnes (Krchark) Sulak.

A funeral service for Jerry will be held in the spring at Brown Cemetery in East Jordan, Michigan.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

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BOYNE CITY FAT BIKE FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE MANNA FOOD PROJECT

Feb. 1, 11am - 3pm at Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area, 1129 Wilson St. Come out and try the ultimate adventure bike. \$5 donation per rider for Manna Food Project. Latitude 45 will match up to \$200. Bonfire, hot cider, snacks, friends and fat bikes.

CHARLEVOIX YOUTH WRESTLING

K-8th grade begins on Feb. 3, 5:45pm at Charlevoix Middle High School. Practice will be Mon. Wed. Friday from 6-7pm. Parent meeting prior to start of practice on Feb. 3 at 5:45pm. Wrestlers should come ready to practice. Gym clothes and wrestling shoes (limited supply of shoes to borrow). Uniforms and headgear will be distributed prior to first meet.

CHARLEVOIX FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE CONNECTION

Join us Friday, February 7 at Walstrom Marine, 105 E. Clinton St. for our First Friday Coffee Connection with special guest, Parker Fairbairn. A Charlevoix Chamber event.

BOYNE CITY MICHIGAN LEGAL HELP & MORE

February 7, Noon at Boyne District Library. Housing, divorce, estate planning, consumer rights, and more. Pack a lunch for this session on the online legal guides, forms, and resources all available for free through the library and Michigan Legal Help. No lawyers will be present and no legal advice will be given at this event.

CHARLEVOIX FAMILY ADVENTURE

Friday, Feb. 7, 10:30am - Noon. Head over to the Charlevoix Library this month for a special Valentine themed Family Adventure! As always, this is a free event. Join Family Coalition member host Sarah I, along with other members of the Great Start Family Coalition, in the Youth Activity Center at the Charlevoix Library for a special Valentines themed story and craft activity. Be sure to bring your hat and mittens! After our indoor activity, we will be heading out to the Children's Garden for some fresh air and light snack. Family Adventures are great opportunities for children to make new friends, enjoy some fresh air and get their sillies out! It is also an opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect and learn about resources in our community. This free event is geared toward families with children 0-8 years old, siblings welcome! No registration is required, but please click the 'Going' or 'Interested' button and share the event.

GAYLORD NIGHT TO SHINE

Friday February, 7th, 6-9 PM at E-Free Church, 1649 M-32 East. Night to Shine is a worldwide movement that will impact some of our community's most deserving members. Now in its sixth year in Gaylord, this event has annually celebrated thousands of people with special needs worldwide, ages 14 and older, around the globe on the Friday before Valentine's Day. Night to Shine is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

EAST JORDAN FREE 2ND SATURDAYS

Free admission from Noon - 4pm at Raven Hill Discovery Center, 04737 Fuller Rd, the 2nd Saturday of each month. Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13. Enjoy hands-on science, history and art. Explore the museum and animals. Discover outdoor exhibits, Strengthen creative and critical thinking skills. Find opportunities for problem solving. All ages, abilities and interests. Admission for families on Free 2nd Saturdays is in memory of Diane Strzelinski.

CHARLEVOIX PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Unlimited pancakes by donation at St. Mary Parish Center to support St. Mary School. Sundays, 9am - Noon. Feb. 9, May 4.

PETOSKEY CONCERT

The Cummings Quartet and guests will perform a free recital 4 PM Sunday, February 9 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Petoskey. The event is part of Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO)'s Sunday Series, bringing small orchestra ensembles to neighborhood venues across Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The church address is 1020 E. Mitchell St. No tickets or registration are needed. The free of charge Sunday Series recitals are made possible through the generous support of Carolyn Klender. For more information, visit www.glcorchestra.org or call 231-487-0010.

INDIAN RIVER NLEA'S CATALYST CONVERSATIONS

Event - Feb 11th. Register today for the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance's first Catalyst Conversations event in Indian River! The event will convene local leaders to explore the regional outdoor recreation industry. In 2023, Michigan's outdoor industry generated \$13.9 billion in GDP. The industry represents more than just tourism, it includes the individuals and businesses designing, developing, and delivering the tools and gear of the great outdoors. Brad Garmon (Michigan Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry), Bob Murdock (Howe Marine), Jeff Thompson (Shaggy's Copper Country Skis and Downson Pickleball), and Jennifer Dowper (Nautical North Family Adventures) will explore the challenges and opportunities for the outdoor industry in Northern Lower Michigan. The event will be hosted at the Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD Building at 6065 Learning Lane Indian River, MI 49749. Morning refreshments will be provided.

NATIONWIDE VALENTINE'S DAY

February 14, Be sure and get something nice for your sweetheart.

CHARLEVOIX INDOOR SIDEWALK SALES

February 14 - February 17 Downtown Charlevoix

BOYNE CITY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

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

STATEWIDE FREE FISHING WEEKEND

February 15 & 16 - Free Fishing Weekend - DNR

CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

February 20, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Castle Farms. We hope you will join us in celebrating Charlevoix, its Chamber businesses, organizations, clubs, and individuals at the Chamber's Annual Awards Celebration at Castle Farms on February 20. The night of celebration will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Please join us in our Charlevoix Celebration. Awards will be presented for Citizen of the Year, New Business of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Customer Service Award, Ambassador of the Year, Tourism Excellence Award. Tickets are \$45/person. Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce 231-547-2101

BOYNE CITY WINTER FESTIVAL

Don't miss out on the excitement and fun at the 2025 Boyne City Winter Festival! Join us on Saturday, February 22 for a family-friendly event that also supports a great cause. The event will take place at the Veterans Memorial Park, 207 N Lake St in downtown Boyne City. All proceeds from the festival go to the Waterfront Field of Dreams project. Start the day off right with a delicious Pancake Breakfast, as well as a stroll at Boyne City's Farmers Market. Breakfast is by donation and you can enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and more. Breakfast will be served from 8 am - Noon. After breakfast, get ready for the 4th Annual Waterfront Field of Dreams Polar Plunge in which participants will be plunging promptly at noon. This year, the event promises to be bigger and better than ever before, with participants already registering from all over Michigan. Take the "Plunge for a Purpose" and you can also encourage your friends, family, or co-workers to sponsor you. Once you've taken the plunge, warm up with the best chili in town at our Chili Cook-Off. You can be the judge and choose the winner of the "Boyne City's Best Chili - 2025" award. Chili Cook off is by donation this year. If you want to learn more about how you can help contribute or volunteer, please visit www.waterfrontfieldofdreams.com. So mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22 and come join us at the Boyne City Winter Festival.

ALPENA SEE DIAMOND RIO LIVE

Come see Diamond Rio perform live at The APlex - It's gonna be a night to remember. Synchronizations LLC is proud to present Diamond Rio live at The APlex! Get ready to experience an unforgettable night filled with amazing music and good vibes. Join us on Friday Feb 28 at The APlex - Alpena Events Complex, 701 Woodward Ave. for a night you won't want to miss. The talented musicians of Diamond Rio will be performing live, bringing their unique blend of country and bluegrass music to the stage. So grab your friends and come on down for a night of great music and fun. Tickets: General admission \$60 / VIP \$90. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.aplex.org or eventbrite.com.

STATEWIDE SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring forward one hour on Sunday, March 9. Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 2.

BOYNE CITY ICE RINK IS OPEN

We're excited to announce that the ice rink is now open for this season at Avalanche. Winter Season Warming House Hours: Monday-Friday: 4 PM - 9 PM, Saturday & Sunday: 11 AM - 9 PM. Weekend hours apply on holidays and school snow days. Come enjoy the rink and kick off the winter season with us!

EAST JORDAN SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please come and join the East Jordan Trailblazer club, 5586 Mt. Bliss Rd on Sunday morning for breakfast now thru March 30 from 7am-Noon. Adults \$10, Children 6 and under \$6.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ADVERTISING FUNDS THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS

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BOYNE CITY MARKET AT THE PAVILION

Join us every Saturday at Veterans Park Pavilion from 9am-12pm to shop local vendors. Northern Michigan's most talented farmers, bakers, entrepreneurs and artists create a market unlike any other in the region. Live music brightens up the morning starting at 10am

CHARLEVOIX VETERAN SOCIAL & LUNCH

The Charlevoix Commission on Aging and the Veteran's Affairs office invite all Veterans to please join us Every 1st Tuesday of the Month for a Veteran's Social beginning at 9am and free Lunch for Veteran's beginning at 11:30am. Veterans can contact the Charlevoix County Transit for free rides to and from the Senior Centers hosting the weekly event by calling 231-582-6900. Charlevoix Senior Center, 06906 Norwood Rd, 231-547-5361. A BIG Thank you to Family Fare of Boyne City, East Jordan and Charlevoix who are our Collaborative Community Sponsors for these events.

BOYNE CITY VETERAN SOCIAL & LUNCH

The Charlevoix Commission on Aging and the Veteran's Affairs office invite all Veterans to please join us Every 4th Tuesday of the Month for a Veteran's Social beginning at 9am and free Lunch for Veteran's beginning at 11:30am. Veterans can contact the Charlevoix County Transit for free rides to and from the Senior Centers hosting the weekly event by calling 231-582-6900. Boyne Area Senior Center - 411 E. Division, 231-582-6682. A BIG Thank you to Family Fare of Boyne City, East Jordan and Charlevoix who are our Collaborative Community Sponsors for these events.

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The Charlevoix Commission on Aging and the Veteran's Affairs office invite all Veterans to please join us Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month for a Veteran's Social beginning at 9am and free Lunch for Veteran's beginning at 11:30am. Veterans can contact the Charlevoix County Transit for free rides to and from the Senior Centers hosting the weekly event by calling 231-582-6900. East Jordan Senior Center - 951 Mill Street, 231-536-7831. A BIG Thank you to Family Fare of Boyne City, East Jordan and Charlevoix who are our Collaborative Community Sponsors for these events.

EAST JORDAN ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

The Rotary Club of East Jordan has updated dates and times for their monthly meetings. The Rotary Club will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:15 PM and the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:15 PM. Both meeting times and dates will be at the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Building (FRJ). The club is always looking for new members. If you are new to the area or have always wondered how to get involved with Rotary, contact the Chamber Office and we will get you the contact information. 231-536-7351.

