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**Celebrate Creativity at Crooked Tree Arts Center's 2025 Youth Arts Festival**

PETOSKEY — Crooked Tree Arts Center (CTAC) is excited to unveil the full lineup for the 2025 Youth Arts Festival, an annual spring celebration of creativity showcasing the talent of young artists and writers from across Northern Michigan. CTAC is dedicated to fostering youth arts education through programs such as the High School Portfolio Prep Program, CTAC School of Ballet, CTAC Music Classes (in partnership with Big Water Creative Arts), school tours, and year-round classes and workshops.

From visual arts to creative writing, the festival provides a platform for students to shine. The celebration culminates in the Youth Arts Awards Ceremony, held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

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**Boyne City Commission Meeting, January 28**  
Commissioners Meet to Consider Brownfield Initiative for Boyne City

BY ANGELA GONZALEZ

The commissioners for Boyne City met to discuss a robust agenda including a proposed Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the city to fund housing and approved several pending initiatives.

Brownfield TIFs were approved by the State of Michigan for housing in 2023. The initiative allows for tax capture to repay developers for specific projects while allowing normal tax revenue to continue.

The commissioners reviewed a presentation by Sam Mariuz, the Economic Development Project Manager for Fleis & VandenBrink. To consider the plan, several public hearings would be held before finalizing the plan with the State. The time frame for the project was estimated approximately 4-6 months to approval.

"It's important to know that through Tax Increment Financing with brownfield, there is no loss to captured revenue. When a brownfield is established, all jurisdictions continue to capture taxes at the level they currently operate," Mariuz said.

Mariuz defined specified developing activities for a TIF, including environmental assessments, demolitions and abasements, site preparation and public infrastructure, demolition of buildings and renovation of existing buildings, and gap financing, among other activities including tax assessment of the area once it's redeveloped. EGGLE, MEDC, and MSHDA oversee these activities.

According to Mariuz, A BRA allows for administrative capture and a revolving fund, known as a Local Brownfield Revolving Fund (LBRF) which allows for additional funding through grants, loans, and site assessments. The BRA also allows for entering contracts, owning, mortgaging, leasing land, and property. Accepting grants and donations, investing and borrowing money, issuing bonds, and funding for studies and reports.

Chris Christiansen, of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners attended and made observations regarding an existing TIF in Charlevoix County.

Christiansen said, "We do have an existing brownfield utilized for years through our county. I guess this just seems redundant quite frankly because we have existing plans in place... this has been going on since Hugh Conklin used to run the Main Street program 15-20 years ago. So, this would seem like an unnecessary incurrence of cost.

We do have existing plans and some of the risk that is mentioned there, but one of those low level risks is that it's just sitting there with no gain in value and it's locked in to whatever value it was so there's no gains in value that just the land alone would be achieving you're not receiving them. They're being held in a TIF, but because it's not being redeveloped, it's just sitting there as a vacant lot and no other opportunities are being taken on that."

Christiansen also mentioned the possibility of a land bank as a possibility and warned of the city incurring unnecessary costs to develop a new TIF in the area.

Charlevoix County Fiscal Officer Becki King also commented on the situation saying, "The County has helped Boyne City with housing as well through the blight grant. As he's mentioned, two years ago we were able to apply for a blight grant that took care of some property that is currently under construction. Through MSHDA and MEDC, it helps with housing initiatives... construction of new homes development for current homes some of these things have been handled at a county level I just wanted you to know that those are options that are available as well".

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**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.
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2/3/2025	24	Atlanta
2/3/2025	61.1	Charlevoix
2/3/2025	39.3	Cheboygan
2/3/2025	121.3	East Jordan
2/3/2025	152	Gaylord
2/3/2025	110.5	Kalkaska
2/3/2025	34.7	Mio
2/3/2025	101.4	Petoskey

2023-24	AMOUNT	
2/5/2024	34.9	Alpena
2/5/2024	12.9	Atlanta
2/5/2024	42.8	Charlevoix
2/5/2024	41	Cheboygan
2/5/2024	46	East Jordan
2/5/2024	60.4	Gaylord
2/5/2024	58.2	Kalkaska
2/5/2024	27.6	Mio
2/5/2024	60.5	Petoskey

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weather forecast

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<b>HIGH: 32</b> <b>LOW: 15</b>	<b>HIGH: 22</b> <b>LOW: 14</b>	<b>HIGH: 24</b> <b>LOW: 18</b>	<b>HIGH: 23</b> <b>LOW: 15</b>	<b>HIGH: 20</b> <b>LOW: 10</b>	<b>HIGH: 16</b> <b>LOW: 7</b>	<b>HIGH: 15</b> <b>LOW: 9</b>

**record temps**

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
Feb 6	25	9	44	2005	-13	1967
Feb 7	25	9	47	2024	-20	1984
Feb 8	25	9	54	2024	-19	1962
Feb 9	25	9	51	2024	-27	1979
Feb 10	26	9	54	2009	-23	1994
Feb 11	26	9	49	1999	-25	1958
Feb 12	26	9	53	1999	-21	1958

## OBITUARIES

### Raymond Lee Gildner, 96

**Nov. 19, 1928 - Jan. 29, 2025**  
**CHARLEVOIX**

Raymond Lee Gildner of Charlevoix passed away January 29, 2025 at the American House.

He was born November 19, 1928 in Elkhart, Indiana the son of Charles and Bertha (Walters) Gildner.

No services are planned at this time.

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



### Verna Miller, 88

**June 27, 1936 - Jan. 27, 2025**  
**CHARLEVOIX**

Verna (Swanson) Miller passed away Monday, Jan. 27, 2025 in Charlevoix, MI. Verna was born to George and Julia (Weeks) Williams in Mancelona, MI on June 27, 1936. She was the seventh of 10 children and enjoyed a happy childhood in a large family that remained close throughout their lives. Verna graduated from Alba High School as the class valedictorian in 1954. She married Larry Swanson of Charlevoix in 1957 and they raised their three sons in a home they built south of Charlevoix. Verna worked for several years as a cook in the Charlevoix Public School System and later as a receptionist at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Following 44 years of marriage, Larry passed away in 2001. In 2003, Verna married Gordon Miller of Bronson, MI and for the next 22 years, they spent part of the year in Bronson and part of the year in Charlevoix enjoying time in both places.

To say Verna was a devout Christian and a devoted wife, mother and grandmother is putting it mildly. Over the years, she attended and was active in multiple churches in both Charlevoix and Bronson. Prayer, patience, a sense of humor and above all a loving heart filled with faith and kindness allowed. Verna to occasionally put up with and endure, but most often and generally speaking enjoy, laugh, and celebrate years of fun and countless adventures with two husbands, three sons, three stepchildren, numerous grandchildren and many dear and wonderful

family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Larry Swanson, her parents, her brothers Russell, Harold, Bill, Jerry and Don, and her sisters Vera and Verda. She is survived by her second husband, Gordon Miller, her sons L. Scott (Kathy) Swanson of Indian River, Gregg (Jan) Swanson of East Jordan, Nick (Melissa) Swanson of Charlevoix, stepchildren Rick (Connie) Miller of Bronson, Pam (Kevin) Bowers of Coldwater, Lisa (Greg) Harrell of Coldwater, brother Carl (Kathy) Williams of Mancelona and sister Lois (Jim) Jordan of East Jordan as well as numerous grandchildren and step grandchildren who brought great joy to her life.

Verna's funeral was held Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Burial will take place in the spring at Barnard Cemetery.

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

### Mildred Elaine Follette, 91

**May 11, 1933 - Feb. 2, 2025**  
**PETOSKEY, FORMERLY OF BOYNE FALLS**

Mildred Elaine (Hausler) Follette of Petoskey, formerly of Boyne Falls, passed away Sunday, February 2, 2025 at home.

Service arrangements and a complete obituary will follow soon.



### James Raymond Cloutier, 91

**(Feb. 23, 1933 - Feb. 1, 2025)**  
**BOYNE CITY, FORMERLY OF HARBOR SPRINGS**

James Raymond Cloutier of Boyne City, formerly of Harbor Springs, passed away Saturday, February 1, 2025, at home.

James was born on February 23, 1933, in Bridgeport, Michigan, the son of George Sr. and Mary (McLachlan) Cloutier. He was a graduate of St. Francis Catholic High School in Ecorse. James retired after a long career as an engineer-

ing technician at General Motors.

On November 16, 1957, he married Carolyn Ann Smith, also of Ecorse. They were happily married for 66 years, until her death on April 6, 2024. James and Carolyn enjoyed golf, tennis, skiing and traveling together. They both also enjoyed Harbor Springs Rams sporting events. James attended Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic Church in Harbor Springs.

James is survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Carolyn, he was preceded in death by his parents, George Sr. and Mary Cloutier; his brother and sister-in-law, George Jr. and Margaret "Peggy" Cloutier; sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Robert Pudvan, Mary Jane and Charles Cloutier, Delores and Lloyd Schinker, Virginia and Jack "Doc" Lutz Sr., Mary Louise and Lowell Peacock, Janette and John Chordash Jr., and Nancy and Donald Hunter; a nephew, Robert Pudvan Jr., and nieces, Patricia Cloutier, Jacqueline "Jackie" Weiher, Denise Stokes and Mary Alice Lutz.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to the staff of The Brook Retirement Community in Boyne City and McLaren Hospice of Petoskey staff for their kindness, caring, and support.

Per James's wishes there will be no funeral or memorial service. He will be interred next to Carolyn at Harbor Springs Lakeside Cemetery. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions in his memory to McLaren Hospice of Petoskey or the hospice organization of your choice.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at [www.gaylordfuneralhome.com/obituaries/james-cloutier](http://www.gaylordfuneralhome.com/obituaries/james-cloutier)



### Everett Lorton Combest, Jr., 59

**March 14, 1965 - Jan. 26, 2025**  
**EAST JORDAN**

Everett Combest Jr. of East Jordan died unexpectedly but peacefully on Sunday January 26, 2025.

Everett was born on March 14, 1965 in Petoskey, the only son of Everett Combest Sr. and Yvonne (McWatters) Combest. He grew up in East Jordan, MI

and also attended school in Florida part time as his parents were snow birds. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1983. He attended DeVry University in Illinois.

Everett worked at DME in Charlevoix for many years. He owned a pet store called "The Lucky Guppy." He has owned many pets throughout his life including his dogs Dolby, Bailee Blue, Rosie and Chase. He became a certified Audio Technician and had his own recording studio as Everett was passionate about music. Anyone who knew Everett knows he loves Rock n Roll and was the drummer for "Bad Dog Bites" and "Natural Reaction." He also loved bass guitar as well.

Everett spent time traveling with his family visiting many states while growing up. Everett loved football, he played in school, watched his son play, and never missed a Lions game. He loved the outdoors from camping with family, going to Camp Jeep, and going down the Jordan river. He loved to create, draw, and build.

He will be remembered as a great father, friend, and a fun loving man who always loved to make people smile and laugh. Everett is preceded in death by his parents Everett Combest Sr. and Yvonne (McWatters) Combest, and sisters Jean Lent and Beatrice "Bea" Russell. He is survived by his children Breanna Combest and Casey Combest, his sisters Ruth Crain, Linda Merrill, and Marilyn Williams, uncles, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and many other family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at Lighthouse Missionary Church on Friday March 14, 2025 at 11:00am and a Celebration of Life held at the Jordan Inn afterwards.



### Charles "Chuck" F. Haney, 77

**Nov. 30, 1947 - Feb. 2, 2025**  
**EAST JORDAN**

Charles Francis Haney of East Jordan passed away peacefully in the early morning of February 2, 2025.

