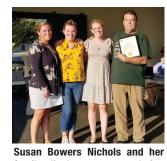


City sending out survey on future of downtown Civic Center



Phil Hofweber was appointed City Commissioner at the August 17 City Commission meeting replacing Abby Hawley who resigned in July.



Susan Bowers Nichols and her family display a commendation presented for her service to the city. She served on the Board of Review and Planning Commission.

East Jordan - The August 17 East Jordan City Commissioners Meeting started with some excitement both good and bad, a commendation was awarded and a city employee emotionally gave his resignation. During the meeting a new city commissioner was appointed, a cyclocross event was approved, and a survey that will determine the fate of the civic center was presented.

Susan Bowers Nichols was

presented a commendation for her time served on the Board of Review (2004-05) and the city planning commission (2005-07). "Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you," said Mayor Penzien.

During public comment Bill Melching, the caretaker of Elm Pointe, stepped forward to voice his disappointment at the actions of one of the city commissioners who removed signs he had placed out without communicating with him. Melching explained why the signs were needed and their effectiveness, he stated that he felt the commissioner had overstepped their function. "What was done went so far beyond the chain of command," he said. The signs that said something like, "property to be used by reservation only," had drastically reduced abuses occurring at the park, according to Melching and were not intended to prevent anyone from using it. Why they were removed was not made clear but Commissioner Shandra Sweet-Hock, who removed the signs, stated that "We were short staffed, and a lot was going on at that time." Melching stated that he and his wife intended to stay as caretakers for ten years but "We feel all of what we put in

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Volunteers needed for Drag Races

Sunday, September 5th. The annual Boyne City Drag Race is ON for September 5th, the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend! The City hosted an organizational meeting to gauge interest, and we had a good turnout of volunteers interested in making it happen. More volunteers are always welcomeplease email mcain@boynecity.com if you'd like to help out. This years event will be organized by the Boyne Valley Lions and a committee of drag race enthusiasts. The Drag

Races for 2021 will be held

- 5pm.

Sunday, September 5th 12pm

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Patrick Gerard, of Boyne City, (#51 car) protects his lead in the Bump 'n Run car races at Otsego County Fairgrounds Saturday. Gerard was one of the big cash winners of the night. Photo: Joanie Moore

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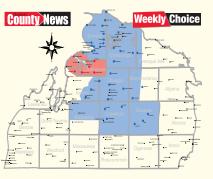
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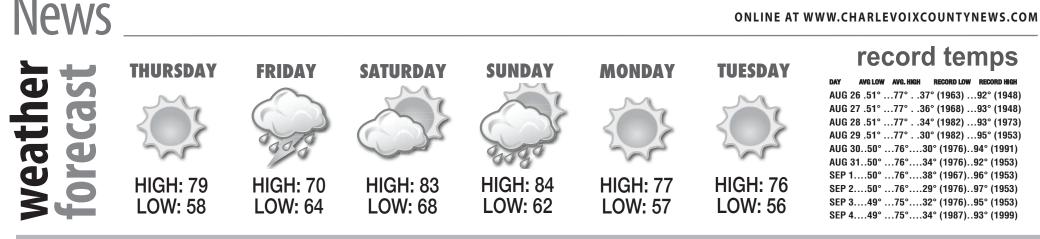
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John "Michael" left this world to travel the cosmos in his spirit form on Saturday, August 21st, 2021, in his home after a long, courageous battle with lung cancer.

Michael was born on August 4th, 1950 to John and Oleta (Ogborn) Sehr. He graduated from Lake High School, Millbury Ohio, in 1968

Michael met his partner Gary L Deters in Toledo in 1971 when introduced by mutual friends. They spent 50 wonderful years together and were officially married on August 5th, 2021.

Michael and Gary moved

1986 where he opened his beauty salon Self Indulgence. Michael was passionate about being a hairdresser and enjoyed being involved with the Boyne City High School Drama Department by doing hair for performers in the school musicals. He retired from hairdressing in 2013, when he moved on to fulfill his love of antiques by opening Dunagain Antiques & Collectables. He spent his spare time learning all the latest technology and adding many historical books to his audiobook collection of over 800 books. He was an avid learner and could answer any question thrown his way. Michael was clever, quickwitted, and made jokes until his final day. He passed quietly at his home, surrounded by his loved ones and his dog Frankie.

to Boyne City together in

Michael is survived by his husband Gary; his beloved sister Nancy (Donald) Colyer; sister-in-law Cindy Deters; brother-in-law Dan Deters; Niece Kelley (Mike) Guthrie, and nephews Michael (Martha) Colyer, and Robert (Kelly) Mefford; along with 6 great-nieces and nephews. Michael was preceded in death by his parents. The family has elected to

OBITUARIES

hold a celebration of life at a later time. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the Boyne City High School Drama Department or Hospice of Michigan.

Ernest "Ernie" Henry Fitzpatrick, 85

(DEC. 18, 1935 - AUG. 19, 2021) Our Pillar in the Wind, Ernest Henry Fitzpatrick of Clarion, Michigan passed away at his home surrounded by family. Born December 18th. 1935 to Henry Fitzpatrick and Alice Nowland. In 1960 he married Darlene Jovce Bannister to whom he was married for 54 years.

He was a member of the Walloon Lake Fly Wheelers, worked with the Board of Review, Parks and Recreation for Melrose Township, along with being a former Chief of the Melrose Township Fire Department. Ernest was quite the scrapper in his younger days and always joked asking people if they wanted to fight. Some would call him a hoarder, truly he just loved anything antique. He was a hard worker and stayed active in his salvage yard until his final months.

Ernest is proceeded in death by his Wife Darlene Fitzpatrick. Parents Henry Fitzpatrick and Alice Mathers. Brothers James Fitzpatrick, Michael Mathers, Eddie Mathers. Sister Dixie Mathers, and Granddaughter Shannon Fitzpatrick.

