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## Sammy's Shoes in Ellsworth provides shoes to those that need them

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Ellsworth- Good Samaritan Ministries set up shop behind the Ellsworth High School during ECS's annual Welcome Back to School event and passed out a needed commodity to anyone in need. No questions asked.

Sammy's Shoes, a sub ministry of Good Samaritan, started as a closet in the back of the Good Samaritan Resale Store, lined with shelves, filled with brand new shoes.

A need for good shoes for area students was identified a

few years ago. "We had moms coming in to find shoes for their young ones and buying shoes that were "close enough" in size. We've seen the shoes on kids that were duck taped together and heard the desperation," said Executive Director of Good Samaritan Ministries Stacy Nelson.

Shoes in sizes ranging from preschool size 8 all the way to men's size 13 are readily available in the store's shoe closet for students that are on assistance, including free and reduced lunch. This

was the first year Good Samaritan brought the program directly to the students at school. Over thirty students were provided with shoes at the discrete event. "There is something special about seeing the smile on a child's face when you place a brand-new pair of shoes on their feet. They see a cool new pair of shoes; we see a barrier to learning removed," said Nelson. The Good Samaritan plans to expand this program to other schools in the future.



MaKayla Scott is assisted in finding her new shoes by Good Samaritan volunteers.



Kindergartener, Tyler Best chose a pair of Nikes.



Good Samaritan volunteers Kelli and Paul Seeny assisted Good Samaritan Executive Director Stacy Nelson in fitting and giving away brand new shoes at the Ellsworth Com-

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## Football Season gets Underway



Charlevoix's Jake Clafflin #4 sweeps right with Brayden Greensky leading the way as the Rayders battled Harbor Springs in week one football action. Full story inside. Photo by Scott Richards

## Boyne City Woman Arrested For Embezzlement

EMMET COUNTY, MI. The Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord was contacted in July 2021 by the owner of Matthews Construction in Petoskey to investigate an alleged embezzlement. The owner suspected an employee, 49-year-old Dayna Michele Atkins from Boyne City, had been embezzling from his company.



DAYNA ATKINS

Atkins was hired in 2018 as a bookkeeper for the company. She was also responsible for payroll. The owner recently discovered several discrepancies and after further research, he fired her on July 19th. Atkins was hired at \$20 an hour, but had increased her wages to \$30 an hour without authorization. Over the course of three years, it is estimated she embezzled over \$74,000 in unauthorized wages. She also allegedly used to company credit card to purchase over \$97,000 in personal items. The investigation also revealed several other ways Atkins was embezzling money from the company. The total loss for the company is estimated to be over \$294,000.

The investigation led to several search warrants being executed for bank records and other documents. A report was turned over to the Emmet County Prosecutor's Office for review. An arrest warrant was issued for Atkins on August 6, 2021, and she was arrested at her home by troopers and lodged in the Emmet County Jail.

Atkins was arraigned yesterday in the 90th District Court in Emmet County on two counts Embezzlement by Agent or Trustee \$100,000 or more, three counts Using a Computer to Commit a Crime, one count Embezzlement by Agent or Trustee \$20,000 or more, one count Tampering with Evidence, one count Embezzlement by Agent or Trustee \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 Third Offense, and Habitual Offender Third Offense Notice. She was given a \$75,000 cash surety bond. Her next scheduled court appearance is on October 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

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LOW: 53

FRIDAY



HIGH: 72  
LOW: 60

SATURDAY



HIGH: 71  
LOW: 58

SUNDAY



HIGH: 70  
LOW: 54

MONDAY



HIGH: 68  
LOW: 52

TUESDAY



HIGH: 70  
LOW: 56

## record temps

| DAY    | AVG LOW | AVG. HIGH | RECORD LOW    | RECORD HIGH   |
|--------|---------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| SEP 2  | ...50°  | ...76°    | ...29° (1976) | ...97° (1953) |
| SEP 3  | ...49°  | ...75°    | ...32° (1976) | ...95° (1953) |
| SEP 4  | ...49°  | ...75°    | ...34° (1987) | ...93° (1999) |
| SEP 5  | ...49°  | ...75°    | ...35° (2003) | ...93° (1999) |
| SEP 6  | ...49°  | ...74°    | ...32° (1962) | ...89° (1999) |
| SEP 7  | ...48°  | ...74°    | ...36° (1955) | ...89° (1960) |
| SEP 8  | ...48°  | ...74°    | ...35° (1957) | ...89° (1959) |
| SEP 9  | ...48°  | ...74°    | ...31° (1975) | ...90° (1976) |
| SEP 10 | ...47°  | ...73°    | ...30° (1967) | ...90° (2002) |
| SEP 11 | ...47°  | ...73°    | ...29° (1965) | ...87° (1952) |

## OBITUARIES

### Cyndi Ann (James) Jaineikos, 55

(FEB. 9, 1966 - AUG. 23, 2021)

Cyndi A. Jaineikos of Elmira passed away Monday, August 23rd, 2021, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. She was born February 9th, 1966, to Robert and Joanne (Collins) James.



Cyndi worked for Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls for the better part of 20 years. Prior to her years at Boyne Mountain, she worked as a mail carrier in Vanderbilt, MI. She was a very hard working and unique individual.

She is survived by her partner, Steve (Hank) Kondrat; children, Patrick Hood, Joseph Hood, Andrew Hood all of Vanderbilt MI; siblings, Mike (Amy) James and Tom (Tracy) James all of Toledo, OH. Cyndi was preceded in death by her brother Robert James and sister Cathy Barnett.

Service was held Tuesday August 31st at Saint Augustine Church in Boyne Falls.

Burial in the Boyne Falls Cemetery off of Center St. in Boyne Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist in covering funeral expenses. Contributions can be sent to Joseph Hood at 8368 Airport Rd. Vanderbilt, MI. 49795.

### Mary Lou (Foust) Birecki, 92

(DEC. 22, 1928 - AUG. 22, 2021)

Mary Lou Birecki made her way to meet her Savior, on August 22, 2021 at Munson Hospital in Charlevoix.



Mary Lou was born on December 22, 1928, in Wharton, Ohio, the daughter of Leslie and Golda (Kimbrell) Foust. She grew up in Urbana, Ohio.

She married John Sawyer and had three children, Allen, Tom and Joyce. They were happily married until his death in 1965.

Mary Lou married Henry "Hank" Birecki on June 6, 1969. They moved from Ohio

to Michigan together in 1972. She worked as a pastry chef at Tyson's in Mackinac City and was a wonderful baker and cook. She spoiled Hank with homemade polish dishes and all her friends and family with sweets. She liked to garden and took in interest in lapidary, collecting all sorts of rocks and gems. She was a member of the Bliss Bunch, a women's social club in Bliss, Michigan. She was a religious woman and always maintained a close relationship with her God. She will be lovingly remembered for her many hugs and kisses, her generosity and her laughter.

She is survived by her son, Allen (Cherie) Sawyer of Woodstock, OH; daughter, Joyce (Art) Holm of Charlevoix, MI; grandchildren, Todd (Jennifer) Sawyer, Kelly (Steve) Miller, Rebecca (Eric) Olmstead, Leslie (Josh) Boynton, Jennifer Thacker, Dana (Tommy) Tate, and Travis Monroe; many great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; many nieces and nephews; her foster-child, Charlotte Monroe; and her dearest friends, Ruth and Leroy Nestle, Natalie Sevener, and special friend and neighbor, Donna Watkins.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, John Sawyer; their son, Tom Sawyer; her second husband, Hank Birecki; parents, Leslie (Elizabeth) Foust, and Golda Ward; brothers, Jack and Lee Foust; sister, Irene Jones; and by her half siblings, Gail Holbrook and Sonya Sterrett.

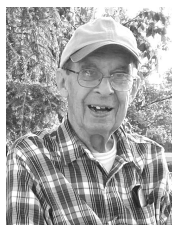
A memorial service will be held at Stone Funeral Home on September 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with a one-hour visitation prior to the service. Rev. David Behling will officiate.

Friends wishing to make a charitable donation in memory of Mary Lou are asked to please consider the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

### Robert Laughlin Beck, 86

(APRIL 29, 1935 - AUG. 28, 2021)

Robert Laughlin Beck of Charlevoix died Saturday, August 28, 2021, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.



He was born on April 29, 1935, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, the son of Robert H. And Kathleen (Laughlin) Beck.

Robert had worked 28 years for General Motors. He worked as a paper products purchaser for GM. He retired on May 1, 1988.

Although his family was from East Jordan, he spent the last twenty years in Charlevoix. He's a former member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge as well as the Elks Lodge in the area. Robert was a very social person. He enjoyed meeting up with his friends at the local establishments for dinner and drinks.

He is survived by a son, Michael (Kelly) Beck of Cypress, Texas; two grandchildren, Jennifer Lee Beck of Portland, Texas and Michigan R. Beck, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; as well as nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, Kath-

leen Beck in 1979; father, Robert D. Beck in 1980; his brother, Kenneth Beck in 2009; and sister, Joan Bennett in 2020.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. at St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery, East Jordan.

### Gerald H. "Jerry" Burd, 64

(MARCH 27, 1957 - AUG. 27, 2021)

Gerald H. "Jerry" Burd passed away peacefully after a short stay at the Hiland Cottage hospice house in Petoskey, Michigan on Friday, August 27, 2021, with both of his sisters by his side.

Jerry was born on March 27, 1957, in Detroit to Margaret Helen (Britton) and Russell Harlow Burd.

In 1964, Jerry moved with his family to East Jordan, Michigan. Jerry graduated from East Jordan High school in 1975.

Jerry spent many years in Traverse City working construction before returning to his hometown. Jerry worked maintenance at McDonald's until this past fall.

