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Governor Whitmer Secures Bipartisan Support to Give Michiganders More Time to File Individual State Income Tax Returns

Taxpayers Can Now File Tax Returns and Make Payments by May 17, 2021

State of Michigan individual income tax annual returns are now due on May 17, 2021, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The new filing deadline comes after the Internal Revenue Service extended its deadline to the same date. For the benefit and convenience of taxpayers, both the beginning and end of income tax filing season are the

same as the IRS.

"I'm happy to announce that we are giving Michiganders extra time on their taxes this year," said Governor Whitmer. "This has been a difficult year for everyone, and by moving the income tax payment date, I hope families have the buffer they need to get their finances in order. I am grateful for the money going out to Michiganders under the American

Rescue Plan and proud of the state-level pandemic relief we've delivered to families and small businesses. Together, we'll build our economy back better."

"Taxpayers are trying to understand how the federal stimulus and the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting their taxes," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. "We are continuously evaluating how we can assist taxpayers.

Changing the state's filing and payment deadlines can help individuals figure out their next steps as we navigate these extraordinary times."

"Our members have been adamant to find relief everywhere we can for the people of the State of Michigan," said Matt Hall, chairman of the House Tax Policy committee. "We have been prepared with legislation to

extend the April 15 filing deadline this year and we're grateful that Treasury and the administration are working to waive penalties and interest in the meantime."

"Federal COVID-19 relief, including moving the due date for individual income tax returns to May 17, is vital to our recovery as a state," said House Demo-

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN COVID-19 UPDATE

Updated health department registration, scheduling enhances vaccine appointment security and efficiency

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has updated its pre-registration and scheduling process for COVID-19 vaccination clinics to enhance security and efficiency measures.

The updated Patient Education Genius (PEG) software system now has an additional security authentication step for those receiving a link to schedule their vaccination appointments. The more secured scheduling helps prevent any sharing of the link and allows the health department to continue to schedule eligible individuals for vaccination in a more organized manner.

"We are excited and relieved to have increased security for our self-scheduling links," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "These vaccines are in high demand and we want to ensure that every dose not only gets into an arm, but it is also important that we maintain an organized and equitable distribution of vaccine based on eligibility and prioritization. The update means it's more efficient for our community residents - from pre-registration through scheduling their vaccine appointment," she said.

Those wanting a COVID-19 vaccine should:

- Visit www.nwhealth.org to access the pre-registration survey. A confirmation email will be sent upon completion. This technology enhancement also allows for efficient messaging to those on the waiting list to keep them informed of progress.
- Once an appointment is available, based on your eligibility phase and priority group, a link to self-schedule an appointment will



IMAGE BY HAKAN GERMAN FROM PIXABAY

be sent in a text message (see image #1) to the smart phone number entered during pre-registration or in an email if a smart phone number was not provided.

o If the link is received, but you cannot access internet or have issues with the link and cannot schedule on your phone, call 800-386-5959 for assistance.

- When scheduling your appointment, the location and address of your clinic appointment is in the upper right-hand corner of the screen (see image #2.)
- Once the appointment scheduling step is complete, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address entered. This email will contain all necessary details for your vaccination appointment.

Anyone 16 and older can pre-register on the health department website, but information to schedule a vaccination will not be sent

until appointments are available.

To help residents locate COVID-19 vaccination sites, the health department created a flyer available here listing additional vaccine providers, availability, and clinic locations. Residents can also view vaccination sites throughout the state by visiting www.vaccinefinder.org. Anyone can assist an older adult who has not yet been vaccinated by registering on either the health department website or by calling the senior hotline at 231-715-5557, or their Senior Services or Commission on Aging office.

March 19, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 25 new cases: Antrim (5), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (2), and Otsego (14) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the

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Former Boyne Falls Village Clerk sentenced

Debra Jane Taylor, 66, Boyne Falls, was sentenced to 18 months of probation preceded by two months of jail, 14 days to be served immediately following her conviction of embezzlement of \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000.

Judge Roy C. Hayes III handed down the sentence this morning in the 33rd Circuit Court.

Taylor had pleaded guilty to the charge on January 22, acknowledging that she had stolen \$3,203.80 from the Village of Boyne Falls where she had been the longtime village clerk.

Police records showed that Taylor had failed to deposit cash payments for village water bills on 11 occasions going back to July 2014 and instead had kept the funds for herself.

The Michigan Sentencing Guidelines called for a minimum sentence of 0 to 3 months in jail and the Michigan Department of Corrections recommended no jail time, however, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof asked the court to order incarceration.

Telgenhof said that without a jail sentence it might appear that someone can steal from the public, pay the money back and have no punishment. Both Taylor and the court noted the humiliation that had resulted from the arrest and Taylor's criminal record now shows this criminal conviction.



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MAR 29	24°	...47°7°	(1970)	..72°	(1986)
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Over 27,000 doses of hope administered, variant identified reiterates need for continued caution

Since December 2020, when COVID-19 vaccination clinics began, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has administered 27,357 total doses of the vaccine, and over 3.59 million doses have been administered in the state of Michigan.

As of March 21, the health department's vaccination status is as follows:

- Number of vaccine doses administered last week (March 15-21): 2,956 doses.

- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 3,419 doses.

- Percent of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego county residents who have received their first or initial dose: 35.9%.

- Percent of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego county residents 65 and older who have received their first or initial dose: 67.9%.

For additional vaccine administration data, please visit our COVID-19 vaccine dashboard. The health department's vaccine dashboard is updated weekly on Tuesdays.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, for the health department's jurisdiction of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, enthusiastically noted that appointments are currently being scheduled for individuals 50 and older, and eligible essential workers.

"We continue to reach milestones worth celebrating in our vaccination efforts," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the health department. "With vaccine allocations more stable we have been able to plan weekly first and second doses clinics in all four counties and with the addition of the Janssen vaccine, with less storage and handling needs, we are better able to adapt to meet the unique needs of special populations in our jurisdiction," she added.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan was notified today of two cases of the B.1.1.7 COVID-19 variant in Otsego County. The cases were identified through active surveillance by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Case investigation and contract tracing have been completed, and the individuals are following isolation guidance.

Research shows that the B.1.1.7 variant is more easily spread than other variants. Based on the latest evidence, current tests and vaccines available for COVID-19 work effectively against this variant. "The identification of this variant strain in another northern Michigan county reminds us that we must continue to take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19. Anyone who has any symptoms or with known exposure to COVID-19 should get tested and quarantine themselves," said Peacock. "Residents should register for vaccination and schedule their appointment as soon as they are able. We know that fully vaccinated individuals, are unlikely to get the virus. Even in the rare occasion they are diagnosed with the virus, they typically experience less severe disease" she added.

Today, March 23, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 54 new cases: Antrim (19), Charlevoix (9), Emmet (7), and Otsego (19) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,098), Charlevoix (1,147), Emmet (1,629), and Otsego (1,470).

- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (902), Charlevoix (991), Emmet (1,399), and Otsego (1,049).

- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (20), Charlevoix (13), Emmet (38), and Otsego (28).

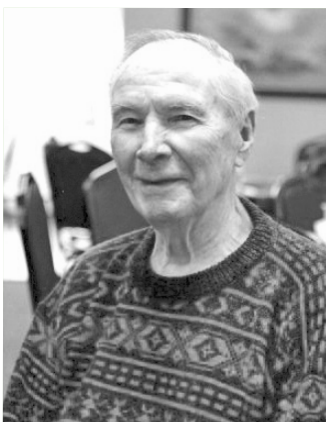
The State of Michigan is reporting 633,191 cases and 15,919 deaths.

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OBITUARIES

William VanLoo, 94

(JAN. 24, 1927 - MARCH 19, 2021)



William VanLoo of Charlevoix passed away on March 19, 2021 at Charlevoix Munson Hospital.

He was born on January 24, 1927, in Berkley, MI, the son of Adrian and Mary (McKenzie) VanLoo.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the World War II era and was honorably discharged with the rank of Seaman First Class.

William worked at the East Jordan Creamery, drove a milk truck, was employed at the Charlevoix Schools and for a while owned his own business.

William loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and golfing to name a few.

He is survived by his 3 children, Lynn (Rod) Pearsall of Charlevoix, Wendy (Vail) Shepard of East Jordan, Rick (Pattie) VanLoo of Charlevoix, 4 grandchildren, Kevin (Vikki) Pearsall of Charlevoix, Kristi Pearsall Richman of Charlevoix, Steven Shepard, of East Jordan, Shawn (Wayne) Bernier of East Jordan, 10 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren, brother Jim (Judy) VanLoo of FL and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Victoria (Croitori) VanLoo, second wife Mary Lou (Gibelyou) VanLoo, 4 brothers, Jack, Adrian, Roxy and Wylie VanLoo and his parents.

There will be a public viewing on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 3-5 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Later this summer, he will be honored at a graveside service at the Barnard Cemetery with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Senior Citizens Center, 6906 Norwood St., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Online guestbook
www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com.

Jack J. Peebles, 83

(FEB. 5, 1938 - MARCH 19, 2021)

Jack J. Peebles of East Jordan passed away on Friday, March 19, 2021 at home.

In keeping with his wishes, his family will remember him privately.

Arrangements are being handled by Gaylord Community Funeral Home.

Marie H. Castiglione, 93

(JULY 15, 1927 - MARCH 22, 2021)



Marie H. Castiglione of Charlevoix, formerly of Central Lake, passed away on March 22, 2021 at the American House.

Marie was born on July 15, 1927, in Hamtramck, MI, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Oleski) Malkowski.

She was a long time member of St. Luke Catholic Church in

Bellaire and was in the Red Hat Society as well as the Central Lake Lady Lions Club.

She enjoyed bowling, making ceramics, playing the accordion and wintering in St. Petersburg, FL, with her late husband Amedeo.

Marie is survived by 3 sons, Mike (Linda) Castiglione of Charlevoix, Tom Castiglione of Boyne City, Dan (Becky) Castiglione of Fort Worth, TX, a son-in-law Marc Vadnais of Fenton, MI, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband Amedeo Castiglione, a daughter Janet Vadnais, 5 siblings and her parents.

Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church in Bellaire with Fr. Chet Collins officiating. Visitation will be from 12 noon until the time of Mass at the church.

Burial will be at a later date Southern Cemetery in Central Lake Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Central Lake Lions Club, c/o Dennis Richardson, 2729 Gilbert Lane, Central Lake, MI 49622, or the Central Lake Food Pantry, P.O. Box 326, Central Lake, MI, 49622.

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State announces new gathering capacity, student athletic testing requirements

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated its Gatherings and Mask epidemic order on Friday, allowing up to 20% capacity in large outdoor stadiums and arenas that establish infection control plans. The update also increased testing requirements for youth ages 13-19 to ensure athletes can safely participate in sports. The order went into effect today and remains in effect through April 19.

As spring approaches and we start to make plans for the warmer weather, Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, reminds residents of the gathering mandates and the need to maintain preventative safety measures if we want to return to normalcy.

“Now isn’t the time to roll back our safety and public-health mitigation measures,” Dr. Meyerson said. “Getting everyone vaccinated is the most important step toward being able to eventually relax restrictions,” he said, adding he’s “cautiously optimistic” that if northern Michigan residents and visitors get vaccinated as soon as they can, mask up, maintain social distancing, and wash their hands, we will be able to have safe, small family gatherings this spring and summer.

The MDHHS order announced Friday allows gatherings at outdoor stadiums and arenas to be 20% of the venue’s capacity if the site:

- Establishes an infection control plan that complies with the protocols included in MDHHS’s document entitled Enhanced Outdoor Stadium



Limits on attendance at residential gatherings.