Chuck was born November 30, 1947, in Charlevoix, the son of Leslie and

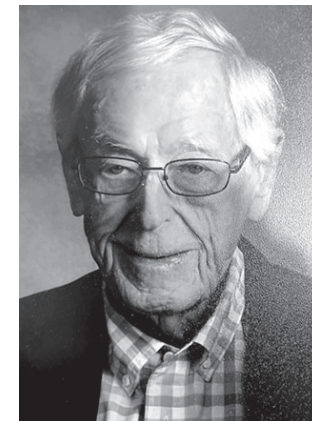
Delores Haney (Kotalik). Chuck was drafted into the Vietnam War where he served in the 6th of the 31st attached division near Saigon from April Fool's Day 1968 to April Fool's Day 1969.

When he returned from the war, Chuck met Cathrynne Kraemer and they were married on September 12, 1970. Chuck and Cathi had two children, Charles Haney, Jr. (East Jordan) and Cindy (Troy) Thomas (East Jordan) and four grandchildren, Abby Haney, Anna Haney, Sawyer Thomas, and Ethan Thomas.

In 2011 Chuck retired from East Jordan Iron Works after 41 years, his final years having been spent in the hydrant and valve division. He loved spending time at the family shack where he enjoyed gardening, camp fires with family and friends, cutting firewood, hunting, and cookouts. Most of all Chuck loved spending time with his grandchildren and dogs, appreciating wildlife, and cooking.

Chuck is preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife of 54 years, his children and grandchildren, and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 on Saturday, February 8, at the American Legion in East Jordan.



### Walter D. Coyle, 88

**Oct. 4, 1936 - Jan. 31, 2025**  
**BOYNE CITY**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Walter D. "Walt" Coyle on January 31, 2025. Born October 4, 1936 in Flint, to Walter J. Coyle of Okmulgee, OK and D. Marie Brauner of Flint.

Walt is survived by his wife of 38 years Susan (Lampke) of Muncie, IN; four children, Walter Kelly of Bonita Springs, FL, Gina Marie of Waltham, MA, Andrew Daniel of Bonita Springs, FL and James Matthew of Palo Alto, CA. Walter has two surviving grandchildren, Emmett J. Coyle of Bonita Springs, FL, H. Walter Watkins of Couer d'Alene, ID. Stepsons, Richard Benson of Anderson, IN, Rob (Amy) Benson of Naperville, IL. Step-grandchildren, Dylan (Abbie) Benson of Charleston, IL, Olivia Benson of Chicago, IL, Charles

Benson of Lexington, KY and step-great-granddaughter Willow Benson. Walter was preceded in death by his three younger siblings, Catherine Ann, Michael D. and Patrick T. Coyle. Walter has two surviving sisters-in-law, Marianne Coyle, Jeffersonville, IN and Sandy Coyle, Louisville, KY; as well as multiple nieces and nephews in Arizona, Indiana and Kentucky.

In October 1945 Walter's parents moved their young family to New Albany, IN where his father had purchased a Chevrolet dealership then known as New Albany Motor Company, and currently known as Coyle Chevrolet, Inc., and is owned and operated today by two of Walt's nephews. Prior to his family moving to Southern IN, Walt, as a young child, lived in nine different towns in three States, as his father was transferred to new positions within The Chevrolet Corporation. Walt literally grew up in the automobile industry, and held positions in the dealership as office manager, service manager and was General Manager until he left the Chevrolet dealership at the end of 1967. Walt, having grown up in the car industry, noticed an emerging niche for smaller more fuel-efficient vehicles which lead him in the beginning of 1968 to purchase a Volkswagen dealership in Marion, IN. Walter again noticed an underserved and emerging shift in the industry toward luxury cars and added Mercedes-Benz in 1970 and Porsche and Audi in 1972. Walter sold his dealership and retired from the automobile business in 1986 when he was approached by an acquaintance that was an Oldsmobile dealer in Kokomo, IN, with an offer to purchase Walt's dealership with its desirable product lines.

Upon retiring from the retail auto business, he moved full-time to his "happy place" in Boyne City. Walter soon became restless in retirement and began selling real estate, becoming an established agent with John Buick Real Estate and later with Mark Kowalske Real Estate. Simultaneously, Walt was asked to serve on the Boyne City Tax Appeal Board of Review. To thoroughly understand "Property Record Cards" Walt enrolled in the State's course on property assessment and became a Level 11 State Certified Assessor. With this certification in hand, Evangeline and Melrose Townships hired Walt to be their Assessor and he held this position for several years. Once again, Walter noticed an underserved market and

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## Native Seed Sowing Workshop, February 8

Our popular Native Winter Seed-Sowing Workshop with CAKE CISMA is back!

Join us to explore some of our favorite native pollinator plants, learn why they're essential, and discover the wildlife they support. You'll also get hands-on experience starting seedlings that you can transplant into your home garden this spring.

Some seeds require a temperature change to trigger the end of a dormancy (or sleep) period; a process called stratification. Many native wildflower seeds have this built-in dormancy mechanism that protects them from germinating before killing frosts or in drought. One of the easiest ways to cold stratify seeds is to let nature do the work, either by planting seeds in the fall outdoors or starting them in a container during the winter.

In this workshop, you'll learn everything you need to successfully start native wildflower seeds and enjoy a brief presentation on gardening for wildlife.

Space is limited, please register in advance!

Call our office at (231) 533-8363 x7 or register on the CAKE CISMA website: <https://www.cakecisma.org/event-details/winter-seed-sowing-workshop-antrim-2>

**Saturday, February 8,  
10am – Noon**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Antrim Conservation District**  
**4820 Stover Road,**  
**Bellaire, MI 49615 (our office)**  
**RSVP REQUIRED**

**Provided:** various native wildflowers, soil, and milk jugs, gloves, and UV-resistant markers, instructions on how to seed sow at home and what to do in the spring with your seedling transplants

**What to Bring:**

- Please bring extra milk jugs if you'd like to make multiple containers.
- Wear warm clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Our community room is sometimes cold in the winter.

**What to expect:**

- No cost to attend, though donations are always appreciated
- Light refreshments provided
- Must be 18+ or older to participate or bring a parent/guardian with you
- If anyone in your party requires special accommodations, such as an interpreter or assistance with uneven terrain, please contact CAKE CISMA before the event to discuss arrangements.

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- A lunch to fuel your learning and networking!

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- Feb 26 – Cheboygan
- March 18 – Petoskey
- April 15 – Elk Rapids

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### VETERAN OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2025

# David Charles Tisron



DAVID CHARLES TISRON

The Veteran of the month for February 2025 is David Charles Tisron. Born April 11, 1951 in Grand Rapids Michigan to parents Sam and Mary Rosel Tisron. He grew up in East Jordan Michigan, and graduated from East Jordan High School in the class of 1969. He then attended Grand Valley State College, now Grand Valley State University, and then North Central Michigan College in Petoskey Michigan. Dave also worked as a Ranger for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and for a short time at Allied Signal Corp in Boyne City Michigan.

On November 13th 1969 in Detroit Michigan, Dave enlisted into the United States Air Force. After completion of basic training, he was sent to Weapons Technician School in 1970, followed by Jungle and Survival training in 1972, then promptly assigned to the 16th Special Operations Squadron as an Aerial Gunner aboard a AC-130 Gunship, stationed at Ubon AFB, Thailand.

On March 30, 1972 while on a night armed reconnaissance mission over Laos, his aircraft Spectre 22, was struck by antiaircraft fire. The pilot informed the crew to exit the aircraft, and "with complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Tisron kept the Aircraft Commander advised of the

onboard fire and aided in the safe and orderly evacuation of the personnel from the cargo compartment". Sergeant Tisron and the Aircraft Commander were the last to exit the aircraft. Parashooting down Dave

fell through trees, causing a severe broken leg. Actuating his emergency radio, his beacon was picked up by surveillance aircraft overhead, and the next day, Good Friday March 31st, was rescued by a Golly

Green Giant and flown back to Ubon AFB.

Recuperating from his injuries would take time, and his return to the United States would find him re-assigned to the 17th Munitions Maintenance Squadron stationed at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

On May 31, 1973, he received an honorable discharge and awarded the: National Defense Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Distinguished Flying Cross; and Purple Heart Medal.

After returning home, he returned to Allied Signal Aero Space Co. in Boyne City. Dave was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7580, and The American Legion Post 227, both in East Jordan. He enjoyed reading, hunting, fishing, and Black Powder guns.

On April 26, 1991, David Charles Tisron answered the final call and is being honored by his daughter Jessica, Son Daniel, and family.

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LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

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# News

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## Ellsworth Community School Annual Spelling Bee Winners Announced!

Ellsworth Community School recently held its annual spelling bee, where students in grades 3-8 first competed at the grade level before the top three from each grade advanced to the school-wide competition. After a challenging final round, the top three spellers emerged victorious and will represent Ellsworth at the Grand Traverse Regional Spelling Bee in March.

**Top 3 Spellers:**  
 1st - Julia Nagy (6th grade)  
 2nd - Carme' Manders (7th grade)  
 Alt. - Mackenzie Harmon (8th grade)

Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and dedication to spelling excellence!



## ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION The Secret to Success? It's Simpler Than You Think!

Dear Readers, this week, I'd like to share Andy Andrews' secret to lasting success. It was so simple, yet so compelling.

Here's the secret, he said: "Smile while you talk."

Andrews explains that there's magic in smiling—that happy people make more money, attract better opportunities, and build stronger relationships.

Why? Because people want to be around happy people. And as if that weren't simple enough, he even suggests adding in a little chuckle!

Can something so small really make a difference?

I'm not sure, but just the thought of smiling more when I talk brings a smile to my face—and instantly, I feel lighter, more joyful, and more confident.

Think about the most magnetic, charismatic people you know. Chances are, they smile a lot. Their energy is uplifting, their presence feels warm and inviting, and you want to be around them.

Smiling not only shifts how others perceive us, but it also affects our own emotions. When we smile, our brain releases dopamine and serotonin, the same feel-good chemicals that reduce stress and boost happiness.

So here's my challenge for you this week:

Try it.  
 • Smile when you answer the phone.



Laura Jasurda

- Smile while you order your coffee.
- Smile when you're talking with a friend.
- Smile even when you don't feel like it—especially when you don't feel like it!

You might be surprised at how people respond differently to you. You may notice that your tone softens, your words flow more easily, and even your confidence grows. Smiling is a small change, but sometimes, the smallest shifts make the biggest impact.

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.

## First Annual Go Bananas! Banana Bread Festival a Sweet Success

PETOSKEY – The first-ever Go Bananas! Banana Bread Festival delighted attendees and judges alike with an impressive display of creativity and culinary talent. With 85 entrants and only three judges, there was plenty of banana bread to taste and evaluate!

The competition saw no limit to creativity, with bakers incorporating unique ingredients such as pecans, walnuts, figs, cranberries, blueberries, and more. Judging this delicious array of banana breads were Chef Sarah McDonnell of Little Bay Gourmet, foodie fanatic Andrea Francis, and Mel-

nie Meengs, General Manager of Bearcub Outfitters.

Each loaf was evaluated on appearance, texture, flavor, creativity, and overall impression, with a total possible score of 50 points. The winners of each category were as follows:  
 □ Amateur Baker: Anastasia Brown of Petoskey achieved the only perfect score of the competition (50/50) with her delectable loaf featuring figs and toasted walnuts. Judges unanimously crowned her the winner.

□ Professional Baker: Alex Petok of Petoskey impressed the judges with a butterscotch banana bread, winning the top prize in the

professional category. Alex also entered a chocolate chip recipe.

□ Gluten-Free Category: Kathleen Schneider of Traverse City took home the prize with her special recipe, which included instant coffee granules, gluten-free flour, pecans, and chocolate chips.

□ Child Baker (Age 14 and Under): Finn Petersen of Petoskey wowed the judges with his "Banana Bonanza Bread" featuring lemon juice, vanilla, and chocolate chips.

Each winner received \$250 in gift certificates to various downtown Petoskey businesses, including PÉcado, Boutique Bois-

son, Glik's Men's Shop, Glik's Women's Shop, Luci & Carl's Candy Cabin, Grandpa Shorter's Gifts, JW Shorter & Son Mercantile, Bearcub Outfitters, and Roast & Toast Coffee Shop.

