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BOYNE CITY - 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.)

Please see the following necessary documents and be sure to read and follow in-

structions carefully.

- Statement of Organization - Required
- Affidavit of Identity - Required
- State of Michigan City Election Deadlines/Dates - Petition must be filed with the City Clerk's office no later than April 20, 2021 by 4 p.m. Petition forms may be ob-

tained at City Hall from Jessica Puroll, Deputy City Clerk by calling 231-582-0341. Petition signature requirements are per City Charter as follows: Sec 4.6. - Nominations.

The method of nominating of all candidates for the city elections shall be by petition. Such petition for each candi-

date shall be signed by not less than 20 nor more than 40 registered electors of the city. No person shall sign his name to a greater number of petitions for any one office than there are persons to be elected to said office at the following regular city election. Where the signature of any individual appears on

more petitions than he is so permitted to sign, such signatures shall be counted only to the extent he is permitted to sign in the order of the respective dates and hour of filing the petitions containing such signatures.

Testing urged after returning from Spring Break travels

MDHHS increases quarantine to 14-days

Health department and school officials are urging area residents to get tested for COVID-19 upon returning from Spring Break to help slow the spread of the virus across northern Michigan. Unfortunately, COVID-19 cases are rising across the region and the state with illness and hospitalizations spiking, too.

In March, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan saw a significant increase in COVID-19 cases, reporting 1,056 new cases last month compared to 345 new cases in February, while hospitalizations remained steady. To view more information about COVID-19 cases reported this past month in the health department's four county jurisdiction, visit our COVID-19 data website to view March 2021 county profiles. County profiles can be found below the vaccination and case dashboards.

Due to increasing cases and a growing number of variant cases in Michigan, effective today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reinstating the standard 14-day quarantine for

You may have been exposed to COVID-19 while traveling. Even with no symptoms, you can spread the virus to others.

Protect others from getting sick:

- Keep at least 6 ft/2 m apart from others.
- Wear a mask.
- Wash your hands often.

Take care after travel:

- Get tested at 3-5 days AND stay home for 7 days.
- If you don't get tested, stay home for 10 days.

Whether or not you get tested, avoid being around people at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days.

If you test positive or get sick, isolate yourself from others. www.cdc.gov/COVIDtravel



This graphic illustrates steps anyone returning from travel should take to keep themselves and others from spreading the COVID-19 virus.

close contacts of COVID-19 cases. This will remove the option of a 10-day quarantine for non-variant cases. As a reminder, a negative test result to "test out of quarantine" has never been adopted in the State of Michigan. As of press time, the MDHHS guidance found here had not been updated but will soon include the 14-day quarantine requirements.

Students and families traveling across Michigan, to other states or out of the country risk being exposed to and carrying COVID-19 with them. This in turn could fuel outbreaks within their households and the communities where they live or visit.

Residents should get tested 3-5 days after returning from travel, and those who chose not to be tested should stay home for 10 days. Whether or not you

and your family get tested, you should avoid being around people of increased risk for severe illness for 14 days. If you know you have been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, you should quarantine the full 14 days since your last exposure.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan offers free testing by appointment. No symptoms or doctor's order is necessary. To find and schedule a free testing appointment, call 1-800-432-4121.

"Even with no symptoms, you can spread the virus to others," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Regardless of whether you traveled or not, you should also continue to wear a mask over your nose and mouth in public settings, avoid crowds and maintain social distancing of at least six feet from anyone you did

not travel with," she said, suggesting carrying hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol in case washing hands with soap and water is not readily available.

At least one superintendent in northern Michigan has sent communications home about returning to school after traveling during Spring Break.

"Our goal continues to be to offer in-person instruction in a safe and healthy manner for the remainder of the school year," stated Chris Parker, Superintendent of The Public Schools of Petoskey, in his communication to families. "For that to happen, we all need to work together, and each do our part," he wrote.

After citing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health De-

The Ellsworth Pig Roast Festival will celebrate 40 years

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

ELLSWORTH - Happy News! The 2021 Pig Roast will proceed with a bit of a twist to accommodate social distancing. The Ellsworth Pig Roast Festival celebrates the small town, rural roots of Northwestern Michigan with food, music and outdoor, and mainly agriculture based, activities.

2020 would have been the 40th anniversary of the quaint, small town celebration that was started in 1981 by a group of residents in an attempt to gather the locals for a day of free, wholesome community. The Pig Roast became an immediate success and over the past four decades those that have grown up and moved elsewhere return to Ellsworth annually for the festival. The food, music and fun are all prepared locally. "It's a backyard BBQ on steroids!" said Pig Roast Coordinator, Tina Sundelius. "Around here, it's the festival that signifies the cold confinement of winter is truly over and the summer season has begun."

This year's events begin on Friday, June 18, 6pm with a giant waterslide created and supervised by the Ellsworth/Atwood volunteer Fire Department. "I think firemen are typically kids at heart, they instinctively know how to create a great kid's event," said Sundelius. Saturday's fun begins at 10am downtown Ellsworth with a parade that will lead everyone into the Community Park where food, music, games and fellowship await.

Please plan to attend this socially distanced, outdoor event. Pig Roast masks will be sold to commemorate the event, snort, snort.

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MONDAY



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TUESDAY



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APR 9	...28°	...52°	...5° (1972)	...70° (2005)
APR 10	...29°	...52°	...14° (2007)	...78° (1955)
APR 11	...29°	...53°	...13° (1973)	...78° (1977)
APR 12	...29°	...53°	...13° (1975)	...80° (2006)
APR 13	...30°	...54°	...6° (1950)	...75° (1977)
APR 14	...30°	...54°	...18° (1975)	...81° (2003)
APR 15	...30°	...55°	...19° (1950)	...81° (2003)
APR 16	...31°	...55°	...19° (1966)	...88° (2002)
APR 17	...31°	...56°	...20° (1978)	...90° (2002)

OBITUARIES

Tanner Dean Drost, 23

(DEC. 7, 1997 - APRIL 4, 2021)



Tanner Dean Drost of Charlevoix passed away April 4, 2021 in Grand Rapids. Tanner was born December 7, 1997 in Petoskey, to parents Lori Rozema and Deano Drost.

In 2016, Tanner graduated from Charlevoix High School. He attended Ferris State University for two years following graduation, then transferring to Grand Valley State University for the next two years, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Marketing. Tanner was a proud member of Delta Sigma Phi while at Grand Valley State University.

Tanner was a fan of most everything in the outdoors, especially golfing, mushroom hunting, boating, fishing, and playing frisbee golf. Hanging out with his buddies while hammocking and having bonfires were some of his favorite times; Tanner being known for being the "practical joker"

of the crew.

Tanner is survived by his loving parents, Lori (Troy) Martin and Deano (Julia) Drost all of Charlevoix, two sisters Autumn Drost (Fiancé Andrew Dodge) of Ypsilanti, MI, and Margaret Drost of Charlevoix. As well as maternal grandmother Janet Tubergen of Charlevoix, maternal grandfather Roger (Jackie) Rozema of Charlevoix, paternal grandmother Margaret Drost of Charlevoix, step-grandparents RuthAnn (Darrell) Martin of St. Johns, MI and Christine Rancilio of Dallas, TX; along with many extended family members and special friends. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Eugene Drost.

Funeral Services will take place Friday, April 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at the Charlevoix High School Gymnasium, 5200 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix. Visitation will take place Friday, also at Charlevoix High School in the Auditorium, from 4:30 p.m. until the time of service. Pastor Chip Sauer will officiate. Interment will take place at Norwood Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel

of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guest-book www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

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Mona Rapin, 45

(JULY 8, 1975 - APRIL 2, 2021)



Mona Renee Rapin of Ellsworth passed away peacefully on Friday, April 2, 2021 at her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born on July 8, 1975 in Ann Arbor, MI, the daughter of Alfred and Patricia Chapman.

Mona leaves behind two children, Anna Irene Rapin and Evan Michael Rapin; her parents, Dennis and Patricia Chapman; two sisters, Alice (Louis) Thumser, and Catherine (Brian) Drayton; her former husband and father of their children, Jason Rapin; and her former mother-in-law, Deborah Rapin.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future. Services are pending at this time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to <https://gofund.me/e10e0744> to help support Mona's children.

Arrangements are in the care of the Hastings Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guest-

Robert Boch Jr., 75

(AUG. 26, 1945 - APRIL 1, 2021)



Robert Theodore Boch Jr. of Charlevoix, formerly of Bloomington, IN, passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at his home. He was born on August 26, 1945 in Decatur, IN, the son of Robert Theodore Jr. and Elizabeth (Balyeat) Boch.

Robert attended Purdue University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree. On August 15, 1970, he married Anne Harkenrider in Decatur, IN. They lived in several communities in Indiana and summered in Northern Michigan for several years before moving to Charlevoix permanently in 2017.

Robert worked as the manager of a social security office, taught as an adjunct professor in SPEA at Indiana University-Bloomington, and refurbished homes. He was an active, adventurous man. He was an avid boater, he enjoyed fishing, especially the trips he took to Lake of the Woods in Canada, and he liked to ride

his bicycle on the many trails in Charlevoix. Robert also enjoyed gardening and feeding the birds. He was a gourmet cook, and did all of the cooking for his family. He was involved in the Rotary Club of Charlevoix and Bloomington, IN, he was a member of the Top of Michigan Trails Council, and he served on the board of the John and Kay Boch Memorial Fund in Decatur, IN, which provides scholarships for non-traditional students.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Anne Boch, and his son, Oliver Robert Boch (Laura Ivins) of Bloomington, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, John Alan Boch.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held at Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington, IN, at a date to be later specified.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Local arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes in collaboration with Allen Funeral Home and Crematory in Bloomington, IN. Please sign his online guest-book at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com or www.allencares.com

Daniel "Mo" Boyle, 84

(SEPT. 7, 1936 - MARCH 13, 2021)

Daniel M. 'Mo' Boyle of Crete, Illinois passed away on March 13, 2021.