CHARLEVOIX FREE BREAKFAST CLUB TEAMS UP WITH COA

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program help companies retain their employees by participating and pay 1/3 of the cost of childcare, the OCEA (Grant from the State of MI) pays 1/3, leaving the parent only to pay 1/3 of the childcare cost. We are looking for smaller businesses that want to help their employees. Right now, some of the companies participating are Treetops Resort, Albies Foods, Gaylord Insurance. We can help self-employed families by paying 1/3 of cost. They would be responsible for 2/3 of the cost. Non-Profits can participate with this program to help their employees. For more information call 989-731-7510 or email Brandy@Gaylord-Otsego.com

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

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

CHARLEVOIX MONTHLY ADULT GRIEF, LOSS & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

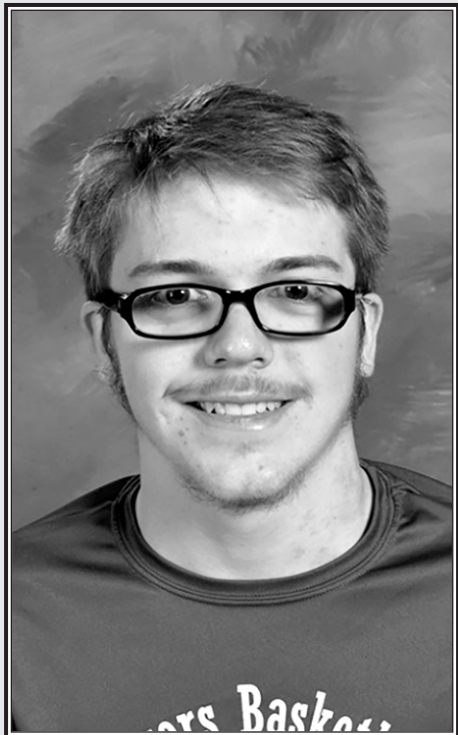
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Hayden Byrd

Grade: 9th

Parent's Name(s): Randi Scott and Kenneth Byrd

Future Plans:

Hayden is still considering various career options. He plans to engage in active, hands-on opportunities and to experience living in other places.

Favorite Book:

Hayden enjoys books by the author Jeff Hirsch, including The Eleventh Plague.

Hobbies and Interests:

Physical fitness and weightlifting

School Activities:

Football, basketball, and baseball

Staff Comments: *Congratulations to Hayden Byrd, our student of the week. He displays consistent dedication to excellence in academics and athletics and is an exemplary role model to younger students. Hayden is friendly, polite, and respectful, and his growth mindset and goal-oriented perspective are impressive leadership traits. We are proud of Hayden for his successes and willingness to take on challenges. We look forward to seeing what Hayden will achieve next!*

Submitted By: Ms. McQuillan

athletes of the week



Ryan Spate
Boyne City Ramblers
Boys Basketball

The Boyne City boys basketball team had a 20-point fourth quarter and a career night from Ryan Spate to pull in a 57-53 victory over Grayling. Ryan came through with 27 points and 11 rebounds.



June Kirkpatrick
East Jordan Red Devils
Girls Basketball

In a 52-36 win at Onaway, June continued her solid season by scoring 28 points and hauling in 10 rebounds.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ellsworth Girls Win 5th Game in a Row Lady Lancers blow out Boyne Falls 54-12

BY BOB DELONG

The Ellsworth girls' varsity basketball team is on roll. The Lady Lancers won their fifth consecutive game with a 54-12 victory over winless Lady Loggers, (0-8/0-4), in a Northern Lakes Conference West battle last Friday in Boyne Falls.

Ellsworth scored 31 points in the first quarter and led 42-1 at halftime which enacted the "mercy rule" running clock the entire second half.

Lancer head coach Nick Hopp played his bench for almost the entire second half in a show of sportsmanship for the undermanned Loggers.

Ruby Pletcher led the way in scoring for Ellsworth scoring 12 of her game high 14 points in the first quarter. Kerri DeYoung had nine points, Hannah Essenberg scored



Ruby Pletcher



Kerri DeYoung

eight, Sammy Pallman chipped in with seven, Bella Essenberg had six and Kylet Fuller, Maddie Nagy, Jasmin Kaufman and Lauren Rasmussen each scored a two-point basket.

The Lancers move to 8-3 overall for the season and remain undefeated at 7-0 in league play.

This week Ellsworth is scheduled to play at Harbor Light NMC, (5-6), on Tuesday and Thursday they host Mackinaw City, (6-9) on their home court.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wins over Central Lake, Bellaire put East Jordan in Ski Valley mix

BY BEN MURPHY

After a big win over Bellaire two days earlier, there was no let-down for the East Jordan boys basketball team on Thursday. The Red Devils were at Central Lake, and they took care of the Ski Valley Conference game with a 64-34 victory.

"A good team win, credit to Central Lake as they played with a ton of effort and did some things very well in a tough place to go play," head coach Nate Dzwik said. "I thought Trace Wynkoop played with a ton on energy and provided a spark for us tonight on the defensive end. Our bigs Korbyn Russell, Ellis Malpass and Brenden Aenis really were a presence on offense and drew a lot of attention."

The Red Devils outscored the Trojans in every quarter. They led 15-7 after one and 34-17 at the half. Entering the fourth it was a 48-24 advantage.

"We did a good job of trying to gain the tempo with some pressure and changing defenses," Dzwik said. "This game had the potential to be a trap game and I was proud of our kids for going into a tough place to play and coming out with a win."

Aenis led the team with 13 points and six rebounds while Russell had 12 points and five boards. E. Malpass was able to get 10 points and three rebounds, Max Beal had seven points and eight rebounds while Ryder Malpass and Wynkoop had six points apiece. William Webb chipped in with five points, Miles Raymond scored three and with two was Brandon Caldwell. Wynkoop led the team in rebounding with nine and he had seven steals and two assists as well.

The big win for the team



East Jordan's Max Beal blocks a shot by Bellaire's Damon Fox. RDSportsPhoto.com

came on Tuesday, Jan. 21, when they took down host Bellaire, 69-37.

"Our kids played with a ton of energy and effort all night," Dzwik said. "They are a really good and well coached team and our kids came out and executed our game plan to perfection. We really stressed pushing the pace and we did that all game. Korbyn had a day and saw the ball go through the basket early and then caught fire in the second half, and we did a good job of feeding him. Will and Ryder did a great job on Koepke and Hansen, who

are all state players, and limited them to a total of two baskets and 13 combined points. We did a great job of rebounding all night and helping on defense all night."

Signs it would be the Red Devils night came pretty early. They came out well, leading 14-8 after the first and 31-17 at the half. They used a huge 24-9 scoring edge in the third to further take control of things.

Webb was able to get 12 points, six assists and four rebounds. R. Malpass and E. Malpass both had eight

points, Aenis was good for three points and with two apiece was Hadly McCafferty and Austin Sneed. Beal had five assists and four boards and E. Malpass had a huge game on the glass, hauling down 10 rebounds.

E-J (9-3 overall, 8-2 Ski Valley) hosted Mancelona on Wednesday, will play at home against Forest Area on Friday and they'll head to Gaylord St. Mary for another key league contest on Monday. The Red Devils have two league losses, while Bellaire and St. Mary have one apiece.

BOYS BOWLING

Varsity Boys Bowling Secures First Place in Home Scrimmage

BY KIM PIECHAN

The Varsity Boys Bowling team hosted a successful scrimmage on their home lanes, taking first place with an impressive total of 2,885 pins. The team displayed exceptional skill during the Baker Games, where they played eight games and scored a combined total of 1,351 pins. In addition, two indi-

vidual games contributed 782 and 752 pins, respectively.

It was a true team effort as the boys faced off against Mancelona (1771 pins) and Sault Ste. Marie (2208), demonstrating both precision and determination. With this victory under their belt, the team looks forward to returning to conference play next week at Northern Lights.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

East Jordan girls nab 52-36 win at Onaway

BY BEN MURPHY

Still in the mix for a possible Ski Valley Conference title chase, the East Jordan girls basketball team took care of business last week. The Lady Red Devils were playing at Onaway on Tuesday, Jan. 21 and they turned what was a close game early on into a 52-36 victory.



June Kirkpatrick

solid game, giving us some early scoring and she had seven rebounds and four steals.”

The score was tied up 18-18 after one, and E-J picked up a 28-25 lead by the half. That grew to 42-34 after three.

June Kirkpatrick continued her solid season by scoring 28 points and hauling in 10 rebounds. Guerri-

ero netted tight points while JoJo Kirkpatrick led the team in rebounding, getting 11.

For the Cardinals, Charlotte Box scored nine points.

E-J (8-4 overall, 7-2 Ski Valley) had a road contest at Bellaire on Tuesday, will make the trip to Central Lake today (Thursday) and they'll host Mancelona on Tuesday. The Red Devils have one loss in league play while Inland Lakes has one and Gaylord St. Mary is undefeated.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Boyerne girls doomed with offensive woes in loss to Grayling

BY BEN MURPHY

Boyerne City had their sights set on a home Northern Shores Conference win over Grayling on Friday. The Lady Ramblers just never got things going on the offensive end though, dropping the contest 43-38.



Braydin Noble

offense with 10 points. Delaney Little put in seven and Addy Burns chipped in with six points. Kaelyn Matelski had a good

game on the glass, hauling in eight rebounds.

Things went much better for Boyerne on Wednesday, Jan. 22 in what was a 54-23 throttling over host Cheboygan.

“The team showcased infectious energy on both ends of the court, with strong defensive pressure and effective offensive play that saw eight players contributing to the score

sheet,” Wilson said.

The Ramblers were able to take a 13-5 lead after the first quarter and things only got better from there; as they led 29-15 at the half and 41-22 entering the fourth.

Burns led the team with 15 points, while Little was able to hit double digits as well, getting 11 points. Elly Wilcox netted nine points, Noble put in seven and Hazel Ogden was able to help out with five points.