Jerry enjoyed playing chess with friends, playing cards, kayaking, exploring local lakes and rivers, camping and driving through the Jordan Valley. Jerry loved visiting his family in Wyandotte.

Jerry is survived by his son, Jerry J. Burd; his sisters, Molly (Ted) Schinkath of Boyne City and Cindy (Dave) Stark of East Jordan; nieces, Kim (Jim) Brooks, Brenda (Harley) Vaughan, Angie (Randy) Dowker, Judy Copperstone, Debbie (Bill) White, Darlene (Kyle) Olnhausen, Faith Nichols and Lacey Burd; nephews, James (Michelle) Bailey, Mark (Terri) Thorsen, James (Vicky) Burd, Kenn (Jenny) Young, Steven (Misty) Hawkins, Eric (Susan) Seelig, David (Jennifer) Hawkins, Gary Hammond, Robert Burd and Ryan Burd. Jerry also leaves behind several great nieces and nephews; many special friends and a lot of co-workers.

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret H Burd-Winston, his father, Russell H. Burd, his step-father, Ormand Winston; siblings, James Burd, Darlene Long, Nancy Knas, Diane Miller and Robert Burd; niece Lynn Thorsen; and nephews, John Miller and Billy Hollis.

Jerry was a simple person who touched the lives of many. The family is choosing to remember Jerry's life privately at this time.

### Stephen Carmer Hicks, 73

(APRIL 9, 1948 - AUG. 29, 2021)

Stephen "Carmer" Hicks of Charlevoix passed away on August 29, 2021 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Visitation will be

on Friday, September 3 from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with a Rosary beginning at 4:30 p.m.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future.

### Kenneth C. Schatzle, 92

(JAN. 8, 1929 - AUG. 25, 2021)

Kenneth C. Schatzle passed away on August 25, 2021 at his home in Charlevoix.

Ken was born on January 8, 1929, Cincinnati, OH, the son of Emil and Rita (Eckelkamp) Schatzle.

He received his B.S. from Thomas Moore College and his Masters of Public Health from the University of Michigan.

He worked for many years in Public Health and retired from U of M as the Director of Occupational Safety and Environmental Health.

Ken enjoyed Marco Island, his home in Spruce Creek Florida, Michigan football, the Charlevoix Senior Center and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army and was discharged on December 29, 1952 as a SGT.

Surviving are 5 children, Ronald (Cynthia) Schatzle of Monroe, MI, Rita (Steve) Miller of Barrington, IL, Janice (Daniel) Chapman of Charlevoix, Joyce (Rob Walker) Lipceman of Ann Arbor, MI, Jerry (Krista) Schatzle of Brooklyn, MI, 12 grandchildren, Ashley, Megan, Erin, Lauren, Kristin, Michael, Tom, Ellen, Marisa, Nicole, Ryan, Tara, and 6 great-grandchildren, Reece, Audrey, Cade, Chase, Avery, Andrew, and Hailey.

He was preceded in death by his wife Eleanor (Taphorn) Schatzle on October 5, 1997 and his parents Emil and Rita Schatzle.

Burial will take place alongside his wife Eleanor in Gates of Heaven Catholic Cemetery in Cincinnati, OH at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI, 49712 or Hospice of Michigan at HOM.org.

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

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

### Phyllis Jean (Gregg) Moore, 73

(MAY 9, 1948 - AUG. 23, 2021)

Born on May 9, 1948 in East Lansing, Michigan, to Phillip R and Lillian I Gregg, Phyllis Jean Gregg Moore passed away on August 23, 2021, at about 6 a.m. in her home. After fighting cancer for a little over three years, the cancer had spread from her lungs to her lymph nodes, then to her brain and her bones. Cancer sucks!

Phyllis is survived by her sister, Ruth Ellen Gregg; her brother Ronald Gregg; and her mother, Lillian Gregg. Also surviving are Phyllis' three wonderful children;

Philip Michael (Jessica) Moore with two terrific granddaughters; Lirry and Katie; Courtney Lynn Moore Pelcha; and Andrea Jo Moore and Tyler Miller. Phyllis' surviving husband Joe Moore spent hours helping take care of her, and a truer love and devotion is hard to find.

Preceding Phyllis in death were her father Phillip Gregg, her god mother Joyce Bartels and Uncle Harry, as well as Uncle Harold Lounsberry, and her adopted family of Aunt Joy and Uncle Russ Green, Aunt Skip and Uncle Bud McDonough.

Besides being a mother with children each born seven years apart, three times, Phyllis was an assistant director at the Beaver Island Historical Society for many years, as well as a librarian at the Beaver Island District Library for an equivalent number of years. She loved working with Shirley Gladish at BIHS and Barbara Cruikshank at BIDL, who have both passed on also.

Phyllis also enjoyed many friendships as well with many island residents and summer residents as well as many who were considered family even without a biological connection.

Phyllis was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church here on Beaver Island, even though her parents helped start up the Beaver Island Christian Church, and she also attended services at the St. James Episcopal Mission on the island.

A Celebration of Life for Phyllis Gregg Moore will take place next spring, so the entire family can attend. Your continuing prayers for our family will be greatly appreciated.

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

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## Great Lakes Energy Members Elect Three Board Directors

Boyne City - Great Lakes Energy (GLE) members recently elected three board members to the cooperative's board of directors. Election results were announced at the cooperative's annual business meeting on Aug. 25, 2021.

Incumbent directors Mark Carson of Boyne City, and Paul Byl of Shelby were re-elected in districts 2 and 7. Challenger David Coveyou of Petoskey earned the seat for district 1. Coveyou overtook incumbent Paul Schemanski of Petoskey and Carson edged out challenger Nathan Altman of Beaver Island.

In voting district 1, Coveyou received 823 votes, Schemanski received 666 votes. In voting district 2, Carson received 619 votes, Altman received 377 votes. In voting district 7, Byl received 277 votes.

GLE members in voting districts 1 (Emmet County), 2 (Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties), and 7 (Muskegon and Oceana counties) received their mail-in ballot in the July/August issue of Michigan Country Lines magazine. Voters returned their ballots to a private CPA firm by Aug. 19 and results were announced Aug. 25 at the GLE annual meeting.

Unlike investor-owned utilities, GLE is a not-for-profit business owned by its consumer-members. Board members are elected by members, not staff, with each member's vote carrying equal weight. The cooperative conducts an annual meeting to update members on the progress made during the past year and to announce the results of director elections.

GLE provides electricity to roughly 120,000 rural members in 26 counties along the western side of the lower peninsula. Visit [gtlakes.com](http://gtlakes.com) for more information.

## Flag stolen from Boyne City Veterans Memorial

BY DAVE BARAGREY

Last Thursday a flag was taken down and stolen from the Boyne City Veterans Memorial. The veterans group changes flags flown at the memorial occasionally. Around noon on August 26, 2021 the group raised the Bennington Banner flag.

Reports say that at 7:05PM a woman was seen standing near the US Flag pole. At 7:20PM the Bennington Banner was gone & the trampled POW/MIA Flag laid on the



Bennington Flag

ground soiled from somebody standing on it as they stole the Bennington Banner.

The Bennington flag is a version of the American flag associated with the American Revolution Battle of Benning-

ton, from which it derives its name. Its distinguishing feature is the inclusion of a large "76" in the canton, a reference to the year 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

911 was called immediately and Boyne City Police Department came to the memorial. They are investigating the incident.

The Veteran Memorial is located in Downtown Boyne City at Veterans Park, near the State Street entrance.



The Veterans Memorial is maintained by local veterans. Photo courtesy of Dean Kleinchrodt

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING, AUGUST 25, 2021

# County makes changes how it is represented on 911 board

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

At the August 25 meeting, Charlevoix County Commissioners appointed representatives to the 911 board, made a Road Commission appointment, scheduled a public hearing for the general fund budget, and approved the release of funds to purchase food vouchers for veterans.

The 911 Interlocal Agreement is an agreement between Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties, that they will share the expense and manpower to operate a 911 center. In 1993, when the agreement was made two millages were put to the public, one to build the 911 system and one to operate it. Only the initial building of the system mileage passed so the three counties have since found other ways to fund operations. Since its creation, the counties have been represented in all decisions making by a board of one representative from the County Board of Commissioners, one from the townships and one from the cities and villages.

Recently, Charlevoix



Charlevoix County Commissioners appointed new representatives to the 911 board,

County has decided to change how it is represented on the 911 Board and presented an amendment for approval to the other counties. "We decided at the county board level that we needed to take a much more active role in how this \$10 million investment is being run. We want to make sure this thing is working properly," said Commissioner Chris Christensen. Those appointed were Commissioner Scott Hankins, Sheriff Chuck Vondra and Commissioner Chris

Christensen. Alternates are Commissioner Shirley Roloff, Commissioner Robert Draves and undersheriff Todd Reeves.

"There are problems at the 911 Board, this is history repeating itself so our involvement in this is going to be crucial," pointed out County Human Resources Administrator Kevin Shephard. "The township representative literally didn't make a full meeting for over a year and Charlevoix County was underrepresented, based on this

fact (we decided to change how we are represented) now we will be fully represented, and another bonus is that we have an actual user of the (911) system that will be on that board" he said.

Three applicants were considered to fill a position on the County Road Commission left vacant by Chuck Center. An invitation was extended to all applicants to address the commissioners. None attended. A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Reinhardt, seconded by

Shirley Roloff to appoint Pat Klooster as Road Commissioner until the end of Center's six year term.

A General Fund Budget public hearing was scheduled for the regular September 8 meeting of the Charlevoix County Commissioners.