He was a Master carpenter. Loving husband of 60 years

to Sally (nee McKeague). Number one son of late Jack (late Beatrice) Boyle. Beloved father to Daniel (Jo) Boyle and James (Mary) Boyle. Beautiful grandfather to Robert, Kathryn, Christopher (Carly) and Sean; great grandfather to a baby boy due in April. Cherished brother to Jean (Gary) McDonough, Bernard (late Kathleen) Boyle, Donald (Chris) Boyle, Teresa Gacek, Susan Boyle-Heynig (Doug Heynig), Steven (Marie) Boyle, Timothy Boyle, Neal (Connie) Boyle, late Grace (late Raymond) Matela, late John (Marge) Boyle, late Sharon (late Neil) Simpson, and late Patrick Boyle. Treasured uncle to late Caitlin Boyle and many other nieces and nephews. Great friend of late Joseph "Butch" Gremolec, Johnny O'Donnell, Lou Panozzo, Tom McLoughlin, Richie Albanese and countless other coffee buddies.

A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, May 25th at 12 Noon at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Beaver Island, with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday, May 24th from 4 to 8 p.m. also at Holy Cross Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to American Cancer Society.

Local arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

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MI Classroom Heroes COVID-19 grants available

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks today announced the expansion of the MI Classroom Heroes COVID-19 Grants to include a new grant program for Great Start Readiness Program (GRSP), Head Start, adult education and young adult (ages 18-26) special education classroom teachers.

"The MI Classroom Heroes COVID-19 Grants are just a small token of our gratitude to educators for going above and beyond during the pandemic," Governor Whitmer said. "When COVID-19 hit, teachers worked around the clock to quickly transform from in-person teaching to remote instruction to ensure that their students could continue learning. It is simply the right thing to do to ex-

pand these grants to include all specific program teachers across the state."

The GRSP, Head Start, Adult Education and Young Adult Special Education Teacher COVID-19 Grant Program enables these specific program teachers to receive up to \$500 for extra hours worked and costs incurred during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic last spring.

A state budget appropriation signed by Governor Whitmer at the end of 2020 provides \$2.5 million to make specific program teachers eligible to receive a MI Classroom Heroes COVID-19 Grant, who were not eligible under previous programs.

"The Classroom Heroes COVID-19 Grants provide funds that our educators so

richly deserve for their outstanding work during the pandemic," said David Hecker, President of the American Federation of Teachers Michigan. "In addition to the money, these grants are a sincere showing of respect for our teachers and support staff, and what they do for Michigan's students."

Full-time and part-time GRSP, Head Start, adult education and young adult special education teachers in a school district or nonprofit nonpublic school classrooms during the 2019-2020 school year prior to moving to remote learning are eligible.

To receive up to \$500, specific program teachers must have performed at least of 75% of their standard instruction workload in brick-and-mortar classrooms to moving to remote instruction on April 2, 2020.

"My staff has been working with school districts and other stakeholders to help ensure that all eligible teachers and support staff receive the MI Classroom Heroes Grants," State Treasurer Eubanks said. "We will work urgently to ensure these specific program teachers receive their much-deserved grant payments."

The state Treasury Department is working with the Michigan Department of Education, school entities and other education partners to implement MI Classroom Heroes COVID-19 Grants. Eligible specific program teachers should consult the school entity where they worked dur-

ing the 2019-2020 school year to ensure they receive a grant.

Grant funding checks for the GRSP, Head Start, Adult Education and Young Adult Special Education Teacher COVID-19 Grant Program are anticipated to be sent directly from the state Treasury Department to teachers in June.

"Expanding the MI Classroom Heroes Grant to GSRP staff is a tremendous acknowledgement of the value of the work that they do every day," said Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education. "These educators are committed to helping our earliest learners develop the social emotional and academic skills that will help them be prepared to successfully enter kindergarten. We appreciate them being recognized for the heroes that they are."

Under the Teacher and Support Staff COVID-19 Grant Programs – the first two grant programs under the MI Classroom Heroes COVID-19 Grants umbrella – more than 138,000 K-12 teachers and support staff payments were sent MI Classroom Heroes Grants checks. More than \$51 million is being distributed to eligible K-12 public school teachers and support staff and nonpublic school teachers.

For more information about MI Classroom Heroes COVID-19 Grants, go to www.Michigan.gov/MIClassroomHeroes.

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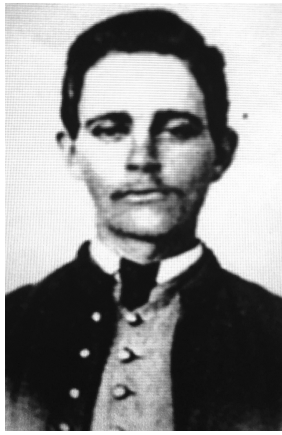
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U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



Norval Francis Churchill

The Veteran of the month of April 2021 is Norval Francis Churchill. Born June 11, 1840 on the family homestead in Berlin Township, St. Clair County, Michigan to parents David and Zoia Edgerton Churchill. He grew up on the farm, and at the age of 21 years, enlisted into the Union Army, mustering into service on August 17, 1861. He would be assigned to Company L, 1st Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, and served in the Army of the Potomac. He was selected Orderly for General Banks for several months, and then for General Mansfield when the General was killed in battle. He then became Orderly for General Sherman for a short time. When General George Armstrong Custer assumed command of the 1st Michigan Cavalry, Private Churchill was appointed Orderly for General Custer, always riding at his side. While riding forward at the head of a single company of Union soldiers, they encountered several regiments of Confederate soldiers. Sending orders back to his own men, Custer charged ahead of his escort to draw the enemies attention. A Confederate Officer came between Custer and his Orderly Private Churchill. "He passed Private Churchill and the latter saved himself from being cut down by the greatest quickness in raising his guard as the Confederate passed behind him, only having his coat sleeve ripped open to the shoulder. The passing Officer passed on to strike down General Custer, but Private Churchill spurred after him and claved the man through before his upraised saber could descend upon the General." Nearing the end of the war, Private Churchill was engaged in re-

cruiting and training for the Army, and was mustered out of service on February 25, 1865.

Norval returned home to the family homestead and continued farming. On December 30, 1874 he married Miss Hannah Savage, who was a well-known pioneer and prominent farmer in Antrim County Michigan. They would make their home in Berlin, Michigan. In 1879, they would move to Echo Township, Antrim County Michigan settling on 120 acres of prime farmland, becoming prosperous farmers, and popular citizens of Echo Township. He and Hannah were members of the Baptist church, and their lives were ever in harmony with their faith, and were blessed with 8 children. Hannah preceded him in death on September 25, 1894. On June 25, 1905, Norval Francis Churchill answered the final call and his final resting place is Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township, Antrim County Michigan, with Graveside rights by members of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is being honored by his Great Grandson Dr. William Webb, and extended family.

Dispute Resolution Assistance for Michigan Farmers

Farmers facing financial or other conflicts may receive no-cost dispute resolution assistance through the Michigan Agricultural Mediation Program (MAMP).

Forty-two states have Agricultural Mediation Programs. Through a federal-state partnership each program receives a stipend from USDA. With this and other funding sources Agricultural Mediation Program services are offered at a very minimal cost or at no cost as with the MAMP. A not-for-profit organization, MAMP has been providing dispute resolution services to Michigan agriculturalists for 30 years.

"This existing federal-state partnership has a proven track record of providing confidential and neutral forums to discuss and resolve loan and credit issues between farmers and their lenders," said US Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) in a 2020 letter to former Secretary Perdue. "The program's caseloads have steadily risen over the past eight years and can be expected to increase as the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic ripple

through the rural economy." Stabenow chairs the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

In mediation, a trained, impartial mediator helps participants review and discuss their conflicts, identify options to resolve disputes, and agree on solutions. Ideally, this process helps avoid expensive and time-consuming administrative appeals and/or litigation.

Dispute types eligible for free services through the Michigan Agricultural Mediation Program may include these and others:

- Agricultural credit and loans
- Wetland determinations
- Compliance with farm programs, including conservation programs
- Crop insurance
- Organic certification
- Leases
- Family farm transitions
- Farmer-neighbor disputes

To make a confidential inquiry about MAMP services please call 800/616-7863 and ask for Kate. Agricultural Mediation Program information is also available on the web at www.agmediation.org/

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 5, 2021

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Charlevoix

BY: DOM SANTINA

CHARLEVOIX - The meeting started off with a proclamation by Mayor Luther Kurtz about making April 2021 Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Charlevoix.

The Council would then approve a Power Purchase Commitment Authorization with the Michigan Public Power Agency. The City of Charlevoix has been a member of the agency for a long time. The Agency was formed after Public Act 448, which allowed municipal electric utilities to purchase portions of power supplied

by large central generation stations. When joining Charlevoix originally joined they signed contracts with Detroit Edison's Belle River Plant and Consumers Energy's Campbell Plant. Now the Agency is also incorporating Wind, Solar and Land-fill gas. As part of the Public Act 341 of 2016, the City is required to secure 95 percent of the resource capacity requirements for four planning years out. This is why the Council approved a contract for the planning years of 2025/2026 through 2034/2035.