Boyerne (7-5 overall, 4-2 Northern Shores) was at home with Harbor Springs on Tuesday, heads to Kalkaska on Friday and will return home to play Kingsley on Tuesday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Charlevoix girls taken down by Harbor Springs, 57-17

BY BEN MURPHY

Harbor Springs is all by themselves atop the Northern Shores Conference girls basketball standings. Charlevoix found out why on Friday, when they lost to the visiting Lady Rams, 57-17.

Olivia Flynn proved especially tough to stop. The Rams' prolific offensive player netted 21 points in the game, and Stefi

Reskevics scored 14 points. Makenna Brey netted nine points for them as well.

The Rams held a 12-4 lead after the first quarter. That swelled to 31-4 by the half and 48-12 after three.

As for the Rayders, they had Maggie Sheaffer score six points and she picked up five rebounds and three steals as well. Ayla Kemp contributed four points, two rebounds and one steal and Hannah Miller scored three

points. Taryn Carey and Sarah Wyglendowski netted two points apiece.

Charlevoix (2-9 overall, 1-5 Northern Shores) had a home league battle with Grayling on Tuesday, will play at home against Kingsley today (Thursday), they will host Elk Rapids on Monday and then make the trip to Kalkaska on Tuesday.

2024-2025 Boys Basketball State Rankings

(1/27/2025)

Boys Basketball rankings are derived from the MHSAA Michigan Power Ratings used to seed District brackets.

DIVISION 1

- 1 Detroit U of D Jesuit
- 2 East Lansing
- 3 Rockford
- 4 Detroit Martin Luther King
- 5 Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice
- 6 Orchard Lake St Mary's
- 7 Detroit Cass Tech
- 8 Hudsonville
- 9 Grand Rapids Northview
- 10 Lansing Waverly
- 11 Oxford
- 12 Ann Arbor Huron
- 13 Marquette
- 14 Grand Blanc
- 15 Waterford Mott
- 16 Grand Haven
- 17 Dearborn
- 18 Traverse City West**
- 19 Brighton
- 20 Okemos

DIVISION 3

- 1 Jackson Lumen Christi
- 2 Maple City Glen Lake
- 3 Harbor Beach
- 4 Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac
- 5 Harbor Springs**
- 6 Riverview Gabriel Richard
- 7 Millington
- 8 Grass Lake
- 9 Schoolcraft
- 10 Ithaca
- 11 Alcona
- 12 Beal City
- 13 Munising
- 14 Iron Mountain
- 15 Ishpeming Westwood
- 16 McBain
- 17 Niles Brandywine
- 18 Evart
- 19 Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker
- 20 Pewamo-Westphalia

DIVISION 2

- 1 Flint Powers Catholic
- 2 Warren Lincoln
- 3 Romulus Summit Academy North
- 4 Kingsford
- 5 Yale
- 6 Hudsonville Unity Christian
- 7 Grand Rapids Covenant Christian
- 8 Onsted
- 9 Adrian
- 10 Grand Rapids South Christian
- 11 South Haven
- 12 Freeland
- 13 Detroit Old Redford
- 14 Standish-Sterling
- 15 Tecumseh
- 16 Imlay City
- 17 Grand Rapids Catholic Central
- 18 Bay City John Glenn
- 19 Grand Rapids Christian
- 20 Houghton

DIVISION 4

- 1 Crystal Falls Forest Park
- 2 Onekama
- 3 Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart
- 4 Wyoming Tri-unity Christian
- 5 Allen Park Inter-City Baptist
- 6 Adrian Lenawee Christian
- 7 Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian**
- 8 Petersburg Summerfield
- 9 Traverse City Christian**
- 10 Clarkston Everest Collegiate
- 11 Fowler
- 12 Battle Creek St Philip
- 13 Dollar Bay
- 14 Norway
- 15 Pickford
- 16 Southfield Christian
- 17 Bellaire**
- 18 Hillsdale Academy
- 19 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian
- 20 Marshall Academy

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1/27/2025

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DIVISION 1

- 1 Rockford
- 2 Detroit Renaissance
- 3 Temperance Bedford
- 4 Saginaw Heritage
- 5 Grand Haven
- 6 Belleville
- 7 Midland
- 8 Hartland
- 9 Holt
- 10 West Bloomfield
- 11 Dexter
- 12 Saline
- 13 Detroit Cass Tech
- 14 Stevensville Lakeshore
- 15 Utica Ford
- 16 Orchard Lake St Mary's
- 17 Clarkston
- 18 South Lyon
- 19 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
- 20 DeWitt

DIVISION 3

- 1 Evart
- Niles Brandywine
- Pewamo-Westphalia
- Monroe St Mary Catholic Central
- McBain
- Saugatuck
- Blissfield
- Grass Lake
- Hart
- New Lothrop
- Cass City
- Detroit Pershing
- Lawton
- Sanford Meridian
- Sandusky
- 16 Harbor Springs**
- 17 Roscommon**
- 18 Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Prep
- 19 Shelby
- 20 Calumet

DIVISION 2

- 1 Tecumseh
- 2 Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard
- 3 Chelsea
- 4 Grand Rapids West Catholic
- 5 Frankenmuth
- 6 Freeland
- 7 Detroit Country Day
- 8 Detroit Edison
- 9 Sault Ste Marie**
- 10 Grand Rapids Catholic Central
- 11 Negaunee
- 12 Parma Western
- 13 Gladstone
- 14 Holland Christian
- 15 Haslett
- 16 Wixom St Catherine
- 17 Grand Rapids South Christian
- 18 St Clair Shores South Lake
- 19 Croswell-Lexington
- 20 Spring Lake

DIVISION 4

- 1 St Ignace**
- 2 Morenci
- 3 Kingston
- 4 Munising
- 5 Gaylord St Mary**
- 6 Concord
- 7 Fowler
- 8 Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart
- 9 Ewen-Trout Creek
- 10 Newberry
- 11 Pittsford
- 12 Genesee Christian
- 13 Adrian Lenawee Christian
- 14 Portland St Patrick
- 15 Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Strong fourth quarter lifts Charlevoix over Harbor Springs

BY BEN MURPHY

Heading into the fourth quarter, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs were deadlocked at 34-apiece.

The Rayders were able to grab control of the contest in the final eight minutes though, giving them a 54-44 home Northern Shores Conference boys basketball win.

"I'm proud of how our guys competed," head coach Anthony Troshak said. "Harbor Springs is an outstanding offensive team with multiple threats, they run some great actions, but we stepped up with solid team defense. It truly took a collective team effort. Joe Gaffney made some big plays in the fourth quarter, and Vitale Collins came through clutch by knocking down some free throws."

The game was also at 12-12 after the first quarter. Charlevoix looked as if it was going to pull away, as they led 27-19 at the half, but the Rams fought back to draw even again by the end of the third.

For the Rayders, Gaffney had 15 points to lead the way. Collins finished his key night with 13 points and Jackson Crouse had a double-double, contributing 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Rams were paced by Braden Flynn with 16 points while Ryan Vocak and Collin Lang netted 11 apiece.

Charlevoix (9-4 overall, 5-2 Northern Shores) played a road contest in Grayling on Tuesday, will be at Kingsley today (Thursday) and then they'll return home on Tuesday to do battle with Kalkaska.

Conference Standings

BOYS BASKETBALL

1/27/25

Big North Conference			Northern Lakes Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Traverse City West	4-0	11-1	Harbor Springs Harbor	2-0	11-2
Cadillac	4-1	9-4	Light Christian	2-1	7-5
Traverse City Central	2-1	8-3	Boyer Falls	0-3	0-9
Gaylord	2-3	5-5			
Petoskey	1-3	8-7			
Alpena	0-5	3-10			

Northern Shores Conference			Northern Lakes Conference East Division		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Harbor Springs	6-1	11-2	Alanson	3-0	7-4
Elk Rapids	6-1	10-4	Burt Lake Northern		
Boyer City	6-2	7-6	Michigan Christian	3-1	8-4
Charlevoix	5-2	9-4	Mackinaw City	2-3	6-7
Cheboygan	4-4	9-4	Wolverine	0-4	2-8
Grayling	2-6	7-6			
Kalkaska	1-6	5-8			
Kingsley	0-8	0-13			

Ski Valley Conference			North Star League-Big Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Bellaire	10-1	12-2	Alcona	4-0	11-2
Gaylord St Mary	7-1	7-2	Rogers City	3-1	8-4
East Jordan	8-2	9-3	Oscoda	3-1	7-6
Mancelona	8-2	8-6	St Helen Charlton		
Indian River			Heston Academy	1-3	9-3
Inland Lakes	4-5	4-7	Tawas	1-3	4-7
Onaway	3-6	3-8	Whittemore-Prescott	0-4	1-12
Central Lake	3-7	3-11			
Fife Lake Forest Area	2-7	3-9			
Pellston	2-7	3-9			
Johannesburg-Lewiston	0-9	0-12			

Conference Standings

GIRLS BASKETBALL

1/27/25

Big North Conference			Northern Lakes Conference		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Traverse City Central	6-0	6-5	Ellsworth	7-0	8-3
Cadillac	3-2	6-5	Harbor Springs Harbor		
Petoskey	3-3	8-4	Light Christian	4-3	5-6
Traverse City West	2-3	4-8	Alba	1-5	1-6
Alpena	1-4	6-6	Boyer Falls	0-4	0-8
Gaylord	1-4	4-8	Petoskey St Michael	0-0	0-0

Northern Shores Conference			Northern Lakes Conference East Division		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Harbor Springs	6-0	10-2	Burt Lake Northern	6-1	9-4
Elk Rapids	4-1	7-4	Michigan Christian	4-2	6-9
Boyer City	4-2	7-5	Alanson	3-5	5-7
Kingsley	3-2	4-6	Wolverine	0-6	1-8
Grayling	3-3	8-4			
Cheboygan	1-4	4-6			
Charlevoix	1-5	2-9			
Kalkaska	0-5	2-7			

Ski Valley Conference			North Star League-Big Dipper		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Gaylord St Mary	9-0	10-1	Oscoda	5-0	12-0
Indian River			Tawas	3-1	7-5
Inland Lakes	8-1	9-3	Rogers City	3-2	7-5
East Jordan	7-2	8-4	Alcona	2-2	2-9
Johannesburg-Lewiston	5-4	7-5	Whittemore-Prescott	0-4	3-9
Central Lake	4-5	6-5	St Helen Charlton		
Onaway	4-5	5-6	Heston Academy	0-4	0-10
Mancelona	4-5	4-8			
Bellaire	3-6	5-6			
Fife Lake Forest Area	1-8	2-10			
Pellston	0-9	1-10			

BOYS BASKETBALL

Win over Grayling a thriller for Boyne City boys, 57-53

BY BEN MURPHY

Boyne City really had to work for it in their road game with Grayling on Friday. While nothing came easy, their 57-53 Northern Shores Conference win was certainly a thrilling one.

