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Inside this week! East Jordan Public Schools Recreational Millage Proposal

BY DAVE BARAGREY

East Jordan voters will be asked to approve a recreational millage proposal for East Jordan Schools on August 3rd. This special millage will be used to fund operation, repairs and updates for the East Jordan Community Pool.

Here are a few questions and answers on the recreational millage.

What is a recreational millage...and why is the school asking for your support?

A Recreational Millage can be used by the public school district, for recreational facilities.

This Recreational Millage is a big Investment for the long term success of the Pool.

A Recreational Millage at EJPS will cover large scale updates that will protect the general fund finances in the future.

East Jordan Public School District voters will be asked to approve a .6 mill Recreational Millage for the purpose of operating and

repairing the East Jordan Community Pool. The pending recreational millage proposal is another example of the District's commitment to maximize financial resources while minimizing the burden to local taxpayers. Timing is such that it is possible to present a comprehensive proposal without increasing taxes to our constituency.

MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE MILLAGE:

- Daily operations of the

- Pool
- Structural roof repairs
- External and internal masonry repairs
- Painting and sealing the interior
- Replacement of interior finishes
- Optimization of mechanical systems
- Lighting replacement

THE FACTS.....

At the August 3rd school election, school district voters will be asked to approve a .6 mill Recreational Millage proposal for a period of 10

years. The pool was originally constructed in 1987 and has served our community well over this timeframe.

Over the 34 year history of the pool, the structure has aged to the point we are now looking at structural repairs so we can continue to provide this resource to the East Jordan community.

Building infrastructure, energy efficiency and updating at the Pool will benefit ALL East Jordan residents

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91st Annual Venetian Festival A homespun party since 1930

Venetian was back and in spite of some inclement weather on Saturday morning all but one event came together successfully. The crowds came wearing smiles, anticipating a good time and were not disappointed.

The 8 days of Venetian officially kicked off Saturday, July 17 at Ferry Beach with Aquapalooza. "We finally had great weather; the last 2 years has not been so great weather-wise. Lots of people with big smiles, kids running around laughing. It was great to see things starting to get back to normal somewhat. The band was awesome! A band from Jamaica, Zion Lion," said Tino Shackelford of Charlevoix. Shackelford has faithfully attended the Venetian Aquapalooza since 2014. "All in all it was a great time. People barbecuing along with corn hole and volleyball tournaments," he added. The Venetian Carnival



opened the midway on Wednesday afternoon giving another reason to come downtown. Thursday kid's day was filled with train themed rides and events held at Castle Farms followed by \$10 ride all day armbands at the midway. The Farmer's Market filled the parks offering home-

grown and baked goodies. That evening the Venetian Queen was crowned in East Park. The 2021 Miss Venetian Queen is Alison Sapel who also won the essay contest.

The Music line-up was exhilarating throughout the event. Sleeping Gypsies on Thursday, Jon Archambault Band and Union Guns on Friday and Horton Creek and Journey tribute band "The Journey" entertained the crowds gathering on Saturday. Quartets strolled the streets serenading the crowds.

New this year, an Acrobatic Aircraft Fireworks Show was held at Depot Beach just before the Friday night fireworks that were launched from the ground. "The acrobatic aircraft was a very dramatic event. We

were able to expedite the permitting process with the FAA and Coast Guard. You could tell they wanted to make that possible for us," said Dan Barron who has been Venetian Festival President for the past 23 years. "We have some really sensational events. We're really proud. Many of our events such as our fireworks equal or surpass those in larger cities," he said.

The parade was cancelled due to down pouring rain and the threat of lightning but the athletes completed the races in spite of the rain and the Charlevoix Lions Club still cooked and served their chicken in East Park.

Sunday morning, Worship on the Water was a serene

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Boyne City Commission candidates answer questions from residents at forum

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

A public forum hosted by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce featuring the seven nominated city commission candidates was held at 6 p.m. on July 22 at the Boyne City Hall. The seven candidates are currently competing for three commission seats that expire in November 2025. The maximum number of candidates allowed on November's general election ballot is six. The Aug. 3 primary election will narrow the candidate pool by one.

Candidates include three incumbents running for reelection: Ron Grunch, Sally Page and Dean Ross Solomon. Challengers include George Lasater, Marty Moody, Tim Nemecek and Joseph Schlegel.

The forum was emceed by Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Kim Akin. Questions were selected from those submitted by members of the community. Another forum will be held in October and Akin encouraged community members to submit any questions they may still have, to be addressed at that time.

Incumbent Ronald Grunch was not able to attend the forum.

This article contains excerpts from the candidate's responses. Each candidate was given two minutes to introduce themselves. Each candidate repeated their list of accomplishments found in the Chamber newsletter and concluded with the following statements.

GEORGE LASATER:

"It's time to give back to this community. I want to do

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FRIDAY



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LOW: 56

SATURDAY



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LOW: 55

SUNDAY



HIGH: 72
LOW: 51

MONDAY



HIGH: 69
LOW: 50

TUESDAY



HIGH: 71
LOW: 53

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DAY	AVG LOW	AVG. HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
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JUL 30...	.55	...82	...40 (1965)	.97 (2006)
JUL 31...	.55	...82	...39 (1962)	.99 (1955)
AUG 1...	.55	...82	...43 (1968)	.99 (2006)
AUG 2...	.55	...81	...36 (1959)	.99 (2006)
AUG 3...	.55	...81	...33 (1965)	.98 (1988)
AUG 4...	.55	...81	...35 (1971)	.93 (1955)
AUG 5...	.54	...81	...39 (1967)	.96 (1988)
AUG 6...	.54	...81	...37 (1975)	.92 (1965)
AUG 7...	.54	...81	...39 (1976)	.93 (2001)

OBITUARIES

James Edward Weisler, 84

(JAN. 20, 1936 - APRIL 13, 2020)



This is the story of James Edward Weisler. Jim was the youngest of 4 children born to Oscar and Eleanor Weisler on January 20th, 1936.

Jim (my dad) grew up in East Jordan, he was an East Jordan Red Devil's football player, and was proud to have been coached by Dan Devine.

After graduation he married Shelby Disbrow of Central Lake and they had a daughter Mary "Missy". A few years later Jim re-married Lou Ann McGuire of Central Lake and had his sec-

ond daughter Marcia. His final marriage to Ivah Hetherington of Central Lake was the love of his life. There was something about them Central Lake women that kept him entertained, and he was the "Don Juan" of the day. All three wife's preceded Jim in death, as well as his daughter Mary.

My dad was a German decedent and his stubbornness was proof. If you were blessed to know my dad you experienced his stubbornness. But, my dad also had many other sides that made him the wonderful man he was, and the best Daddy ever. Many could give him labels that I am sure he lived up to, to the fullest. He was a jokester, he loved to keep you laughing and if nothing else smile. He was quick with his comebacks and loved a good conversation. Seriousness, was never one of his strong traits. He was a believe it or not a patient man in my tender years, but that trait faded as the years went by. He was set in his ways, and things had a right way and a wrong way. And if it was "not" done his way it was the wrong way, period.

He was a hard worker and never shied away from work. He took on a challenges with-

out hesitation and his wife Ivah right beside him. They were equally matched. My dad was a masonry/builder in his younger years and was proud that he had helped build some of the larger structures still standing today. Original McLaren hospital being one of them. This is where my dad departed this earthly realm in the morning hours of April 13th, to start his next chapter in the Heavens.

Later in life he was the Head custodian of the Ellsworth High School, this is where he found much joy in his day to day activities. He could joke with the students and pull pranks on the staff. It was an endless supply of people for him to make laugh. It was during this time that my dad was probably the most active, working full time, renovating his old farm house and living life on his terms. Later after retirement he slowed down, never stopped making people laugh, but just spent more time enjoying family. With the three marriages my dad had acquired not only his two daughters, but 11 other step children that he helped raise. The added responsibility was never seen as a challenge but an opportunity. My dad loved to have people around.

My family expanded my dad's to include a son-in-law (Pat Gibbard Sr.), three grandchildren (Patrick Gibbard Jr./Brooke) and their children Andrew, Addison and Nora. (Alicia Lansing/Joseph) and their son's Logan and Jonah. His name sake (Jamie Simon/Neil) and their children Blake and Kaylee.

My dad also had the Grandvue Family that he spent his final chapter with here on earth. For Six years he had a new audience and he wore new hats. He was best known as Jim "AKA Trouble" and he wore his pin daily with pride. He was known as the "Morning Greeter" he would spend his mornings greeting each staff that came to work in hopes of putting a smile on their face or perhaps pulling a joke. He was known as the "Candy Man" in recent years as he choose to hoard up candy and distribute thru out the year to staff, children and Amish singers that would come into the facility to entertain. He had a heart for many and showed it in the way he knew best. Making them smile and treats. My dad to me was a strong man, with great patience. He entertained me, but we butted heads just as often. I spend a great deal of time with my dad in the past couple years and learned to just love him on his terms and where he was at, all while watching the light of who he was slowly fade. In his final week my dad engaged in a Zoom video chat with his family and enjoyed it a great deal. He was able to wish everyone a Happy Easter and express his love. His last act of kindness was making up bags of Easter Candy for the Grandvue staff so they would find them Monday morning when they came to work. I am sure he was watching from heaven as they were finding their treats. Rest in Peace Dad and may your audience in Heaven have a sense of humor.

Love and miss you
Please share a memory of my dad and how he joked you, because I know he did.
A Graveside Committal

Service will be held on Saturday, August 7 at 11AM at Saint Joseph Calvary Cemetery on Division Street in East Jordan. A light luncheon to follow at 1PM at the Lighthouse Missionary Church at 7824 Rogers Rd. East Jordan.

Judith Amy (Dexter) Haney, 82

(JULY 31, 1938 - JULY 17, 2021)



On Saturday July 17, 2021, Judith Amy Haney, loving wife and mother of five children passed away at the age of 82.

Judy was born on July 31, 1938, in Detroit to Earl and Dolores Dexter.

On June 22, 1957, she married Joseph Haney. They raised two sons, Joseph Jr. and Paul and three daughters, Elizabeth, Susan, and Patricia.

Judy enjoyed her life as a homemaker, gardening, canning, and helping with the family farm. She also enjoyed sewing making beautiful quilts for others.

She was a devoted wife of 64 years before the passing of her husband, Joe on July 22, 2011. She loved her farm up here in East Jordan but after Joe's retirement, also enjoyed her winters in Florida being near her daughters.

Judy is survived by her 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

The funeral mass was held on Tuesday, July 27th at 11am at St. John's Nepomuceno Catholic Church, 4676 St. John's Road, East Jordan.

If you wish to donate in Judy's name please do so to the American Heart Association.

his time to working on his grandparent's farm alongside his brother Tracy. He loved their time working the family land.

On May 5, 2005, in Charlevoix, he married Treasa F. Maurer who survives. Also surviving are 2 brothers, Tracey (Tabatha) Simpson of Gaylord, Jason Simpson of Boyne Falls, his mother Joanne (Randy) Cebulski of Charlevoix, his father Ron Simpson of Charlevoix, 2 step-children, Brian Hammond of Manistee, Michelle Hammond of East Jordan, his grandson Silas Hammond whom he adored, 3 step-sisters, Courtney Cebulski, Tamatha Cebulski, Brittney (Tony) Kountoupis and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both his paternal and maternal grandparents, his step-mother Barb Simpson and his beloved dog "The Beefy One".