Veterans Affairs Service Officer Kaylee Wells approached the Commission requesting funds for an event for all currently registered veterans. "We want to have some type of event for the veterans or remaining spouses that will be mostly informational," said Wells. A presentation followed by dinner where all veterans would be given a \$50 food voucher is planned. "The reason we are doing this is because of all the mixed questions we get in our office. This will give people a chance to meet us and ask questions," she said. There are 1,333 veterans registered, a veterans affairs agency grant will pay for a little less than half of the vouchers. The Commission approved funds from the General Fund Veterans Millage to cover the remaining vouchers.

# Health Department issues order requiring masks in grades K-12

## Safety of children, staff and in-person learning are goals

On Friday, Aug. 27, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan issued a Public Health Order requiring universal masking in grades K-12 for all school districts within the department's four county jurisdiction of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. The order requires all persons, regardless of vaccination status - students, staff and visitors - to properly and consistently wear a face mask while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution.

The order remains in effect until Health Department officials determine that risk trends have consistently improved, using such indicators as transmission level, vaccination coverage, hospital capacity, and public health capacity. This order is issued pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2451 and 333.2453, as well as R. 325.175(4), which is an administrative rule promulgated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to MCL 333.2226(d).

"Local public health departments have a duty to protect the public's health," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "After thoughtful consideration, we took this action due to several key factors, with the number one goal of helping schools maintain in-person learning in a safe and healthy environment," she said.

Between August 3 - 27, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 536 total cases of COVID-19 and 9 deaths - an increase of 425% compared to 102 cases in July. The Delta variant, the most common strain of COVID-19 in Michigan, is highly transmissible and the risk of transmission remains elevated among unvaccinated persons in schools.

In addition to the large increase in the number of cases, local hospital authorities are reporting a sharp uptick in COVID-19 cases, resulting in a strain on capacity including limited ICU beds, extremely long wait times in emergency departments, and lacking capacity to fully serve ALL patients, sometimes necessitating ambulance transport of patients to downstate hospitals which further strains local EMS capacity.

"The most effective way to prevent transmission in schools is to support being vaccinated," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. "Achieving high levels of COVID-19 vaccination among eligible students, as well as

teachers, staff, and household members, is the most critical strategy to help schools stay open safely. Students younger than 12 years of age are currently ineligible to receive the vaccination. Masking, along with other mitigation measures, can prevent a significant number of new infections among students, secondary cases in their households, and reduce the number of missed days of school due to illness, isolation, or quarantine," Dr. Meyerson said.

In addition to personal protection from others, a face mask captures the mask wearer's exhaled respiratory droplets and aerosols that may contain the virus from being breathed in by others. Given that the virus can spread from infected people who do not appear sick, masks remain essential to everyone. In addition to masks and vaccination, a layered protection strategy helps ensure a healthy learning environment, allowing students the best chance to remain healthy and physically present in the classroom setting.

This order is consistent with the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physi-

cians for indoor face masks for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Health department officials also support the CDC and MDHHS recommendations that everyone - fully vaccinated and unvaccinated - wear a mask indoors in public if in an area of substantial or high community transmission. The order is also consistent with and assists schools in complying with their statutory obligation to provide for the safety and welfare of pupils while at school or a school sponsored activity or while enroute to or from school or a school-sponsored activity.

The health department is offering free COVID-19 testing with the support of HONU lab. The test is free, and no doctor's order is required. Pre-registration is not required, but it is recommended to reduce time spent at the testing clinic, and walk-ins are welcome. Testing is available:

- Tuesday, September 7 from 1 - 6 pm at the East Jordan Fire Department (555 Maple St). To register visit: [www.honumg.info/EastJordan](http://www.honumg.info/EastJordan)
- Saturday, September 11 from 10 am - 4 pm at the Boyne City Fire Department (319 Lake St). To register visit: [www.honumg.info/BoyneFire](http://www.honumg.info/BoyneFire)

The health department of

fers 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 walk-ins or appointments include:

- Wednesday, September 1 • 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J.
- Thursday, September 2 • 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J.
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J.
- Friday, September 3 • 8:15-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J.

### COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

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

- On Friday, Aug. 27, 26 new

cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (5), Charlevoix (6), Emmet (10), and Otsego (5).

• On Saturday, Aug. 28, 21 new cases of COVID-19 in Antrim (5), Charlevoix (3), Emmet (9), and Otsego (4).

• On Sunday, Aug. 29, 27 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (6), Charlevoix (7), Emmet (7), and Otsego (7).

• On Monday, Aug. 30, 25 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (8), Charlevoix (5), Emmet (2), 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 (1,761), Charlevoix (1,923), Emmet (2,587), and Otsego (2,530).

• Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,618), Charlevoix (1,694), Emmet (2,317), and Otsego (2,249).

• Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (33), Charlevoix (26), Emmet (44), and Otsego (41).

On August 30, the State of Michigan reported 946,698 cases and 20,257 deaths.

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# News

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## Char-Em United Way joins forces with the United Way of Northwest Michigan

Char-Em United Way's (CEUW) 2020-21 fundraising campaign was successful. Together, we supported many in our community through unprecedented and challenging times. However, those challenging times are not yet behind us. COVID continues to impact hardworking individuals and families, and there is still much to be done. COVID has also challenged businesses and non-profit organizations, and many are operating on lean budgets.

It is important now more than ever that each donor dollar be stretched to maximize its impact in our community. COVID has also proven that we can do more than anyone thought possible while socially distanced and

with unoccupied buildings and office spaces. For this reason, the CEUW has decided to partner with the United Way of Northwest Michigan (UWNWMI) to support the health, educational, and financial stability of individuals and families in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

This partnership means that the CEUW as a singular entity will no longer exist. That said, the mission of serving the ALICE population in our counties and the United Way ideals you have committed to will continue through the capable work of the UWNWMI, the many agencies we've funded over the years, and the work of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs

Area and Charlevoix County Community Foundations. The CEUW will be funding the agencies who applied for grants this past spring and continuing the work of 211 that has been so critical in responding to the pandemic. For a time, we will also continue funding the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Final assets of the CEUW will remain in our service area through endowed funds designated for supporting human service needs.

"When making this decision, the ultimate priority of the CEUW's board of directors was that every dollar raised in Charlevoix and Emmet counties stay in our communities and support our mission to improve the

health, education, and financial stability of every person," said Melanie Leaver, president of the CEUW board of directors. "We are confident that our decision was the right one for our community and the United Way mission and thank you for your support of the CEUW. We encourage your continued support of the United Way mission in Charlevoix and Emmet counties through the UWNWMI."

"The ongoing pandemic has shown us many things, mostly that we are all STRONGER UNITED. All of us at the UWNWMI are excited for what lies ahead for our region. We believe that the work of two organizations in our communities will

be enhanced by one stronger organization moving forward. This transition will allow us to be improved stewards of donor dollars and reduce administrative costs in both of our regions," said Seth Johnson, Executive Director of UWNWMI, "All while continuing to ensure that every dollar raised in Charlevoix and Emmet counties stays in those communities and is put to work to ensure that every child has a strong foundation for the future, that those in crisis have resources readily available, and that hardworking individuals and families have the opportunity to thrive."

"We are grateful that the Char-Em United Way leadership has chosen our two com-

munity foundations to carry on its mission of service to our community," said David (D.J.) Jones, executive director of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. Chip Hansen, President of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation agreed, adding, "We appreciate the trust they have placed in us by establishing endowed funds for health and human service needs in our two counties."

Thank you for all you have done for our community and your support of the CEUW over the years. We encourage your continued support of the United Way mission to improve the quality of life for every person through the UWNWMI.

## New Women's service club forms

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

ELLSWORTH - A new service club has been organized to fill in some of the areas of need in the region. After the disbanding of the local Lioness clubs, a gap in local community services was recognized. And although their initial club structure ended the ladies involved were not finished with club involvement. Who would encourage and finance students participating in travel education, send that one kid to camp or host activities intended to unite the community?

The mission of the Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club

is to support community activities and needs as well as provide activities for women of the Chain of Lakes area, providing a dual purpose. Giving women a chance to make friends while serving their community in a volunteer capacity. "I think one of the best things we're doing now that we didn't have as Lionesses is that we are reaching out to a broader area, making new friends," said President Donna Heeres.

The group remains open to fundraising opportunities then budgets the monies to fill local need gaps. Some of the best attended events the group organizes are the mid-

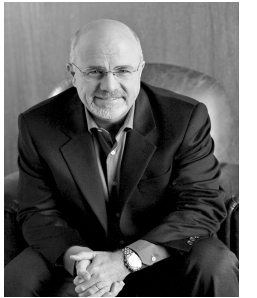
winter Euchre tournament intended as a relief for February's cabin fever and Breakfast with Santa where families enjoy a full breakfast while the kids visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause, do a craft, and take home a gift.

"It was really a sad thing when the Lioness clubs disbanded but you can always find a silver lining. We've expanded our horizons and people are really excited about fund raising and becoming involved in the community local outreach," said most recent Ellsworth Lioness past President and UCLWC member Judy Smith.

The group meets on a so-

cial level once a month at different venues. They hold short meetings during the fun and plan upcoming fund raisers and discuss events that would benefit the community. "We are always looking for members to join our recently formed Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club. We are a diverse group of Ladies from across the area both longtime residents and new. We recently held the Ice Cream Social at the Pig Roast, will serve breakfast for the Paddle Antrim and plan on Breakfast with Santa in December," said club secretary Sandi Sauer-Stein.

## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

### (Sounds Suspicious to Me)

Dear Dave,  
My husband and I have a rental property in South Carolina we want to sell. The current renters' lease is up in December, but our property manager tells us the renters won't let anyone in the home, not even just for photos to post online due to COVID-19. How do you think we should handle this situation?  
Tracy

Dear Tracy,  
I don't know much about current COVID-19 restrictions in South Carolina, but this sounds suspicious to me. I'm also thinking your property manager is kind of a wuss, but I have the spiritual gift of cynicism.