The next couple of issues on the agenda would be related to different festivals.

The first being the Charlevoix Trout Tournament being guaranteed use of Odmark Pavilion for their event on June 9 - 13. The Council also granted permission for the launch fees to be waived for the days of the festival, along with the practice fishing day on June 8.

The Council would then approve the use of the Odmark Pavilion on Saturday, May 8 for the Sue DeYoung / Judy Edger Walk, Run, Cure.

The final approval from Council would be to approve the use of the Odmark Pavilion every Tuesday from July 6 through August 24 for the Charlevoix City Band to

perform concerts.

After approving all of those, Kurtz would motion to appoint Emma Suarez Pawlicki to the Planning Commission with a term expiring in April of 2024. Then he would motion to re-appoint both Richard Christner and Maureen Owens to the Downtown Development Authority board with a term expiring in April of 2025. All would be approved by the Council.

The next City Council meeting will be held in person and on zoom on Monday, April 19 at six o'clock.

Statewide recognition for innovative apprenticeship program

NORTHWEST, MI - An Alanson man, Boyne Resorts, and North Central Michigan College received Michigan Works! Impact Awards for being part of a comprehensive culinary apprenticeship program to help prepare individuals for successful careers. Local lawmakers and statewide talent development officials gathered virtually on March 31 to recognize apprentice John Mistura, Boyne, North Central Michigan College, and other Impact Award recipients from around the state.

Boyne Resorts, North Central Michigan College, the American Culinary Federation (ACF), and Northwest Michigan Works! partnered to develop a culinary apprenticeship program offering a unique interactive learning experience with executive chef mentors. The apprentices will achieve their Sous Chef certification along with a Department of Labor National Credential and a Hospitality Certificate.

"Boyne Resorts is proud to partner with Northwest Michigan Works! as we provide unique services for our team members including registered apprenticeship

and Business Resource Network programs," said Amanda Bomers, human resources director at Boyne Highlands. "Our organizations share similar goals with a focus on demand-driven services for our workforce and the entire community."

The culinary apprenticeship includes 4,000 hours of comprehensive On-the-Job Training along with 525 hours of related technical instruction. There are currently seven apprentices in the program and Boyne Resorts is currently recruiting a second cohort.

One of the current apprentices is John Mistura. His career at Boyne started in 2015 as a line cook. When Boyne initiated the Sous Chef Apprenticeship recruitment process, Mistura saw it as an opportunity to upskill and launch his career pathway in the culinary field. He had never really considered this type of career yet was drawn to the education and mentoring the apprenticeship offered.

"Learning about the nutritional value of food was life changing," said Mistura. "How to cook it appropriately while maintaining the

flavor and nutritional value is interesting."

As Mistura continues his success, he is enthusiastic to mentor a new cohort of apprentices and is Boyne's most influential spokesperson for the benefits of the training. "Seeing my progress from where I started to where I am now is my favorite part of the program," said Mistura.

The Impact Awards, hosted by the Michigan Works! Association, recognize the economic development success being achieved in communities across Michigan. During the event, local lawmakers present tributes to dozens of honorees from across the state.

"Northwest Michigan Works! continues to show time and again that they are committed to understanding the unique needs of our region and then using that knowledge in ways that help employers and job seekers alike succeed," said state Sen. Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City). "Their dedication to working closely with community partners is key to ensuring the economic success of our region."

Award winners included employers, workers, Michi-

gan Works! organizations, and partners from across the state.

"I commend Boyne Resorts, North Central Michigan College, the American Culinary Federation, and Northwest Michigan Works! for their partnership on this great program that helps fill the need for high-demand jobs in our region," said state Rep. John Damoose (R-Harbor Springs). "Congratulations to John on accomplishing his goals and to the team at Northwest Michigan Works! for all they do to assist the residents in our community with their needs and career goals."

The Michigan Works! Association is a non-profit membership organization that provides services and support to Michigan's talent ecosystem. For over 30 years, the Association has been the go-to resource for federal, state, and local workforce initiatives. The Association's work ensures top-quality services and support for Michigan's talent pipeline. For more information, please visit michigan-works.org.

Grants for Environment, Land Use, and Recreation Awarded

The Community Foundation, through its first grant cycle of 2021, is responding to many requests from non-profit partners in the areas of environment, land use, and recreation. Thanks to donors who look to the Community Foundation to make a difference close to home, grants have been awarded to nonprofits who will work on clean energy initiatives, shoreline stabilization and invasive species management, addressing stormwater runoff, planting trees, and more.

Students in the East Jordan Middle/High School volunteer and leadership program, called the Shoe Club, will be moving forward with their project to install a solar array at the EJ Middle/High School. They plan to install the array this spring and summer and it will improve energy efficiency at the school as well as provide opportunities for students to continue to learn about solar energy. Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities is a partner with EJPS and will be developing the solar curriculum to go along with this solar

array, as well as for other schools as they begin to embrace solar energy in the future.

The Charlevoix Antrim Kalkaska Emmet Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, better known as Antrim Conservation District's CAKE CISMA, will develop a tool lending library at the Charlevoix Conservation District so that landowners can learn more about managing invasive species on their own land. Additionally, CAKE CISMA will be working on shore stabilization and revitalization at Bennett Creek, a tributary to the Jordan River. Hayes Township will also be working on shore stabilization and other improvements as they create a schematic design for Camp Seagull.

Challenge Mountain and the Charlevoix Area Community Pool will both be working on repairing drainage issues, standing water, and stormwater runoff at their respective parking lots. Cleaning up road runoff is important environmental protection for groundwater and for keep-

ing lakes and rivers clean. Another way to keep ecosystems in balance is to plant trees, which is the plan for Charlevoix Public Schools' "Roots for Rayders" program. Kindergarten students and high school seniors will team up to plant trees, with lots of environmental education along the way.

In total, \$86,136 in grants have been awarded through the 2021 Environment & Land Use grant cycle. Visit c3f.org for a complete list of grants. A portion of the grant funds were produced by a fund that is being invested in a socially responsible way. By investing these dollars in environment, social, and governance investments (ESG), the fund will continue to grow, while also supporting and being supported by income from socially responsible companies.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses and civic groups and manages them

as permanent endowments. While a portion of the funds are utilized to support grant-making, the principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing ongoing charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents—now and in the future.

The next grant cycle is called Community Priorities. Applications are now being accepted. This cycle will focus on requests from eligible nonprofit partners for county-wide projects, arts and culture, veterans, health and wellness, and substance abuse projects or programs, and the organizations that make this work possible. In 2021, requests for general support are being accepted in all grant cycles. Applications are due by Saturday, May 1, 2021. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants anytime at acousens@c3f.org.

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EAST JORDAN GOSPEL MUSIC

The Open Door, a Christian Coffee House located at Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road is presenting gospel music the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from April thru December. April 17: Mary Ann Garza. May 1: Dale Rhea & Group. May 15: Foresters. June 6: Barry Maust. June 19: O.J. Adkins. Everyone is welcome

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

CIRCLE OF ARTS CLASSES

Yarn Making with Mary Duggan: Saturday, April 10, 10am-Noon. Mosaic 2-Day with Sharon Smith: Friday & Saturday, April 16 & 17. Gallery Talks coming in May. Register at CharlevoixCircle.org/classes-workshops or call 231-547-3554.

BOYNE CITY

CITY OFFICE TO REOPEN APRIL 19

City Office staff will be available 'by appointment only' beginning on Monday, April 5th. Regular Office hours are 7:30am to 4:30pm weekdays and can be reached by calling 231.582.6597. Police Department office hours are 8am to 4pm weekdays and can be reached by calling 231-582-6611. Assuming there are

no further COVID setbacks or conflicting new Federal, State or other guidance City Hall is scheduled to reopen to the public on Monday, April 19th at 7:30 a.m.

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.

BOYNE FALLS

BLOOD DRIVE

Boyer Falls NHS is hosting a Versiti Blood Center of Michigan Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 20 at Boyne Falls public school. Please call to make an appointment and help save lives.

CHARLEVOIX

BLOOD DRIVE

At the Charlevoix Elks Lodge, April 26, 11am-6:15pm

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 Café 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 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!

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/.../1F50iCHLNghoSw.../edit> (link to sign up)

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE TO HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS

The Health Department and EMS services in Charlevoix County have begun offering Covid-19 vaccinations to the homebound population in Charlevoix County. This service is intended only for individuals unable to travel to an established vaccine location—the Office of Emergency Management schedules appointments for home visits. The Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccination shots will be given during these visits. Please note that EMS paramedics will not show up at your residence in an ambulance but another fully equipped vehicle. Paramedics will be prepared to provide medical service immediately in the rare event of an adverse reaction to the shot. They would dispatch an ambulance only if one is needed for transporting a patient to the hospital. Persons who are homebound or otherwise unable to travel but want a vaccine are encouraged to contact Emergency Management at 231-541-4461 (Sheriff's Dept Office Line) to schedule an appointment.

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 se-

mesters (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 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). 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.