There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, August 8 from 2-4pm at the Barnard Grange Hall in Marion Township.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to a memorial fund set up for Rob's grandson Silas. Please make checks payable to Tracey Simpson c/o Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State Street Charlevoix MI 49720.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Edward Palmer, 75

(JUNE 14, 1946 - JULY 17, 2021)



Edward Palmer of Beaver Island died at his home under the tender care of his family on July 17, 2021. Edward was born on Beaver Island on June 14, 1946 to Clarence and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer. He spent all of his life living on the island with the exception of his time in the Vietnam

Robert J. Simpson, 45

(SEPT. 6, 1975 - JULY 21, 2021)

Robert J. Simpson of Charlevoix passed away on July 21, 2021 at his home.

Rob was born on September 6, 1975, in Charlevoix, the son of Ronald Simpson and Joanne Potter.

He was a lifelong resident of Charlevoix and loved the outdoors. You could often find him building one of his "huge" campfires for all to enjoy. He was a well-respected man, always helping others no matter what they needed.

Rob was always working and owned multiple businesses through the years and is probably best known for his woodworking company. He did everything from firewood to building projects. In his younger years he devoted

war and while sailing on the Ludington car ferries.

From a very young age it was evident that Edward had a natural ability to play music and sing. Over the years, he used his musical gifts to heal, entertain and celebrate many generations of Islanders. And in his later years, he enjoyed playing music for the elderly at assisted living facilities all over Northern Michigan. While he played harmonica and guitar beautifully, he mastered at the piano.

Edward enjoyed Beaver Island history and genealogy. He also loved to travel and to meet new people. He was everyone's friend. He enjoyed making others happy through everyday small gestures of kindness. But his biggest love was for his family.

Edward was survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary Palmer; their children Tara (Charles) Palmer-Pop, Cory Palmer, Hilary Palmer and Rita (Jeffrey) Palmer-Stewart; grandchildren Mary-Ann Palmer-Pop and Ava Palmer-Bousquet; siblings Evelyn (Thomas) Oleksy and Roberta Palmer. He also had many nieces and nephews that he thought the world of, and likewise.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Palmer and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer; siblings Gracie Palmer, Irene (Palmer) Henize, Robert Palmer, Russell Palmer, Perry Palmer, Mary Anne (Palmer) Ferguson and Virginia Palmer.

Edward's family will accept friends and visitors on September 3, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Funeral Mass with take place on September 4, 2021 at 12:00 pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church followed by a short military service at Veteran's Park. A late luncheon and celebration of life will begin immediately following at Holy Cross Parish Hall where an evening of live music by Edward's family and old bandmates can be enjoyed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Beaver Island AMVETS Post 46 or the Ellen Welke Fund.

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

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Boyne City Commission primary will reduce field of candidates for November election

There are three City Commission seats up for election in November. Seven individuals were successfully nominated to run for election. With having more than six candidates, the City will hold a primary election on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. The nominees who will be on the primary ballot (listed in alphabetical order) are as follows:

Ronald J. Grunch
George Robert Lasater
Marty Moody
Timothy James Nemecek
Sally L. Page
Joseph Schlegel
Dean Ross Solomon

The general election, which will decide the three candidates who will serve, is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Each seat is a four year term

RONALD GRUNCH

I have served on the Boyne City Commission for 20 years as commissioner, Mayor pro tem, and Mayor.



Chaired fund raiser to construct Boyne Area Senior Center.

Owned and operate Sears catalog franchise, Western Auto, and Computer Guys thirty five years.

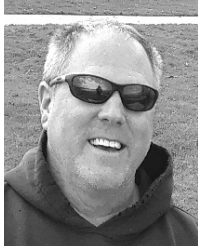
Graduate Charlevoix High School 1960. BA and MBA Pacific Western University.

Served four years USAF. Married to my wife Elaine 55 years and have six grandchildren that live in the Boyne City area. Boyne resident 49 years.

Very proud of the Boyne Team I work with that achieved many of the top ten City wide goals. That makes Boyne City great place to live work and play.

GEORGE LASATER

I was born near Advance and have lived in Boyne City for 28 years, where I graduated from Boyne City High School in 1988 and was a team captain in football and track. I have worked for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office for 27 years and hold the rank of Administrative Road Patrol Lieutenant. My wife, Melissa Lasater, and I have



been married for 28 years and we have one son Luke, who is currently in college at NCMC. I enjoy shipwreck scuba diving, local history and anything on or in the water. I look forward to serving the citizens of Boyne City.

MARTY MOODY

Marty was born and raised in this beautiful community we call Boyne City. Marty graduated from Boyne City High School and has been a successful businessman for the past 36 years in the town he has always been happy to call home. Having been around the Real Estate business for the past 35 years from an investment and building standpoint, as well as running a successful sales team, it made perfect sense to take his knowledge and experience to the next level as he became a Realtor and joined Lynda's Real Estate Service 18 years ago. Marty has always been extremely active in the community, from his many years of service as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Trustee on the Boyne City School Board, as well as volunteering in almost any capacity on the many boards and committees serving beautiful Boyne City. Marty and his wife Connie have four beautiful daughters, Brittny (Adam) Popa, Kristin (Tony) Last, Morganne Moody, Cassidy Moody, as well as his 4 grandkids.



The main reason for running for City Commission is the need to curtail some of the mis-management that has seemed to creep into the powers in our great city ever so slowly over the past few years. I wish to be a good steward of the Taxpayer and have no axe to grind, just want Boyne City to remember where it came from a little more, and show more respect to the people that live and work here each and every day. As a man of and for the people I think it's important to make the City Commission remember that they are the leaders of this community, not the City Manager, as he is hired by the Commission to do the bidding of this community, not the other way around. I am looking forward to serving the citizens of Boyne City.

TIMOTHY NEMECEK

I'm passionate about serving the community and being a servant leader. My military service and experience from



being an asset protection / operations manager for 10 years has taught me the most impactful and successful style of leadership is a servant leader who is willing to put in the hard work alongside their direct reports. Currently I'm putting in the hard work and time in serving the community of Boyne as:

- An active Board member of the Boyne City Kiwanis Club
- Board member of the Boyne City Planning Commission
- Board member of the Boyne City Historic District Commission
- Board member of the Boyne City Veterans Memorial Committee
- Board member of the Charlevoix County Veterans Committee

I also attend and broadcast many other local public meetings, to help share and promote transparency while engaging others in Boyne City who may not have a flexible schedule to attend meetings in person, but have an interest in being part of the discussions that shape the wonderful community of Boyne City. I would like to continue to serve the wonderful community of Boyne City and utilize my skills and experience to be impactful in the success of our wonderful community. I have a true passion to serve others and to make an impactful difference in positive strides. I would be humbled to have the opportunity to serve the wonderful people of Boyne City and to help find unity for our community!

Boyne City is a wonderful and beautiful community already, but we do face challenges and decisions have to be made at the local government level to preserve that beauty and success. I believe with bringing my experience and skills to the city commission, we could find ways to utilize best practices & technology to engage the residents and business owners of Boyne City to allow for stronger engagement from the public, which will strengthen the conversations naturally by listening

and brainstorming with the public to showcase the value of their voices and opinions. I'd love to answer any other questions and open the floor for discussion. Feel free to reach out and visit my campaign page on Facebook at "Tim Nemecek for Boyne City Commissioner."

SALLY PAGE

I have been a resident of Boyne City since 2005 when I bought my little cottage on Main Street, having moved here to be closer to my daughter Liz, co-owner of Lake Street Market, and my son Josh, an engineer with Nucore in Charlevoix.



Since 2017, it has been my honor to serve on the Board of Commissioners in Boyne City. My qualifications in 2017 included forty years in the legal world, from working as a Court Reporter in Washington, DC, to managing law offices or working in court systems from San Francisco to New Mexico and ending with managing the Emmet County Prosecutor's Office for twenty-five years until I retired in 2013. I handled the daily operations in most of the management positions I held, so I had years of experience dealing with budgets, office procedures and overseeing daily operations of staff. Since retiring I have operated my own business providing verbatim transcripts of court proceedings in Circuit and District courts throughout the state, and I continue doing so to this day.

Now, with four years "on the job" as a commissioner, I feel that the knowledge I have gained, including operating in a very difficult pandemic year, where close in-person contact was necessarily limited; I have a much greater understanding of the challenges we face, and how the process works, which enhances my qualifications for reelection.

JOSEPH SCHLEGEL

Have been a homeowner in Boyne city for five years.

And have been enjoying trips to Boyne City for skiing and



visits to a family cottage since 1985.

54 years of age.

Now that I am a resident of Boyne City I am looking to be a part of the process of helping to keep it a great city moving into the future.

As far as issues I will have to evaluate those as they come once elected.

But based on current meetings it looks like we will certainly still be dealing with the issue of short term rentals. And I know the current commissioners have already started to properly address the issue. A lot of it will come down to the state laws that are currently under consideration which will possibly limit the scope of what we can do locally.

I do hope to work to balance our blue-collar economy needs with the needs of our tourism-based economy.

Having spent time as a business owner in small Midwestern towns with some industry and tourism reliance I feel I am able to offer a good perspective for the needs of Boyne City and its residents.

Plus my current employment keeps me in and out of various small businesses throughout the region which allows me to see, hear, and understand what is going on in the area.

So pretty much source relevant and in real time when it comes to constituents issues and/or needs.

Again regarding issues once elected I will deal with them as they come to the best of my ability. And my basic standard in dealing with issues at hand will come down to the question:

Is it good for Boyne City or not good for Boyne City and its residents?

DEAN SOLOMON

Since moving to Boyne

City in 2006, my family and I grew to love the area - its beauty, friendly people, and can-do attitude. We truly live in a special place. Two of our three children graduated from Boyne City High School.



Before being elected to the Boyne City Commission, I retired from Michigan State University Extension after a 35-year career. Eleven of those were in the Boyne City office as the Charlevoix County Extension Director and as a natural resources and local government educator. During my MSU career, I

really enjoyed serving on the Boyne City Farmers Market Committee, facilitating the Boyne City biennial community goal-setting meetings, guiding the Boyne City to US 31 trail steering committee, working with local organizations to protect Lake Charlevoix and helping the Boyne Area Chamber during their annual planning sessions. I was also a member of the Charlevoix County Planning Commission for four years.

I'm very proud of what my City Commission colleagues and I achieved these past four years. Highlights for me: completing the Open Space purchase, transforming the Veteran's Park pavilion into a wonderful year-round space, updating our zoning rules to promote housing options, approving new housing developments that will create over 200 new reasonably priced homes and apartments, and approving the Great Lakes Energy expansion and new Daifuku Jervis Webb facility that will create new family-supporting jobs.

We also made special efforts to successfully increase the number of residents engaged in our city goal-setting process and created new opportunities for residents to learn about and comment on development proposals.

If I am reelected, I will continue to work hard to expand housing choices for Boyne City residents, protect our wonderful natural resources and quality of life, promote Boyne City as a great place to live and do business, create more ways for residents to have a voice in Boyne City's direction, and seek funds to complete improvements to the new Open Space.

I'd be honored to continue serving on the City Commission and help Boyne City grow and meet our challenges.

ALSO ...

SEE PAGES 1A AND 6A FOR CANDIDATE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, JUL 13, 2021

Boyne City looks into short term rentals

BY: DOM SANTINA

BOYNE CITY- The Commission would be one member short for their usual meeting. As the meeting would start by excusing Commissioner Ron Grunch.

