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CITY OF BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, MAY 25, 2021

New equipment approved at Boyne City Commission meeting

BY: DOM SANTINA

BOYNE CITY - The meeting would start with resident Sarah Christensen voicing her displeasure with how the public restrooms have been cleaned around town. Especially during the big events. She stated that last fourth of

July the bathrooms were horrible and it was the case once again during the Mushroom Festival. Mayor Tom Neidhamer would respond and see he would look into solving the issue.

The Commission would have a public hearing on the issue of closing an Alley. There would be not much

conversation from the public and the Commission would approve to continue moving forward to shut down usage of the Alley.

The Commission would be well on their way to using up their proposed budget. As they would approve the city to purchase the Bioclave Autoclave from USA Bluebook

for a cost not-to-exceed \$5,309. The sterilizer is used at the plant for fecal coliform testing and the old one is needed for replacement. Along that the Commission would approve an Ultra Violet Module replacement for 10 of the 20 modules used for disinfecting water. They need to be replaced due to an

issue with internal electrical wiring. In the new budget, it was planned to cost \$70,000 but the cost has gone down to \$45,648.60.

The City Commission would also approve the plan to purchase a new zero turn to replace a 2004 Kubota

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New WWII Field Cross memorial dedicated to the LaBrecque Brothers



Approximately 500 people attended the Memorial Day service at Veterans Memorial Park in Boyne City. Photo by Ned and Vicki Bowman

BY DAVE BARAGREY

Boyne City - The Boyne City post of the American Legion hosted the annual Memorial Day Services at cemeteries throughout the Boyne area. Following the memorial services throughout the morning the procession began at noon from the American Legion post to Veterans Memorial Park.

Following the pledge of allegiance, POW/MIA remembrance, address by Post Commander Dean Kleinschrodt and patriotic sections by the Boyne City High School band was an unveiling and dedications of a new WWII Field Cross memorial dedicated to the LaBrecque Brothers. The LaBrecque family gave the



The memorial is in honor of the 3 LaBrecque brothers who died in World War II. Photo by Becky Palmiter

ultimate sacrifice by losing three out of five sons that served in WWII. Along

with approximately 500 people a number of family members from the

LaBrecque family were in

SEE MEMORIAL - PAGE 4A

CHX County COA Meals Update

The COA is providing Hot Home Delivered Meals to their home bound clients by \$3 donation. They are providing weekly Disaster Meals delivered by reservation to any Charlevoix County resident 60 years old or older so that their 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 needs 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.

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

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.

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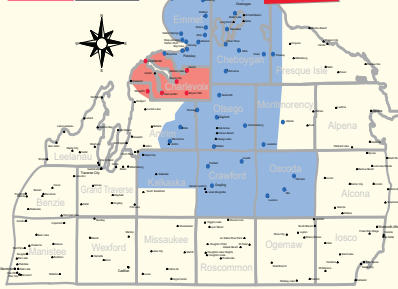
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FRIDAY



HIGH: 84
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SATURDAY



HIGH: 88
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SUNDAY



HIGH: 90
LOW: 70

MONDAY



HIGH: 87
LOW: 65

TUESDAY



HIGH: 86
LOW: 67

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JUN 3	...46°	...75°	...30° (1977)	...89° (1948)
JUN 4	...46°	...75°	...27° (1964)	...89° (1955)
JUN 5	...46°	...75°	...29° (1998)	...92° (1999)
JUN 6	...46°	...76°	...29° (1958)	...92° (1999)
JUN 7	...47°	...76°	...35° (1960)	...91° (1968)
JUN 8	...47°	...76°	...28° (1949)	...91° (1950)
JUN 9	...47°	...76°	...32° (1977)	...91° (1959)
JUN 10	...47°	...76°	...30° (1966)	...91° (1968)
JUN 11	...48°	...77°	...29° (1966)	...93° (1956)
JUN 12	...48°	...77°	...36° (1979)	...95° (1949)

OBITUARIES

Sheila Mae (Baker) Wilson, 67

(JULY 2, 1953 - MAY 28, 2021)



Sheila Mae (Baker) Wilson passed away from pancreatic cancer on May 28, 2021.

Visitation will be held 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Wednesday June 2, 2021 at Stackus Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held 2:00 pm Thursday, June 3, 2021 at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City with Pastor David Behling officiating.

Sheila Mae (Baker) Wilson was born in Wyandotte, MI on July 2, 1953 to Edward and Naomi Baker. Sheila went to East Jordan Public School and graduated in 1971 and became a cosmetologist. She married Robert Lyle Wilson on May 7, 1977. Sheila stopped cutting hair and started at Bendix / Honeywell when the family started growing. She retired after 39 years and became a bus rider assistant for Char-EM ISD in 2016, then received a CDL for driving bus for special needs children that she adored and loved.

Sheila was happiest when she was with grandchildren, family and friends. Camping and cooking were her favorite things to do.

Sheila was preceded in death by her husband Robert L. Wilson, parents Edward and Naomi Baker.

She is survived by her children John (Jen) Wilson, Marlena (Adam) Wilson and Mary Jo (Andy) Hart. Grandchildren Adam, Wessley, Wyatt, Wade, Aubrey, Gar-

rett, Sam, Jess, Juan, Bella, Jazzell and Andrew; siblings Marsha Gee, Sandy (Jerry) Garland, Brenda (Brett)ingham, Edward (Linda) Baker and Fred (Charlotte) Simpson; sister-in-law Sally (Charles) Bauman, Janice (Bob) Lavanway and brother-in-law Timothy Wilson and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneral-homeinc.com.

Donna Louise (Batterbee) Mack, 78

(JAN. 25, 1943 - MAY 22, 2021)



Donna Louise Mack of East Jordan died on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield.

She was born on January 25, 1943, in Petoskey, the daughter of Clair "Dutch" and Dorothy "Dort" (Kline) Batterbee. She grew up in East Jordan, graduated from East Jordan High School and had been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Donna worked as a caregiver for the home healthcare industry. She enjoyed knitting and playing Bingo.

She is survived by two children, Steve Parsons of Farmington and Kelly (Andy) Howe of Sparks, Nevada; three grandchildren, Blake Parsons, Morgan Parsons, and Cameron Parsons; and one brother, Ken Batterbee of Grand Blanc.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, the previous owners of The Duck Inn Restaurant in East Jordan, later known as the Lumber Jack; and her brother, Arnold Batterbee.

A funeral mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan will be announced for a later date. Interment will be in St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery in East Jordan.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Timothy D. Amesbury, 66

(NOV. 8, 1954 - MAY 30, 2021)

Timothy D. Amesbury of Boyne City recently passed away at home.

Agatha "Gay" Beryl Matchett, 96

(JULY 31, 1924 - MAY 27, 2021)



Agatha "Gay" Beryl Matchett passed away peacefully at her home on Matchett Road on Thursday morning, May 27th, 2021, shortly after learning about the birth of her 20th great-grandchild!

Agatha was born on July 31, 1924, at the old Charlevoix Hospital, the daughter of the late Ralph and Nellie (Moore) Ranney and the youngest of 5 siblings. She grew up on the Ranney Farm on Ranney

Road near East Jordan and attended the Ranney School (K-8).

She attended East Jordan High School (walking 2 miles to the bus stop), graduating in 1942, and then attended the Grand Rapids School of Cosmetology.

On January 15, 1944, Agatha married Sanford "Sandy" Wheeler Matchett at her parent's home in East Jordan. They "honeymooned" at the farm house on Matchett Road that they then shared for 57 years of marriage before Sandy passed away in 2001.

Agatha worked side by side with Sandy on the Matchett Farm on Matchett Rd, raising cattle, turkeys & sheep. She helped in every aspect of farm work in addition to taking care of the house and kids. She continued her involvement in the Matchett Sheep Farm to her last days, always keeping up with which fields were planted with what crops, how many lambs had been born so far, what new machinery had been purchased, how much hay still needed to be baled, and so much more. It was her way to connect with the legacy of the Matchett Farm that she and Sandy worked together for so long. She and Sandy were longtime members of Charlevoix County Farm Bureau.

Agatha was an active member of Barnard United Methodist Church, joining shortly after she and Sandy were married. She participated in Sunday School, Women's Group, set-up/organized countless meals and receptions for baptisms, funerals, weddings, coffee hours and many other celebrations and was passionate about church missionary projects.

Agatha loved her vegetable and flower gardens. In later years she could tell family and friends which flowers would be in bloom, and when the rhubarb & asparagus was ready to pick. She also left us many embroidered pillowcases & tablecloths, mostly

with flower patterns.

In later years Agatha enjoyed playing games, whether it was dominos with her domino group or Uno with her grandkids, great-grandkids or caregivers.

Agatha's hobby was her family! She loved and cared for each one of her children, 9 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and all of their spouses.

She made sure to have the John Deere cookie jar filled, plus popsicles, ice cream, and applesauce available. She was somehow able to make each one feel loved and special. And, most importantly, she prayed for each of them.

Agatha was an inspiration to all she came in contact with—family, friends, & caregivers—demonstrating her love of Christ by serving and inspiring others.

Agatha was preceded in death by her husband Sandy; her parents; infant daughter, Barbara; siblings and their spouses, Fred (Eloise) Ranney, Gordon (Jean) Ranney, Francis "Fran" (George) Shook, Beatrice "Bea" (Gerald) Boss; and Sandy's sisters and their spouses, Margaret (Vern) Hurd and Ruth (Lee) Shapton.