BOYNE CITY

WINE & DINE

The Mushroom Festival Wine & Dine dinner will be held Friday, May 14 at the Beach House restaurant on Deer Lake. Enjoy scenic views as you experience morel inspired creations paired with wines. Tickets are \$60 per person, which includes five morel-infused hors d'oeuvres, five wine tastings, tax and gratuity. To register, visit the chamber of commerce website at www.boynechamber.com.

CHARLEVOIX

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET BEGINS MAY 20TH

We will be opening our Market season on Thursday, May 20. Check back to our Facebook page frequently as we will be posting and updating our vendors, and other market information. If you would like to be included in the weekly email newsletter, or volunteer at our market, please email me at betha@charlevoixmi.gov.

BOYNE CITY

RUBBISH COLLECTION

The City will hold a residential rubbish collection program on the above two dates only. Saturday, May 22, 2021. This service is for all 3 unit or less residential dwellings in the city. It is not for properties outside the city nor is it for commercial businesses. This program is in addition to, not a replacement of, your existing residential household garbage collection. It is still your responsibility to properly dispose of your garbage separately.

EAST JORDAN

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.

EAST JORDAN

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Artist Luke Buck returns for his 12th Watercolor workshop at Raven Hill Discovery Center. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 24th and Friday, June 25th from 10am to 3pm both days. The focus this year is on "Old Barns" in conjunction with the Center's coming Smithsonian exhibit on the History of Work in August & September of this year. Luke's workshop will emphasize the construction of barns and participants will examine the interesting variations and styles of barns found throughout the country and the beauty that they portray.

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

Boyer 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

CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 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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MDHHS Ramps Up Testing at Nursing Homes, Schools, Airports, Communities to Slow Spread of COVID-19

Testing plus masks and vaccines are the best tools we have to slow spread of the virus

LANSING, MICH. To help slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout Michigan, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is ramping up testing and urging Michiganders to continue mitigation practices that help slow the spread of the virus.

“Now is the time for us all to come together and do what’s necessary to end this pandemic,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. “We are making progress in the fight against the virus with more than 4 million doses administered and 2.6 million Michiganders having at least their first dose of the safe and effective

COVID-19 vaccine. It is important, now more than ever, that we double down on the things that work: wearing masks, social distancing, getting tested and making plans to get vaccinated as soon as possible.”

The presence of more infectious variants, such as the B.1.1.7 variant, threatens the state’s progress in controlling the pandemic and MDHHS continues to monitor the data closely.

“Our goal is to loosen restrictions while reducing public health risk which is why we move slowly to maintain progress and momentum with thoughtful public health measures,” said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. “We are also increasing testing in key populations to help identify cases more quickly, and help prevent additional

spread of the virus.”

As part of the state’s efforts to help fight the virus and keep Michiganders healthy:

- More than 1.4 million antigen tests have been sent to long-term care facilities.
- More than 72,000 free tests have been conducted at neighborhood testing sites in socially vulnerable communities and continue to provide testing. To locate a testing site near you, visit gov/Coronavirus.
- Over 76,000 students, student-athletes and educators in K-12 schools have been tested in more than 500 school districts.
- Testing for student-athletes begins Friday, April 2. This testing program is vital to ensure school can re-

main open and students are able to be in the classroom.

Free post-spring break testing pop up sites are planned for school districts in 34 communities.

Testing sites at Welcome Centers and Michigan airports are in the works for returning travelers.

As of Monday, April 5, all Michiganders age 16 and up who were not previously eligible will be eligible to receive a vaccine. This is based on the anticipated amount of vaccines becoming available to the state and President Biden’s directive that all adults should be eligible by May 1. As providers are scheduling appointments, they should consider an individual’s risk of exposure due to their employment and their vulnerability to severe disease in determining how

to prioritize scheduling appointments. Vaccine providers with the capacity to vaccinate all individuals ages 16 years and older may do so at this time.

It is anticipated that it may still take several weeks beyond April 5 for everyone who wishes to receive a vaccine to have an appointment. Michiganders are encouraged to be patient as supplies and appointments continue to expand. Those who want the vaccine will be able to get the vaccine.

Those eligible to receive a vaccine should:

- Check the website of the local health department or hospital to find out their process or for registration forms; or
- Check additional vaccination sites, such as local pharmacies like Meijer, Rite

Aid, Kroger, Walmart (Mid/Central and Northern MI) or Snyder Drugs (U.P. residents); or

Residents who don’t have access to the internet or who need assistance navigating the vaccine scheduling process can call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 (press 1), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or can call 2-1-1.

Michigan residents seeking more information about the COVID-19 vaccine can visit Michigan.gov/COVID-vaccine. Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

SPRING BREAK

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partment of Northwest Michigan’s recommendations for after travel, Parker urged those families who, for whatever reason, are not able to follow those recommendations to keep their student home if they have any signs of illness. Additionally, he urged everyone to avoid gathering with other households for 7-10 days.

Friday, April 2, 96 new cases were reported: Antrim (15), Charlevoix (10), Emmet (22), and Otsego (49) counties. Saturday, April 3, 55 new cases were reported: Antrim (6), Charlevoix (8), Emmet (20), and Otsego (21) counties. Sunday, April 4, 17 new cases were reported: Antrim (3), Charlevoix (1), Emmet (5), and Otsego (8) counties. Today, April 5, 49 new cases were reported: Antrim (7), Charlevoix (8), Emmet (10), and Otsego (24) counties. Today we are also reporting 1 new COVID-19 associated death in Emmet county. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,249), Charlevoix (1,234), Emmet (1,800), and Otsego (1,775).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (968), Charlevoix (1,029), Emmet (1,452), and Otsego (1,153).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (20), Charlevoix (13), Emmet (39), and Otsego (28).

The State of Michigan is reporting 702,449 cases and 16,239 deaths.

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

DNR announces annual Tree City USA honorees

These cities have been designated with the Tree City USA honor for promoting and caring for trees within the community.

They are among 124 Michigan communities, nine campuses, one healthcare institution and one utility recognized with a Tree City, Tree Campus, Tree Campus Healthcare or Tree Line USA designation for 2020.

“Michigan ranks eighth nationally in the number of communities with Tree City designations,” said Kevin Sayers, urban and commu-

nity forestry specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. “Trees are a very important part of the landscape in our cities, towns and villages. They add beauty to college campus and hospital settings, making them more inviting, while also helping to cool sidewalks and clean the air. Properly maintained trees in the spaces around power lines helps improve safety and service, too.”

The certifications are for work accomplished during 2020, and all recipients will

receive their awards in April.

The Tree City USA programs promote proper care and management of community trees and calls attention to the multiple benefits they provide.

“Tree City USA is about recognizing cities and towns that celebrate and care for their community trees and forests. It’s also about improving the quality of life for people who live in a Tree City community,” Sayers said.

The program’s four standards were created so that communities of any size can

achieve success. The standards that must be met each year are: a city department or tree board, a public tree care ordinance, a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita and a proclamation about and celebration of Arbor Day, which takes place April 30 this year.

Each of these programs requires organizations to commit to proper management of trees, offer tree care education programs and sponsor tree planting events. To find out more about the Arbor

Day Foundation’s various Tree City USA programs, visit ArborDay.org/Programs.

Following are the City Awardees in Northern Michigan

- City of Alpena
- City of Boyne City
- City of Cadillac
- City of Charlevoix
- City of Frankfort
- City of Gaylord
- Village of Kingsley
- Village of Mackinac
- City of Petoskey
- City of Traverse City

EGLE announces funding for electronics recycling

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) announces availability of grants that support increased access to proper electronics recycling in the rural areas of the state.

Grants can be used to support improvements to current collection facilities; support electronics recycling events leading up to the es-

tablishment of new permanent collection locations; support the collection, handling and proper recycling of consumer electronics; and provide collection and recycling infrastructure support to registered electronics recyclers.

Eligible entities include cities, villages, townships, charter townships, counties, tribal governments, conser-

vation districts, municipal solid waste or resource recovery authorities, non-profit organizations, health departments, colleges or universities, and regional planning agencies. For-profit Michigan-based registered electronics recyclers are eligible for infrastructure funds. The maximum requested amount is \$15,000 per collection location and event.

Applications, as well as more information about the EGLE recycling grants program, are available by clicking on the Grants tab at Michigan.gov/MiRecycles. EGLE will accept Electronic Recycling Grant Applications with all supporting documentation that are received on or before May 14, 2021.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to office@Charlevoix CountyNews.com.

An open letter to the Citizens of Boyne City

The last year has been a challenging one for everyone across our world, our country, our state and our community. We have all had to do things that none of us could have ever expected just a little over a year ago. We have all had to make many difficult decisions, often quickly and without complete or not fully tested information. Things have changed as we have learned more, only to be changed again as newer and more reliable information became available. For better or worse, the rule book for dealing with this pandemic has had to be written as we worked our way through it.

Some people have experienced life altering events. The death or severe illness of a family member or friend. The loss of a job or a business. The disruption of our normal lives as we tried to adjust and cope with a seemingly endless stream of new challenges, requirements and bad news.

Through it all the City of Boyne City has worked to insure the services we provide that are most critical to our

citizens, are ones you can rely on when you need them. And they have been. Not only have all of our key functions continued without exception, but we have continued to make progress on new items that further the goals that our community has established.

