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Board of Health Meeting attracts hundreds of people to speak their mind on mask mandate

BY TINA SUNDELIUS
Charlevoix - At the September 7, 2021 Board of Health meeting the meeting room was filled to capacity as well as the adjoining hallways and foyer with people standing



outside in the rain. The large turnout was in response to a last minute 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. At the time this publication went to press, no agenda items had been addressed. In person public comment lasted three hours and forty-five minutes when a short break was called. Upon resuming the meeting, board members were prepared to hear public

comment from the 249 zoom participants, 99 of whom had indicated they wanted to speak. Most of the public comment was from those against the masking mandate. Speakers presented countless statistics and many gave heartfelt personal experiences as reasons for their request that the mandate be rescinded. School bus driver Mike Way gave a very descriptive presentation of his experience

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Rambler-Rayder SHOWDOWN



Boyne City's Bobby Hoth (#8) makes another big gain in the second half. See who came out victorious inside. Photo by Scott Richards.

Jury convicts Lansing man of multiple felonies

Jonathan Michael Mullen, 31, Lansing was convicted by a Charlevoix County jury of nine felony counts following a three-day jury trial that wrapped up Friday. The jury began deliberating around 5:00 p.m. and announced its verdict around 8:30 p.m..



Mullen was convicted of possessing heroin with the intent to deliver, two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, two counts of possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony, possessing a silencer, being a felon in possession of ammunition and two counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on a tenth count of possessing fentanyl with the intent to deliver. "I want to thank the jurors for their time, attention and of course, the verdict, which I believe was correct," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "They gave the case much consideration. This case ensures that a dangerous drug dealer will be off the streets and out of our county for many years." Mullen is a habitual offender, having been convicted of multiple felonies, including drug and weapons charges previously, and being previously sentenced to prison.

Mullen was arrested following a drug raid on February 2, 2021, when officers of the Boyne City Police Department and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at the Parkview Apartments in Boyne City. Police saw Mullen carrying bags to a rental car outside the apartments. A search of the car revealed he had carried an AR-15, a silencer and other parts to the gun to the vehicle. He was searched inside the home and was found in possession of ammunition for the AR-15 as well as ammunition for a pistol which was located, fully loaded, in the bedroom of the apartment. When police knocked at the door, Mullen locked the deadbolt and headed to the bathroom inside the residence, according to

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weather forecast

THURSDAY



HIGH: 68
LOW: 50

FRIDAY



HIGH: 73
LOW: 59

SATURDAY



HIGH: 78
LOW: 57

SUNDAY



HIGH: 68
LOW: 51

MONDAY



HIGH: 69
LOW: 54

TUESDAY



HIGH: 74
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

Terry Don Erno, 84

(JUNE 19, 1937 - SEPT. 3, 2021)

Terry Don Erno of Boyne City died September 3, 2021, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.



Terry was born on June 19, 1937, in Charlevoix, Michigan. He was raised by George and Geraldine Erno and attended school in Boyne City.

On December 28, 1956, he married Veryl "Sis" Lawson at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. They were happily married until her death in 2003.

Terry worked as a machinist at Honeywell for over 20 years in Boyne City until his retirement at age 63. In his spare time, he liked deer hunting, fishing, berry picking and mushrooming. He enjoyed all of life's simple pleasures.

He is survived by his children, Terry Erno of Boyne City and Emily Loranger of Boyne City; his grandchildren, Teresa Messer, Valerie Loranger, Dalton Pickles and Wyatt Pickles; and by his great grandchildren, Gavin, Lieum, Lucius, and Hannah.

He is preceded in death by his wife, his son, George; and his sister, Arvella Gibbs.

There will be a funeral service held at Stackus Funeral Home on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. with a one-hour visitation prior to the service. Rev. David Behling will officiate.

Those wishing to make a charitable donation in his memory are asked to please consider the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (cff.org).

of Boyne City, but in recent years, lived in both Petoskey and Charlevoix.

Sue was a quiet, gentle person who was well known in Boyne City for her all day, every day bicycle rides. When health issues surfaced, she moved to a care facility first in Petoskey, and then in Charlevoix. Sue was an avid reader, enjoyed working word puzzles, and joining in exercise classes at Boulder Park Terrace.

Sue was preceded in death by her father, Talmon, mother, Susanna, and sister Vivian.

Survivors include nephew David Tomaszek of Florida, and nieces Carole Tomaszek Figgins (Bob) of California, and Lucinda Rinock (Jim) of Kalamazoo, along with 2 grand nephews, and 1 grand-niece.

Services will be private at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Phillip Mark Camilleri, 70

(SEPT. 17, 1950 - AUG. 14, 2021)

Phillip Mark Camilleri of East Jordan died peacefully at home on August 14, 2021.



He was born September 17, 1950 in Detroit - the first son of Francis and Olga Camilleri. Phillip is preceded in death by both of his parents and his brother John Camilleri.

Phil grew up in Dearborn, Michigan where he attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, graduating in 1968. He relocated to Northern Michigan in the early 1970's and settled in Eastport. Phil was a founding partner of DCL Inc. in Charlevoix.

A severe accident in 2009 left Phil with a traumatic brain injury, but it did not diminish his spirit. Following his injury, he settled in East Jordan and developed a deep appreciation for the local community. Phil will be remembered for his boundless energy, generous spirit, and

his enthusiasm for boats and bicycles.

Surviving Phillip are his siblings Beth (Christopher) Cowie of Washington, DC; Patrick (Beth) Camilleri of Minneapolis, MN; and Mary Camilleri (Edward Stanley) of Mendon, VT.

The daily Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan will be said for Phillip at 8:00 am on Friday, September 17. Following Mass, a public blessing will be offered at the East Jordan Sportsman's Park waterfront at 10:30am.