"It was a great game," head coach Rob Jensen said. "Grayling came out shooting lights out. They couldn't miss. We responded by getting the ball inside to our best players. Being down the whole game and coming back to take the lead with a few minutes left. It was a great feeling and great win."

It was deadlocked 13-13 after the first quarter, but the Vikings controlled the

pace in the second, and as a result went into the half with a 27-20 lead. Boyne trimmed that gap some to 43-37 entering the fourth. The Ramblers battled to the end, outscoring the Vikings by 10 in the final quarter to get the victory.

"This win proved to our guys that we can win, no matter how slow of a start we have or if the other team is having a great night," Jensen said. "We stayed focused on the game plan, even when we were down and they went on crazy runs. Inside the last minute of the game we came up with two huge offensive rebounds on free throws that got us up by four and took time

off the clock. Ryan Spate and Cameron Rajkovich both came up with those rebounds."

Ryan Spate had a huge offensive game for the team, getting a career high 27 points.

"Our focus was to get the ball inside the zone," Jensen said. "Ryan Spate was huge down low and getting inside that zone. 27 points was his new career high and we need all of them."

Jaden Alger also had 20 points and 13 rebounds. "Rider Peck and Owen Hewitt played fantastic defense on their best player and held him to 11 points," Jensen said. "Great team win."

Boyne also had a home league win over Cheboygan on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 51-34.

It was a 13-9 Rambler lead after the first quarter, and they held leads of 22-15 at the half and 37-21 entering the fourth.

Alger had another double-double, getting 20 points and 11 rebounds. Spate had 10 points and Luke VanZee added eight rebounds.

Boyne (7-6 overall, 6-2 Northern Shores) had a road game at Harbor Springs on Tuesday, hosts Kalkaska today (Thursday) and will make another road trip on Tuesday, when they head to Kingsley.

BOYS BASKETBALL

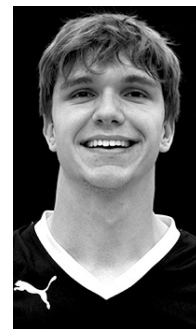
Ellsworth beats Boyne Falls 63-12

An even dozen Lancers score in rout of the Loggers

BY BOB DELONG

The Ellsworth boys' varsity basketball played one game last week and they came away with a convincing 63-12 victory at Boyne Falls. The Lancers' record moves to 7-5 overall and 2-1 in the Northern Lakes Conference West Division.

The game serves as a tune up for their rematch against Harbor Light Christian in a battle for



Cam Snyder

first place in the division. The Swordsman won the earlier matchup between these two schools

74-53 back on December 2nd.

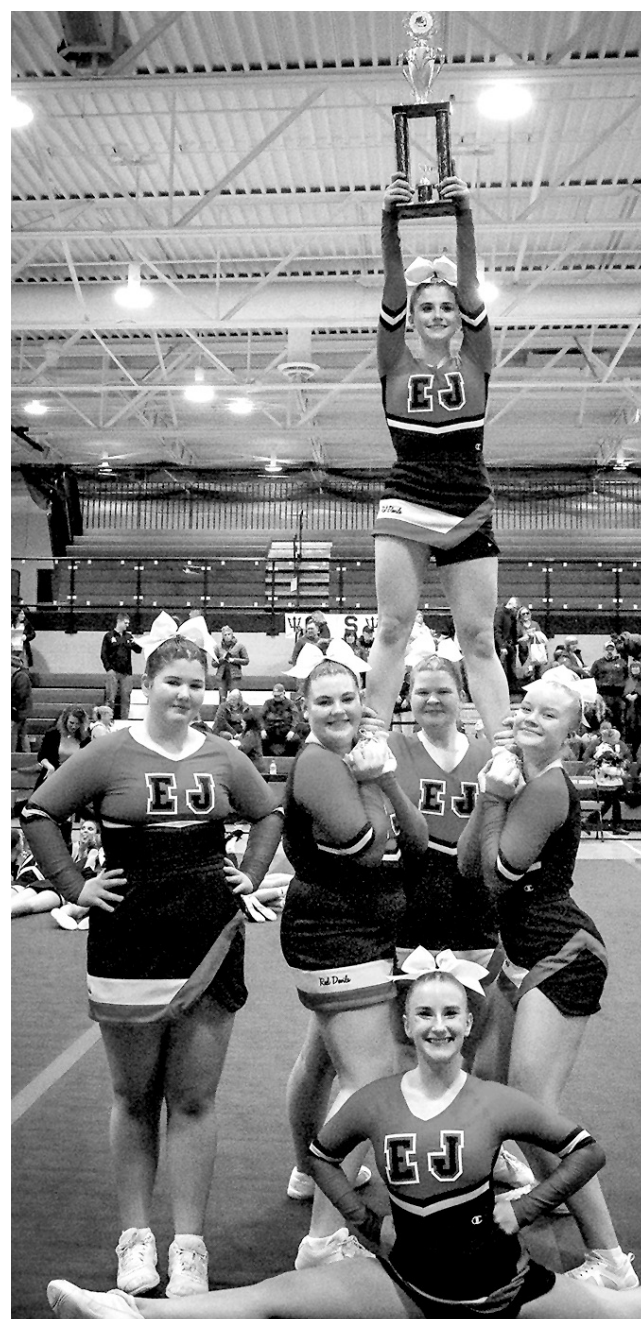
Coach James Willingham played his entire roster

and 12 different players scored at least one basket in this contest. Ellsworth led 12-2 after eight minutes of play and 27-6 at the halftime break. The Lancers outscored the Loggers 36-6 in the second half as they coasted to the 51-point victory.

Cam Snyder led the Ellsworth scoring parade with 11 points, Nolan Essenberg and Billy Hopp each had seven points, Ben Strange scored six, Harrison Cooper had five, Zander Chellis,

Jakob Pahler, Evincio LaCount and Josiah Chellis all scored four points each, both Ezra Wallis and Max Muladore scored three points and Makell Williams had a two point basket.

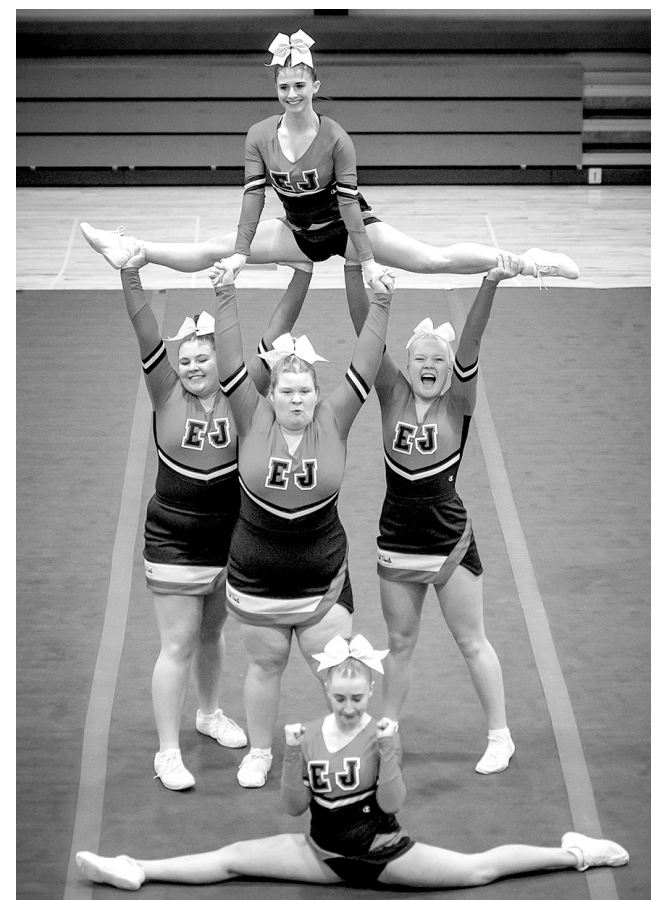
Tuesday of this week Ellsworth will host Harbor Light, (11-2, 3-0), and Friday Mackinaw City, (6-7), will come to town as the Comets and Lacers get together for their only regular season meeting.



