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The Village of Walloon Lake is hosting the 4th Annual Walloon Lake Winterfest on Saturday, Februarv 20th, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The event will take place at Barrel Back Restaurant, The Village Green Park, and Tommy's Walloon.

Winterfest is a family friendly event, with outdoor activities for kids of all ages. There will be complimentary ice skate rentals in a variety of sizes for the whole family, and free ice skating at the ice rink located in the Village Green Park. Snowshoe and Cross-Country Skis are available for rental at Tommy's to explore local hiking trails. *Weather permitting. Warm up inside with a complimentary Hot Chocolate Bar provided by Walloon Lake Inn.

Explore Local Distilleries, Breweries & Wineries including: Wise Men Distillery, Beards Brewery, Shorts Brewery, Long Road Distillers, High Five Spirits, Boyne Valley Vineyards, and more. Drink tickets can be purchased on site from 12:00 PM-4:00 PM. Enjoy Barrel Back all-day Happy Hour specials from 12:00 PM -6:00 PM.

Giveaway prizes from Bar-



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rel Back Restaurant. Wise Men Distillery, Boyne Valley Vineyards, Tommy's Walloon, Walloon Lake Inn, and Hotel Walloon. Drawings will be held every half hour with the Grand Prize beginning a Two Night Stay at Hotel Walloon to be given away at 4:00 PM. *Must be present to win.

Live Ice Carving in the Village Green Park with Food Network's Ice Brigades and Wise Men Distillery Ice Luge.

The Petoskey Snowmobile Club will be holding their 3rd Annual Vintage Snowmobile Ride. The ride begins at the Petoskev Snowmobile Clubhouse (4172 Evergreen Trail,

Petoskey, MI 49770) and will end at Barrel Back Restaurant to be showcased on the lake. Gas is available at the Blue Facilities Building and Snowmobile parking is available for the event. Enjoy free Bean Soup at the Bean Pot while enjoying the Vintage Snowmobiles. All donations

collected with be going to the Petoskey Snowmobile Club.

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40th Annual Sno-Blast Festival aking place February 19 & 20 Northern

One of the largest drug dealers in

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mi. Bliss Rd.)

6 PM; ORV Safari Ride -Leave the Snowmobile Club House on a guided ride & back to Club House.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

(East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd.)

50/50 Drawings held throughout the day 9 AM – 1 PM; Classic & Antique Snowmobile Show 9 AM - 9:45 AM; ORV Ob-



Beautiful snow sculptures around town are a tradition at the East Jordan Sno-Blast. Courtesy photo

stacle Course & Weight Pull Registration 10 AM Sharp; Blessing

of the Sleds & ORV's 10 AM - 3 PM; Bean Pot at the Club House 10:15 AM; ORV Obstacle Course & Weight Pull -

Timed FUN course &

Weight Pull, \$5 per run, (18 years old and up), See what your ORV can do on the track.

ALL participants must wear a helmet 11 AM – 2 PM; Live Music by "Country Thunder" (outdoors)

12 PM; TNT Ride Like A Girl To Save the Girls Bikini Radar Run (Must be pre-registered – message twistedprincess15@gmail.c om)

1 PM – 3 PM; Snowmobile Radar Runs - \$10 per person, make as many runs as you want. Must be 18 years old, must wear a helmet. No Side By Side Running SATURDAY, FEBRUARY

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(Locations around town) 11 AM: Grand Story Hour Zoom Story Time with Luanne Reed - Contact the Chamber Office for Zoom code First 15 kids registered will receive a free book from local Author Suzanne Malpass Rogers. All kids will receive a Craft/Goodie Bag.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

(East Jordan Sno-Mobil-

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Michigan Sent to Prison Coy Michelle Brooks, 46, Petoskey, was sen-

tenced to serve 68 to 240 months in prison for delivery of methamphetamine in the 33rd Circuit

Court.



COY MICHELLE BROOKS

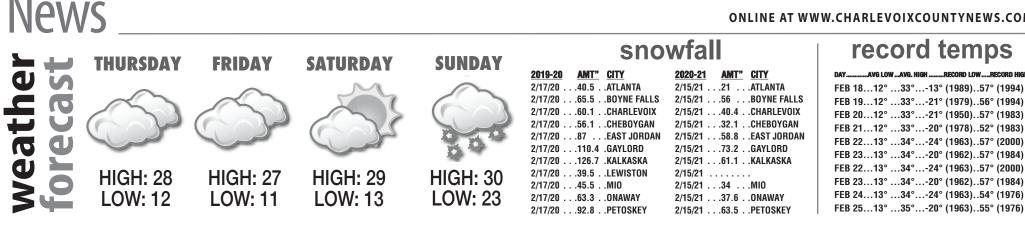
Judge Roy C. Hayes III also sentenced Brooks to concurrent sentences on convictions of maintaining a drug house and possession of amphetamine. Brooks had pleaded guilty on the charges on December 21, 2020

According to police affidavits, Brooks sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant working with the Charlevoix County Joint Operative Law Enforcement Team (JOLT) on March 25 and April 7, 2020.

She was then arrested and later released on bond. While on bond, according to court records, at a traffic stop on August 4, 2020 Brooks was illegally in possession of amphetamine and over \$3,000 in cash.

"The evidence in this case indicates that the defendant was one of the largest drug dealers in northern Michi-

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Marie Lucille (Coon) Everest, 98



(AUG. 8, 1922 - FEB. 10, 2021) Marie Lucille (Coon) Everest of Boyne City passed away Wednesday, February 10,2021 surrounded by the caring staff at Grandvue.

Marie was born August 8, 1922 to Rolvin and Marv (Bradley) Coon. She was born in a house in Boyne City and it was Boyne City she lived in her entire life. She graduated from BCHS in 1941 and on April 6, 1942 she married her high school sweetheart Woody Everest. They were married 76 years before Woody's passing in 2018. She was so proud of that and of

all her family. She would tell anyone that would listen how many grand, great-grand, and great-great grandchildren she had.

Growing up Marie helped with the family business, The City Dairy. Marie's first job was as a secretary for the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce, but soon traded that in to raise her two children Nancy and Johnny.

Marie is survived by her two children Nancy (Alvin) Zeiss of Cheboygan and John (Susan) Everest of Petoskey, grandchildren Christine (Daniel) Adkison, Rob (Tami) Jensen, both of Boyne City, Rusty (Bea) Gilmore of Converse, TX, Anita (Todd) Mariani of Olathe, KS, Erin (Seth) McBride of Petoskey, Rebecca (Chris) Palmer of Glenwood Springs, CO, and Tessa Everest of Petoskey, 17 greatgrandchildren (one on the way), 15 great-great grandchildren (one on the way), sisters-in-law, Marg Skop of Troy and Sue Adamski of Warren, brother-in-law, Wayne Everest of Boyne City, many nieces, nephews and good, good friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, parents, 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

Visitation will be Friday,

OBITUARIES

February 19th from 2PM until 6PM at Stackus Funeral Home. Social distancing policies must be followed and masks must be worn.

A graveside service will be held in the spring, at a time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grandvue Medical Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727.

The family would like to thank the caring staff at Grandvue for the wonderful, loving care Marie was given. You all hold a special place in our hearts

Joseph Battle, 79

(MARCH 2, 1941 - FEB. 16, 20219)

Joseph Lyman Battle of Charlevoix went home to meet his Lord on February 16, 2021 at his home. He was born on March 2, 1941 in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of Lyman and Alberta (Dean) Battle.

Joe was one of the chartering members of the Charlevoix Bible Baptist Church to which he still belonged. He was a big fan of the University of Michigan and he enjoyed playing baseball, basketball, as well as

golf especially in his later years. He also liked to play guitar, and he was a merchant marine. Joe was a jackof-all-trades in the Charlevoix area for many years; he was a skilled carpenter, chef, and plumber. He will be deeply missed by many close friends

Joe is survived by five children, Tony Battle of Charlevoix, Amy (Steve) Fuller of Charlevoix, Kathy Johnson (fiancé Jeff Craig) of Lansing, Cory (Corinne) Battle of Killeen, TX, and Joe Jr. (Liz) Battle of Charlevoix; two brothers, John Peters of Pellston and Loren Peters of CA; two sisters, Ella (John) Kerner of Charlevoix and Dori (Gary) Stofle of CA; 15 grandchildren; and 24 greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death

by the mother of his children, Marilyn Soblesky; his daughter, Martha Ann Battle; his brother, Jerry Battle; and his sister, Fran Peters.