- Face masks are required at all times, unless eating or drinking. Fully vaccinated individuals (persons for who at least two weeks has passed after receiving the final dose of a FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine) may remove their mask as long as not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Residents should follow MDHHS [guidelines for safe social gatherings](#) and are encouraged to form a “pod” of people to socialize with consistently.

INDOORS: UP TO 15 PERSONS FROM 3 HOUSEHOLDS
OUTDOORS: UP TO 50 PERSONS



Limits on attendance at non-residential gatherings.

- Everyone must wear a face mask at all times, unless eating or drinking while seated in a designated area.
- Consumption of food or beverages is permitted only while seated in a designated area with a group of no more than 6 people.
- While eating or drinking, each group must be at least 6 feet apart and may not intermingle.

INDOORS: UP TO 25 PERSONS
OUTDOORS: UP TO 300 PERSONS

“Gathering” means any occurrence where two or more persons from more than one household are present in a shared space. Incidental gatherings (where people do not mingle with others outside their group) are excepted. For more information on gathering rules, please see the FAQs.



Face masks are still required.

Businesses, government offices, schools, child care organizations, operators of public transit, and all other gathering organizers must not allow indoor or outdoor gatherings of any kind unless they require individuals to wear a face mask. These entities may not assume that someone who enters the business without a face mask falls in one of the exceptions; but may accept an individual’s verbal representation that they are not wearing a face mask because they fall within a specified exception.



Retail and personal services

- Gatherings at a retail setting, library or museum, may not exceed 50% of total occupancy limits established by the fire marshal. Spaces for indoor dining, including food courts, must comply with the requirements for food service establishments.
- Gatherings to receive personal care services, including hair, nail, tanning, massage, spa, tattoo, body art, and piercing services are permitted by appointment. Masks must be worn at all times except if a customer is receiving a medical or personal care service for which the removal of the face mask is necessary.

and Arena Guidance.

- Posts the mitigation plan publicly.
- Sends infection control plans to the local health de-

partment and MDHHS at least seven days before scheduled events.

- Administers a testing program as specified in

MDHHS’s Guidance for Athletics for all players.

Beginning April 2, athletes ages 13-19 are required to be tested consistent with the

testing protocol specified in MDHHS Interim Guidance for Athletics. A mask must be worn unless a sports organizer has deemed a type of sport to be unsafe to play while masked and a more frequent testing protocol is followed. All participants across the entire organization must be tested consistent with the testing protocol specified in MDHHS Interim Guidance for Athletics. For more information on sports and athletics: Coronavirus - Sports and Athletics ([michigan.gov](#)).

“We all have a personal responsibility to slow the spread of the virus so we can end this pandemic together,” said Dr. Meyerson, adding that by April 5, all residents 16 and older are eligible for the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine.

To help residents locate COVID-19 vaccination sites, the health department created a flyer available here listing additional vaccine providers, availability and clinic locations. Residents can also view vaccination sites throughout the state by visiting [www.vaccinefinder.org](#). Anyone can assist an older adult who has not yet been vaccinated by registering on either the health department website or by calling the senior hotline at 231-715-5557, or their Senior Services or Commission on Aging office.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 63 new cases on Saturday, March 20: Antrim (11), Charlevoix (7), Emmet (15), and Otsego (30) counties. On Sunday, March 21, 16 new cases were reported: Antrim (2), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (4), and Otsego (8) counties.

Today, Monday, March 22, 39 new cases were reported: Antrim (6), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (8), and Otsego (21) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,079), Charlevoix (1,138), Emmet (1,622), and Otsego (1,451).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (900), Charlevoix (989), Emmet (1,394), and Otsego (1,042).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (20), Charlevoix (13), Emmet (38), and Otsego (28).

The State of Michigan is reporting 629,612 cases and 15,903 deaths.

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CUTLINE:
This graphic depicts the new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services mandate for

Bergman Introduces Rural Broadband Window of Opportunity Act

Washington - Monday, Rep. Jack Bergman introduced the Rural Broadband Window of Opportunity Act to level the playing field for broadband expansion in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Specifically, the bill would require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to prioritize the processing of broadband expansion applications located in areas with shorter build seasons.

Over the coming months, the FCC will be reviewing applications and other relevant documents submitted by service providers who are seeking to receive federal funding for broadband

infrastructure buildouts through the \$9.2 billion Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I (RDOF). (Read more about RDOF here). Communities in Michigan’s First District are slated to receive a large portion of these funds, which will be implemented by service providers over the next 10 years.

However, it is important for these service providers to begin building out their networks as soon as possible to not only meet their program obligations but simply to get unserved and underserved communities connected as soon as possible. For this reason, the Rural

Broadband Window of Opportunity Act would ensure the applications for buildouts in areas with limited construction seasons, such as due to long and snowy winters, are processed faster than others. Any bureaucratic delays would have greater negative consequences in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula than in areas with more temperate climates.

“I’m proud to introduce the Rural Broadband Window of Opportunity Act because it is common sense that the FCC should process RDOF applications faster for Michigan projects where

a dark and snowy winter is always around the corner, as opposed to projects in less seasonal states. We need to get shovels in the dirt as soon as possible – especially considering the increased need for telehealth and remote working during the pandemic. This simple change would level the playing field for the service providers who have put skin in the game to connect the many households and businesses in Michigan living on the wrong side of the digital divide,” said Rep Bergman.

New Statewide Initiative Began At The Cadillac Post

WEXFORD COUNTY, MI. Trooper Andrea Tillman of the Michigan State Police (MSP) Cadillac Post began a local initiative in 2019 that has now become a statewide initiative adopted by the MSP.



purses could be empty or be filled with things that would help you feel better after a hard day (mints, hygiene products, snacks, fluffy socks etc.). The purses would be given to survivors and other clients of the local resource center as

“Purses with a Purpose” was an innovative community policing initiative developed by Trooper Tillman to solve identified community issues. The first issue was a need to raise awareness of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The second was the need for toiletries and non-perishable food items at OASIS, a local women’s resource center.

The main idea behind the initiative was this, the public was encouraged to donate new or gently used purses through the month of April—Sexual Assault Awareness Month. These

needed. Often these people are forced to leave their living situation suddenly with nothing but what they have on their person.

This is now a statewide initiative adopted by the MSP and several posts throughout the state are participating. Donations are being accepted through April and will remain local. You can make donations at any of the four MSP Posts in the Seventh District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Alpena, Cadillac, Gaylord, and Houghton Lake.

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation grant supports regional adaptive recreation programming at Challenge Mountain

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation is dedicated to curing spinal cord injury through innovative research and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants, information and advocacy.

Challenge Mountain received a \$18,275 grant from the Reeve Foundation to support adaptive recreational programming. “We were thrilled to receive the grant from the Reeve Foundation,” explains Executive Director Elizabeth Looze. “This gift will make a signif-

icant impact on the lives of individuals living with disabilities for many years to come.

“Not surprisingly, the Foundation’s Core Beliefs parallel those of Challenge Mountain,” Looze adds. According to the christopherreeve.org, the Foundation “... believes in EMPOWERING those affected by paralysis with the best knowledge, resources and support.” The Foundation Mission: “...IMPROVING the QUALITY OF LIFE for individuals and families impacted by paralysis.” The Challenge Mountain Mis-

sion: to enrich lives and empower individuals living with disabilities through year-round adaptive recreation.

Equipment purchased was received in January including: Skandic wide-track snowmobile, Dynamique bi-ski (adaptive skiing equipment), 100 Bolle ski helmets, and 15 Red Feather snowshoes. “This is equipment will help to improve winter recreational experiences for so many of our participants living with disabilities,” shares Program Director Linda Armstrong. “Even with strict COVID protocols

in place, participants have already been enjoying the snowshoes, and the snowmobile has been in action, though it will be most appreciated next winter when we can gather again and provide adaptive skiing opportunities.”

To learn more about Challenge Mountain visit [challengemtn.org](#), or contact Executive Director, Elizabeth Looze at [director@challengemtn.org](#) or call 231-582-1186.

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following counties: Antrim (1,060), Charlevoix (1,125), Emmet (1,595), and Otsego (1,392).

- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (891), Charlevoix (985), Emmet (1,382), and Ot-

sego (1,039).

- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (20), Charlevoix (13), Emmet (38), and Otsego (28).

The State of Michigan is reporting 622,151 cases and 15,850 deaths.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan jurisdiction by liking and following our Face-

book 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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CHARLEVOIX SPOTLIGHT ON INNOVATION STUDENT ART SHOW

Our regional high school student art exhibit showcases 11th & 12th grade student artwork. Scholarships awarded by Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University, and Charlevoix Circle of Arts awards sponsored by Blick Art Materials. Our juror this year is Nancy Carey, local artist and Jordan River Arts Council (JRAC) Board Member. Open to the Public March 12 - April 10, 2021. Pick up free Take & Make art projects for kids while supplies last!

CHARLEVOIX KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child turns 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2021, call to register to attend one of our 2021 sessions: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 | 3:30pm or 5pm; Thursday, April 22, 2021 | 3:30pm or 5pm. Masks will be required. 108 E Garfield Ave, Charlevoix. (231) 547-3215.

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY HOUSING SURVEY

The Ellsworth Community Housing Solutions Committee invites you to share your thoughts about your current and future housing needs. The information gathered will be used to plan for housing options in our community. Surveys are available at the Front Porch Cafe and Good Samaritan Family Services. Please return the completed survey by mail to Village of Ellsworth, PO Box 265, Ellsworth, MI 49729 or drop it in the drop box at the Banks Township Hall by March 31, 2021.

CHARLEVOIX FISH FRY FRIDAY.

March 19, 5-7pm. St. Mary School is having a Fish Fry Take Out Dinner on March 19th from 5-7PM. The dinner includes baked or fried fish, baked potato or French fries, coleslaw, roll and dessert. The cost is \$13 per person. All are welcome! No need to call ahead - come between 5-7pm.

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY HOUSING SURVEY

The Ellsworth Community Housing Solutions Committee invites you to share your

thoughts about your current and future housing needs. The purpose of this survey is to provide the Committee with a clear assessment of the housing needs for single adults, families and seniors living, or wishing to live in Ellsworth. The information gathered will be used to plan for housing options in our community. Surveys are available at Front Porch Cafe and Good Samaritan Family Services. The answers to these questions will be used to help determine size, price range, type and number of units needed.

CHARLEVOIX FREE YOUTH ART LAB CLASSES

For ages 10 and older during the month of March. Register at CharlevoixCircle.org/classes-workshops or call 231-547-3554. Saturday, March 20 1-3pm: PRINTMAKING with Sharon Smithem. Friday, March 26 2-4pm: AIR-DRY CLAY with Joey Phelps.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CHX COUNTY COA MEALS UPDATE

We are providing Hot Home Delivered Meals to our home bound clients by \$3 donation. We are providing weekly Disaster Meals delivered by reservation to any Charlevoix County resident 60 years old or older so that our most vulnerable do not need to leave their homes as often. This is a once a week delivery of a Hot Meal and 6 frozen meals. This need to be ordered through the COA office 231-237-0103 on the Thursday before the week you want it and is a \$3 donation per meal.

We are continuing to provide Hot Curbside Pick-up meals at each of our Senior Centers five days a week by \$3 donation - No reservations needed!

EAST JORDAN EASTER BUNNY AND TREATS

The East Jordan Lion's Club will be handing out Easter treats in the East Jordan Sportsman's Park on Saturday, April 3 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (while supplies last). The Easter Bunny will also be on hand to help the Lion's Club hand out the treats.