He is survived by his Brother Johnny Mathers, Sisters Kristina Morrison and Pat Gray. Children Rex (Lynn) Bannister, Dawn Fitzpatrick, Ernest Henry Fitzpatrick Jr., and William Fitzpatrick. Grand children Chad (Robin) Bannister, Kashmir Bannister, Melissa (Jason) Miller, Jessica (Troy) winderg, Candace (Troy) Matthews, Michael O'Neal, Trevor Hunt, Garrett and Gavin Fitzpatrick. Great grandchildren Brooklynn Bannister, Adaline, Jocelynn, and Dalanie Winberg, Kinsley Matthews, Cheyenne, Scott, and Madison Stults, and Alyssa, Connor, and Logan Miller. Many cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces

gust 14, 2021, at the age of 69 in Boyne City. Born in Petoskey on March 14, 1952, Bob lived a devoted life, raised in a large, loving Catholic family.

Bob is survived by his wife of nearly 48 years, Kristine (Campbell) Foster, four daughters: Nicole and her husband Casey Sulak, Michelle Foster, Katie and her husband Aaron Van-Landschoot, and Kim Foster. and four grandchildren: Landen, Jameson, and Austin Sulak, and Veda VanLandschoot. He is also survived by three brothers and six sisters and a large extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents Donald and Betty (Stark) Foster.

Bob met the love of his life. Kris, while serving in the Armed Forces in Germany shortly after graduating from Pinconning High School. Together they traveled across the country, until they settled in Boyne City to raise their "four angels". Bob worked tirelessly to support his family operating a tool and die shop with his father. His hobbies included woodworking, photography and endless home improvement for himself and others. He was known in the community for his volunteer work and willingness to serve. Others knew him by the sound of his orange Roadrunner. His recent years of retirement were spent enjoying simple pleasures with his family and friends like kayaking, playing cards, or relaxing on his deck overlooking the Boyne River. There was always music, and you could often find him dancing, singing, or playing along.

A celebration of Bob's life and the joy it brought to them was held on Monday, August 23 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City.

In lieu of flowers or donations, in his spirit please pay it forward and assist a neighMichael Krussell, Jeramiah William Krussell and Rennea Violet Krussell, all of Boyne City; his father, Stanley Stewart (Connie) Scott, Sr. of East Jordan; six siblings, Cindy May Overmyer of Bedford, Kentucky, Daniel (Diane) Scott of Mancelona, Dave (Corinna) Scott of East Jordan, Larry (Debbie) Scott of Evart, Stewart Scott of Inglis, Florida, Rebecca Scott of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania; brother-in-law, William R. Midgett of East Jordan; sister-in-law, Barbie (Charles) Porter of Decatur, Texas; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Alberta V. Argetsinger on May 28, 1997.

There was a celebration of life service held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 8202 Ellsworth Road, East Jordan. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan

Sandra Lee Loper, 68

(NOV. 26, 1952 - AUG. 22, 2021) Sandra L. Loper of

Charlevoix passed away on August 22, 2021 at her home. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church with visitation from 1:00 p.m. until the time of services. Burial will take place privately in the Ellsworth Cemetery.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester **Chapel of Mortensen Funeral** Homes.

Clearina Mary Behrens, 99

James Kewagshken, 39

(DEC. 19, 1981 - AUG. 18, 2021)



James Hershel Kewagshken of Charlevoix passed away on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. He was born on December 19, 1981 in Chicago, IL, the son of Gary Smith and Anna Kewagshken.

James graduated as the valedictorian from Beaver Island Lighthouse School. He also attended cosmetology school for several semesters. Many know James from Monte's Soft Cloth Carwash in Charlevoix, where he had worked as a manager for many years. He worked for Arnold Amusements for many years as well, and he enjoyed traveling from state to state. In his free time, he enjoyed playing videogames, picking away on his guitar, hiking, and listening to rock and metal music. In his younger days, he also liked to skateboard all over town.

James is survived by his mother, Anna Smith of Charlevoix; his son, James Kewagshken Jr.; two brothers, Justin Brown of Maryland and Gary Reiser of South Dakota; and two sisters, Kimberly Smith of Charlevoix and Linda Smith of Charlevoix.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Smith; his daughter, Patricia Castaneda: two sisters, Marlene Kewagshken and April Cross; his maternal grandparents, Hershel and Betty Kewagshken; and his paternal grandparents, Joe and Helen Smith.

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and great nephews. Ernest will be celebrated at Stackus Funeral Home, September 11, 2021 at 11:00 am. Public welcome from 10:00am until the time of service. Burial will be 12:30pm at Maple Hill Cemetery in Clarion with a lunch to follow at the Melrose Township Hall.

Robert William Foster, 69

(MARCH 14, 1952 - AUG. 14, 2021)



Robert William Foster, known as Bob or Frosty, died unexpectedly Saturday, Aubor or friend in need.

Stanley Stewart Scott, 60

(APRIL 22, 1961 - AUG. 18, 2021)



Stanley Stewart Scott, Jr. died Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at his home in East Jordan.

He was born on April 22, 1961, in Bellaire, Michigan, the son of Stanley Stewart and Alberta Violet (Robinson) Scott.

He grew up in East Jordan. Stanley married Kimberly Midgett on December 17. 1983, in East Jordan.

Stanley drove truck as an occupation. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, four wheeling and snowmobiling. Actually, he loved anything in the great outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Scott of East Jordan; daughter, Lissa (Travis) Krussell of Boyne City; son, Corey James Scott of East Jordan; grandchildren, Tyler

(MARCH 23, 1922 - AUG. 22, 2021) Clearina M. Behrens of Charlevoix passed away on August 22, 2021 at her home. Clearina was born on March 23, 1922, in Manis-

tique. MI, the daughter of Delphis Jr. and Gladys (Briggs) Pelletier.

She was an animal lover and volunteered at numerous Humane Society's through the years. She was a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Charlevoix and enjoyed spending time and talking about Beaver Island where she was raised as a child.

Surviving are 3 children, Mary (James) Danhour of Parker, CO, Gary (Weletta) Behrens of Naples, FL, Sandra (Bernie III "Sonny") Ward of Charlevoix, 10 grandchildren and 10 greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Paul Behrens and her parents.

No services are planned at this time. The family will remember her privately at a later date.

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

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

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family.