Agatha is survived by her children Melvin (Judy) Matchett of Elk Rapids, Joyce (Steve) Tchozeski of Belding, and Tim (Linda) Matchett of Charlevoix; grandchildren Tasha (Ed) Stielstra, Marie (Scott) Wheaton, Tennille (Josh) Dhaseleer, Brian (Laura) Matchett, Julie (Nick) Niederquell, Isaac (Brianna) Matchett, Mia (Scott) Rhudy, Noah Matchett and LilyAnn Matchett; and 20 great-grandchildren, ages 1 week to 16 years!

The family would like to thank the many caregivers that allowed Agatha to remain in her home the past few years. Special thanks to Linda Matchett for coordinating and doing much of the care giving.

A celebration of Agatha's life will be held on Friday, June 4th, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Barnard United Methodist

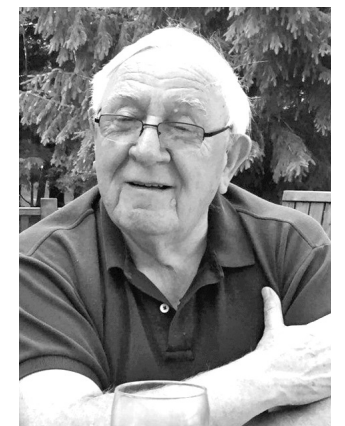
Church (15978 Klooster Rd, Charlevoix, MI), followed by a time of fellowship before walking to the Barnard Cemetery at 4:30 p.m.—led by Agatha's great-grandchildren. Pastors Craig Pahl and David Behling will officiate. If additional seating is needed, or if you feel more comfortable, the Celebration of Life Service will be broadcast to the church parking lot on 92.3 FM. Visitation will take place Thursday evening, June 3rd, from 6-8 p.m. at Mortenson Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Per Agatha's wishes, consider memorial donations to Barnard United Methodist Church, c/o Barnard UMC Treasurer, 01362 Matchett Rd, Charlevoix, MI 49720; or Ad-Visa Care Hospice, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Patrick Quinn, 83

(SEPT. 4, 1937 - MAY 28, 2021)



Patrick Anthony Quinn, 83, of Royal Oak, MI, and Charlevoix passed away on Friday, May 28, 2021.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future.

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

What's New at Mackinac State Historic Parks for 2021

MACKINAW CITY — The most exciting opening for the season is the Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum. It had been slated to open for the 2020 season. However, construction progress was derailed during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing MSHP to only open the site for a weekend at the very end of the 2020 season. It will open on May 1 with the rest of the MSHP island sites.

Up at Fort Mackinac, the beloved Kids' Quarters will receive an update, the third to the exhibit in its history, helping to fulfill MSHP's mission in presenting the history of the Straits of Mackinac. Housed in the oldest public building in Michigan, the Kids' Quarters will allow guests to experience how soldiers and civilians lived at Fort Mackinac in the 19th century. Here you'll be able to play various musical instruments used by the military, try on clothes, or design your very own fort, among many other activities.

"The Kids' Quarters has consistently been one of our

most popular exhibits," Brisson said. "We're happy to unveil this expanded and reimagined version to our guests."

New programs at Fort Mackinac for the 2021 season include "The Changing Face of Fort Mackinac," "The Army of the 1890s," a deeper look into Mackinac National Park, a tour showcasing the women who called Fort Mackinac home, a Signal Drill Activity, and a program dedicated to what happened at Fort Mackinac after the army left in 1895. The Tea Room at Fort Mackinac, operated by Grand Hotel, will feature new menu items for the 2021 season, and, as always, will feature one of the most stunning views in Michigan. The venerable fort also saw some physical updates, with buildings painted, boardwalks replaced, and chimneys repaired. As always, the classic cannon and rifle firings will take place throughout the day, and guests can purchase the opportunity to fire the very first cannon salute of the day.

At The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, located in front of Fort

Mackinac in Marquette Park, a new juried art exhibition will debut on the second floor — "The Seasons of Mackinac." While Mackinac has always been known as a "summer gathering place," its beauty is unparalleled in all seasons. Mackinac Island resident and award-winning artist Bill Murcko will serve as juror for the show.

It will be on display at the art museum from May 1 through October 10. Additionally, seven artists-in-residence will stay on Mackinac Island throughout the summer. Each artist will host a special, free workshop on the second Wednesday of their residency.

Special events at Fort Mackinac and Mackinac Island include the annual Vintage Base Ball game, on July 24, special activities for July 4, and Movies in the Fort throughout the summer.

As guests enter Colonial Michilimackinac, in Mackinaw City, they will be stepping back in time to 1778, when rumors of war and peace swirled around Michilimackinac. Guests will see and hear how soldiers, civilians, and Native

people responded to threats real and imagined as they attempted to maintain their livelihood, the fur trade. Two new programs at the fort will provide guests an opportunity to get more hands-on with history, where you'll unpack a trade bale and another where you'll explore an artilleryman's arsenal. Other programs at the site will talk about women's roles at the fort, the enslaved community, the 5,500 square feet of gardens, as well as musket and artillery demonstrations.

An exciting new program at Colonial Michilimackinac allows guests the opportunity to fire all four black-powder weapons at Michilimackinac: the Short Land Musket, Wall Gun (a BIG musket), Coehorn Mortar, and, as the finale, the cannon. This program is available every evening after the fort closes for regular business June 5-October 8.

The Mackinac State Historic Parks' archaeology program will enter its 63rd season in 2021. Work will continue in House E of the Southeast Rowhouse at Colonial Michilimackinac. Archaeologists will be out

daily (weather permitting) during the summer months.

Special events at Colonial Michilimackinac include an exhilarating "Fire at Night" program, informative history talks on topics such as gardening, archaeology, laundry and more, a celebration of the King's Birth-day on June 4, Movies by the Bridge, the ever-popular Fort Fright, and A Colonial Christmas, among others.

The last few years have seen several gallery openings at Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse — the Straits of Mackinac Shipwreck Museum, the Science and Technology Exhibit, and the Marshall Gallery on the extensively renovated second floor. All galleries will be fully open for the 2021 season. Throughout the day guides will sound the Fog Signal Whistle.

Over at Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park, the Adventure Tour will return to operation for the 2021 season. A more robust daily events schedule will showcase the sawpit and sawmill, an extensive tour looking at what else happened historically at Historic Mill

Creek, and guided nature hikes through the three miles of groomed hiking trails.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan's Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or on the web at www.mackinac-parks.com.



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



Brennan Gould

Grade: 5th

Parent's Name(s): *Kathy Puroll, Lenny Gould*

What do you want to be when you grow up?: *He's not sure what he wants to do when he is older but racing cars sounds like fun to him.*

Favorite Book: *The Foxman*

Hobbies and Interests: *Brennan enjoys snowmobiling. He was the only student in 5th grade not excited about warm weather. He would snowmobile every day if he could. He also enjoys playing video games and riding his motorcycle.*

School Activities: *His favorite thing to do at school is to play football at recess. He hopes to play football, basketball, and baseball in high school.*

Staff Comments: *Brennan has shown a lot of growth this year. He works hard during school. He has wonderful manners and always says "please" and "thank you." I think he has a lot of potential and I can't wait to see what he does with it.*

Submitted By: *Mrs. Powers*

Pure Northern Michigan photography exhibit opening at Circle of Arts



Charlevoix — Charlevoix Circle of Arts will host the Charlevoix Photography Club's 12th annual juried exhibition, Pure Northern Michigan, from June 11 to June 19, 2021. The exhibit will open on Friday, June 11, from 5p.m. to 7p.m. with juror Craig Sterken, a professional photographer whose work has been included in the Pure Michigan campaign, presenting awards. Circle of Arts members, Charlevoix Photography Club members, and the general public are invited to attend.

As part of the Pure Northern Michigan theme, the exhibition will feature photographic images taken exclusively in Northern Michigan. The juried show is



CHARLEVOIX PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB *Pure Northern Michigan* 12th ANNUAL EXHIBITION

open to all current members of the Charlevoix Photography Club and anyone else who wishes to participate (excluding professional photographers). Cash prizes will be given for first, second and third place images in each of the five categories: Wildlife, People, Artistic Expression, Landscape, and Macro. All photography featured in the exhibit will be for sale, and a

commemorative poster featuring a photo by Kevin Dietrich is also available for purchase.

The public is encouraged to stop in and see the Pure Northern Michigan photography exhibition, made possible by the sponsorship of Charlevoix Auto, a local new and used vehicle dealership featuring Chevrolet, Jeep, Ram, Dodge, Chrysler and

Moke America. Charlevoix Circle of Arts is open Monday through Saturday and is located at 109 Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix. For more information about the exhibit or the Charlevoix Circle of Arts please call (231) 547-3554 or visit our website: www.charlevoixcircle.org.

Preparing your child for vaccination

It has been just a little over a week since youth 12-15 years old could receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and since then, already 13.2% of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's population in this age group and 32.6% in the 16-19 age group have gotten at least one dose. Widespread vaccination, including of children and teens, is critical to help stop this pandemic and get us all closer to normal.

"There are steps parents can take to help ready their child or teen for the vaccine," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Parents are first and foremost role models for their children so they can also prepare their child by modeling healthy behaviors and get vaccinated."