Additionally, winners were presented with a unique, one-of-a-kind "Top Banana" painting by Jennifer Shorter, artist and CEO of Grandpa Shorter's Gifts.

The first annual Go Bananas! Banana Bread Festival was a resounding success, and organizers are already looking forward to next year's event. To stay updated on future festivals and events, follow Grandpa Shorter's Gifts on Facebook.

## Rep. Fairbairn: Budget transparency is important first step toward restoration of public trust

State Rep. Parker Fairbairn on Wednesday voted to adopt historic reforms to ensure transparency, accountability, and public benefit in all legislatively directed spending initiatives.

"Every dollar spent by state government came from someone's pocket – whether that be a small-business owner in Petoskey, a working mom in Sault Ste. Marie, or some other hard-working taxpayer who calls Michigan home," said Fairbairn, R-Harbor Springs. "This bipartisan action pulls the curtains down on the outrageous spending culture in Lansing. Starting today, every dollar of 'special project' funding requested by a legislator, must be justified to lawmakers and the public alike. We're putting a stop to the unregulated, undisclosed spending that has become far too prevalent in recent years."

House Resolution 14 is aimed at restoring taxpayer trust and ensuring hard-earned dollars are spent wisely. It is just part of House Republicans' renewed focus on fiscal responsibility and government accountability in the 2025-26 legislative session. The resolution passed the House unanimously.

Recent state budgets have included billions of dollars in earmarks. These grants have often lacked transparency, leaving taxpayers in the dark about their purpose and benefit. Several have even been linked to mismanagement and questionable spending.

One glaring example came in 2022, when an ally of Gov. Whitmer secured a \$20 million earmark for a newly created nonprofit. This taxpayer money was misused on personal luxuries, including a \$4,500 coffeemaker, an \$11,000 first-class international

plane ticket, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in excessive salaries and legal fees.

The resolution, approved today, lays out new rules for legislatively directed spending initiatives to prevent similar abuses, including:

- **No earmarks for for-profit businesses.** Direct grants will be limited to public bodies and eligible non-profits.
- **Stricter non-profit eligibility.** Organizations must be established in Michigan for at least three years and maintain a physical office in the state for at least one year.
- **Greater accountability for sponsors.** Each funding request must include detailed information, including the name of the sponsor and co-sponsors, the intended recipient's

name and location, the requested amount, the grant's purpose, an explanation of public benefit, project timeline, and other key details.

- **Conflict-of-interest protections.** Sponsors must certify they have no conflicts of interest with the recipient. Family members and staff of the sponsor cannot serve on the non-profit's board or be employed by the organization.
- **Stronger public oversight.** Funding requests must be submitted to the House Business Office at least 14 days prior to consideration and be made publicly available online by May 1 for 2025 and April 1 in future years.

## Rep. Fairbairn to tackle natural resources, energy, technology, and regulatory reform

State Rep. Parker Fairbairn on Thursday was appointed by Speaker Matt Hall, R-Richland, to serve as Majority Vice-Chair of the Regulatory Reform Committee and as a member of the committees on Natural Resources and Tourism, Communication and Technology, and Energy.

"I am very pleased and honored to have been appointed to what are arguably four of the most important policy committees to the people of the 107th District," said Fairbairn, R-Harbor Springs.

"As vice chair of the Regulatory Reform Committee I look forward to reducing and eliminating unnecessary regulatory policies that hamper the growth of small businesses and our economy. As a member of the Natural Resources and Tourism Committee, I will ensure our state's natural resources are maximized for the benefit of our citizens. I also don't believe that there is anywhere in the state where issues around technology and energy are more relevant than Northern Michigan and the U.P."

Fairbairn is a fifth-generation resident of north-west Michigan and comes from a family who owns a small business that has been in operation for more than a century. He said he feels very deeply about the need to ensure that Northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula communities have more input and influence crafting and reforming state laws and policies that have significant, and even disproportionate, impact on the district's residents and economy.

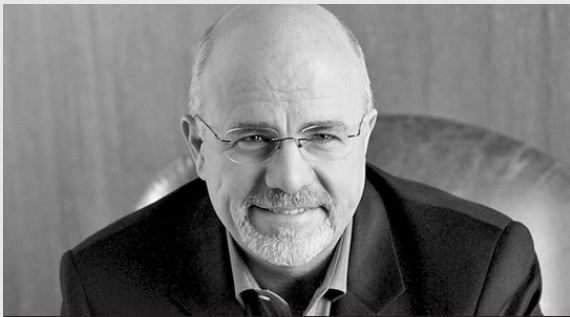
The first-term lawmaker was first elected to the 107th House District in 2024.

His district includes the counties of Charlevoix and Emmet and a portion of Cheboygan including the township of Mackinaw; portions of Chippewa including the townships of Bruce, Detour, Drummond, Pickford, Raber, Soo, and Sugar Island; and portions of Mackinac including the townships of Bois Blanc, Brevort, Clark, Marquette, Moran, and St. Ignace as well as the cities of Harbor Springs, Mackinac Island, Petoskey, Sault Ste Marie, and St. Ignace.

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## DAVE Says...

By Dave Ramsey

### She'll Be Just Fine

Dear Dave,  
My mom is 76, and the only debt she has is about \$60,000 left on her mortgage. She has \$600,000 in retirement accounts, plus a long-term care insurance policy. But she has just \$25,000 in a money market account with check-writing privileges for everyday bills and purchases. To be honest, this worries me. She has always lived within her means, so am I wrong to be concerned? She has also been talking about paying off her mortgage, and I'm not sure how I feel about that, either. I'd love your opinion.

– Kelly

Dear Kelly,  
You sound surprised that she'd still be in the stock market at her age. In my mind, that's not a bad thing at all. It might not be what the typical financial planner would tell you to do, because for the most part they'll try to get you to be super-conservative with your money as you get older. But from the way you've described things, it sounds like she's not planning on using this money, but using the income from the money. If that's the case, she won't whittle it all down to nothing. So, if she's in good mutual funds—not single stocks—I think she'll be just fine.

Now, let's talk about the mortgage. I would absolutely recommend she go ahead a pay it off. If she can do that at age 76 and still have \$540,000 left, that's the way to go. Let's pay off the house, and then she can start taking her income off a percentage of the remainder. She won't need much with the house payment out of the way, because she won't be sending money to the bank to pay the anymore.

– Dave

Dear Dave,  
My wife and I have been talking about paying off our mortgage in the next two or three years.  
Do you think we should make this happen by paying extra toward the house, or invest that money on top of the 15% we're putting into retirement?

– March

Dear March,  
If I were in your shoes, I'd pay extra on the house. On the other hand, you're not really doing a bad thing by putting the extra cash it into retirement, either.  
But here's the deal. No matter how well you plan, you never know exactly what will happen over the upcoming years of your life—or the life of your investments.

You might think you know. You may even believe you've taken every possibility into account.  
The hard, cold truth, though, is even the best and smartest plans don't always work out the way we think they will—or the way we want them to.  
And if something unplanned or unforeseen happens, it sure would be a nice thing to own your home free and clear, wouldn't it?

—Dave

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

### Dinner in the Dark with the East Jordan Lions Club

The East Jordan Lions Club is offering a unique dining experience to Dine in the Dark to raise funds to support Leader Dogs and Eversight for the visually impaired.

Dinner guests will be blindfolded and guided during the dinner by a sighted person at each table.

The Dinner will be served at the Boathouse, 204 Water Street, East Jor-

dan on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner served at 6pm. Tickets are \$40.00 per person; \$75.00 per couple. All proceeds will go to support Lions International Leader Dogs for the Blind and Eversight for the visually impaired. For tickets or more information please call 231-536-0837 or email: skpursel@yahoo.com

#### COMMUNITY LEADER

## MARY KURTZ

### HELPING PEOPLE LESS FORTUNATE

BY JOHN KEYSER

I promised Mary this article would not be about her, it would be about the worthy causes in our community which are so important to her and would be encouraging all of us here to help others who are less fortunate.

Just briefly, Mary grew up here. In fact, her parents fell in love during high school right here in Charlevoix. Mary herself went to our Mennonite School for a number of years, then was home schooled, then on to North Central Michigan College in Petoskey while also working at Charlevoix State Bank, and next attending Davenport University online to major in accounting and finance.

Mary mentioned that she was very appreciative while she was at the bank of Mike Hinkle's leadership. His example meant a lot to her.

Mary's husband, Luther, founded Skydive Charlevoix, which has expanded to sky diving locations literally around the country. Mary is its Chief Financial Officer.

Just a few of the causes worthy which mean so much to Mary are:

- Charlevoix Community



THE KURTZ FAMILY

Christmas Project – which for years has ensured that children in need wake up on Christmas morning with Christmas gifts

□ Charlevoix Food Pantry – weekly food for a great many in need in our community

□ Safe Haven – free breakfasts several times a week, providing hot meals and social gatherings at the County Center

□ Rayder Den – offering food and personal products

for our high school students Mary helps our football program golf outing to raise funds (Don Jess, our coach, is her son's Landon's God Father), our Rotary Charlevoix, which is a gem and is an important community contributor, Charlevoix Hospital, Circle of the Arts, and numerous other causes which help improve the lives of our people and community.

Mary is very aware that there are many here

who are hard-working and are hungry at night. Let's follow her lead. Actually, a wish of hers is that our summer residents, including Chicago and Belvedere Club members, support more of our worthy causes. If they learn more, very likely they will.

Mary and her family, are very special community leaders, fine examples and role models for us!

#### 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 the 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 with her parents, Mindy and Bill Joy, and her brother, Ryan. She attended St. Mary School and then moved to our public school. As a youngster, she was involved in many sports and extracurriculars and she was always helping out, at that time particularly at St. Mary where her mom, Mindy works. She grew more in her faith and was encouraged to spend her time volunteering and helping others by the influence of all of her family members and COUNTLESS of others!

Actually, her entire family are great influencers. Her Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Parents and many cousins are all active volunteers, helping in our community, be it Community Thanksgiving dinners, church activities, events and fundraisers for Nonprofits and so much more! Our Community and our people are of utmost importance to Annie.

She juggles many jobs, she is an administrative assistant at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan, really assisting with whatever is needed, including their website, helping teach faith formation and helping with Vacation Bible School. She also works for



ANNIE JOY

Grey Gables Catering and helped get the Varsity Golf Team started at Boyne Falls Public School.

Every individual has their own motivation for volunteering. It's not merely a way to occupy time; rather, it's driven by a genuine passion for a particular cause or a desire to assist others. Annie, in particular, is deeply committed to helping those in need. She volunteers for different non-profits in East Jordan because of what they stand for and how they help Community Members.

She is the Secretary Board Member of The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center. The Depot is a faith-based, non-profit organization that provides Teens in East Jordan and throughout the Jordan Valley a

“Safe Place to BE” where their needs will be met through Christ-like love. The Depot's goal is to help our Teens become connected, responsible, confident, equipped, and prepared young adults. Annie calls herself very lucky to be able to help make a difference in these kids' lives and to be there to support them in any way she can.

She is also a committee member of the Helping Hearts of EJ which is a non-profit that provides funds for East Jordan Community Members for transportation for cancer patients attending treatments. Cancer has touched everyone's lives in some way, whether you are experiencing it yourself or supporting a friend, family member, or Community member. No

one should face this journey alone; we can all come together to support one another and that is exactly what the Ladies of Helping Hearts do.

I was struck with Annie's enthusiasm when she spoke about how she joins with some of the leaders of the Churches in East Jordan and 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 all realize that the churches together are a lot more effective than churches on their own. Arches to that!

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

“A few things I want to encourage each of you to consider. I encourage you to smile as often as possible and engage with those around you. Always Choose to be kind; a small act of kindness can make a significant difference in our world. I urge each of you to dedicate a little of your time and skills to a local nonprofit or to anyone who might need some extra assistance. While it may seem like a significant commitment, the rewards of giving back will heal you in ways you never thought possible. Just remember that a helping hand can be a ray of sunshine in a cloudy world. And most importantly, share the Good News of Our Savior, as He is the reason we can accomplish everything we do.”