I'm old school, and if I own a house, I'd like to go in it any time I want—within reason, of course—if renters are in there. They have the legal right of quiet enjoyment, meaning I don't get to show up at all hours and harass them. But I'm not letting them stiff-arm me and use COVID-19 as an excuse. I mean, tenants thinking they have the right to give the landlord and owner zero access? Maybe places like the Socialist Republic of California allow this kind of crap, but most states have common sense, plus reasonable tenant and landlord protections. Yeah, the whole feel of this makes me think there's something very wrong going on inside this house.

I can imagine your frustration, Tracy. It makes

me angry just thinking about it. If they've got a sick child or adult in the home, or someone's out of work but actively looking for a job, then I'll show a lot of compassion and back off a little. I'll try to work with them to resolve things in a way that's good for everyone. But if they're just playing games or misbehaving and using COVID-19 as an excuse on top of that, I'd have no problem removing them.

I think you need to dig a little deeper on this one. Check the current laws in South Carolina, especially any laws concerning a possible eviction moratorium and get in touch with a good real estate attorney. There are times when we're called upon to be understanding and generous. But I have very little tolerance for someone who tries to take advantage of me.

— Dave  
their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

\* 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. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

## How to help your teen stay within budget while school shopping

Thomas Long, Michigan State University Extension -  
As school approaches, young adults should be smart consumers in order to stay within their budget. Here are some tips to help youth and adults while school shopping.

As the school year approaches, teens are bombarded with ads to buy new school stuff. That barrage of marketing may come with a collective groan from kids as the signal of summer coming to an end. There may also be an echo from you, as a parent, trying to budget that expense. The ads encourage teens to purchase the latest fashions, technology and school gear. Yet, overspending could be costly to the household that is on a tight budget.

Michigan State University Extension has a few tips that can help keep you and your teen stay on budget or just save more money and feel better about the start of the school year. At least you won't fear it financially.

Teens are targeted  
Point out and acknowledge the types of advertising companies are using to target teens. Many large retailers use

celebrities or spokespersons to pitch products. Artists, sports stars and such will often speak of the value of the product. However, that does not mean it is right for you. They also try to influence youth they need "this" particular product in order to fit in. Somehow this will make their life so much easier and they will be accepted or not rejected. It's what the cool kids are wearing, using or doing, so if you don't have I won't fit in.

Don't fall into this trap! Be aware of what is coming at you and who is sending the message. Ask yourself why they think you need it. Do research on the products before and find what best fits your needs and your wallet.

Set a budget and a plan  
Know the items you need for the upcoming school year. Make a list of these items and start doing your homework on the best prices of these items or where you can find them. Have a plan before you set out to shop and try to stick with that plan. If your teen really wants a particular item, like the latest shoes, have them find or raise the money to purchase that specialty item.

I second that!  
Don't rule out secondhand stores or thrift shops. Some items like pencils, notebooks, folders, and clothing can be slightly used and work just fine. Plus, check with local schools for some of these items. Teachers and administration often have leftover binders, calculators and other school-related materials from the previous school year. They might give them out free!

24 or more  
Wait! Really, try to wait 24 hours before you make a purchase that was not on your budget. Too often we make impulse purchases while in the shopping mode or we such a great deal we can't pass it up. Waiting and thinking about it for a day might let that "crazy good deal" or "I have to have it" feeling subside. If the feeling is still strong, then you can go back and buy it if you have budgeted for it. If it is outside the budget, have your teen raise the money to purchase it themselves. That should curb any impulse buying.

Wait! There is more  
You may also want to wait until after the start of the school year to find out what

materials and equipment you will need and to look for even better bargains. Often, youth are entering a new class or school with a new teacher. Some instructors may vary on what type of calculator, notebook or folders you should use. You may want to develop your school shopping plan after the first few days to see what they recommend or what you can get by with. You may request a list of the materials you will need for class prior to the start. Some schools and instructors provide this.

The start of the school year is an exciting time. Your youngster is embarking on a new path of knowledge within the halls of academia, but it can start even before they enter the school. You have the opportunity to educate them on being good consumers and smart shoppers. Take the time to talk with them and shop with them and show them good spending habits. It's amazing what they will pick up and continue on throughout life. The lessons they learn will make their financial future easier and brighter. It will be easier for your budget too.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:  
The Boyne City Veterans Memorial Committee is presently comprised almost entirely of Veterans. Although all committee members are affiliated with Post 228 American Legion of Boyne City it is not a project of our post. All of us in our day signed affidavits that we might be shipped home under our flag, giving us more respect than others for it. We are the ones that stood proudly answering our Country's call to arms, while many others hide under their porches. The two exceptions of veteran members are two members of The Sons of the American Legion, which is a program of our post for men to honor their family's military service, this time being the honoring their respective fathers.

Back in the Boyne City, city commission meeting of June 22, 2021 a non-Boyne City resident voiced her opinion "that the 13-star flag flying at the BCVM symbolizes

White Supremacy and Racism." Continuing with, "I am pretty sure, everyone honored in Veteran's Memorial Park, unless they fought in the Revolutionary war fought for the Flag with 50 stars on it, one for each state of the Country, the actual American Flag. There is no right or wrong Flag, but I would encourage the city commission to fly no other Flag than the American Flag with 50 stars on it".

With the multiple errors in her rant, I feel that the rant should have been dismissed but we were called upon the carpet at city hall on June 25th, to try to vindicate ourselves to Mayor Tom Neidhamer & City Manager Mike Cain.

After a failed, brief attempt by them to keep the meeting from being recorded, Mike asked us, "Why now" on flying the Bennington flag? The 13 Star Flag the "Betsy Ross Flag" was the Flag an "oppressed" millionaire want-to-be football

player and a shoe company referred to & it is not the Bennington Banner that we were flying. From the comment by the City Manager in the June 25th meeting he knew that she was referring to a different Flag than the one we were flying. I myself didn't know this, as listening to the whining of an "oppressed" millionaire, wannabe football player isn't even on my list of things to do. I did more research on this Flag after Mike said it was the Betsy Ross Flag that was protested not the Bennington Banner. Firstly, this Flag only became available to us in April of this year and we hoisted it in April. Secondly, there is a colorful legend that goes along with the Bennington Banner, though most historians now doubt but don't know for sure of its authenticity. The legend goes that the flag was carried by colonial troops serving under Colonial General John Stark at the Battle of Bennington near Benning-

ton, Vermont on August 16, 1777. The Battle of Bennington was significant because it started a chain reaction of events leading to the surrender of British General John Burgoyne's army at the Battle of Saratoga, a major turning point in the war, because it was the first defeat of a British General inflicted by the Colonist, and because it showed France that the colonials were capable of winning the war, thusly encouraging France to join the colonials against the British. so now I ask the same of Mike, "Why not"?

Her rant "I am pretty sure, everyone honored in Veteran's Memorial Park, unless they fought in the Revolutionary war fought for the Flag with 50 stars on it, one for each state of the Country, the actual American Flag.

Me, "I am sure the WWI (48 Star & British Flags), WWII (48 Star) & Korean Veteran (48 Star & UN flags) named there would disagree with you. "The actual American

Flag?" All the Flags of the US are "living." Meaning when a new one is authorized from the addition of a new state or states, the previous flags live on as useable Flags, in addition to using the one that was just added.

Around noon on 8/26/2021, after waiting a month for a decision by the city council, which we have yet to receive, we again raised the Bennington Banner. We fly it to honor the sacrifices of the colonial soldiers of the battle of Bennington along with the ones that were 1/2 starved, 1/2 frozen, some losing limbs to frost bite or worse yet dying at Valley Forge. Has this heroic commitment made by the Revolutionary Soldiers has become so paled, so meaningless when compared to a butt hurt pathetic wannabe football player, a millionaire that stepped in his own crap and a shoe company purposed to have sweat shops and using child labor in China?

At 7:05PM a woman was

seen standing near the US Flag pole. At 7:20PM the Bennington Banner was gone & the trampled POW/MIA Flag laid on the ground soiled from somebody standing on it as they stole the Bennington Banner. Stealing the Bennington Banner is low enough but disrespecting the POW/MIA flag is as low as it gets. This Flag speaks for the thousands of US service men & women missing in action and/or prisoners of war. Soldiers that went off to war never to return. Never to be accounted for. Never to give any closure to the loved ones left behind. Leaving their loved ones to the fate of never knowing if their loved one is left somewhere dying, dead or imprisoned in some hell hole somewhere. Wait, I heard a car slowing maybe it's them.....

Dean E Kleinschrodt  
BCVM

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, AUGUST 24, 2021

# City Manager responds to questions by residents

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

BOYNE CITY - The August 24 Boyne City Commission meeting began with City Manager, Michael Cain reading a prepared response to questions posed by residents at recent City Commission meetings. A presentation on short term rentals instigated a lot of public comment, approved fencing for the Veteran's Memorial, approved amendments to the Future Land Use Map, approved the purchase of EMS equipment, and an audience member accused the commission of being devious in its procedures.

In a prepared response, City Manager Cain addressed questions about the commission's meeting schedule, possible conflicts of interest, his car allowance, the housing commission structure, city sidewalks, EMS, city owned building's improvement contracts, how Marina money can and cannot be spent, the agenda posting process, staffing and wages, flags replaced at the memorial and a request that the city take care of its residents, not visitors. To this Cain encouraged people to review a list of major accomplishment and proposed projects and expenses located in the front of each annual budget notebook which can be found online, at city hall and at the library. "I believe you will find that the vast majority of projects are for the benefit of our residents," he said. His complete reading of the response can be found in this paper.