Although City Hall has been closed to the public at times during the pandemic, the work being done has never stopped. Who knew last March how effective many of us could be working away from ‘work’? That is not always the case for many of our frontline workers. Our Police Officers, Emergency Medical Service providers and Firefighters all work from City Hall but respond to wherever duty calls. Likewise, our Public Works and Water/Wastewater personnel, although based in different buildings, must go to where the work requires them to be. To help keep all of them safer and help protect the critical services they provide, the City has kept City Hall closed to the public. Although the building may be closed, none of the critical work that goes on there has

stopped. Whether being done in that building or someplace else the citizens of Boyne City can be confident that the work needed to continue to build a better Boyne has not slowed. New homes and jobs are coming to our community. Roads are being improved and maintained. Parks and recreational resources like trails are being improved. The list goes on and on. From the very early days when we tried new ways to help our businesses and all our citizens interact safely, to this very day Boyne City continues to do what is best for the community as a whole.

Recently, with the reduced age requirements, all City employees who wanted to be vaccinated have been. Most of them have completed getting their shots and are on track to have them become fully effective shortly. As such, the City Office staff will be available ‘by appointment only’ beginning on Monday, April 5th. Regular Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and can be reached by calling 231.582.6597. Police Department office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays

and can be reached by calling 231.582.6611.

Assuming there are no further COVID setbacks or conflicting new Federal, State or other guidance City Hall is scheduled to reopen to the public on Monday, April 19th at 7:30 a.m.

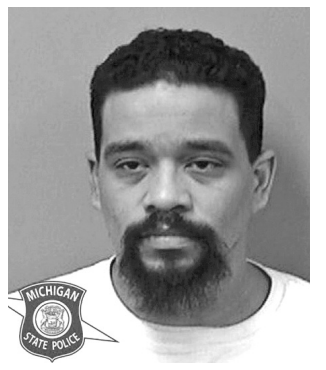
We all want to get back to ‘normal’, or whatever that might be going forward, as soon as possible. The quickest way that we can all get there together is to get vaccinated, continue to wear a mask in public and follow the other guidance from our healthcare providers. Hopefully, working together, that day will come sooner rather than later.

If at any time you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding anything the City of Boyne City does, or doesn’t do, please feel free to contact me directly at either 231-582-0377 or mcain@boynecity.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Michael Cain, City Manager
City of Boyne City

COURT CASES

Saginaw Man Arrested For Owi Third Offense And Driving While License Suspended



ANTHONY ISAAC JIMENEZ

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MI. On Sunday, March 28, 2021 at approximately 12:30 a.m. troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post stopped a vehicle for erratic driving on Bells Bay Road near US-31 in Charlevoix Township. The driver, 39-year-old Antony Isaac Jimenez from Saginaw, displayed signs of intoxication. Sobriety tests were administered, and he was placed under arrest and lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail.

Jimenez was arraigned today in the 90th District Court in Charlevoix for one count Felony Operating While Intoxicated Third Offense and one count Driving While License Suspended Second Offense. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash surety. His next scheduled court appearance is on April 20, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

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Bergman Forms Rural Connectivity Advisory Committee

Washington – Tuesday, Rep. Jack Bergman announced the formation of the Rural Connectivity Advisory Committee for Michigan's First District. The Committee will serve as a forum where Rep. Bergman, internet service providers, local and tribal leaders, and stakeholders groups can share ideas, opportunities, and solutions in the fight to address the critical lack of connectivity in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Rep. Bergman noted, "In Michigan's First District, far too many of us struggle to secure a reliable online connection in our homes and businesses – an issue which the pandemic has only highlighted. During my time in Congress, I've worked to advance a wide range of solutions for rural and remote communities because there is no silver bullet when it comes to bridging the digital divide to share in the 21st Century economy. I'm look-

ing forward to bringing this committee together to discuss solutions and take advantage of opportunities to expand connectivity."

Some key goals of the Committee include:

- Identifying underlying issues behind the lack of connectivity in Michigan's First District;
- Exploring actionable solutions to bridge the digital divide in Michigan's rural communities;
- Seeking coordination

among federal, state, local, tribal, and private partners;

- Informing members and constituents of ongoing efforts and available resources; and
- Hearing from relevant government officials involved in broadband programs.

Connectivity and access to broadband is a top priority for Michigan's First District, and that's why Rep. Bergman has taken action:

- Achieving federal funds

for rural broadband infrastructure buildouts through Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs. Most recently, COVID-19 relief legislation signed into law will provide more than \$7 billion in broadband-related funding.

- Coordinating closely with constituents, providers, and stakeholders to help communities become more connected. Rep. Bergman has

proudly supported grant and loan applications to reach underserved and underserved households in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

- Introducing new legislation like the Rural Broadband Window of Opportunity Act to level the playing field for broadband expansion in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula in the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund.

Manna resumes food rescue program, accepts food donations after year-long hiatus

HARBOR SPRINGS - Manna Food Project has announced that it will resume its Food Rescue program as well as accept food donations from the public starting April 1, 2021. After a year-long suspension, this decision comes after diligently tracking community transmission of the virus.

"Pausing Food Rescue last March was the right thing to do," says Kim Baker, Executive Director of Manna Food Project. "Although it's difficult to turn away food donations, we had to take every precaution to protect our staff, volunteers, partners, and food pantry clients."

The purpose of Manna's Food Rescue program is to collect donated and surplus food each week from local grocery stores and businesses. These items range from soon-to-expire canned goods, discontinued and overstocked items, day-old breads and baked goods, pre-

pared food from restaurants, and produce naturally being rotated off the shelves, all of which would otherwise go to waste. By diverting this food from the landfill, Manna not only fills hungry bellies but also reduces food waste in the community—about half a million pounds each year, accounting for approximately 25 percent of the food they distribute.

The other 75 percent of the food Manna acquires is through their association with Feeding America and the US Department of Agriculture, along with purchasing from local suppliers. As a Partner Food Bank of Feeding America West Michigan, Manna regularly receives shipments of free and low-cost food from a distribution center near Grand Rapids. They also purchase some items from retailers like Meijer, Burnette Foods, and Sysco.

Once the influx of donated

foods came to a halt, Manna was forced to increase these kinds of purchases. As a result, Manna doubled its spending in April 2020 compared to April 2019.

"We were lucky to have such generous community support at the time we needed it most," Baker says.

Baker explains that Manna staff came together and re-evaluated the Food Rescue situation many times throughout 2020, but the nature of the virus and its spread throughout the community was too difficult to predict. He also highlighted the bigger responsibility the organization had to Northwest Michigan.

"The bottom line is this: if we had to close down our operations to quarantine, there goes food assistance for three counties. Potentially thousands of people in our region would be without a source of emergency food. That was a risk we couldn't take. But

now that the case counts have stabilized and vaccines have been distributed to many of our staff and volunteers, we feel comfortable to resume the program."

For more information on Manna's Food Rescue program or preferred food donations, visit www.mannafoodproject.org/manna-food-rescue.htm, or call their office at 231.347.8852.

Manna Food Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, helps feed the hungry in Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties. Manna is a partner organization of the national Feeding America Food Bank Network and operates a food bank and distribution center, a food rescue program, a food pantry, and the "Food 4 Kids" backpack program. For more information, call 231.347.8852 or visit www.mannafoodproject.org.

Watershed Council to host a webinar on permitting for water resources

Tip of the Watershed Council is hosting a webinar, "A Guide to Water Resources Permitting," on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This free webinar is designed to help citizens and lake associations understand Michigan's permitting process for projects that impact wetlands, inland lakes, streams, and the Great Lakes. The webinar will provide key information on how to effectively participate in the permitting process to protect our water resources.

To register for the webinar, visit the Watershed Council website at www.watershedcouncil.org/get-involved and click on "View Upcoming Events."

Our lakes, rivers, wetlands have no voice in our political or economic system. Evaluating and commenting on permit applications is one way the public can be a voice for our waters and help ensure their protection.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council encourages lake associations, citizens, and organizations to get involved when environmental decisions are being made that will impact their properties and communities. Public participation contributes to better decisions because decision-makers have more complete information in the form of additional facts, values, and perspectives obtained through public input. Decision-makers can then incorporate the best information and expertise of all stakeholders.

Not only do citizens provide valuable information, but they also serve as a reminder to agency staff that the purpose of the regulations is to protect the public's interest in Michigan's water resources. In this

sense, public participation helps to ensure that regulatory staff are accountable to the public.

Both state and federal regulations provide opportunities for the public to participate in the regulatory processes. However, navigating through the various processes can often be overwhelming.

"A Guide to Water Resources Permitting" will provide information about state and federal laws and how permit decisions are made in Michigan, as well as tools to effectively engage in the permitting process. We will cover tips on how to submit comments and recommend best management practices to avoid and minimize adverse impacts from proposed projects.

"With recent high water levels, we have seen an increase in permit applications, particularly for shoreline protection," said Jennifer McKay, policy director for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. "As a result, the Watershed Council has received numerous inquiries from neighbors, lake associations, and the public about how the permitting process works and how they can make their opinion known. We hope this webinar will encourage people to become involved in decisions that will impact them and our water resources. Your opinion matters and you can be part of the process."

Register today to help protect our lakes, streams and wetlands. To register for the webinar, visit the Watershed Council website at www.watershedcouncil.org/get-involved and click on "View Upcoming Events."