BOYNE CITY 2021 CITY COMMISSION ELECTION(S)

Three City Commission seats are open for election or re-election in the November 2021 election. (If more than six (6) valid petitions are received, the City will hold a primary election in August). Petition forms may be obtained at City Hall from Jessica Puroll, Deputy City Clerk by calling 231-582-0341. Completed forms must be filed with the City Clerk's office no later than April 20, 2021 by 4 p.m. Visit cityof-boynecity.com for additional information and filing details.

BOYNE CITY EARLY LEARNERS PROGRAM

Calling all parents of Pre-school-aged kids. The Early Learners Program is enrolling for the Summer and next Fall session. Each family should fill out this form if your student will be 3 or 4-years-old next year. For more information please see the Early Learners Web-page at <https://www.boyne.k12.mi.us/District/Department/4-Early-Learners-Program> or email, Laurel Jewett, if you have questions at ljewett@boyne.k12.mi.us. By

filling out this form - parents are starting the enrollment process. <https://docs.google.com/.../1F50LCHLNghoSw.../edit> (link to sign up)

PETOSKEY FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING HOME SCHOOL SENIOR

North Central Michigan College will again provide a full-tuition scholarship to one graduating senior from a home school within its service area. Presidential Scholarships are offered for full tuition (up to 20 contact hours per semester) and mandatory fees for four consecutive semesters (fall and winter only). Field study fees are not included. Scholarship recipients must register for the fall semester immediately following their spring high school graduation. Documentation must be received by April 9, 2021. Applicants will be notified of the selection decision by May 1. For more information, visit www.ncmich.edu/presidential, or contact Renee DeYoung, vice president of Student Affairs, at rdeyoung@ncmich.edu or 231-348-6618. ncmich.edu

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. 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

CHARLEVOIX GYM WALKING

Gym Walking will be available again for our Charlevoix County Aging Adults.

Charlevoix Walking Location: Charlevoix County Building Northside, 13513 Division

Street, Charlevoix. With the county's purchase of the old elementary school, and the Gym being part of the Senior Center, we are excited to make it available for walking again through the winter and spring by reservation only. We will have 10 spots per hours available for those who are interested. You must maintain 6 foot social distancing and wear a mask for the time you are in the building. You must wear shoes & use walking assistance (canes, walkers, etc.) specific for indoor use only to protect the gym floor. Walking will be available on the mornings that the gym is available. To reserve your time slot please contact Sheri at (231) 237-0103

BOYNE CITY NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

The dates for the 2021 National Morel festival will be May 14-15-16, 2021. To prevent the spread of covid-19 the festival has been downscaled for everyone's safety. May 14, 15 & 16 Events include: Annual arts and crafts in Veteran's park (hours will be posted on our website, bcmorefestival.com). The Wine and Dine which is hosted by the Boyne Area Chamber and held at the Deerlake Beach House (to register, visit the chamber of commerce website at <https://www.boynechamber.com/>). Reservations required, limited availability. Due to the current pandemic, these popular event will not be possible this year: Music under the Tent, The Taste of Morels, The Guided Hunt,

and The National Morel Festival Competitive Hunt. New events and activities will be updated on our website and on our Facebook page.

EAST JORDAN GYM WALKING

Gym Walking will be available again for our Charlevoix County Aging Adults.

East Jordan Walking Location: East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street, East Jordan. The EJ School Gym use is being made part of the Senior Center again this year, and we are excited to make it available for walking through the winter and spring by reservation only. We will have 10 spots per hours available for those who are interested. You must maintain 6 foot social distancing and wear a mask for the time you are in the building. You must wear shoes & use walking assistance (canes, walkers, etc.) specific for indoor use only to protect the Gym floor. Walking will be available to seniors from 10:30am - 11:30am only Monday through Friday. To reserve your time slot please contact Brenda at: (231) 536-7831. These dates and times are subject to change depending upon the current Pandemic situation and/or the needs of the Community to utilize this space to fight the Pandemic. By making a reservation you will be called if there are any changes to your dates or times. Thank you for your patience.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Have you experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis? Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) has funding from the federal CARES Act to assist with various needs (utility help, car repairs, housing costs, diapers, baby formula, phone bills, etc.). You may be eligible for assistance if you meet income guidelines and live in NMCAA's service area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon, and Wexford Counties). To apply for help, please contact our CARES Intake Specialist at 800-632-7334.

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 COUNTY SENIOR AND EMERGENCY GROCERY SERVICE:

Charlevoix County Transit & the COA has a Senior and Emergency grocery ordering delivery service as part of the services offered by the County's Transit. While delivery of items such as food pantry boxes, prescriptions and senior meals was well received, the grocery delivery was not widely used during the early months of the pandemic. One of the drawbacks that transit officials noticed was that for curbside pickup available for groceries an individual needed to place their order via a smartphone or web-based application.

The expansion of the Transit's delivery program will

provide assistance to those needing help with ordering their groceries. County residents who would like to use the Grocery Ordering/Delivery Program can call Program Coordinator at 231-497-1430 on designated shopping days to place their grocery order. The program coordinator will then input the order with the caller, take payment information (credit/debit card) and then place the order as well as scheduling the grocery delivery in transit's scheduling system. This program is currently limited to in-county grocery stores utilizing the store shopping app.

Designated days/times for orders to be placed: Monday 1:30-3:00pm; Tuesday 9:00-10:00am and 1:30-3:00pm;

Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm; Thursday 9:00-10:00am and 1:30-2:30pm

While this program initially focused on helping our county's aging population, with a surge in COVID cases and the flu season upon us, transit officials felt this was a worthwhile community service that should be offered to anyone who is in need of help or worried about going into stores. Charlevoix County's Commission on Aging will assist the Charlevoix County Transit with getting information about this program out to the county's aging population as well as continue to assist those over 60 years old with transit fares for in-county rides as well as out-of-county medical appointments. For more information about Transit rides or the free delivery services offered, please call 231-582-6900 between 7:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

BOYNE CITY FEED A FRIEND

Stiggs Brewery has a program called Stiggs Feed-a-Friend and it allows needy individuals to call in take-out orders every Sunday with a no questions asked policy. Order anything from our regular dinner menu. Order what you need. Order what you want. We understand that many of our family and friends have fallen on hard times. We are here to help. This program is a 501C3 Non-Profit and is made possible by our amazing community sponsors, donations and our hard-working staff. Learn more and/or donate at stiggsbrewingcompany.com/feedafriend

EAST JORDAN

RAVEN HILL DISCOVERY CENTER ACTIVITIES

We have lots of exciting events planned for this spring & summer! Below is a sample of what is coming. First, Raven Hill is hosting a Zoom session on Climate Change on Monday, April 5th at 7pm. The presentation is called, "Must we, Can we, Will we change?" Robin Gleason was trained by former Vice President Al Gore and will be a speaker for the Climate Reality Leadership Corps, an organization whose purpose is to educate the public and inspire action on climate change. This engaging presentation is for audiences of all types, so people everywhere, including Northern Michigan, can join together in working for solutions. The presentation will last about an hour, and everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions. Sign up to attend by calling or texting Cheri at 231-675-6025.

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



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Pandemic EBT available for children attending school virtually

Approximately 810,000 Michigan children whose access to school meals has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic have begun to receive food assistance benefits.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is automatically issuing the additional benefits now through the end of March. Monthly payments will continue through June.

This is the second time that Michigan has gained federal approval of Pandemic-EBT benefits. Last school year Michigan was the first state to qualify for the federal

During the second round of Pandemic-EBT, children will receive up to \$741.6 million in assistance benefits that their families can use to pay for food at stores or online.

“Michigan has been a national leader in making sure families can put food on the

table during COVID and this pandemic-EBT will continue to ensure that no child in our state goes hungry during the pandemic,” Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said. “Students are steadily returning to in-person learning because of the progress we’ve made combatting COVID-19, but kids who don’t go to school five days a week have a harder time accessing the free and reduced-price meals available to them at school. Pandemic-EBT closes this gap, giving our children another option for accessing nutritious food.”

Students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 are eligible if they qualify for free or reduced-price lunches at school and in-person learning is not available at their school or is not available on a full-time basis. Pandemic-EBT will provide another way for students who do not have in-person classes

to access food - along with Michigan Department of Education (MDE) programs that provide meals to students at mobile and stationary locations.

Families will receive an estimated \$127.53 monthly for each eligible child who has no in-person classes and attends a school that is fully virtual and about \$77.06 for each eligible child who attends a school with a hybrid schedule of in-person and remote learning. Monthly benefits will vary based on the number of school days in each month.

Benefits are retroactive to September, with assistance from September through February paid this month. Payments will be paid automatically, so families do not need to apply to receive the assistance. Households that already receive food assistance will receive the Pan-

demic-EBT payments on their Bridge Cards. Families that do not already receive food assistance will receive Pandemic-EBT cards in the mail that they can use to purchase food.

After Michigan qualified for Pandemic-EBT last school year, new federal rules for approval of Round 2 funding for this school year delayed Michigan’s approval. President Joe Biden’s administration provided increased flexibility that allowed Michigan to be approved.

“Providing families with easy access to the benefits and services they need is a top priority of MDHHS that has become even more vital as all of us deal with the impact of the pandemic,” said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. “Pandemic-EBT is incredibly important to children and families whose normal school routines -

which for many include access to school meals - have been disrupted by COVID-19.”

The food assistance benefits will go to Michigan families with students ages 5-18 who are enrolled in the MDE program for students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

“This year has been very challenging for students and their families on many levels,” said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. “In addition to the over 200 million meals provided to students in local schools and mobile and stationary feeding operations across the state, the P-EBT benefits offer an extra and important measure of food security for our families in need during the pandemic.”

Prior to receiving their EBT card, families will receive a letter from MDHHS

describing how to use the card, how to set up a PIN and other information about food assistance benefits. The cards can be used much like a debit card for food purchased from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) retailers.

Families can find a list of SNAP retailers on the SNAP Retailers website. They also can use their benefits online to purchase food from Amazon, Walmart or Aldi.

More information can be found on the MDHHS Pandemic-EBT webpage. Families that have questions can email MDHHS-PEBT@michigan.gov.

Information around coronavirus outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.



Boyne Falls Public Schools **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



Greyson Byrd

Grade: 4th Grade

Parent’s Name(s): Randi Scott and Mike Byrd

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Librarian and Author

Favorite Book: Holes by Louis Sachar

Hobbies and Interests: Reading, playing video games, and playing outside

School Activities: Participates in Grade School Basketball, has read over a million words so far this year in Accelerated Reader and is currently participating in a friendly competition with a classmate on Xtra Math

Staff Comments: Greyson is an excellent student who strives to excel in his classes. He is polite, has wonderful manners, and is a great role-model for his peers. He is a quiet leader and is always looking out for others. If he sees a friend in need, he is there to happily assist. He demonstrates The Logger Agreement in his words and actions, but most especially in his ability to work as a team. I’m proud of you, Greyson!

Submitted By: Mrs. Brooke Fenske

Bellaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers Receive COVID-19 Vaccines for Community Distribution.

COVID-19 pandemic has had lasting effects on our communities over the last year. Here at Bellaire and East Jordan Family Health Center, we have felt the pain and loss in our own community. We have supported families who have been affected and mourned those we have lost. We continue to provide COVID-19 testing and are excited to be providing COVID-19 Vaccines to our community.

While the pandemic has kept us apart, there is new hope—three vaccines are currently being distributed. These vaccines will help us move closer to controlling the pandemic. We want everyone in our communities to be safe and get back to hugging our families and friends.