Steps include helping your child know what to expect when they receive their COVID-19 vaccination:

- Get tips for how to support your child before, during, and after the visit.
- Explain there may be some side effects, which are normal signs that their body is building protection. These side effects may affect your child's ability to do daily activities, but they should go

away in a few days. Some people have no side effects.

- Ask your child's health-care provider about using a non-aspirin pain reliever to comfort your child after vaccination. It is not recommended you give pain relievers before vaccination for the purpose of trying to prevent side effects.
- Tell the doctor or nurse about any allergies your child may have.
- Comfort your child during the appointment.
- To prevent fainting and injuries related to fainting, your child should be seated during vaccination and for 15 minutes after the vaccine is given.
- After your child's COVID-19 vaccination, you will be asked to stay for 15-30 minutes so they can be observed in case they have a severe allergic reaction and need immediate treatment.

Minors under age 18 will need a parent or legal guardian to accompany them to their appointment and provide consent to receive the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine. The health department is also working to coordinate vaccination blitzes in regions throughout its four-county

jurisdiction. "This is our attempt to hit the road, offering pop-up locations in areas we haven't previously held many vaccination clinics, or where data shows there are still many unvaccinated people," Peacock said.

Walk-ins are welcome at all upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics, or people can make a reservation by clicking on the link provided for each clinic location listed below. As clinics, especially pop-up locations, are frequently added visit the website www.nwhealth.org for the most up-to-date clinic location listings.

The calendar on the website www.nwhealth.org lists clinics currently scheduled through June 25.

On Saturday, May 22, 8 new cases were reported: Antrim (1), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (3), and Otsego (0) counties. On Sunday, May 23, 1 new case was reported: Antrim (0), Charlevoix (0), Emmet (1), and Otsego (0) counties. Today, May 24, 6 new cases were reported: Antrim (1), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (1), and Otsego (0) counties, and 1 new death in Charlevoix County. As of 4 p.m. today, the health depart-

ment is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,617), Charlevoix (1,661), Emmet (2,367), and Otsego (2,338).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,474), Charlevoix (1,514), Emmet (2,099), and Otsego (2,048).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (28), Charlevoix (21), Emmet (40), and Otsego (40).

The State of Michigan reported 884,580 cases and 18,953 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.

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East Jordan — Hold onto your hats and don't blink an eye! Gordon Russ, magician to the world, and his Big Comedy Magic Show is coming to the East Jordan Freedom Festival! Gather the kids, be there on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 6:00 pm and prepare to be amazed. Gordon and his trusty sidekick, George the Raccoon, have traveled the globe in search of smiles, laughs, and fun. But this time, instead of China, England, Israel, Japan, or Australia, Gordon is bringing his unique brand of illusion right to the East Jordan Freedom Festival, on the Memorial Park Band shell, 101 Spring Street, East Jordan.

A master at audience involvement, Gordon "invents" magic on the spot, using the most ordinary items imaginable. Couple this with a limitless array of tried and true tricks of the trade, and you have a performance that is second to none. "Magic is serious business, but the main idea is fun. I want everybody smiling and saying, 'How'd



Magician, Gordon Russ will be at the Freedom Festival June 23

he do that?'" Gordon says. Do not forget to make and bring a "PICK ME" sign to the show. When Gordon needs a volunteer, be sure to hold that sign and wave it

around so he will know who really wants to help. At the East Jordan Freedom Festival Gordon's show will bring thrills and excitement to everybody there.

Come along with Gordon on his fantastic adventure and see magic the way it was meant to be—for the fun of it!

News

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EGLE awards \$492,145 in grants for community energy efficiency

Twenty-six Community Energy Management (CEM) program grants totaling \$492,145 announced today by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) will finance energy efficiency upgrades and other energy-related projects.

“Reducing energy waste saves money, saves energy, makes us healthier and improves our environment all at once,” EGLE Director Liesl Clark said. “Over half of EGLE’s budget goes out the door to invest in local communities. Climate solutions are local solutions, and these Community Energy Management projects are building stones as Michigan lays the groundwork to reaching its goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.”

The CEM program grants will help local governments, public schools and other community organizations fund energy use assessments and comparative usage studies, perform lighting and climate control efficiency upgrades, add efficient building insulation, improve heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, participate in renewable energy projects or update municipal plans and ordinances. These important projects will save money and reduce an organization’s carbon footprint.

The grant recipients, award amounts and project purpose:

- Alpena Public Schools,

\$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- Bellevue Community Schools, \$15,000, energy audit and energy efficiency upgrades.

- Big Rapids Housing Commission, \$14,000, energy audit and energy efficiency upgrades.

- Caledonia Community Schools, \$15,000, upgrade building energy management system.

- Chassell Township, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- City of East Jordan, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- City of Grand Blanc, \$15,000, energy audit and energy efficiency upgrade.

- City of Harrison, \$15,000, renewable energy project.

- City of Huntington Woods, \$12,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- City of Kentwood, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- City of Lansing, \$9,900, under 60-kilowatt solar array installation.

- City of Mt. Morris, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- City of Petoskey, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- Detroit 2030 District, \$15,000, support the city’s municipal benchmarking efforts.

- East Jordan Public Schools, \$15,000, 20-kilowatt solar array installation.

- Ecoworks, \$100,000, energy audits and energy efficiency upgrades for cold

storage systems for organizations providing food and meal distribution services in Detroit.

- Fiddler’s Green Foundation, Bad Axe and Corunna, \$13,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- Lewis Cass Intermediate School District, Cassopolis, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center Academy, Detroit, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- Overisel Township, \$1,245, energy efficiency upgrades.

- Royal Oak Public Library, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corp., \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- University of Michigan, \$60,000, Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office matching grant for rural community solar barriers project.

- Village of Ahmeek, \$12,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

- Village of Muir, \$15,000, energy efficiency upgrades.

EGLE’s Community Energy Management program is part of the Catalyst Communities Initiative run by the Office of Climate and Energy and EGLE’s Energy Services. Catalyst Communities offers a series of webinars, workshops and

cohort-style academies on a range of topics as part of a multi-tiered approach to provide local decision-makers across the state with the knowledge, tools and resources to take steps toward a just transition to decarbonization. Communities interested in learning more can visit the Catalyst Communities webpage and sign up to receive program updates.

Catalyst Communities will be the topic of a number of sessions at the Michigan Sustainability Conference June 2-4, including public-private community partnerships to advance decarbonization solutions, how community leaders can promote resilient coastal management and improve water infrastructure and energy management and low-income community solar. Conference attendees will learn from, collaborate with and drive transformation in social and environmental sustainability.

EGLE also offers grants for clean energy roadmaps, energy waste reduction for small businesses, electric vehicle charger installation and matching funding for businesses that have been awarded a federal clean energy technology development grant.

MEMORIAL FROM PG. 1

attendance.

This is an excerpt from George Lasater’s book, Charlevoix County’s contribution to WWII

Boyne City residents recall what a hard-working family the LaBrecque family was. Their parents died when the family was young, the boys had to support the family while their sister Gold was the matriarch of the family. Residents of Boyne City recall the boys working in all types of weather, delivering groceries and coal in their wagons and on their snow sleds. Neighbors were good to the boys giving them jobs and winter clothes.

When WWII started, the LaBrecque brothers that were not drafted enlisted and commented to family members that they were pleased to have adequate clothing, three meals a day, showers and money in their pockets.

Frederic was the first to be killed and the first casualty from Boyne City. Dec. 12th, 1942 on New Guinea. He was a medic and was killed by a Japanese sniper as he was attempting to rescue a wounded soldier near Port Moresby. At the age of 26.

Joseph was the youngest brother and had to have the family guardian, Dr. Guy Conkle, sign for him due to his age of 17. Joseph was the second Le LaBrecque brother to die, while stationed in Italy. On 6/18/44 near Salerno Italy, where he was accidentally electrocuted at the age of 18.

After Joseph was killed, his sister Gold applied to the government to have the remaining LaBrecque boys discharged of placed in a

non-combat location, which was the government’s policy if two members of a family was lost. The government denied the request, stating only parents could make the application. In this case the parents were dead.

On 11/27/44, Shortly after the government’s rejection of the application, the third brother, Lee, was killed in the Battle of the Bulge at the age of 24.

When the war concluded, only two out of five brothers survived, William & Jay.

Boyne’s first War Casualty when war came to America, many gallant sons from our community went forth to give battle. Among them were the five LaBrecque brothers. Today, however, those brothers are four. Fred has fallen in battle somewhere on New Guinea. There have been reminders already that war calls upon many to “walk through the valley of the shadow of death.” Some are missing for an extended period of time, some wounded in action, some taken prisoners by the enemy, but Fred LaBrecque is the first announced casualty from the community taken by death.

“As production approaches its maximum and the tempo of war grows fierce, more casualties will be announced. Prudent is he who girds himself for that time by building inner resources, which like an iceberg, have more depth than that which meets the naked eye.”

Many fine tributes might be paid to Fred, Joe & Lee LaBrecque, but their records stand for their self. It ought to make each of us ask ourselves one question, however, “Am I living in such a manner that Fred, Joe & Lee LaBrecque would feel justified in having died to preserve it?”

425-mile Lake Michigan paddleboard journey to focus attention on controversial pipeline

Three men concerned about freshwater conservation will set off June 10 on a 45-day paddleboard journey along Lake Michigan’s western coastline to draw attention to the danger of an aging underwater oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac.