East Jordan Competitive Cheer

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TEAM SCORES

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2	Traverse City Central HS	145.0
3	Gaylord HS	141.5
4	Gladwin HS	126.5
5	Ogemaw Heights HS	121.0
6	Reed City HS	112.0
7	Benzie Central HS	106.5
8	Kingsford HS	93.5
9	Traverse City West HS	91.5
10	Charlevoix HS	75.5
11	Inland Lakes HS	72.5
12	Sault Area HS	66.5
13	Negaunee HS	60.0
14	Beaverton HS	55.5
15	Escanaba HS	51.5
16	Whittemore-Prescott HS	50.0
17	Mio-Au Sable HS	46.5
18	Marquette HS	46.0
19	Kingsley Area HS	44.5
19	St Francis HS	44.5
19	Tawas Area HS	44.5
22	St Ignace	43.0
23	Boyne City HS	42.5
24	Alpena HS	36.0
25	Houghton Lake HS	34.0
25	Roscommon HS	34.0
27	Gladstone HS	33.5
28	Powers North Central HS	30.0
29	Cheboygan Area HS	29.0
29	Standish-Sterling HS	29.0
31	Bark River-Harris HS	28.0
32	Petoskey HS	27.0
33	Kalkaska HS	15.0
33	Rudyard HS	15.0
35	Munising HS	13.0
36	Alcona HS	12.0
37	Glen Lake HS	10.0
37	Oscoda HS	10.0
37	Rogers City HS	10.0
40	Newberry HS	9.5
41	Charlton Heston Academy	7.0
42	Atlanta HS	5.0

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Evan Asikainen of Negaunee HS
2nd Place	- David Wenkel of Benzie Central HS
3rd Place	- Joey Kacir of Tawas Area HS
4th Place	- Andrew Betz of Boyne City HS
5th Place	- Jaydin Goupil of Whittemore-Prescott HS
6th Place	- Jackson Jacobs of Petoskey HS
7th Place	- Robert Ranstadler of Escanaba HS
8th Place	- Chazz Andrews of Cheboygan Area HS
1st Place Match	Evan Asikainen (Negaunee HS) 31-1, Fr. over David Wenkel (Benzie Central HS) 31-10, Fr. (MD 13-0)
3rd Place Match	Joey Kacir (Tawas Area HS) 17-8, Fr. over Andrew Betz (Boyne City HS) 18-13, Fr. (Fall 4:11)
5th Place Match	Jaydin Goupil (Whittemore-Prescott HS) 23-5, Fr. over Jackson Jacobs (Petoskey HS) 23-12, Jr. (Dec 4-2)
8th Place Match	Robert Ranstadler (Escanaba HS) 24-13, Fr. over Chazz Andrews (Cheboygan Area HS) 21-9, Fr. (Fall 0:48)
Cons. A Champ	Barrett Ososki (Ogemaw Heights HS) 21-9, Fr. over Aaron Shively (Cadillac HS) 12-7, Fr. (TF-1.5 3:00 (20-2))

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Brady Demory of Gladwin HS
2nd Place	- Roman Goulette of Ogemaw Heights HS
3rd Place	- James Layman of Inland Lakes HS
4th Place	- Phoenix Espinoza of Negaunee HS
5th Place	- Charles Schafer of Cadillac HS
6th Place	- Dalton Savoie of Rudyard HS
7th Place	- Peyton Frost of Boyne City HS
8th Place	- Davonne Orns of Traverse City Central HS
1st Place Match	Brady Demory (Gladwin HS) 27-3, Jr. over Roman Goulette (Ogemaw Heights HS) 21-5, So. (MD 12-0)
3rd Place Match	James Layman (Inland Lakes HS) 22-7, Jr. over Phoenix Espinoza (Negaunee HS) 28-3, Sr. (Dec 6-5)
5th Place Match	Charles Schafer (Cadillac HS) 26-9, So. over Dalton Savoie (Rudyard HS) 24-7, Jr. (Dec 16-11)
8th Place Match	Peyton Frost (Boyne City HS) 15-10, Fr. over Davonne Orns (Traverse City Central HS) 20-15, Jr. (Dec 5-2)
Cons. A Champ	Isiah Davis (Escanaba HS) 20-13, Fr. over Drew Baldovski (Gladstone HS) 15-19, So. (Fall 0:46)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Matthew Quigley of Traverse City West HS
2nd Place	- Ethan Palmateer of Gladwin HS

3rd Place	- Michael Risinger of Traverse City Central HS
4th Place	- Eric Larson of Beaverton HS
5th Place	- Charlie Bruder of Ogemaw Heights HS
6th Place	- Mason Hodnett of Roscommon HS
7th Place	- Cody Crowe of Escanaba HS
8th Place	- Jaycob Clark of Charlton Heston Academy
1st Place Match	Matthew Quigley (Traverse City West HS) 31-1, So. over Ethan Palmateer (Gladwin HS) 36-3, Jr. (TF-1.5 4:48 (19-3))
3rd Place Match	Michael Risinger (Traverse City Central HS) 21-8, Jr. over Eric Larson (Beaverton HS) 22-12, Jr. (Dec 13-6)
5th Place Match	Charlie Bruder (Ogemaw Heights HS) 23-17, Jr. over Mason Hodnett (Roscommon HS) 23-7, So. (Dec 7-4)
8th Place Match	Cody Crowe (Escanaba HS) 26-7, Jr. over Jaycob Clark (Charlton Heston Academy) 12-9, Sr. (Fall 1:30)
Cons. A Champ	Evan Fradette (Cheboygan Area HS) 20-9, Jr. over Dawson Sprague (Reed City HS) 13-19, Fr. (MD 11-1)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Dayne Gillison of Benzie Central HS
2nd Place	- Cooper Raab of Powers North Central HS
3rd Place	- Cruz Balcirak of Gladwin HS
4th Place	- Mason Langlois of Houghton Lake HS
5th Place	- Conner Britton of Gladstone HS
6th Place	- Joseph Schafer of Cadillac HS
7th Place	- Joseph Cummings of Gaylord HS
8th Place	- Gabriel Buyze-Prieto of Kalkaska HS
1st Place Match	Dayne Gillison (Benzie Central HS) 32-8, Jr. over Cooper Raab (Powers North Central HS) 30-3, So. (Dec 7-5)
3rd Place Match	Cruz Balcirak (Gladwin HS) 26-7, So. over Mason Langlois (Houghton Lake HS) 25-7, So. (MD 9-0)
5th Place Match	Conner Britton (Gladstone HS) 28-10, Sr. over Joseph Schafer (Cadillac HS) 27-11, Jr. (SV-1 6-3)
8th Place Match	Joseph Cummings (Gaylord HS) 19-15, Jr. over Gabriel Buyze-Prieto (Kalkaska HS) 21-10, Sr. (Dec 5-0)
Cons. A Champ	Damon Langworthy (Reed City HS) 28-12, Fr. over Landon Fischer (Traverse City Central HS) 7-7, Jr. (Dec 4-0)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Kieran Beach of Gaylord HS
2nd Place	- Tegan Ray of Kingsford HS
3rd Place	- Wyatt Hanel of Inland Lakes HS
4th Place	- Dominic Treiber of Cadillac HS
5th Place	- Benjamin Deridder of Benzie Central HS
6th Place	- Jedidiah Brady of St Ignace
7th Place	- Hunter Cole of Petoskey HS
8th Place	- Drew VanLandschoot of Munising HS
1st Place Match	Kieran Beach (Gaylord HS) 27-4, So. over Tegan Ray (Kingsford HS) 34-1, Jr. (Dec 12-7)
3rd Place Match	Wyatt Hanel (Inland Lakes HS) 25-3, Jr. over Dominic Treiber (Cadillac HS) 25-7, Jr. (Fall 2:08)
5th Place Match	Benjamin Deridder (Benzie Central HS) 25-9, Sr. over Jedidiah Brady (St Ignace) 23-12, So. (Dec 12-6)
8th Place Match	Hunter Cole (Petoskey HS) 17-11, Fr. over Drew VanLandschoot (Munising HS) 19-10, So. (Dec 14-7)
Cons. A Champ	Antanie Villarello (Marquette HS) 16-16, Jr. over Trey Barnes (Traverse City Central HS) 11-12, Jr. (Fall 1:57)
Cons. B Champ	Max VanDoren (Sault Area HS) 12-18, Sr. over Matthew Kowalski (Alpena HS) 14-14, Fr. (Fall 3:15)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Jack Dombek of Traverse City Central HS
2nd Place	- Jackson Ziegler of Ogemaw Heights HS
3rd Place	- Cade Krueger of Escanaba HS
4th Place	- Jason Cranick of Gaylord HS
5th Place	- Westyn Haslett of Cadillac HS
6th Place	- Jhonas Williams of Oscoda HS
7th Place	- Gus Carper of Inland Lakes HS
8th Place	- Wyatt Peabody of Sault Area HS
1st Place Match	Jack Dombek (Traverse City Central HS) 24-5, Sr. over Jackson Ziegler (Ogemaw Heights HS) 29-9, So. (MD 11-1)
3rd Place Match	Cade Krueger (Escanaba HS) 32-4, Sr. over Jason Cranick (Gaylord HS) 22-9, So. (Dec 4-3)
5th Place Match	Westyn Haslett (Cadillac HS) 35-2, Jr. over Jhonas Williams (Oscoda HS) 27-6, Sr. (MD 9-0)
8th Place Match	Gus Carper (Inland Lakes HS) 26-3, So. over Wyatt Peabody (Sault Area HS) 18-15, Jr. (Fall 4:47)
Cons. A Champ	Caden Sheehan (Glen Lake HS) 14-6, Jr. over Abraham Kiaunis (Reed City HS) 20-21, Fr. (MD 13-3)
Cons. B Champ	Alex Drury (Kingsley Area HS) 14-12, Jr. over Wyatt Weeber (Petoskey HS) 5-29, Jr. (Dec 6-5)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Jaron Bensinger of Gaylord HS
2nd Place	- MJ McDonald of Gladwin HS
3rd Place	- Trace Reay of Tawas Area HS
4th Place	- Bodyn Holmes of Traverse City West HS

5th Place	- Bruyn Hauger of Boyne City HS
6th Place	- Caleb Klier of Sault Area HS
7th Place	- Gavin Knepp of Mio-Au Sable HS
8th Place	- Dominic Serafino of Cadillac HS
1st Place Match	Jaron Bensinger (Gaylord HS) 31-0, Jr. over MJ McDonald (Gladwin HS) 26-9, Fr. (TF-1.5 2:40 (17-2))
3rd Place Match	Trace Reay (Tawas Area HS) 27-3, Sr. over Bodyn Holmes (Traverse City West HS) 23-11, Jr. (Dec 5-1)
5th Place Match	Bruyn Hauger (Boyne City HS) 16-5, Fr. over Caleb Klier (Sault Area HS) 31-11, Jr. (TF-1.5 5:00 (16-1))
8th Place Match	Gavin Knepp (Mio-Au Sable HS) 26-10, Sr. over Dominic Serafino (Cadillac HS) 13-16, So. (Fall 0:51)
Cons. A Champ	Peter Hennard (Ogemaw Heights HS) 19-14, Jr. over Peyton Black (Negaunee HS) 21-9, So. (Fall 3:27)
Cons. B Champ	Myles McCarthy (Reed City HS) 18-12, Sr. over Aiden McGuckin (Houghton Lake HS) 13-14, So. (TF-1.5 1:44 (15-0))