In an update presentation on Short Term Rentals by City Planning Director Scott McPherson, he stated that to address the housing shortage issue an examination of short-term rentals and their impact on the community was budgeted into the 2021-2022 budget. As a first step to do that, Granicus (formally known as Host Compliance) was engaged to give a free assessment of the number of short-term rentals in the city and later contracted to create an inventory of them. Based on



Mayor Pro-tem, Ron Grunch, looks on as Boyne City Manager, Michael Cain read a response to questions raised at recent city commission meetings at the August 24 City Commission meeting.



The Boyne City Commission heard public comment on the contentious issue of Short Term Rentals at the August 24 meeting.

an estimated 221 STR's, the city has paid Granicus \$6,298.50 to create the inventory. McPherson reported that the project is underway as of August 12th including staff training on how to access the data. A presentation will come before the Commission after the information is integrated into the city's GIS system. In the public comment that followed residents requested that the commission look at the positive impacts of STR. "I feel like you are trying to

blame the lack of affordable housing on Short-Term Rentals," began resident Teri Derck. "Many if not all of the other run-down houses in this city have been purchased and refurbished.... Adding new roofs and windows is expensive and having the option to collect rental income to offset these costs has allowed for the improvements to many homes in this city." Resident Auska Barden suggested that an examination of the positive effects of

STR's be conducted, "to give a fair and balanced decision." Resident Marty Moody questioned the main objective for the inventory. "...to increase revenue for the city? Solve nuisance issues?" He reminded the commission that ordinances are already in place to regulate STR. "...so you're trying to regulate your regulations?" Resident Jack Culliver urged that STR should be treated like any other property. "If you have one that is a problem deal with it

as a problem like you would any other house in town." McPherson explained that positive and negative impacts are being investigated. "It's true STR's have an economic impact on the city. Are we having an influx with our primary homes or the 600 condo units (where 80% are 2nd homes) in the city where it's been for years and years? We need to know where they are," he explained. Commissioner Ron Grunch stated that he didn't think the commission

should be trying to manage the rental business while Commissioner Dean Solomon stated that "One of the issues with this is that nobody on either side is wrong." He then explained that he believed it was a community issue with a lot of different perspectives and that it needed to be worked out in "a process that engages and involves residents."

Fencing to establish the boundaries of the Veteran's Memorial was approved. "I know there is some tension between the Memorial and the people in the park and this is a good remedy for that," commented Commissioner Hugh Conklin. The Park that encompasses the memorial was donated to the city by the American Legion many years ago. Except a 30X30 piece that houses the Memorial.

Amendments to a Future Land Use Map for the City's Master Plan was approved. The map was updated to reflect the zoning changes and land acquisition since 2015.

The purchase of five cardiac monitor/defibrillators was approved. The current monitors are old and no longer supported by the manufacturer. The expense for the equipment will be shared with the Boyne Valley Township Board.

During the opening public comment, resident Chet Falkowski expressed suspicion of deviousness on the part of the commission. He compared the postponing of decisions on rezoning from August until October, "out of an over-abundance of caution and transparency," to the quickly passed salary raise of the City Manager. "You chose to ignore the many objections and requests from Boyne City residents to postpone the decision on city manager compensation. Both at the commission meeting, and on local social media, concerns were voiced for the very same reasons stated for waiting on the rezoning issue," said Falkowski.

## Response from City Manager Michael Cain

This is a response from city manager Michael Cain on questions posed by residents at recent City Commission meetings. Cain read this response at the August 24, 2021 Boyne City commission meeting.

### MEETING SCHEDULE:

City Commission has had meetings at noon and 7:00 p.m. for well over 30 years in an effort to give more people the opportunity to attend a meeting no matter what their schedule. The meeting schedule is approved once a year at a public City Commission meeting in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act. On November 16, 1999 the then City Commission voted to switch from weekly meetings to twice a month meetings to be held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Tuesday of the month at noon. That schedule has been pretty much maintained since then.

### ADDRESSES:

Addresses shown on the City website for board and commission members reflect their preferred mailing address, not necessarily home addresses. I have lived in the City since 2003. The City Manager is required to sit on three boards, the DDA, the LDFA and the EDC. I am also the main staff liaison to the Airport Board and City Commission. That is not a conflict of interest, it is part of the job. The City Manager's car allowance is a common negotiated provision in the City Management profession and has been in effect since I was hired in 2002.

### HOUSING COMMISSION:

Although originally created by the City of Boyne City the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has made it very clear to the City that other than

making required appointments to their Board the City is to not be involved in its operations. There is only one person on Hemlock Street on the Housing Commission. The address was repeated in error and has been corrected. The City Attorney has determined, years ago, that the City Manager is to make the appointments to their governing board. The City collects no tax revenues on the Housing Commission properties. As a pretty much independent organization in their day to day operations they maintain their own website and distribute their own agendas and minutes, much like the independent District Library Board that we also appoint some of its members to.

### SIDEWALKS:

It is my understanding that representatives of the Housing Commission have responded to Chet F's sidewalk questions by noting the difficulty in creating a sidewalk on the north side of Division Street between their parking lot and Park Street due to the grade of the land there and have provided a reasonable accommodation using the existing and year-round maintained walkways between Deer Meadows and Park Streets and going through Litzenburger.

### EMS.

The City's ambulance system is funded thru a combination of user fees and local government (City and Townships) subsidies to cover annual shortfalls. Unlike many Townships the City has no separate EMS millage and hasn't for at least 20 years.

At the beginning of the year there was discussion about a possible countywide EMS system. This idea has been explored several times during the last 20 years. The recent discussions

came to an end for the time being several months ago when the communities served by the City of Charlevoix EMS system decided to withdraw from the discussion and create their own authority, which recently began operations. The City's current system is less costly to operate than either the Jordan Valley or Charlevoix authorities. While we keep looking for ways for the systems to work together going forward nothing concrete has developed at this time.

### RIVER MOUTH RESTROOMS APPROVAL.

At their January 12th meeting the City Commission approved working directly with Kroondyk Construction to develop a contract for improvements to both the River mouth restrooms and the Old City Park Gazebo. We had gone out for bids on the restroom and pavilion projects, which the City rejected because they were priced too high. We then sought out other local other options and ended up working with Kroondyk to determine if better prices could be obtained. He ended up providing a lower cost, high quality proposal so the Pavilion project could be completed. That worked out really well and the same rationale applied for the River mouth restroom and gazebo projects. Those contracts were ultimately approved by the City Commission at their February 9th meeting. While the rest rooms reopened a little over a week ago, items like the re-roofing, which will be done in coordination with the new peak roof going on the pumphouse portion of the building as part of that project, are anticipated to be done this fall.

### COMMISSION PAY.

The City Commissioners have

been paid \$2,700 per year, with the exception of the Mayor, who receives \$3,270 per year, since 2017. A Compensation Commission was established under State law to review Commissioner pay in the late 1990's. In 1997 the Compensation Commission changed the basis of pay from per meeting to annual with the thought that there was more to being a Commissioner than just attending the meetings. It has remained that way since.

### USE MARINA MONEY FOR HOUSING.

As currently proposed those are both important but separate issues. Consistent with City Commission direction from many years ago, the marina project has been designed to be self-supporting using funds from users and grants to pay for the project rather than general tax dollars. The Waterways grant and fees paid by users of the marina are not allowed or appropriate for use on Housing projects. The proposed marina project does not take away money from housing projects.

### AGENDA POSTING PROCESS.

The agenda and the full packet the City Commissioners receive for the City Commission meetings are generally posted late in the afternoon of the Friday before the Tuesday meeting. Any revisions are posted on-line as they are made.

Items to be considered for a City Commission meeting are to be provided to the City Clerk by noon on the Wednesday preceding the next regular meeting.

The City Manager reviews all items submitted to determine if they will be included on the agenda. The City Manager informs the Commission of items

not included. The Commission may add items to the agenda by action of the City Commission at a meeting.

Commission procedures also provide that questions raised on non-agenda items will not be answered by the Commission, but will be referred to the City Manager of City Staff for followup.

Take care of residents, not visitors. I would encourage people to review the list of major accomplishments and proposed projects/expenses that are included in my letter that are in the front of each annual budget notebook. They are available on line, at City Hall with the most current one also at the Library. I believe you will find that the vast majority of projects are for the benefit of our residents. Even when projects may also benefit visitors, like the purchase and improvements to the Open Space or Marina, those also strengthen our own local economy and help support jobs for our residents or those in our area.

### STAFFING/WAGES.

No DPW, or other employees, have been laid off since at least late 2002, even during the economic downturn around 2008-10. All full-time employees received raises each of the last two years.

### MEMORIAL FLAG ISSUES.

The meeting with the veterans about flags at the memorial was tied to the 2nd removal of the American flag and its replacement with another flag. If the American flag had not been removed again, the meeting would not have been scheduled. It was not the result of any speaker's comments who came before the City Commission.

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## BOYNE CITY

### LAWN AT LYNDA'S 2021 SCHEDULE

9/3/2021 Full Circle

## 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

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

## EAST JORDAN

### LABOR DAY- A HISTORY OF WORK

Raven Hill Discovery Center is one of ten sites in the United States selected in 2019 to participate in a Smithsonian pilot project to develop a unique humanities-based exhibition about local work history. The exhibition, Labor Days—A History of Work, will reflect the strong history and culture of work

around Lake Charlevoix and connections to work in northern Michigan, the nation and around the world. Labor Days will remain open from 10am to 4pm daily through the end of September.

## 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

### DRAG RACE

The Boyne City Police Department Drag Races were started in 2003 as a fundraiser for the Boyne City Police Department and Boyne City Airport. 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.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### SENIOR CENTERS CLOSED TO PUBLIC

All of the Charlevoix County Senior Centers will be closed to the public through September 2, 2021 but we will be providing 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.