Whether the controversial Line 5 will be decommissioned is the subject of an ongoing legal battle between the State of Michigan and Enbridge Oil Company. To focus attention on the environmental hazards posed by the pipeline, the men will paddle standing up for 425 miles from Mackinac Island to the state capitol in Lansing, camping on the shoreline along the way.

“There are many economic, political and environmental implications of an aging pipeline in the heart of the Great Lakes,” said 26-year-old paddler William Wright, who works as a financial consultant in Chicago and is leading the effort. As a boy Wright spent much time near Petoskey and feels strongly about a host of water-conservation efforts.

Wright will be joined on the journey by California photographer and documentary filmmaker Davis Huber, 25, as well as Chris Yahanda, 25, a strategy consultant who grew up spending summers in Elk Rapids. They are encouraging day paddlers passionate about the health of the Great Lakes to join them on their journey as they pass by coastal Lake Michigan towns.

“Really the only thing we can guarantee is the unexpected,” said Yahanda. “This paddleboard trip is unprecedented in many ways. We

don’t know of anyone that has attempted something of this length.”

The route is designed to rally support for Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s decision to shut down Enbridge Inc.’s Line 5 oil pipeline and to draw attention to the beauty of the public waters at risk. The journey begins from the site of the governor’s summer home on Mackinac Island. It will end August 14 with a rally at the Michigan capitol. The men also plan to film the journey to create a documentary titled Troubled Water. The documentary is also intended to highlight water conservation issues and the pipeline controversy. Troubled Water will investigate Michigan’s tumultuous relationship with water and share opinions and alternatives from both sides of the issues.

A host of Michigan environmental groups and concerned local companies are supporting the effort, including non-profit partners such as Oil & Water Don’t Mix, For Love of Water, Clean Water Action, M22, MAWBY Sparkling, and the Michigan Environmental Council.

More information:

- Details about the journey, the paddlers, and the planned documentary: <https://troubledwaterfilm.com/>.

- If you would like more information about being a partner in the effort, joining the team for a day on the water, or contributing to offset the costs of the trip and production of the documentary, call 630-460-6989.

DAVE Says

(You’re in good shape either way)

—Dave

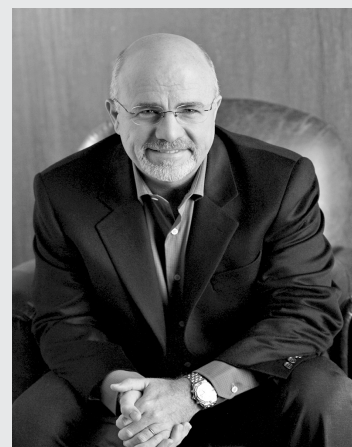
(Long distance flip?)

Dear Dave,
I can’t decide whether to sell or keep a rental property. Except for the property in question I’m debt-free, and I make \$90,000 a year. I owe \$20,000 on the property, and it is worth \$65,000. What do you think?
George

Dear George,
You’re in pretty good shape financially, and you could probably pay off the rental property in a year or two. So really, it’s a matter of personal preference. I will say this; there’s nothing worse than being a landlord if you don’t want to be one.

It’s not a bad thing to feel that way. Some folks have fun and enjoy landlording for a while, but then other things become more important. It’s your life and your feelings that matter at this point.

If you still enjoy dabbling in real estate and being a landlord, go for it. If the shine has worn off, get rid of the place. If the latter is the case, you’ll get the responsibility of being a landlord off your back and become debt-free all at the same time!



Dave Ramsey

just one. It’s not an easy way to make money, and it’s definitely not something I’d recommend doing from a distance. In short, I wouldn’t do it, Erik. Fixing and flipping properties is a hands-on business, and trying to do it from 700 miles away would be a nightmare.

Just keep on working the budget and save as much as you can. I’d consider getting a part-time job for a while to add to the down payment fund before I’d try to fix and flip a house that far away.
—Dave

(Being on the same page is vital to your family’s future)

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are in our 20s, and together we make about \$80,000 a year. Our first baby is due in early 2022, so being debt-free has become a top priority in my mind. Right now, we have two cars. The one I drive is paid off and has a lot of miles on it, but it’s in really good shape. We still owe \$30,000 on the other one, and the rest of our debt is about \$90,000 in student loans. My wife puts 40,000 miles a year on the other car traveling for work. I talked to her the

other day about us moving down a little in car, but she’s particular about what she drives. I even found out she has her eye on a newer vehicle that costs about \$48,000. I don’t know what to do. Can you help?
Zach

Dear Zach,

Okay, let’s start slow. I’m glad you’ve seen the wisdom in getting control of your money and getting out of debt. That’s the first step toward financial peace.

Now, where the car thing is concerned, there’s not a chance in the world I’d do this. And honestly, I don’t give a crap what your wife is particular about. You guys are broke! You’re up to your eyeballs in debt, and now she’s talking about buying a \$48,000 car—when you still owe \$30,000 on one—then putting 40,000 miles a year on it and destroying its value quicker than you can say “fast.”

This whole idea and attitude is dumber than a rock. Absolutely not! You may have seen the light where your finances are concerned, but it sounds like your wife is still in the dark and needs to grow up some. You two should have a long, serious talk about things, and get on the same page financially—especially with a baby on the way. Your family’s future depends on it.

I hope I wasn’t unclear.
—Dave

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Railroad Speeder Cars Coming To Northern Michigan

Members of the North American Railcar Operators Association will be paying a visit to northern Michigan soon. Thirty-five "speeder" cars will be making their way north to Petoskey on the rails of the Great Lakes Central Railroad.

A speeder car, also known as a motor-car, is a self-propelled rail car formerly used by railroad companies to maintain their tracks. Each speeder car typically holds between two and four occupants, including the operator. Now obsolete by the railroads, these speeder cars are now purchased by individuals, restored to operating condition, and taken on excursion trips hosted by various railroads across the country.

The North American Railcar Operator Association (NARCOA), with over 1400 members across the United States and Canada, coordinates excursion trips with local railroads so that members have several choices throughout the year on which trips they would like to run their speeder cars on. The excursion to northern Michigan this year begins in Cadillac on June 18, with stops planned in Man-



Thirty-five rail cars will be making their way to Northern Michigan

ton (8:45 a.m.), Kalkaska (11:30 a.m.), Boyne Falls (2:30 p.m.), and arriving in Petoskey at approximately 4:30 p.m. for an overnight stay. The public is invited to view the motor cars at each stop and visit with the oper-

ators. The railcars will have an early departure from Petoskey on Saturday June 19, with a destination of Traverse City for an overnight stay, before returning to Cadillac on Sunday June 20.

For more information about this unique hobby please visit: www.narcoa.org

Michigan Takes Next Step Back to Normal under updated Vacc to Normal Plan

Tuesday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced Michigan has reached the next step in the Vacc to Normal plan. As of June 1, capacity limits are lifted for outdoor events and residential gatherings. Additionally, indoor capacity limits will increase to 50%, allowing indoor social gatherings such as weddings and funerals to move closer to normalcy. Face masks will only be required for individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated indoors.

"Because so many Michiganders did their part and stepped up to get vaccinated, we are able to return to normal more quickly," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "Our state is closer and closer to being back to normal. Now, Michiganders may celebrate safely with family and friends, with less worry of getting COVID-19. We have all been working hard for this moment for over the past year, and I am thankful for every Michigander who has gotten vaccinated to keep themselves, their family, and our

communities safe. Thanks to them, we can take these final steps towards a return to the normalcy and build our economy back stronger than ever. If you haven't gotten your vaccine yet, I encourage you to make an appointment so you can safely do the activities you want to do."

"This pandemic has been so difficult for so many Michiganders. We've made incredible sacrifices for the good of public health and the safety of our friends, family, and communities," said Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist. "This vaccine is helping our small businesses reopen their doors. It's allowing our economy to come back stronger than ever and allows for a sense of normalcy to return for families across our state. I hope that this news is an added incentive for those on the fence about getting a vaccine. I will remain focused on encouraging every Michigander to make a vaccine appointment if they haven't already. This is how we move forward, together."

EQUIPMENT FROM PG. 1

Zero Turn Mower. The Parks and Recreation staff mow over 30 acres of turf per week, so the City felt it was necessary to purchase another mower. The mower was purchased from Ginop Sales in Alanson for \$17,475 including the rear vacuum bagger system which is about 22 percent below retail price. The Kubota will be used this year and then most likely auctioned off next summer. The Public Works Department would also look for approval to replace the 1995 JCB 210-S Backhoe. The price of the new Backhoe is \$100,790.80 including attachments such as a special bucket, pallet forks and a broom and is about 19 percent retail price. The existing backhoe will be auctioned off and should fetch somewhere

between \$15,000 - \$20,000. The Commission would then be presented with a cost to replace the tires on the fire trucks. This needs to be done every seven years to remain compliant. The Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury received a quote for \$12,270 for three trucks to have their tires replaced. The quote came from Garrett Fick and Sons Diesel Garage.

The Commission would then approve Miller Canfield's proposal to serve as the Bond Counsel for the Grant Moore Municipal Marina. The fees of him joining the project would be \$17,100. The fees would be paid for through the marina fund and the project.

The Commission would schedule a Public Hearing for the Boyne City Main Street/DDA Development Plan and TIF Plan for June 22, 2021.

The next City Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8 at 7 o'clock.