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

Julius Toeroek, 98

(NOV. 15, 1922 - AUG. 13, 2021) Julius Toeroek of Charlevoix died Aug. 13, 2021. No services are planned at this time.





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Students Receive \$363,200 in Scholarships from Charlevoix County Community Foundation

Graduating seniors from Charlevoix County high schools will receive a total of \$363,200 in scholarship funds to help them launch into college and post-secondary education and training programs. This year, a total of 81 scholarships were awarded, including more multi-year scholarships, which provide financial assistance for students beyond their first year of school. Scholarship funds were established by local citizens and groups to honor family members, community leaders, educators, and others who value continuing education.

Collaborative scholarship awards are new to the Community Foundation this year. Collaborative awards have made it possible to provide more significant support for students in their pursuit of post-secondary

education and training by pooling available dollars from individual funds. For the student, this means multi-year support, which is extremely helpful as they continue on past their first year of college. The first collaborative scholarship was awarded this year to Karissa Givens, of Charlevoix, who plans to attend the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the fall to study mechanical engineering. Givens was grateful for the award, saying, "Receiving this aid means so much to me. Not only will this assist in keeping my college loans low, but it also shows the hard work that I've been putting in for the last thirteen years."

Likewise, Boyne City's Magee Behling, was grateful to be the first recipient of the new Frank J. Lamesfield Boyne City Scholarship. "By receiving this scholarship I will be able to start college with less worry about the financial burden of paying for college," she said. Behling will be attending Hope College to study chemistry. This fund was established with a gift from the estate of Frank J. Lamesfield to benefit students living in the Boyne City Public School District and will provide up to six years of support for students who receive the scholarship each year.

All scholarship recipients shared their excitement and gratitude, stating that this support will allow them to focus on their education and earning a degree instead of their financial burden. Some students said that feeling the community's support and recognition through their scholarship award was particularly meaningful to them as they head out into the world on their own for the first time.

Each year the Community Foundation awards scholarships to outstanding local students with financial need who are entering the skilled trades, community colleges, and 4-year colleges and universities. These students have demonstrated their eagerness to succeed beyond high school and have shown promise in their work ethic and in their academic achievement.

The following students received scholarship awards this year: Evan Beane, Jake Beaudoin, Maggee Behling, Tiana Bennett, Katelyn Black, Emily Bonneville, Blake Brunmeier, Megan Bush, Quintan DeLaat, Michael Deming, Jacob Derenzy, Alyssa Dunson, Colby Ferguson, Karissa Givens, Jaeger Griswold, Zander Holmes, Lauren Hudson, Jaelyn Jarema, Jack Kita, Kate Klinger, Alivia LaJoie, Owen Leist, Emily Lindeman, Robin Lynskey, William Maginity, Koehn Manthei, Alexia McKenzie, Jennahka Moses, Nathaniel Newman, Josh Nise, Jordan Noble, Alaena Pennington, Rachel Pott, Ethan Putman, Madelyn Reece, Audrey Richards, Samantha Ruble, Alison Sape, Shannon Schlueter, Alexandria Scott, Alec Sherman-Brown, Lauren Smith, Luke Snyder, Aubrie Sparks, Steven Streasick, Sage Upton, Judith Veldboom, Airielle Voorhees, Keegan Whisker, Emmah Wojan, Avery Zipp, and Emily Zmikly.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a charitable organization made up of various funds – all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, like scholarships, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come.

For a complete list of the 2021 scholarship recipients, please visit www.c3f.org and click on Scholarships.

For more information about how to support Charlevoix County youth through scholarships, or to find out how your scholarship fund can join efforts to create larger, multi-year awards in the future, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at www.c3f.org.





Front Porch temporarily closed

The Front Porch Cafe in Ellsworth will be temporarily closed for repairs after a customer accidentally ran through the wall in the kitchen area of the restaurant. There were no injuries but the 501c3 cafe will remain closed until repairs are made.

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.



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ANNUAL PLEIN AIR PAINT & PICNIC

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BOYNE CITY

PAVILION SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Bovne 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.

8/25 - Full Moon Jam Band

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SCHEDULE

8/27/2021 Jeff Meads 9/3/2021 Full Circle

EAST JORDAN **GOSPEL MUSIC**

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9/18 - Free Indeed 10/2 - The Glaskos10/16 – Mary Ann Garza 11/6 – By His Grace 11/20 – Pictures of Grace 12/4 – Jim Quales 12/18 – Drenth Sisters

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CHARLEVOIX

RIBBON CUTTING OF SHIRLEY ROLOFF CENTER

The public is invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony on the front lawn of the Shirley Roloff Center on Wednesday, August 25 at 5PM. This is the old elementary school, the new senior center. Located at 13513 Division Street in Charlevoix.

BOYNE CITY FIELD OF DREAMS COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Sept. 4th, Field of Dreams Community Fun Day. Join us at Sunset Park Sat. Sept. 4th, from 12 noon to 5 for a Dunk tank all day. Cornhole tournament for kids at 11, and adults at 1 and 3. \$20 person for tournament. Also, sign up for corn hole tournament to be held Friday Sept. 3rd, from 6 to 9 at Little Log Cabin during Stroll the Streets.

BOYNE CITY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DRAG RACES

Sunday, September 5th. The annual Boyne City Drag Race is ON for September 5th, the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend! The City hosted an organizational meeting to gauge interest, and we had a good turnout of volunteers interested in making it happen. More volunteers are always welcome- please email mcain@boynecity.com if you'd like to help out. This years event will be organized by the Boyne Valley Lions and a committee of drag race enthusiasts. The Drag Races for 2021 will be held Sunday, September 5th 12pm - 5pm.

curbside pick-up and home delivered meals from all centers. We are just going back to the way we provided all of our services

before July 1, 2021. The only activities/services we are allowing in the Senior Centers will be Gym walking by reservation and Foot Clinics.

GRAYLING

JUNQUE IN THE TRUNK The Grayling Promotional Association's parking lot garage sale is being held on Saturday, September 4, at the Grayling Mini Mall from 9am to 2pm. Parking spaces are available for \$25. Take advantage of a central location, large audience and free advertising. Space applications are available at graylingpromotional.org, the Grayling Chamber of Commerce and Tip 'n the Mitten.

