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The Harbor Springs Rams girls ski team took home the state championship trophy on Monday, Feb. 24. The title returns to Harbor Springs for the first time since 2015. (Photo by Sarah Shepherd)

## Harbor Springs varsity girls ski team races to high school state ski championship

By Sarah Shepherd  
HARBOR LIGHT NEWSPAPER SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Harbor Springs varsity girls ski team claimed the D2 state championship on Monday, Feb. 24, at The Highlands in Harbor Springs.

The Rams have come close in recent years but the last time the team was at the top of the podium was 2015.

Favored to win entering the race, the girls had to overcome a little bit of rain in the morning followed by sunny skies and 40 degrees creating some interesting course conditions to come out on top.

Mack Bowman finished in seventh place earning her All State honors in Slalom followed by Tara Shouldice in 16th, Quinn Myers 25th, Elliott Baetens 29th, Drew Bowman 30th, and Keeler Brainerd 35th.

In Giant Slalom (GS), Tara Shouldice was second earning All State recognition while Keeler Brainerd was 11th, Drew Bowman 14th, Mack Bowman 15th, Quinn Myers 17th, and Elliott Baetens finished in 31st place.

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Pictured here competing in the Slalom, senior Tara Shouldice finished second in Giant Slalom and 16th in Slalom to help her Rams take top honors at the state meet Monday, Feb. 24 at The Highlands in Harbor Springs. (Photo by Sarah Shephed)

**COMING UP**

**PROJECT CONNECT** SINCE 2007  
A day of service for those in need.

**People who can help**

Project Connect set for March 19 at College

FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN

Join the Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW), along with a large number of other nonprofit organizations and businesses, at North Central Michigan College from 10am-3pm. Wednesday, March 19. During Project Connect, attendees will explore a great deal of services offered to those in need. Free services will be provided by over 70 local, nonprofit agencies and businesses.

“If you or someone you know is struggling with financial problems, housing issues, employment challenges, or health concerns, please join us for a day of free services and get connected to people who can help,” said Dana Lorian, Project Connect Co-chair.

“The idea behind this special event is to help individuals and families gain access to the services they need, all under one roof, on one day,” Lorian said. “Understanding the complicated social services system can be a challenge and at Project Connect we will help direct you to agencies that can offer assistance in areas such as Education & Employment, Health & Wellness, Housing & Finance, and Kids & Parenting.”

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## Play, Sing and Celebrate

Free family event with children’s musician and entertainer in Petoskey on March 8



Jim Gill

The Great Start Collaborative & Family Coalition invites Emmet County families with children birth to age 5 to “Play, Sing & Celebrate: A Musical Adventure for

Ages 0 to 5” taking place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 8, at the Petoskey Middle School auditorium.

This event is free to Emmet County families with children birth through age 5 and features Jim Gill, nationally known author and musician whose background includes professional experience in working with families with young children as a child development specialist, with a special emphasis on play.

“Sing, clap, and dance along during this visit by award-winning musician and author Jim Gill,” said Liz Gee, GSC Family Liaison. “Jim’s distinctive music play creates the spirit of a family room in the concert hall and is an invitation to children, parents, grandparents and

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## ARTS

### 2025-26 Artists in Residency selected for Good Hart program

Fifteen creators have been selected as Artists, Writers, and Composers-in-Residence for the Good Hart Artist Residency’s 2025-2026 season.

The residents’ vocations and mediums include poetry, mixed media and graphic design, painting and sculpture, woodcuts and printmaking, translation, photography, installation, long and short fiction, journalism, illustration, songwriting, fiber arts, and education.



The Good Hart Artist Residency’s mission is to nurture artists from diverse backgrounds and artistic disciplines through artist residencies, and to connect people through the arts in

this unique and inspiring Northern Michigan landscape.

Residents reside for 10-21 days at the one bedroom home and art studio in Good Hart, or at an off-site residency offered by local partners. Residents receive a \$500 stipend, groceries during their stay, and hospitality from staff and volunteer local hosts. With basic needs met, among the quiet of Northern Michigan, artists may focus on their creative work away from the

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## MICHIGAN

# Watching for wolves



A group of six gray wolves is shown walking down a snow-covered road in the Upper Peninsula. The image was captured on a trail camera image in 2024 as part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ wolf abundance study. (Photo courtesy Michigan Department of Natural Resources)

## DNR set to conduct community-based northern Lower Peninsula wolf survey

FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division is seeking the public’s help in conducting a community-based northern Lower Peninsula survey to detect any potential presence of gray wolves.

The survey, which will rely heavily on reports from the public of wolf sightings and other potential evidence, will take place through March 10.

“Our efforts will be concentrated in the northern Lower Peninsula which does contain some limited suitable habitat that could potentially support a small wolf population,” said Brian Roell, Michigan Department of Natural Resources large carnivore specialist in Marquette.

Sightings, photos and other signs of wolf presence can be reported by the public to theDNR’s Eyes in the Field (<https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ors/Survey/4webpage>). Reports including photos or other evidence will be reviewed and a reply will be sent from DNR Wildlife Division staffers.

Those who have wolf information to report, but without access to a

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