Celebrating Neighborworks Week

How leveraging untapped resources and talents ensures uninterrupted service during crisis

It's been more than a year since Covid-19 was declared a pandemic, and Northern Michigan residents continue to struggle with high unemployment, housing issues like foreclosures or evictions, scams, access to vaccinations, etc. But NMCAA is ensuring that vital resources still get to the people who rely on them daily.

To create long-lasting change in Northern Michigan, we also need to work together. NeighborWorks Week is one illustration of a way to work together. When we work together, we listen to others' input and can create a stronger product than if we worked alone. During NeighborWorks Week (June 5-12), NMCAA and other NeighborWorks organizations across the country highlight neighborhood change and awareness and host a number of virtual, hybrid and socially distanced events that educate, train and inform. Additionally, during NeighborWorks Week and throughout the year, NMCAA and other NeighborWorks organiza-

www.nmcaa.net/workshops

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NeighborWorks Week June 5 - 12, 2021

tions build and maintain relationships with state and local partners to raise funds and create opportunities. These critical collaborations and partnerships are key to problem-solving during periods of crisis and beyond.

The NeighborWorks network is committed to improving people's lives and strengthening communities. NMCAA, a NeighborWorks network member, is helping

residents thrive in Northern Michigan, ensuring that individuals are provided with essential services that create a clear pathway to economic opportunity. Helping our community with virtual workshops, free one on one coaching with our Budget & Housing Coaches, IDA matched savings accounts, rental & housing coaching and more.

During these challenging

and constantly changing times, nonprofits are vital to getting tools and resources to the people who need them most, including services that are designed to help protect the most vulnerable. We can transform Northern Michigan into a future place of opportunity and economic growth if we leverage our resources and talents now.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

- Monday, May 10, 2021**
- 1112 Report of lost notebook
 - 1230 Driving complaint on Boyne Av
 - 1445 Citizen assist on Front St
 - 1715 Harassment complaint on North St
 - 1813 Report of a cat bite.
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021**
- 0129 OUID Arrest on State and N Lake
 - 0512 Alarm in the 400 block of N Lake St
 - 0934 Neighborhood dispute on Adams St
 - 0948 Report of suspicious

- vehicles in the 600 block of Boyne Av.
 - 1515 Civil complaint reported from the 200 block of S Lake St
- Wednesday, May 12, 2021**
- 0236 Arrested subject for Possession of Meth and Distribution at 500 block of Clark St.
 - 1058 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
 - 1153 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Boyne City-East Jordan Rd.
 - 1456 Citation issued for speed on Boyne Ave and E. Main St.
- Thursday, May 13, 2021**

- 0900 Neighborhood dispute on Adams St
 - 1209 Vehicle unlock in the 600 block of Jersey.
 - 1429 Complaint regarding the burning on Jefferson
 - 1746 Driving complaint on Vogel near East.
 - 2243 Arrest subject for OWI at E Main and Harris St.
- Friday, May 14, 2021**
- 1044 Neighborhood dispute on Adams St
 - 1044 Report of a large pile of bear feces and footprints on N Lake St
 - 1152 Report of possible PPO violation

- 1222 Intoxicated subject lying in a ditch in the Industrial Park.
- 1453 2 Salvage Vehicle Inspections
- 1522 Report of possible CSC
- 1630 Animal complaint on Adams St.
- 1800 Private property damage crash on Ray St.
- 2002 Assist Citizen in the 500 block of N Lake St.
- 2039 Citation issued for speed on Pleasant near Timber.
- 2052 Arrested subject on Pleasant Valley Rd for OWI
- 2138 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Jaquay Rd.
- 2234 Arrested subject for

- OWI on State St. at Riverridge.
- SATURDAY MAY 15, 2021**
- 1038 Subject riding a four wheeler on Boyne Ave.
 - 1203 Property damage in the 100 block Water St.
 - 1258 Found check turned into the PD.
 - 1612 Vehicle unlock at Park and Water St
 - 1717 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Jensen Rd.
 - 1825 Vehicle unlock at Rotary Park.
 - 1948 Lodged a dog at the shelter.
 - 2127 Report of lost Iphone at the carnival.

- SUNDAY MAY 16, 2021**
- 0159 Arrest subject for OUID at Vogel and Call
 - 1106 Welfare check on subject at the river mouth
 - 1354 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of N. Lake St
 - 1559 Lodged a dog at the shelter.
 - 1619 Welfare check on subject at River St. and Park St.
 - 1929 MDOP in the 300 block of E Division St
 - 1946 Report of lost wallet at the festival.
 - 2247 Arrested subject for OUI at State and Old State

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NORWOOD

PLEIN AIR PAINTING GATHERING

June 3rd, Thursday, 9:30ish at Norwood Beach Park. US 31 to Norwood Rd, in town turn West on Lake Street, take that to the lake

ATWOOD

COMBAT VOTER FRAUD

Saturday, June 5th to Friske Farm Market on US 31 in Atwood is the biggest event Antrim County has seen since the ACCU Fun Shoot at Richard Davis Gun Range last August when we hosted John James. Mike Lindell, the pillow guy, is coming and he, along with other guests, will be speaking and showing proof about how the election was stolen. Buy your \$20 ticket for this event! All proceeds will go to combat voter fraud.

BOYNE CITY

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS, AND SPONSORS.

Planning for the in-person 2021 Boyne City 4th of July Festival is well underway! The Festival intends to have the following events, with more to be announced:

The Boyne City 4th of July Festival + Fireworks is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit run by volunteers and funded solely by donations. Each year they have to raise approximately \$45,000 for the fireworks alone. They now have an online donation link, plus many other fun ways to donate and/or sponsor the Festival + Fireworks! For more information, please visit www.boyne4thofjuly.com, follow them on Facebook, or email jessicaboyneace@gmail.com

BOYNE CITY

RESALE SHOP OPENING

HomeAgain "Upscale resale" 118 Water Street, Boyne City Grand opening June 1st 12:00pm This new venture is designed to create revenue to support the mission of the Charlevoix Area Humane Society you will find "Like new" donated Home Accessories, Art Work, Vinyl Records, Jewelry, Vintage and Designer Clothing, Furniture, Like new Used Books, Antiques and Collectables... and more. We are excited to bring an exciting and unique shopping experience to the area. HomeAgain Resale is now taking appointments for donated goods. Call the store 231-497-5008 for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

JUNE AT CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE OF ARTS

Making Class (ages 12 to adults)- Tues. June 8, 2021, 6:30-8pm. Charlevoix Photography Club 12th Annual Exhibition! June 11 - 19. Juried by Pure Michigan Photographer, Craig Sterken. 2 - Day Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop with Scott Kenyon-Thursday & Friday, June 3 & 4, 2021, 9am - 4pm each day. Watercolor Workshop with Susan Lings- Saturday, June 12, 2021, 1 - 4 pm.

BOYNE CITY

CONCERT

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Announces Live Celebration Concert To celebrate its 20th anniversary, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will present a live concert on Saturday, June 5, at John M. Hall Auditorium in Bay View. Tickets for the 7 p.m. performance, entitled "Americana! A Day for Music with the Great Lakes Cham-

ber Orchestra", are \$30 and are available online. 18 and under are free. Covid seating restrictions apply.

BOYNE CITY

BACK TO THE BRICKS

Car Event to visit Downtown Boyne City Sunday, June 6th 1-4 p.m. Boyne City Main Street is pleased to welcome and host the Back to the Bricks Promotional Tour car event on Sunday, June 6th from 1-4 p.m. in downtown Boyne City. Back to the Bricks brings together classic cars and car enthusiasts for an afternoon car show for the entire community to enjoy.

This year is the 11th Annual Back to the Bricks Promo Tour, which takes attendees to five different stops throughout Michigan in order to promote and enjoy the beautiful state, stimulate local economies through supporting small businesses, and promote the Back to the Bricks main event in August in Flint, Mich. The event brings both money spent on food, lodging, gas and souvenirs from tour attendees as well as those who visit downtown to see the event. Tour participants often revisit the cities visited for a personal vacation and encourage family and friends to visit and enjoy the area.

In addition to the car show, the following bands are scheduled to play downtown during the event:

Full Circle - Located at corner of Water & East Streets
Northern Nites - Located at Harbor House Publishers
Dr. Goodhart - Located at corner of Water & Park Streets

De Railed - Located at corner of Water & Lake Streets
Jon Archambault Band - Located at corner of Lake & Ray Streets

James Greenway Band - Located at corner of Lake & Main Streets

There will be a car event taking place at Classic Instruments on Saturday, June 5th as well, sponsored by BC Pizza and BC Lanes/The Venue Sports Bar & Grill. Check back for more details on that.

For more information about Boyne City Main Street and 2021 events, visit www.boynecitymainstreet.com

ELLSWORTH

VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY PRIDE CELEBRATION

The Village of Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority is planning to award prizes this year to Village residents who have shown significant effort in cleaning up their properties.

BOYNE CITY

LIMITED EDITION POSTER

Rose Newton and Duncan Studios are excited to present their newest fundraising collaboration with Boyne City 4th of July Festival & Fireworks. This limited edition commemorative poster, titled "The Grand Finale," will be available for \$20 with proceeds going to the Boyne City Fireworks. Posters are available at Duncan Studios, Berkshire Hathaway's Boyne City office, or Boyne City Hardware. They are also available to order online at www.boyne4thofjuly.com/donate.html

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. Foresters. June 6: Barry Maust. June 19: O.J. Adkins. Everyone is welcome

CHARLEVOIX

RECREATION PLAN INPUT SESSION

The City of Charlevoix is in the process of updating its 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and we want to hear from you. Help shape the future of your community. The City will hold this Public Input Session June 9, 6-8pm at Ferry Beach South Pavilion, 224 Ferry Avenue, to gather feedback about the Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment. Please stop by at your convenience to give your thoughts and ideas for the park and recreation services for the next five years.