## 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.

## ELLSWORTH/ANTRIM COUNTY

### PADDLE ANTRIM FESTIVAL

September 16-18. Local non-profit Paddle Antrim invites paddlers to experience Northern Michigan's only state designated water trail during their two-day Paddle Antrim Festival. The Festival 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/paddle-antrim-festival](http://www.paddleantrim.com/paddle-antrim-festival) or contact Paddle Antrim at [info@paddleantrim.com](mailto:info@paddleantrim.com) or 231-498-2080.

## TRAVERSE CITY

### MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

National Model Railroad Association North Central Region Division 2 Monthly Meeting, Sat. Sep 18, 12:30pm - 3pm. This is an "In Person" General Meeting and will include a presentation on Model Railroad and a Show and Tell. Meet at Grace Episcopal Church, 341 Washington St. Traverse City. Park and enter on north side of building. In Parish Hall Room. For additional information please contact superintendent.nmra.ncr.div2@gmail.com

## CHARLEVOIX

### 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 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.

## 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. Headlining 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.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### ADVERTISING FUNDS THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS

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## People Fund Grant Letters of Interest Due October 1

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is now accepting letters of interest and grant applications from non-profit organizations throughout its local service area for the fall grant cycle. Letters of interest are due by October 1. If the letter of interest is approved, the applicant can then submit a grant application by October 15. All letters and applications are accepted through a new online grant application portal that can be found at [www.gtlakes.com/people-fund](http://www.gtlakes.com/people-fund).

With the purpose of bettering local communities, the People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members. Those who participate in the program allow their electric cooperative to round their monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar amount. Since 1999, more than \$3.9 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits. The People Fund recently awarded more than \$263,000 in grants during the 2021 spring grant cycle.

Non-profit organizations can read program details and apply online at [www.gtlakes.com/people-fund](http://www.gtlakes.com/people-fund). Non-profit organizations that serve communities located in the Great Lakes Energy service area are eligible to apply.

Letters of interest are due by October 1, with applications due by October 15. The next People Fund grant opportunity will be available in April 2022.

## Proposed Budget Meeting for Conservation District

On Thursday, September 10th, 2021, the Charlevoix Conservation District will be presenting its proposed budget for the fiscal year 2022. As all district board meetings are, this meeting is open to the public for review. The board meeting begins at 7pm, and the proposed budget will be open for public comment at 7:15pm. For questions, please contact District Manager, Alison Adams, at 231-582-6193.

The Charlevoix Conservation District is open Monday-Friday, 8-4:30 pm, and is located in Boyne City. The purpose of a conservation district is to provide local natural resource protection to the residents of the county, and assist landowners with conservation efforts. Our services include: the MAEAP (Michigan Agricultural and Environmental Assurance Programs) Farm Verification Program, Community Outreach Workshops & Room Rental, Annual Spring Tree Sale, Fall Native Plant Sale, American Beach Grass/Shoreline Protection program, and Organic Garden repellent products. The Charlevoix Conservation District's mission is to protect the natural resources of Charlevoix County through partnerships, community outreach and landowner support, since 1948. For more information please visit: [www.charlevoixcd.org](http://www.charlevoixcd.org), call 231-582-6193, or email Alison at [alison.adams@macd.org](mailto:alison.adams@macd.org).

## COURT CASES

# Charlevoix man admits throwing Molotov cocktail into house

**SUBMITTED BY ALLEN TELGENHOF**

KeNen Michael-Damian Borths, 25, Charlevoix, pleaded guilty this morning in the 33rd Circuit Court to sending or delivering an explosive device causing property damage with the intent to frighten, terrorize, intimidate, threaten, harass, injure or kill.

That offense carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Borths also pleaded to lying to a police officer in the investigation of a violent crime, a four-year

felony.

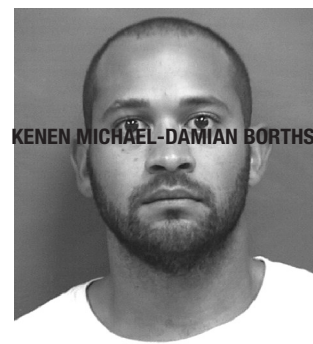
He will be sentenced on October 8.

According to a police affidavit in the case, on August 8, 2020, at approximately 11:30 p.m., City of Charlevoix police responded to a report of a possible gas leak and explosion on May Street in Charlevoix.

According to the victims, an explosive device was thrown into their home. Police discovered a "Molotov cocktail" consisting of a broken rum bottle with a partially burned towel inside and a strong smell of gasoline in the house.

The investigation turned to Borths when a witness indicated that Borths was upset with the adult son of the May Street home's residents. Later another witness admitted that he had been with Borths on August 8 and that Borths had purchased a bottle of rum, later smelled of gas and that he had dropped Borths off near the scene of the crime.

Initially Borths denied any involvement, but in a later interview admitted that he had poured rum out of a bottle, poured gasoline into it and put a towel in it and lit the towel on fire. Borths said



he had put out the fire before throwing the bottle through the May Street residence. Borths was initially

charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. Trial was scheduled to begin today.

"I want to thank law enforcement for their work on this case," Mary Farrell, Charlevoix County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney said. "The City of Charlevoix Police Department and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office conducted an excellent investigation and were assisted by the Michigan State Police, the FBI and the Secret Service."

# Traverse City Man Arrested For Carrying A Concealed Weapon And Possessing An Unregistered Handgun

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MI. On Thursday, August 26, 2021, at approximately 9:24 p.m. a trooper from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation on US-31 near Big Rock in Hayes Township. The trooper noticed a rifle case on the floor in the rear passenger area. When he asked the driver, a 40-year-old Traverse City man, if there were any guns or knives in the vehicle, the driver hesitated and then stated he had a pistol in the vehicle. The man lifted his shirt to reveal a



handgun tucked inside his waistband. The man did not have a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Further in-



was assembled by parts purchased separately, also known as a "ghost gun" because it does not have a se-

vestigation revealed the handgun did not have a serial number on it and it was not registered. The handgun

rial number and cannot be traced. The kits are widely available and can be purchased by anyone, including prohibited purchasers without a background check.

The driver was placed under arrest and lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail awaiting arraignment for carrying a concealed weapon and possessing an unregistered handgun.

# Housing survey brings focus barriers and solutions

A new survey from Housing North of more than 200 employers and workers across Northwest Michigan shows housing continues to be a challenge to growing the regional economy - but also indicates solid support for public and private initiatives to expand housing options.

More than three quarters of the survey respondents across the 10-county region said they knew of someone who couldn't relocate to Northern Michigan because of the difficulties in finding housing. Almost half said it was "very difficult" to secure housing, with the greatest challenges in Charlevoix, Emmet and Grand Traverse counties.

"We decided we wanted to learn more about the housing needs in our region by hearing directly from employers and workers," said Yarrow Brown, Executive

Director of Housing North. "Housing is one of the biggest challenges facing our region and impacts so many of our businesses. We wanted employers and their employees to know that we hear them and are working toward solutions."

The survey idea resulted from a stakeholder event for business and community leaders hosted in June by Housing North. Housing North also asked for the survey to be shared with the employees and associates of the participants of this stakeholder event. When employers were asked for the biggest challenges to creating more housing for their employees the top three responses were the shortage of affordable housing, the competing demand from short term rentals, and lack of housing options.

Brown said the group was able to agree on a collective

vision statement for tackling the region's housing challenges seeking: "A pool of available housing options at a variety of price points that are affordable for the average working person and full-time residents, including retirees. A common theme was that we need to focus on solutions and actions that move the needle on housing in our region," Brown said.

Brown was encouraged by the level of support shown in the survey for collaborative and legislative efforts to expand the housing market. Some 58 percent of respondents said they would consider investing in community-based housing collaboratives, while only 7 percent said they would not. Almost 50 percent said they would consider investing in a regional housing fund to help their workers secure housing.

Another 45 percent said

they would consider investing in housing through tax credits included in the Employer Housing Tax Credit legislation introduced earlier this year in the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives. That legislation and other related housing bills are supported by the Michigan Housing Coalition, a state-wide group of housing advocacy organizations that includes Housing North. The bills were passed by the Senate this summer and are pending in the state House.

More than half of the employers that responded indicated the lack of affordable housing options is the biggest housing challenge in their service area. Survey results also showed that respondents in Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties encountered the longest commutes from home to work, led by Antrim County residents with an average of

25 miles.

"Housing North is committed to working with private and public partners on initiatives that can help to bring more housing to our region, including opportunities for employers to invest in housing if they so choose," Brown said. "We're also committed to continuing our work with local units of government to become more 'housing ready' and offer clear guidance on what they can do to help with housing solutions."

If employers want to dive deeper into their own employees' housing needs or for a copy of the survey results, they are encouraged to contact Housing North. They have custom surveys they can provide for you and your company.

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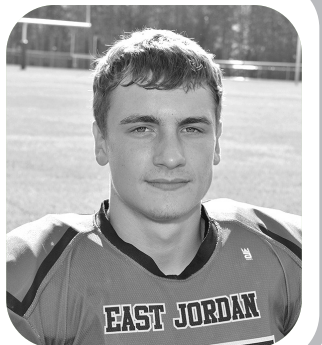
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FOOTBALL

# Rayders roll with win over Rams



Patrick Sterrett #3 makes a great catch to set up a TD at the Harbor Springs 17 yd line. Photo by Scott Richards

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Rayders football team finished 8-1 last year with a loss in the District Championship to Traverse City St. Francis. The team would look to continue to have the regular season success, with their goals to go deeper in the playoffs.

The Rayders would open up the season on the road by traveling to Harbor Springs. The Rayders would start off strong as Caleb Stuck would connect with Evan Solomon for an 8 yard touchdown. Stuck would end up keeping the two point conversion try, to put the Rayders up 8-0 over the Rams. Stuck would then connect with Max Ostrum for a 5 yard touchdown pass.