Bergman Votes to Support Medicare

Washington - Rep. Bergman issued the following statement:

"I voted in favor of H.R. 1868, a bill to prevent forced Medicare cuts caused by the Democrats' overstuffed spending bill passed earlier this month. Let me be clear – Democrats passed that wasteful spending bill with zero regard of the consequences for our senior citizens and healthcare providers. This was an easily avoidable mistake and a clear lesson in standard governance. This situation could have been prevented entirely if the relief bill had been properly debated with

bipartisan input, instead of being jammed through Congress with the budget reconciliation process. This was a self-made crisis by Democrat leadership and an embarrassment on our institution.

"While I am angry that this bill is necessary, forced Medicare sequestration would be devastating for many of our local healthcare providers across the First District, which is why I voted in support of this bill. The unintended consequences of deficient leadership and governing will have devastating fiscal effects not just in the upcoming years – but for generations to come."

DAVE Says

(Obstacles and answers)

Dear Dave,
In your mind, what are some of the biggest mental and emotional obstacles preventing people from addressing their financial problems?
Roger

Dear Roger,
This is a great question! There are always circumstances beyond our control that can put us in a bad place, financially or otherwise, for a season. But to change your situation when it comes to money, you have to be willing to step back and honestly look at the overall picture of what has and hasn't been working—and why. You need to be willing to admit you might have been wrong about a few things, and be open to learning and trying new ways.

Myths about money and debt are definitely near the top of the list of things messing people up when it comes to their finances. I've heard it said if you tell a lie often enough and loudly enough, that lie will become accepted as a fact. Repetition, volume, and longevity will twist and turn a myth, or a lie, into a commonly accepted way of doing things. Debt is so ingrained into our culture, and has been marketed to us so aggressively, that most Americans can't envision a car without a payment, a house without a mortgage, or a college student without a loan. We've also bought into the myth that we can get rich quick. We're living in a microwave society, but living right financially is a crock pot concept. It takes time.

Some people are afraid of change. Change can be painful, and many simply won't change until the pain of where they are exceeds the pain of change. When it comes to money, where you are right now is a sum total of decisions you've made to this point. If you don't like where you are, you have to admit changes need to be made in order for you to achieve your dreams.

Finally, a lot of folks simply haven't been taught the proper way to manage money. Ignorance is not lack of intelligence, it's a lack of know how. There's a big difference between the two. Admit, even if it's just to yourself, that you are not a financial expert. Read about money, talk to people who have been successful with their finances, and begin a life-long quest to learn as much as you can about money and how to manage it wisely. What you don't know about money will make you broke, and keep you broke!
Dave Says

(Getting started)

Dear Dave,
Should I catch up on my past due bills before saving up \$1,000 for Baby Step 1?
Sharyn

Dear Sharyn,
That's exactly what you should do. Get current or make payment arrangements with everyone who's willing to work with you first. In the process, make sure you're keeping your own living necessities in mind—food, shelter, clothing, utilities, and transportation.
After you've done that, and saved a beginner emergency

fund of \$1,000, start your debt snowball and pay off all your debts from smallest largest, except for your home. That's Baby Step 2. In Baby Step 3, you'll save up and increase your emergency fund from \$1,000 to a full three to six months of expenses. Once you reach this point, you can really start looking toward the future.

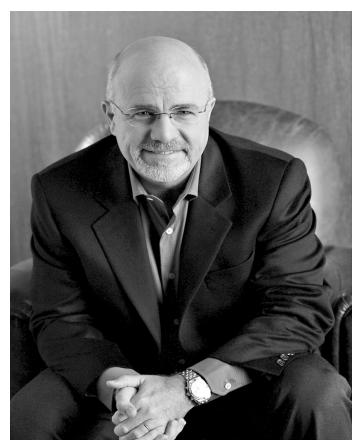
In Baby Step 4, start investing 15 percent of your income into Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement plans. College funding for the kids, if there are any, is next in Baby Step 5.

Baby Step 6 is a big one, because this is where you pay off your home early. But Baby Step 7 is the real deal. This is when you're completely debt-free, and you're able to build wealth like crazy and give with outrageous generosity!
—Dave

(It'll work out better in the long run)

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are having a financial disagreement. I would like to go ahead and fully fund our Roth IRAs, even though we have about \$10,000 in car loan debt. She, on the other hand, thinks we should pay off the debt first. We can probably have either one completed by the end of the year. What do you think we should do?
Mark

Dear Mark,
I've got to go along with your wife on this one. I'm



Dave Ramsey

glad you two are having money discussions, and working toward making decisions together, but you'll never get control of your finances until you rid yourself of the mindset that debt is okay. Once you lose that idea, you'll begin to understand missing a year of funding your Roth IRAs isn't going to kill you. It's also not going to prevent you from becoming wealthy and living like no one else when it's time to start thinking about retirement.

If you stay in the mindset that having debt is okay, or that you're going to let it hang around, eventually it will really mess you up financially. Winning with money is more about behavior than math. Don't get me wrong, you need to crunch the numbers and be mindful of them, but all the mathematical components are nothing but theory if the behavior doesn't kick in.

So yeah, I'm siding with your wife on this one. Just follow the Baby Steps plan. Have all your debt paid off, except for your home, and an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved and set aside before you start any long-term investing. A lot of folks will tell you my way isn't mathematically correct, but it will work better in the long run—for your money, your marriage, and in other areas of your life!
—Dave

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

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Rayders lose tough one to Oscoda



Charlevoix's Jacob Mueller avoids a defender and drops in the ball for a lay-up during last week's regional semi-final loss to Oscoda. Photo by Ben Murphy.



Caleb Stuck looks to make a pass around a defender. Photo by Ben Murphy.

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Boys Basketball team would make a familiar trip back to Johannesburg-Lewiston High School to face Oscoda in the Regional Semi-Final on Tuesday, March 30. The same gym that they had won the District Championship in just two days earlier.

The Rayders would have a tough opponent as the Owls came in with a record of 19-0. As the first quarter would come to an end, the Rayders would find themselves down 17-10. In the second quarter, the teams would continue to swap baskets back and forth. As the Owls would hold onto the lead heading into the half by a score of 28-20.

In the third quarter, the Rayders would start to find some success and the defense would buckle down. It would allow the Rayders to close in and even tie the game at 32 apiece. The Owls would be able to have the lead late in the third quarter. However, after a loose ball foul by the Owls, the Rayders would get a wide-open look from the corner for a three at the buzzer. The shot would miss

long and the Owls would hold a 38-36 lead heading into the fourth.

In the fourth quarter, the Rayders would continue to fight and eventually be to get ahead with just under four minutes remaining. The Owls would quickly respond on the other end and tie the game at 49. After a turnover by the Rayders, the Owls would be able to convert a layup in transition. Jacob Mueller would later hit a three, putting the Rayders up 52-51. Once again the Owls would respond right away knocking down a three of their own to make it 54-52. The Owls would then go into conservation mode and work to run out the clock. The Rayders would start to foul, the Owls would knock down the free throws time and time again. As time started running out Senior Ethan Putman would knock down a shot to cut it to 58-55. However, in the end, the Owls would knock down two more free throws which would seal the game. The Owls would end the Rayders season with a 60-55 victory. The Rayders were once again led by Mueller with 20 points and Junior Evan Soloman with 19

points. The loss has the Rayders finish the season with a record of 16-2. The Rayders will be losing two players to graduation, which is a big loss when they played their best basketball with only six or seven guys. The Rayders will have Putman and Mueller both graduate this upcoming spring.



Evan Solomon brings the ball into the offensive end. Photo by Ben Murphy.



Charlevoix's Ethan Putman finishes off a drive for two points. Photo by Ben Murphy.

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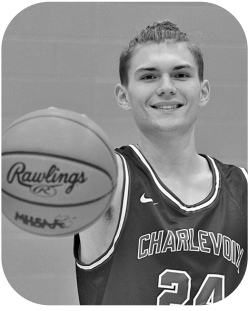
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WRESTLING

Four Ramblers compete at individual state wrestling championships

BY DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Wrestling team had four athletes qualify and compete in the individual state tournament, held on Friday, April 2 at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo.

Tim Bowman (119 lbs.) took a loss in the first round against the eventual State Champion via Kaden Chinnavare of Dundee. He followed that with a win by pin against Michael Boyd of Carrollton and moved into the "blood round." There he wrestled against Austin Solis of Gladstone, where he took a 10-4 loss and was eliminated and just missed placement.

Jordan McBee (130 lbs.) took a first-round loss by pin against Jake Elavich of Montrose. He then had a bye and moved into the blood round, where he would look to have redemption against Justin Grahm of Kingsley. He took a 5-2 victory and became Boyne City's first placer since 2015, and first since being in Division 3. He then took a loss to Trey Parker of Dundee and moved into the match for seventh or eighth place. He took a close 13-11 loss and took home an eighth-place finish.

Jacob Bush (171 lbs.) took a first-round loss against Kevin McKiernan of Richmond. He then moved into consolations where he took a second loss against Matthew Massman of Belding and was eliminated from the tournament.

Gavin Hernandez (285 lbs.) had a first-round win by pin against Aden Viar of Mon-



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trorse and moved into the Championship round quarterfinals. Here he took a loss

against Wyatt Bailey of Dowagiac and moved into the blood round. He then took his

second loss against Brenden Quackenbush of Chesaning and was eliminated from the

tournament. Boyne City had a historic year for the program on the

team and individual level. They will return 3 of the 4 state qualifiers next season.