CHARLEVOIX

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

June 10, 4-8pm. Charlevoix merchants are celebrating the arrival of the summer season with the 9th Annual Summer Open House taking place downtown Charlevoix on Thursday, June 10th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering sales, giveaways, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments, and more. Stroll the streets and enjoy musical entertainment downtown on the sidewalks from 5 to 8pm.

CHARLEVOIX

RUMMAGE SALE

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church is hosting a Huge Rummage Sale Friday & Saturday, June 11 & 12 from 9am to 3pm. Sale items include couch, chairs, ottoman, dressing table and MUCH more. Proceeds fund a mission trip to an area of Kentucky and Tennessee that is economically very depressed; and also local ministries. Find a treasure and you'll help the folks in Kentucky and Tennessee and locally.

BOYNE CITY

PAVILION SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Boyne Area Chamber produces this free summer concert series on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. The 2021 summer series will take place in the Pavilion at Veterans Park.

6/16 - Full Moon Jam Band
6/23 - Wyatt & Shari Knapp
6/30 - On Tap
7/7 - Great Lakes Orchestra
7/14 - TBD
7/21 - Full Circle
7/28 - Billy McAllister
8/4 - Nelson Olstrom
8/11 - The Real Ingredients
8/18 - Matt Gabriel
8/25 - Full Moon Jam Band

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ELLSWORTH

PIG ROAST

The 40th annual Pig Roast is back and it will be celebrated on June 18th and 19th. It will look different due to Covid restrictions, but it is back! Look for more information soon.

PETOSKEY

CAR SHOW

Emmet County Parks and Recreation is hosting a car show at the Emmet County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 19, from 4-8 p.m.

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.

ELLSWORTH

FIREWORKS

The Ellclair Fireworks will take place this year on July 3rd.

BOYNE CITY

DUCK RACE

July 4th the annual July 4th Duck Race. Buy a duck ticket for a chance to win cash prizes. Watch as 1200 ducks race down the river to the finish line.

BOYNE CITY

STROLL THE STREETS

Friday evenings from mid-June through Labor Day. Our downtown comes alive as families and friends "stroll the streets" listening to music, enjoying entertainment, children's activities and so much more.

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.

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.

BOYNE CITY

KINDER CLOSET

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SENIOR AND EMERGENCY GROCERY SERVICE:

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

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

grocery delivery in transit's scheduling system. This program is currently limited to in-county grocery stores utilizing the store shopping app.

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

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

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

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

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

FARMERS MARKET

The Charlevoix Farmers Market is back for the season. The Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 8am - 1pm in East Park. With over 30 vendors participating, there is sure to be something for everyone in your family.

ELLSWORTH

FARM MARKET

The farm market will open on Saturday morning at the Ellsworth Community Square and will run each Saturday morning through October 8th.

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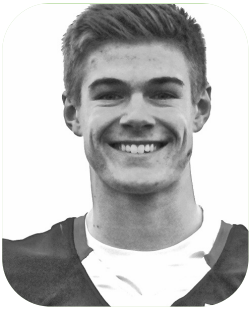
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BOBBY HOTH
RAMBLERS BASEBALL

Bobby Hoth had two hits in each of the games in a double header against TC St. Francis. In game one Hoth knocked in two runs in the 5-1 win. In the second game he was effective at the plate and Hoth would come in relief finishing out the 3 and two-third innings allowing 2 hits, 1 walk and striking out 3

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MADELYN SANDISON
RAYDERS SOFTBALL

In a loss to Mancelona Madelyn Sandison pitched 5 2/3 innings, while striking out 14 batters, allowing 4 hits and 2 walks. In the second game against Mancelona Sandison would come on in relief and pitch 3 innings and allow 2 hits, 1 walk and strikeout 7. Later in the week in a blowout win over Central Lake, Sandison would pitch the whole 3 innings, allowing 3 hits and striking out 6. At the plate she had 3 hits and 3 RBIs

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SOCCER

Ramblers advance, face Elk Rapids Tuesday for chance in District Final

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Girls Soccer team started their opening round of Districts on Wednesday, May 26 when they hosted Traverse City St. Francis.

The scoring would come early and it would come often, as Reagan Woodall opened the game with a goal just 4 minutes and 30 seconds in with an assist from Inanna Hauger. The Ramblers would get right back on the board as this time Hauger would find Taylor Noble less than 30 seconds later to put the Ramblers up 2-0. It would be about another eight minutes, when Jordan Noble would find Hauger and put the Ramblers up three. Taylor Noble would get her second goal of the game just under two minutes later with Woodall being credited with the assist. The Ramblers would continue to pressure but would have to settle for a 4-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Hauger would get her third assist of the game as she would find Megan Harmeling to put the Ramblers up five. The final

goal of the game would come the same way it started as Woodall would score unassisted. The Ramblers would end up winning by a final score of 6-0, moving them on to the next round of the tournament.

“Tonight’s game was bitter sweet. Yes we advanced but for our Seniors, it was the last time they would play a home soccer game this season. Again, our defense (Ally Herrick, Ava Maginity, Maddy Smith and Jordan Sudderth) played exceptional, keeping Traverse City to no shots on goal. While our offense contributed six goals by four different players, it was a great night,” said Head Coach Ed Fantozzi.

The Ramblers will now play Elk Rapids on Tuesday, June 1 for a chance to go to the District Final and play the winner of Cheboygan and Kingsley on Friday, June 4.

Boyne City senior, Jordan Noble (5) moves in to gain control of the ball. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Maddie Smith (12) of Boyne City takes a shot on goal against th Glads. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Ally Herrick (6) battles for possession against the Gladiators. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

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BASEBALL

Ramblers Split With Traverse City St. Francis

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Baseball team would face Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, May 27 at home for a double header.

In game number one, the offense would get going early as they would score three runs in the bottom of the first. Bobby Hoth would have an RBI double, scoring Kaden Jewett. Then Aaron Bess would single, bringing Hoth

around to score. Bess would end up coming around to score on a Mason Wilcox steal. The Ramblers would end up being able to add two more runs in the bottom of the second. Hoth would single home Sean Little and then Hoth would come around to score on a wild pitch. The Gladiators would end being able to score one run in the top of the sixth but that would be all. The Ramblers would win by a score of

5-1. Bess started on the mound and would go the complete game, striking out 9 and allowing 4 hits. The Ramblers would also be led by Bess, along with Hoth with 2 hits each. Hoth would have 2 RBIs, while Jacob Bush and Bess would pick up one as well.

In game number two, the Ramblers would find themselves in a close one. As the game would remain scoreless through the first two innings.

However, in the top of the third, the Gladiators would strike for four runs. The Gladiators would do a great job of keeping the Ramblers at bay as well as they would not score heading into the bottom of the sixth. That is when the offense would come alive for the Ramblers, as Bush would hit a three run home run and cut the Gladiators lead to just one. The Ramblers would eventually get the winning run to the

plate before grounding into a double play. The Ramblers would lose by a final score of 4-3. Sean Little started on the mound going 2 and a third innings, while allowing 5 hits, 2 walks and striking out 1. Hoth would come in relief finishing out the 3 and two-third innings allowing 2 hits, 1 walk and striking out 3. The team would be led by Jewett and Hoth with 2 hits each and Bush with 3 RBIs.

The Split with St. Francis

moves the Ramblers to 18-5 on the season. The Ramblers will be back in action when they host Gaylord St. Mary's on Tuesday, June 1. The Ramblers will then play Harbor Springs on Saturday, June 5 for the chance to advance to the District Championship.

DNR NEWS

DNR: Please avoid muddy trails on your bike

Enjoying the trails at state parks on foot or bike? Remember that using muddy trails can cause erosion and safety issues.

Avoid using trails that are muddy so you don't leave uneven footprints or tire tracks.

If you must traverse a muddy trail, go right through the center of the trail, rather than the sides, to avoid unintentionally widening the trail.

Check out trail etiquette for hiking, ORV and more on the DNR

website. Help keep the trails safe for everyone.

The DNR asks bikers to avoid riding on muddy trails in state parks if possible to prevent erosion and safety issues. (courtesy of DNR)



TRACK

Rambler Boys take fourth, Girls take fifth at Lake Michigan Conference meet

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Boys and Girls Track Teams Competed at the Lake Michigan Conference Track Meet in East Jordan on Wednesday, May 26. The Boys team would end up finishing in fourth place overall, while the girls team would finish in fifth place.

On the Boys side, Brayton Ager finished first in the Discus (124'07"). In High Jump Jackson Menard (5' 04") and Chas Stanek (5'04") finished second and tied for fourth respectively. Bobby Hoth took sixth in the Long Jump (17'03") and first in the 100m Dash (11.75). The 3200m Relay team of Max Matthews, Will Maginity, Gavin Carson, and Joel Carter placed fifth (8:59.5). Menard would end up finishing second in the 110 Hurdles (16.97) and first in the 300m Hurdles (42.76). The 800m Relay team of Kaden Jewett, Phillip Banner, Menard, and Hoth took second place, and the same team beat TC St. Francis in the 400m Relay for first place. Jewett placed fourth in the 200m Dash (24.69), and the 1600m Relay team of Matthews, Maginity, Carson, and Carter placed fifth (3:48.82).