The main issue of the night would be the idea of short term rentals. As six different citizens would stand up and speak either in for or against short term rentals. In the end, there would be more citizens to speak up against short term rentals than in favor.

Boyne City residents Marty Moody and Cindy Ban-

ner both voiced their opinions on the fact that Liz Kroondyke was offended about the flag and that the City gave in without having more support to back her. Tim Nemecek would speak up that he submitted a resolution to the agenda but that it had been rejected for this meeting and would be sent to the Commission and he wanted to make sure that if anyone had any questions to ask him.

During his normal meeting update, City Manager Michael Cain informed the City that the River Mouth bathrooms, which were supposed to be finished and

opened for the Fourth of July are getting finishing touches. Cain mentioned that Kroondyk is finishing installing interior tile, painting the siding, interior walls and ceiling. There are also some exterior fixtures being hung up as well.

The first of a few new agenda items was to approve the second reading of the Boyne City Main Street Development Plan. The Commission would approve the motion unanimously. The last item for the Commission to decide on was a Water Main Repair. The Commission would approve the motion to repair a Water Main

under the East Street Bridge that has a break in it. The City had been looking for someone to replace it for 18 months. Matt's Underground of Kalkaska has been chosen and after reevaluating the situation, they decided that it was now safe to work on with the water level going down. The Commission would approve the motion to sign a contract for the work valued at \$33,210.

The next thing the Commission would approve is a contract to rent a compost screener for \$12,000 plus a \$2,000 shipping cost from Maverick Environmental Equipment of Alma. This

will be used in the North Boyne Compost Facility to filter through the leaves and grass that they have collected over the year and to help them turn it into reusable compost.

The Commission would then approve the recommendation of Public Works Director Tim Faas to recognize July as National Park Month.

The final item would be added by Mayor Tom Neidhamer about Short Term Rentals. The Commission, with some questioning from the public, approved a motion for Planning Director Scott McPherson to sign a one year contract with Granicus to re-

ceive information on Short Term Rentals in Boyne City. The contract will not exceed \$6298.50. This was a budgeted item for this year.

Commissioner Hugh Conklin would issue two more statements before the end of the meeting, asking if it would be possible to update the ordinance that requires Bed and Breakfasts to remain 500 feet from each other. He then also suggested that Veteran's memorial might need a more defined fence or something to help define the area more.

The next City Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27 at 12:00.

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CHARLEVOIX

JAZZ @ THE LIBRARY (JATL)

7.28 | Claudia Schmidt, vocalist; Bill Sears, sax
8.4 | Mike Hunter, trombone; Chris Bickley, sax/flute; Rick Stewart, vocalist Sinatra Tribute
8.11 | Crispin Campell, cello; Nancy Stegnitta, flute
8.18 | family and friends 7pm. Children's Garden (weather permitting) at the Charlevoix Public Library. Bring your own chair.

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.

7/28 - Billy McAllister
8/4 - Nelson Olstrom
8/11 - The Real Ingredients
8/18 - Matt Gabriel
8/25 - Full Moon Jam Band

CHARLEVOIX

CHARLEVOIX LIVE ON THE LAKE

7.29 | Dags Und Timmah | Blues
8.5 | Matt Gabriel | Folk/Pop
8.12 | Enemy Line | Country
8.19 | Brett Newski | Alt Rock
8.26 | Distant Stars | Rock
7-9pm in East Park at the Odmark Performance Pavilion. downtown-charlevoix.com

BOYNE CITY

LAWN AT LYNDA'S 2021 SCHEDULE

7/30/2021 Lou Thumser
8/6/2021 The Never Never Band
8/13/2021 The Loper's
8/20/2021 The Two Beats
8/27/2021 Jeff Meads
9/3/2021 Full Circle

EAST JORDAN

EAST JORDAN MUSIC IN THE PARK

All Shows 7pm - 9pm at Memorial Park

July 30th - Sean Miller/The Real Ingredients - Americana/Folk-Rock
August 6th - Marsupials - Blues Rock

EAST JORDAN GOSPEL MUSIC

The Open Door, a Christian Coffee House has music the first and third Saturday of each month. The Open Door is located at Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road
8/7 - No Music (Gospel Music Fest)
8/21 - The Walkers
9/4 - Barry & Monte Loper

BOYNE CITY

TRANSIT RIDES TO CONCERTS

Charlevoix County Transit will be providing service to the Music at the Pavilion on Wednesday evenings for Boyne City area residents. Please reserve a ride no later than 5pm on Tuesday's; same day requests will be honored if seating is available. To reserve a ride, please call 231.582.6900; normal fares apply to this event.

CHARLEVOIX

PLEIN AIR PAINTING

July 29th - Pam & Todd Wyett. 9:30am

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

PEDAL, PIG, & PINT BIKE TOUR

Mark your calendars for the third annual Pedal, Pig, and Pint Bike Tour, Sunday August 1. Riders of all ages and levels are welcome to enjoy this self-paced bike touring event accessible to all ages and riding abilities

Register online at www.bikereg.com or at Veterans Memorial Park, 319 N. Lake St. in Boyne City, beginning at 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Registration includes an event bike shirt, lunch and a pint at Stiggs, a free admission pass to Raven Hill Discovery and acknowledgement for your support of these two amazing non-profit organizations. \$50.00 for an individual, \$100 for families (up to five related family members), and \$25 for a child (under 15) accompanied by an adults. Wrist bands will be distributed at registration and are re-

quired for Lunch and a pint at Stiggs Brewing Company, 112 S. Park St., Boyne City. www.stiggs-brewingcompany.com. If you have additional questions concerning the ride, contact Holly Sasso (517) 231-3341 or Michael Labadie (616) 304-5758

CHARLEVOIX SUMMERFOLK

8.2 | Bruce Smith
8.9 | Claire Bates
8.16 | Terry Coveyou
6:30-7:30pm. Children's Garden (weather permitting) at the Charlevoix Public Library. Bring your own chair. charlevoixlibrary.org

CHARLEVOIX

PLEIN AIR PAINTING

August 5th - Farmers Market. 9:30am

BOYNE CITY

PIRATE FESTIVAL PARADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WANTED: Pirates on decorated bicycles and scooters. Pirates on golf carts. Pirates on motorized scooters and motorcycles. Pirates on floats, trucks classic cars for the Pirate Festival parade Saturday, Aug. 14, 10am. Contact Shari Kitchen at shari.kitchen@gmail.com

EAST JORDAN

PORTSIDE ARTS FAIR

58th Annual Art Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 7th from 10AM to 5PM and August 8th from 10AM to 4PM. As always, the renowned art fair is located on the shores of Lake Charlevoix at the historic Elm Pointe, 01656 South M-66 Highway, just 1.5 miles north of East Jordan. This juried art show is a family-friendly event with fabulous art to purchase from established artists and the works of new artists. Donations are accepted at the gate to benefit the Historical Society. For more information on the Portside Arts Fair visit www.portsideartsfair.org

PETOSKEY

LUNCH BY THE BAY

Tuesday, August 10th Please Join The Salvation Army of Petoskey where the trade winds blow, under the shade of Festival Place Shelter at Bayfront Park in Petoskey for LUNCH catered by Julie Tomatoes, and a SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER with Spe-

cial Guest Speaker, Best Selling Author: KATHLEEN IRENE PATERKA

BOYNE CITY

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

August 12, 6-8pm at 303 North St. Open house style, fun or fancy garden attire. Light refreshments, conversation. RSVP 231-582-6193

CHARLEVOIX

WATERFRONT ART FAIR

East Park, Downtown Charlevoix. August 14. 9AM - 6PM

BOYNE CITY

SOCCER SIGNUP

Get ready to grab your Boyne Area 4-H Soccer jersey, cleats, shin guards, soccer ball and water bottle and head to the soccer fields. Remember that youth must be 5 years old on or before January 1, 2022 to participate and be sure to put your child grade that they will be in this fall on their registration form. You can sign up any time at the MSU Extension office in Boyne City Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm in Boyne City Hall. Registration is open now until August 13th to avoid the \$20.00 late fee. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Matela (Boyne Area 4-H Soccer Program Manager) at 231-340-0995 or tmatela28@icloud.com OR the MSU Extension office at 231-582-6232. Can't wait to see you on the field!

ELLSWORTH

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SIGNUP

ECS operates a cooperative football program with Central Lake. The middle school program is open to all students who will be in grades 6, 7, or 8 during the 2021-22 school year. Practice is scheduled to begin on August 23. If you have not already done so, please complete the attached form so that your student's information can be passed along to coaches! Also, a current physical (obtained after 4/15/21) must be on file with the main office prior to practice or competition. <https://forms.gle/Ct76Ck3y8JMDGwut5>

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.

BOYNE FALLS

FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS

This summer, we will continue our Meet Up & Eat Up Summer Meals Program at Boyne Falls Public School. Chef Nathan will be serving meals Monday-Thursday w/ breakfast served from 8:30-9 AM and lunch served from 11:30-1 PM. Meals are FREE for all children 18 and under and \$5 for adults. Please take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. Children and families from other districts are also welcome.

BOYNE CITY

FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS

Boyne City Schools now offering, Free breakfast and lunch to all 18 and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program. June 21st to August 20th - Monday-Thursday. Pickup at the back of Boyne City High School from 10am to 12pm pick up brunch bags. No Meal pick up on Fridays. Friday's meals go home on Thursday with that meal kit.

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.

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

FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday, 10am - 2pm at Sportsmens Park

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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will result from the successful passage of this NO-TAX INCREASE recreational millage. Upgrades to the mechanical systems will improve energy efficiency.

By funding pool operating expenses, the burden to the schools general education fund budget will be reduced allowing the district to better invest in the educational experiences for our students.

In order for our district to continue to thrive, it is important to systematically address our infrastructure and operations of the East Jordan Community Pool; however, the district's operating funds are insufficient to make these investments.

Due to a .6 mill reduction in the EJPS debt retirement millage, this .6 mill millage request will not increase taxes.

One area of focus in the district this summer has been on the Community Pool. We were contacted by the Friends of the Pool committee with concerns over the long term viability of our aging community pool. If you remember, due to an estimated budget shortfall last year we closed the pool for two months due to the uncertainty with the economy and possible revenue shortages. The pool was reopened after a reevaluation of school funding, but it was decided that a long term solution needs to be developed in order to keep this community resource open for future generations.

From our original discussion with the Friends of the Pool, we have completed a structural needs assessment of the facility and also researched opportunities to keep this resource available for the community through a proposed recreational millage. The intent of this millage is to fund operating costs and provide for much needed repairs that will increase the safety and efficiency of the facility.

East Jordan Public School District voters will be asked to approve a .6 mill Recreational Millage for the purpose of operating and repairing the East Jordan Community Pool. The pending recreational millage proposal is another example of the District's commitment to maximize financial resources while minimizing the burden to local taxpayers. Timing is such that it is possible to present a comprehensive proposal without increasing taxes to our constituency.

The millage proposal will be on the ballot for voters in East Jordan on August 3rd.

Lake Charlevoix EMS Authority Millage on August 3 ballot

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

A millage to fund a newly formed ambulance authority will be on the August 3 ballot. The Lake Charlevoix Emergency Medical Services Authority formed between Charlevoix, Norwood, Marion, and Hayes Townships in April of this year. Operations, staff and equipment have already been transferred from the city to the authority, as of July 26, and the city is proposing a millage to fund it. If passed the authority could levy up to \$1.50 per every \$1,000 of taxable revenue on a home.

