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Schmalz Family Welcomes New Addition



Victoria Schmalz, her husband Trevor and older siblings Mayer (10), Ari (7) and Maya (2) welcomed Chloe James Schmalz to their family on Feb. 9, five days past her due date. Chloe was 7 lbs., 13 ounces and 20 inches long at birth. Victoria says Chloe is the "happiest, most content baby. Her favorite things are eating, smiling and being entertained by her wild siblings." Congratulations to the entire family on their newest bundle of joy!

Postsecondary Data Flow



A senior reporting analyst on the Longitudinal Data Unit, **Michael Jarema** has been with CEPI for more than seven years.

Though he was born in Ypsilanti, Michael grew up in the Bay City area. He and his wife Emma call Lansing's Westside Neighborhood home.

Contenders for Michael's favorite TV shows are *DuckTales* (2017), *Bojack Horseman*, *Parks and Recreation*, *The Orville* and *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*.

Music is an important theme in Michael's life. He mostly listens to jazz (big band, especially) and classic rock, but also has a soft spot for a cappella music and movie/video game soundtracks. An item on his bucket list is to be invited to sit in on drums for a jazz set. In fact, in high school he received a 97/100 for a Proficiency III snare drum solo/sight reading at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival, and was subsequently invited to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

When it comes to food, Michael is a self-described "sucker" for real Mexican food, and he'll never turn down a good burger or a steak with a fried egg on

top, but his absolute favorite is fresh fried walleye.

In true CEPI style, if Michael won the lottery the first thing he'd do is, "make a budget spreadsheet and talk to a professional! My first goals would be to pay off my brother-in-law's student loans, find our 'forever home' and invest."

Michael's top three leisure activities are playing video games, watching movies and reading. He also enjoys drawing, golfing, bicycling, the Detroit Lions, cooking, and making a spreadsheet for every aspect of his life.

A game enthusiast, Michael's favorite traditional games are euchre, Ticket to Ride and the Corellian Spike variant of sabacc (a Star Wars betting card game). His all-time favorite video game is Yoshi's Island (1995).

Michael's favorite vacation is either the trip he took with his wife where they spent a week in New York City, followed by a quiet week in a cabin in Maine, or their honeymoon to Disney World.

In his youth, Michael dreamed of being either an archaeologist or a Disney animator.

If given the opportunity to meet any person, Michael would choose either Shigeru Miyamoto (creator of Mario, Zelda, Donkey Kong, Star Fox, and so on), Charles Martinet (*voice* of Mario, Luigi, and many other Mario characters), or Douglas Adams (author of his favorite book series, the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* five-book "trilogy").

An ardent Detroit Lions fan, Michael prefers MSU over the University of Michigan, but will support both teams, as long as they aren't playing each other. He has also started a vintage base ball team that will have its first season in summer 2021, playing with 1867 rules and wearing knickerbocker

uniforms. They are named the Lansing Senators, after the minor league team from 1889, and can be found on Facebook as the [Lansing Senators Vintage Base Ball Club](#).

If he could choose a superpower, Michael said, "I want to say super speed, but I also can't help but want the healing factor that Wolverine is known for."

When asked to reflect on the pandemic, Michael said, "I certainly enjoy my extra time with our two dogs (Fenchurch and Elena) and two cats (Molly and Alistair). I've tried to stay busy with projects and activities. I spent some of my downtime fencing in our backyard (like, putting a fence around it, not 'doing the sport of fencing in our backyard'), and built an awning for our lawnmower and bikes and outdoor tools. Now that that's done, I'm finding my attention occupied with starting the vintage base ball team, and I've linked up my budding interest in woodworking by learning to make our team's era-appropriate bats myself.

"I've missed social activities like golfing, and we were supposed to host a card game night with friends in March 2020 (right when quarantine started, go figure). Hopefully those are back in my life soon!"

As to other things Michael would like us to know about him, he added, "I'm an Eagle Scout, I was adopted, I have met and am on good terms with my biological parents, and I can kick any of your butts at Mario Kart."



Michael has been learning to make era-appropriate base ball bats, as seen above, during the COVID-19 pandemic..

Born and raised in Ovid-Elsie, **Chelsey Goodrich** still lives in her hometown (which she calls “Cow Town, USA”) with her husband of nine years and their two children.

Currently a postsecondary analyst, Chelsey joined CEPI as a member of the Customer Support Team in June 2019.