This would put the Rayders up 14-0, as they would not be able to convert the two point try.

Jake Clafin would return a blocked punt 30 yards to the endzone to put the Rayders up to three scores. Stuck would then connect again



Evan Solomon #6 sets up a block for Max Ostrom #5 as a Harbo defender gives chase.. Photo by Scott Richards

with Pat Sterrett for another two point conversion to go up 22-0. Max Dixon would end up helping out the run game, by scoring a rushing touchdown from one yard out. Ostrum would end up converting the two point conversion with a 2 yard run.

The Rayders would push the lead to 30-0. The final score of the game would once again come from Dixon as he would have another 1 yard rush for a touchdown. This time Stuck would connect with Ostrum for a 2 yard, 2 point conversion to make it 38-0.

The Rayders would make a mark early in the season with the shutout, while scoring 38. The Rayders would have over 100 rushing yards to open the season and would be shared between two running backs. Dixon would have 16 carries for 55 yards and 2 touch-

downs. Ostrum would help them get to 100 yards, as he would have 9 carries for 45 yards. Ostrum would also be the leading receiver with 8 catches for 71 yards. Stuck would go 16-27 through the air for 133 yards and 2 touchdowns.

The win has the Rayders start the season off at 1-0 and will host Boyne City on Friday, September 3 for a major rivalry game early in the season.

# Red Devils get first ever win over JoBurg with 300 yard rushing attack

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Red Devils opened the season with a Northern Michigan Football League - Legacy division matchup. As the East Jordan Red Devils Football team hosted Johannesburg-Lewiston to start the season. The Red Devils finished 3-4 last season, with a postseason appearance but a loss in the first round.

In the first quarter, the Red Devils would jump on the board first. As Dylan Wynkoop would find some running room and break a 71 yard run into the end zone. The Red Devils would end up

having a 6-0 lead. The Cardinals would end up getting a rushing touchdown themselves, to tie the game at 6-6.

In the second quarter, Zander Johncheck would find the endzone on a 1 yard run to put the Red Devils back up. Johncheck would then be on the receiving end of a Tom Reid pass for a two point conversion to put the Red Devils up 14-6. The Cardinals would once again respond with a passing touchdown. The Cardinals would still find themselves down 14-12. The Red Devils would get back on the board before halftime. Reid would connect with Granger Kitson for a 20 yard touch-

down. Reid would connect with Ethan Antaya for another two point conversion. That would put the Red Devils 22-12 heading into halftime.

In the second half, the Red Devils would get back on the board. As Antaya would break free for a 36 yard touchdown run. Johncheck would have a 2 yard rush to convert the two point attempt. The Red Devils would then lead by a score of 30-12. The Red Devils would be able to seal the game in the third quarter, as Antaya would be able to break off a 54 yard run for another touchdown. The Red Devils would not convert

the two point conversion. The Red Devils would lead 36-12.

The game would go quiet during the fourth quarter, as neither team would score points. The Red Devils would win by a final score of 36-12. Wynkoop would end up leading the team on the ground with 121 yards on 5 carries and a touchdown. Antaya would help the ground attack with 90 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns on 2 carries. Kitson would help the 300 yard performance with 5 carries for 75 rushing yards, while also having 2 receptions for 29 yards and a touchdown. Johncheck would contribute 21 yards with a touchdown on

6 carries. Tom Reid finishes the night 6-10 for 83 yards and 1 touchdown. On the defensive side of the football, Johncheck would have 16 tackles, two of which were for a loss. Lee Nemecek would record 10 tackles and two of them being for a loss.

"I was very happy with the play of Ryerson Whitaker, Wyatt Gotts, Ben Reid, Angel Delgado, and Nemecek on the offensive line. They opened up some big holes and protected the quarterback pretty well. We were able to make some big plays and that only happens if we take care of the offensive line. Defensively, Zander really

set the tone for us. Again we had many players contribute. John Johnson and Whitaker both forced fumbles and Delgado and Gotts recovered them to give our offense the ball back. Any game we can win the line of scrimmage, win the turnover battle, and have more chunk plays, we give ourselves a good chance of winning. It is our first ever victory over Joburg, so that felt nice, but we have another tough contest coming against Mancelona. We have to get better every day," said Head Coach Greg Kitson.

The Red Devils will host Mancelona on Friday, September 3.

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## SOCCER

## Ramblers end 3 game losing streak with win over North Bay

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Boys Soccer team would travel to Marquette to play the Redman for the second time this season on Wednesday, August 25.

## MARQUETTE

The Ramblers would end up taking another loss on the season. The Redman would take the lead four minutes into the game on a well-

placed shot. They would end up doubling up their advantage with 12 minutes to go in the first half. The Ramblers would have five shots on goal and a missed penalty kick. Senior Nicolas Santina would end up making 7 saves on goal.

The loss moves the Ramblers to 2-2 on the season. The Ramblers would have to shake it off and host the Gaylord Blue Devils on Thursday, August 26.

## GAYLORD

The Ramblers would only be able to create two shots on goal, as the offensive struggles continued early in the season. The Ramblers would control possession for most of the game, but could not get shots off. The Blue Devils end up scoring with 16 minutes to go in the first half. Santina would end up making three saves in goal in the first half. He would not face any other shots for the entire second

half.

The loss would move the Ramblers record to 2-3 on the season. The Ramblers would be scheduled to play Marquette for the third time this season. However, due to rain and the field conditions being poor. The game would end up being cancelled.

After dropping their last three games, the Ramblers would look to get back to even on the season against North Bay, a combination of Suttons Bay and Northport.

## NORTH BAY

Monday, the Ramblers would end up having seven shots on goal with Austin Mercer getting the Ramblers on the board first. Phillip Banner would pick up the assist on the goal, 10 minutes in. Mercer would pick up his second goal of the game with 16 minutes remaining in the first half. This time Jack Snyder would pick up the assist. The Ramblers would hold a 2-

0 lead at halftime. In the second half, Phillip Banner would pick up an unassisted goal to push it to 3-0. That is where the score would remain, as Santina would stop three shots to pick up the shutout in goal.

The win moves the Ramblers to even on the season at 3-3. They will start their conference play next Tuesday, September 7, when they travel to play Harbor Springs.

## VOLLEYBALL

## Rayders defeat Hornets in 3 sets

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Girls Volleyball team would look to continue to build off their Tournament win. As they would play Pellston once again.

In the first set of the game, the Rayders came out quick with a 5-0 start. It would only take a bit of time for Pellston to get going and tied it up 8-8. Grace Lentz at the net, Taylor Petrosky serving and the great defensive play by Patria Muriel kept the team in a good position for a first set win. They would win by a final score of 25 - 20

In the second set it was all Rayders. The girls were click-

ing and won the second set 25-13.

The Hornets were not going to go down easy. As their hitters were starting to click on all cylinders and had great swings to get themselves to a 16-8 lead in set three. Scholten got to the serving line, got 2 aces and would tie it up 16-1. With a few key hits by the Hornets at the net, helped them push ahead to a 20-16 lead. The Rayders were not going to give up and key attacks by Lentz and some serious defense put the Rayders up 21-20. The Hornets kept answering back with good defense to allow their hitters to swing big at the net. The Hor-

nets would lead 25-24 before, the Rayders would take over for good. The Rayders would win the third set and the match by a score of 27-25.

Leading the way for the Rayders was Patria Muriel with phenomenal defense and a don't let a ball fall to the floor attitude. She finished with 31 digs and 16/16 on serve receive.

Grace Lentz clocked in 17 kills, 1 block, 4/5 on serve receive.

Claire Scholten 7 kills, 18 assist, 3 aces. Taylor Petrosky 23/23 serving, 11/12 serve receive, 8 digs

Kylee Rice 12 assists, 9 digs, 1 ace, Anna Haf 1 solo block, 10 digs, 2/2 on serve re-

ceive. Olivia Vollmer 2/2 on serve receive. Addison Boop 2 blocks, 1 kill. Camryn Turkelson 5 digs, 3/3 on serve receive, 1 kill.

"All the girls contributed at the right times and we are still working on so many different details of the game in practice. This is a team that goes into practice with great attitudes and are ready to learn and improve their skill sets and become a better teammate than they were the day before," said Head Coach Audrea Randall.

The Rayders Volleyball team moves to 6-0-1 on the season.

## SOCCER

## Rayders start season 2-1

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Soccer team has had a busy start to their season. As they would start their season off with a mercy over Harbor Light 9-0 in the first half on Friday, August 20. They would then knock off Buckley in a close matchup on Monday, August 23 by a final score of 3-2.

The Rayders would travel for the second straight game on Tuesday, August 24 to play Suttons Bay. The Norseman would get on the board first as they would sneak a shot by freshman goalie Ryan Pearl. The ball had been initially saved but was redirected to the left side of the goal. The Norseman would be able to bury the rebound. That would be the scoring heading into halftime, as the Norseman led 1-0.

In the second half, the Rayders would have a better energy and would be able to win more of the 50/50 balls.

However, the Rayders would not be able to break through for a goal. The Rayders would suffer their first loss of the season. This would move their record to 2-1 on the season.

"Tonight's game was very physical with a handful of yellow cards presented. The final 20 minutes was the most intense soccer we have played all season but we didn't get any calls in the box tonight and there were a few that could have gone our way. In the end we couldn't put the ball in the back of the net and lost 1-0 to a well-coached Suttons Bay team," said Head Coach Glen Wachler.

The Rayders will be back in action on Tuesday, August 31 when they travel to play Maple City Glen Lake. Then they will host Leland on Thursday, September 2. While wrapping up the next week with hosting Elk Rapids on Tuesday, September 7.

## Loggers fall In close season opener

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne Falls Volleyball team would open up their season with a none conference matchup against Central Lake.