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Payton Sampson of Cadillac HS
2nd Place	- Ashton Burden of Mio-Au Sable HS
3rd Place	- Tyler Bray of Kingsford HS
4th Place	- Gabriel Werkheiser of St Ignace
5th Place	- Collin Jess of Charlevoix HS
6th Place	- Keegan Ritchie of Alcona HS
7th Place	- Logan Swartzmiller of Beaverton HS
8th Place	- Dominik Storm of Negaunee HS
1st Place Match	Payton Sampson (Cadillac HS) 36-1, So. over Ashton Burden (Mio-Au Sable HS) 30-4, Sr. (MD 18-8)
3rd Place Match	Tyler Bray (Kingsford HS) 26-4, So. over Gabriel Werkheiser (St Ignace) 29-8, Sr. (MD 13-2)
5th Place Match	Collin Jess (Charlevoix HS) 29-10, Fr. over Keegan Ritchie (Alcona HS) 20-5, Jr. (Fall 4:16)
8th Place Match	Logan Swartzmiller (Beaverton HS) 20-10, Sr. over Dominik Storm (Negaunee HS) 23-13, Sr. (Dec 3-1)
Cons. A Champ	Silas LaLonde (Traverse City Central HS) 15-14, Fr. over Gabe Frost (Traverse City West HS) 22-14, Sr. (Fall 4:13)
Cons. B Champ	Harland Dombrowski (Marquette HS) 14-15, So. over Brenner Wilson (Houghton Lake HS) 7-11, So. (Fall 0:59)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Eli Roe of Beaverton HS
2nd Place	- Grady Rouse of Traverse City Central HS
3rd Place	- Thomas Saunders of Whittemore-Prescott HS
4th Place	- Andrew Kiaunis of Reed City HS
5th Place	- Logan Wilks of Charlevoix HS
6th Place	- Orrin Smith of Kingsford HS
7th Place	- Hudson Derry of Rogers City HS
8th Place	- Maximus Narovich of Cadillac HS
1st Place Match	Eli Roe (Beaverton HS) 22-4, So. over Grady Rouse (Traverse City Central HS) 26-2, Jr. (M. For.)
3rd Place Match	Thomas Saunders (Whittemore-Prescott HS) 28-6, Sr. over Andrew Kiaunis (Reed City HS) 36-7, Jr. (Dec 4-2)
5th Place Match	Logan Wilks (Charlevoix HS) 19-8, Sr. over Orrin Smith (Kingsford HS) 25-8, So. (Fall 0:34)
8th Place Match	Hudson Derry (Rogers City HS) 15-4, So. over Maximus Narovich (Cadillac HS) 24-9, So. (Dec 15-11)
Cons. A Champ	Blake Davis (Gaylord HS) 16-6, Sr. over Collin Maves (Inland Lakes HS) 22-7, So. (TF-1.5 2:44 (15-0))
Cons. B Champ	Nathaniel Dion (Traverse City West HS) 10-11, Sr. over Connor Chapman (Negaunee HS) 12-13, Sr. (Fall 4:16)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Conner Wenkel of Benzie Central HS
2nd Place	- Beau Belanger of St Francis HS
3rd Place	- Isaiah Cosgrove of Kingsley Area HS
4th Place	- Hunter Fagan-Moyer of Reed City HS
5th Place	- Sage Miller of Traverse City Central HS
6th Place	- Logan McMullen of Inland Lakes HS
7th Place	- Talan Goodwin of Gladwin HS
8th Place	- Kaleb Gagne of Escanaba HS
1st Place Match	Conner Wenkel (Benzie Central HS) 34-6, Sr. over Beau Belanger (St Francis HS) 25-8, Sr. (Dec 5-0)
3rd Place Match	Isaiah Cosgrove (Kingsley Area HS) 23-4, Jr. over Hunter Fagan-Moyer (Reed City HS) 37-5, Sr. (TF-1.5 4:49 (23-8))
5th Place Match	Sage Miller (Traverse City Central HS) 23-11, Jr. over Logan McMullen (Inland Lakes HS) 18-11, Sr. (Dec 4-0)
8th Place Match	Talan Goodwin (Gladwin HS) 27-12, Jr. over Kaleb Gagne (Escanaba HS) 30-1, Sr. (M. For.)
Cons. A Champ	Jack Taylor (Gladstone HS) 19-13, So. over Andrew Savino (Standish-Sterling HS) 15-13, Jr. (Fall 2:00)
Cons. B Champ	Andrew Oster (Houghton Lake HS) 13-16, So. over Westin

Mitchell (Alpena HS) 12-11, So. (Dec 8-6)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Max Sundquist of Kingsford HS
2nd Place	- Conner Lambert of Ogemaw Heights HS
3rd Place	- Ty Yorton of Standish-Sterling HS
4th Place	- Gage Warren of Traverse City Central HS
5th Place	- Cameron Sellers of St Francis HS
6th Place	- Brady Warchol of Charlevoix HS
7th Place	- Avery Enos of Inland Lakes HS
8th Place	- Toby Bigford of Roscommon HS
1st Place Match	Max Sundquist (Kingsford HS) 19-1, So. over Conner Lambert (Ogemaw Heights HS) 34-6, Jr. (SV-1 7-4)
3rd Place Match	Ty Yorton (Standish-Sterling HS) 31-6, Sr. over Gage Warren (Traverse City Central HS) 25-14, Sr. (Fall 2:30)
5th Place Match	Cameron Sellers (St Francis HS) 7-2, Sr. over Brady Warchol (Charlevoix HS) 23-15, Sr. (Dec 10-5)
8th Place Match	Avery Enos (Inland Lakes HS) 19-7, Jr. over Toby Bigford (Roscommon HS) 28-9, Jr. (M. For.)
Cons. A Champ	Lyrik Ricketts (Alpena HS) 16-12, Sr. over Haidyn Denis (Escanaba HS) 24-17, Fr. (MD 19-7)
Cons. B Champ	Liam Leipold (St Ignace) 15-18, Fr. over Ethan Phillips (Reed City HS) 17-22, Jr. (TF-1.5 3:20 (18-2))

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Luke Phillips of Cadillac HS
2nd Place	- Samuel Vyner of Whittemore-Prescott HS
3rd Place	- Mitchell Corrigan of Bark River-Harris HS
4th Place	- Lane Sanchez of Benzie Central HS
5th Place	- Colton Goethals of Kingsley Area HS
6th Place	- Ethan Chandler of Gaylord HS
7th Place	- Austin Davenport of Reed City HS
8th Place	- Brettin Rouse of Kingsford HS
1st Place Match	Luke Phillips (Cadillac HS) 33-2, Sr. over Samuel Vyner (Whittemore-Prescott HS) 32-2, Sr. (Fall 1:31)
3rd Place Match	Mitchell Corrigan (Bark River-Harris HS) 27-9, So. over Lane Sanchez (Benzie Central HS) 34-5, Jr. (M. For.)
5th Place Match	Colton Goethals (Kingsley Area HS) 21-11, Jr. over Ethan Chandler (Gaylord HS) 9-8, Sr. (Dec 5-1)
8th Place Match	Austin Davenport (Reed City HS) 18-16, So. over Brettin Rouse (Kingsford HS) 14-11, Sr. (Fall 1:31)
Cons. A Champ	Hunter Vance (Traverse City Central HS) 13-20, Jr. over AJ Camp (Beaverton HS) 15-8, Sr. (Dec 12-10)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Calvin Marshall of Ogemaw Heights HS
2nd Place	- Cody Russo of Sault Area HS
3rd Place	- Sawyer Blaszczyk of Charlevoix HS
4th Place	- Brady Vaughan of Traverse City West HS
5th Place	- Walker Borchers of Roscommon HS
6th Place	- Casson Goodrich of Gaylord HS
7th Place	- Parker Rood of Cadillac HS
8th Place	- John Dargis of Alpena HS
1st Place Match	Calvin Marshall (Ogemaw Heights HS) 22-0, Jr. over Cody Russo (Sault Area HS) 36-3, Sr. (Dec 10-6)
3rd Place Match	Sawyer Blaszczyk (Charlevoix HS) 34-4, Jr. over Brady Vaughan (Traverse City West HS) 11-3, Sr. (SV-1 5-2)
5th Place Match	Walker Borchers (Roscommon HS) 35-7, Jr. over Casson Goodrich (Gaylord HS) 15-12, Sr. (TB-1 2-1)
8th Place Match	Parker Rood (Cadillac HS) 17-9, So. over John Dargis (Alpena HS) 8-8, So. (Fall 2:09)
Cons. A Champ	Christopher Walgamott (Reed City HS) 21-15, So. over Collin McCoy (Kingsley Area HS) 14-15, So. (Fall 1:36)

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Guaranteed Places

1st Place	- Wyatt Spalo of Reed City HS
2nd Place	- Caden Sides of Gaylord HS
3rd Place	- Talon Smith of Marquette HS
4th Place	- Sawyer Kuenzer of Sault Area HS
5th Place	- Luke Munger of Cheboygan Area HS
6th Place	- Connor Ortiz of Charlevoix HS
7th Place	- Shawn Paszkowski of Cadillac HS
8th Place	- Charles Walker of Bark River-Harris HS
1st Place Match	Wyatt Spalo (Reed City HS) 36-4, Sr. over Caden Sides (Gaylord HS) 27-3, Sr. (Dec 7-6)
3rd Place Match	Talon Smith (Marquette HS) 27-7, Sr. over Sawyer Kuenzer (Sault Area HS) 35-5, Sr. (Dec 10-5)
5th Place Match	Luke Munger (Cheboygan Area HS) 24-5, Sr. over Connor Ortiz (Charlevoix HS) 25-12, Sr. (Fall 2:48)
8th Place Match	Shawn Paszkowski (Cadillac HS) 28-11, Jr. over Charles Walker (Bark River-Harris HS) 14-7, Jr. (Dec 5-3)
Cons. A Champ	Nick Brasseur (Gladwin HS) 30-8, So. over Gabriel Hamilton (Newberry HS) 22-8, Jr. (Fall 0:50)
Cons. B Champ	Steven Pace (Tawas Area HS) 3-8, Sr. over Brayden Delvalle (Charlton Heston Academy) 1-9, Jr. (Fall 1:42)

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WRESTLING

Rayders get another conference win Place 10th in 42 team Northern Michigan Championship

On January 23rd, the Charlevoix Varsity Wrestling team competed at home against Traverse City Saint Francis. The Rayders won the dual meet 48 to 21.