Needed funding is one of the main reasons for the formation of the Authority. The millage will create a steady stream of income for the service. "This in turn will allow us to improve our service to our communities. The service has been generally good but like any operation, budget realities often result in decisions to delay implementation of plans for the future," said Roy Griffiths, Authority President.

EMS operations will not change, but each township and city has appointed one person to be on the EMS board, giving the townships a direct say in how the authority is run. Board seats are appointed by the elected officials of each township and represent the interests of their township or city. Member are: Bill Gnodtke, Norwood Township, John



Martin, Marion Township (vice-president), Kate Stewart, Charlevoix Township, (secretary/treasurer), Roy Griffiths, Hayes Township (president), Ron VanZee, At-large member, Shane Cole, City of Charlevoix. "By its very nature the creation of the Authority allows for more voter representation in the operations of the service. Each member of the Authority has a seat on the board and is involved in the budget process. In the past the city operated the EMS as a department of the larger organization which sometimes made it difficult for the townships to fully understand how the costs of the service were apportioned to them. Now they are part of the decision-making process," said Griffiths.

Until now, the city has

contracted with townships to provide EMS services charging each township for expenses not reimbursed by insurance companies. However, in recent years costs for EMS across the State have risen significantly. "The townships have been paying their share of the costs of the program from their general funds. As the costs have increased rapidly, particularly with the onset of covid a greater share of the general funds has been used to pay these costs. These costs have not been budgeted as these costs increase more rapidly than the budgeting process can keep up with," said Griffiths.

Charging more per run is not an answer to the rising costs of EMS services because of insurance caps. When EMS services are needed, insurance providers

are billed first. Unfortunately, each company sets payment limits that are below the true costs of ambulance services. The balance of these costs is paid for out of the general operating funds of the townships or reserve accounts in the City. The Medicaid program pays \$283.00 per run, a third of what it costs to send an ambulance to a call, Medicare, \$427.00 per run, about half of the cost and blue cross pays \$612.00 per run, approximately two thirds of the cost. "You can see that the vast majority of our insurance payments don't come anywhere near covering our cost," said Griffiths.

EMS services must operate under rules established by the State of Michigan. These rules specify minimum staffing and equip-

ment. They also mandate staffing availability 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

"Equipment replacement has been looming in the not-too-distant future. Two of our vehicles are rapidly approaching the end of their useful life. Replacing them now costs around \$300,000 each. New equipment advances are constantly being evaluated and we want to provide the best to our citizens," he said. EMS staff all require initial licensure and training as well as ongoing training yet the pay for staff is less than \$18 per hour. Like other businesses there is a shortage of people with the proper skills available. The millage will provide a reliable funding stream that will allow for recruitment and retention of more full-time staff.

Also, and a major goal of the authority, is that the dispatch location in downtown Charlevoix has some unique challenges with the bridge and heavy seasonal traffic. "The millage will allow us to consider additional station locations where we can locate existing vehicles and crews to drastically reduce the impact of traffic congestion," he added. The plan would expand to the north side fire station and a south side station while keeping the location in the city.

If passed, the millage will be reassessed annually.

COURT CASES

Man bound over for trial for Terroristic Threats

Jonathan Paul Stewart, 33, Atlanta, was bound over to stand trial in the 33rd Circuit Court on charges of making terroristic threats and malicious use of a telecommunications service.



Yesterday, 90th District Court Judge Angela Lasher heard preliminary examination testimony from three Charlevoix County employees who testified that on June 10 they received threatening phone calls

from a male caller. One witness said that the caller had left her a voicemail saying that she would want to call the police because he would be waiting outside for her after work. A second witness testified that the caller

had told her that he was a paranoid schizophrenic who didn't care what happened to him, that "someone needs to teach those young (expletives) how to do their jobs," and that if he wasn't put through to who he

wanted, he would drive the two hours to the courthouse and no one would want to know what would happen if he did that.

Another witness testified that the caller told her to get a cop on the phone because he was going to come down and start shooting. He told her that he would shoot her if she did not get a cop on the phone. When she tried to reason with him, the caller said, "Why are you being so (expletive) stupid? You're being threatened, get a cop on the phone or I'm going to come down and show you what somebody can do that is pissed off."

According to an affidavit of probable cause filed in the matter, police used the information from the county caller ID to determine that Stewart made the calls. He was questioned by a deputy from Montmorency County who also testified at the examination.

An act of terrorism is defined as a felony, dangerous to human life, that is threatened in order to intimidate, frighten or coerce a civilian population or influence or affect the conduct of government or a unit of government through intimidation or coercion.

Making a threat of terror-

ism is a felony with a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Malicious use of a telecommunications device is a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of six months in jail.

The defendant is presumed guilty and is entitled to that presumption of innocence unless and until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Stewart is being held on \$200,000 bond. A scheduling conference is set in the 33rd Circuit Court for August 6, 2021.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

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close to the festival.

Eight days, twenty-five different events attracting upwards of 10,000 people downtown and an equal number to private properties in the surrounding area on Friday and Saturday evening. "The town was quite thrilled to be able to take a large step back to normal," said Barron.

Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc. is a 501c3 organization that throughout the course of the event has upwards of 300 people that offer their support in different volunteer capacities. This year because of social distancing the committee chose to not advertise. "Because of the number of free events at the Venetian, we cannot control the crowd size so we purposefully had zero ads on TV, radio or newspaper," said Barron. "It was a throwback to past festivals, yet we had outstanding crowd sizes and participation among our local population."



PHOTOS BY TINA SUNDELIUS



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QUESTIONS

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what I can to help Boyne City.”

MARTY MOODY:

“I am trying to keep Boyne, Boyne and not forgetting (sic) where we came from.”

TIM NEMECEK:

“I’m passionate about serving the community and willing to put in the hard work.”

SALLY PAGE:

“I’m hoping that I can keep going with a very vibrant community. (Boyne City) is a really good feeling town.”

JOSEPH SCHLEGEL:

“I just really love my city and am looking to keep the heart of Boyne City alive. We need to figure out good ways to balance tourism with our blue-collar lifestyle.”

DEAN ROSS SOLOMON:

“I hope to keep the momentum going.”

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE MAJOR FACTOR FOR YOU TO RUN FOR ELECTION OR REELECTION?

Marty Moody: “We continue to be on a slope of spending money is better than saving money. Yes, we need to grow as a city or we’ll die. I think there is balance to be found. I think we’ve made some poor choices, like \$500,000 spent on a theater that should have been a private venture and we can all look out and see what \$35,000 in patio furniture looks like. I think there are ways to move this city forward without spending money.”

Tim Nemecek: “I believe our city is successful. I’d like to try and find unity for our city using technology. I believe that bringing transparency will strengthen conversation.”

Sally Page: “Having lived in resort communities



around the country, the hardest part is to grow that part (tourism) and still have the local residents here (happy).”

Joseph Schlegel: “I’m a resident here now and I want to be part of the process and get involved in helping the community grow properly. I really feel that I can be a part of helping that process along.”

George Lasater: “I want to serve the community not just live here but be a part of it. I want to help Boyne City grow at a reasonable rate and maintain the small-town feel. Make sure to manage the lake front in a fiscally financial manner and keep this town a good, safe, nice place for people to live.”

QUESTION: DO YOU BELIEVE THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY WAS RESPONSIVE AND DID A SATISFACTORY JOB DURING THE COVID CRISIS? IF NOT WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BETTER?

Sally Page: “I believe we were very responsive. It’s a tough job we do here during normal circumstances and during the pandemic it got doubly tough. I think that we are doing a good job and did a good job during the pandemic.”

Joseph Schlegel: “I didn’t

get any negative feedback about how the city handled the pandemic. It was the state and federal rules that I heard complaints about. It didn’t seem like the pandemic affected our small town like it did the bigger cities.”

Dean Ross Solomon: “I think we did so really well. For example, the phone system in this building was able to transfer calls to people working at home, you called city hall and didn’t even know you were talking to someone at home. Seamless. ...nobody has a manual for how you get through a pandemic and I think our city did really well.”

George Lasater: “We were all playing catchup, nobody knew how to respond, what was the right thing to do. The only complaint I ever heard was that the city hall was closed for too long.”

Marty Moody: “I wouldn’t say that we handled it poorly, the pandemic affected a lot of people in a lot of different ways. This is how we handled it poorly, we spent half a million dollars of the cities money during a pandemic to buy a theater.”

Tim Nemecek: “I think we responded quickly enough. I think we could have partnered or had better communication with businesses. I think there’s some very valid questions being asked by the community during that time frame (when city hall was

closed) that went ignored.”

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THE BOYNE CITY GOVERNMENT HAS A BALANCE BETWEEN PROJECTS THAT PROMOTE TOURISM AND ITS RESIDENT CITIZENS?

Joseph Schlegel: “That is one of the reasons I’m running, to keep the balance.”

Dean Ross Solomon: “One of the things I’ve learned being on the commission is where our money goes. We spend money on our priorities. Our money goes to Roads, Police, Fire, EMS and Parks.”

George Lasater: “I would like to see more balance between tourism and taking care of locals.”

Marty Moody: “I don’t think we do a good job looking out for our city residents.”

Tim Nemecek: I feel the city has many events and attractions to attract people to the community. I think we do have an opportunity to focus more on the citizens of Boyne City. I think there’s some frustration out there as far as road conditions go. Maybe it’s time to take the shine off the tourist industry and get back to the citizens we have an opportunity for residents to feel like they’re being taken care of better.”

Sally Page: “Everything here in this city is for everybody.”

QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BOYNE CITY? PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW YOU SEE BOYNE CITY IN 5 YEARS.

Dean Ross Solomon: “That we keep on growing in a good sustainable, slow rate. To continue to look for ways to enhance and maintain our small-town feel. (Affordable housing and more jobs) An involved community, we work best when people show up. The more people show up and make that commitment to make our community better that’s what will make our community great.”

George Lasater: (Now that people can work remotely) “I think we’re going to see a lot of changed faces. A lot of intelligent, well educated, well intentioned people are able to move up here and get involved.”

Marty Moody: “In 5 years we’re going to be bonded and shackled to a 30 year TIF program if we don’t get it under control. If we don’t take control of the reins and take control of the spending.”

Tim Nemecek: “Everyone knows Boyne City is a wonderful community. How do we attract the blue-collar crowd? The down state people moving into the area because they can work remotely. How do we find unique ways to grow that

blue-collar crowd? How do we grow and attract jobs?”

Sally Page: “Things change, we are not going to be the same as we were 50 years ago and 5 years from now, we will not be the same as we are now. The hardest thing is melding the thinking of the generations. There’s no going back and you can’t stand still.”

Joseph Schlegel: “We do need to be more fiscally responsible if we are not there’s not going to be the tourism and amenities we have now. People want the slower growth. If we want to grow we need to attract more businesses, if we don’t have housing people can’t afford to live in we can’t fill the jobs.”

QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR STANCE ON THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND WHY?

George Lasater: “If we get rid of vacation rentals and don’t allow people to stay here, we are going to lose. They are going to go somewhere else. It can be done properly with help of the police department and a well written ordinance.”

Marty Moody: “This one’s no easy answer on this one. We don’t have the big city thing, we don’t have hotels, so the short-term rental is the answer to that. Again, \$6,000 to investigate an ordinance, we don’t need to reinvent the wheel.”

Tim Nemecek: “We have to figure out a way to maintain some common-sense standards for Short-term rentals.”

Sally Page: “That is a problem for discussion and resolution within our community not regulated by the state and the money we spent on getting the ordinance researched is intended to come up with something that will work for our community and still allow short-term rentals.”