"A very good showing and a number of excellent performances turned in by the team yesterday," said Boy's Head Coach David Willson. The Girl's Track team would end up having 5 new Personal Records, 2 Season Bests, and 8 All-Conference awards.

Grace Dawson (5'00) and Keni Ciesielski (4'10") finished 1-2 in the High Jump with new PR's and All-Conference honors. Sydney Veyerer won the Pole Vault (9'00") with her Season Record and earned First team All-Conference honors. Maddie Matthews finished second in the Long Jump (14'02.25) to earn Second Team All-Conference honors. While the 4x100 Relay team of Veyerer, Dawson, Matthews and Sam Burke finished second to earn Second Team All-Conference honors. Other girls setting new Personal Records were Melody Jarvis in Long Jump (11'05"). Sam Burke in Shot Put (27'07.25), and Maddie Matthews in Shot Put (25'00).

The team competes at the Gaylord Meet of Champions on Tuesday.

Good bird-watching at Grouse Enhanced Sites



Springtime in northern Michigan is a great time to get out and explore Michigan's Grouse Enhanced Management Sites. (courtesy of DNR)

Springtime in northern Michigan is bursting with colorful flora and fauna. To spot the vibrant plumage of an American redstart, golden-winged warbler or indigo bunting, plan a trip to one of Michigan's 19 Grouse Enhanced Management Sites!

GEMS are areas of public land that are managed for wildlife habitat and recreation. While these areas are primarily used for upland game bird hunting in the fall, they provide excellent birding and wildlife viewing locations in the spring and summer. Equipped with accessible walking trails, parking lots and site maps, GEMS can be navigated by explorers of all types. Spend a day exploring or plan a

multiday road trip and book a campsite along your travel route. Visit the GEMS information kiosk and snap a picture of the map before your hike. Read about the versatile ways habitat is managed at the site and the wildlife species that thrive there. Once you've packed your binoculars, water and sunblock, you're ready to go.

To prepare for your trip, visit Michigan.gov/Birding to refresh your bird identification skills, learn about respectful birding habits and see other nearby birding locations.

There are thousands of acres of GEMS waiting to be explored. Find locations and site descriptions at Michigan.gov/GEMS.

Go searching for cicada this summer

Ann Arbor area is expected epicenter for Brood X

Looking for something a little different? If you want to spend time outdoors but aren't sure about fighting the "Up North" traffic, consider heading the other direction in search of a once-in-a-generation spectacle from Mother Nature instead!

The warmer nights are enticing a group of 17-year cicadas – named Brood X – to come out of the ground and look for a mate. Some

of these mysterious insects already have emerged in the Ann Arbor area (the state's expected epicenter), and numbers statewide likely will peak around mid-June.

Cicadas are not dangerous, but they are big and loud. Go to the DNR's wildlife viewing: cicada page or more information on where to find them and how you can play an important role in cicada science.

A group of 17-year cicadas, named Brood X, will be coming out this summer and looking for mates. The insects are big and loud but harmless. Learn more on the DNR website's cicada page. (courtesy of DNR)



Happy Trees Virtual 5K draws good response

More than 18,000 participated this spring from all 50 states

Inspired by Bob Ross' love of the outdoors, more than 18,000 people took part in this year's Happy Little Virtual 5K late last month between Earth Day and Arbor Day.

The tree-planting program – where seeds are placed in the care of inmates in one of Michigan Department of Correction's education programs – began in 2004, but grew into the "Happy Little Trees" program in 2019 during the Michigan state parks centennial, when the DNR Parks and Recreation Division and Bob Ross Inc. partnered on programming to help raise awareness of tree-planting and forest protection efforts in state parks.

The program began with hundreds of volunteers helping to plant "happy little trees" at locations hard-hit by invasive pests and tree diseases, but the partnership quickly expanded to include thousands of runners and walkers raising awareness and funding for stewardship efforts through the Run for the Trees/Happy Little Virtual 5K.



The Run for the Trees/Happy Little Virtual 5K drew an excellent response this spring, raising funds for tree planting and forest protection efforts. (courtesy of DNR)

Race proceeds support tree-planting and forest protection efforts – such as invasive plant and forest pest management and early detection surveys – in Michigan state parks and recreation areas. Many of these locations have been affected by tree pests and diseases like emerald ash borer and oak wilt.

This year's Happy Little Virtual 5K welcomed 18,089 participants,

70% of which hailed from Michigan, followed next by Ohio and Wisconsin. All 50 states were represented, and 150 people participated internationally from England, Australia and Mexico.

Participants completed their 5K anywhere outdoors anytime between April 22-30. For \$34 per person, each participant received a keepsake Happy Little T-shirt, a commemorative bib number and a

finisher's medal featuring a reproduction of a real Bob Ross painting. This year's race raised \$305,000 for tree-planting and forest protection efforts in state parks.

The program has produced more than 100,000 native plants, shrubs and trees since its start in 2004. With support from the Bob Ross partnership, more than 2,100 trees have been planted in 20 state parks across Michigan. The U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and Chateau Grand Traverse also have provided significant support for the program.

"Over the past two years, this Bob Ross-inspired event has generated more than \$600,000 for tree planting and efforts to protect forests in state parks," said Michelle O'Kelly, fund developer and Happy Little Trees race director for the DNR Parks and Recreation Division. "Though the race takes place in the short window between Earth Day and Arbor Day, the positive impact on Michigan's 'Happy Little Trees' will be felt for many years – and many trees – to come."

Learn more about the program at Michigan.gov/DNRHappyLittleTrees.

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SOFTBALL

Red Devils split with Ellsworth, drop both to Kalkaska

BY: DOM SANTINA

The East Jordan Softball team started the week off with home games against Ellsworth on Tuesday, May 25.

ELLSWORTH

In game number one, the offense would definitely struggle. LeAnn Schroeder would be left with no runs scored in the first three innings. While they struggled, the Lancers would capitalize. As they would put up 10 runs in that time. The Red Devils would eventually break through and put up two runs in the bottom of the third. However that would not be enough. As the Lancers

would win game number one by a final score of 10-0. Schroeder would end up walking three and allowing four hits. Haley Gibson would end up coming in relief and pitch 4 and two-thirds innings. Gibson would allow two walks and five hits while striking out five. The Red Devils would end up having a triple from Alley Whiteford. While having Lillian Stone, Sophie Snyder, Skylar Barnett, Lindsey Cross and Eliona Leaman with singles.

In game number two, the team would find a little bit of offense. Evelyn Diller would end up starting in the pitching circle. The Lancers were held scoreless until the top of the second inning. In the bottom of the second inning, the Red Devils would end up put-

ting up seven runs. The game would go scoreless through the third inning. In the fourth, the Red Devils would take complete control with a 10 run inning. The Red Devils would win game number two by a final score of 17-4. Diller would end up allowing four hits, while walking one and striking out two. The Red Devils would have Diller, Leaman and Haley Lafferty with singles. Leaman would pick up two singles in the game with Diller and Haley Lafferty with singles each. With splitting the double header the Red Devils record moves to 6-16 on the season.

“Ellsworth had an aggressive start to this game. Our offense just couldn't catch up. In the second game, we were the aggressors and (Evelyn)

Diller pitched really well. It felt good to get the split,” said Head Coach Meg Kitson.

The Red Devils would then head to Kalkaska on Friday, May 28.

KALKASKA

The first game of the double header would be one for memory, just not one the Red Devils would want to remember. Schroeder would get the start on the mound and go five innings allowing seven runs on nine hits, two walks and three strikeouts. While the rest of the Red Devils would find themselves no hit by Blazers starting pitcher Mia Miller. The Red Devils would end up losing by a final score of 7-0.

In game number two, Gib-

son would get the start in the circle. The Red Devils would get two runs in the top of the first, but the Blazers would come storming back. They would add three runs as they would head to the second inning. The Red Devils would be shut out for the next three innings as the Blazers would put up seven runs. The Red Devils would eventually break through for four more runs but could not close the rest of the gap. As they would lose the first matchup by a final score of 10-6. The team was led by Kylie Skrocki with a single and 3 RBI, while Rhyen Olsen and Skylar Barnett each had a single and an RBI. Allie Whiteford would also contribute a hit. Gibson would end up allowing five hits and three walks in her

outing. While Schroeder would come on in relief allowing one hit, two walks and striking out two.

“We got our sticks going in the second game to get some runs in. We were very happy with our defensive effort in both games,” said Coach Kitson.

The losses move the Red Devils record to 6-18 on the season. The Red Devils will wrap up their regular season with a trip to Pellston on Wednesday, June 2 before playing Charlevoix in the opening round of the district tournament. The game will be held in Charlevoix and is scheduled for 12 o'clock on Friday, June 4.

Lancers struggle against Mancelona, split pair against EJ

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Softball team traveled to play East Jordan on Tuesday, May 25 for a double header. Then they would head to play Mancelona on Thursday, May 27.