CHARLEVOIX PLANT SALE

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club annual plant sale is Saturday, September 4, from 9 am until noon at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix. Perennials from members gardens will be for sale at great prices. Also, useful, timely advice on plants for our area from people who love to talk garden. For more information, call 231-547-4182.

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STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

September 21st. The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce presents the annual State of the Community luncheon at Castle Farms. This event features important updates from various sectors of our community. This year, hear from leaders with Charlevoix County, Charlevoix Public Schools, and the Antrim-Charlevoix-Kalkaska Association of Realtors. Thank you to our partners at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Charlevoix State Bank, and the City of Charlevoix for sponsoring this event.

EAST JORDAN FALL FESTIVAL

September 25. East Jordan Fall Fest is a community event, to celebrate and give back after a long summer season has come to an end. 2021 marks our 6th year hosting this wonderful event and we have been growing steadily. This is a family-friendly festival that involves live music, food and drinks, vendors, and a Co-Ed softball tournament. We have activities for kids including yard games, face painting, arts and crafts, hay wagon rides and much more. Fall Fest is hosted by the East Jordan Tourist Park, encouraging all participants to camp for the weekend, allowing for easy access throughout the day's events, with trick-or-treating and campsite decoration competitions Saturday night. Over the past few years, we have steadily grown to over 1000 participants! Fall Fest is a donation-based festival with no charge for admission. Without the community sponsorship support and donations at the door and throughout the festival. none of this could be possible. Fall Festival is an event for the community people, funded by the community people. We would love to have you join our cause, as a vendor, sponsor, volunteer or participant!

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY **COVID-19 VACCINES**

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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.

BOYNE CITY CONCERT

Freshwater Gallery and Concert Venue, in conjunction with Helping Hearts of EJ, will be hosting a benefit concert on Friday, October 15 at 7pm. Head-





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celebrates the Chain of Lakes Water Trail and the unique communities that surround it. With two days of paddling and three days of community events which include live music, outdoor activities, and food/drink, there is something for everyone to enjoy. For additional information about the Paddle Antrim Festival visit the webpage at

www.paddleantrim.com/p addle-antrim-festival or contact Paddle Antrim at info@paddleantrim.com or 231-498-2080.

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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.

lining that great event will be NYC-based singer/songwriter, Willie Nile. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased by calling Freshwater Gallery & Concert Venue at 231-582-2588.

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News

August 26, 2021

U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The Veteran of the month of September, 2021 is Mary Bloomfield.

Born July 30, 1921 in Detroit Michigan to parents George and Anna (Fada) Kotowich. Mary was the 6th of 7 children. At the age of 2 years, the family moved to East Jordan Michigan, settling on the Kotowich homestead near Mt. Bliss, south of town. She attended Mt. Bliss one room school for several years, then transferred to East Jordan Schools, graduating in the class of 1941. After graduation Mary attended Wayne State University and graduated from Grace Hospital's nursing program. On May 3, 1944, she enlisted into the United States Army, joining her three brothers Ted; Johnny; and Steve during WWII. Her first assignment was at Camp McCoy Wiscon-

sin, and was soon assigned



Mary Bloomfield

to the 101st General Hospital for duty in England, France, and Germany. Mary was commissioned 2nd Lt., and after over 18 months of overseas duty was returned to the United States. On March 14, 1946 at Fort Dix New Jersey, she was given an Honorable Discharge, and awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and WWII Victory Medal.

Returning to Detroit Michigan she began working in Hospitals in the area, and also for the Public Health Department of Wayne County. Attending Duns Scotus Catholic church she met George Bloomfield, and they married January 9, 1960 at St. James Catholic church in Detroit.

While raising their daughter Mary Anne who was enrolled in St Bede school, Mary stopped working until her daughter reached high school. She enjoyed the Great Books program, being a Girl Scout leader, and seamstress for the St. Bede players. When Mary Anne began high school, Mary began working again in nursing homes, and as a private duty nurse until the age of 70 when she retired. In 2005 she returned to East

Jordan, along with her daughter and son in law who built a home on the original family homestead. Mary was a member of Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 of the American Legion in East Jordan, and enjoyed many post functions and parades. During her 98 years, she was a masterful seamstress, gardener, enjoyed traveling and telling the tales of her Army days to family, friends, and fellow Veterans. She will always be remembered for her smile, kindness, and love for her family, friends, and country. On February 6, 2020, Mary Kotowich Bloomfield answered the final call, joining her husband George and son in law Steven in heaven, and is being honored by her daughter Mary Anne Smigulec.

COMMISSION

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was not valued." He then resigned saying he wished someone would have talked to him about it. "I can't fault Bill for the signs, he was dealing with a lot of vandalism issues. He wasn't saying you can't use the park. Maybe the language could have been interpreted different," said City Administrator Tom Cannon. Mayor Penzien expressed his regret, "He (Melching) has some great ideas and is willing to work hard. I hate to lose somebody over this stuff but I understand the emotional part." During the Mayors report segment of the meeting, a conversation was held on how business can be conducted without stepping on toes by reaching out to people before action is taken.

Phil Hofweber was appointed to the city commission replacing Abby Hawley who resigned in July. Hofweber will serve as commissioner until the term ends November 2023.

The East Jordan Iron CX cyclocross race was approved. The race is scheduled for October 16 at Community Park, Maple Street. The 1.3-mile closed course with obstacles is expected to attract between 100-125 athletes. The event rated amateur will begin at 9am. "It's an exciting thing, a new event." Said Commissioner Sweet-Hock.

City Administrator Tom Cannon presented a fivequestion survey that will be mailed to all residents, providing an opportunity to give input on the future of the civic center. Surveys are due back by September 20 and the results will be discussed at an October 6 joint meeting of the City Commission, Planning Commission and DDA. The joint meeting occurs twice a year to address higher priority issues and set project goals. Since there were no interested buyers for the building the city is unsure on how to proceed and is looking to the public for guidance. "The survey group wanted to try and make the survey as easy to complete as possible in hopes of getting a high percentage of returned surveys," said Cannon. "The goal is to hear from as many people as possible." The questions are: 1. Should the City continue to own/operate the civic center building and facilitate the necessary upgrades? 2. If the city continues operation, which usages would you like to see? 3. Would you prefer a community building to be relocated/reconstructed elsewhere?