“Getting vaccinated with one of the COVID-19 vaccines is an important way for all of us in our sur-

rounding counties to prevent further spread and viral mutations. They are all equally safe and effective in preventing severe illness from COVID-19. Please strongly consider getting vaccinated as soon as you can for yourself and the good of the community,” states Dr. Laurence Yung, CMO of East Jordan Family Health Center.

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine adds one more layer of protection for you, your family, and your loved ones. Here are some key points about the COVID-19 vaccine:

- All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States are very effective at preventing the disease.
- The most common side effects are pain in the arm where you got the shot, feeling tired, headache, body aches, chills, and fever.

When it is your time, the COVID-19 Vaccine is FREE. Providers will ask for insurance information, if available, but there is no cost to you.

Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available—wearing masks, staying at least 6 feet apart from people who do not live with you, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, washing your hands frequently, and getting vaccinated.

We all play a part in this effort, and you are key. Please consider getting your COVID-19 vaccination to support your friends and family.

The health center will have access to a limited supply of COVID-19 Vaccine and are welcoming the community to sign up online to receive their vaccine. Individuals can sign up online at www.ejfhc.org/covidvac

Individuals will be contacted to schedule an appointment as supply allows. The health center will follow the MDHHS Priority Guidelines. If you do not have access to the internet, please call our health center at 231-536-2206 ext. 122 or ext. 128 and a scheduler will contact you regarding your interest in the COVID-19 Vaccine.

Vaccines are also currently available through the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. More information about their vaccine clinics is available at <http://www.nwhealth.org/covid19imm.html>

For more information about the Bellaire and East Jordan Family Health Center and their services, check out our website at www.ejfhc.org.

Boyne City Main Street facade grant applications now available

Up to \$20,000 to be invested into rehabilitation and improvement of downtown facades

Applications for Boyne City Main Street’s 2021 facade grant program are now available. The facade grant program provides matching funds for Main Street District property owners and tenants to improve the facades of their buildings, in order to maintain the architectural character and economic viability of downtown.

“We look forward to continuing our work with building and business owners in the downtown with programs like the facade grants that result in long-term investment,” Kelsie King-Duff, Boyne City Main

Street Executive Director, said.

To begin the process, interested property owners or tenants must review the Façade Grant Program Guidelines on the Main Street website HERE and meet with the representatives from Boyne City Main Street to discuss the scope of the project. An application must then be submitted by noon on April 29. After a competitive review process by the Design Committee and Boyne City Main Street Board a decision will be made to which projects receive funding. For every dollar awarded the applicant must spend an equal amount. Individual grant amounts will be up to 50 percent of a project’s cost.

A total of \$20,000 is available for the 2021-22 cycle.

Funds are provided by Boyne City Main Street with dollars raised through Boyne Thunder. There is no set minimum or maximum number of projects per year. Eligible items under the facade program include, but may not be limited to: removal of siding that was used to cover original building materials, exterior brick or wall surface repair, pointing of brick/mortar joint repair, window and/or door replacement/repair, any architectural details in need of repair and/or replacement. Ineligible expenses include paint, signage, awnings and work that has already been completed.

The grant program seeks to encourage private investment through the rehabilitation and improvement of facades within the Boyne City Main Street District, to encourage good design that will serve as quality examples, and to preserve the architectural character that is distinctive to Boyne City. By improving the appearance of the building facades, the program aims to improve the economic viability of the downtown.

For more information about Boyne City Main Street and the facade grant program or to schedule your meeting with Main Street representatives, visit www.boynecitymainstreet.com or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

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cratic Leader Donna Lasinski, D-Scio Twp. “We need to do everything we can to get relief to Michigan workers, small businesses, families and schools impacted most by the COVID-19 pandemic; extending the deadline to file taxes is a part of what is needed and the right thing to do.”

Under a Taxpayer Notice issued by the state Treasury Department, state individual income tax annual returns and payments are now due before 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2021.

Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the May 17 deadline can request an extension to Oct. 15, 2021. Taxpayers requesting additional time to file should estimate their tax liability and pay any taxes owed by May 17, 2021, to avoid additional interest and penalties.

Because the extension is limited to the 2020 taxes, first quarter estimates for

tax year 2021 remain due on April 15, 2021.

Taxpayers who are owed a refund are encouraged to file their state income tax returns so they can receive their refunds. More information about e-filing is available at www.michigan.gov/mifastfile.

Changes to city income tax deadlines require state legislation.

“It is imperative the Michigan Legislature quickly pass legislation extending the city tax deadline in our state to parallel the recent extension at the federal level,” Sen. Stephanie Chang (Detroit) said. “Hardworking Detroiters and their families have disproportionately struggled in countless ways during the pandemic, and this small but significant gesture would go a long way toward ensuring all parties are accounted for this tax season.”

To learn more about Michigan’s taxes, go to www.michigan.gov/taxes or follow the state Treasury Department on Twitter at @MITreasury.

COURT CASES

Beaver Island man sent to prison for Sexual Assault

Lawrence Clair Pease III, 34, Beaver Island was sentenced to serve 18 to 40 years in prison following his conviction of Criminal Sexual Conduct, First Degree today in the 33rd Circuit Court.

Pease pleaded guilty on February 5, 2021 to sexual penetration involving a child under the age of 13.

In sentencing Pease, Judge Roy C. Hayes III noted that the sexual assault of children is one of the most heinous

crimes that he sees and that it was particularly offensive in this circumstance.

The case was prosecuted by Charlevoix County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Mary Farrell and was investigated by the Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Office and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child Protective Services.

“This predator will be in prison at least until he is 52 years old, thanks to the brav-

ery of the victim in this case, and solid work by the investigators and Ms. Farrell,” Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. “We were very happy to have such a result without the victim having to be re-traumatized by testifying at trial.”

In addition to the prison sentence, Pease will be a registered sex offender for life and have lifetime electronic monitoring.



Boyne City Man Arrested For Carrying Concealed Weapon

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MI. Troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post stopped a vehicle on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at approximately 1:55 a.m. for a moving violation which resulted in the arrest of the passenger for carrying a concealed weapon.

The traffic stop was on the Boyne City Road near Burns Road in Hayes Township.

The driver, a 25-year-old woman from Howell and her passenger, 26-year-old Adam Tyler Peterson from Boyne City, were having an argument when troopers saw them. Peterson advised troopers he had a handgun in the back seat. Peterson did not have a permit to carry the handgun. He was placed under arrest and lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail.

Peterson was arraigned yesterday afternoon in the 90th District Court in Charlevoix on one count Carrying a Concealed Firearm. His bond was set at \$1,000 cash surety. Peterson’s next scheduled court appearance is on April 20, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.



athletes of the week



JACOB MUELLER CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS

Senior Jacob Mueller had a great week. He led the scoring for the Rayders in the game against Kalkaska with 25 points. Then he scored 25 points again in the win over Harbor Springs. Then he ad 11 points in the showdown with Elk Rapids.

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ALEXIS DANFORTH ELLSWORTH LANCERS

Senior Alexis Danforth led the Lancers to blowout win over Alanson last week with 27 points. She scored 14 points in the win over Harbor Light Christian Academy.

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Hauger's Podium Streak Extended to Six Races

BY : DOM SANTINA

It has been very clear this year who the top three in the Pro Women's class of Amsoil Championship Snocross are and Inanna Hauger has been one of them. She would look to continue to put herself on the podium in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

For Rounds 13 and 14 of the circuit, the series would make the trip to the World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River. Hauger would start her day off on Friday by showing off some massive air over a triple-section before the finish line and push points leader Megan Brodeur out of her comfort zone. As they would do battle for the whole first round of qualifying. However, Brodeur would eventually pull away for the round win. In round number two, Hauger would slot in behind the two points leaders of Brodeur and Malene Anderson and settle for a third-place finish. In the final for round number 13, the team would try and make a massive adjustment to the snowmobile in hopes of going for it all. However, it would not pan out as well and Hauger would have to work her way up to third quickly after coming off the starting line in about the fifth-place position. Hauger would end up on the podium once again but would have bigger hopes for round number 14.

In round 14, the top three would be paired with Brodeur and Anderson and once again would settle for a third-place finish. In round number two, Hauger would be paired with Anderson and would fight for the number two spot as the team would continue to figure out the right setup for a very rough track. In the final, Hauger would come out of the first corner in third place and



Hauger who has earned the nickname "Holeshot Hauger" looks to add another one to the season total as they launch from the starting line. Photo by Popperazzi

ahead of Brodeur. As the race would wear on Brodeur would catch Hauger and move her back to the fourth position. It would put a five-race podium streak in jeopardy for Hauger. However, she would battle with Brodeur and try to stay with her and by doing so, it allowed Hauger to close up on competitor Tasha Lange who was running in the second position. Lange would be passed by both Brodeur and Hauger, which would allow

Hauger to finish on the podium once again. Hauger has now been on the podium for six straight races, which dates back to the Fargo National being the last time she was not on the podium. Hauger will look to continue the streak next week when they return to Eagle River to wrap up the 2021 season. Now that Hauger is consistently finishing on the podium, she is now getting to the point where a third-place is no longer good

enough. Hauger will have another shot on the same track on Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27.

You can follow Hauger and all other Amsoil Champi-

onship Snocross action at snocross.com/livestream.



Hauger airs out her Polaris snowmobile over the triple during the Ram Truck National. Photo by Popperazzi



Hauger adds two more podiums to her total at the World Championship Derby Complex over the weekend in Eagle River, Wisconsin. Photo by Popperazzi

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Ellsworth wins Northern Lakes Conference Championship

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Boys' team came into the final week of the regular season with an 11-1 record. The team could clinch an outright conference championship with a win. The team would start the week with a trip to Alanson.

ELLSWORTH 67, ALANSON 42

The Lancers would be able to pull out an 18-11 lead after the first quarter. The Lancers would get into their normal play in the second quarter, by holding the Vikings to only eight points. This would allow

the Lancers to have a 33 - 19 lead at halftime. In the third quarter, the Vikings would give the Lancers a challenge. As they would go back in forth, but the Lancers would be able to pull just a little farther ahead. They would hold a 16 point lead, 47-31 after three quarters. The Lancers would put up their biggest quarter of the game, to put it away. They would end up winning by a final score of 67-42. The team would have four players in double figures, as Senior Jaeger Griswold would lead with 22 points. Then Kelan Pletcher would contribute 17 points, Jacob Jenuwine would have 14 points and Junior Brayden Steenwyk with 10 points.

The win moves the team to 12-1 overall and 11-0 in the Northern Lakes Conference. The win clinches the Northern Lakes Conference Championship outright.

"It was a good team win tonight with lots of guys getting involved. Jacob(Jenuwine) found his stride tonight putting up 14 pts and playing a solid defensive game," said Head Coach Jarod Steenwyk.

ELLSWORTH 70, HARBOR LIGHT 19

The team would wrap up the regular season with a win over Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian on Wednesday, March 17. The

team would end up taking a 70-19 victory, which would be their 13 on the season. It was another lopsided victory, as a majority of them have been. The team was once again led by Griswold with 20 points. The team would also have Pletcher with 16 points, Steenwyk with 12 points and Jenuwine with 11 points. The win moves the team to 13-1 overall and 12-0 in the NLC.

The team will await to see who they will play in the second round of the District tournament on Thursday, March 25. They will take on the winner of the Central Lake and Alba game, which will be played on Tuesday.

Rayders win Lake Michigan Conference Championship

BY DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Boys Basketball team would have a busy schedule to end the season and look to lock up a conference championship. The team came into the week with an 11-1 record and 10-1 record in the Lake Michigan Conference. The team would start early in the week as they would host Kalkaska on Monday, March 15.