EAST JORDAN

The Lancers would get the offense going in game number one. As they would be able to drive home 11 runs to support Avery Strange, who started the game in the pitching circle. She would scatter 6 hits, while striking out 9. Strange, Bahley Glynn and Celia Dhillon would all score two runs. Dhillon would have a three run homerun at one point as well. The Lancers would take game number one by a final score of 11-2.

In game number two, the Red Devils would be able to stifle the Lancers offense. udy Veldboom would hit a homerun, while Strange, Jasmine Adams and Emma DeYoung had hits for the Lancers. The runs were not there in game two and would drop the matchup by a final score of 17-4. Strange would be charged with the loss.

The Lancers would then make a trip over to Mancelona for their second matchup on the week.

MANCELONA

The Lancers would struggle against the Ironmen. In game number one, the Lancers would be able to load the bases, but could not get a run home. Strange would start in the pitching circle but never got the run support she needed. They would end up dropping the first game by a final score of 12-2. Strange would end up being charged with the loss. The Lancers would have trouble in game number two as well. The Lancers would fall in game number two as well. The final score would be a final score of 9-1.

The Lancers finish the season 12-17. They will wait for the winner of the Central Lake - Bellaire District Semi-Final to see who they play on Saturday, June 5 for the District Championship.

Ramblers finish 2nd at Reese tournament

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Softball team would play Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, May 27.

In game number one, the Ramblers found themselves down pretty big, as they trailed 14-5 heading into the bottom of the fourth. The Ramblers would score a couple in the fourth, six in the fifth inning. However, the Ramblers would come up short in the end.

In game number two, the Ramblers would have to weather a six run third inning from the Gladiators. The Gladiators would end up scoring a few more runs and end up dropping the second game as well. In the double header, the Ramblers would have Maggee Behling and Rachel Clausen with four



The Boyne City Softball team poses for a picture after the second-place finish at the Reese tournament on May 29.

hits each. Savannah Kroondyk and Delaney Vollmer would have three

hits each. Login Rader and Lucy Uy would contribute two hits each. Zoe Harmon and Bella Cosier were charged with a loss each.

The team would then travel on Saturday, May 29 to play in the Reese Tournament. The team would end up placing second on the day. The Ramblers would end up

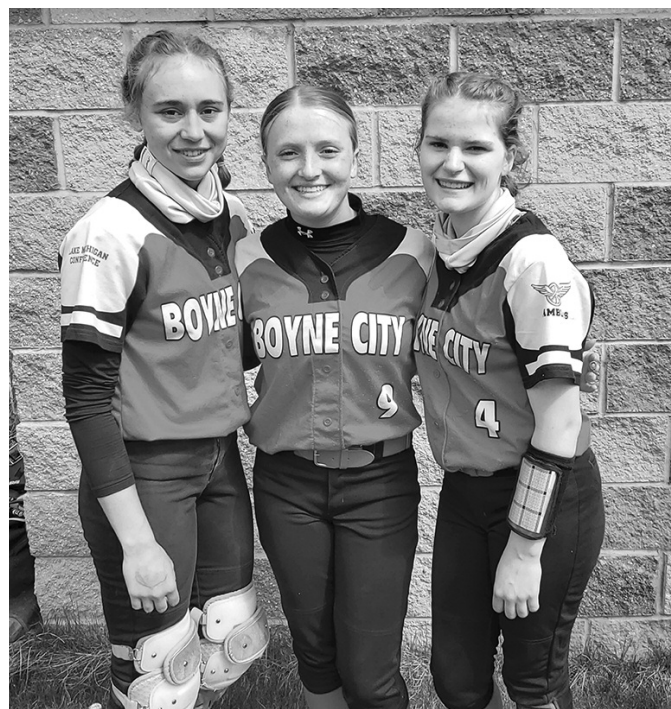
picking up wins against Reese and Bishop Foley and lost to the winner of the tournament Clinton.

The Ramblers would beat Reese in the first game by a final score 10-9. In game number two on the day, the Ramblers would beat Bishop Foley by a final score of 12-8. The Ramblers would then

take on Clinton. The Ramblers would lead 2-1 heading to the bottom of the sixth inning, where Clinton would tally four runs on five hits. Harmon and Cosier each earned a pitching win and would split time in the circle during the Clinton game. On the day, all three seniors would hit a homerun, Behling and Rader would have 5 hits on the day. While Clausen and Vollmer would have four, Harmon and Uy would have three and Cosier and Kroondyk would have two.

“It was a good day for Boyne, we battled back and won, it was great to play well headed into the District and it is where we need to be. We are looking forward to a good week of practice and playing well on Friday,” said Head Coach Sandra Clausen.

The Ramblers will get a direct bye to the District Final on Friday, June 4 at 2 o'clock. They will wait for the winner of East Jordan and Charlevoix. The tournament will be hosted in Charlevoix.



Rambler seniors go long ball.

All 3 seniors for Boyne City hit a home run over the fence, at the Reese Tournament, May 29th, 2021. They also are the leaders at their defensive positions as, Maggee Behling, catcher, Zoe Harmon, pitcher, and Loagen Rader, center field, have lead the Lady Ramblers throughout the 2021 season. Photo by Becky Palmiter



Maggee Behling slides in safe to score against Foley, at the Reese Tournament. Photo by Becky Palmiter

Rayders get walked off twice by Mancelona, sweep Central Lake

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Softball team would have two matchups this week. As they would travel to play Mancelona on Tuesday, May 24. Then they would travel to play Central Lake on Friday, May 28.

MANCELONA

Madelyn Sandison would get the start on the rubber for game number one, which she has done throughout most of the season. The game would remain scoreless through the first two innings until the Rayders would break through in the top of the third. Anna Kemp would have a sacrifice groundout to bring home Aeryn Larson. The Ironmen would score one back in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game. However, it would not last long as in the top of the fifth, Avery Zipp would hit an RBI double driving Sandison home. The

Rayders would hold a one run lead heading into the bottom of the sixth. That is when the Ironmen would find some room and drive home two runs and walk off to a 3-2 victory. Sandison would end up going 5 and two-thirds innings, while striking out 14 batters, allowing 4 hits and 2 walks. The Rayders would be led by Zoe Brodin and Larson with two hits each.

In game number two, the Rayders would look to turn the tides and get a split in the double header. The Rayders would find themselves down early, as the Ironmen would put up four runs in the bottom of the first. The Rayders would finally get the offense going in the top of the fourth as Sydney Wurst would have an RBI single, scoring Zipp. The Rayders would continue the momentum in the fifth as they would even the score at four, by scoring three runs. The game would remain tied as the teams headed for the seventh and final inning.

Brodin would end up having an RBI groundout to score Sandison and put the Rayders up 5-4. It all looked good, until lightning would strike twice for the Ironmen. As they would once again walk off the Rayders by a final score of 6-5. Kate Klinger started the game on the rubber going 4 innings, while allowing 5 hits, 1 walk and striking out 6. Sandison would come on in relief and allow 2 hits, 1 walk and strikeout 7. The offense would be led by Kemp with 3 hits and Klinger with 2. Brodin would end up having 2 RBIs on the night. With the two losses it moves their record to 14-12 on the season.

The team would then play in their second double header of the week with Central Lake.

CENTRAL LAKE

After heartbreak earlier in the week with losing both games due to a walk off, the Rayders would look to get

back on track against Central Lake. They would never put the game in doubt, as they would have a hitting clinic in the first inning, scoring 18 runs. The Rayders would keep the Trojans in check in the top of the second, before adding on a run in the bottom of the inning. The game would be called after two and a half innings due to the mercy rule. The Rayders would win by a final score of 19-0. Sandison would pitch the whole three innings, allowing 3 hits and striking out 6. Brodin, Zipp and Sandison would lead the way with three hits each. Kemp would have 4 RBIs, while Zipp and Sandison would have 3 each. Sandison would get the win on the rubber.

The Rayders would look to sweep the Trojans in game number two. The Trojans would not let them jump out to such a big lead, as they would get a run themselves in the top of the first. The Rayders would have another

big first inning, just not quite as big as game one. The Rayders would lead 6-1. The Trojans would close one run closer in the top of the second, but the Rayders would respond with one in the bottom of the third and two in the bottom of the fourth. The Trojans would come back with three runs in the top of the fifth but that is as close as they could get. The Rayders would pick up a 9-5 victory. Klinger would go 5 innings on the rubber allowing 8 hits, walking four and striking out 6. Kylie Dorst would come in for the sixth inning, allowing 2 walks, 1 hit and striking out 1. The two wins moved the Rayders to 16-12 on the season.

The Rayders will host Traverse City Central on Tuesday, June 1 before playing in their District tournament on Friday, June 4. They will play East Jordan at 12 o'clock with the winner playing Boyne City in the District Championship at 2 o'clock.

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Marie Kelenske

Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary

Charlevoix County Commissioners Synopsis ~ May 26, 2021

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on May 26, 2021 at 6:01 p.m. Five Commissioners were present. Commissioner Hankins was excused.

Motion approved the agenda as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion to appoint Tim Nemecek to the Veterans Board.

Motion approved to accept Wilmot Electric Senior Center Kitchen Remodel Proposal.

Motion approved Resolution #21-068, 2021 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #21-069, Safe Harbor Adolescent Recovery Program Black Diamond Broadcasting.

Motion approved Resolution #21-070, Physician Services for Inmate Health Care Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #21-071, Little Traverse Wheelway Repair.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 6:59 p.m.

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This four bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home has approximately 2,800 square feet of exquisitely designed and appointed space. Among the many highlights

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