Chelsey has been with the State for more than five and a half years. Her last job was with International Registration Plan, where she registered semi-truck drivers to leave the state of Michigan. She also worked closing with federal agents and Michigan State Police when it came to reports and false registrations. Before coming to CEPI, she also worked on a state project to reset and revamp the IRP system, which she said was “a big honor and a blast to do.”

When Chelsey actually has time to sit down and watch TV, she tunes in to *The Good Doctor* and *Shameless*, though she jokes that it probably takes her about two years to finish a season.

Chelsey is a fan of classic rock, Top 40 and country music.

Chelsey also says she’s a “sucker” for Mexican food, including chips and salsa, guacamole, tacos and margaritas.

The first things Chelsey would do if she won millions in the lottery is pay off her student debt, pay for both of her children to attend college or trade school, and pay off her house.

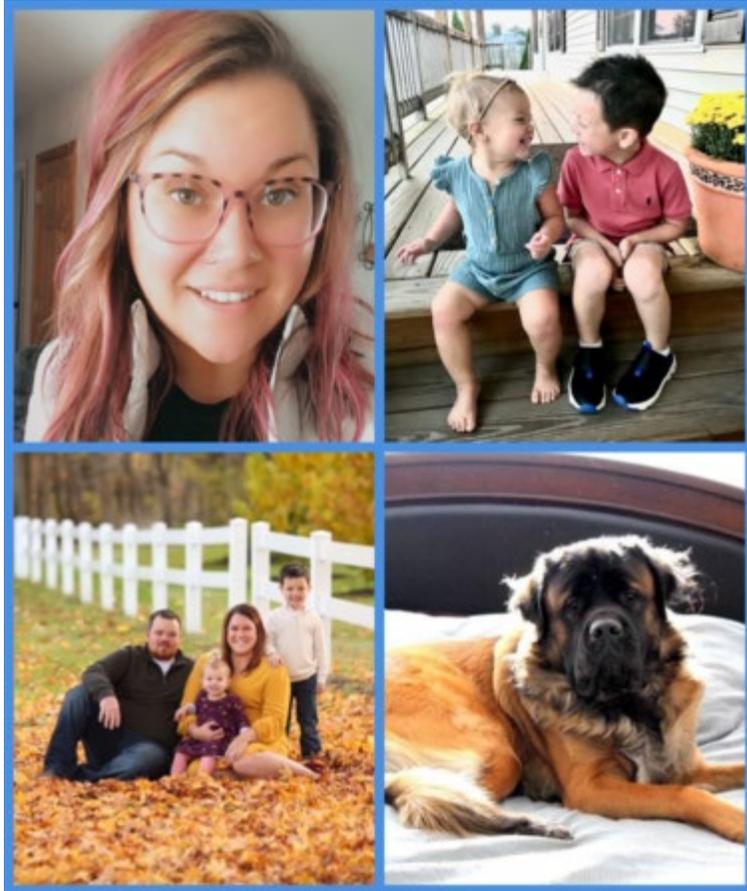
An item from her bucket list is to visit Czechoslovakia.

In her spare time Chelsey enjoys golfing, visiting her northern home, UTV riding, and hanging out with family and friends. Her favorite games are Phase 10, Yahtzee and LCR dice game.

When asked what she is most proud of, she said, “Beating cancer or passing college math. Whichever 😊.”

If Chelsey could pick a personal skill to have, she wishes she’d gone to trade school so she knew how to plaster, roof her house, and do plumbing and electrical work.

When asked about a favorite vacation or place she’s traveled, Chelsey shared, “My husband and I lived in Germany for almost five years; my favorite spot so far would be Austria. It’s beautiful!”