Ribbon cutting at Brown's Creek Pathway Trailhead

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting and dedication at the new Brown's Creek Pathway Trailhead Monday, August 23. The trail system has been a collaboration between the city, school and the Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA). As well as various community financial donors and volunteers.

The six miles of mountain bike trails have been a work in progress for nearly the last five years. Visionary Scott Beal organized the trail's development. "Once we got started connecting existing trails, we mapped out new sections. We had to pack a lot into a small area, we used the elevation that's here so it's challenging," said Beal.

The 20-acre, three-loop trailhead sits on property that was once the Slough Auto Parts yard, next to the high school. It also utilizes portions of the city's re-purposed transfer station. "We reclaimed the auto parts yard and the old city landfill, so that was one really big positive in the use of this area," said East Jordan Schools Operations Director, Tim Drenth. The school purchased the auto parts yard two years ago and resurfaced it. Now that the trails are complete the lot will serve as a launch point for bikers.

TOMMBA member Brad Carring-



A collaboration between the city, school, private volunteers and community donors has resulted in the repurposing of a scrap yard and landfill. The new Brown's Creek Trailhead was dedicated Monday, August 23 at a ribbon cutting celebration. The mountain bike trails, designed to accommodate all athletic levels, are located on Elm Street next to the High School. Pictured: East Jordan Schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson, Amy O'Neill, East Jordan Schools Operations DirectorTim Drenth, Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association members Scott Beal & Brad Carrington, East Jordan Rotary President Lois Aroian and East Jordan City Administrator Tom Cannon.



ton was one of the many volunteers that built bridges, cleared and physically developed the trails. "One of the main positions of TOMMBA is to have a trail within twenty miles of where somebody lives," he said. Because the area already had hilly terrain the trails were designed without the threat of erosion. "We didn't interfere with Mother Nature, we worked with it," he added.

At the site is a bike rack created by the high school vocational welding class and a kiosk built by Eagle Scout Keenan Patrick O'Neill. One of only 9 scouts in East Jordan to ever achieve the level of Eagle Scout. He was represented at the ribbon cutting by his mother Amy O'Neill.

The East Jordan Rotary contributed funds to assist in the project. "We're committed to the next generation," said Rotary President Lois Aroian.

There is a loop for all levels of cyclist, beginner, intermediate and advanced. "It's East Jordan at it's finest and an amazing jewel in our crown," said East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Director, Mary Faculak. Eagle Scout Keenan Patrick O'Neill created the Kiosk that is located at the Brown's Creek Trailhead. O'Neil is one of only 9 Scouts to reach Eagle. At the ribbon Cutting O'Neill was represented by his mother Amy O'Neill. 4. What services would you prefer to occupy a facility?

5. Would you prefer commercial redevelopment of the current site? If so, what uses would you like to see?

A contract between the city and Up North Assessing, of Cheboygan for assessing services was approved.



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News

\$2.3M in EGLE brownfield funding to help redevelop contaminated sites in Northern Michigan, Upper Peninsula

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has awarded \$2.3 million in brownfield grants and loans to four projects for redevelopment of contaminated properties in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Overall, this summer EGLE will provide \$15.6 million in brownfield funding to 21 projects statewide.

Plans include a transformational downtown redevelopment project in Manistee, a new mixed-use commercial and residential development in Sault St. Marie, a new energy service center in Elmira Township, and a five-unit townhome with private parking in Ludington.

More than half of EGLE's budget each year flows into Michigan communities through grants, loans and other spending that supports local projects, protects public health and the environment, ultimately creating economic growth and jobs for Michigan workers. When brownfields vacant or abandoned properties with known or suspected contamination - are redeveloped, property values increase both on the revitalized site awards and on other nearby properties.

EGLE's Remediation and Redevelopment Division provides financial and technical assistance including grants, loans, tax increment financing, and free site assessments to facilitate the redevelopment of brownfield properties.

MANISTEE GATEWAY PROJ-Ect

The city of Manistee plans to use a \$700,000 redevelopment grant and \$800,000 brownfield redevelopment loan from EGLE to address environmental contamination on several properties located at US-31 and River Street. Redevelopment plans include a new boutique hotel, conference center, business incubator area, and public parking deck in downtown Manistee after addressing environmental contamination at the site this fall.

"The City of Manistee wants to thank EGLE for its continued partnership and support of the Gateway Project", said Edward Bradford, Interim City Manager. "This transformational redevelopment of the entry into historic Downtown Manistee is vitally important to the future economic well-being of the city. The EGLE grant and loan will help demolish obsolete structures and address significant environmental contamination, as well as being a critical first step in the \$30 million mixed-use project.'

Contamination on the site is believed to be a remnant of historic commercial operations, which included a dry cleaner, gasoline service station, and auto repair shop. The EGLE funding will pay for environmental investigations, removal of contaminated soil, and installation of barriers and ventilation systems in the new buildings to prevent exposure to subsurface contaminants remaining on the properties.

The new development is expected to create more than 100 jobs and will increase the city's tax base.

SAULT STE. MARIE MIXED-USE REDEVELOPMENT

This summer, the city of Sault Ste. Marie and McClellan Realty, LLC, will renovate a historic and deteriorating structure into a new mixeduse commercial and residential development. The Sault Ste. Marie Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will use an \$850,000 brownfield redevelopment grant from EGLE to pay for remediation activities.

The MAC Building, located in the downtown district at 411 W. Portage Avenue, has been vacant for more than 30 vears and is located directly across the street from the Soo Locks and St. Marys River. Originally constructed in the early 1900s, the former Soo Lock laundry building served the maritime industry of Sault Ste. Marie for more than 50 years until operations ceased in the 1970s. The property's historic use as a dry cleaner is the likely source of contamination.

"We are very thankful to EGLE for this grant that supports our community," said Jeff Holt, executive director of the Sault Economic Development Corporation. "The McClellan family has a long history in our community, and we fully support this renovation."