State Finals Individual Tournament Division 3

	Weight	Place
Boyne City	D3-171	Champ. Round 1 - Kevin McKiernan (Richmond) over Jacob Bush (Boyne City HS) (MD 12-2)
Boyne City	D3-171	Cons. Round 1 - Matthew Massman (Belding) over Jacob Bush (Boyne City HS) (Dec 8-2)
Boyne City	D3-130	Champ. Round 1 - Jake Elavich (Montrose) over Jordan McBee (Boyne City HS) (Fall 3:40)
Boyne City	D3-130	Cons. Round 1 - Jordan McBee (Boyne City HS) received a bye
Boyne City	D3-130	Cons. Round 2 - Jordan McBee (Boyne City HS) over Justin Grahm (Kingsley) (Dec 5-2)
Boyne City	D3-130	Cons. Round 3 - Trey Parker (Dundee) over Jordan McBee (Boyne City HS) (MD 14-1)
Boyne City	D3-130	7th Place Match - Tyler Tomasek (Freeland) over Jordan McBee (Boyne City HS) (Dec 13-11) 8th Place
Boyne City	D3-119	Champ. Round 1 - Kaden Chinnavare (Dundee) over Tim Bowman (Boyne City HS) (TF 17-2 4:39)
Boyne City	D3-119	Cons. Round 1 - Tim Bowman (Boyne City HS) over Michael Boyd (Carrollton) (Fall 4:37)

Boyne City	D3-119	Cons. Round 2 - Austin Solis (Gladstone) over Tim Bowman (Boyne City HS) (Dec 10-4)
Boyne City	D3-285	Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Hernandez (Boyne City HS) over Aden Viar (Montrose) (Fall 3:15)
Boyne City	D3-285	Quarterfinals - Wyatt Bailey (Dowagiac) over Gavin Hernandez (Boyne City HS) (Fall 0:19)
Boyne City	D3-285	Cons. Round 2 - Brenden Quackenbush (Chesaning) over Gavin Hernandez (Boyne City HS) (Fall 0:39)
Grayling	D3-112	Champ. Round 1 - Noah Harris (Richmond) over Joseph Armstrong (Grayling HS) (Dec 6-1)
Grayling	D3-112	Cons. Round 1 - Joseph Armstrong (Grayling HS) over Chris Aebig (Montague) (Fall 1:53)
Grayling	D3-112	Cons. Round 2 - Dallas Stanton (Almont) over Joseph Armstrong (Grayling HS) (MD 13-2)
Grayling	D3-285	Champ. Round 1 - Levi Harber (Montrose) over Logan Malonen (Grayling HS) (Fall 0:41)
Grayling	D3-285	Cons. Round 1 - Logan Horn (Hillsdale) over Logan Malonen (Grayling HS) (Dec 6-1)

State Wrestling Individual Tournament Schools and placings

Following is a list of wrestlers from our distribution area that competed in the State Wrestling individual tournament last weekend

DIVISION 2

Quinn Schultz- Gaylord- #171- 6th Place
Trevor Swiss- Petoskey- #140- 8th Place

DIVISION 3

Tim Bowman - Boyne City - #119 - DNP
Jordan McBee - Boyne City - #130 - 8th Place
Jacob Bush - Boyne City - #171 - DNP
Gavin Hernandez - Boyne City - #285 - DNP
Joseph Armstrong - Grayling - #112 - DNP
Logan Malonen - Grayling - #285 - DNP

DIVISION 4

Gage Tipton- Mancelona- #119- Division 4- 8th Place
Wyatt Fleet- Mancelona- #135 Division 4- DNP
Trennon Smith- Mio- #103- Division 4- 5th Place
Tyler Demony- Mio- #112- Division 4- 5th Place
Brandon Wiltse- Mio- #135- Division 4- DNP
Dallas Long- Mio- #160- Division 4- DNP
Hudson Decker- Onaway- #112- Division 4- DNP
Carson Krefth- Onaway- #119- Division 4- DNP
Dylan Crowe- Onaway- #140- Division 4- 8th Place
Seth Enos- Onaway- #171- Division 4- DNP
Colby Pauly- Onaway- #189- Division 4- DNP

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Lancers see season end at the hands of Eagles

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Boys Basketball team has a really strong season. After claiming the District championship the team would travel to Buckley to take on Lake Leelanau St. Mary's.

The Lancers would get off to a rough start in the first four minutes. They would try to battle back, but would still find themselves down 21-10 after the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Lancers were able to get the offense rolling, but the Eagles would be able to withstand the run. The Lancers would only be able to chip into the lead by one point. The Eagles would hold a 46-36 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Eagles would be able to gain

a little more distance, as they would stretch the lead to 12. In the fourth quarter, the Eagles would be able to continue to hold off the Lancers. The Eagles would put the game out of hand and secure a 76-59 win. The team would be led by Sophomore Kelan Pletcher and Junior Brayden Steenwyk each with 20 points.

The loss puts an end to the Lancers fantastic season. They finish with a record of 15-2 on the year. The team will be losing two seniors to graduation, Evan Cary and Jaeger Griswold.

Ellsworth Sophomore Kelan Pletcher (L) and Junior Brayden Steenwyk(R) each had 20 points in the district championship game. Photos by Jodell Danbert



Ramblers give Eskymos all they can handle

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Boys team would take a three-and-a-half-hour trip up to Escanaba to play the Eskymos in the Regional Semi-Finals on Tuesday, March 30.

The Ramblers would be in for a very tough challenge. As the Eskymos would have a massive height and physical advantage. The Rambler guards youth and inexperience would show very early on. As the team would struggle with the Eskymos pressure and length, which caused many turnovers. The Ramblers would find themselves down 11-3 after the first quarter. The gap was really a five-point game, until the Eskymos hit a floater from mid-court at the buzzer, pushing their lead to eight.

In the second quarter, the Ramblers would start to attack the basket and get the Eskymos into some foul trouble. They would fight hard and really pull themselves back into the game. The Ramblers would be down three with the ball and roughly four seconds on the clock. The Ramblers would quickly get the ball



Sophomore Jack Neer rises up for a jump shot against one of the Eskymos big men early on in the game. Photo Dom Santina

up the court to sophomore Gavin Hewitt who would drill a long-range three from

just beyond half court to tie the game heading into halftime 23-23.

In the third quarter, the Ramblers would actually score the first few points before the Eskymos would draw a nine-point lead at the end of the third quarter. The Ramblers would have to dig deep again in the fourth quarter. The Ramblers had cut the lead down to three with just under a minute left. Sophomore Alex Calcaterra would be able to get into the lane with what looked like a chance to cut the lead to one. However, Calcaterra would turn the ball over and the Eskymos would be fouled. The lead would now be pushed to five points. The Ramblers would rush down the court, be able to convert a layup to cut it back to three with about 10 seconds left. Senior Aiden Brehm would steal the in-

bounds pass, he would get it to junior Nicolas Santina who would be instantly surrounded. Santina however, would be able to find a wide-open Hewitt on the other side of the court. However, Hewitt would be caught be-

tween going for a rebound and setting up for a shot. So, when Hewitt actually got the ball, he would have enough awareness to step back behind the three-point arc to launch a shot as the time would expire. The shot

would roll off the front of the rim. The Ramblers would suffer a heartbreaking loss. The final score would be 59-56. The Ramblers would end up being led by Brehm with 15 points.

While the loss hurt at the moment. The Ramblers had nothing to hang their head about, as they played their hardest at the end of the season. A matchup that most people would have said looked very favorable for the Eskymos. The Ramblers definitely surprised the Eskymos and gave them a fight they were not expecting.

"I am so proud of everyone, young and old. To be able to respond to everything we went through today is incredible. Ultimately, it comes down to one or two different decisions and the result may be different. Those decisions might show our inexperience a little bit but I am just so proud of these guys," said Head Coach Randy Calcaterra reflecting on the loss.