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## CROOKED TREE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

at the CTAC Theater, where outstanding students and their works will be recognized and celebrated. Save the date and join us in honoring Northern Michigan's next generation of creative voices.

### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### 23rd Annual Young Writers Exposition

CTAC invites area teachers, including homeschool educators, to submit student writing (K-12) during the submission period, January 14 – March 14, 2025.

For the first time, submissions in all writing genres are welcome—poetry, prose, academic essays, screenplays, historical essays, and more. Submissions are open to students from schools served by Char-Em ISD or homeschooled students in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Winners will receive McLean & Eakin Booksellers gift cards and publication in the Petoskey News-Review's digital edition. Additional prizes will be awarded by grade. New for 2025, the "Finding Your Voice, Stories Told" award will recognize one middle school and one high

**Young Writers Exposition Submission Period:**  
January 14 – March 14, 2025

**Youth Arts Scholarship Submission Period:**  
January 20 – March 14, 2025

**Annual Youth Art Show Display:**  
March 11 – April 26, 2025

**Opening Reception:**  
Saturday, March 15, 2025, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Youth Arts Awards Ceremony:**  
Thursday, April 17, 2025, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

school student, who will have the opportunity to "guest direct" their writing with Little Traverse Civic Theatre actors during the SPRight Showcase at the CTAC Theater on May 10, 2025.

#### Youth Arts Scholarships

CTAC will award two \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors pursuing studies in the arts, including visual arts, performing arts, theater, dance, and music. Scholarships are open to students in Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau counties. Applications will be accepted from January 20 – March 14, 2025. These scholarships are funded by generous community contributions. Full eligibility and application details can be found at [crookedtree.org/scholarships2025](http://crookedtree.org/scholarships2025).

#### Annual Youth Art Show

This much-loved exhibit, featuring artwork by K-12 students from Char-Em ISD schools and homeschooled students, will be on display from March 11 – April 26, 2025 in the Gilbert and Bonfield galleries at CTAC. All CTAC exhibitions are free to view and open to the public during hours of operation (Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm).

The Opening Reception will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, offering the public a chance to view the exhibit and celebrate student creativity with punch and cookies.

#### Youth Arts Awards Ceremony

The festival culminates in the Youth Arts Awards Ceremony, held at the CTAC Theater on

Thursday, April 17, 2025, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Students will be honored with awards recognizing excellence in art, writing, and dance.

Award highlights include:

- University of Michigan Award
- Good Hart Artist Residency Awards
- Portrait Society of America Outstanding Portrait Award
- Tip of the Mitt Watershed Award
- Certificates of Recognition from Kendall College of Art and Design
- People's Choice Award
- Harriett Lee Hicklen Memorial Scholarship for Dance
- And many more!

#### Celebrate and Support Youth Creativity

The Youth Arts Festival embodies CTAC's mission to create ways for people to connect, learn, and grow through the arts. Through scholarships, awards, and exhibitions, CTAC is proud to nurture the creative aspirations of our region's youth. Join us to celebrate their achievements and inspire future generations.

For details, visit [crookedtree.org](http://crookedtree.org) or call (231) 347-4337.

## LEADERSHIP

# Leaders Listen Intentionally

BY JOHN KEYSER



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 leader (hopefully whom they consider a leader).

The most frequent responses are that they want their leader 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", with an open mind, not with our eyes on our smart phones and not multi-tasking. We must focus with purpose, 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 float 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.

We must focus 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.

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 notes during the conversations. It helps us remember and most important, it honors the other person.

My other suggestion, really urging, is to ask our team members about their work, and how we might help, and for their ideas.

- Perfect practice makes perfect!
- What gets measured gets improved!
- Conversations are the work of a leader!

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix. John had a leadership consulting and coaching practice, Common Sense Leadership and helped leaders in the corporate, non-profit, and religious fields. Kerry is teaches Living Our Faith at St. Mary School and is also the Director of the Encounter School of Ministry, Charlevoix Campus.

## MEETING

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Mariuz commented that any property which is a land bank is immediately qualified for a brownfield incentive. Christiansen added that if a brownfield were to be established, it would be limited to Boyne City limits. He later added that these are tools at the city's disposal. Christiansen said, "At the end of the day, we all need a developer to come in."

Christiansen pointed out that the definition of blight and the need for water and sewage for these properties were also a concern. A possible remedy mentioned included incentives for infrastructure and the city repaying itself for investment through the plan or a shared cost scenario.

Commissioner Moody expressed concerns that such a plan would be a

drain on limited city resources, staff, and taxpayers since existing plans exist. There was discussion between Mayor Nemecek and Commissioner Christiansen about infrastructure and growth concerns which might hinder such an agreement, but the possibility of collaboration between the city and the county was heavily discussed. Mariuz proposed the revolving fund as an important aspect of a TIF agreement and stated that if Boyne had its own BRA, it could entice grant money from EGLE. Mariuz will be sending successful examples of BRA agreements to the city.

Commissioners discussed whether it was necessary to recount residents in the city to fulfill requirements by the DDA. An earlier count totaled 272 residents, but in a door-to-door count by Board Commissioner Marty Moody,

totalled only 187 residents. The board held that they had a rational for coming up with that sum and were advised by the City Attorney to be in accordance with the counting measure in place.

Two new members were approved for the Boyne City Main Street Board. Chris Christiansen and Samantha Geiersbach were recommended by Mayor Tom Nemecek, who met with all applicants.

Commissioners unanimously approved measures to build new public access stairways for the city at John Street and Bay Street. The Board also approved a scoreboard at the Waterfront Field of Dreams. Each project carries a price tag of \$10,000.

The Board discussed updating language to amend a Zoning Ordinance to include Childcare Centers and Day Care Centers in

the language. Childcare is an urgent need across Michigan and in Boyne City. The previous language only allowed childcare units to be in commercial areas. The new language would allow childcare businesses in residential areas. A couple proposed a center for 50 children and requested a change to the current Zoning Ordinance. The item was discussed and will have a second reading at the upcoming board meeting on March 11, 2025.

Two new police officers were awarded badges at the start of the meeting.

To conclude the meeting, Jacob Duncan, the city deputy treasurer debuted a new website for the city, which goes live this month. The new page features a new smart search bar, detailed content about the city, a citizen reports page, and will be hosted at: [www.boynecity.gov](http://www.boynecity.gov).

## PET OF THE WEEK

# 'JETHRO'



This darling lab mix is Jethro. Jethro is one of those cases that really make you wonder what they've been through. When Jethro came to us as a stray, it appeared he had been on his own for quite some time. He had severe allergies resulting in massive hair on his back end as well as swelling and lots of scar tissue on his ears. His nails were so long they were beginning to curl under his feet, to say this guy was a hot mess would be an understatement. We immediately got him in to our vet and on some medications and he is on the road to recovery. He is on a fish based diet due to his allergies and we are also giving him wet food to help him get to a healthy weight as he is still very under weight. Despite it all, Jethro is as loving as they come. His big brown eyes stare deeply in to your heart and he is impossible to not fall in love with. Jethro walks amazingly on a leash and we even believe he is house trained. He doesn't seem bothered by the other dogs and would likely due well with cats. After everything he has been through, this boy is more than deserving of a loving home to his call his own, could that be with you??



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## OBITUARIES

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became a State Certified Appraiser and started Char-Em Appraisal Service in Boyne City in 1992 and retired from the appraisal business in 2018.

During his careers, Walt was involved with and participated on many Boards, Commission's and Activities throughout his life. To name a few, he was a Board Member of 4Front Credit Union, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Northwest Michigan & Boyne City Board of Review, Boyne City Planning Commission and Chairman. He also served on the Chamber of Commerce Board and as a President in Marion, IN. Additionally, he served on the Grant County, IN United Way Fund Raising Campaign Board and as President in Marion, IN.

Walter was educated at Holy Trinity School in New Albany, IN and Saint Xavier High School in Louisville, KY and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Bellerme University in Louisville, KY.

As Walt approached a more flexible work schedule in later life, he and his wife Susan began spending more of their winter months in Southwest Florida at their condo in Pelican Sound Golf & River Club in Estero, FL. Walt was a lifelong boater having built his first sailboat from a mail order kit as a young child. His love of boating, both sail and power, re-

mained a passion right up to the end of his life. His sailing and boating time underway included the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean's, the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico and The Great Lakes. He held a Private Pilot's License and U.S. Coast Guard Master License. He was also an avid snow skier. Walt was also a "car freak," having started driving hill climb competitions at an early age on Mt. Arie, French Lick, IN and the Kentucky Region of the SCCA. Walt always enjoyed driving fast!

As a father, he instilled in his children through his business life, his love of sailing and the "Up North" lifestyle, an appreciation for the outdoors, with a zest for new adventures, with the addition of his emphasis on detail, integrity, confidence and discipline. His grandsons also share Walt's sense of outdoor adventure.

Walter was an ardent believer and supporter of Catholic education and requested that memorial donations be directed to Saint Xavier High School in Louisville, KY and/or Saint Michael's Academy in Petoskey.

A funeral mass officiated by Father Dennis Stilwell will be on May 30, 2025, at 11:00 AM at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City, MI. A visitation will begin at 10:00 AM.

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## 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.

## CHARLEVOIX MT. McSAUBA CANDLELIT STORY WALK

Friday, February 7, 5-8pm. Join the Charlevoix Public 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.

## BELLAIRE NATIVE SEED SOWING WORKSHOP

Join us at the Antrim Conservation District, 4820 Stover Rd. for a hands-on winter seed-sowing workshop. Learn the magic of gardening for wildlife and discover how to grow beautiful native plants from seed. Spaces are limited. Feb 8 at 10AM - Noon. Registration is free but required to attend this event. 231-533-8363

## 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](http://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 Thompson Pickleball), and Jennifer Dowker (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.waterfront-fieldofdreams.com](http://www.waterfront-fieldofdreams.com). So mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22 and come join us at the Boyne City Winter Festival.

## EAST JORDAN DINNER IN THE DARK

The East Jordan Lions Club is offering a unique dining experience to Dine in the Dark to raise funds to support Leader Dogs and Eversight for the visually impaired. Dinner guests will be blindfolded and guided during the dinner by a sighted person at each table. The Dinner will be served at the Boathouse, 204 Water St. on Saturday, February 22. Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner served at 6pm. Tickets are \$40 per person; \$75 per couple. All proceeds will go to support Lions International Leader

Dogs for the Blind and Eversight for the visually impaired. For tickets or more information please call 231-536-0837 or email [skpursel@yahoo.com](mailto:skpursel@yahoo.com)

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## 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!

## PETOSKEY NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOME AND OUTDOOR LIVING SHOW MARCH 14 AND 15

Visit with more than 50 vendors at the 47th Annual Northern Michigan Home and Outdoor Living Show on March 14 and 15 at North Central Michigan College, Petoskey. Show hours are Friday from 11 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Meet with home improvement companies and contractors specializing in kitchen and bath renovation, decks, windows and doors, roofing, design, flooring and all related home services such as financing and insurance. More info at [www.homeshowupnorth.com](http://www.homeshowupnorth.com).

## 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.

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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.

## EAST JORDAN VETERAN SOCIAL & LUNCH

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.

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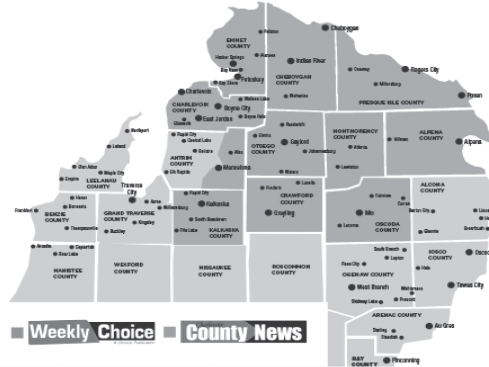
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# athletes of the week



**Korbyn Russell**  
East Jordan Red Devils  
Boys Basketball

In a 77-54 win over Mancelona last week, Korbyn had a big game for the Red Devils, getting 18 points, seven rebounds and four steals.