The EGLE grant will pay for environmental assessment, disposal of contaminated soil and groundwater, installation of a barrier and ventilation system to prevent subsurface vapors from entering the structure, and the removal of a suspected underground storage tank on site.

The building owner and developer, McClellan Realty LLC, will repurpose the 13,000-square-foot structure to accommodate four ground level commercial spaces and 10 second-floor residential units. It is anticipated that the nearly \$3.5 million development will result in the creation of five-to-10 full-time jobs and a nearly \$1.2 million increase in the property's taxable value.

WOLVERINE POWER SUPPLY COOPERATIVE

The Otsego County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) will partner with the Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative to make a contaminated property in Elmira Township safe for reuse as a new energy service center. A \$74,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant from EGLE will pay for proper disposal of contaminated soil and demolition of a concrete storage pit.

"The Otsego County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is proud to partner with EGLE in successfully obtaining grant funding to support Wolverine Power Cooperative in its demolition and clean-up efforts in Elmira", said Lisa McComb, director of the OCBRA. "This project will facilitate development of a new \$4 million distribution center."

The new service center complements Wolverine's \$200 million Alpine Power Plant in Elmira. Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative is currently upgrading and replacing portions of the 40- to 70-year-old transmission system in northern Michigan. The planned service center in Elmira is strategically located for Wolverine's 1.600 miles of power lines. Each mile of utility infrastructure costs about \$1 million to replace, so Wolverine's investment in northern Michigan is substantial.

SOUTH JAMES STREET IN LUDINGTON

The city of Ludington received a \$54,000 grant in 2018 to complete environmental assessment and pre-demolition surveys at a property located on South James Street in downtown Ludington. In 2020, the grant was amended to add an additional \$645,000 to help facilitate the redevelopment of this property. The proposed development will consist of a five-unit townhome with private parking.

The property was first developed in the late 1800s and operated for various commercial purposes, including a community hall, blacksmith shop, auto repair, and other retail. It was later renovated to function as a gasoline filling station with automotive repair, which operated from 1950 into the mid-2000s. The building has been vacant for several years and suffered significant decline and deterioration, ultimately becoming blighted and functionally obsolete.

The site is believed to be contaminated as a result of the historic uses of the property. An environmental assessment confirmed the presence of volatile organic compounds, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals in both the soil and groundwater.

The grant will pay for additional assessment and investigation, excavation, transport and disposal of contaminated soil, and installation and commissioning of a vapor mitigation system, if needed.

The current state equalized value of the property is \$72,500 and is expected to increase to \$1.3 million following redevelopment. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2022.

State Police recruiting event

On Saturday, September 4, 2021, the Michigan State Police (MSP) Houghton Lake Post will be holding a recruiting event at the MSP Houghton Lake Post located at 9011 W. Lake City Road in Houghton Lake from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The MSP is hiring and ooking for qualified candi dates. If you have ever been interested in a career as a Michigan State Police Trooper, stop in and speak with a recruiter about what it is like to be a trooper with the MSP and how to start the application process. Interested applicants must be 21 years of age or older by recruit school graduation, have no felony convictions or be suspect in a case with the reasonable belief the applicant committed a felony, have a satisfactory driving record, and must possess a high school diploma or GED. Troopers receive a starting annual salary of approximately \$50,000.00, in addition to health, dental, vision, and life insurances. Starting troopers also receive paid vacation, sick days, plus 12 paid holidays. You could be the next Michigan State Police Trooper to serve your community and continue the tradition of excellence that the MSP has established. Stop by the MSP Houghton Lake Post on September 04, 2021, from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM to speak with a recruiter about how to start the hiring process for a career of a lifetime!

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for individuals aged 16 and older. The vaccine continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA) for individuals 12-15 years of age, as well as third doses for certain immunocompromised individuals

individuals. "The FDA's approval of

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

(2,472)

Otsego (2,241)

Otsego (41).

Health official: Additional public confidence comes with FDA full approval of Pfizer vaccine

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

• On Friday, Aug. 20, 24 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (4), Charlevoix (6), Emmet (3), and Otsego

(6), Charlevoix (8), Emmet (10), and Otsego (10).

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

• Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,721), Charlevoix

• Recovered COVID-19 cases in the

Charlevoix (1,656), Emmet (2,301), and

Confirmed COVID-19 associated

deaths in the following counties: Antrim

(33), Charlevoix (26), Emmet (42), and

On August 18, the State of Michigan

reported 933,394 cases and 20,123

case counts on Tuesday and Friday.

deaths. The State of Michigan reports

(1,886), Emmet (2,530), and Otsego

following counties: Antrim (1,608),

at the Charlevoix Township Fire Hall, 8977 Martin Rd. Pre-registration is not required, but it is recommended to reduce time spent at the testing clinic. To preregister, visit: http://www.honumg.info/Ch arFD.

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 for walkins or appointments include:

this vaccine is a milestone as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic," said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D. 'While this and other vaccines have met the FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for emergency use authorization, as the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety. effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product. While millions of people have already safely received COVID-19 vaccines, we recognize that for some, the FDA approval of a vaccine may now instill additional confidence to get vaccinated. Today's milestone puts us one step closer to altering the course of this pandemic in the U.S.," she

added. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines continue to be available under EUA for those 16 and older (Moderna) and 18 and older (J&J).

Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, was pleased to hear this news and hopes it helps people (11).

• On Saturday, Aug. 21, 50 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (12), Emmet (5), and Otsego (32). *Due to a delay in an Otsego County provider's system in uploading positive cases to report to the local health department, the number of COVID-19 cases in that county appears to have significantly increased.

• On Sunday, Aug. 22, 9 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (2), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (3), and Otsego (2).

• On Monday, Aug. 23, 34 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim

who were awaiting this status get vaccinated now.

"I believe this action provides additional confidence to the public that getting vaccinated is safe and life-saving," Dr. Meyerson said.

"We have not lost sight that the COVID-19 public health crisis continues in the U.S. and that the public is counting on safe and effective vaccines," said Peter Marks, MD, Ph.D., director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. "The public and medical community can be confident that although we approved this vaccine expeditiously, it was fully in keeping with our existing high standards for vaccines in the U.S."