A Celebration of Joe's Life will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Charlevoix Bible Baptist Church, 5855 M-66 N., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Visitation will take place at the church prior to the service. Times will be announced as they are made available. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rainbow Thrift Shoppe.

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

Robert Nels "Crazy Bob" Nichols, 90

(JUNE 2, 1930 - FEB. 10, 2021)



Robert Nels Nichols, "Crazy Bob" of Boyne City passed away February 10, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

1930 in Detroit to Edna & Rudolph Nichols and grew up in Boyne City. Bob was preceded in death by his young daughter Roxanne, February 21, 1969 & his wife Ruth, December 2, 2017. On July 1, 1951, he married

He was born on June 2,

Ruth N. Sloop of East Jordan. Married 66 years, together they raised 7 children in Mt. Morris, Michigan: Robin (Jim) Berry, Rose (Ken) Rau, Bob (Ruth) Nichols, Rick (Trini) Nichols, Roger (Sue) Nichols, Russ (Lisa) Nichols. They have 14 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. He is also survived by sister Dolly (Ken) Anderson, brother Carl Nichols and brother-in-law Richard Sloop, with many nieces and nephews.

He had a generous heart and loved giving things to people (coffee cups, hats, knives and ink pens). His favorite past times were fishing, hunting, yard sales and poker. He retired from Buick, Flint after 38 ½ years and returned to Boyne City.

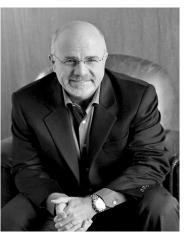
Bob's life will be remembered and celebrated with a memorial gathering on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at 652 E. Main Street, (Rose's house).



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Dave Ramsey

Buying a home when you're broke is the easiest way I know to become a foreclosure statistic. I'm glad you two are being thoughtful and sensible about taking such a big step.

If you remember, in Baby Step 1 I advise people to save up a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. Baby Step 2 is paying off all consumer debt from smallest to largest using the debt snowball method. Then, Baby Step 3 is where you go back and grow your emergency fund to a full three to six months of living expenses. With all this in mind, let's call getting ready to buy a home Baby Step 3b. Save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent to avoid PMI (private mortgage insurance). Also, make sure any mortgage loan is a 15-year, fixed rate loan, where the payments are no more than 25 percent of your monthly take-home pay. Doing it this way may delay your dream of being a homeowner for a while, but it will help ensure your new home is a blessing and not a financial curse! -Dave

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(Retirement funding comes before college savings)

Dear Dave,

A friend told me about your Baby Steps program. I have one question, though. I noticed that according to your plan, saving for retirement should come before saving up a college fund for your kids. Why is this? Natalie

Dear Natalie.

In short, college funding is not a necessity. Being able to set aside money for college is a great thing to do if parents can afford that sort of thing. But you can fund your education in other ways. There are loads of scholarships out there just for getting good grades. You can also work while you're taking classes. And one of the biggest things when it comes to getting an education is choosing a school or training program you can afford. Trust me, I believe in education. But there are lots of ways to get a college degree, or other career training, without your parents having to foot the bill or taking out student loans.

Another reason I advise this approach is because

everyone is going to retire someday-unless, unfortunately, they happen to die before reaching retirement age. Retiring and eating are necessities. College is a luxury. Lots of people succeed in life without going to college, and thousands have worked their way through college. I worked 40plus hours a week in college, and still graduated in four years. The only good way to retire is by planning for it years ahead of time, and that means saving and investing.

Sure, you should try to help your kids with their educations if you can. Even a little bit each month over the course of several years can help a lot. But some parents might not be able to put a dime toward their kids' educations after high school. That doesn't make them bad people or bad parents. And it doesn't mean their kids can't still go to college, and avoid debt doing it!

—Dave

(Planning for future purchases)

Dear Dave.

How far in advance do you recommend figuring future purchases into your budget? Robbie

Dear Robbie,

I recommend starting to put money aside, and including it in your budget as soon as you know the need for an item is a real possibility. Waiting until things go wrong or something breaks down will leave you in a real mess, more times than not.

For example, if you're pretty sure you'll need another vehicle in a year or two, the smart thing is to start putting money aside now. Do some research on prices, then do the math to see how much you'll need to set aside each month.

And remember, it's a whole lot easier to save money when you don't have things like credit card payments and other debt hanging around your neck. That's one of the big reasons I want to help people learn to live debt-free! -Dave

(Mortgages and **Baby Steps**)

We'd like to own a home someday, but we know we're not ready for that kind of financial commitment yet. Where does buying a house fit in your Baby Steps plan? Heather

Dear Heather,

* Dave Ramsey is a seventime #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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Dear Dave,

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CDC introduces updated guidance on quarantine after vaccination

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its clinical considerations for mRNA vaccines. Those updates including quarantine recommendations for those who completed their COVID-19 vaccine series. At this time, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) guidance has not yet been updated. It is likely that MDHHS will adopt the updated guidelines from the CDC, and at that time the local health department will make necessary adjustments to protocols and guidance.

According to the newly released CDC guidelines, vaccinated persons with an exposure to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case will likely be allowed to be exempted from quarantine for an approved period of time if they meet all of the following criteria:

-Are fully vaccinated. Individuals are fully vaccinated when 2 or more weeks have passed since receiving their second dose in a 2-dose series, OR 2 or more weeks have passed since receiving one dose of a single-dose vaccine. Single-dose COVID-19 vaccines have not been approved for use in the U.S. yet.

-Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series. After 3 months following their last dose, individuals should continue to quarantine as instructed.

-Have remained asymptomatic since their COVID-19 exposure.

-Vaccinated individuals who become infected may have milder symptoms but would still be contagious. They should still self-monitor for 14 days following exposure and if they experience ANY (even mild) symptoms, they should get tested and isolate pending results.

An exception to these guidelines includes the following: Vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare and other congregate care settings should continue to quarantine following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 regardless of symptom status to prevent further spread.

Vaccinated persons should continue to follow current guidance to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands often, following CDC travel guidance, and following any applicable workplace or school guidance.

"The updated guidance from the CDC does not give people a free pass. Individuals who have been fully vaccinated should still be cautious and when symptomatic should get tested as we know that there is no vaccine that is 100% effective," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. "Vaccinated people should continue to follow all protective measures in the community, at work and while traveling to protect themselves and others.'



Brother Elk Sean McDonough and his team of volunteers coordinate the hosting of these blood drives with Versiti where members and the community generously donate 50 plus pints of life per event. Elks Care, Elks Share. Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Elks Honored by Versiti with Certificates of Appreciation

Charlevoix Elks Lodge 2856 was recently honored by Susan Street and the Versiti team with 2 certificates of appreciation. We were

recognized as being one of the top five 2020 blood drive hosts in Northern Michigan. We were also recognized for collecting 279 units of blood, saving over 830 patient lives and being a committed community partner through the pandemic. The team at the Charlevoix Elks, the volun-

teers and donors; your hard work and generosity is extraordinary.



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Alainna Malkowicz

Grade: 8

Parent's Name(s): Renee Crain and Stan Malkowicz

Future Plans: would like to go into Information Tech

Favorite Book:

Hobbies and Interests: swimming, skiing, and ice skating

School Activities:

Staff Comments: Alainna has done a great job this year. She works hard and contributes during class. Alainna is respectful, caring, and comes to class with a smile and positive attitude. She is a great example of the logger agreement. Keep up the good work Alainna!

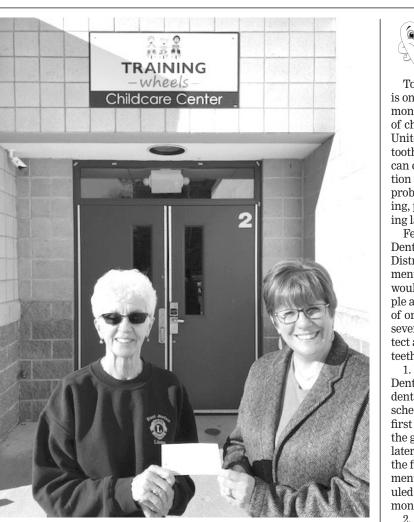
Submitted By: Mr. Stolarski



Left Sherry Pursel, East Jordan Lion's Club Treasurer, Right: Thomas (Tinker) Breakey of the Jordan River Action Group. Courtesy photo

EJ Lion's Club donation to JRAG

East Jordan Lions Club treasurer Sherry Pursel presents a \$500 check to Tom Breakey of the Jordan River Action Group. The Lions Club works with the action group, collecting returnable bottles and cans at four sites along the Jordan River. They also collect the trash at the sites and clean up the area around them. Many canoers, kayakers and rafters who use our beautiful river also pick up trash they see as they come down the river. Keeping the Jordan River clean will make it much more enjoyable for all who use it for years to come.