CHARLEVOIX 61, KALKASKA 30

The Rayders would be able to take control of the game and take a commanding lead throughout the game. The Rayders would be able to take a 61-30 win over the Blazers. The team would be led by Senior Jacob Mueller with 25 points. The team would also have Junior Evan Solomon would contribute 10 points as well. The win for the Rayders moves them to 12-1 on the season and 11-1 in the LMC.

CHARLEVOIX 54, HARBOR SPRINGS 25

The Rayders would be back in action on Tuesday, March 16. The Rayders would continue to roll as they would jump out a 12-8 lead after the first quarter. The Rayders would continue to apply the pressure to the Rams as they would stretch their lead to 22-13 at halftime. In the third quarter, is when the Rayders would really step up their game, as they would really put some separation between the two of them. The Rayders would lead 40-21 after three quarters. The Rayders would be able to go deep into the bench in the fourth quarter, as they continued to stretch their lead. The Rayders would win by a final score of 54-25. The team would once again be led by Mueller with 25 points. The

win moves the Rayders to 13-1 on the season and 12-1 in the LMC.

CHARLEVOIX 49, ELK RAPIDS 45

The Rayders had already secured a share of the Lake Michigan Conference with their win against Harbor Springs. They could win it outright with a win over Elk Rapids, who sat one game behind them in the standings. The Rayders would find themselves down after the first quarter, as the Elks would lead 15-13. However, by halftime, the Rayders would be able to battle back and tie the game at 24. In the third quarter, the Elks would be able to draw the advantage once again, as they would lead 37-35. However, when the game was all said and done the Rayders would be able to grab the advantage again and secure a 49-45 victory. With the win, the Rayders clinched the LMC Championship for the first time since 2011. The team would be led by Junior Caleb Stuck with 21 points. While also having Solomon added 15 points and Mueller contribute 11 points. The win has the Rayders finish the regular season with a record of 14-1 and 13-1 in the LMC.

Coach Matt Stuck said, "It is a nice accomplishment and also the first time Charlevoix has won it since 2011. It is good to end the drought. The players have been resilient all season and continued to find ways to win close games and that was no different Friday night against Elk Rapids. However, now we have our sights on trying to accomplish one of our other goals and that is winning a district championship.

The Rayders will await the winner of the East Jordan and Harbor Springs game on Tuesday, March 23 to see who they will play on Thursday, March 25 in St. Ignace.

Ramblers dismantle Grayling Finish regular season 9-7

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Boys Basketball team has had an up and down season. As the team went into the final week of the season they had a 7-7 record. The team would start the week off with a trip to Grayling on Tuesday, March 16.

BOYNE CITY 69, GRAYLING 42

The Ramblers would get off to a good start as they would double up the Vikings in the first quarter, 20-10. In the second quarter, the Ramblers would be not as efficient but would still be able to expand their lead.

They would lead 33-19 at halftime. In the third quarter, the Ramblers would have their best offensive quarter of the game putting up 22 points and continuing to expand their lead. As they would head to the fourth quarter they had a 55-27 advantage. The Vikings would be able to narrowly outscore the Ramblers but the game had been decided at that point. The Ramblers would end up taking the win by a final score of 69-42. The team would see contributions up and down the roster. However, it would be Senior Aiden Brehm who would lead the scoring for the Ramblers as he would have 20 points to go with his 14 rebounds. The team would also have

sophomore Jack Neer contribute 10 points. The win moves the team to 8-7 on the season and 8-5 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

BOYNE CITY VS. EAST JORDAN - FORFEIT

The Ramblers would be scheduled to play the Red Devils to end the regular season. A game that was highly anticipated after the close matchup in East Jordan earlier this year. However, after COVID-19 concerns the game would be forfeited by East Jordan, giving the Ramblers a 1-0 victory. The win would have the Ramblers finish the regular season with a 9-5 record. They would finish 9-

5 in the Lake Michigan Conference which would be good enough for fourth place.

BOYNE CITY VS. SAULT STE. MARIE - FORFEIT

The Ramblers were scheduled to play Sault Ste. Marie in the opening round of Districts on Tuesday, March 23. However, after COVID-19 concerns in the Sault Ste. Marie High School, the team would cancel the matchup as well. This will move the Ramblers to the semi-finals, where they will host Cheboygan at seven o'clock in Boyne City.

After COVID-19 halt, East Jordan ready for district tournament

BY: DOM SANTINA

Last week, the East Jordan Boys Basketball team got the words that no one wanted to hear. They were told that the team would have to stop their season due to COVID-19. The team would have to cancel their games for the final week of the season. Which included a home game against Traverse City St. Francis and a trip to rival Boyne City. The Red Devils would have to concede a forfeit for the Boyne City game which would move them to 5-10 on the season and 4-9 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

I hated losing the games last week as you never want to take away a chance to play. As a school, we decided that it was not only in our best interest to not play with kids who aren't ready but also at the time we weren't sure where contact tracing and other positive cases could have put us. We also didn't want to put another team's chances at a tournament run in jeopardy," said Head Coach Nate Dzwik talking about the decision to not play last week.

However, the Red Devils have recently got the news they were

hoping to hear, they are cleared to go for the district tournament. They will travel to St. Ignace, the host of the tournament for their Tuesday night matchup against Harbor Springs. The team has split the series with Harbor Springs so far this season. As they lost a barn burner to begin the season at home, then they went and had a comfortable 15 point victory on the road.

"We are back for the tournament at full strength, although being out of the gym for 8-10 days and only meeting on zoom is far from ideal. Although different in timing I think having gone through this similar situation of being out of the gym for the week prior to our season opener. We as coaches hopefully learned how to get the kids ready to play much faster and hopefully, we can knock all the rust off today to get ready for the game. Our district is so tough already that we really just need to go worried about the things we can control," said Head Coach Nate Dzwik.

If the team can get past Harbor Springs, they then would face the number one seed Charlevoix on Thursday, March 25.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lancers seven game winning streak snapped

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Girls Basketball team has turned it on in the second half of the season. As the team had won five straight games coming into the final week before the District tournament. The team came in with a 7-2 record overall and a 6-1 record in the Northern Lakes Conference. They would also have a chance to try and take a part in the conference championship in the final game of the season.

ELLSWORTH 71, ALANSON 25

The Lancers would travel to play Alanson on Wednesday, March 17. The Lady Lancers got off to a fast start leading 30-3 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Lancers would stretch their lead over the Vikings, which would allow the team to deep into their rotation and get everyone great playing time. At halftime, the Lancers would lead by a score of 52-5. With the Lancers having a lead of over 40 points would enact a running clock that started in the second quarter and would continue to the second half. The Lancers would only continue to grow their lead in

the third quarter, as they would hold a 66-16 lead heading to the fourth quarter. The Lancer would just try to run out the clock in the fourth quarter and take a 71-25 victory. The win would move the team to 8-2 on the season and 7-1 in the conference. The team would be led by Senior Alexis Danforth with 27 points, 14 points. They would also have Senior Judy Veldboom add 17 points

ELLSWORTH 51, HARBOR LIGHT 21

The team would then travel on Thursday, March 18 to play Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian. The Lady Lancers took control early taking on an aggressive Harbor Light team and led 12-0 at the end of the first quarter. The team would get into foul trouble in the second quarter, which would make them have to change their game plan. They would still be able to lead 28-6 at halftime. In the third quarter, the offense would pick back up again and help increase their lead and pull out to a 43-11 lead after three quarters. The Lancers would be able to secure a 51-21 victory extending their winning streak to seven straight games. The team would be led by Veldboom

with 18 points and 12 rebounds. The team would also have Alexis Danforth add 14 points and Senior Celia Dhillon chipped in 11 points. The win moved the team to 9-2 on the season and 8-1 in the Northern Lakes Conference.

ELLSWORTH 30, MACKINAW CITY 68

The Girl's team would have the opportunity to secure a share of the conference championship with a win against the Comets. The team would travel on Saturday, March 20 to play the Comets to end the regular season. The first quarter started with the aggressive defense on both sides with minimal scoring for the first minutes. At the end of the first quarter, the Comets added a couple of buckets to open up a 17-10 lead. The Comets played aggressively in the second quarter, which would give the Lancers trouble. As they would turn the ball over 20 times compared to just 11 shots. This would allow the Comets to take a 37-14 lead to halftime. In the third quarter, the Lancers would try to make some defensive adjustments but the powerful Comets offensive was not phased. The deficit would continue to grow on the scoreboard for the Lancers as they would be down 54-23 heading to the fourth quarter. There would be no love lost for the Comets as they would stay aggressive in the fourth quarter and expand their lead. They would lock up a 68-30 win and clinch a perfect record in the conference and the outright conference championship. The Lancers did withstand the pressure better in the second half as they would only turn the ball over eight times, however, the Comets still proved to be too much. The Lancers would once again be led by Veldboom with 17 points. The loss ends a seven-game win streak and moves the team to 9-3 on the season and 8-2 in the conference.

The team will get a few days to rest up as they will get to wait till Wednesday, March 24 to play Gaylord St. Mary's for the District Championship.

Next up for the Lady Lancers (9-3, 8-2) is a District Championship game Wednesday, March vs. either Alba or Gaylord St. Mary's. Ellsworth's original first-round district opponent Central Lake had to forfeit due to Covid quarantine protocol so Ellsworth advances to the district championship game. The game will be at six o'clock in Central Lake.



Senior Alexis Danforth looks for a teammate to pass to. Photo by Dom Santina



Senior Judy Veldboom shoots a free throw. Photo by Dom Santina



Junior Keira Dulaney pulls up for a jump shot. Photo by Dom Santina

Associated Press Michigan Prep Boys Basketball Poll

THE TOP 10 TEAMS IN THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATED PRESS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL POLL.

DIVISION 1

SCHOOL TOTAL POINTS

1. ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY, ÅÖS (5) (10-0) 75
2. ANN ARBOR HURON (14-0) 69
3. DETROIT U-D JESUIT (8-1) 66
4. DETROIT KING (13-2) 59
5. GRAND RAPIDS FOREST HILLS NORTHERN (12-2) 53
6. GRAND BLANC (8-2) 44
7. HAMTRAMCK (14-2) 43
8. FLINT CARMAN-AINSWORTH (11-2) 38
9. ZEELAND EAST (16-0) 29
10. WARREN DE LA SALLE (8-3) 26 (TIE) DETROIT CASS TECH (13-1) 26

OTHERS RECEIVING 12 OR MORE VOTES: MACOMB DAKOTA 16, BLOOMFIELD HILLS BROTHER RICE 12.

DIVISION 2

SCHOOL TOTAL POINTS

1. G.R. CATHOLIC CENTRAL (4) (13-

0) 60

2. BENTON HARBOR (13-2) 56
3. G.R. CHRISTIAN (8-2) 51
4. GRAND RAPIDS SOUTH CHRISTIAN (14-2) 44
5. CROSWELL-LEXINGTON (15-1) 43
6. FRANKENMUTH (13-1) 42
7. WILLIAMSTON (9-2) 35
8. FERNDAL (9-4) 31
- (TIE) MUSKOGON ORCHARD VIEW (17-1) 31
10. BATTLE CREEK PENNFIELD (15-2) 24

OTHERS RECEIVING 12 OR MORE VOTES: DETROIT EDISON 17.

DIVISION 3

SCHOOL TOTAL POINTS

1. MCBAIN (2) (12-0) 67
2. OSCODA (2) (17-0) 66
3. IRON MOUNTAIN (13-0) 63
4. HANOVER-HORTON (15-1) 58
5. HEMLOCK (15-0) 57
6. FLINT BEECHER (1) (10-1) 54
7. SCHOOLCRAFT (13-1) 52
8. REESE (12-1) 33
9. PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA (10-2) 31

10. CHARLEVOIX (14-1) 27

OTHERS RECEIVING 12 OR MORE VOTES: BEAVERTON 25, BARK RIVER-HARRIS 23.