The health department is also reporting that due to a delay in an Otsego County provider's system in uploading positive cases to report to the local health department, the number of COVID-19 cases in that county appears to have significantly increased. "This jump in number of cases is not due to any outbreak over the past few days," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "The provider's system was not uploading cases correctly into the state reporting system. The provider fixed the problem once it was identified so

their recent data upload appears to skew the number of current cases. Our team is currently conducting case investigations and contact tracing for any cases that are still in their isolation period," she added.

The health department is offering free COVID-19 testing with the support of HONU lab this Saturday, August 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, August 25 • 8:15-11:35 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J.

• 1-4:30.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J.

Friday, August 27

• 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J.

The calendar on the website www.nwhealth.org lists clinics currently scheduled through September 29.



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SOCCER

Ramblers beat TC Central and Manistee to open the season

BY DOM SANTINA

The fall sports season got under way this last week for some teams. The Boyne City Boys Soccer team would open up their season with a tournament in Traverse City.

MANISTEE

In the first out of three on the day, the Ramblers would face Manistee. The Chippewas would open the scoring first, just 12 minutes into the game. The Ramblers would have a slow start to open up their season, which allowed the first goal. The Ramblers would be able to draw even though as Amayo Bardeguez-Barrera would break through 2 minutes later. The score would remain tied at halftime.

In the second half, Joel Carter would put the Rambers up one with an assist from Derek Word. The Ramblers would be able to seal the game with a Word goal and an assist by Gabe Pellerito. In goal, Nic Santina would battle back for an early goal to make 2 saves and pick up the win. The Ramblers would start the season 1-0 with a 3-1 victory.

TC CENTRAL

Varsity: 11:30am As part of the conditioning, the Ramblers would turn right around and battle Traverse City Central.

The game would remained locked at 0-0 through the first half of the matchup. In the second half, Rambler Phillip Banner would put them on the board with Word picking up another assist on the day. That is where the score would remain. As, Santina would make 4 saves in goal to preserve the shutout. The Ramblers moved to 2-0 on the season.

MARQUETTE

get an early preview of a team they would face this next week.

It would be a rough one

The Ramblers would then

though. As the third game would not go, how the previous two had. The Ramblers would be able to get on the board before halftime, as Kaleb Lloyd would score off a Pellerito assist. Yet, the Redmen would jump all over the Ramblers. The Rambler goals would be under attack from the begging as the Ramblers would have very little relief from the defensive end. Nic Santina and Wailand Smith would each share responsibilities in net. They would combined to let up 7 goals.

The loss would move the Ramblers to 2-1 on the season.

The Ramblers are back in action at Marquette on Tuesday, August 24 at Kauffman Sports Complex. They will then host Gaylord on Thursday August, 26 at Boyne Mountain. They will see Marquette for a third time on Friday, August 27 as Ramblers will host. They will finish the week with North Bay at home on Monday, August 30.

Rayders first at Pellston Invitational

BY DOM SANTINA

The Rayders would start their season off on a high note as they would travel to Pellston for the Pellston Invitational.

The Rayders would open pool play against Bellaire. They would win both games, 25-6 and 25-9. The Rayders would then split with Onaway, winning the first game 25-15, but losing the second one 27-26, as the tournament had a 27 point cap on it. They would end pool play with two wins over Harbor Springs, 25-12 and 25-8. That would have them seeded second heading into the tournament.

The Rayders would open the first round with a victory sets, 25-15 and 25-12. "We started off slow in the first set and were behind by 5 or 6 points with errors due to a long sit time but they quickly bounced back for a good score in the first set," said Head Coach Audra Randall. In the second round, the Rayders would cling to victories over Cheboygan in both sets. As, Claire Scholten and Grace Lentz were hot at the net with a combined for 24 kills. The Rayders captured a win with scores of 26-24, 26-24 which put them in the final against Boyne City.

In the Championship match, it was another super close match, this time against rival teams. It was back and forth the whole time. The Rayders jumped out to a 5-0 lead but the Ramblers fought back within 1 point 15-14. The Rayders would charge ahead again pushed to a 22-19 lead but the Ramblers came right back and tied it up 22-22. The Rayders got to 23 points, but the Ramblers pushed ahead to 25. The Rayders would go on a run to tie it at 25 and eventually take the set win 27-25.

In the second game, the score would tie three times. After a 13-12 lead in favor if the Rayders, the Ramblers went on a 9 point run to take a 22-15 lead. time but at a score 12-13 The Rayders with great defense and attacking at the net by Scholten, Lentz, Taylor Petrosky and awesome blocking by Lauren Shepard in both sets the Rayders got it to 19-23. They would tie it up in a point by point at 26-26. Again as the 27 point cap came into play the Rayders edged the last point winning 27-26.

"It was the first tourney of the season and you are wondering how you will match up against other teams who have worked hard in their off season too. There is of course great competition at the Pellston tourney as we have a lot of great teams in northern Michigan. We were able to take home the Championship Trophy on Saturday because of group of hard working players who really played together as a team.

I was so glad the girls can stay focused, play great defense and keep swinging at the net at those intense times. As a coach I am so proud of them for their accomplishment. A great way to start a season," said Coach Randall.

The Rayders were led by: Claire Scholten 74 assists, 27 kills, 29 aces, 36 digs, 6/6 serve receive

Grace Lentz 53 kills, 6 blocks, 26/27 serving, 32 good serve rec, 26 digs

Taylor Petrosky 16 kills, 27/28 serve rec, 60/61 serving 11 aces, 31 digs

Patria Muriel 68 digs, 52/56 serve rec, 12 kills, 8 aces

Kylee Rice 32 assists, 9 aces, 17 digs, 18/19 serve rec

The Rayders finish the weekend with a record of 5-0-1.

CROSS COUNTRY

Ramblers run well in Ryan Shay Relay

By Dom Santina The Boyne City Cross Country team would open the season with an early race at the Ryan Shay Relay.

The Ramblers would be led on the Girls side by Ava Maginity and Lydia Frasz finished third with a time of 38:33.