Left: Sherry Pursel, Treasurer East Jordan Lion's Club – Right: Danielle Poindexter, Executive Director Training Wheels Childcare Center. Courtesy photo

EJ Lions Club presents check to Training Wheels Childcare Center

Sherry Pursel, treasurer of the East Jordan Lions Club is presenting a check to Danielle Poindexter, Executive Director of the newly established Training Wheels Childcare Center. The much needed daycare center is a nonprofit daycare and will be opening soon at the East Jordan Public Schools Mill Street Campus also known as the old middle school. February is "Children's Dental Health Month" Tooth decay (cavities) is one of the most common chronic conditions of childhood in the United States. Untreated tooth decay in children

United States. Untreated tooth decay in children can cause pain and infection that may lead to problems eating, speaking, playing, and learning later in life.

February is Children's Dental Health Month and District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) would like to remind people about the importance of oral health. Below are seven simple ways to protect and keep children's teeth healthy.

1. Regularly visit the Dentist: A child's first dental visit should be scheduled as soon as the first tooth comes through the gums, but also no later than age one. After the first visit, appointments should be scheduled for every six months.

2. Brush their teeth: Begin using fluoride toothpaste as soon as teeth begin breaking through the gums. Children should be brushing their teeth for 2 minutes, 2 times each day.

3. Floss too: Just like for adults, a toothbrush doesn't fit in between the teeth to remove germs, so flossing between teeth once each day is just as important as brushing.

4. Limit sugary items: Try to limit sugary snacking and drinking between meals. If a snack must be had, ensure it's nutritious. If consuming sugary foods and drinks consume them with meals. Saliva production increases during meals and helps neutralize acid production and rinse food particles from the mouth. The acid in sugary beverages will eat away at the tooth enamel for 20 minutes after every drink leading to cavities if left untreated.

5. Don't share: Sharing cups, straws, utensils or toothbrushes can and will transfer germs that cause cavities.

6. Ask the dentist about sealants: Sealants can protect the chewing surface of a child's teeth.

7. Use mouthguards when necessary: As children age and begin playing contact sports, take into consideration using a custom mouthguard to protect from head, neck and teeth injuries. Adult teeth are the only set of teeth you'll get.

Questions? Contact your local dental health provider. If you do not have one, visit whereforcare.info/#findaprovider to locate a provider near you. Vews

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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

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BY DOM SANTINA

CHARLEVOIX - The Council started their meeting with some housekeeping. It started with the adoption of an amendment. The amendment brought the budget for 2020-2021 up to date. The second piece of housekeeping was approving ordinance 825 which is the adoption of the 2021-2022 budget. The Council would also accept the changes to the rates for the airport, cemetery, marina, parking, FOIA, golf. Miscellaneous and Utility rates, which include wastewater and electric rates. The final piece of housecleaning was an updated capital improvement plan or capital budget. The Capital budget is a synopsis of the economic development strategy and sizable

EMS Authority plans continue ical Services Authority.

There would be two types, In-

corporating municipalities

where a city or township is

included or contracting mu-

nicipalities where a portion

ship joins without a voted

the township or city would

fall under, they would be re-

quired to appoint one mem-

ber to the authority board.

The board would have full

management authority over

things including budget, per-

sonnel and other functions.

As it stands the authority

would seek a millage vote

ity district. The next steps

would be that the board

would be appointed and

from the voters in the author-

begin performing the official

functions for the authority,

including developing a lease

with the City to continue op-

of a township joins or a town-

millage. No matter what type

projects planned for the future. As required by law the plan should cover the next five years, while the

Charlevoix plan has covered through 2029. The plan does not cover every single possible project but the best plans that they have as of now. The goal of this resolution is to develop and maintain longterm infrastructure plans.

The big issue of the meeting was once again about the ambulance authority. A oncepromising topic that seemed like could come together for the whole county, has now turned into an area topic. The local townships and the City of Charlevoix are looking at a new authority that would mirror the current footprint of Charlevoix EMS. The current name of the Authority would be the Lake Charlevoix Emergency Med-

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EAST JORDAN WIFI LOCATIONS

In an effort to help our local students that need to access the internet for their school lessons, we are starting a list of places where wifi is available for them to use from outside. If you are a business owner and have wifi that is accessible from your parking lot and you are willing to let students use it please let us know. info@ejchamber.org Wifi Locations: East Jordan DDA - First two blocks of Main Street, Downtown East Jordan - Harbor/Marina Parking Lot, City of East Jordan - East Jordan Tourist Park near the log building, EJ Laundry Station - 128 S. Lake Street, Jordan River Arts Council Outside - username: jracguest, password: jracguest, East Jordan Public Schools - High School & Elementary School parking lots, JRAC To fulfill a request from the East Jordan Schools the Jordan River Art Center has made it's patio a free WI-FI hotspot. Anyone can sit on the patio and access the internet. The username is: jracguest and the password is: jracguest. Feel free to sit there and enjoy spring.

eration of the department from the station in City Hall. There would be a period of time once the authority is created that the City will continue performing services while the authority files to become a licensed provider.

While the Council approves the idea, the other townships have to review the proposal as well. Before the Authority can continue to go forward. With the approval, the City Attorney and City Manager will review the document and begin final negotiations before it becomes final. The goal of the Authority is to provide strong stewardship of public resources and to promote good governance

The City Commission will hold their next meeting on March 1 at six o'clock in the evening via Zoom.

6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

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Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.



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NORTHERN MICHIGAN NCMC LUNCHEON LECTURE; REDISTRICTING THE NEW WAY

February 19, noon-1pm, online. In November 2018, Michigan voters approved the "Voters Not Politicians" constitutional amendment, which makes a commission of 13 randomly selected citizens responsible for drawing district lines for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress. The Secretary of State serves as the secretary without a vote of the commission and administrator of the new redistricting process. Sally Marsh, director of special projects for the Michigan Department of State, explains the process and what it will mean for Michigan voters.Register at www.ncmclifelonglearing.com/events.

NCMC LUNCHEON LECTURE; TALKING TRASH

March 19, noon-1pm, online. Orchestras across the world had planned to celebrate the 250th birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven in 2020 before COVID-19 struck. Although he is often hailed as a hero who overcame deafness to compose some of the greatest music ever written, there is much more to his story. Amanda Sewell, Ph.D., music director of Interlochen Public Radio, will survey his life and music, focusing on some less well-known facets, including his long affair with a married woman known as "Immortal Beloved." Sewell. Register at www.ncmclifelonglearing.com/events.

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CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

February 11am-6:30pm, Charlevoix Elks Club.

The Charlevoix Elks Club is having a blood drive in the Community Room. Appointments are preferred and can be made at versiti.org/miblood or by calling 866-642-5663. The Elks Club is located at 12735 US 31.

EAST JORDAN EJ CHAMBER CHAT

February 24, noon-1pm. Proudly Sponsored by: **Consumers Energy**

Please contact the Chamber Office to get the Zoom code; 231-536-7351 or info@ejchamber.org

BOYNE CITY SMELTANIA

February 27, 1-6pm, Veterans Park Pavilion. The Boyne Area Chamber is excited to announce that Smeltania is making a comeback! A huge winter festival in the 40's and 50's, Smeltania was a popular winter event hosted by Boyne City. The whole community came together and actually built a small town on frozen Lake Charlevoix consisting of fishing shanties and other miscellaneous "shacks". Of course, due to Covid-19, we are planning a small scale, socially distance event for 2021; with the hopes of expanding in future winters as the social distance guidelines allow. So save the date.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN NCMC LUNCHEON LECTURE; BEETHOVEN AND THE ODE TO JOY

March 19, noon-1pm, online. Do you ever wonder what happens to the stuff you put out to the curb every week? Chris Gee knows. He got his start in the trash business at age 9. Today he runs the landfill in Onaway owned by Toronto-based GFL Environmental Inc., which takes all of the trash collected in Emmet County. He can also tell you some surprising things about eagles, and how he's looking at ways to turn some of your waste into electricity. Register at www.ncmclifelonglearing.com/events.

BOYNE CITY INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 9am – Noon, Pavilion, 207 N. Lake Street. Our indoor season home in the pavilion is ready for you all. We hope to have a great season and look forward to a lot of fun. Over 20 vendors with a variety of produce, baked goods, crafts, coffee and more. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

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Have you experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis? Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) has funding from the fed-

BOYNE CITY KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 month-old-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church,

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers free playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool-age siblings. Playgroups help you learn about your child's developmental stages, learn new children's games/activities and share parenting concerns/experiences with other parents and the playgroup facilitator. Playgroups are held in various northern Michigan communities. For current playgroup locations/times, visit www.wrcnm.org or call (231) 347-0067.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.

- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week

- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session

- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

News Bergman Picked to Lead Republicans on VA Subcommittee on Health

Washington – Last week, Rep. Jack Bergman was appointed to become the next Ranking Member of the VA Subcommittee on Health.

The Subcommittee on Health's responsibilities include oversight of medical services. research. facilities, and compliance at the Veterans' Health Administration. In his new role, Rep. Bergman will seek to keep the Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Health Administration under President Biden accountable and focused on delivering care to our Nation's Veterans. Rep. Bergman issued

the following statement: "I'm grateful for the op-

portunity to serve as the Ranking Member on this important subcommittee. Over 9 million Veterans are enrolled to receive care in the VA system and Congress must ensure these Veterans have access to the care they have earned. I appreciate Ranking Member Bost's support and I look forward to working with him and the entire Committee as we tackle these issues most critical for our Veterans.'

Ranking Member Mike Bost said, "After serving as Chair and then Ranking Member for the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations for four years, I am thrilled that General Bergman will now lead the Republicans on the Subcommittee on Health. He was a leader in the Marines. and he has been a fighter on our Committee since coming to Congress. I am grateful for his continued commitment to our work. I am excited to keep serving our fellow veterans alongside him.'

Rep. Jack Bergman serves on both the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Rep. Bergman served in the United States Marine Corps for 40 years, as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, and most recently as Commander of Marine Forces North/Marine Forces Reserve - retiring at the rank of Lt. General.

Rep. Bergman will also rejoin the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations where he previously served as the Chairman and Ranking Member.

River mouth bathrooms to get needed repairs

BY: DOM SANTINA

BOYNE CITY- The City Commission meeting started with an update from City Manager Michael Cain. He updated the Commission that the City had been working overtime hours trying to keep up with plowing during the snowstorm. Cain also informed the Commission that the City has installed thin ice signs around the Marina.

The next thing on the agenda was a badge ceremony for Brandon Huff. Officer Huff earned his badge during his training program that is required for all new hires. With earning his badge, Officer Huff may now start patrolling on his own.

The Commission held a public hearing on the 425 agreement. This was required for the amendment to move forward between the City and Boyne Valley Township. The amendment would allow for Boyne Valley Township to use roughly 40 acres of property that the City owns in the Township. There has already been interest to develop on the plot of land. There was no public comment during the hearing. There was no one that was

to speak in support of Jarvis Webb either, who had expressed interest in the property.

The Commission would then approve the recommendation to approve hiring Environment Architects of Traverse City to provide design services for the River Mouth Restroom projects and that it shall not exceed \$5000. The City has been trying to apply for grants to help with the costs have not been successful. The desire to update the bathrooms has been a desire of the Commission for a while now. The Commission has authorized to move forward with the project. The design services are required for the City to continue on with the project and to obtain permits from the county.

The next thing that would be approved by the Commission is the recommendation to approve a contract with C2AE for design and engineering phase services for a cost of \$61,000. A majority of the equipment was installed in the mid 70's. While 2 out of the 3 pumps have been replaced, there is still one more pump, some electrical systems, pump controls and a backup generator that needs to still be replaced. The project will coordinate with the River Mouth restroom project. The Commission would

then award a contract to Kroondyk Construction for the River Mouth Restroom project. As part of the contract the cost of the repairs will not exceed \$165,692. The project will include the interior and exterior will be stripped down and replaced to new. There will be three restrooms in total with new fixtures and finishes added to the building. When the project is completed it will be in compliance with Americans with Disability Act. The project is expected to take approximately 18 weeks and will be closed while under construction. The construction is scheduled to be completed by July 1, 2021.

The Commission would approve the recommendation to amend the contract with Armstrong Environmental LLC. The contract will not exceed \$5,000 to help the City with Design and Permitting services Peninsula Beach and North Lake Street Bridge shoreline erosion control. With the approval there will be a presentation in the next meeting. The work will be designing and involving recommendations and the permitting detailing. There

was also a second project attached to the recommendation, would involve sidewalk work with C2AE to do surveying as for the project. This project would cost an extra \$5,600 to complete. The expense will come from the Major Street Professional services account.

The City approved the recommendation of Assistant Planning Director to submit a grant request resolution in the amount of \$9,497.50 for the Waterworks Park Recreation Trail. The millage was voted in 2014, the City is proposing to submit an application for funding. In the past the city has received over \$100,000 of funding for multiple properties and projects throughout the city. The City would to submit an application due on March 1 to the Charlevoix County Parks millage with support from the Park and Recreation Commission. The plan for the funding is to help install the pedestrian access loop and naturalized landscaping at the Waterworks Park. The total cost of the project is \$20,315, of that total, the City is contributing \$10,818.

The Commission will meet again on February 23,2021 at noon via Zoom.

Travel safety tips in today's COVID environment

There may be snow on the ground, but many people are starting to think about planning a spring getaway, which may involve extra precautions due to the pandemic should one choose to travel at all.

"I am getting a lot of questions about travel and what, if any, restrictions or safety precautions should be taken in light of COVID-19," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director for District Health Department No. 4. Despite your destination – within the United States or overseas - travelers should practice all the same safety mitigation practices they do at home, Meyerson said. However, travelers should be aware of the additional requirements of international travel for both their destination and return to the United States. International Travel: As of January 26, the CDC is requiring ALL air passen-

gers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens, to have a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board a flight to the United States. This Order applies to ALL air passengers, 2 years of age or older, traveling into the US, including US citizens and legal permanent residents. After travel, families returning home must get tested 3-5 days after travel and stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after travel. The CDC requires even if you test negative, you need to

upon return, add another week to 10 days of staying home and self-quarantining," Meyerson said, emphasizing how the travel abroad would impact returning to work or school for an additional 7-10 days.

For information on CDC travel requirements: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019- ncov/travelers/testing-international-ai r-travelers.html

For information on COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination visit

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices. html

When away from home it is even more important to avoid crowded indoor spaces as much as possible, always wear a mask when inside a public space and when outside if safe distancing is not possible, he said. If an establishment doesn't seem safe due to crowds or others not masking, seek an alternate. Eating out should be outdoors, and carry out is much safer than dining in. If visiting friends and relatives, you should follow the same guidelines for "social bubbles" as you do at home and keep the number small.

Additional food assistance in response to COVID-19 extended through February

Approximately 350,000 Michigan families will continue to have access to additional food assistance benefits during February as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced today. Michigan previously approved the additional food assistance beginning in March 2020 - and now that is being extended for February 2021 with approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact virtually every aspect of our lives, the last thing Michigan families should have to worry about is being able to afford their groceries each week," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "Michiganders deserve to have peace of mind in knowing resources are available to help them during this time, which is why I'm grateful we can continue providing this vital support for families throughout the state.' Eligible clients will see additional food assistance benefits on their Bridge Card by Feb. 28, with payments beginning for some households on Feb. 18. Additional benefits will be loaded onto Bridge Cards as a separate payment from the assistance that is provided earlier in the month. "Extending these food assistance benefits is part of the department's continuing efforts to help Michiganders put food on the table during the pandemic," said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. "We will continue to work with our partners in the federal government to provide easy access to nutritious food.' More than 1.2 million people in Michigan receive federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits through the state's Food Assistance Program.

tional benefits in February to bring all current SNAP cases to the maximum monthly allowance for that group size. This change only applies to customers not currently receiving the maximum benefit amount. The 350,000 households that receive increased benefits represent greater than 50 percent of the more than 690,000 Michigan households that received food assistance in September. The remaining households already receive the maximum benefit.

Below are the maximum allowable benefits for SNAP customers based on their re-

stay home and selfquarantine for the full 7 days. If your test is positive, you need to isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected, CDC requirements state.

"For anyone traveling abroad to a non-U.S. destination or territory for a week-long spring break, these CDC requirements, Domestic Travel in US and Territories: For domestic travel the issue is not so much where you go but what you do, Meyerson said.

"We should all practice the same safety measures we do when we are home," Meyerson said. "It's natural to want to let our guard down on vacation but none of us want to get sick away from home or bring this virus back to our communities," he added.