Individual results:

Eva Noirot, Freshman, 106 lbs. – 0 and 1
Huntley Thorson, Freshman, 120 lbs. – 1 and 0
Raigan Swadling, Freshman 126 lbs. – 1 and 0
Jakob Simons, Freshman, 126 lbs. – 0 and 2
Ben Schultz, Junior, 138 lbs. – 0 and 1
Max Reynolds, Junior, 144 lbs. – 0 and 1
Collin Jess, Freshman, 150 lbs. – 1 and 0
Logan Wilks, Senior, 165 lbs. – 0 and 1
Brady Warchol, Senior, 175 lbs. – 0 and 1
Ryan Glass, Sophomore, 190 lbs. – 2 and 0
Sawyer Blaszczyk, Junior, 215 lbs. – 1 and 0
Phat Nguyen, Freshman, 215 lbs. – 1 and 0
Connor Ortiz, Senior, Hwt., - 1 and 0

Exhibition Matches:

Parker Grubb, Freshman, 150 lbs., 0 and 1
Kalen Titus, Freshman, 138 lbs., 0 and 1
Ryan Glass, Sophomore, 190, 1 and 0
Phat Nguyen, Freshman, Hwt., 1 and 0

On January 25th, eight Charlevoix varsity wrestlers competed at the Northern Michigan Championship Tournament hosted by Gaylord. With only 8 wrestlers compet-

ing the team took 10th place in the 42-team tournament. Individual results were as follows:

Raigan Swadling, Freshman 126 lbs. – 0 and 2
Kalen Titus, Freshman, 138 lbs., 0 and 2
Collin Jess, Freshman, 150 lbs. – 3 and 1, 5th Place
Logan Wilks, Senior, 165 lbs. – 3 and 1, 5th Place
Brady Warchol, Senior, 175 lbs. – 2 and 2, 6th Place
Ryan Glass, Sophomore, 190 lbs. – 1 and 2
Sawyer Blaszczyk, Junior, 215 lbs. – 3 and 1, 3rd Place
Connor Ortiz, Senior, Hwt., - 2 and 2, 6th Place

On January 24th eight Charlevoix wrestlers competed in the Gaylord's annual JV and Girls tournament. Individual results follow:

Eva Noirot, Freshman, 110 lbs. – 3 and 1, 2nd Place
Kate Matter, Sophomore, 135 lbs. – 3 and 1, 2nd Place
Lauralee Rhode, Freshman, 155 lbs. – 3 and 2, 3rd Place
Huntley Thorson, Freshman, 120 lbs. – 2 and 2, 3rd Place
Jakob Simons, Freshman, 126 lbs. – 0 and 2
Ben Schultz, Junior, 138 lbs. – 3 and 1, 2nd Place
Parker Grubb, Freshman, 150 lbs., 0 and 5
Phat Nguyen, Freshman, Hwt., 4 and 1, 2nd Place

The Rayders traveled to Kalkaska on Monday, January 27th to compete in dual meets with Kalkaska and Gladwin.

GIRLS BOWLING



Seniors Lauren LaBute and Victoria McGeorge led the Ramblers in individual games

Senior Co-Captains Lead Girls in Scrimmage

BY BECKY McGEORGE

BCHS Bowling held a home scrimmage Saturday hosting Mancelona and Sault Ste Marie high schools.

The girls team had a total pinfall of 1146 for 8 baker games. Seniors Lauren LaBute (173 & 169)

and Victoria McGeorge (182 & 180) lead the Ramblers in individual games. Pinfall for the day for the girls team was a total of 2567.

The ladies headed to Grayling on Monday for a conference match.

Snowmobile "Rail to Trail" Areas of Northern Michigan: A Journey Through History and Scenic Adventures

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

Northern Michigan is renowned for its picturesque landscapes, dense forests, and vibrant communities, making it a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts, especially snowmobilers. Among the most popular options for snowmobiling in this region are the "rail to trail" areas—former railway corridors transformed into multi-use recreational trails. This conversion not only preserves history but also offers unparalleled access to the natural beauty of Michigan's winter wonderland.

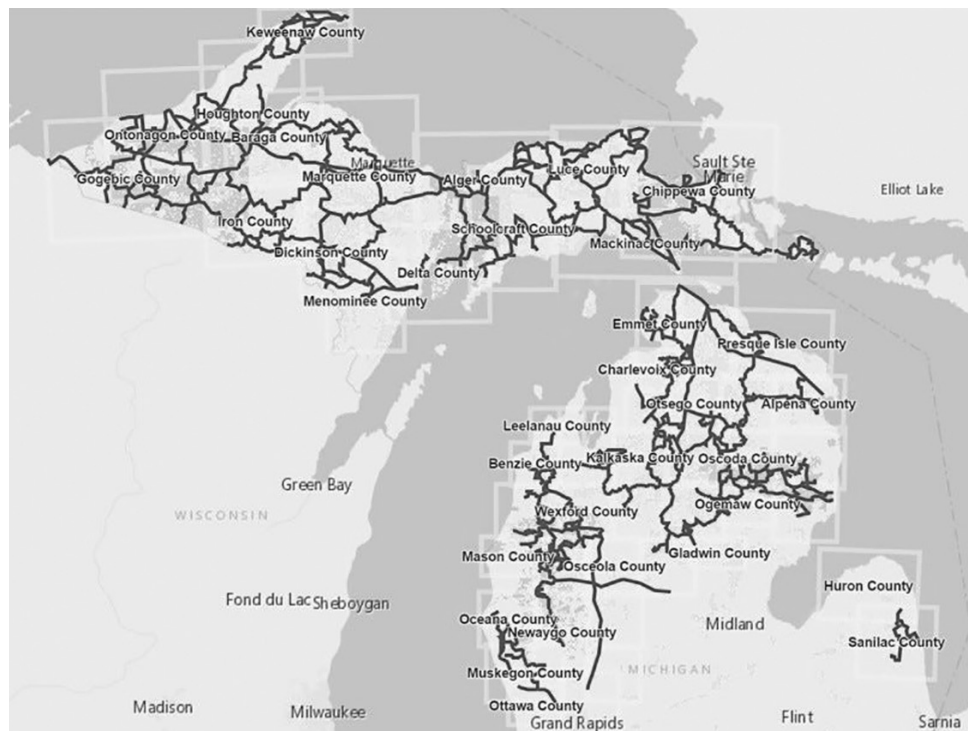
Historical Context

The history of railroads in Northern Michigan dates back to the late 19th century, when they were critical for transporting timber and minerals from the region. The logging industry thrived, leading to the establishment of extensive rail networks. As the timber industry declined in the mid-20th century, many of these railway lines were abandoned. In the 1990s, forward-thinking communities and conservation groups began converting these neglected railways into trails. This initiative not only revitalized the local economy by attracting outdoor recreation but also provided a sustainable way to preserve Michigan's rich history.

Today, the "rail to trail" system spans over 3,000 miles statewide, with a significant portion located in Northern Michigan. These trails are designed to accommodate snowmobiles in the winter, as well as hiking, biking, and horseback riding in other seasons, ensuring year-round enjoyment of Michigan's diverse landscapes.

A Guide to Snowmobiling the Trails

One of the most famous trails is the North Central State Trail, which stretches approximately 62 miles from Gaylord to Mackinaw City. This trail offers stunning views of the Northern Michigan wilderness, wind-



MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAP
Credit: snowmobile.com

ing through dense forests and open fields. Along the way, riders can stop at local eateries and shops in towns like Vanderbilt and Indian River, where they can refuel and experience local hospitality.

Another gem is the Little Traverse Wheelway, which runs from Charlevoix to Harbor Springs. While primarily a summer biking and walking path, portions of this trail are groomed for snowmobilers in the winter. Riders are treated to breathtaking views of Lake Michigan and the surrounding hills, with numerous scenic overlooks perfect for taking a break and enjoying the serenity of the snow-covered landscape.

The Pigeon River State Forest is another must-visit area for snowmobilers. This vast expanse of wilderness features over 70 miles of interconnected trails, allowing riders to explore the forest's beauty while keeping an eye out for local wildlife, including deer and, occasionally, the elusive gray wolf. The forest is also home to the Pigeon River, where frozen waterfalls and tranquil streams provide picturesque stops along the way.

Tips for Trail Riders

1. Plan Your Route: Northern Michigan's snowmobile trails are well-marked, but



Snowmobiles on Trails.
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it's wise to have a map or a GPS device handy. Knowing the trail system helps in planning fuel stops and avoids getting lost in the vast forest.

2. Respect Local Rules: Each trail may have specific rules regarding speed limits and designated snowmobile areas. Always adhere to local regulations to ensure safety and preservation of the environment.

3. Pack Essentials: Bring along necessary supplies, including water, snacks, and a first aid kit. Weather can change quickly in Northern Michigan, so dress in layers and bring extra gear.

4. Explore Local Attractions: Take advantage of the many attractions along the

trails. From quaint shops to historical sites, Northern Michigan is rich in culture and charm. Don't miss the opportunity to taste local cuisine and explore small-town festivals that may be happening during your visit.

Conclusion

The snowmobile "rail to trail" areas of Northern Michigan offer a unique blend of history, adventure, and breathtaking scenery. As you traverse these trails, you are not only enjoying the thrill of snowmobiling but also connecting with the region's rich heritage. Whether you're a seasoned rider or a newcomer, Northern Michigan's trails promise an unforgettable winter experience filled with exploration and wonder.

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Boyne City JV Boys Shine in 76-40 Victory Over Grayling

The Boyne City JV Boys basketball team secured a big win Friday night, defeating Grayling 76-40 with an impressive display of teamwork and skill.