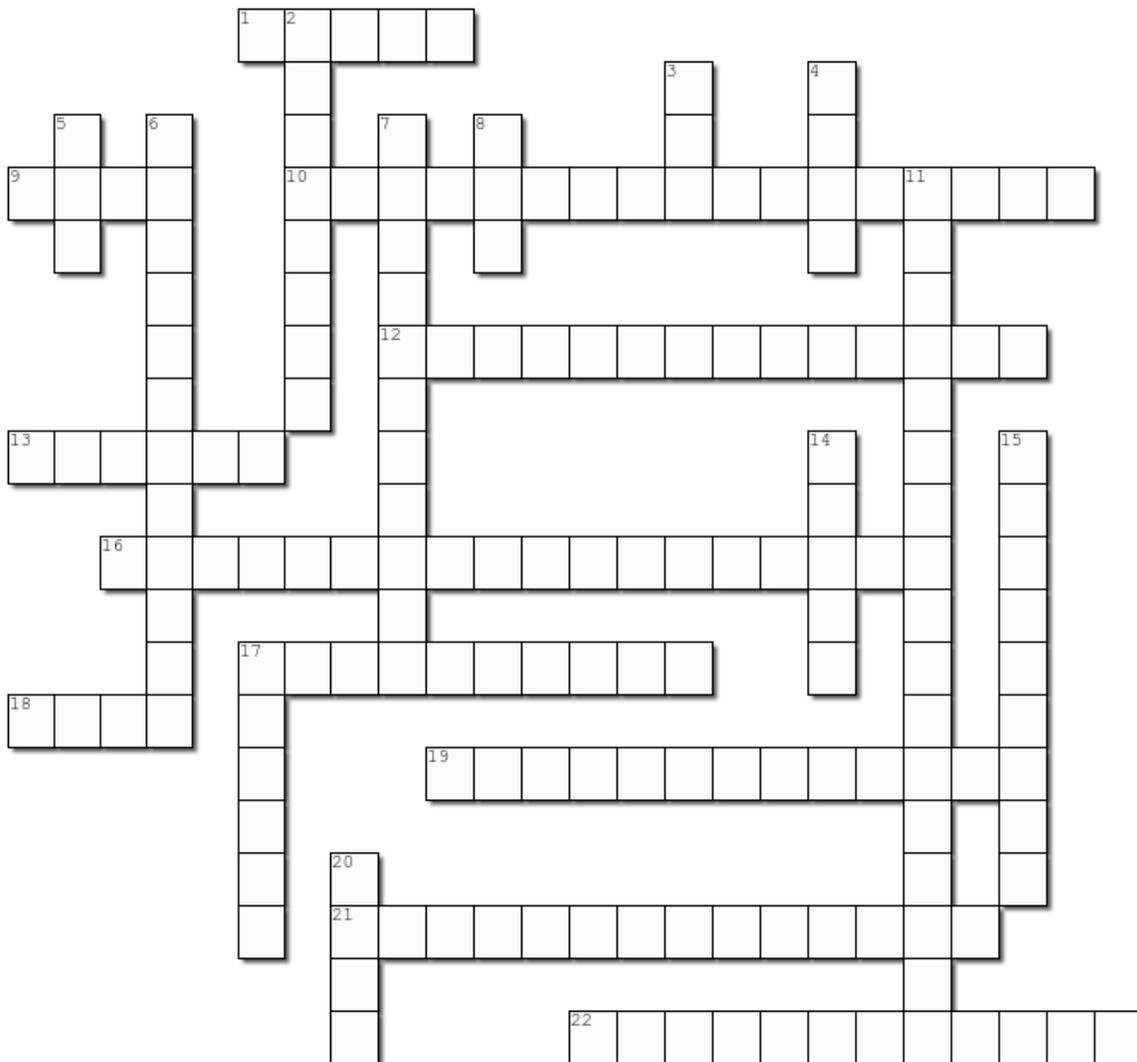


If she could pick a person from history to meet, Chelsey would like to spend time with [Anne Frank](#).

When it's game time, Chelsey roots for Michigan State, the Detroit Lions and the Tigers.

Chelsey thinks that the superpower of teleporting would be "pretty neat."

CEPI Crossword Puzzle



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Across

1. Test K-12 students take.
9. Our acronym.
10. Contrary to popular belief, this does not imply anything about a student's behavior.
12. Giving children a 'head start' for their education.
13. How students are grouped for Grad/Drop.
16. New feature on MI School Data.
17. The 'T' in STARR.
18. Assessment for EL students.
19. Education after high school graduation.
21. Students with a primary language other than English.
22. How we collect data.

Down

2. How students are categorized; frequently used on MI School Data.
3. How students/staff are counted for funding purposes.
4. Partnership between MSU, U of M, MDE and CEPI.
5. Traditional public school district.
6. How we publicly report data.
7. Noncausal relationship.
8. AKA charter school.
11. A student who missed 10% of total school days.
14. Federal education information law.
15. Gov's postsecondary goal.
17. MDE's strategic plan.
20. Planned kindergarten retention.

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