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**June Kirkpatrick**  
East Jordan Red Devils  
Girls Basketball

The Red Devils are on a roll winning two more games last week against Central Lake and Bellaire. In the win over Central Lake June had 34 points. She scored 20 points against Bellaire.

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### GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Ellsworth Girls winning streak reaches 7 games

BY BOB DELONG

The Ellsworth girls' varsity basketball team is on a roll.

Not only did the Lady Lancers win their sixth and seventh games in a row last week, they clinched first place in the Northern Lakes Conference West Division title. Ellsworth hosted both Harbor Light NMC and Mackinaw City last week and they took care of business with a 51-31 win over the Swordsmen and a decisive 49-26 victory over the Comets.

The win over the Comets was the first for Ellsworth in more than 2,900 days, (or eight years, with the last Lancer victory coming in February of 2017), and puts an end to Mackinaw City's long league dominance.

Ellsworth, (10-3 overall and 8-0 in the Northern

Lakes Conference West Division), will play the East Division winner Burt Lake NMC, (12-4 overall and 9-1 in the league), for the conference championship later this week.

The Lancers won a regular season battle with the Eagles earlier this year by a 46-36 score.

Against Harbor Light, Ellsworth jumped out to a 20-5 first quarter lead and cruised home to the 20-point victory. Hannah Essenberg led the way with 16 points, Ruby Pletcher scored 14 points, Kerri DeYoung was also in double figures with 10 points, Nora Puroll had five points, Bella Essenberg added four and Kyle Fuller added a two-point basket.

Last Thursday, the Lancers almost doubled up Mackinaw City with an impressive 23-point victory. Bella Essenberg led the way with 17 points, Hannah Essenberg had 11, DeYoung scored nine points, Puroll had eight and both Maddie Nagy and Sammy Pallman each scored two points.

This week Ellsworth will travel to Alba to take on the Wildcats and Thursday they will take on the Eagles in that cross over game for the Northern Lakes Conference Championship.

With a pair of victories, the Lancers, will match last years win total of a dozen games, (12-9 last season), with three weeks to play in the regular season plus the MHSAA playoffs.



Hannah Essenberg pops a short jumper.  
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Ruby Pletcher takes the ball toward a lay-up.  
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Bella Essenberg gets around a Harbor Light defender.  
In Motion Images

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Boyne girls bounce back, claim win at Kalkaska

BY BEN MURPHY

After dropping a game to Harbor Springs three days earlier, the Boyne City girls basketball team was able to bounce back in Kalkaska on Friday. The Lady Ramblers dominated the game with the Lady Blazers, earning a 58-16 victory.

"Girls came back in a big way against Kalkaska," head coach Mike Wilson said. "They had fun and competed, not allowing Kalkaska to get much going. Kalkaska is a well coached team and work hard."

Boyne raced to a 26-2 lead after the first quarter and had the game well in hand by the half with a 38-3 advantage. They were also in front 49-8 entering the fourth.

The Ramblers had eight different players score in the game, led by Addy Burns with 19 points.

Braydin Noble put in 12 points and Sidney Bush was able to net six points.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, Boyne lost a home Northern Shores Conference game with 10th raked Harbor Springs, 55-29.

"Cold shooting and getting down in the score against a hot Harbor Springs team was too much



Braydin Noble

for us to make up," Wilson said. "Credit to Harbor as they seized the opportunity to pull away."



Sidney Bush

The Ramblers were only down 6-5 after the first quarter, and were still in the game after two, trailing 22-14 at the half.

They struggled in the third though, and were tagged with a 41-20 hole entering the fourth.

"The girls played a solid first half, but their shots just weren't landing," Wilson said.

Burns was able to lead the Ramblers in this one with 12 points, while Elly Wilcox chipped in with seven points.

Boyne (8-6 overall, 5-3 Northern Shores) was scheduled to play at home with Kingsley on Tuesday, makes the trip to rival Charlevoix on Friday and will head for Grayling on Monday.

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS HOCKEY 2/3/25

#### Big North Conference

Team	W-L-Tie (Conference)	W-L-Tie (Overall)
Alpena	7-1-0	14-8-0
Petoskey	5-2-0	12-7-0
Traverse City West	5-2-0	10-12-0
Traverse City Central	4-3-0	9-12-0
Cadillac	2-8-0	7-15-0
Gaylord	0-9-0	1-19-0



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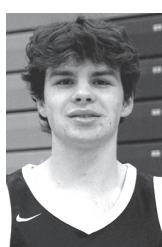
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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Charlevoix boys up another league win

BY BEN MURPHY

Not all wins are a thing of beauty. That's how Charlevoix felt about their boys basketball victory at



Joe Gaffney

Kingsley on Thursday, Jan. 30, a Northern Shores Conference contest they won on a score of 50-36.

Considering the alternative though, they'll certainly be happy with the win.

"It wasn't the prettiest game in the world but we'll take it," head coach Anthony Troshak said.

"We had a good second quarter, got stops, moved the ball well, and got some easy buckets. We were a little flat in the third quarter, especially on defense. Give credit to Kingsley, they play hard, and never gave up."

The Rayders held a

slim 9-7 lead after the after the first quarter. The key second frame saw Charlevoix get things done defensively, holding the Stats to just three points. Their offense catching fire as well allowed them to take a 28-10 lead into the half. Their lead was trimmed some in the third, but they still held a double digit advantage entering the fourth, 50-36.

The Rayders were led by Joe Gaffney with 19 points, Vitale Collins had 13 points and three assists and Jackson Crouse was able to add eight points and he hit the glass well to get 10 rebounds.

The Stags saw Tucker Dreves get 13 points and Kole Osborn netted nine.

Charlevoix (10-4 overall, 6-2 Northern Shores) hosted Kalkaska on Tuesday, played at Grayling on Wednesday, hosts Boyne City on Friday and will make the trip to East Jordan on Monday.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Boyne City boys nab double digit win over Kalkaska

BY BEN MURPHY

The Boyne City boys basketball team welcomed in Kalkaska on Thursday, Jan. 30. The Ramblers were able to pick up a Northern Shores Conference victory, out-



Jaden Alger

lasting the Blazers for a final score of 48-36.

They were ahead

just 12-11 after the first quarter, and it was still a small 21-17 lead at the half.

Boyne pushed that gap to 36-23 entering the fourth and kept the Blazers at arms-length the rest of the night

The Ramblers were led by Jaden Alger with 12

points and eight rebounds, Luke VanZee added nine points and Ben Stanek chipped in with eight points.

Boyne was unable to get a road league win at Harbor Springs on Tuesday, Jan. 28. They lost this Northern Shores Conference game, 63-36.

The Rams took a 15-9 lead after the opening quarter, and at the half led 26-14. They also had 15-11 and 22-11 scoring edges in the third and fourth quarters.

The Ramblers were able to get 12 points from Alger and Stanek netted eight.

Boyne (8-7 overall, 7-3 Northern Shores) was at Kingsley on Tuesday, will travel to Charlevoix on Friday and they'll host Sault Ste. Marie on Monday.

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS BOYS BASKETBALL

2/3/25

### Big North Conference

Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Cadillac	6-1	11-4
Traverse City West	4-1	13-2
Traverse City Central	3-2	9-4
Gaylord	2-4	5-7
Petoskey	1-4	8-8
Alpena	1-5	4-10

### Northern Lakes Conference West Division

Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Harbor Springs Harbor		
Light Christian	4-0	13-2
Ellsworth	2-2	8-7
Boyne Falls	0-4	0-12

### Northern Lakes Conference East Division

Burt Lake Northern		
Michigan Christian	5-1	11-4
Alanson	4-1	8-5
Mackinaw City	2-3	7-8
Wolverine	0-6	2-11

### North Star League-Big Dipper

Alcona	5-0	12-2
Oscoda	4-1	9-6
Rogers City	3-2	10-5
St Helen Charlton		
Heston Academy	2-3	11-3
Tawas	1-4	4-8
Whittemore-Prescott	0-5	1-13

### North Star League-Little Dipper

Hillman	7-1	11-5
Mio	5-2	9-5
Fairview	4-2	6-9
Au Gres-Sims	3-3	6-6
Posen	3-5	4-11
Hale	2-5	3-10
Atlanta	0-6	0-12

### Northern Shores Conference

Elk Rapids	8-1	12-4
Harbor Springs	7-2	12-3
Charlevoix	6-2	10-4
Boyne City	7-3	8-7
Cheboygan	5-4	10-4
Grayling	2-7	7-7
Kalkaska	1-7	5-9
Kingsley	0-10	0-15

### Ski Valley Conference

East Jordan	11-2	12-3
Bellaire	11-2	13-4
Mancelona	9-3	9-7
Gaylord St Mary	8-3	8-4
Indian River Inland Lakes	6-5	6-7
Onaway	4-7	4-10
Central Lake	4-8	4-12
Fife Lake Forest Area	2-9	3-11
Pellston	2-9	3-11
Johannesburg-Lewiston	1-10	1-13

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Ellsworth splits a pair of conference games

Lancers lose to Harbor Light 69-43 and beat Mackinaw City 57-37

BY BOB DELONG

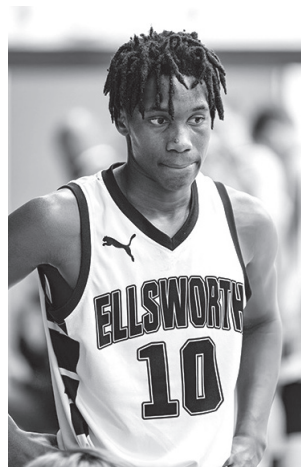
The Ellsworth boys' varsity basketball team split a pair of league games last week. Last Wednesday the Lancers hosted and lost 69-43 to league leading Harbor Light NMC, (12-2), and two days later they were able to rebound to beat Mackinaw City, (7-8), 57-37 on their home floor.

Against the Swordsmen, the Lancers just could not quite match the firepower of Harbor Light and Ellsworth suffered their largest point differential of the year in the 26-point setback.

The Lancers did have three player sin double figures, as Ezra Wallis scored 13 points; Cam Snyder had a nice double double with 11 points and 11 rebounds and Evincio LaCount scored 10 points, added four assists and swiped three steals on the night. Ben Strange added three points and four boards; Billy Hopp had a three pointer, Josiah Chellis had a two-point basket and Jakob Paehler added a free throw to complete the scoring.

Both the Comets and the Lancers had players missing due to illness this past Friday, however, Ellsworth got the win over Mackinaw City by a comfortable 20 points, 57-37.

Snyder had his high points game of the year for Ellsworth with 16 and he gathered nine rebounds; Strange had a dozen points; LaCount was also in double figures with 11 points and he snared half a



Ezra Wallis listens to the coach during a timeout. In Motion Images



Cameron Snyder looks to find an open teammate. In Motion Images

dozen boards. Wallis had half a dozen points, Hopp added five, Chellis scored four points and Ricky Lin rounded out the scoring for the Lancers with three points.

Ellsworth will have some very tough tests over an eight-day period the next two weeks.

Monday the Lancers will host Traverse City Christian, (14-2), Friday they



Evincio LaCount shoots a 3-pointer. In Motion Images

will play home to a League Crossover game, (most likely 8-5 Alanson), Saturday they host a non-conference tilt against Buckley, (6-9), to complete their home-

stand. Finally, next Monday, Ellsworth will travel to

Gaylord St. Mary, (8-3), for another game against the Ski Valley leading Snowbirds. If nothing else, this next week will be a helper for the Lancers to prepare for the MHSAA D4 District Tourney later this month.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Boyne Falls drops home game with Mack City

BY BEN MURPHY

The Boyne Falls boys basketball team was able to take a lead through the first quarter of their home Northern Lakes Conference game with Mackinaw City on Wednesday, Jan. 29. They weren't able to keep the Comets in check for long though, as the Loggers fell behind in the second and eventually dropped the game, 52-23.