DIVISION 4

SCHOOL TOTAL POINTS

1. SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (4) (10-1) 74
2. WEBBERVILLE (11-1) 61
3. EWEN-TROUT CREEK (13-2) 57
4. MT. PLEASANT SACRED HEART (15-1) 54
5. DETROIT DOUGLASS (1) (11-5) 52
6. WYOMING TRI-UNITY CHRISTIAN (8-2) 51
7. MUNISING (14-1) 37
- (TIE) HILLSDALE ACADEMY (13-2) 37
9. CLARKSTON EVEREST CATHOLIC (13-2) 29
10. DRYDEN (11-2) 28

OTHERS RECEIVING 12 OR MORE VOTES: DOLLAR BAY 25, MCBAIN NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN 19, ELLSWORTH 18, BELLEVUE 18, RUDYARD 16.

Associated Press Michigan Prep GIRLS Basketball Poll

THE TOP 10 TEAMS IN THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATED PRESS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL POLL.

DIVISION 1

SCHOOL TOTAL POINTS

1. HARTLAND (5) (15-0) 75
2. EAST LANSING (12-0) 67
3. HUDSONVILLE (16-1) 62
4. SALINE (15-1) 56
5. EAST GRAND RAPIDS (12-2) 55
6. MIDLAND DOW (17-0) 53
7. WEST BLOOMFIELD (10-3) 40
8. BYRON CENTER (12-2) 39
9. MACOMB L, ÅÖANSE CREUSE NORTH (15-0) 31
10. EAST KENTWOOD (11-3) 28

OTHERS RECEIVING 12 OR MORE VOTES: DETROIT RENAISSANCE 26, KALAMAZOO CENTRAL 26, FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 18, WAYNE MEMORIAL 12.

DIVISION 2

SCHOOL TOTAL POINTS

1. DETROIT EDISON (DEPSA) (5) (10-0) 75
2. GRAND RAPIDS WEST CATHOLIC

(13-0) 69

3. FRANKENMUTH (14-1) 65
- (TIE) HARPER WOODS CHANDLER PARK ACADEMY (14-2) 65
5. BUCHANAN (11-0) 52
6. BAY CITY JOHN GLENN (13-2) 47
7. MONTAGUE (15-0) 41
8. LAKE FENTON (11-1) 36
9. SAULT STE. MARIE (12-1) 32
10. PORTLAND (13-2) 28
- (TIE) CADILLAC (12-2) 28

OTHERS RECEIVING 12 OR MORE VOTES: CHELSEA 18, NEWAYGO 14.

DIVISION 3

SCHOOL TOTAL POINTS

1. GRASS LAKE (4) (13-1) 73
2. YPSILANTI ARBOR PREPARATORY (1) (12-1) 70
3. KENT CITY (15-0) 61
4. MCBAIN (12-0) 58
5. BYRON (15-0) 54
6. ADRIAN LENAWEE CHRISTIAN (11-3) 50
7. MENOMINEE (11-0) 41
8. GLEN LAKE (15-1) 37
9. ST. CHARLES (17-0) 36

10. REESE (12-1) 23

OTHERS RECEIVING 12 OR MORE VOTES: KALAMAZOO HACKETT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 20, LAKE CITY 14, CALUMET 14, ROCHESTER HILLS LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 14, ERIE-MASON 13.

DIVISION 4

SCHOOL TOTAL POINTS

1. CARNEY-NADEAU (4) (17-0) 74
2. SAGINAW NOUVEL (1) (14-1) 67
3. EWEN-TROUT CREEK (14-1) 61
4. ATHENS (14-1) 57
5. HILLSDALE ACADEMY (12-1) 50
6. KINGSTON (12-1) 45
7. WATERFORD OUR LADY (8-3) 42
8. POSEN (13-1) 35
9. BELLAIRE (12-3) 34
10. FOWLER (9-4) 33

OTHERS RECEIVING 12 OR MORE VOTES: MACKINAW CITY 18, MT. PLEASANT SACRED HEART 16, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 15.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Boyne City JV team has undefeated season

The Boyne City Ramblers girls basketball team looks to have a bright future. The Varsity girls basketball team has been a winning streak late in the season as Coach Adam Stefanski has the girls playing better together every game. However, the winning looks like it will continue the next few years. This year's Junior Varsity team went undefeated.

The JV team this year went 14-0 and ran the table in the Lake Michigan Conference, which also included a double digit victory over Petoskey in non-league play. This was also Coach Day's second undefeated season in a three year span since joining the girls basketball program, prior to many years with the boys program.

Coach Chuck Day said, "This is a group of players that are fun to be around, practice and games. Their main strength as a group is that they are all very competitive, intelligent and tough. They are friends, so they like to be around each other and they want each other to be successful, they cheer each other on. We were very balanced as all games had at least 8 players scoring, and half of our games had at least 10 players scoring. They are a good group. I hope they stay with it."

JV Girls Basketball		
1	Elly Day	10
2	Brook Williams	10
5	Rachel Clausen	10
10	Ava Maginity	10
12	Maddie Smith	10
15	Sam Burke	10
21	Braylyn Rincon	10
24	Gabby Dunlap	9
25	Jordynn Sudderth	10
30	Mya Pofahl	10
32	Lily Scherbing	10
35	Maggi McHugh	10
40	Sora Ostrander	10
Coach: Chuck Day		



WRESTLING

Lydia Krauss takes 3rd in State Tournament

Boyne City's own Lydia Krauss competed in the Girls state tournament, held at Michigan Revolution in Highland, MI., on Sunday March 22nd. She had a great

day, taking home 3rd place in the 145 lb. weight class. On the day she started with the #1 seed. After receiving byes straight to the quarterfinals, she started

with a 2nd period win over Isabella Awishes of Airport, before taking a hard loss in the semifinal against Amarisa Manuel of Romeo 9-5. Then she fought back

and took a 2nd period pin against Teairah Elsemann of Saine, before finishing off her day with another 3rd period pin against Brooklyn Figueroa of Monroe in the

3rd place match. Great job Lydia!!

Locations and times set for State Championships for Michigan High School Winter Sports

The MHSAA has confirmed sites for its indoor winter sports championship rounds, including an adjustment for the Individual Wrestling Finals that will allow more fans to attend that event after an increase in spectator limits was put into effect March 5 by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

The Individual Wrestling Finals previously were announced to be competed in full at Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo. However, a change moving two divisions to Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids will allow for more fans, primarily immediate family, to attend. Previously, wrestlers were to be limited to one spectator per participant. With multiple sites, wrestlers will be allowed multiple spectators each

Similarly, Van Andel and the Breslin Center in East Lansing will host additional events to allow more fans to attend championship rounds in competitive cheer and girls and boys basket-

ball. Both facilities have capacities of more than 10,000 spectators and may host up to 750, per MDHHS guidelines.

The Competitive Cheer Finals will move to Breslin Center to allow more fans to attend, compared to other venues that were being considered. Semifinals in girls and boys basketball will be split by divisions between Breslin Center and Van Andel Arena, in part to provide for greater attendance and also to keep those rounds scheduled to just two locations instead of spreading games across a number of others.

The following are sites and schedules for Finals weekends for the remaining MHSAA Tournaments this winter, with further updates to be posted to the MHSAA Website (<https://www.mhsaa.com>):

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Where: Division 1 and 3 Semifinals at Breslin Center in East Lansing. Division 2 and 4 Semifinals at Van Andel Arena in Grand

Rapids. All four Finals will be played at Breslin Center.

When: Semifinals are April 7, with Divisions 3 and 4 beginning at 10 a.m. at their respective sites, followed by Divisions 1 and 2 at 3:30 p.m. Finals on April 9 will be played at 10 a.m. (D4), 12:30 p.m. (D1), 3 p.m. (D3) and 5:30 p.m. (D2).

BOYS BASKETBALL
Where: Division 1 and 3 Semifinals at Breslin Center in East Lansing. Division 2 and 4 Semifinals at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. All four Finals will be played at Breslin Center.

When: Semifinals are April 8, with Divisions 3 and 4 beginning at 10 a.m. at their respective sites, followed by Divisions 1 and 2 at 3:30 p.m. Finals on April 10 will be played at 10 a.m. (D4), 12:30 p.m. (D1), 3 p.m. (D3) and 5:30 p.m. (D2).

GIRLS & BOYS BOWLING
Where: Division 1 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Division 2 at Century Bowl in Waterford, Division

3 at Jax 60 in Jackson and Division 4 at Super Bowl in Canton.

When: Team Finals are Friday, March 26, and Singles Finals are March 27. Both events begin at 8 a.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEER
Where: Breslin Center, East Lansing

When: Friday, March 26 – Division 3 at 10 a.m., Division 1 at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27 – Division 2 at 10 a.m., Division 4 at 3 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY
Where: USA Hockey Arena

When: Semifinals on Thursday, March 25, for Division 2 beginning at 4:30 p.m., and March 26 for Divisions 1 and 3 with first games for those divisions beginning at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively. All three Finals will be played March 27, at 11 a.m. (D2), 3 p.m. (D3) and 7 p.m. (D1).

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING – LOWER PENINSULA
Where: Division 1 at Hud-

sonville High School, Division 2 at Jenison High School, Division 3 at Hamilton High School (diving) and Holland Aquatic Center (swimming).

When: Diving on Friday, March 26, and all swimming Finals are March 27. Start times are being determined.

WRESTLING – TEAM
Where: Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo, Divisions 2 and 4 in the Arena and Divisions 1 and 3 in the Valley for pre-Finals rounds. All Finals in the Arena.

When: March 30. Quarterfinals will be followed by Semifinals and Finals, with start times to be determined.

WRESTLING – INDIVIDUAL
Where: Divisions 1 and 3 at Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo. Divisions 2 and 4 at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

When: Divisions 2 and 3 on Friday, April 2. Divisions 1 and 4 on Saturday, April 3. Start times are being determined.

BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
TC Central	9-0	10-4
Petoskey	7-2	12-2
Cadillac	4-5	8-6
TC West	4-5	5-5
Alpena	1-7	3-10
Gaylord	0-6	0-7

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Charlevoix	13-1	14-1
Elk Rapids	11-3	13-3
St Francis	10-3	10-5
Boyne City	9-5	9-7
East Jordan	4-9	5-10
Harbor Springs	3-11	4-12
Grayling	3-11	3-11
Kalkaska	2-12	2-12

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Rudyard	7-0	13-2
Cheboygan	5-3	6-4
St Ignace	3-5	8-6
Sault	2-5	5-10
Newberry	1-5	7-7

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Mancelona	8-1	10-4
Gaylord St Mary	7-1	11-5
Onaway	6-2	11-3
Joburg-Lewiston	5-3	8-4
Forest Area	5-3	6-9
Inland Lakes	3-5	6-10
Pellston	2-6	4-11
Bellaire	1-7	1-12
Central Lake	0-8	0-12

NORTH STAR LEAGUE-LITTLE DIPPER		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Posen	9-1	11-3
Hale	8-1	9-2
Hillman	6-3	10-7
Au Gres-Sims	3-7	7-9
Atlanta	2-8	3-10
Fairview	1-9	1-10

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Ellsworth	12-0	13-1
Mackinaw City	10-2	12-4
Alanson	7-5	11-7
Boyne Falls	6-5	7-5
Wolverine	4-8	4-8
Alba	1-10	2-10
Harbor Lt Chr	1-11	1-14

GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Cadillac	8-1	12-1
TC West	7-3	8-3
Petoskey	6-3	9-3
Gaylord	4-4	5-4
Alpena	2-8	5-11
TC Central	1-9	2-14

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Elk Rapids	13-0	14-1
St Francis	11-2	12-3
Boyne City	10-4	10-5
Charlevoix	8-6	9-7
East Jordan	6-7	6-9
Kalkaska	4-9	4-9
Harbor Springs	1-13	1-13
Grayling	1-13	1-14

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Sault	7-0	12-1
St Ignace	4-3	11-4
Rudyard	3-4	9-5
Cheboygan	2-5	5-5
Newberry	1-5	7-7

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Bellaire	7-1	12-3
Gaylord St Mary	7-1	12-3
Joburg-Lewiston	6-1	9-1
Inland Lakes	5-3	8-6
Onaway	5-4	8-8
Central Lake	2-5	2-5
Mancelona	2-6	6-9
Forest Area	2-6	2-12
Pellston	0-9	2-12

NORTH STAR LEAGUE-LITTLE DIPPER		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Posen	10-0	13-1
Hillman	7-2	10-7
Fairview	6-4	7-5
Hale	4-5	7-7
Atlanta	1-9	2-11
Au Gres-Sims	1-9	2-15

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Mackinaw City	10-0	16-2
Ellsworth	8-2	9-3
Harbor Lt Chr	5-4	6-6
Wolverine	4-6	5-6
Alanson	2-8	3-9
Alba	0-9	0-11

NORTH STAR LEAGUE-BIG DIPPER		
Team	Conf	Ovr
Oscoda	8-0	17-1
Alcona	6-2	10-4
Rogers City	4-4	5-11
Mio	2-6	5-10
W-P	0-8	4-9

HOCKEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE		
Team	Conf	Ovr
TC Central	8-0	13-2
Gaylord	3-2-1	5-4-2
Petoskey	3-3	9-7
TC West	3-4-2	9-6-2
Alpena	3-6-1	5-11-1
Cadillac	1-6	3-9

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ramblers end regular season with 5 game win streak

Have won 9 out of last 10

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Girls basketball team would look to continue the role they have been in since the mid-point of

the season. The team had won three straight games coming in and seven of the last eight games. The team would start with a home game against Grayling on Tuesday, March 16.

BOYNE CITY 55, GRAYLING 13

The Ramblers would get off

to a good start on both ends of the floor. The team would jump out to a 14-4 lead after the first quarter. After a season of struggling to finish at the basket, the Ramblers found a ton of offense in the first half. They would lead at halftime, 30-9. In the third quarter, the offense would cool off a little bit, as they would only score seven points. However, they would

not allow a point as well. The Ramblers would hold a 37-10 lead at the end of three quarters. The team would have a big fourth quarter to secure a 55-13 win. The team would be led by Jordan Noble with 13 points. The win moves the team to 9-5 on the season and 9-4 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

BOYNE CITY VS. EAST JORDAN - FORFEIT

The Girls team was supposed to end the season with a home game against East Jordan on Friday, March 19. It would have been Senior Night for the Ramblers, however, the Red Devils would have to forfeit due to COVID-19 concerns. The Ramblers

would pick up a 1-0 year and finish the regular season with a 10-5 record. While finishing 10-4 in the LMC, which is good enough for third place in the conference.

The team will play Cheboygan in the second round of the District tournament. Their game will be at seven o'clock in Cheboygan on Wednesday, March 24.

Red Devils basketball season comes to an end with Charlevoix loss in Districts

BY: DOM SANTINA

The East Jordan Girls Basketball has at times struggled this season and has had some good success this season. The team came in last week with a record of 6-7. They were scheduled to play Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, March 16.

As in line with the Boys Basketball team, the Girls Basketball would have their season come to a halt as well. They would have the game against Traverse City St. Francis canceled. The team would have to end up forfeiting the game against Boyne City by a final score of 1-0. The loss would move the team to 6-8 on the season and 6-7 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

However, the team would get good news over the weekend. As they would get granted access to go play their first-round game of the district tournament against Charlevoix. The team would

have a rough round though and would drop the matchup by a final score of 56-21. The loss puts an end to the Red Devils season as they will fin-

ish with an overall record of 6-9. The team will only have one Senior Emily Zmiky who will be leaving the program.



East Jordan Junior Micah Heise looks to pass the ball during a game earlier this year. Photo by Dom Santina

DNR - OUTDOORS

The search for Michigan's ghost cat

BY KAREN CLEVELAND AND CODY NORTON

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You may have read the stories on Facebook or on other social media platforms.

Tantalizing and captivating claims from across Michigan: cougars seen wandering backyards in the suburbs around Detroit, black panthers skulking through farm fields and attacks all over the state on pets and livestock.

But what's the truth about mountain lions in Michigan?

How many are there? Where are they? And how worried should we be?

Cougars, also called mountain lions or pumas, are native to Michigan and would have been found here prior to European colonization of the region. Early European settlers, however, saw the cat as a threat to them and their livestock, as well as a competitor for venison and other wild game.

Consequently, by the late 1800s, cougars were almost eliminated from the eastern United States, driven by these fears. Wholesale logging of the forests the cougars called home also played a role, as waves of settlement converted much of the state to farmland.

Many states and the federal government created bounties, money paid to people to kill cougars and other predators, with the goal of erasing them from the landscape. These efforts worked so well that cougars were eliminated from Michigan by the early 20th century.

While memories of these big cats persisted in communities across the state, trying to find physical evidence to support reported sightings proved to be a bit like chasing a ghost.

When evidence was collected at the scene of a reported cougar sighting, like photographs, the culprit was often found to be something other than a mountain lion.

These would-be cougars were actually animals as mundane as a large housecat seen from an angle that made it appear much larger or as unusual and exotic as an escaped pet serval – a large wild cat from Africa that's definitely not legal to keep as a pet in Michigan.

As reported sightings became more common, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources created a "cougar team" in 2008 to review reports of cougars and to try to verify them.

Brian Roell, a DNR wildlife biologist at Marquette, takes the mission of the cougar team very seriously.

"The team is made up of wildlife biologists for the DNR who have received specialized training in how to identify cougars from photos, as well as from tracks, scat and other physical evidence they may leave behind," Roell said. "It's important that we're able to identify these animals correctly, not just for conservation purposes but also so that residents can be informed about the wildlife living around them and take commonsense precautions."



Cody Norton, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' large carnivore specialist, handles a cougar as part of training the DNR cougar team received on how to tranquilize and handle cougars. (courtesy of DNR)



A cougar in Idaho has a radio collar attached for research purposes during the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' cougar team's training. A cougar's paw leaves a track that measures 3-4 inches across. (courtesy of DNR)

animals being reported in Michigan have traced back to a population found in South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska.

"These are likely young male cougars looking for areas far from home where they can find mates and establish their own territories, and they just keep moving when they don't find any female cougars," Sitar said.

Should you be worried about seeing a mountain lion near your home?

All but one of the verified cougar sightings the team has reviewed have been from the Upper Peninsula. Chances of seeing one in the Lower Peninsula are extremely low.

Like with most wildlife, there are some simple preventative steps you can take to make your home less attractive to cougars.

Remove sources of food, shelter and safety. For cougars, this means not letting pets roam outside alone, providing shelter for livestock, not feeding wildlife, removing landscaping that provides shrubby cover for animals to hide in near buildings and installing outside lighting with motion detectors.

If you encounter a cougar when you're outdoors, your best bet is to try to appear too dangerous to tangle with: don't turn your back on the animal, look as large as you can by standing tall and waving your arms, and talk loudly.

Never run from a cougar, though you can move away slowly. If you are attacked, fight back and never play dead. Remember that the likelihood that you'll ever see a cougar in Michigan is extremely low, and the likelihood of an attack is even lower.

"These cats are very rare in Michigan," said Pete Kailing, a DNR wildlife biologist in Paris. "Much of the data we've been able to gather so far is thanks to the willingness of Michiganders to share their photos and other evidence with us."

If you're interested in learning more about cougars in Michigan, Kailing suggests starting at Michigan.gov/Cougars, where you can find tips on how to tell if the animal you've seen is a cougar, how to report a cougar sighting and the current status on where cougars have been confirmed in Michigan.

Over the 13 years since the formation of the cougar team, its members have met weekly to review reports with supporting evidence submitted to the DNR.

If the evidence appears to have come from a cougar, DNR staffers will follow up with a site visit. This helps the biologists verify that photos haven't been faked or reported from false locations. The visits also let the biologists measure trees and other objects to help estimate the size of animals in photos submitted with reports.

Sometimes, the team members even use a life-sized, cardboard cougar silhouette to try to recreate the photo to help arrive at a correct identification.

So far, their hard work has verified 65 cougar reports in Michigan.

"We don't think these are all different cougars," Roell said. "Many of these reports include photos from trail cameras, and it's very likely that the same cat is being spotted in different places as it moves through the forest."

What does this tell us about how many cougars are in Michigan?

"There's no evidence of a breeding population here – no signs of kittens in any verified report, and all of the animals where we've been able to determine their sex have been male," said Kristie Sitar, DNR wildlife biologist at Newberry.

Sitar said some DNA studies have been conducted on the cougars found here, using evidence collected from verified reports or a cougar poached in Schoolcraft County several years ago. This testing has shown the

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WRESTLING

Five Boyne wrestlers ramble on to regionals

BY TODD VANSICKLE

Boyne City will send five wrestlers to regionals after they qualified for the tournament on Saturday during the Michigan High School Athletics Association's 17-3 Individual Wrestling Districts in Grayling.

Jordan McBee, Tim Bowman, Max Matthews, Jacob Bush and Gavin Hernandez will all represent Boyne at the regional tournament this Saturday in Grayling.

McBee, a junior at Boyne City High School, wrestles in the 130 division. He won his class after pinning Spencer Vanderzwaag of Hart in 3:21 minutes.

After the win he was congratulated with hugs from his coach and teammates. He then ran over to the bleachers where he hugged his father.

"I came into it as the number one seed," McBee said. "I won it last year at 130. I just wrestled hard all day. It was all building up for the last match of the day. It was all guts and glory. I went out there to make my dad proud. He is like my best friend. I love this sport."

McBee had a first round bye, but went on to pin three consecutive opponents on his road to the finals.

The tournament featured 13 teams in 14 weight classes.

The teams included Benzie Central, Boyne City, Cheboygan, Gladstone, Grayling, Hart, Kalkaska, Kingsford, Kingsley, Manistee, Menominee, Negaunee and Reed City.

Matthews, a Boyne senior, took third place in the 152-pound class.

After the semi-final match he said a little luck played into the win against Kalkaska's Justin Harlan.

"He had a strong head and was quick to his hands and feet," Matthew said. "I was being methodical trying to read his movements. He rolled and then I rolled and I stuck him. You could call it luck."

His strategy going into the finals was "not to worry much."