Joseph Schlegel: “We need to see what’s happening with the state, after that we can come up with an ordinance and work with the police to enforce that ordinance.”

Dean Ross Solomon: “We need to put this on the front burner and have everything in place when the state makes a decision. Are there too many? We need to do what we can to preserve private property rights and figure out how to structure something that limits that number. Develop a regulation that is fair and equitable.”

QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR STANCE ON THE WORK FORCE HOUSING ISSUE AND WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS IT?

Marty Moody: “If we don’t get our work force housing under control and get it under control quickly we will lose numbers at the schools

...”
Tim Nemecek: “Potentially create incentives to convert short term rentals to long term rentals? Can I get a tax abatement to switch to Long term rental?”

Sally Page: “The way to deal with those problems (short-term rentals & work force housing) is straight forward and especially work force housing is something that we need and nothing happens overnight. I think that’s something we can deal with.”

Joseph Schlegel: “There’s not any real good solutions right now but with the idea of a tax abatement it’s going to take a lot of team-work and a lot of smart people putting their heads together.”

Dean Ross Solomon: “There are some things we can do to have our things aligned when the things we can’t control are resolved. Remove zoning barriers, get our developers together, stay in touch with Boyne Housing Solutions Group. If we have our act together so we’re ready when the things we can’t control are set.”

George Lasater: “A tax abatement to rent a second home. Change restrictive codes.”

QUESTION: SHOULD PREFERENCES FOR BOAT SLIPS BE GIVEN TO TAXPAYERS FIRST AND SHOULD CURRENT RESIDENTS HAVE PRIORITY OVER NONRESIDENTS?

Tim Nemecek: “Yes, the taxpayers should have priority in my opinion. Look at college tuition... We have one of the most competitive marinas in northern Michigan. I do think that the taxpayers are forking out that revenue, paying on that bond. I do feel there should be some incentive for that.”

Sally Page: “I believe there should be a different rate for locals and out-of-towners but it needs to be thought through and I think those things are happening. We are trying to get to the point where we can accommodate the locals more than the other folks.”

Joseph Schlegel: “Perhaps a percentage (of the slips) should be set aside 70% to residents, 30% to nonresidents?”

Dean Ross Solomon: “We’ve been working on this for 10 years the demand and supply...the expansion will address that. It will pay for itself plus more.”

George Lasater: “I really like the idea that if you’re not a local taxpayer you pay a higher rate. The one solution I would suggest, Harbor Springs has 50-60 moorings they rent out.”

Marty Moody: “The grant specifies 50/50 residents/non-residents. We could not take the state \$392,000 grant.”

CONCLUDING COMMENTS:

Sally Page: “Working on the board has been a total learning experience for me.”

Joseph Schlegel: “I feel with my life experience so far I can bring some great perspectives to take this town forward.”

Dean Ross Solomon: “I love bragging about Boyne City. To be able to come from a place that has what we have. I’m really looking forward to being able to represent you for another 4 years.”

George Lasater: “One thing I’d like to see more transparency in the government. The last year and half there’s been a lot of mistrust in the government, and we can start here with more transparency.”

Marty Moody: “I love everything about this town. I think we do things right but I think we do some things wrong. I believe our City Manager runs our City Commission and that needs to be pulled back in.

Tim Nemecek: “I look forward to serving the Boyne City Community.

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I’m passionate about serving the community and being a servant leader. My military service and experience from being an asset protection / operations manager for 10 years has taught me the most impactful and successful style of leadership is a servant leader who is willing to put in the hard work alongside their direct reports. Currently I’m putting in the hard work and time in serving the community of Boyne.

I also attend and broadcast many other local public meetings, to help share and promote transparency while engaging others in Boyne City who may not have a flexible schedule to attend meetings in person, but have an interest in being part of the discussions that shape the wonderful community of Boyne City. I would like to continue to serve the wonderful community of Boyne City and utilize my skills and experience to be impactful in the success of our wonderful community. I have a true passion to serve others and to make an impactful difference in positive strides. I would be humbled to have the opportunity to serve the wonderful people of Boyne City and to help find unity for our community! Boyne City is a wonderful and beautiful community already, but we do face challenges and decisions have to be made at the local government level to preserve that beauty and success. I believe with bringing my experience and skills to the city commission, we could find ways to utilize best practices & technology to engage the residents and business owners of Boyne City to allow for stronger engagement from the public, which will strengthen the conversations naturally by listening and brainstorming with the public to showcase the value of their voices and opinions. I’d love to answer any other questions and open the floor for discussion. Feel free to reach out and visit my campaign page on Facebook at “Tim Nemecek for Boyne City Commissioner.”

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Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra concert at Bay Harbor

Over 340 people attended the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) event at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts at Bay Harbor on July 20. Entitled "The Beatles vs. The Four Seasons",

the performance featured trumpet soloist Brandon Ridenour playing a selection of Beatles songs arranged for trumpet and strings. In the concert's second half, the Orchestra performed Astor Pi-

azzolla's "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires," featuring solo violinist Paul Sonner. The GLCO's next main stage performance is Saturday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. again at Great Lakes Center for the

Arts. The performance is entitled "España - From the Old World to the New World." Tickets for that event will be on sale at the end of July at www.glorchestra.org.

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING

JULY 20, 2021

What to do with the Civic Center in downtown East Jordan

BY: DOM SANTINA

EAST JORDAN - The City Commission would end up having a lot of discussion on a variety of topics during their last meeting. The meeting would start with rescinding a traffic control order that was put in place from the South Arm Classic on July 10.

The meeting would then have each member municipality appoint one voting Official Delegate and one Official Alternate Voting Delegate appointed to represent the municipality at the Annual business Meeting of the Michigan Municipal League. Administrator Cannon will be the voting delegate and Commissioner Johnson as the alternate.

The first topic of discussion would be to decide on what to do with the maintenance of City streets. The discussion focused around what classifies a street in City ownership. The street must have 66' right of way offered to the City and accepted by the City Commission. The width of the street shall be determined by the City Commission and based on adopted City Standard specifications. The street shall be topped with six inches of 22A gravel and three inches of MDOT 13A asphalt. The street shall be built to drain either by under-street drains or by

ditches as established by the City Commission. There was a note as well that streets in the new subdivision shall be constructed and accepted in accordance with the current subdivision ordinance.

The next discussion would be to discuss noise ordinances and the use of Jake brakes in the town. The final discussion would be on the ideas of what to do with the Civic Center. The commissioners approved having contractors look through Civic Center and get estimates for each item which are in need of repair and also put together a survey for the building with seeking input from City Commission, DDA, Planning Commission and City Administrator

The city commission accepted resignation of Commissioner Hawley effective July 20, 2021 and allow posting of vacancy.

The meeting would wrap up with a few things from City Administrator Tom Cannon as he would mention that the Service awards would be handed out at the next City Commission meeting on August 3 in Memorial Park.

The next City Commission meeting will be held at memorial park, if good weather on August 3 at 7 o'clock.

Bay Harbor Yacht Club unveils newly designed club

BAY HARBOR - In January 2020, Bay Harbor Yacht Club embarked and broke ground on an expansive project to renovate and refurbish the entire Clubhouse - adding world-class amenities and premier services making BHYC one of the finest private clubs in the Great Lakes Region. The expansion of the Bay Harbor Yacht Club's space, amenities and services will guarantee a variety of top-notch member experiences year-round. BHYC completed the project in June 2021, unveiling its changes in celebration of the Club's 25th Anniversary. The unveiling followed a \$13.5 million renovation and expansion project.

BHYC's renovation project was completed in three phases. The first phase, completed August 2020, included a 7,500 square foot Wellness Center, which has been ranked 12th in Club + Resort's Top 50 Club Fitness and Wellness Centers since its grand opening. The Wellness Center now offers a full suite of cutting-edge cardio and resistance equipment by Technogym; Group Fitness Studio; Peloton Spin Bike Room; and a 72-course indoor Golf Simulator. In addition, BHYC opened their brand-new Kid's Club, where junior members of all ages can enjoy games, crafts, and storytelling. The Kid's Club serves as the hub for all junior member programming and camps.

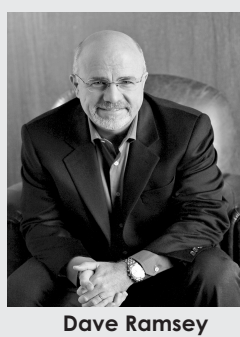
Phase 2, completed in early-June, unveiled changes to the existing Bay View Dining Room, BHYC's upscale dining experience

as well as the addition of a brand-new Relaxation Spa, where members can enjoy massage therapy and other luxury spa services. Phase 2 also introduced The Grille Room, BHYC's newest casual, all-season restaurant.

The third and final phase of the Club's renovation project, completed late-June, introduced the Club's newly redesigned outdoor amenities. This phase included the opening of BHYC's new Aquatics Center, featuring a 25-yard competition-length infinity pool, an adjacent whirlpool, and children's splash pad, as well as renovation to the existing Quarter Deck restaurant featuring an expanded Gazebo Bar and casual outdoor lounge seating, complete with fire pits.

Bay Harbor Yacht Club is an award-winning, member-owned social club that has served as the social center of the stunning Bay Harbor community since 1996. Proudly offering exquisite amenities including three renowned restaurants, Racquets Center, private beach, and an active social calendar, BHYC's rich history of recreation, relaxation, and outstanding services have earned BHYC Elite Status as a Distinguished Club of the World - an award granted to BHYC yearly since 2015. As BHYC celebrates these accomplishments, the Club is also continuously evolving to meet the needs of its members. BHYC serves over 600 members and their guests.

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(Make an impact with investing?)

Dear Dave, A friend recently mentioned something called impact investing to me. What exactly is this? How do impact investment funds perform, and what do you think about them?

Carson
Dear Carson, Impact investing generally aims to benefit society, while providing a profit for the investor, by investing in companies, funds and organizations that are aligned with causes, certain values or issues. Think of it as a middle ground between traditional investing and charitable giving, where you can match your investing with your own particular beliefs. It really isn't all that different from investing in traditional mutual funds, except for the goal of the funds. Since their inception, impact investments have averaged returns of a little less than 6%. That's well below

the average return of the S&P 500. Impact investing can do some good, but the truth is it's hard to measure exactly how much good it's doing. If you're going to invest in impact investing funds, you need to make sure you understand exactly how your money is going to help the businesses you invest in, if they're actually doing what they say they're doing, and whether or not they're really making a difference for the better.

As with all investments, it pays to do a lot of research and find an advisor with the heart of a teacher. And never invest in anything if you don't completely understand how it works. Remember, it's your money that's in the mix. Don't feel like the odd man out if you're the only one not joining in on an investment craze your friends are diving into. Personally, I recommend investing in good, growth stock mutual funds and real estate paid for with cash. And hey, if you want to make a difference in the world and still invest the old fashioned way, create room

in your budget for charitable giving or saving with the goal of making donations to organizations and causes you care about.

I hope this helps, Carson!
—Dave

(If you need a co-signer, you're not ready)

Dear Dave, My fiancée and I want to make an offer on a house. She has a lot of late payments and a bad credit record, though, but she is working hard to manage her money better and get out of debt. I don't make enough money to get a home loan by myself, and I have some debt to pay off, too. In order to help us out, my aunt and uncle said they are willing to co-sign a mortgage loan for us. What do you think of that idea?
Evan

Dear Evan, Here's a simple, solid piece of advice for anyone looking to make a purchase of any kind. If you need a co-signer, you're not ready to make that purchase—period. I'm not trying to beat you up or anything, but it's way too soon for you two to be thinking about buying a home. I mean, for starters you're just engaged right now.