Field-goals by Edward Legato and Matthew Shafer in the first quarter helped Boyne Falls lead 6-3 after one. Isaiah Falting hit a three pointer in the second, but that was the only field-goal for the Loggers in that quarter, and they were faced with an 18-10 deficit at the half.

Hausler knocked down a shot in the third quarter, but M-C continued to pull away, holding a 43-12 lead entering the fourth. Shafer netted six more points in the final quarter and he finished with nine on the night. Falting hit a three pointer in the final frame to help him get to six points, Lebato finished with four points, Hausler put in three and Braylon Hart chipped in with one. The Loggers are led by head coach Andrew Stevens this season.

Kyle Valot led the Comets with 11 points and Braylon Currie netted nine.

B-F (0-12 overall) hosts Mackinaw City today (Thursday) for their NLC



Matthew Shafer of Boyne Falls goes in for a contested lay-up during last week's home loss to Mackinaw City. Photo by Ben Murphy



Boyne Falls' Isaiah Falting passes the ball off. Photo by Ben Murphy



Devn Hausler looks to pass the ball away. Photo by Ben Murphy

crossover game, hosts Traverse City Homeschool on Monday and will host Wolverine on Thursday, Feb. 13.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Wins over Forest Area, Mancelona keep East Jordan boys in title hunt

BY BEN MURPHY

With what's at stake in the Ski Valley Conference race, the East Jordan boys basketball team can't overlook anybody. The Red Devils certainly didn't overlook visiting Forest Area on Friday, as they rolled to a win over the Warriors, 74-14.

"A total team effort, everyone got a lot of minutes and played really well in those minutes," head coach Nate Dzwik said. "I was really proud of the energy by all the guys. This is a game that could be tough coming off the win against Mancelona with St. Mary's on Monday, but the kids came in and took care of business tonight. Really proud of the execution from everybody on the floor."

It was all Red Devils right from the get-go. They raced to a 25-6 lead after the first quarter and it was 45-6 at the half. They outscored the Warriors 13-4 in both the third and fourth quarters amidst a running clock.

The Red Devils were led by Austin Sneed and Korbyn Russell, who both had 14 points; Russell also had three rebounds and two steals. William Webb had eight points and five assists, Hadly McCafferty had eight points and he hit the boards for seven rebounds, Elliss Malpass and Miles Raymond both had six points, Eli Burns and Trace Wynkoop both chipped in



Ellis Malpass goes high over a Mancelona defender for a lay-up. In Motion Images

with five points, Max Beal hit for three points and adding two points was Brandon Caldwell. Griffin Boyer also had seven rebounds and two assists.

E-J also won a home Ski Valley game over Mancelona on Wednesday, Jan. 29, on a score of 77-54. This was an extra sweet victory for the team, as they lost to the Ironmen back in the first week of the season.

"Complete team effort," Dzwik said. "Obviously one we've had circled on the calendar since our lost to them early in the year. Defensively we added a couple wrinkles and really tried to pressure them and make them uncomfortable.



Korbyn Russell takes free throw v Mancelona  
Photo Credit: Joanie Moore

Credit to (their coach) and his team they played hard and fought the entire game, this is a style of game. They really do well and overall they kept fighting and the final score was more than what the game felt like."

The Red Devils held a 20-14 lead after the first quarter, and they increased that to 39-24 at the half. Mancelona cut into things some in the third, pulling within 53-41, but E-J had their best offensive frame in the fourth, scoring 24 points.

"Max had a great first half especially the first quarter," Dzwik said. "He had a couple threes did a nice job on defense. We got in foul trouble with Ryder, Brendan and Will all being with two fouls in the first half so our guys from the bench like Eli Burns and Hadley McCafferty and Trace Wynkoop gave some great minutes. Eli stepped up and really protected the rim today. Blocked quite a few shots and altered quite a few others. And Corbin's just steady. I thought he did a great job tonight. Overall, a great win keeps us in line for our goals of fighting for a conference title with a big couple weeks coming up."



Brenden Aenis get a lay-up over a Mancelona defender. In Motion Images



Hadley McCafferty get an easy lay-up. In Motion Images



Red Devil Ryder Malpass lines up for a free throw. In Motion Images

Russell had a big game for the Red Devils, getting 18 points, seven rebounds and four steals. Beal had 11 points, 10 rebounds and three steals and Aenis hit double figures too, with 10 points and he hit the glass for six boards.

Wynkoop added nine points and four rebounds, R. Malpass also had nine points, E. Malpass added seven points and 10 boards, Webb was able to get six points, eight rebounds, eight assists and two steals, Burns netted three points and with two each was McCafferty and Sneed.

E-J (11-3 overall, 10-2 Ski Valley) had a key league game at Gaylord St. Mary on Monday, was at Johannesburg-Lewiston on Wednesday and hosts St. Mary on Friday.

They also have a home contest with Charlevoix on Monday.

"Kids are getting ready for a huge week, with Gaylord St. Mary twice, who is leading the league, and trip to Jo-Burg between those games," Dzwik said.



The Red Devils and Ironmen battle for a rebound ball in a game on January 29. East Jordan won the contest 77-54. Photo: Joanie Moore



The East Jordan student section stayed on their feet to cheer for the Red Devils in a game against Mancelona Ironmen on January 29. Photo Credit: Joanie Moore



Mancelona junior Jackson Bennett (4) tips the ball away from East Jordan senior Korbyn Russell in a game on January 29. Photo Credit: Joanie Moore

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# East Jordan girls survive close game with Central Lake, 48-44

BY BEN MURPHY

Host Central Lake had upset on their mind on Thursday. The East Jordan girls basketball team were missing some key contributors, but they were still able to do just enough to get the job done though, as they survived a tough road Ski Valley Conference game to get the win, 48-44.

“Central Lake is very much improved and played a nice game,” head coach Tim Smith said. “We played without a couple keys players and had some girls step up and make big shots down the stretch. Freshman Lilly Pinney made two big threes down the stretch. June Kirkpatrick saw another box-and-one tonight and we are getting better at attacking the junk defense she sees.”

The Red Devils led the game 14-13 after one and 26-24 at the half. Both teams netted 11 points in the third, but E-J was able to get a small scoring edge in the fourth to escape town with the win.

They were led by June Kirkpatrick, who was im-

pressive once again, getting 34 points. Pinney finished with six and Madison Bearden was able to net five.

The Lady Trojans had 10 points from Jo Hayde, nine by Maleeya Hubbard and eight from Claire Shooks.

E-L also won a road Ski Valley game in Bellaire on Tuesday, Jan. 29, outscoring the Lady Eagles 41-19.

“Give Bellaire credit they play very well defensively and we struggled to finish around the rim and at foul line,” Smith said. “I do think we are getting more connected defensively and to hold an opponent under 20 points gives you a chance most nights.”

E-J took a 14-5 lead after the first quarter, but things remained at about that gap. They also led 18-10 at the half and 24-12 entering the fourth.

June Kirkpatrick scored 20 points for the team and JoJo Kirkpatrick put in 10. The Eagles had Brooke Fisher scored eight points.

E-J (10-4 overall, 9-2 Ski Valley) sits two games behind league leading Gaylord St. Mary and



Bellaire Lady Eagles defenders Tatum Molski (1), Brooklyn Fischer (left) and Abigayle Yuhaus pressure East Jordan senior June Kirkpatrick (34) in a game on January 28. East Jordan defeated the Lady Eagles 41-19.

Photo: Joanie Moore

one behind Inland Lakes. The Red Devils were at home with Mancelona on Tuesday, will stay at home

to face Forest Area today (Thursday) and they'll host Charlevoix on Monday.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Charlevoix girls drop pair of league games

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix girls basketball team took on two difficult Northern Shores Conference opponents last week. They dropped both contests, including Thursday's home match-up with Kingsley, 60-24.

The Lady Rayders were behind 16-6 after the first quarter. They had one three from Emma Meadows in the second, but Kingsley's offense kept going and took a 28-10 lead at the half. In the third, Charlevoix had a three from Cordelia Cunningham and a bucket from Hanna Miller; though it was 42-15 Kingsley entering the fourth.

Meadows netted four more points in the final quarter to give her seven for the game.

Cunningham and Ayla Kemp had three apiece while getting two each was Miller, Brooklin Schwenke Taryn Carey and Sarah Wyglendowski.

Emile Robinson led the

Lady Stags with 18 points and Marissa Graham added 11.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29 Charlevoix lost a home league game against Grayling, 41-25.

Kemp scored all eight of the team's points in the first quarter, as they fell behind 15-8 after one.

They were also down 25-17 at the half and 39-17 entering the fourth.

The Rayders were led by Kemp with 15 points, Maggie Sheaffer netted five, Meadows hit a three pointer to count for her three points and adding two was Wyglendowski.

The Vikings had Olivia Duba and Cali D'Amour both score nine points.

Charlevoix (2-11 overall, 1-7 Northern Shores) had a road game at Kalkaska on Wednesday, is at home with Boyne City on Friday, will head to East Jordan on Monday and they'll head to Traverse City St. Francis on Wednesday.

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS GIRLS BASKETBALL 2/3/25

Big North Conference			Northern Lakes Conference West Division		
Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)	Team	W-L (Conference)	W-L (Overall)
Traverse City Central	7-0	9-5	Ellsworth	8-0	10-3
Cadillac	4-2	8-5	Harbor Springs Harbor		
Petoskey	3-4	8-5	Light Christian	5-4	6-7
Gaylord	2-4	5-8	Alba	1-5	1-6
Traverse City West	2-4	4-9	Boyne Falls	0-6	0-11
Alpena	1-5	6-7	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	8-0	12-2	Burt Lake Northern		
Kingsley	5-2	6-6	Michigan Christian	9-1	12-4
Boyne City	5-3	8-6	Mackinaw City	4-2	7-10
Elk Rapids	4-3	7-6	Alanson	3-6	5-9
Grayling	4-4	9-5	Wolverine	0-7	1-9
Cheboygan	3-4	6-6			
Charlevoix	1-7	2-11			
Kalkaska	0-7	2-9			

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	10-0	11-1	Oscoda	5-0	12-0
Indian River			Tawas	4-1	8-5
Inland Lakes	9-1	10-3	Rogers City	3-2	8-5
East Jordan	9-2	10-4	Alcona	2-3	2-10
Johannesburg-Lewiston	6-4	8-5	Whittemore-Prescott	1-4	4-9
Onaway	5-5	6-6	St Helen Charlton		
Central Lake	5-6	7-6	Heston Academy	0-5	0-12
Mancelona	4-7	4-10			
Bellaire	3-8	5-8			
Fife Lake Forest Area	1-9	2-11			
Pellston	0-10	1-11			

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Lady Comets overtake Boyne Falls in NLC play

BY BEN MURPHY

The Boyne Falls girls basketball team lost their home game with Mackinaw City on Wednesday, Jan. 29. The Lady Loggers played hard in the contest, but ultimately came up short, 52-14.

The Loggers, led by head coach Anthony Bell, watched the Comets open the game with the first 12 points, and they were down 12-0 after one.

Elleana Loper got Boyne Falls its first points early in the second, splitting a pair of free throws.

She also knocked down a field-goal that brought the team within 16-3.

Cheyana Spang connected on two shots from the floor in the second as well, as the Comets held a 24-7 advantage at the half.

The Loggers were outscored 20-0 in the third quarter, leaving them behind 44-7 after three.

Spang ended the game on a strong note, hitting three field-goals in the final minute; helping her hit double figures on the night with 10 points. Loper added three points in the game and Calli Silva had one point.

Boyne Falls (0-11 overall) is scheduled to host Traverse City Homeschool on Monday and is home with Cadillac Heritage Christian on Thursday, Feb. 13.