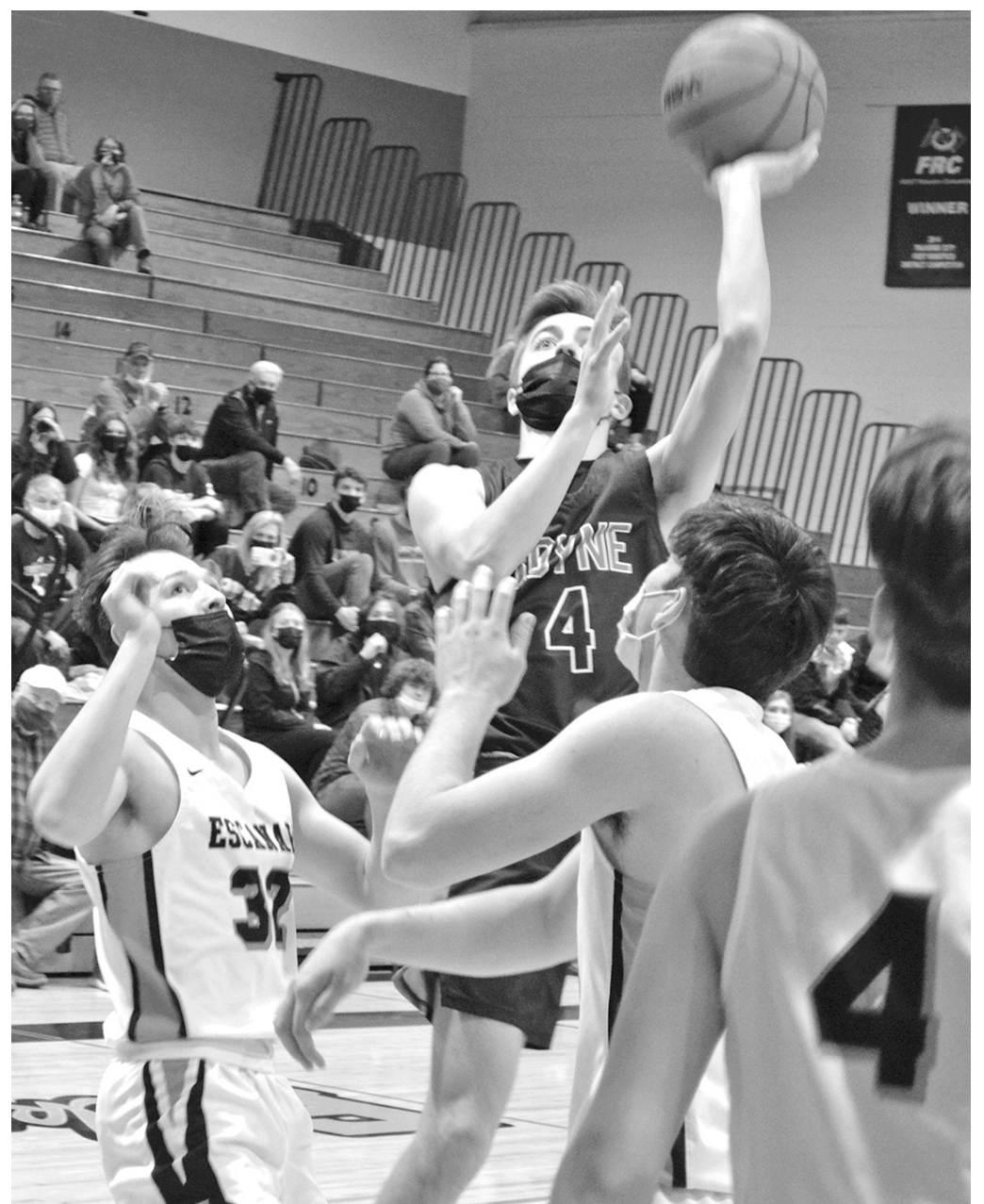
The loss has the Ramblers end the season with a record of 11-8. The Ramblers will end up losing four seniors to graduation, Brehm, Sean Little, Thomas Bunker and Joey Spate.



Sophomore Gavin Hewitt launches a half-court shot that goes into tie the game at 23-23 at halftime. Photo Dom Santina



Senior Aiden Brehm tries to go up for a layup through contact in the first half. Photo Dom Santina



Sophomore Mason Wilcox fights through contact and releases a floater from the free-throw line in the second quarter. Photo Dom Santina

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- Fall Park
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 - Mowing shall be scheduled for Thursday or Friday
 - Sidewalk edge trimming
- Cemeteries (3)
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As a whole, your home has a great impact on nature. You can make your home more energy-efficient to save money and boost its performance. Although the most energy-efficient measures could require a large initial outlay, the investment is worth it since it will provide you great savings on your yearly utility bills in the years to come.

Below are a few tips on making your home more energy-efficient:
Proper insulation on the attic and walls make it more energy-efficient. Proper insulation slows down the heat that flows out of your home in winter or summer, thus less energy is needed to cool or heat your home. Foam insulation materials, cellulose and fiberglass reduce the heat conducted on the wall system when they are properly installed.
Use energy-efficient models to re-

place your leaky and old windows to boost the efficiency of your windows. Consider putting up storm windows or weather stripping. You will be able to save from 7 to 24 percent of your air-conditioning and heating costs when you replace old windows.
Planting shrubs and shade trees help you save more energy. The tress could block the heat of the sun in summer and the bare branches of the trees allow heat radiation to your home during winter.

Use more energy-efficient bulbs like the compact fluorescent lights instead of your old incandescent light bulbs. While compact lights are more expensive, they last much longer and provide great savings because they less use energy.
If the furnace you have was built before 1992, it is likely to waste about 35 percent of fuel and most probably

at the end of its service. Replace your old furnace with a new highly effective system such as the condensing furnace. It provides up to ninety percent yearly efficiency. This type of furnace wastes not more than 10 percent of natural gas and lets you save 27 percent on your heating costs.

Turn your hot water system to the warm setting to improve efficiency. Insulate the hot water lines so they will not cool off easily. Use low-flow showers in your baths.

It would be preferable to schedule an energy audit on your home so you can get expert advice from energy auditors and raters. They use special tools and skills to evaluate your home and recommend the most cost-effective measure to enhance the efficiency and comfort of your home.
Release trapped air by bleeding radiators. Shut down heating and loosen the bleed valve located at the top of the radiator carefully. Do not forget to use rags in catching drips.

Double glazing helps in cutting heat less on your windows by half. The costs of double-glazing vary but you can enjoy great savings on your utility costs every year.
A more energy-efficient home means you can get big savings on your utility bills and is a good way to do your share in protecting the environment and preserve nature. Remember that the lesser carbon footprint your home leaves, the better it will be for everyone.

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DAY 1 - Friday, April 16, 2021 @ 9:00 am

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DAY 2 - Saturday, April 17, 2021 @ 9:00 am

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Spring is making its slow arrival

BY JOHN PEPIN
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Springtime crocus blooms from an Upper Peninsula garden are shown. (courtesy of DNR)

The jagged seam stitching along the edge of the pillow has loosened.

It won't be long now before stuffing will begin to fall, in increasingly larger chunks of duff, twisting and turning in its tumbling, landing softly on the hardwood floor so dusty after a long, cold winter's time.

Such is the nature of the arrival of spring – in dribs and drabs at first, then more and more until seemingly, suddenly, it's already here in full bloom.

Whether it's snowing outside or not, some of the spring birds – whose migrations are triggered by lengthening days – are now back in the area. Red-winged blackbirds, robins, sandhill cranes, woodcocks, kestrels and geese are among these early arrivals – perhaps to be surprised by a white welcome.

Maple trees are dripping their sap, weasels and hares have begun changing from their wintry white coats back to their darker spring and summer fur fashions. It won't be long before the wood frogs – which can stand to freeze and still survive – will begin their clucking spring songs.

They may already be out there talking into the cold spring winds, from a spot where the sunshine melted away the ice over the shallow water in the corner of some backwoods swamp.

Not far behind them will be the spring peepers, a small woodland frog with the mark of a cross on its back. In large numbers, especially in confined areas, these frogs united can produce a deafening evening chorus of song.

And so it goes throughout the spring into the early summer, as the temperature rises, each of the various frog and toad species of the region are triggered to begin singing.

For me, spring has provided some good memories over the years to help carry me forward. However, much of this realization has been produced in hindsight, with the benefit of more than a little soaking in a thick gruel of introspection.

When I was a kid, spring meant getting outside as much as possible and pursuing all those fun activities prevented by months of wintertime.

These pursuits included getting down to the lake to wade in the water among the reeds

we don't get one in the puss sitting here." Translation: he liked the seats.

After the game, they turned all the lights in the stadium out for a lengthy July fireworks display. My dad said it was the best fireworks show he'd ever seen. He also complimented my ability to easily travel the Los Angeles freeway system.

Another trade-off. Years later, I had the opportunity to work as a reporter and photographer for The Mining Journal in Marquette – the newspaper my dad read every day without fail. It was one of my proudest days being able to tell him I got that job.

It was kind of a vindication that I could do meaningful things off the baseball diamond.

Today, he's been dead more than 10 years and I'm still writing.

When I was a news writer, I used to wonder why my dad, like many other newspaper readers, read the obituaries first. Older now, I don't wonder anymore.

Springtime in my childhood also meant getting distracted by water. For some reason, whether it was playing with the garden hose, fishing – which I did since I was 3 years old – or sneaking off down to the lake, I have always had a big attraction to water.

I remember being a little guy, outside on recess at the old brownstone Grammar School. I followed a toothpick I'd been floating down the snowmelt river along the curb to a slush dam reservoir some of us kids had built.

When I turned around, I was the only one there. All the other kids had gone back into the school. I never heard the bell.

On my way home from school one day, my mom had to come down to the lake in the car "to get me." A schoolmate and I had stopped at the neighborhood party store to pick up plastic Army guys with fold-up parachutes you could throw up into the air and they would float back to earth.

At my grandma's house, I would love to go outside to play around the big fenced-in yard in Palmer. I was too young to figure out my folks could hear the water for the outside spigot being turned on from inside the house.

"Johnny, get away from that hose!"

Springtime also meant, and still means, admiring the glorious beauty of the purple and white crocuses poking up through the snow. Then there were the chocolate bunnies, or cross-shaped cakes wrapped in plastic hidden like Easter eggs throughout our house – baskets with green plastic grass and malted milk ball eggs.

Birthday parties with kids from school. Those pictures today are wild to look at just for the fashions of the 1960s and haircuts alone. A lot of peace signs held up by my party-goers.

Those were the days when the barber my dad took me to handed out pens that had a flapping American flag on them with the slogan: "Beautiful America, get a haircut."

I've lost the Princeton-style haircut, the pen, birthday parties whenever possible and most of my 60's-style clothes, but I've kept the music along with the peace sign, watching baseball and a bunch of memories of my dad.

Listen. It's 1968. Can you hear the Zombies?

"It's the time of the season for loving."

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COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

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 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 to setup your COVID-19 Vaccine.

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COVID-19 VACCINE FAQs

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Do I need to keep wearing a mask after I get vaccinated?

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