The Ramblers built a 36-18 halftime lead through stifling defense by Drew Bryant and Brayden Joyce, who shut down Grayling's top scorers. The offense flowed smoothly, showcasing the team's most assists in a game this season.

Jamie Joseph led all scorers with 21 points, with Cal Royce adding 12 and Cam Johncheck contributing 8. Joseph and Johncheck controlled the paint, while all Ramblers added to the scoreboard. Depth was a big factor with everyone stepping up to play their role.

The win improves their record to 10-2 and sets the stage for Boyne City's next matchup against Kalkaska.

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

JV Lady Ramblers Bounce Back With Big Win Over Grayling

After suffering their recent loss to Cheboygan last Wednesday, the JV Girls responded with a very well played game against Grayling on Thursday. Although the girls sure found their groove and started to get their shots to fall midway in the second quarter.

Switching to their Man-

2-Man defense really suffocated the Vikings and led to some big turnovers in the Ramblers favor. Once their wheels got moving, there was no stopping them, with the final score being 43-19.

The Lady Ramblers were led by the Sophomore duo Allie Wilson scoring 14 and Addi Parks with 9.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

HOCKEY

1/27/25

Big North Conference

Team	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Alpena	7-1-0	13-7-0
Petoskey	5-1-0	12-5-0
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS JANUARY 22, 2025

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on January 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda, as amended, to add creation of a subcommittee to research the potential of moving the Health Department into the Shirley Roloff Center under new business.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #25-014, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved appointment of Undersheriff Nate Kaminski to the CCE-911 Board as an alternate for the Sheriff.

Motion approved the 30-year roof replacement bid from Hoekstra Roofing in the amount of \$2,769,100 and allow the Fiscal Officer to make the necessary budget amendments.

Motion approved that based on the memo dated January 13, 2025 from the County Civil Counsel, which is incorporated herein by reference, the Board hereby affirms County Clerk Julia Drost's decisions to deny the FOIA requests submitted by Mr. David John.

Motion approved to authorize the Director of Commission on Aging to proceed with the increased vouchers and available frozen/cold meals for Beaver Island residents.

Motion approved the Commission on Aging Fire Suppression proposal.

Motion approved to form an exploratory subcommittee consisting of Commissioner Conway, Commissioner Chamberlain, County Administrator Shepard, and our local Health Officer to explore the possibility of utilizing the space in the Shirley Roloff Center as a potential new location for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and the feasibility thereof, to be reported back to the Board of Commissioners by June 1, 2025. 5.1. Nays: Commissioner Jess.

Motion approved Resolution #25-015, Accepting Donations of Money or Property to Charlevoix County.

Motion approved Resolution #25-016, Accepting Donations of Money or Property to Charlevoix County.

Motion approved Resolution #25-017, Accepting Donations of Money or Property to Charlevoix County.

Motion approved Resolution #25-018, 2025 Jail Nurse Services.

Motion approved Resolution #25-019, An Ordinance to Amend the Charlevoix County Alarm Ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 7:39 p.m. Complete copies of the Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ALARM ORDINANCE

THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 5.C.

Section 5.C of the Charlevoix County Alarm Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows

C. The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office shall notify the owner and/or operator of an alarm system in writing of each false alarm generated by the alarm system for which a false alarm fee is sought. The written notice shall include the owner and/or operator's right to appeal the false alarm fees under Section 6 of this Ordinance. The written notice shall be addressed to the owner and/or operator of the alarm system at the address(es) on file at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and shall be mailed by first class mail to any and all addresses provided for the owner and/or operator. The failure of the owner and/or operator of the alarm system to pay the false alarm invoice for more than thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance and shall subject the owner and/or operator of the alarm system to the penalties within Section 7 of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become the day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk
203 Antrim Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720

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The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 19, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Charlevoix Township Stroud Hall located at 12491 Waller Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning an application by Irish Boat Shop, Inc. to rezone their property situated at 13208 Stover Road from PRD (Planned Residential District) to I-2 (Marine Industrial District) (Tax Parcel No. 004-035-003-30).

If you have any questions, comments or would like additional information regarding this request, you can contact John Ferguson in writing at 8354 Mercer Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or by phone at 231-459-8141.

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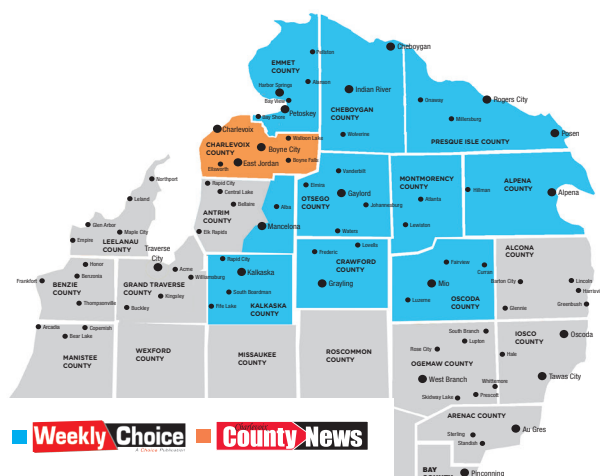
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REAL ESTATE FEATURE



**CHARMING, SPACIOUS HOME ON FIVE ACRES
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BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature home is a charming, spacious home situated on five acres near East Jordan.

This five bedroom, four and a half bath home features approximately 2,789 square feet of nicely designed living space on the main levels, plus nearly 800 square feet of additional space on the basement level. Interior highlights include a huge kitchen with angled center island that opens to a spacious dining and living area. The large master bedroom suite has



a private bath, and there is an attached two car garage to keep vehicles out of the weather. Central air conditioning keeps the home cool in summer and an exterior wood stove helps to lower winter heating bills.

An open deck overlooks the gorgeous five-acre setting. The property also features a 24x40 foot pole barn for extra storage needs with room for a great workspace. The location is just minutes from downtown

East Jordan, the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix (which features public waterfront access and a nearby boat launch), and it is near the Mallard Golf Course.

This charming, spacious home on five acres is located at 9500 Nelson Road near East Jordan and is listed at \$389,000. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers at EXP Realty – 109 Mill Street in East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollyUpNorth@gmail.com



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

The appraisal process used by a licensed appraiser is more theoretical than a "comp," and doesn't predict what a buyer will be willing to pay. Why would anyone

ever get an appraisal then? Although rarely needed by buyers or sellers, appraisals are normally required by lenders who are considering making a loan.

However, sellers of expensive, custom homes may get appraisals, because there may not be any homes in the area that compare. Buyers of these one-of-a-kind homes will also have more confidence in an asking price that is supported by an appraisal.

Before determining an asking price, sellers should give their agent a list of major improvements done to the home, such as a new roof or upgraded heating system.

This will help the agent consider all the factors when recommending a price.

It will also put him or her in a better position to sell the house-and all of its features-for the best possible price.

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Matt Hamilton named Citizen of the Year East Jordan Chamber annual awards ceremony last weekend

BY KAREN WALKER

An East Jordan High School teacher was named Citizen of the Year at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and awards dinner held last Saturday at the Boat House in East Jordan. The event celebrated the dedication, innovation, and community spirit of East Jordan's leaders, businesses, and volunteers, recognizing individuals and organizations who have significantly impacted the community over the past year.

In presenting the Citizen of the Year award to teacher Matt Hamilton, Chamber President Mary Faculak described him as a mentor, visionary, and pillar of character. She shared words used to describe him: humble, inspirational, a good listener, positive, kind, caring, and an influential leader.

Faculak praised Hamilton as "a great teacher" and a truly deserving recipient of the honor.

John Hunter received the Ambassador of the Year award for his dedication, sincerity, and tireless volunteerism. A former Chamber board member, past school board member, and current vice-chair of the East Jordan Downtown Development Authority, Hunter has contributed to numerous community initiatives, including the Portside Arts Fair, Rotary Variety Show, Jordan Art Walk, and South Arm Classics Car Show. Faculak emphasized, "John has, and continues to make,

a huge positive difference in our community."

The Spirit Award was presented to the East Jordan Senior Center director, Brenda Skop, along with the Senior Center staff and volunteers, for providing services, support, and education to the aging community members daily in a welcoming and safe environment. Faculak noted that the Senior Center is where residents socialize, enjoy a nutritious lunch, play cards or bingo, get some exercise, catch up on current events, and a place where people meet new friends and especially, a place where people feel welcomed.

Active Recovery Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab was honored as Business of the Year for its commitment to providing patient-centered care and actively giving back to the community. Owners Kristi Nowka and Jaleesa O'Neal were commended for their service on various boards and committees and for sponsoring numerous community events.

The Breezeway Business of the Year was awarded to an Ellsworth restaurant. The Front Porch Cafe, a unique "pay-as-you-can" nonprofit organization was recognized for extraordinary hospitality and community involvement. Faculak remarked that the restaurant is a vital community gathering place. She explained that the Cafe is a special place where you'll always receive a warm welcome, great conversation, and a delicious home-cooked meal.

The inaugural Community Enhancement Award was presented to the partners of the Don & Eileen Klein Trail Project. Collaborating on the project were Don Klein, the City of East Jordan, Little Traverse Conservancy, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and the trail committee. Since the trail's opening on June 8, 2024, the community has been enhanced in many positive and exciting ways, Faculak noted.

Chamber Board Chairman Dan Bennett highlighted the Chamber's achievements over the past year, including organizing the golf outing, publishing the visitor's guide, partnering with the Jordan Art Walk and the Don and Eileen Klein trail committee, GAR Park ribbon cutting, coordinating the Breezeway garage sales and color tours, as well as Music in the Park, displays at the Clare and Mackinac Welcome Centers. The Chamber organized the retail Therapy event, and State of the Community gatherings in both East Jordan and Ellsworth, just to name a few.

Reflecting on the Chamber's work, President Mary Faculak said, "Every day is different, and that's what makes it so enjoyable."

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Matt and Stacey Hamilton



Dan Bennett, Jaleesa O'Neal, Kristi Nowka



Jim Heneveld, Jan Rasmussen



Mary Faculak presents John Hunter



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