"Maginity and Frasz have both been laser-focused this season, and their splits really showed the results of their hard work over the summer. They are huge leaders on our team on and off the course, and this race really cemented that," said Head Coach Chelsey Herrmann.

The Ramblers would also have a relay team of Rachel Clausen, Ellie Clausen, Madelyn Sobleski. They finished with a time of 50:17. "I was really proud of the grit and perseverance they all showed today. It was Ellie's first cross country meet, and she did a great job keeping her focus the whole race," said Herrmann. The Ramblers would have only one boys' relay team due to some runners being out of town. Brady Bears and Timothy March would finish with a time of 43:55. While shorthanded Herrmann was still excited about how her Boys' team performed. "Bears is new to cross country and has already shown a ton of potential. I'm excited to see what these guys do this season, especially when we get our team up to full strength". Herrmann was very excited with the effort put forward in the first race of the season, 'After only two weeks of practice and in high temperatures and humidity, we really came out and showed our toughness today. It's so nice to officially have the 2021 season underway, and I was really pleased with the effort and performances we had this early in the season. We have a smaller group this year, but I couldn't ask for a more positive, fun, hardworking crew". The Ramblers will have some time to rest up as their next meet is the East Jordan Invitational on Wednesday, September 1.

Ramblers take second at Pellston Invitational

BY DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Volleyball team would open the season with strong 2nd place finish at the Pellston Invitational.

The Ramblers faced adversity right away with one starter out sick and our starting setter having limited playing time due to an injury. That didn't stop the girls from firing on all cylinders and going 6-0 in pool play finishing 1st going into bracket play beating East Jordan, Central Lake & Pickford with a brand new lineup.

First for the Ramblers in bracket play was Bay City All Saints who we swept with scores of 25-16 and 25-19. Next up in the semi-finals was Onaway, who in previous years at this tournament has been our Achilles heel. Not this year, we were able to sweep them 25-22 & 25-10. The championship match was a Lake Michigan Conference clash between two rivals, Charlevoix & Boyne.

After a 5-0 run by the Rayders right out of the gate, the Ramblers was able to rally back and tie it up going point for point the whole game with the final of set one being taken by the Rayders 27-25. Set two started quite the same, but the Ramblers pulled ahead behind a 9 point



service run by Junior Captain Morgan Deming.It just wasn't quite enough and the Rayders found the holes defensively and eventually took the set 27-26.

Senior Captain Grace Dawson was a notable returnee for the Ramblers. Dawson was one to step up and set for the Ramblers, meaning we lost one of our most efficient offensive hit-

ters. Dawson finished the day with 32 assists, 26 kills, 24 digs and 8 aces.

Deming was a force to be reckoned with at the net finishing with 32 kills, 10 blocks and 7 aces Senior Captain Bella Cosier put up a complete wall defensively finishing the day with 50 digs, 49 COURTESY PHOTO

serve receptions and 3 aces. Sophomore Ava Tarsi who is Boyne's star returning setter finished the day with 44 assists, in limited play time while returning from an in-

jury. Senior Right Side Hitter Keni Ciesielski finished the day with 7 kills, 10 blocks and 7 aces. Sophomore newcomer Aubrey Burns made her presents known with 21 kills, 7 aces and 22 digs.

Senior Maggie Seaver had 29 digs, 8 kills and 32 serve receptions.

"Overall with the adversity that we have had to face so far I was thrilled with how the girls played today. We had a ton of things go right for us but still some things we need to iron out as the season goes on. Obviously beating our rivals in a finals match really would have been the cherry on top to a great day but they outplayed us today and found our holes defensively and we were not able to reciprocate. Luckily we have a lot of time before we see them again and I think for both teams that is a date that is always circled on the calendar. I think Grace did a fantastic job stepping in for Ava, I know it was a difficult thing for her to do but it just shows the kind of person she is, one that will do whatever it takes to get the job done for the team. We have a quick turn around with practice on Monday and then a home quad meet on Tuesday.

Hopefully we will be back to full strength will all of our players next week." said Head Coach Mallory Slate



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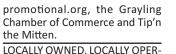
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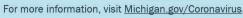
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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met August 17, 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 \$1,739,596.81.

Further Commission Action: Acknowledged Receipt of the Monthly Zoning Activity Report for July 2021; accepted the sample Jake Brake ordinance and requested an introduction be placed on the next agenda; approved the appointment of the officers and employee alternate and delegates for the MERS Conference; approved the 2021-2025 Assessing Contract; approved the East Jordan Iron CX Race logistics letter; accepted the resignation of Tony Pitts from Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and appointed Phil Hofweber to the Commission 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

Charlevoix County Commissioners Synopsis ~ August 11, 2021

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on August 11,

- 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Five Commissioners were present.
- Commissioner Christensen was excused.
- Motion approved the agenda as amended.
- Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-090, Approve County Expenditures.
- Motion approved engineering contract for inspection of Deer Lake Dam.
- Motion approved to proceed with potential Norwood Township parcel sale.
- Motion approved to post sale of two Whiting Park vehicles. Motion approved Veterans Letter as presented. 3.2 Nays:
 - Commissioner Draves and Commissioner Hankins.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-091, Charlevoix County Northside Signage.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-092, CDBG Program Administration Agreement

Renewal.

- The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:02 a.m.
- Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

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REAL ESTATE FEATURE



Outstanding Boyne City ranch in great location

BY JIM AKANS

Just three blocks from downtown Boyne City, parks and the waterfront, this outstanding ranch home on a beautiful lot is in a great location.

This three bedroom home has just over 1,200 square feet of nicely appointed living space. Interior highlights include wood floors in the updated kitchen and dining area, ample cabinet storage and countertop space in the kitchen, large living room with wood tongue and groove vaulted ceiling, good sized bedrooms and more.

Outdoors, an open deck on the back of the home overlooks the large yard, which offers plenty of privacy and space to garden or play. A handy storage shed provides a spot to store lawn and gardening gear. Downtown Boyne City, the Lake Charlevoix waterfront as well as parks, shopping and dining are all just a short walk away. What a great home and location!

This outstanding ranch style home is located at 427 North East Street in Boyne City, and it is listed at \$174,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com







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