It would be a great matchup that would end up going five sets. As the Loggers would dominate the first set, winning 25-13. The Loggers would have a big second set as well winning 25-17. They would look to close the match out in the third set. When the Trojans would

come storming back. Central Lake would take set three by a score of 25-19. Then they would tie the game at 2 sets a piece with a win in set four by a score of 25-19. In the fifth and final set, Central Lake would come back and win the final three sets, including the fifth by a final of 15-11.

The Loggers would actually outscore the Trojans 99 to 95 but would suffer their first loss of the season. To lead the way for the Loggers were:

Overall team serving was exceptional at 94% with Zosia Wasylewski, Riley Zbacnik, Lillian Fenske and Mackenzie Smith serving at 100%. Maddie Loper added 3 Aces. Setting duties were shared between Senior Cheyanne Sayles and Junior Riley Zbacnik, each offering up 60 and 59 assists respectively. Putting the work in at the net was Junior Middle Hitter Alice Loper with 17 hits, 3 kills and 4 blocks; Sophomore Middle Hitter Maddison Loper with 25 hits, 5 kills

and 7 blocks; both Freshman Outside Hitter Mackenzie Smith adding 17 hits, 4 kills and Outside Hitter Lillian Fenske adding 32 hits, 7 kills. Junior defensive specialist Zosia Wasylewski cleaned up 32 digs along with Alice Loper's 47 digs and Fenske's 37.

Boyne Falls will next meet Atlanta in a non-conference game on Tuesday, August 31st at Boyne Falls.

## GOLF

## 13 year old golfer gets double eagle at Charlevoix Golf Club

Monday Evening, 13-year old, Joe Gaffney (son of Aaron Gaffney) of Charlevoix recorded an albatross (double eagle) from the blue tees on the 453 yard par 5 sixth hole at the Charlevoix Golf Club. After a 260 yard drive he hit a 6-iron into the hole from 193 yards.

While a hole in one is very celebrated, a double eagle is actually much more rare. The odds of getting a hole in one are about 12-thousand to 1, while the odds of a double eagle are estimated to be 6



million to 1. Joe's albatross was witnessed by recent Charlevoix graduate Jake Beaudoin.

## Ramblers 8-1 after win over Alpena

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Volleyball team looked to continue to build momentum after the second place finish at the Pellston Invitational.

## BELLAIRE

The night for the Ramblers started out very slow against Bellaire in set one with Boyne's offense just not clicking. After having to make a comeback from an Eagles lead, the Ramblers ended up taking the first set 25-20. The team was not happy with how they played in game number 1. The Ramblers would pick up the pace and put some offense together behind Grace Dawson, Morgan Deming & Keni Ciesielski and take set two

25-15. Giving the Ramblers the win, 2 sets to 0 over the Eagles.

## EAST JORDAN

The next team up for the quad meet was East Jordan. The past has shown that these games could be close, hard fought battles, but that would not be the case this time. As the Ramblers were able to put together a near perfect game defensively and behind, Deming and Dawson in the front row. The Ramblers would end up winning both sets with scores of 25-13 & 25-14.

## ALPENNA

The final game of the quad meet would be against Alpena. The Ramblers have had a tough time with the

Wildcats. The Ramblers have never beaten the Wildcats under Head Coach Mallory Slate.

The Ramblers would have to play good to have a chance to win, but they played about as close to perfect as they could. Several Ramblers served at 100% and most passed at 100%, as well and with that combination both sets were taken by scores of 25-20 & 25-13. The Ramblers would end up sweeping the quad meet and moving their record to 8-1 to start the season.

"A big part in what played tonight was having (Ava) Tarsi back at setting and (Grace) Dawson back in the line-up. Dawson was hitting, which is where she should be. Tarsi still isn't 100 percent, but is getting better day-by-day. Luckily, we have

about a week's rest to prep for another Home Quad and hopefully get back to 100 percent. (Keni) Ciesielski and (Morgan) Deming played amazingly in the front line tonight. Bella Cosier was an absolute wall defensively, she was everywhere. I was happy with how the girls played tonight, they all had the we before me mentality and it is showing in our production," said Head Coach Mallory Slate

The Ramblers were led by Dawson with 13 kills, 12 digs, 18 for 20 on serve receptions. Deming had 10 kills, 3 aces, 3 blocks, Cosier with 14 digs, 16 for 16 on serve receptions, 2 aces and Tarsi- 29 assists.

The Ramblers will be back in action on Thursday, September 2 as they will host a quad meet.

## Young Rayders show promise

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Rayders Girls Golf team competed in a tournament on Monday, August 30 at the Mallard Course in East Jordan for a nine hole tournament.

The Rayders would have a good showing, especially by their three freshman golfers Avery Kita, 56, Sarah Pletcher, 64, and Emma Meadows 67. Some of the veterans struggled to find their rhythm. Merette Carson scored a 69, Kyle

O'Leary had a 70, and AnnaKate Smith had a 73.

The team would end up taking fourth overall with a combined score of 256. The team will play on Tuesday, August 31 at the Traverse City Titan Invite at Interlochen. CH

Overall we took fourth, with a 256, behind the winners East Jordan with a 208.

The Rayders Golf Team will play at the Traverse City Titan Invite in Interlochen on Tuesday, August 31.

## FOOTBALL

## Ramblers start season off with win over Ogemaw

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Football team traveled to play Ogemaw Heights to open up the season. The Ramblers would look to build on a 6-1 finish last season and a District Final loss. The Ramblers would return a core group of talented seniors and it would show in the opening game.

The Ramblers would jump on the board first. The Ram-

blers would use their first drive of the game to punch in a touchdown on a 7 play, 55 yard drive. The Ramblers would use their second drive as well, as they would score a touchdown on 3 plays for a total of 37 yards to put the Ramblers up 13-0

In the second quarter, the Ramblers would have a struggle on offense, as quarterback Jack Neer threw two interceptions. This would allow the Falcons to get back

into the game. The Falcons would be able to break through on a 15 play, 94 yard drive to make it 13-7 as they would head to halftime.

In the second half, the Ramblers would end up taking control of the game. In the third quarter, the Ramblers would be able to breathe through for two more touchdowns. The first one would be a 2 play, 43 yard touchdown. The second score came on a 3 play, 44 yard

drive. The Ramblers would get their third turnover of the game during the third quarter. As the Falcons would lose their third fumble.

In the fourth quarter, the defense would pick up an interception and use it to cement a 12 play 63 yard drive to seal the game with another touchdown. The Ramblers would win the game by a final score of 34-7. On the offensive side of the ball, Bobby Hoth would lead the rushing

attack with 17 carries for 113 yards. Quarterback Jack Neer finished the game 9-15 for 161 yards, 2 touchdowns and 2 interceptions. The majority of Neer's completions came to his junior classmate Alex Calcaterra, who had 3 receptions for 100 yards. Calcaterra and Aaron Bess would have the two receiving touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the ball, Joey McHugh and Kaden Jewett led the way

with 8 combined tackles. McHugh had 4 solo tackles and 4 assists on tackles. Jewett had 8 combined tackles as well, with 3 solo tackles and 5 assists on tackles.

The Ramblers will travel to Charlevoix for a Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division Rivalry game on Friday, September 3.

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If you have any questions or concerns or would like additional information pertaining to this request, you can contact John Ferguson in writing at 8354 Mercer Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or you can call him at 231-547-6218 or 231-459-8141.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

At a regular City Commission Meeting to be held at City Hall on September 7, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. an amendment to the City of East Jordan Code of Ordinance will present its first reading for An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of East Jordan: To Amend Chapter 37 Work Within City Right-Of-Way

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The East Jordan City Commission Meeting regularly scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. has been moved to the **Emergency Services Facility Meeting and Training Room located at 555 Maple Street, East Jordan, MI 49727.**

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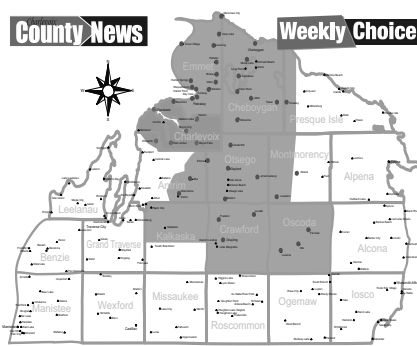
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# Beautifully designed home with shared Lake Charlevoix access

BY JIM AKANS

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This four bedroom, three and a half bath home has approximately 2,088 square feet of space on the main two floors and lower level walkout. Interior highlights include an open kitchen, dining and living area with cathedral ceiling, in-wall fireplace, wood flooring and gourmet kitchen with convenient center preparation island and stainless steel appliances. There is a bonus family room on the main floor and the en suite master bedroom features a roomy walk in closet.

A huge wrap around deck is a great spot to relax or entertain while enjoying the breeze from Lake Charlevoix. A walkable path leads to the association's shared 117 feet of waterfront. At the beach there is a storage cabana to house boating accessories and lake toys. What a fantastic home and location!

This beautifully designed home with shared Lake Charlevoix access is located at 01455 Lalonde near East Jordan and it is listed at \$499,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtor, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 231 Water Street in Boyne City, at 231-582-6554 or email at jennifer.burr@cbgreatlakes.com.



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The Hunting Basics webinar series will be held every Tuesday at noon in September and will include the following topics:

- September 7: Selecting the right gear for your hunt lead by Alyssa Tarnowski, MDNR
- September 14: Field dressing & home processing lead by Dr. Jeannine Schwehofer and Tina Conklin, MSU Extension
- September 21: The ins and outs of land access lead by Mike Harper, MDNR
- September 28: Breaking down deer hunting regulations lead by Holly Vaughn, MDNR

Registration for the webinar series is free. All sessions will be recorded and made available to registrants to view at their convenience if they are not able to attend at noon.

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