Cheyana Spang of Boyne Falls goes up for the ball on the opening tip. photo by Ben Murphy



Elleana Loper brings the ball down the court. photo by Ben Murphy



Lilli Fenske with the ball near the mid-court line. photo by Ben Murphy



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## WRESTLING

# Rayders Wrestlers win 2 in Alpena

On January 29th, the Charlevoix Varsity Wrestling Team traveled to Alpena for dual meets with Alpena and Sault St. Marie. The Rayders defeated Sault St. Marie 47 to 29 and Alpena 41 to 30.

Individual results were as follows:

- Raigan Swadling, Freshman 126 lbs. – 2 and 0
- Kalen Titus, Freshman, 132 lbs. - 2 and 0
- Katie Matter, Sophomore, 138 lbs. - 0 and 2
- Lauralee Rhode, Freshman, 144 lbs. - 0 and 2
- Collin Jess, Freshman, 150 lbs. – 2 and 0
- Logan Wilks, Senior, 157 and 165 lbs. – 2 and 0
- Parker Grubb, Freshman 157 and 165 lbs. - 1 and 1
- Brady Warchol, Senior, 175 lbs. – 2 and 0
- Ryan Glass, Sophomore, 190 lbs. – 2 and 0
- Sawyer Blaszczyk, Junior, 215 lbs. – 2 and 0
- Connor Ortiz, Senior, Hwt., - 1 and 1

Exhibition Matches:

- Huntley Thorson, Freshman, 126 lbs. – 1 and 0
- Jakob Simons, Freshman, 126 lbs. – 1 and 0
- Phat Nguyen, Freshman, Hwt. - 1 and 0

On February 2nd two Charlevoix varsity wrestlers competed in the Midland Chemic Clash Girls Invitational. First year wrestler Freshman Lauralee Rhode went 1 and 2, second year wrestler Sophomore Kate Matter went 4 and 2 (taking 4th place in the 16-man bracket). Next up the girls will compete MHSAA Girls District #1 at Gaylord High School on February 9th.

## WRESTLING

# Rayders are Northern Shores Conference Champions

On January 31st, the Charlevoix Varsity Wrestling Team traveled to Grayling to compete in the Northern Shores Conference Championship Tournament. The Rayders won the tournament, edging out second place Grayling by 2 points. The final scores were as follows: Charlevoix 253, Grayling 251, Boyne City 179, Cheboygan 153, Kingsley 126 and Kalkaska 117. Individual results were as follows:

Huntley Thorson, Freshman, 120 lbs. – 3 and 2, 3rd Place

Raigan Swadling, Freshman 126 lbs. – 3 and 2, 3rd Place

Kalen Titus, Freshman, 132 lbs. – 5 and 0, Conference Champion – All-Conference

Max Reynolds, Junior, 138 lbs. – 2 and 3

Collin Jess, Freshman, 150 lbs. – 5 and 0, Conference Champion – All-Conference

Logan Wilks, Senior, 157 lbs. – 4 and 1, 2nd Place – All-Conference Honorable Mention

Parker Grubb, Freshman, 165 lbs. - 5 and 0, Conference Champion – All-Conference

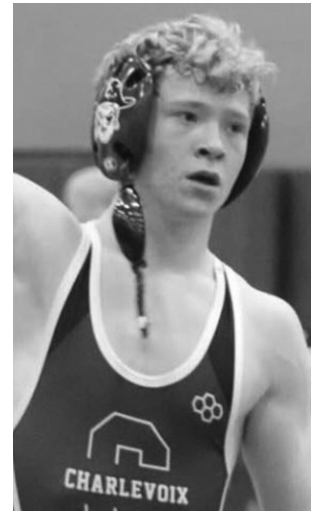
Brady Warchol, Senior, 175 lbs. – 5 and 0, Conference Champion – All-Conference

Ryan Glass, Sophomore, 190 lbs. – 2 and 3

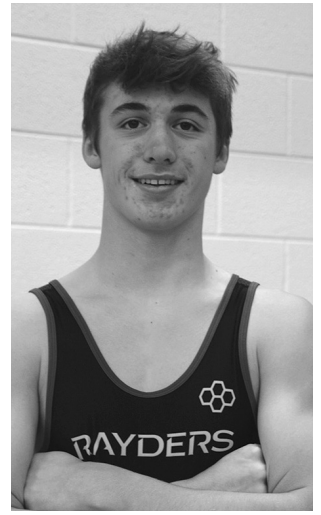
Sawyer Blaszczyk, Junior, 215 lbs. – 4 and 1, 2nd Place – All-Conference Honorable Mention

Connor Ortiz, Senior, Hwt., - 4 and 1, 2nd Place – All Conference Honorable Mention

Next up, the Rayders will host MHSAA Team Districts on February 5th, and then compete in MHSAA Individual Districts at Manistique on February 8th.



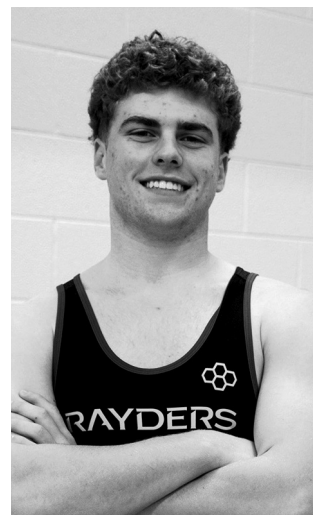
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Results from conference championship meet, Friday, January 31.

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- 2nd Place - Alex Moore of Grayling HS
- 3rd Place - Chazz Andrews of Cheboygan Area HS
- 4th Place - Serenity Fukino of Kalkaska HS

**113**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Gavin Holmes of Grayling HS
- 2nd Place - Korbin Kopenkoskey of Boyne City HS
- 3rd Place - Kenneth Warner of Cheboygan Area HS
- 4th Place - Kylie Robinson of Kalkaska HS

**120**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Owen Lewicki of Grayling HS
- 2nd Place - Evan Fradette of Cheboygan Area HS
- 3rd Place - Huntley Thorson of Charlevoix HS
- 4th Place - Evan Carlson of Kalkaska HS
- 5th Place - Peyton Frost of Boyne City HS

**126**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Gabriel Buyze-Prieto of Kalkaska HS
- 2nd Place - LIAM ALLEN of Grayling HS
- 3rd Place - Raigan Swadling of Charlevoix HS
- 4th Place - Conner Abernathy of Cheboygan Area HS

**132**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Kalen Titus of Charlevoix HS
- 2nd Place - Tyvin Loveless of Boyne City HS
- 3rd Place - Macy Pierce of Kingsley Area HS

**138**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Max Huspen of Grayling HS
- 2nd Place - Alex Drury of Kingsley Area HS
- 3rd Place - Deegan Anthony of Boyne City HS
- 4th Place - Max Reynolds of Charlevoix HS
- 5th Place - Liam Fradette of Cheboygan Area HS

**144**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Bruyn Hauger of Boyne City HS
- 2nd Place - Nolan Hodges of Kingsley Area HS
- 3rd Place - Joey Morphis of Kalkaska HS

**150**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Collin Jess of Charlevoix HS
- 2nd Place - Chase Swanson of Cheboygan Area HS
- 3rd Place - Richard Bristol of Boyne City HS

**157**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Jordan Peters of Grayling HS
- 2nd Place - Logan Wilks of Charlevoix HS
- 3rd Place - Levi Johnson of Kingsley Area HS
- 4th Place - Coltrane Paryani of Kalkaska HS
- 5th Place - Caleb Daniels of Boyne City HS

**165**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Parker Grubb of Charlevoix HS
- 2nd Place - Mason Ash of Cheboygan Area HS

**175**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Brady Warchol of Charlevoix HS
- 2nd Place - Ryan Stade of Grayling HS
- 3rd Place - Jack Horning of Boyne City HS
- 4th Place - Kaden Kimball of Kalkaska HS

**190**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Colton Goethals of Kingsley Area HS
- 2nd Place - Braiden Tuck of Grayling HS
- 3rd Place - Ryan Glass of Charlevoix HS
- 4th Place - Jeremy Stout of Boyne City HS

**215**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Danny Bonamie of Grayling HS
- 2nd Place - Sawyer Blaszczyk of Charlevoix HS
- 3rd Place - Collin McCoy of Kingsley Area HS

**285**

### Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Luke Munger of Cheboygan Area HS
- 2nd Place - Connor Ortiz of Charlevoix HS
- 3rd Place - Zeke Wright of Grayling HS
- 4th Place - Dwayne Rice of Kalkaska HS

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

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

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



Jayden Weber. FILE PHOTO



Coach Marc Sroufe. FILE PHOTO

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Another great season of basketball for our Northern Michigan area.

While there continued to be strides made in each program of our coverage area this season, "What if" still lingers in regards to the Division 3, regional championship opportunity that was ahead of the Charlevoix girls basketball team when the season was halted.

The Rayders put together the best season in the area over the winter months, finishing 15-5 overall, going a perfect 14-0 in Lake Michigan.

See ALL-AREA BASKETBALL - Page 1B

## City votes to Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations

BY KAREN WALKER

The Charlevoix City Council held a special meeting last Friday, April 3rd, to consider an ordinance restricting the use, operation and licensing of lodging establishments within the City. The virtual meeting was held online and by phone via Zoom with approximately 40 people participating.

City Manager Mark Heydlauff and City Attorney Scott Howard first presented the emergency ordinance to council members to "Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations during the State of Emergency" in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19.

After much discussion, Council members directed the City Attorney to make some changes to the proposed ordinance as initially presented, causing the Council to hold a second meeting the following day, Saturday, April 4th.

The revisions included restricting the use of hotels and motels, and ensures travelers staying at these establishments are there for essential services. Further, the ordinance requires all essential businesses comply with health and sanitation practices outlined by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

City Mayor Luther Kurtz pointed out that Charlevoix values its seasonal residents, and the city is trying to keep everyone safe. The City Attorney informed Council members that the city has both the right and obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizenry and the ordinance is absolutely an important step towards protecting its residents.

Excepted from the ban are rental units used to house economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of the emergency, and people with disabilities. Rentals may also be used to house persons working in COVID-19 mitigation and containment efforts and critical infrastructure workers so long as they comply with the Governor's executive orders relating to COVID-19.

The Charlevoix City Council feels that continuing to allow short term rentals would promote the movement of people, exacerbating the spread of COVID-19. And adoption of the Emergency Ordinance was necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

While several meeting attendees voiced concern over enforcement of the ordinance, it ultimately was approved with a lone dissenting vote cast by Councilman Greg Bryan. The ordinance aligns with Governor Whitmer's executive order issued on March 23rd and will be in effect for 61 days or until the governor's executive order, or subsequent orders, is lifted, whichever comes first.

## Health Department offers drive-through testing at Fairground

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Emmet County Northern Michigan Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan, the Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the Petoskey Department of Public Safety will be offering appointment based, drive-through testing at the Emmet County Fairgrounds beginning Wednesday, April 1st from noon - 5pm Monday through Friday for patients 12 and older. This testing facility is for individuals who have seen their primary care provider, have been determined to meet the criteria for testing, and have a lab slip. The drive-through testing facility will utilize a recently approved FDA testing method with nasal swab.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has created a statewide hotline for COVID-19. The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-535-6136. Additionally, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has a Public Health Information Phone Line - 1-800-388-5656 and email publichealthinfo@nwhealth.org.

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

On April 1, 2020, an East Jordan Family Health Center employee was confirmed as having a positive Coronavirus test. The employee has been quarantined at home since March 25th, 2020 and is doing well with mild symptoms at this time. Direct colleagues of this employee have been under "delegated" self-monitoring" since March 25th and will continue for a minimum of 14 days. This individual had a history of downstate Michigan travel and was involved with a large group setting.

The Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers have taken significant measures to prevent the transmission of Coronavirus within our facilities. The health center will continue these daily prevention efforts and will continue to monitor the Coronavirus situation in our workplace and throughout northern MI. As a result of these proactive measures, employees and patients of Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers remain at a low risk for exposure to the Coronavirus.