For more information about state specific risk levels, as determined by daily new cases, infection rate, and positive test rate, visit www.covidactnow.org



Vintage snowmobiles will be on display on Saturday at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club House, located on Mt. Bliss Rd. Courtesy photo

Blast Drawing Contest. Sponsored by The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center. Theme is: "Favorite Wither Activities". Prizes will be awarded. More info: Contact Jen @ 586-206-8194

Other Fun Stuff To Do In East Jordan

Ice Skating Rink – Outdoor rink at East Jordan Tourist Park

Disc Golf – East Jordan Community Park

Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing – East Jordan Community Park and Little Traverse Conservancy Preserves. Visit www.landtrust.org for a preserve map.

Dinning & Shopping



Don't miss the Bean Pot at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club. Courtesy photo

Households eligible for Food Assistance Program benefits will receive addi-

DRUG DEALER FROM PG. 1

gan," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "Both the police detective and the probation agent investigating the matter noted that they had not seen someone who distributed so many drugs in this community in a long time, if ever."

In pronouncing the sentence, Hayes stated, "This drug (methamphetamine) is destructive. It destroys lives, it spective household size: One Person: \$234 Two Persons: \$430 Three Persons: \$616 Four Persons: \$782 Five Persons: \$929 Six Persons: \$1,114 Seven Persons: \$1,232 Eight Persons: \$1,408

The federal government is providing additional funding to states for food assistance under House Resolution 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Eligible families do not need to re-apply to receive the additional benefits. People who receive food assistance can check their benefits balance on their Michigan Bridge Card by going online to www.michigan.gov/MIBridges or calling a consumer service representative tollfree at 888-678-8914. They can ask questions about the additional benefits by calling or emailing their caseworker.

Customer service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spanish and Arabic service is available. If you are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing or speech-impaired, call the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1.

Information around the COVID-19 outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

destroys communities."

"Many other individuals who have either been convicted or who are awaiting trial for selling drugs told police that Ms. Brooks was their supplier. She admitted to police that she was driving down to Flint on a regular basis to buy drugs to bring back and sell in northern Michigan," Telgenhof noted.

"This is another conviction and prison sentence brought about by the fine work of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and JOLT."

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

SNO-BLAST

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ers Club House, Mt. Bliss Rd)

Noon; South Arm ORV Club Raffle Drawing, 1st Prize – Westinghouse 10,000 watt Duel Fuel Generator, 2nd Prize – Stihl MS211 Chainsaw Package, 3rd Prize - \$100 Marathon Gift Card. Tickets available from any ORV Club Member, T&R Yamaha. Sold until drawing or until they are gone. (Raffle Lic. # R59562)

CONTESTS GET IN IT TO WIN IT! Sno-Sculpture Contest – No Theme, Just have fun! Entry is \$5: deadline Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Cash prizes awarded. Get your application at the Chamber Office or at www.ejchamber.org. Sponsored by South Arm Café.

Kids Coloring Contest -Kids ages 0 – 6th Grade are welcome to compete in a Sno-Blast Coloring Contest. Sponsored by East Jordan BC Pizza. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place. Entries will be displayed at businesses in downtown E.J. during the week of Sno-Blast so you can vote on your favorite. Voting box at E.J. Chamber Office. Coloring page available at Chamber Office or on line at www.ejchamber.org

Drawing Contest – 7th – 12th Grade Middle/High School students are welcome to compete in a Sno-



athletes of week

EVAN SOLOMON CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS BOYS BASKETBALL

Evan had a big week to kick off the season. He scored 27 points against Kalkaska, 27 points against East Jordan and 26 points against Glen Lake.



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TAYLOR PETROSKY CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Although she is a junior, Taylor is the veteran leader on the young Charlevoix Rayder girls basketball team. Taylor led the Rayders to a victory over in-county rival East Jordan Red Devils last week.





BOYS BASKETBALL

Ellsworth starts season off with two conference wins

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Basketball team opened the season on Monday, February 8 at home, as they welcomed Harbor Light for a conference matchup.

The team jumped out to an early lead over the Swordsmen. Ellsworth would lead 18-9 after the first quarter. That would only be the start as the Lancers would start being able to get out on the fast break. The Lancers would be able to put up 25 points in the second quarter and stretch their lead to 43-15 at the break.

That would not be the most efficient quarter for the Lancers, however, as they would be able to put up 31 points in the third quarter. The team would have another strong defensive effort. They would hold the Swordsman only to 13 points. The big third quarter pushed the Lancer's lead out to 74-28. The game would be called after three quarters. The Lancers would have four players in double figures for scoring. Senior Jaeger Griswold would contribute 12 points, Junior Jamal Cebulski would add 14 points, Sophomore Kelan Pletcher would have 16 points and Junior Brayden Steenwyk would lead the way with 21 points. The win starts the Lancers off 1-0 on the year and 1-0 in the Northern Lakes Conference.

really worked together sharing the ball and that shows in the stat sheet. It is a good start to the season," said Coach Steenwyk.

The team would not be able to focus on the win for too long. As they would welcome the East Jordan Red Devils into town on Wednesday, February 10. The team would be able to keep it close in the first quarter. As the Lancers would be able to take advantage of costly Red Devil turnovers. The Lancers would be able to put up 11 points in the first quarter but would find themselves down 15-11 after the first. The Lancers would continue to take advantage of the turnovers and be able to make a run in the second quarter to make the game really close at halftime. The Lancers would be able to outscore the Red Devils 14-11 in the second quarter. This would have the Red Devils holding a slim 26-25 lead at the half.

The third quarter is where the game really took a swing. The Red Devils would be able



"It was good to get on the court again. It was an allaround team win. The guys to start knocking down some threes. Which opened up the scoring and helped the Red Devils pull away. The Lancers would be outscored 20-11 in the third quarter. This would stretch the Red Devils lead to double digits 46-36. The fourth quarter would be another close one, however, with the Red Devil's run in the third quarter, the Lancers would not be able to make up the difference. The Red Devils would hand the Lancers their first loss of the

Junior Jamal Cebulski drives through East Jordan Defense trying to score in the first half of their game on Wednesday, February 10. Photo by Dom Santina

year by a final score of 57-45. The Lancers would only have one player in double figures in this game. Junior Jamal Cebulski would lead the team with 13 points.

The loss moves the Lancers record on the season to 1-1, 1-0 in the Northern Lakes Conference.

The Lancers would end the week with another conference game. As they would go on the road for the first time this season. As they would travel to Mackinaw City to take on the Comets. The game would start off slow as the first quarter would see both teams only score single digits. The Lancers would lead after one quarter, 7-2. In the second quarter, the Comets would make a run and outscore the Lancers 10-6 in the quarter. The Lancers would narrowly hold the edge at the half as they lead 13-12 over the Comets.

The third quarter would be another close one but would see both teams be able to score double digits. The Lancers would come out with the edge in the quarter, 16-11 and hold a 29-23 lead heading into the fourth quarter. This is when the Lancers would really find their stroke again, as they would surge ahead and pull away from the Comets. The Lancers would outscore the Comets 22-10 in the quarter and get their second win of the season by a final score of 51-33.

"Wow, what a first half you could have flipped a coin on which coach was the most surprised with a halftime score of 13-12. It seemed like there was a lid on the bucket for the first few minutes as a bucket was hard to come by, no matter how good of a look it was. In the second half, we seemed to find our stride a little better and got some separation. I was happy with our defense tonight," said Coach Steenwyk after their second win of the season.

The win moves the Lancers to 2-1 on the season and 2-0 in the Northern Lakes Conference.

The Lancers boys team is back in action on Tuesday night as they will host Central Lake. They then will travel to Wolverine on Wednesday night as part of a Varsity doubleheader. They will wrap up the second week of the season with a game on the road at Boyne Falls.

Junior Brayden Steenwyk looks to drive baseline in the first half of their game against East Jordan. Photo by Dom Santina



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BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Petoskey	2-0	3-0
TC West	2-0	2-0
TC Central	1-0	1-1
Alpena	0-3	0-3
Cadillac	0-1	0-1
Gaylord	0-2	0-2

LAKE MICHIGAN CONF.

Team Conf Charlevoix St Francis Elk Rapids Harbor Springs Kalkaska Boyne City East Jordan Grayling	Ovr 1-0 2-0 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1 0-1 0-2	1-0 2-1 2-1 1-1 1-1 1-2 1-1 0-2
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STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Rudyard	2-0	3-0
Cheboygan	2-0	2-1
St Ignace	1-1	2-1
Sault	1-2	1-2
Newberry	1-2	1-3

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Gaylord St Mary	2-0	3-0
Mancelona	2-0	2-1
Forest Area	1-0	1-1
Pellston	1-1	2-1
Joburg-Lewiston	1-1	1-1
Inland Lakes	1-1	1-2
Bellaire	0-2	0-2
Central Lake	0-2	0-3
Onaway	0-2	0-2

NORTH STAR LEAGUE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Atlanta	2-0	2-0
Hale	1-0	1-0
Hillman	1-1	1-1
Au Gres-Sims	0-2	0-2
Fairview	0-2	0-2
Posen	0-0	0-0

NORTHERN LAKES CONF.

GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

2/15/21

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE	
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Team	Conf	Ovr
TC West	2-0	2-0
Cadillac	1-0	1-0
TC Central	1-0	1-0
Petoskey	1-1	2-1
Gaylord	0-2	1-2
Alpena	0-3	1-3

LAKE MICHIGAN CONF.

Team	Conf	Ovr
Charlevoix	2-0	2-0
Elk Rapids	2-0	3-0
Ct Francia	2.0	0.1

BOYS BASKETBALL



Freshman Preston Malpass starts his season off with a bang, as he puts down a dunk in the first quarter against Harbor Springs. Phot by Dom Santina

East Jordan drops two close LMC games to start season

BY: DOM SANTINA

EAST JORDAN - The boys basketball team finally got to compete this winter. They would welcome the Harbor Springs Rams to start the season on February 9. A familiar Lake Michigan Conference opponent would make for good second quarter was a little bit quieter but still a good amount of offense. Malpass would help lead a spark for the Red Devils including a big slam dunk and converting an and-one. The Red Devils would be able to close in at the half, but the Rams still led 35-30.

A quick start for the Rams in the second half ior Jude Proctor. After a timeout, the Red Devils inbounded the ball under their own basket with only 18 seconds left. After running their play, junior Mason Malpass knocked down a baseline jumper to put the Red Devils ahead for what looked like good, 60-59. With the clock still rolling and just a few seconds left, the Rams chucked the ball inbounds, rushed up the court and got it to junior Carter Sherman who heaved up a three over two defenders as the clock expired. The shot would find nothing by nylon. The Rams would knock off the Red Devils 62-60, in an absolute thriller to welcome back high school sports.

half. As the Lancers would show they could hang with the Red Devils in the first half. The game would start out with another Preston Malpass dunk, his second in two games. The Red Devils would be able to pull ahead slightly after the first quarter, 15-11. However, in the second quarter, the turnovers would play a big Jordan to 1-1 on the season, while 0-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

CHARLEVOIX

The Red Devils would finish off their first week, with a trip up the road to Charlevoix. The game would be a very close game to start. The Rayders would

SUTIANUS	2-0	2-1	
Kalkaska	1-1	1-1	
East Jordan	1-1	1-2	
Boyne City	0-2	0-3	
Grayling	0-2	0-2	
Harbor Springs	0-2	0-2	

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Sault	3-0	4-0
Cheboygan	1-1	2-1
Newberry	1-1	1-2
Rudyard	1-2	1-2
St Ignace	0-1	1-2

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovi
Joburg-Lewiston	1-0	1-0
Onaway	1-0	2-1
Inland Lakes	3-1	3-2
Bellaire	2-1	2-1
Gaylord St Mary	1-1	2-1
Central Lake	1-2	1-2
Mancelona	1-2	1-2
Forest Area	0-2	0-2
Pellston	0-2	0-2

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - BIG DIPPER

Team	Conf	Ovr
Oscoda	4-0	4-0
Rogers City	2-0	2-1
Alcona	1-1	3-1
Mio	0-3	0-3
W-P	0-1	0-1

NORTH STAR LEAGUE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Fairview	2-1	2-1
Hillman	2-1	2-1
Au Gres-Sims	1-1	1-1
Atlanta	0-2	0-2
Hale	0-1	0-1

NORTHERN LAKES CONF.

Team	Conf	Ovi
Mackinaw City	3-0	4-C
Alanson	2-1	2-1
Ellsworth	1-1	1-1
Harbor Lt Chr	1-1	1-1
Wolverine	1-1	1-1
Alba	0-3	0-3
North Mich Chr	0-0	0-1
Vanderbilt	0-1	0-1
Boyne Falls	0-0	0-0

HOCKEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

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Conf	Ovr
1-0	2-0
1-0	2-1
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1-1	3-2
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NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Team	Conf	Ovr
St Francis	0-0	3-0
Cheboygan	0-0	0-3
Manistee	0-1	0-2

competition to start the year. However, I do not think either team would have guessed how this one would go down.

HARBOR SPRINGS

The game would start with an opening basket by Red Devils freshman Preston Malpass. Then it was Junior JJ Weber knocking down a three from the corner to put the Red Devils back up 5-2, after Ram's basket on the other end. It would go back and forth through most of the first quarter, as with 3:22 left it was the Rams taking an 8-7 lead. The Red Devils would be able to knock a free throw down to tie it at 8. However, a run by the Rams, thanks to some sharp shooting from beyond the arc. The Ram's led 21-10 at the end of the first quarter. The

would allow them to expand on their lead. The lead was built in large part due to Rams junior Trae MacGregor, who knocked down a three and then converted an and-one the next trip down the floor. The second quarter would be a slower quarter for scoring as the Rams would lead 48-40 heading into the final quarter. The Rams would get a layup to go early in the fourth to stretch the lead to 10, just one minute in. That is when the momentum in the gym started to switch. The Red Devils started attacking the basket and taking care of the basketball. They would go on a 17-7 run in the next four minutes and thirty seconds and be able to tie the game. It would be a defensive battle for the next two minutes. Harbor would eventually take a 59-58 lead, off of a made basket by jun-

The Red Devils would have two players in double figures. They would be led by freshman Preston Malpass with 17 points and junior Ethan Antaya would have 14.

ELLSWORTH

The Red Devils would have a quick turnaround as they would then travel to Ellsworth for a non-conference matchup.

The Red Devils would be in for another tough first

factor.

In the third quarter, the Red Devils started to light it up from behind the arc. Junior JJ Weber knocked down two big threes that helped the Red Devils expand that lead. The lead would be pushed to double digits after the third quarter as the Red Devils led 46-36. In the fourth quarter, the Red Devils ramped up the pressure and it paid off. The defensive pressure let them get out and run and tired out the Lancers. The Red Devils would pull away from the Lancers a little more, to take a 57-45 win. The Lancers would have no answer for freshman Preston Malpass, as he would put up 26 points and lead the way in the win. While junior Mason Malpass would be the only other Red Devil in double figures with 12 points.

The win would move East



The game would be a defensive battle in the third quarter, as each team would only score six points. The game would remain tied at 28's at the end of the third quarter. The Red Devils would get back to a doubledigit quarter in the fourth but would not be able to keep the Rayders offense in check. The Rayders would pull away down the stretch and hand the Red Devils their second close loss of the season by a score of 45-38. The Red Devils would be led by Junior Mason Malpass as he would score 17 points in the game and add 7 rebounds as well.

"A good effort overall by the team, we showed our inexperience on both ends of the floor at some really important times that cost us the game. I did a bad job in stretches of getting guys in the right spots, but that is a learning curve for me with a new team. It is tough to go play Charlevoix at home, but the kids really learned and grew throughout the game," said Head Coach Nate Dzwik after the second straight close conference loss.

The Red Devils end the week with a 1-2 record on the season while having a 0-2 record in the Lake Michigan Conference. The Red Devils will be back in action on Tuesday when they travel to play Traverse City St. Francis. Then will be back in action at home when they host Kalkaska on Thursday.