When a lender requires a co-signer, it basically means they don't believe you'll pay back the money. And besides, you two don't need a

house now or right after you get married. The two of you should get married, and live in a decent, inexpensive apartment for a while. During that time, you both need to work hard on paying off all your debt. After that, save up an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Then, start setting aside cash for a down payment on a modest home.

When it comes time to buy a home, I recommend a 15-year, fixed rate loan with a down payment of at least 10%. Twenty percent is better, because it will help you avoid having to pay PMI (private mortgage insurance). Make sure the monthly payments on the loan are no more than 25% of your combined take home pay. Keeping the payments at 25% or below will make it easier to address other important financial issues, like saving and investing.

Your aunt and uncle are obviously generous people, Evan, but they're a little misguided in their offer. At this point, helping you two buy a house—something you obviously can't afford—would be a huge burden instead of a blessing.
—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week.

Ribbon cutting of Boyne Valley Trailway July 29

A belated opening celebration of the Boyne Valley Trailway will be held on Thursday July 29th at 9 AM at Boyne Mountain!

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on the trail were the trail crosses Boyne Mountain road in front of Avalanche Bay. As with many other events and

celebrations that were supposed to happen the ribbon cutting for the Boyne Valley Trailway was cancelled last year due to covid.

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2021 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS' ALL-AREA BASEBALL



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Boyne City's Aaron Bess is Pitcher of the Year *East Jordan's Tommy Reid is Offensive Player of the Year* *Jason Terryberry is Coach of the Year*

As with every other spring sport, the Baseball season was cut short due to the Winter sports season getting a late start. Then it struggled to get games in with the very wet spring season. This left teams scrambling for games, especially when some would get cancelled due to COVID-19. Regardless, the teams made it through and we saw some very impressive results from some of these players. All players put up a valiant effort and deserve their spots whether offensively or defensively.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Aaron Bess #2

P/UTL - JUNIOR, BOYNE CITY

A dominant ace and a consistent hitter with speed, combined all that and what do you get? Our choice for

player of the year this baseball season is Aaron Bess. This season one the mound, he was dominant. A 9-1 record on the season, an earned run average under one at .833 and a strikeout to walk ratio of 81:11. Bess would pitch 42 innings on the season over 18 games, 10 of which he started and only allowed 17 hits. Bess had a .354 average in 65 at bats with 23 hits. In those 23 hits, 5 of them were doubles, 4 were triples and he drove in 23 runs.

Meanwhile, at the plate, Bess had a .354 average in 65 at bats with 23 hits. In those 23 hits, 5 of them were doubles, 4 were triples and he drove in 23 runs.

"Aaron was a team captain this year and was a dominant force on the mound for us. Aaron did a great job playing multiple positions for us on defense," said Head Coach Jason Terryberry.

Bess would be named to Lake Michigan All Conference, All District Team and Second Team All-

State Honors as well.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tommy Reid #15

SS/3B/P - JUNIOR, EAST JORDAN

Perhaps the second best player in the county this season and possibly the best offensive season for anyone, Tommy Reid had himself a year. On the offensive side of the baseball he held a .549 average with 10 doubles, 3 triples and 4 home runs. All while driving in 24 runs and stealing 9 bases. It was not just his hitting either, he was the ace of the staff for the Red Devils. Reid posted a 4-2 record on the mound with 1 save over 29.2 innings pitched. He would

end up striking out 57 batters on the season. Reid was a significant piece to helping the Red Devils have any success this season.

"Tommy has had the best season of anybody I have coached in my 10 years of coaching. He needs serious consideration for Area Player of the year. His only hiccup has been a 3 game quarantine for being a close contact but he has been a stud," said Head Coach Tom Reid.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jason Terryberry

BOYNE CITY

A team that had a dominant ace, timely hitting, and some solid defense leads to great success. This is exactly what Boyne City Head Coach Jason Terryberry had this season. With Bess dealing, his heavy junior class team helped contribute on the offensive side. While also getting some big contributions from some seniors as well.

The Ramblers opened the season with a split against Gaylord and would find themselves at 5-2 at the end of April. The team would pick up another five wins before dropping the second game of the double header to Inland Lakes to go to 10-3. The Ramblers would split with a very highly rated Cheboygan team. Then would come off nine wins in the next ten games. Their fourth loss would come to the hands of Traverse City St. Francis, the Lake Michigan Conference Champions. While the season would come to a disappointing end with a loss in the District Semi Finals. The team still finished with the best record in the area with a 20-6 record and brought home one trophy by winning their own tournament earlier in the season.

Boyne City

Kaden Jewett - # 3

3B/ SS - JUNIOR

The Ramblers had a very strong

regular season and it was led by a group of mostly juniors. Jewett would be one of those juniors and he would have a great season at the plate. Jewett would have 66 at bats on the year with 30 total hits, giving him a batting average of .455 on the year. Of those 30 hits, 13 of them would be extra base hits, with 11 being doubles and 2 being triples. Jewett also drove in 19 runs this season. In the field he would have a good effort as well, as he would record 25 putouts and 19 assists.

"Kaden was a team captain and had a great spring season, he led off in the batting order and was our top hitter. Defensively he held down the left side of the infield playing short or 3rd base," said Coach Terryberry.

Jewett would earn Lake Michigan All Conference and All District honors this season as well.

Bobby Hoth #8

OF - JUNIOR

Hoth spent the first half of the shortened season dealing with a broken thumb from wrestling. When he finally was recovered and able to go at it again, he provided great offense for the Ramblers. In 48 at bats this season, he had 19 hits with 3 of them being extra base hits, compiling a .396 average. Hoth would end up with two doubles and a triple on the season, while driving in 13 runs. He would also be a reliable outfielder as well, running down many balls in the gaps. Hoth would have 24 putouts and 1 assist on the season.

"Bobby started out the spring with a broken thumb and was limited at the plate. However, once recovered, Bobby was hitting the ball well. On defense, Bobby was the leader in the outfield for us. His speed and ability to judge a fly ball are excellent," said Coach Terryberry.

Hoth would be chosen as a Lake Michigan Conference All Conference Honorable Mention and All District player.

Jacob Bush # 5

C/2B - JUNIOR

The final Rambler chosen was the guy behind the plate. Bush this sea-



Coach of the Year Jason Terryberry

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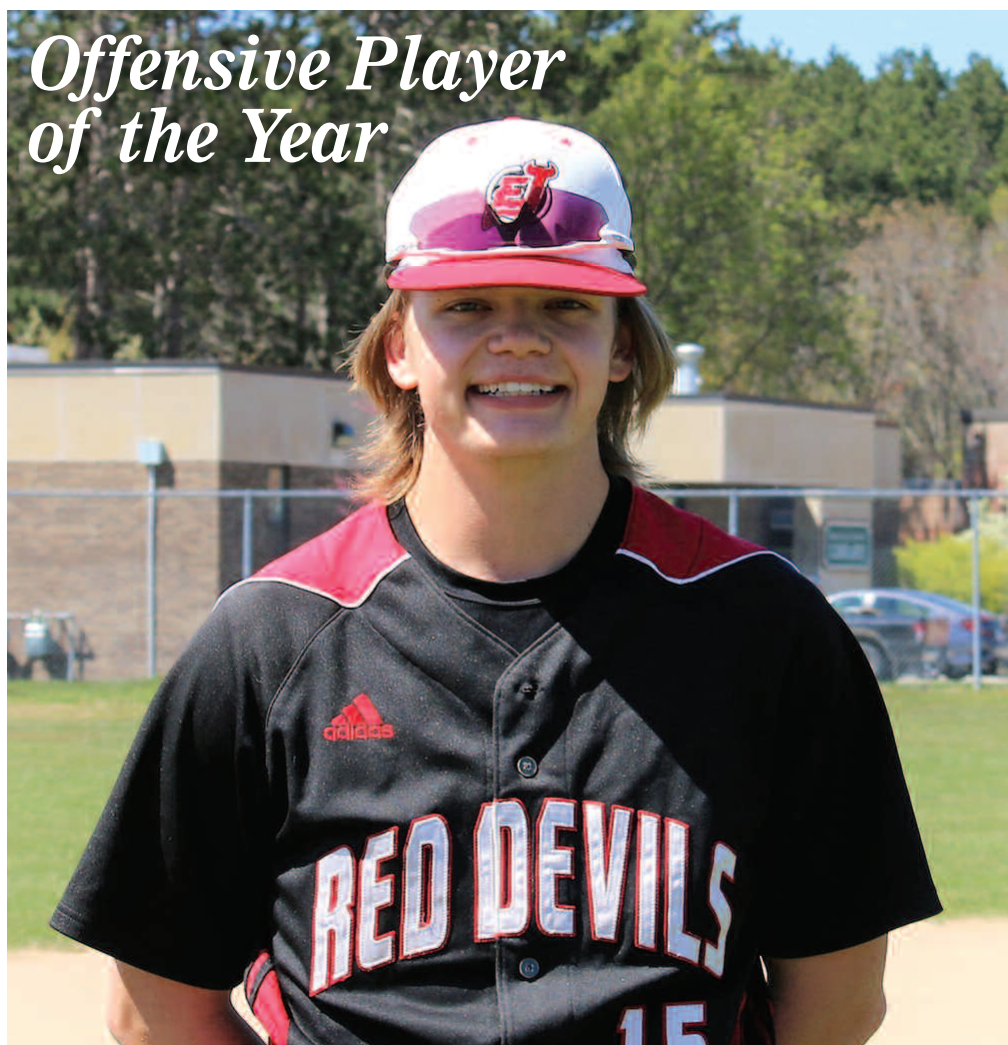
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DREAM TEAM

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son was a pretty reliable catcher, having 14 assists and 138 putouts. He would provide some spark with his bat as well. Bush had 63 at bats and 21 hits for a .333 average this season. He would have 9 extra base hits, including 7 doubles, 1 triple and a home run. He would also drive in 23 RBI.

"Jacob has put in a lot of effort and time to develop into one of the top baseball players around. He did a great job of catching behind the plate this spring, as well as playing second base for us. Jacob was one of our top hitters on the team batting third in the lineup," said Coach Terryberry.

Boyne Falls Wesley Giem #24

When you go to a Division 4 school, you have to sometimes do it all, especially when you have 11 players on your team. That is the case with Wesley Giem, who had a short eight game season put produced some good hitting stats. Giem had 7 hits over 16 at bats for a .438 batting average. While adding in a double and a triple and driving in 7 runs. He would take to the mound for the Loggers, starting 3 games and pitching 9 innings over the season. He would allow 8 hits with a strikeout to walk ratio of 7:11. He would finish the season with a 5.44 earned run average.

Giem would earn Northern Lakes All Conference Honorable Mention Honors as well.

Josh Herman #21

The leader for the Loggers this season would be Herman, at the plate and in the field. Herman defensively would be perfect on the season, recording 2 assists and 5 putouts on 7 opportunities. When it came to hitting, he would collect 7 hits over 14 at bats for a .500 batting average. He would only have one double this season but would drive in 4 runs. Along with Giem, Herman played all over the field and spent some time on the mound, going 7.1 innings and starting 4 games. He would have a strikeout to walk ratio of 12:10 and have an earned run average of 9.54.

Josh would also earn Northern Lakes Second Team All-Conference honors.