"I try to keep a cool head,"



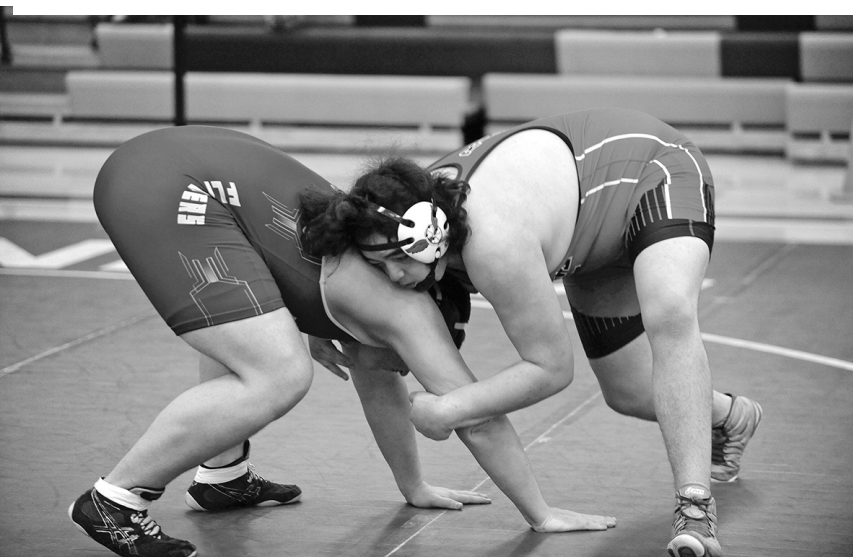
Boyne's Max Matthews holds tight onto his opponent. (Photo: Todd VanSickle)



Boyne's Jordan McBee pins Hart's Spencer Vanderzwaag for the 130-pound class title. (Photo: Todd VanSickle)



Boyne's Jordan McBee receives a hug from his coach Justin Perkins after he won his final match at districts in Grayling. (Photo: Todd VanSickle)



Gavin Hernandez took third place in the 285-pound class. (Photo: Todd VanSickle)

Matthews said. "I don't even like to know who my opponents are."

The last time Matthews competed at regionals was his sophomore year. He beat his first opponent, but lost his next matches. He didn't advance to the next round.

Last year, Boyne's Bowman competed at regionals, but lost both of his opening matches and did not advance. He hopes things will be different this year.

"I don't want to sound too prideful, but I think I am one of the better kids on my team. I want to be a good role model for the rest of my teammates," Bowman said.

"I think it is important that I

wrestle well so I can set a good example for our team."

Bowman took third place at this year's district in the 119-pound class against Reed City. He won on a technical fall.

In the 285-pound class, Boyne senior Hernandez took third place. He has wrestled for the past three years, but competed for Kalkaska last season.

"I moved back to my hometown of Boyne," Hernandez said. "It is a bigger school and better wrestling. It is a little awkward to see my former teammates, but we are still buddies."

However, he didn't have to worry about competing

against his former teammates, because Kalkaska no longer has a heavy weight wrestler.

"I was their heavy weight," Hernandez said.

His first match was against Devihn Wichlacz of Cheboygan. He won with a pin in 1:29 minutes. He faced Wichlacz earlier in the week at a different competition.

"It was one of my harder matches. I was having a bad day," Hernandez said. "I wasn't real comfortable with the win."

He adjusted for districts by eating better and having a better mindset. His district rematch against Wichlacz went a lot better, he said.

He lost his second match to Hart in a 6-4 decision, but won his next two matches including a pin in the final to take third place.

Bush took third place in the 171-weight class to punch his ticket for regionals.

"We have had a pretty decent day," Boyne coach Justin Perkins said.

Boyne had nine wrestlers at individual districts and five qualified for regionals.

Boyne finished the season at 18-8 and won the team district.

"As a team we actually been really good this year," said Perkins, who is in his first year as head coach. "We

have exceeded a lot of expectations and accomplished a lot. We have gotten a lot more aggressive and wrestled better than teams in the past."

The coach said Boyne hasn't had much luck at regionals, but is hoping that will change this year.

"I think we have a real good shot at it," Perkins said. "We have at least two or three kids on our team."

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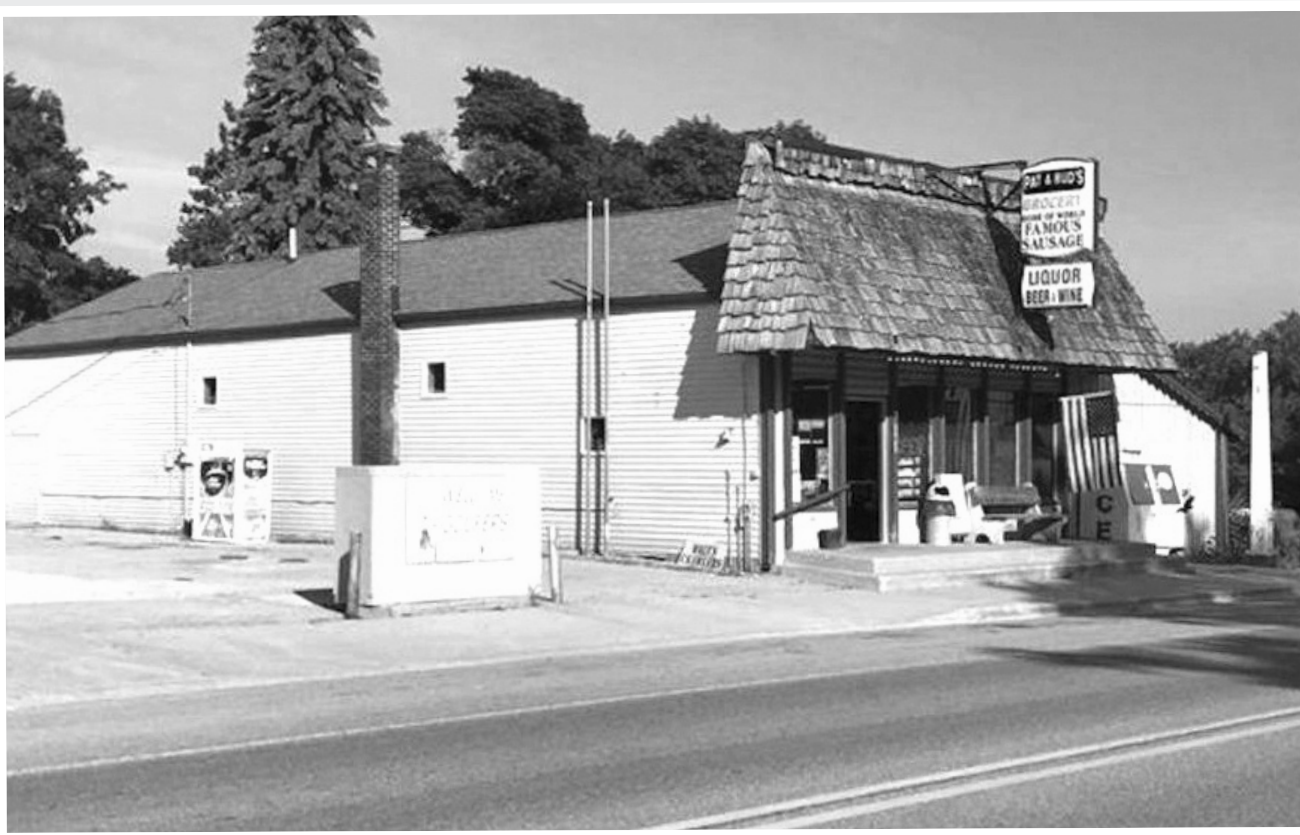
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Real Estate Feature Property

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FANTASTIC ELMIRA LOCATION



BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a commercial building, which was formerly a convenience store, in a prime spot in the charming village of Elmira.

This commercial building was the former location of Pat & Buds convenience store which was a "must-stop" destination for many years with a variety of

items, a deli and a pizzeria for local shoppers as well as out of town visitors. Featuring approximately 3,124 square feet of space, parking in front and on the side of the building, plus a heart of downtown Elmira location, the business opportunities for the property are virtually endless.

Recent upgrades to the property include a new well and septic system. This is an excellent opportunity for creating a

new business or for those looking to expand.

This commercial building is located at 8869 West M-32 in Elmira is listed at just \$109,900. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty – 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollisUp-North@gmail.com



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2 MOST COMMON PROBLEMS
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This is the best time to buy a home. Home prices are more affordable than they've been in decades and mortgage rates are at all time lows. Even if you were able to qualify 3 years ago, and even if your credit score has not changed, you may not be able to qualify today. There are 2 main reasons why people are not able to buy a home, but there is also hope and the American dream of home ownership might still be within your reach.

You may be one of millions of people who have recently been turned down for a home loan by the bank. One of the most common reasons good people get turned down for a loan is because they have less than perfect credit.

1. Less Than Perfect Credit. If you notice, I didn't say "bad credit." A few years ago, banks were lending to every one who wanted a loan. Banks were

lending to people who had credit scores in the mid 500s just a short while ago. Just recently it was announced that the minimum credit score, yes the minimum for a FHA backed mortgage is 640. But, even if you have a score in the mid to high 600s, you may still be required to put down a hefty down payment. A score of 720 or higher is considered good credit, and is what's required for a low-down payment loan today.

There are many reasons that credit scores can become less than perfect. Maybe you have had a bad event in your life such as a medical emergency or a divorce. These events may be unavoidable, but break havoc on a credit score. Maybe you pay your bills on time, but you have had to run up the balances on some credit cards so the bank runs its formula and tells you that your debt to income ratio is too

high. Maybe you were a victim of the economic recession and lost your job, but you've been diligent and found a new job, but because of being out of work you missed some payments on some of your accounts. The banks don't look at your situation and give you a break, they run your credit through their automated system and if the result comes back less than perfect, you don't qualify.

2. Not Enough Cash. Even if you do have perfect credit, 100% loans are hard to come by today. You see, banks got into a lot of trouble with the easy lending standards of the past by loaning too much money on houses. Banks used to loan 90%, 95%, 100% and even more of the value of the home that secured the mortgage, and then when the economy turned and people had trouble making their payments, the banks had to take big losses on these loans. Lending standards have changed, the pendulum has swung far back the other way and banks are more heavily regulated than ever before. If you do not have an extra 5 to 10 grand burning a hole in your pocket and a credit score in the mid 700s, you're going to be hard pressed to qualify for an average, modest home for your family.

You see, no one teaches us this credit game in school, but it is something that affects our entire lives. It is like coming onto the field in the middle of a football game without knowing the rules. It is impossible to win a game you don't know how to play. Once you know the rules, however, you can not only compete, but you can win!

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; Mayor Penzien presiding with all members and all Board meeting minutes were approved as well as the Paid Bills in the amount of \$94,300.30.

Further Commission Action: Acknowledged Receipt of the Monthly Zoning Activity Report for February 2021; approved revised Administrative Policy #144: Capital Asset Policy; approved Joining Jordan Pay Application #8 in the amount of \$20,821.50; and approved Final Pay application for Water Storage Tank in the amount of \$30,511.11.

Copies of the minutes of the above meeting are posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC
City Clerk

Charlevoix County Commissioners Synopsis ~ March 10, 2021

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met via Zoom.com on March 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 #21-036, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #21-037, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #21-038, Northside Building Kitchen Structural Engineering Services.

Motion approved Resolution #21-039, Northside Building Kitchen Replacement Anslu Fire Suppression System.

Motion approved Resolution #21-040, Northside Building Kitchen Steel Beam Installation.

Kevin Shepard gave his administrator's report.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:13 a.m.

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

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1. Bids **must** be on a **per mow basis** for the following:

- Fall Park
 - Mowing to begin when directed by the Township
 - Mowing shall be scheduled for Thursday or Friday
- Cemeteries (3)
 - Mowing to begin the week prior to Memorial Day weekend
- Spring and fall clean-up for Fall Park and the cemeteries (if requested).

Mowing / trimming shall be performed as needed to maintain lawn areas to a height of no less than 2 inches and no greater than 4 (height of grass cut may vary if drought type conditions are experienced).


Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, material, and supplies to properly perform the work.

Damage to trees, shrubs, other vegetation, structures, grave markers, etc. shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall notify the Township of any damage, unusual circumstances, dangerous conditions, and other general needs of the property.

If awarded the bid, Contractor must provide proof of workman's compensation insurance (if applicable) and liability insurance.

Contractor will be required to enter into a contract with Wilson Township.

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