All staff of the Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers will continue to strictly adhere to PPE, social distancing and handwashing guidelines, both at work and home, to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

If you have questions regarding the Coronavirus, visit our website at [www.jhc.org](http://www.jhc.org) for up to date information along with additional services

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## 2024-2025 GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE RANKINGS 2/3/2025

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

<p><b>DIVISION 1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Rockford</li> <li>2 Midland</li> <li>3 Detroit Renaissance</li> <li>4 Grand Haven</li> <li>5 Temperance Bedford</li> <li>6 Saginaw Heritage</li> <li>7 Belleville</li> <li>8 Wayne Memorial</li> <li>9 Hartland</li> <li>10 South Lyon</li> <li>11 Saline</li> <li>12 Northville</li> <li>13 Clarkston</li> <li>14 Holt</li> <li>15 Utica Eisenhower</li> <li>16 West Bloomfield</li> <li>17 Utica Ford</li> <li>18 Orchard Lake St Mary's</li> <li>19 Dexter</li> <li>20 Auburn Hills Avondale</li> </ol> <p><b>DIVISION 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Tecumseh</li> <li>2 Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard</li> <li>3 Detroit Edison</li> <li>4 Negaunee</li> <li>5 Grand Rapids West Catholic</li> <li>6 Freeland</li> <li>7 Chelsea</li> <li>8 Frankenmuth</li> <li>9 Sault Ste Marie</li> <li>10 Parma Western</li> <li>11 Grand Rapids Catholic Central</li> <li>12 Detroit Country Day</li> <li>13 Grand Rapids South Christian</li> <li>14 Gladstone</li> <li>15 Fremont</li> <li>16 Holland Christian</li> <li>17 Vicksburg</li> <li>18 Haslett</li> <li>19 Wixom St Catherine</li> <li>20 Yale</li> </ol>	<p><b>DIVISION 3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Niles Brandywine</li> <li>2 Blissfield</li> <li>3 Monroe St Mary Catholic Central</li> <li>4 Pewamo-Westphalia</li> <li>5 Ewart</li> <li>6 Cass City</li> <li>7 Saugatuck</li> <li>8 Harbor Springs</li> <li>9 Hart</li> <li>10 Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Prep</li> <li>11 New Lothrop</li> <li>12 Lawton</li> <li>13 McBain</li> <li>14 Sandusky</li> <li>15 Grass Lake</li> <li>16 Roscommon</li> <li>17 Calumet</li> <li>18 Kalamazoo Christian</li> <li>19 Detroit Pershing</li> <li>20 Sanford Meridian</li> </ol> <p><b>DIVISION 4</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Morenci</li> <li>2 Fowler</li> <li>3 Munising</li> <li>4 St Ignace</li> <li>5 Kingston</li> <li>6 Gaylord St Mary</li> <li>7 Concord</li> <li>8 Pittsford</li> <li>9 Baraga</li> <li>10 Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart</li> <li>11 Ewen-Trout Creek</li> <li>12 Genesee Christian</li> <li>13 Frankfort</li> <li>14 Portland St Patrick</li> <li>15 Indian River Inland Lakes</li> <li>16 Newberry</li> <li>17 Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary</li> <li>18 L'Anse</li> <li>19 Deckerville</li> <li>20 Clarkston Everest Collegiate</li> </ol>
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## 2024-2025 BOYS BASKETBALL STATE RANKINGS 2/3/25

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## BOYS BOWLING

# Ramblers have nice comeback win over Grayling

## Will host matches at BC Lanes February 8

BY KIMBERLY PIECHAN

The Ramblers Varsity Boys Bowling team faced stiff competition at Northern Lights Recreation, splitting their matches with a loss to Rogers City and a strong win over Grayling.

### Match 1: Ramblers vs. Rogers City

The first match of the day proved to be a challenging one, with the Ramblers falling to Rogers City by a score of 21.5 to 8.5. Despite the loss, several bowlers posted impressive scores:

- Zac Karlskin - 142
- Grant Piper - 169
- Sid Vanslebrouck - 174
- Ben Mathers - 170

- Brennan Dart - 103
- Zach Piechan - 201
- Jonathan Shepherd - 223

### Match 2: Ramblers vs. Grayling

The team bounced back in their second match, dominating Grayling with a decisive 28 to 2 victory. The bowlers delivered strong performances, with Jonathan Shepherd leading the way with a high score of 236.

- Zac Karlskin - 181
- Grant Piper - 179
- Sid Vanslebrouck - 128
- Ben Mathers - 163
- Brennan Dart - 173
- Zach Piechan - 200
- Jonathan Shepherd - 236



Jonathan Shepherd



Zach Piechan

cased resilience and determination, shaking off their initial loss to finish the day on a high note. The team looks to build on this momentum as they continue

their season. The Ramblers will be hosting next Saturday's matches on their home lanes (BC Lanes). Come out and support the Bowling teams.

## GIRLS BOWLING

# Lady Ramblers Sweep in Petoskey Remaining Undefeated

## Host match at BC Lanes Saturday

BY BECKY MCGEORGE

With an impressive season winding down, the Lady Ramblers find themselves undefeated still. The leadership of their two senior captains of

Lauren LaBute and Victoria McGeorge and with the additional experience of seniors Brynn Sero, Marlee Fischl and Whitney Root brings years of experience to the table this year.

This group of ladies has shown dedication and

commitment to the sport. The first match the ladies beat out Gaylord 28 to 2.

The second match of the day against Rogers City was a shut out 30-0.

High games for the day were Victoria McGeorge 217, Lauren LaBute 206,

Audrey Joyner 198, Brynn Sero 185, Marlee Fischl 172 and Whitney Root 171.

The Ramblers host the final conference matches next Saturday.

Join us at home to cheer these girls on.



White Pine Stampede Race Director Ben Tarbutton (far left) fires a gunshot start to begin the 49th annual race. Tarbutton said this is the first time since 2019 that the race was not cancelled or shortened due to either Covid-19, or lack of snow. "Over 180 skiers participated with smiles on their faces with a fantastic course manned by volunteers," Tarbutton said.

# 49th annual White Pine Stampede

The 49th annual White Pine Stampede is now in the books. The event began at Mancelona High School on Saturday morning. More than 180 racers participated.

For race results see [www.WhitePineStampede.org](http://www.WhitePineStampede.org)

PHOTOS: JOANIE MOORE



Volunteers at a checkpoint on Simpson Road offer water to skiers in the annual White Pine Stampede Saturday.



Racers take off from the starting line of the 49th annual White Pine Stampede at Mancelona High School early Saturday morning.



Skiers in the 49th annual White Pine Stampede across the Nothstine Road crossing just moments after the start of the race behind Mancelona High School.





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2012 Honda CRV. AWD, rear camera, leather, moon roof, 219 K miles. Sale Price \$7,995. As low as \$179 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700.

### January 2nd, 2025 - First Organizational Meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners.

Elected to serve for the 2025 session, William Hefferan - Chairman, Jarris Rubingh - Vice Chairman.

**RESOLUTION #01-2025** By Terry VanAlstine and seconded by Jason Helwig - REGULAR BOARD MEETING DAYS AND TIMES;

As Amended BE IT RESOLVED the 2025 regular meetings of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners will be held on the 1st Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. of each month; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Antrim County Board of Commissioners shall hold their meetings in the Antrim County Commissioners' Room on the second floor of the County Building. Motion carried as follows: Yes – William Hefferan, Jarris Rubingh, Terry VanAlstine, Jason Helwig, Ray Scola; No – None; Absent – None. RESOLUTION #01-2025 DECLARED ADOPTED

### PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF BOYNE FALLS BUDGET HEARING

Budget Hearing for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to follow regular council meeting on February 11, 2025.

The Budget hearing will follow the regular meeting at 7:00 PM.

Meeting to be held at Village Hall, 2279 Railroad St., Boyne Falls.

The Village Council will be discussing the budget for the General Fund, Water Fund, Local Street Fund and Major Streets Fund.

The public is welcome.

Marilyn Cousineau  
Village President

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that Charlevoix County Public Transit has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for Fiscal Year 2026, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal assistance as required under the Federal Transit Law, as amended.

Charlevoix County Public Transit is requesting a total of \$3,511,088 through the following funding sources;

Funding Source(s)	Operating Amount	Capital Amount Per Project	Total Amount
<b>State Formula</b>			
Operating Assistance	\$ 671,155	-0-	\$ 671,155
<b>Federal Assistance</b>			
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Section 5311 Capital		\$ 49,000 Mobility Mgmt	
Section 5339 Capital		\$ 2,436,000 15 Vehicle Replacements	
Section 5339 Capital		\$ 0 Facility Updates	
			\$ 2,879,933
			<b>TOTAL \$3,511,088</b>

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The proposed application is on file at the Charlevoix County Public Transit, 1050 Brockway Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712, and may be reviewed at the office, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The application is available for a 30-day period beginning January 30, 2025, ending March 3, 2025. Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a Public Hearing to review the application must be received by March 12, 2025. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to Charlevoix County Public Transit, 1050 Brockway Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712 or via email to info@cctransit.org.

### CITY OF BOYNE CITY CITY COMMISSION

#### MINUTE SYNOPSIS

**January 28, 2025** - Approve the January 14, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented, Approve the January 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented, Approve the January 15, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented, Approve the January 16, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented, Approve to schedule a joint Board and Commission work session on Wednesday, February 5th starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers and a housing RFQ review work session the following evening, Thursday, February 6th at 5:00 p.m. in the Parkview Room; motion carried. Support pursuing the food truck ordinance; motion not carried. Approve to adopt the occupancy count established by City Manager Michael Cain and Commissioner Marty Moody with total occupancy in the DDA district at 87 occupants; motion carried. Approve the recommendation from Mayor Tim Nemecek to appoint both Chris Christensen and Samantha Geiersback to the Boyne City Main Street Board to four year terms ending January 31, 2029; motion carried. Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to submit additional applications for Charlevoix County Parks Millage Funding for public access stairways at both John and Bay Streets road end parks and the commemorative scoreboard for the Waterfront Field of Dreams, ranking all recommended application requests as presented; motion carried. Approve to schedule a second reading of the proposed zoning text amendment for the City Commission agenda on or after March 11, 2025; motion carried. Approve distribution of the draft Boyne City Master Plan; motion carried. Approve to go into closed session for a periodic personnel evaluation of a public officer as provided in MCL 15.268 (a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976); motion carried. Approve to return to open session; motion carried.

Jessica Puroll, City Clerk/Treasurer

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# What is the MLS?

MLS stands for "Multiple Listing Service," which is usually a computerized listing of virtually all the homes that are for sale in a specific area.

When a Realtor lists your property for sale, they pay a fee and your home is placed on the MLS system. The big advantage to sellers is that the MLS is the #1 resource used by buyers (and agents) to locate homes.

Properties that are not listed (usually those being sold by their owners) are not on the MLS-thus there are many buyers and Realtors who will not be exposed to the home.

The MLS has become such a standard in real estate that no serious broker would think of trying to sell real estate without it. It would be like an accountant trying to work without a calculator.

About the only residential brokers who might not use the MLS are those who exclusively handle foreclosed properties, or high-end homes owned by celebrities and the like.

The MLS provides a surprising amount of detail, depending upon the area of the country it may include the location

(by zip code); size of the home (square footage); size of the lot; number of bedrooms and bathrooms; extra rooms such as a den, family room, formal dining room, or enclosed patio; amenities such as a backyard, fireplace, hot tub, pool, kitchen features, new carpet and drapes; capacity of garage; age of home; and of course, the selling price and terms.

Buyers can narrow their house-hunting searches dramatically by using the MLS. For instance, their real estate professional can do a computer search and ask for a listing of all homes within a certain location and price range that have two or three bedrooms and that are not more than ten years old. Not only will this request generate a brief list of viable possibilities, it also helps buyers gauge, roughly, what they can expect to get for their money, and to compare the value of the homes listed.

Thus, the MLS is more than a system that lists properties. It's an aid to both buyers and sellers, and is a definite asset to consumers when it comes to real estate.



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