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Caleb Stuck #8

C/P - JUNIOR

The Rayders had a very good player behind the plate this season and at the plate as well. Stuck this season behind the plate had 134 putouts and 5 assists. At the plate, he was a good number three hitter, as he had 79 at bats this season with 27 hits for a .342 average. Stuck could use some extra base power as well as he hit 6 doubles and 1 home run, while driving in 17 runs on the year as well. He would lead the team up in RBIs. He would also be able to swipe 20 bases this season.

"Caleb is a workhorse, normally catching the first game of a double header and pitching the second," said Head Coach Scott Nickel.

Stuck would earn Lake Michigan All Conference and All Region hon-

ors.

Sam Dixon #5

P-SENIOR

Another ace of the staff making the list, this time for the Rayders. While their overall season record was not great, the pitching record was perfect for Dixon this season. He would pitch 55.1 innings this season over 13 games and have a 3-0 record. Dixon would have a 60-26 strikeout to walk ratio and posted a 2.91 earned run average. Dixon this season at the plate posted a .186 average in 70 at bats. Which is not as great as others on the list but he did score 17 runs this season and

earned 18 walks, which was the highest on the team.

"Sam was our Ace pitcher, throwing 55.1 inning and striking out 60. He was a great leader on the team and is always thinking about baseball," said Coach Nickel.

Dixon would earn Lake Michigan All Conference and All Region honors.

Phillip Sterrett - #4

CF - SENIOR

Sterrett was a very steady outfielder this season for the Rayders. He would only commit one error all season long, posting a .980 fielding

percentage. While recording 2 outfield assists as well. At the plate, he would have a .382 average in 89 at bats with 34 hits, 5 doubles, 1 triple and driving in 16 RBI. Sterrett would be able to show off his speed with stealing 31 bases this season.

"Phillip locked down center field for the Rayders. Committing only one error the entire season with 50 chances. He led the team at the plate and stolen bases. He was a great teammate," said Coach Nickel.

Sterrett would earn Lake Michigan All Conference Honorable Mention and All Region honors.



Aaron Bess in Action

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Tommy Reid in Action

File Photo

Zach Nickel - #17

1B - SENIOR

The final choice for the Rayders is another solid defensive player with a good bat. Nickel on the season would have 108 chances, committing just four errors for a .963 fielding percentage. He would have 77 at bats on the season and produce 25 hits for a .325 average. He would show some extra base power with 4 doubles and 15 runs batted in.

"Zach had a great season at first base. He was a great player, an even better teammate and leader," said Coach Nickel.

Nickel would earn All Region honors as well.

East Jordan

Ben Reid - #10

C - SOPHOMORE

While the Red Devils team had a great start to the season, it struggled a little down the stretch. However, one guy that could help continue to provide offense throughout the whole year was Reid. A .327 average with, 10 doubles, and a triple. While driving in 17 runs in a shortened season, is nothing to hang your head on.

"Ben doesn't score many runs or steal many bases as he has a courtesy runner most of the time due to being a catcher. However, he had a phenomenal season and has hit a bunch of clutch doubles to get things going for us. He also has done a great job behind the plate handling our pitchers and has thrown out a good handful of potential base stealers," said Head Coach Tom Reid.

Reid was also named to the Lake Michigan All Conference Team.

Mason Malpass - #14

1B/ OF - JUNIOR

The final choice for the Red Devils was the junior Malpass. In the 2021 season, Malpass would show his importance on the base paths, being able to swipe 8 bases this season. Malpass would also have a .310 batting average while driving in 5 runs.

"(Mason) Malpass has been a pleasant surprise at the plate. He always puts the ball in play and is always on base for our big bats to drive him in. He has also done a great job at first base or the outfield when on the field," said Coach Reid.

Malpass was named a Lake Michigan All Conference Selection as well.

ELLSWORTH

Kalen Pletcher

Kalen led the Lancers in hitting this season as he had an astonishing .831 batting average. The center fielder scored 28 runs

Brayden Steenwyk

Brayden was second on the team with a batting average of .804. The catcher scored 25 runs.

Jaeger Griswold

The senior athlete played third base this year and batted .574. He also scored 23 runs.

Choose Your Wheels for the 2021 Pedal, Pig, & Pint Bike Tour

Mark your calendars for the third annual Pedal, Pig, and Pint Bike Tour, Sunday August 1, 2021, in Boyne City, Michigan. Riders of all ages and levels are welcome to enjoy this self-paced bike touring event accessible to all ages and riding abilities.

New this year - Raven Hill Discovery Center www.miravenhill.org and the Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) www.tommaba.org are collaborating to bring you the opportunity to Choose Your Wheels. Enjoy beautiful miles of wooded mountain bike trails or a scenic paved route around Lake Charlevoix, while supporting two exceptional non-profit organizations striving to enhance outdoor experiences in the area. Stiggs Brewing Company in Boyne City has generously offered to support this event with a Pig Roast, Pint and festive atmosphere for relaxing after the ride.

All riders start at Veterans Memorial Park in Boyne City

and finish with a celebratory lunch at Stiggs Brewing Company.

Road cyclists can opt for a scenic, paved trail between Boyne City and Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, or the 42 mile tour along the north shore of Lake Charlevoix to the Lake Michigan shoreline trail. Then on to the Ironton Ferry and back to Boyne City along the south shore of Lake Charlevoix.

Trail riders can choose from a network of beginner to advanced riding trails at Boyne School Forest Trails or the Avalanche Multi-Use Trails. Advanced mountain bike cyclists might challenge themselves by combining both trails and the distance between them.

"This is the only combined mountain and road bike event in the region," explained TOMMBA spokesman Mike Labadie. "Whatever your choice of wheels, it will be a beautiful ride, and a great way to explore the area and support

two great organizations."

Register online at www.bikereg.com or at Veterans Memorial Park, 319 N. Lake St. in Boyne City, from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Registration includes an event bike shirt, lunch and a pint at Stiggs, a free admission pass to Raven Hill Discovery and acknowledgement for your support of these two amazing non-profit organizations. \$50.00 for an individual, \$100 for families (up to five related family members), and \$25 for a child (under 15) accompanied by an adult. Wristbands will be distributed at registration and are required for Lunch and a pint at Stiggs Brewing Company, 112 S. Park St., Boyne City. www.stiggsbrewingcompany.com

Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association is dedicated to creating, enhancing, and preserving great trail experiences in Northern Michigan. All proceeds go to maintaining and building top quality trails for riders of all levels.

Visit www.tommaba.org to learn more about TOMMBA and explore the many TOMMBA built mountain biking trails you might like to explore.

Raven Hill Discovery Center provides hands-on experiences through programs, exhibits, and facilities that connect science, history and the arts for all ages. Located on 175 acres in East Jordan, Raven Hill expands time from prehistory, to modern, to future and from our world to beyond the universe. Raven Hill challenges minds of all ages through experiences that expand the brain and link thoughtful ideas. Raven Hill is looking for your ideas connecting cycling to art, science, and history. If you have a historical fact, story, artistic effort, or scientific facts you would like to share about bicycling, please contact Cheri Leach at Raven Hill to share your idea (231)536-3369, or email info@ravenhill.org. Raven Hill is developing a bicycling display at the mu-

seum to align with this year's Pedal, Pig, & Pint event!

If you have additional questions concerning the ride, contact Holly Sasso (517) 231-3341 or Michael Labadie (616) 304-5758.

Celebrating a collaboration between Evangeline Township, City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County and Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association with a joint Charlevoix County Recreation Grant to construct a driveway and parking lot on

City-owned property in Evangeline Township. TOMMBA

has raised funds for a professionally built trail to connect the property to the current Boyne Forest Trail System, which will be completed in July. Donations for trail building may be directed to: <https://www.tommaba.org/Donate>

The "green loop" is being constructed now. The other loops will be constructed in the future.

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The Accidentals Play Bay View in Petoskey on July 30

Petoskey – This Friday, July 30, The Accidentals will play in Bay View as the second installment of the Crouse Visiting Artist Series in 2021. The concert begins at 8pm and is General Admission. One of their hit songs, Michigan and Again, has nearly half a million views on YouTube and speaks to their popularity with Michiganders. Long before glowing acclaim from NPR and Billboard, packed shows, unforgettable festival appearances, millions of streams, and collaborations with everyone from BTS to Contemporary Youth Orchestra, the journey of The Accidentals commenced in a public high school classroom in Traverse City. The Accidentals now host and lead workshops across the country, hoping to inspire other young musicians.

The Bay View Music Festival runs from June 27



through August 8, and features pop, jazz, classical, chamber music, and theatrical productions throughout the summer on the campus just outside of Petoskey.

The website, Facebook and Instagram also include ticket prices and deals, interviews, and the chance to win tickets. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.BayViewAssociation.org/performingarts. The Box Office outside of Voorhies Hall is open. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, or purchase tickets one hour before ticketed events at the performance venue.

Housing crisis impacts everyone

BY STEVE SCHNELL
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY'S HOUSING READY PROGRAM DIRECTOR WITH HOUSING NORTH

Everyone is impacted by our housing crisis in some way or another. The current housing market is quite lucrative if you own a home or any residential investment. But if you are not currently a homeowner, you will most likely struggle to find something within your budget. Across the state, especially northern Michigan middle income families \$250k and above are being pushed out or moved to house prices above their comfort levels (\$400k+). Even if you own a home and can make your mortgage payments, you are still impacted by the housing crisis.

The following are some examples of how housing challenges impact the vitality of our communities:
Hiring - If you are an employer, you are finding

it harder to recruit employees who do not already live here. Your employees are living farther away, which means that the reliability of their transportation is more important than ever, and the costs of their transportation are higher than ever. This creates a situation where employees are susceptible to leaving for a job closer to where they live in the other community where they may be more invested. Data shows people who live closer to their job are more likely to work and they experience shorter terms of joblessness.

School Enrollment - If the community does not have housing adequate for its residents there will be families who are not able to live within the school district. School enrollment will continue to decline. Local businesses that need seasonal help, which often rely on young family members, will not

have adequate staffing to serve their customers. Service at local restaurants and retail stores will suffer.

Short Term Rental Competition - Housing price increases are partially due to competition for short-term rentals. Homes that used to be rented long term are now being converted to short term rentals, reducing the number of year-round housing units, and increasing home prices. Renters may have difficulty finding a place to rent as more long-term rentals are converted to short term vacation rentals. In fact, currently there is a bill (HB 4722) working its way through the state legislature that could take away local control of these short-term rentals.

Representation in local government - Many of those who need housing that is not met by the market are not often repre-

sented in local government. People who struggle with housing are often working more than one job and do not have the time to dedicate to a volunteer or elected position. When given an opportunity to grow into housing as your life situation changes and your career evolves, typically beginning as a renter and evolving into a small starter home then owning a larger family home, a person and then a family can become an integral part of the community.

For more information on programs to ensure quality homes for everyone, please visit the Housing North resources online at homesforourfuture.org or call Steve Schnell, Charlevoix County's Housing Ready Program Director with Housing North at 231-330-7070 or steve@housingnorth.org.

Delta variant spreading; vaccination is the best protection

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, but health officials also acknowledge vaccine breakthrough cases are expected.