Junior Mason Malpass pulls up for a three in the first quarter against Harbor Springs in the season opener. Photo by Dom Santina

Sports

BOYS BASKETBALL Calcaterra picks up first win as varsity coach

BY: DOM SANTINA

TRAVERSE CITY ST. FRANCIS

The Boyne City boys basketball team traveled to Traverse City to take on Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, February 9. This would be the first game under new Head Coach Randy Calcaterra, after Nick Redman's final season got cut short due to the pandemic. The team would be in a competitive close fought game throughout the whole game. The Ramblers would be able

ter to start the game with 23 points. The Ramblers struggled in the second and third quarters as they would only score a combined 13 points between the two quarters. The Ramblers scored 11 points in the fourth quarter but it was not enough as the Gladiators were able to pull away. The Ramblers would fall to the Gladiators by a final score of 67-49. The Ramblers would be led by Juniors Aaron Bess and Kolton Stadt with 10 points each. The loss would move the Ramblers to 0-1 on the season and 0-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference

to put up their biggest quar-

ELK RAPIDS

The Ramblers would be back in action on Friday, February 12, as they would travel to Elk Rapids. The Ramblers would look to try and even their record in the conference with the game against the Elks. The Ramblers offense would find more production in this matchup. The Ramblers would put up 36 points in the first half and hold a 36-22 lead at halftime. The Ramblers would have a slow third quarter but would be able to pick it back up in the fourth quarter. The Ramblers would be able to hold on down the stretch to win 58-51. The win is the first for Coach Calcaterra. The Ramblers would have four players score in double figures, they would be led by Sophomore Jack Neer with 13 points, then Senior Aiden Brehm would add 12 and Sophomore's Alex Calcaterra and Gavin Hewitt would each contribute 10 points. The win moves the Ramblers to 1-1 on the season and 1-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

PETOSKEY

The Ramblers would be able to have their first home game of the year on Saturday, February 13, as they would host the Petoskey Northmen. The Ramblers have the best offensive game of the year as they would put up 28 points in the first half. The Ramblers would put together a massive second half, including a 25 point fourth quarter. However, it would not be enough as they would fall to the Northmen 76-69. The Ramblers would be led by Brehm with 16 points, while Calcaterra would add in 14 points and Sophomore Mason Wilcox would also have 14 points. The loss moved the Ramblers to 1-2 on the season, while staying 1-1 in the Lake Michigan Confer-

"We showed tremendous heart as we came back from a big deficit to almost pick off a very good Petoskey team, said Coach Calcaterra.

The Ramblers will have a stretch of home games in the coming week. They will start on Tuesday with a home game against Grayling. They will get right back to action on Wednesday with another conference game against Elk Rapids. While rounding out the week with a game on Friday against Harbor Springs.



Rambler sophomore Jack Neer (2) drives in for a reverse layup. Photo by Chris Fiel.



Aaron Bess (5) of Boyne looks to stop Petoskey's JJ Marshall, Photo by Chris Fiel,



Mason Wilcox (4) Bovne City drives agaisnt Petoskey. Photo by Chris Fiel.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Ramblers girls have rough start to season

BY: DOM SANTINA

TC ST. FRANCIS

lead after three quarters.

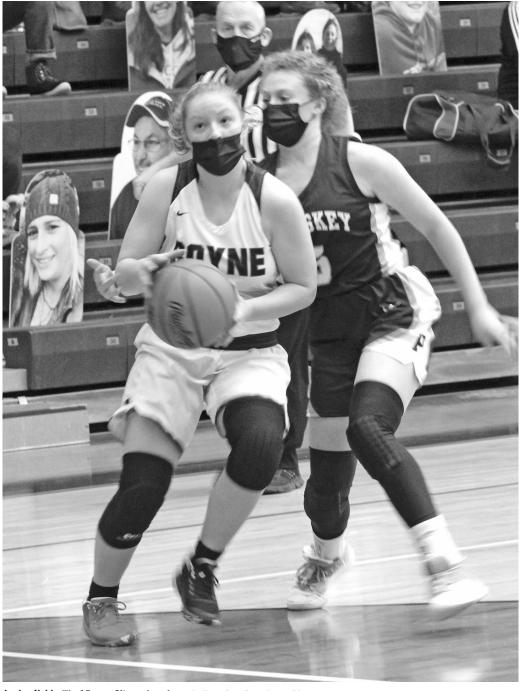
tors would hold on for a 30-23 time would run out before being able to do so. The Ram-



The Boyne City Girls team would start their season off with a home game against the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis. The Girls team would also start a new chapter of the program as Boyne City Athletic Director, Adam Stefanski would start his first season in charge of the Girls program.

The Gladiators would start off on a run and were able to pull out to a 10-2 lead after the first quarter. The Ramblers would be able to close in a little bit at the half, but the Gladiators would still be able to hold on at halftime 21-16. The lead would pretty much stay the same in the third quarter as the Gladia-

Then in the fourth quarter, the team buckled down and shut the Gladiators down, holding them to only two points in the fourth quarter. The Ramblers would close in and have an opportunity to take the lead as time was winding down. The Ramblers would get possession down one with just over a half of a second to get the shot off. The



blers would lose a tough one 32-31. The Ramblers would be led by Junior Grace Dawson with seven points. The loss starts the Ramblers off 0-1 on the season and 0-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

ELK RAPIDS

The Ramblers would then compete on Friday, February 12 as they would travel with the Boys down to Elk Rapids. The Ramblers would have a rough shooting night as they would only shoot 17 percent from the field. The Ramblers would end up suffering their second loss of the season by a score of 55-24. The Ramblers were once again led by Dawson with eight points. The Ramblers loss at the hands of the Elks moves the team to 0-2 on the season and 0-2 in the LMC.

PETOSKEY

The Ramblers would have their second home game of the season, as they would turn right around and host Petoskey on Saturday, February 13. The Ramblers would be in another close battle. As the Ramblers would give the Northmen all they could handle. The Ramblers once again end up on the losing end of a one point game. The Northmen would end up edging out a 31-30 victory over the Ramblers. The Ramblers were led by Senior Jaelyn Jarema and Dawson as they each scored nine points. The loss moves the Ramblers to 0-3 on the year and 0-2 in the LMC.

The Girls will be back on the court on Tuesday as they will travel to Grayling for another LMC Matchup. They will then turn right around on Wednesday as they will host Elk Rapids. Then end the week on Friday with a home game against Harbor Springs.

Jaelyn Jarema (21) Boyne City lines up at the charity stripe. Photo by Chris Fiel.



Boyne City's Ally Herrick (22) finds a lane to the basket against TC St. Francis. **Photo by Chris Fiel**

Jordan Noble (5) of Boyne City grabs a loose ball against Petoskey. Photo by Chris Fiel.

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Charlevoix's Lauren Shepard looks for an opening against the East Jordan Red Devils. Photo by Chris Fiel

GIRLS BASKETBALL Red Devils fall to Rayders

BY DAVE BARAGREY

A young East Jordan girls basketball team fell to a young Charlevoix Rayders team Friday night in Charlevoix 34 to 24.

East Jordan girls have a new coach this year, Tim Smith. Smith has been coaching boys basketball for decades at Boyne Falls and Gaylord St. Mary. This is his first time coaching girls basketball. Unlike other schools

around Northern Michigan, East Jordan High School was shut down for remote learning recently, making it so Smith and his team couldn't practice. Not even in non-contact form. Both teams struggled of-

Both teams struggled offensively with their young players but both showed lots of energy defensively.

The Rayders led after the first quarter by a score of 9-4 and continued the pace by leading 18-10 at halftime.

Charlevoix began the 3rd quarter with a 7 point run taking a 25-10 lead, but East Jordan caught fire for a bit in the third to close the gap with the Rayders having a 29-17 lead at the end of the third quarter. East Jordan's Mycah Heise hit a threepointer to start the fourth quarter closing the lead to 9 points but the Red Devils wouldn't get any closer.

Heise finished with 13 points to lead the Red Devils, while Taylor Petrosky had 13 points and Cam Turkelson had 11 points for the Rayders.

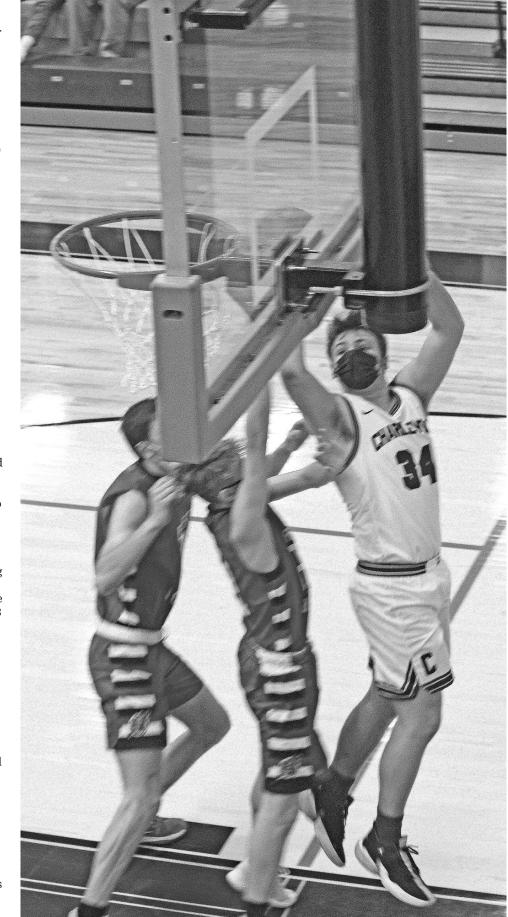
Charlevoix improved to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference with the win, while East Jordan moved to 1-1, both overall and in the LMC.