A vaccine breakthrough infection is defined as the detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA or antigen in a respiratory specimen collected from a person at least two weeks after completing their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or their single dose of Johnson and Johnson "Janssen" vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccines are a critical tool to bring the pandemic under control. While current vaccines appear to offer strong protection against circulating COVID-19 strains, including the Delta variant, there is currently no vaccine that is 100% effective at preventing illness, said officials with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. There will be a small percentage of fully vaccinated people who still get sick, hospitalized, or die from COVID-19, but the risk is much greater for those who are unvaccinated, they emphasized. The more opportunity COVID-19 has to spread, the more likely variants will cause illness in vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

"Although our four-county jurisdiction has not yet reported the Delta variant, the variant is in our northern Michigan region," said Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "This variant is much more transmissible, and we want to ensure that our residents continue to take precautions to protect themselves, their loved ones, and local businesses from the virus," he added.

"With residents and visitors traveling in and out of our region, we must be reminded that our greatest protection right now is through vaccination. Getting vaccinated is the extra layer of protection that decreases likelihood of severe illness, hospitalization and death due to this virus," Dr. Meyerson said.

The health department offers convenient COVID-19 vaccination clinics for all area residents and visitors 12 and older either by appointment ahead of time or simply walking in. Parent consent is required for minors. Anyone may call 800-432-4121 if they have questions or are not able to find a time or date that works for them and/or their child. Clinics offer client choice of Pfizer,

Moderna or J&J unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming clinics include:

THURSDAY, JULY 29

- 12-1 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, 501 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey. Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J.

- 1-4:25 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 5 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J.

- 2:30-4 p.m. - Little Traverse Historical Museum, 100 Depot Ct., Petoskey. Vaccine Pfizer and J&J.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

- 1-4:25 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 209 Portage Dr., Bellaire. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J.

- 2:30-4:30 p.m. - Whippy Dip, 10946 County Hwy 48, Vanderbilt. Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J.

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting the following case information:

- On Friday, July 23, 6 new cases of COVID-19 and a reduction of 1 case was reported in Antrim (-1), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (3), and Otsego (1).

- On Saturday, July 24, 1 new case of COVID-19 was reported in Antrim (0), Charlevoix (1), Emmet (1), and Otsego (0).

- On Sunday, July 25, 1 new case of COVID-19 was reported in Antrim (0), Charlevoix (0), Emmet (1), and Otsego (0).

- On Monday, July 26, 6 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (5), Emmet (0), and Otsego (0).

As of 4 p.m. today, the cumulative case count information for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,645), Charlevoix (1,701), Emmet (2,401), and Otsego (2,371).

- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,598), Charlevoix (1,626), Emmet (2,279), and Otsego (2,227).

- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (30), Charlevoix (22), Emmet (42), and Otsego (41).

On Friday, July 23, the State of Michigan reported 899,921 cases and 19,883 deaths. The State of Michigan reports case counts on Tuesday and Friday.

Norovirus outbreaks reported in area

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan staff are warning residents of several Norovirus outbreaks occurring in the area and are offering precautionary measures to keep summer dining experiences safe.

Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause gastroenteritis in people. The most common way to become infected with Norovirus - often called "stomach flu" - is through contact with an infected person or by ingesting contaminated food or water. Norovirus illness usually begins 24-48 hours after exposure but can appear as early as 10 hours after exposure. The illness is usually brief, with symptoms lasting only 1 or 2 days. Common symptoms include:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Stomach cramping
- Low-grade fever
- Chills
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- A general sense of tiredness

Noroviruses are very contagious and spread easily from person to person. The virus is found in the stool and vomit of infected people. People can become infected in several ways, including eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated by infected food handlers, touching surfaces or objects contaminated with norovirus and then touching their mouth before hand washing, or having direct contact with another person who is infected and then touching their mouth before hand washing.

Outbreaks also have occurred from eating undercooked oysters harvested from contaminated waters; cooking kills the virus. Drinking water contaminated by sewage can also be a source of illness.

PREVENTION

In general, you can help protect yourself and others from norovirus by washing your hands thoroughly with soap and water. You should also avoid preparing food for others, working in a day care center, health care facility or food service establishment if you have gastrointestinal symptoms including vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, or a low-grade fever. If those symptoms become severe, seek medical attention.

GENERAL FACT SHEET FOR NOROVIRUS (VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS)

WHAT ARE NOROVIRUSES?

Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause gastroenteritis (GAS-tro-enter-I-tis), in people. Norovirus is known incorrectly as the "stomach flu". Norovirus is NOT related to the flu (influenza), which is a respiratory illness caused by a different virus. The term norovirus was recently approved as the official name for this group of viruses; previously it had been referred to as "Norwalk virus" or "Norwalk-like virus."

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF A NOROVIRUS INFECTION?

Norovirus illness usually begins 24 - 48 hours after exposure, but can appear as early as 10 hours after exposure. Symptoms usually include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach cramping. Sometimes people have a low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and a general sense of tiredness. The illness is usually brief, with symptoms lasting only 1 or 2 days.

HOW SERIOUS IS NOROVIRUS DISEASE?

Norovirus disease is usually not serious, but people may feel very sick. Most people get better within 1 or 2 days, and have no long-term health effects from the illness. Sometimes people are unable to drink enough liquids to replace what they lose from vomiting and diarrhea, and they can become dehydrated and need to see a doctor. This

problem usually occurs only among the very young, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems.

HOW IS NOROVIRUS SPREAD?

Noroviruses are very contagious and spread easily from person to person. The virus is found in the stool and vomit of infected people. People can become infected in several ways, including eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated by infected food handlers, touching surfaces or objects contaminated with norovirus and then touching their mouth before hand washing, or having direct contact with another person who is infected and then touching their mouth before hand washing.

Outbreaks also have occurred from eating undercooked oysters harvested from contaminated waters - cooking kills the virus. Drinking water contaminated by sewage can also be a source of illness.

Persons working in day-care centers or nursing homes should pay special attention to children or residents who have symptoms of norovirus. The virus can spread quickly in these types of facilities.

HOW LONG ARE PEOPLE CONTAGIOUS?

People infected with norovirus are contagious from the moment they begin feeling ill to at least 3 days after recovery. Some people may be contagious for as long as 2 weeks after recovery. Therefore, good hand washing is important. Persons infected with norovirus should not prepare food while they have symptoms and for 3 days after they recover. Infected people do not become long-term carriers of norovirus.

WHO GETS NOROVIRUS INFECTION?

Anyone can become infected with these viruses. Because there are many different strains of norovirus, infection and illness can re-occur throughout a person's lifetime.

WHAT TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE WITH NOROVIRUS INFECTION?

PREVENTION?

Currently, there is no specific medication or vaccine for norovirus. Norovirus infection cannot be treated with antibiotics. By drinking fluids, such as juice or water, people can reduce their chance of becoming dehydrated. Sports drinks do not replace the nutrients and minerals lost during this illness.

Do infected people need to be excluded from school, work or daycare?

Since the virus is passed in vomit and stool, children should not go to daycare or school while they have diarrhea or vomiting. Once illness ends, children can return to daycare, but hand washing must be strictly monitored. Persons who work in nursing homes, take care of patients, or handle food should stay out of work until at least 48-72 hours after symptoms end.

CAN NOROVIRUS INFECTIONS BE PREVENTED?

You can decrease your chances of becoming infected with norovirus by:

- Frequent hand washing with warm water and soap (alcohol based hand sanitizers do NOT work against norovirus)
- Promptly disinfecting contaminated surfaces with household chlorine bleach-based cleaners
- Washing soiled clothing and linens
- Avoiding food or water from sources that may be contaminated
- Cooking oysters completely to kill the virus



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; Mayor Penzien presiding with all members present and all Board meeting minutes were approved as well as the Paid Bills in the amount of \$497,854.92.

Further Commission Action: Rejected the \$1,000 offer for sale of Huron Street lotl and allowed City Administrator to negotiate with buyer; rescinded Traffic Control Order 103/2021 and 104/2021; approved Joining Jordan Pay application 12R in the amount of \$289,429.87; appointed Administrator Cannon as the voting delegate and Commissioner Johnson as the alternate for the MML conference; approved stopping all maintenance and city activity on Edward Street and look at proposals of how to bring it up to city standards in the future; approved to have contractors look through Civic Center and get estimates for each item which are in need of repair and also put together a survey for the building with seeking input from City Commission, DDA, Planning Commission and City Administrator; approved grant funds for American Rescue Plan; and accepted resignation of Commissioner Hawley effective July 20, 2021 and allow posting of vacancy.

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

Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC
City Clerk

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The solution is to get the price right. This is done by using what is called a Competitive Market Analysis (CMA). If you've hired the right agent, this is the first folder out of their briefcase when you meet to list your home. A CMA breaks down the sales price of homes that are similar to yours in location, size, age and condition.

Your agent will also consider the listing prices of homes on the market, but these are used more to identify the competition. Even with a strong agent

and CMA, your price may not be on target. That's because the market is always changing and your agent should be updating your CMA whenever anything comparable to your property sells.

Not every reason your home isn't selling will be the price, although they will be related to it. Here we have that value vs. price issue. If buyers perceive imperfections in your listing, they will want a discount, so if they're not buying, your price is not discounted enough for buyers to believe the value to them at least equals that of your price.

For example, if your lawn is brown and the landscaping worn, buyers will want a discount. The problem is that a seller will not consider this a major issue and attach a much lower discount than a buyer will accept.

This is why it is imperative that sellers do everything they can to eliminate any issues buyers may have with their house before listing. Obviously, you can't do anything about a bad location, such as being near railroad tracks, or that you have just one bathroom. But you and your agent should have factored these drawbacks into the listing price.

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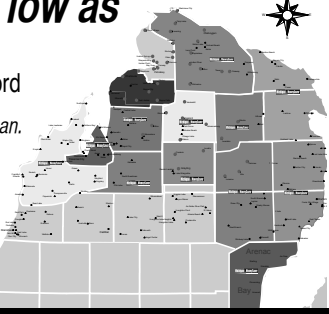
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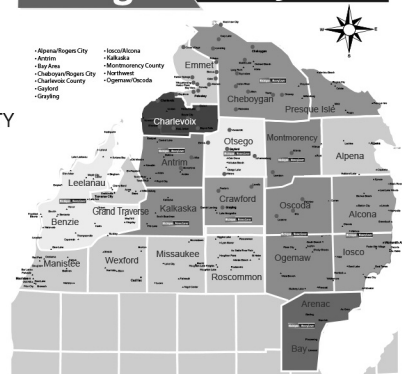
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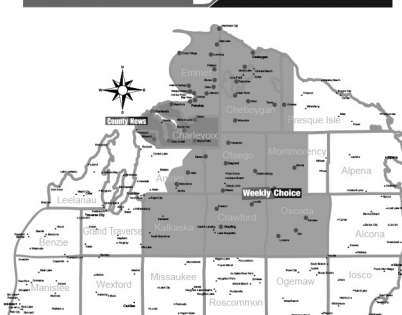
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80-acre “Gentleman’s Farm” between East Jordan and Charlevoix



BY JIM AKANS

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The possibilities for this beautiful property are virtually endless. It could easily serve as a “Gentleman’s Farm,” with the existing home, several outbuildings including a barn, pole barn and more. This could also become a gorgeous vineyard, or an private northern Michigan expansive retreat. Another option is a great

land development with rolling terrain yet just a few miles from East Jordan, Charlevoix, Lake Charlevoix, Ironton and Lake Nowland. Opportunities like this are few and far between.

This 80-acre “Gentleman’s Farm” is located at 2505 Sequanota Road, about halfway between East Jordan and Charlevoix and it is listed at \$1,200,000. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty – 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollysUpNorth@gmail.com



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