Rayders season starts perfect with busy first week

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix boys basketball team started the sea"It was a solid first game back and we had a lot of energy and effort by everyone. We were a bit sloppy at times, but considering the long lay-off and the minimal number of practices we were happy with the play," said Head Coach Matt Stuck after the win.

anticipated matchup. The game would not disappoint as it proved to be a close one. The Rayders in the end would end up victorious 45-38 over the Red Devils. Once again, it was helped in part by Evan Solomon who put up 27 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Caleb Stuck would contribute a double-double, as he scored 10 points and 10 rebounds. Stuck would end up being just five assists shy of a triple-double. Jack Gaffney would eventually knock down two big shots in the fourth quarter that would help the Rayders secure the win. "We struggled with shot selection and foul trouble throughout the night, but despite that, the guys stepped up and manage to get the win," said Coach Stuck.



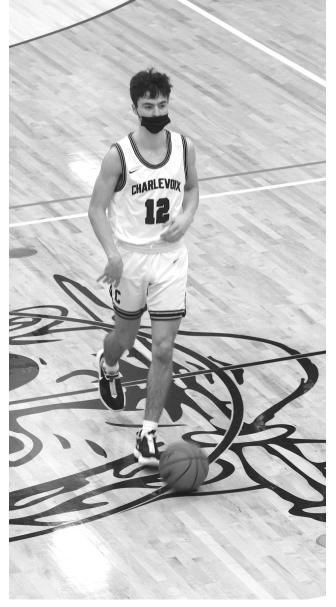
Michigan Conference Matchup with the Kalkaska Blazers.

KALKASKA

The team would get off to a strong start to the season with a 69-43 victory over the Blazers. The Rayders would be led by Evan Solomon who scored 26 points and Jacob Mueller with 19 points. The Rayders would have five other players contribute in the scoring column as well. The victory put the Rayders at 1-0 on the season overall and 1-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

EAST JORDAN

The Rayders would get to host a second straight home game for their second game of the season. They would travel to East Jordan for the



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Evan}}$ Solomon (12) of Charlevoix crosses midcourt agaisnt EJ. Photo by Chris Fiel.

GLEN LAKE

The Rayders would end their first week of the new jam-packed schedule with a trip to Glen Lake on Saturday, February 13. This would be the first road game of the season for the team. The Rayders would not be able to easily pull away from Maple City Glen Lake. It would a big-time three from Ethan Putman to help stop a run that the Lakers were making on the Rayders in the game. The Rayders would complete the week perfect with a 58-48 win over the Lakers. The Rayders once again would be led by another big game from Evan Solomon with 26 points. The Rayders would also have Jacob Mueller in double figures with 12 points.

"Despite having played less than 24 hours earlier, the team came out with good energy and we were able to fix some of the things that hurt us the night before," Coach Stuck commented.

The Rayders finished the week 3-0 on the season and 2-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The Rayders will travel to Harbor Springs on Tuesday night and then head to Grayling on Friday night.

Caleb Stuck (34) puts back a rebound against EJ. Photo by Chris Fiel.

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Charlevoix County Commissioners Synopsis ~ February 10, 2021

- The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met via Zoom.com on February 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.
- Motion approved the agenda as presented.
- Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-024, Approve County Expenditures.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-025, Office Building Lease.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-026, Sign for Northside Building.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-027, Printer Replacement for Whiting Park.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-028, Probate Court School Furniture Purchase.
- Kevin Shepard gave his administrator's report.
- Sheriff Vondra presented his report.
- The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 10:28 a.m.
- Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website,
- www.charlevoixcounty.org.
- Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

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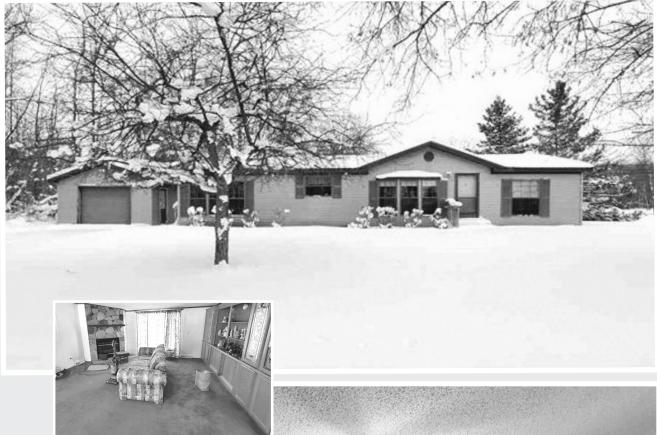
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LOT AND LANDSCAPING

Even though most real estate value is usually concentrated in the building, the lot is important, too. Obviously, it should be as level as possible. Assuming the property is in a typical neighborhood, the lot should be rectangular – no odd shaped lots or oddly situated lots.

Yard sizes are smaller in modern homes than in older homes, but there should still be a decently sized front and back yard. Do not buy a house where the entire back yard is taken up by a swimming pool, for example.

Do not purchase an over-landscaped property, either. You would normally pay a premium for that, which you may not be able to recover when you sell. You will get your best value if the house is moderately landscaped or under-landscaped for the area. You can always improve the landscaping during your ownership by improving the grass and adding bushes and trees. Just do not spend too much.

HOUSE SIZE

In each residential neighborhood, houses will vary in size and rooms, but they should not be too different. If resale value is an important consideration, you should not buy the largest model in the neighborhood. When determining market value, the homes nearest to yours are most important. If most of the nearby houses are smaller than your house, they can act as a drag on appreciation.

On the other hand, if you buy a small or medium house for the neighborhood, the larger homes can help pull up your value. This is one of those times where determining your "wants" versus your "needs" can be extremely important. Buying what you need in a more prestigious neighborhood may provide more financial reward than getting what you want in a less desirable neighborhood.

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News

Health Department of Northwest **Michigan Update**

On February 15, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) revised its prioritization guidance for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Changes to the MDHHS prioritization guidance include:

- Starting immediately, mortuary service workers can be vaccinated as part of Phase 1A Priority Three Group A as workers who have direct patient contact and conduct high risk procedures (e.g., dentists, endoscopy, dialysis, mortuary services). This group is being reclassified to be more consistent with federal guidelines

-On March 1, MDHHS will expand vaccine eligibility to workers in food processing and agricultural settings. The workers included in this new portion of Phase 1B are at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 because their work duties must be performed on site and involve being in close proximity (i.e., within 6 feet) to coworkers.

-MDHHS is in the process of developing further information including frequently asked questions around these newly prioritized groups. At this point, this group does not include restaurant or grocery workers.

Local vaccinations will continue as vaccine allocation allows. To pre-register for vaccination with the health department click here. To view the updated MDHHS prioritization guidance and vaccination implementation schedule click here.

"This is an exciting time for our staff and residents as many feel hope being reignited in our communities," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Although we know it is hard to continue to be patient while waiting for our turn to be vaccinated, we all must remain vigilant and protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community,'

and Otsego (1) counties. -Tuesday, February 16:4

new cases in Antrim (0), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (1), and Otsego (1) counties, and 1 new COVID-19 associated death in Charlevoix county.

As of 4 p.m. Feb 16, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

-Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (901), Charlevoix (1,027), Emmet (1,474), and Otsego (1,143).

-Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (770), Charlevoix (897), Emmet (1,227) and Otsego (970).

-Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (19), Charlevoix (12), Emmet (36), and Otsego (25).

The State of Michigan is



reporting 576,264 cases and 15,177 deaths. As of February 12, 2021, cumulative recovered cases statewide are 517,991.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan jurisdiction by liking and following our Facebook page and visiting our COVID-19 Data Dashboard. To locate a testing facility, visit the Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website. To track the risk levels of COVID-19 pandemic indicators, visit the MI Safe Start Map website. For more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, visit the MDHHS vaccine website or the CDC vaccine website.



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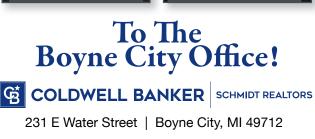


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COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

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she said.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has administered over 11,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccination. The department is steadfast in achieving the statewide goal of vaccinating 70% of residents 16 and older as soon as possible and administering at least 90% of its weekly vaccine allocation. Additional vaccination information for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan can be found by visiting the vaccination dashboard.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported the following COVID-19 case information from February 13-16.

-Saturday, February 13: 13 new cases in Antrim (5), Charlevoix (1), Emmet (3), and Otsego (4) counties.

- Sunday, February 14: 11 new cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (0), Emmet (1), and Otsego (9) counties.

-Monday, February 15:9 new cases in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (1), Emmet (4),

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