Memorial donations in Phil's name may be made to the Little Traverse Conservancy <https://landtrust.org>

Arrangements are being handled by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Anne Marie (Nac-hazel) Pinney, 44

(JUNE 22, 1977 - SEPT. 2, 2021)

Anne Marie Pinney of Kalkaska and formerly of East Jordan, died on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

She was born on June 22, 1977, in Oxnard, California. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1995. On September 5, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nevada, she married her high school sweetheart, Brian Pinney.

Anne enjoyed arts and crafts, watching TV soap operas, making jewelry, reading, walking, swimming and spending time at the beach. Most of all, she loved being a "Mom" to two beautiful children and was excited for the arrival of her first grandchild.

She is survived by her husband, Brian Pinney of Kalkaska; son, Dillon (Ayla) Pinney of Kalkaska; daughter Ashley Pinney of Kalkaska; mother, Bonnie Lee (Bob) Jones of Ocala, Florida; father, David Nachazel of Edgewater, Florida; and five siblings, Susan Nachazel of Ohio, David Nachazel, Jr. of California, William (Mel) Nachazel of California, Tait (Amanda) Sayles of Elmira and Christina "Tina" (Donavan) Sayles of Vanderbilt.

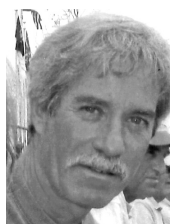
A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at the Light-house Missionary Church, East Jordan. Memorials may be directed to St. Judes Children's Hospital.

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

Ronald B McDonough, 64

(FEB. 1, 1957 - SEPT. 5, 2021)

Ronald Bruce McDonough of Charlevoix died Sunday, September 5th, at his home. He was born February 1, 1957, in Ludington, to Robert Bruce and Mary Gretchen McDonough.



Ronnie grew up in Charlevoix and attended Charlevoix High School.

After high school, Ron moved south to Florida, working as a waiter at five-star restaurants in Naples and as a commercial fisherman in Sarasota. He later moved back to his hometown

of Charlevoix, where he spent many years working in construction. A talented carpenter, in 2016 he designed and built the tabernacle altar at St. Luke Catholic Church in Bellaire. Ronnie was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing as well as his dogs Skeet, Callie, and Grace. He loved his family and was a cherished son, brother, and uncle.

Ron is survived by his long-time girlfriend Sharon Smith, and her children Christopher (Amber) Higby and Lyndie (Alex) Michanowicz and her grandchildren Emma and Landon Higby and Ben and Georgia Michanowicz; his siblings Marylou (Randy) Stevens, Shawn (Jean) McDonough, Judy Harris, Kelly McDonough, Kathy McDonough, and Lisa (Rusty) Nichols; his nieces and nephews Kelsea Stevens (fiance' Brandon Pomranke), Melissa (Josh) Christopher, Shawn McDonough, Alyssia (Carl) Varchetti, Michael McDonough, Collin McDonough, Travis Longley, Amanda McDonough and her partner Josh, and Christopher McDonough; and 13 great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Gretchen McDonough, and his nephew, Clinton Longley.

Respecting his wishes, no service is planned. A private burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Elks Club of Beaver Island or Camp Quality Teen Camp, 203 River Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49713.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Mariann Ruth Otmanowski, 91

(FEB. 11, 1930 - SEPT. 4, 2021)

Mariann R. Otmanowski of Charlevoix passed away on September 4, 2021 at home.



Mariann was born on February 11, 1930, in Detroit, the daughter of Charles and Mary (Verbai) Kalleal.

She was a bank teller for many years in the Detroit area as well as a clerk for the Sears Catalog Store. After moving to Charlevoix, she became a member of St. Mary Catholic Church where she was involved in the Altar Society as well as a volunteer for funeral luncheons. She was active in the American Legion Auxillary, Barnard Grange and enjoyed gardening and cross word puzzles.

She is survived by 4 sons, Charles "Chuck" (Debbie) Otmanowski of Fairbanks, AK and FL, Joseph "Joe" Otmanowski (special friend Kim) of Charlevoix, Steven Otmanowski of Charlevoix, Kenneth (Jennifer) Otmanowski of Concord, MI, a daughter Christine (Tim) Turner of Charlevoix, grandchildren, Thomas, Caitlin, Emily, Rachael, Rebecca Otmanowski, and Hunter and Payton Turner.

Preceding her in death were her husband Chester Otmanowski in 2008, several siblings and her parents.

Visitation will be on Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 8-8 p.m. with a Rosary beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Funeral Mass on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

Burial will follow in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI, 49712 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Robert Leroy Ouder Kirk, 95

(NOV. 27, 1925 - SEPT. 4, 2021)

Robert L. Ouder Kirk Sr. of Charlevoix passed away Saturday, September 4th at Boulder Park Terrace.

Robert was born on November 27, 1925, in Elkhart, Indiana, the son of Howard and Nina (Drost) Ouder Kirk.

He worked Kroger Grocery for 42 years, starting in Charlevoix and finishing his career at the Petoskey location. He attended church at the Charlevoix Assembly of God for 50 years. Robert was a hard working man who lived for his grand kids. He enjoyed landscaping and outdoor beauty, along with being on the boat and hunting.

Robert married the love of his life, Lucille in May of 1957 in Petoskey, MI. Robert and Lucille had 5 loving children, Cindy Figard of Grand Rapids, Robert Jr (Diane) Ouder Kirk of Charlevoix, Ramona Hinojos of North Carolina, Brenda Withey of North Carolina, and Mark Ouder Kirk of New Mexico. In total they had 9 grandkids, 13 great grandkids, and 1 great, great grandkid.

Proceeding Robert in death is his wife Lucille, his sister Doris, and his sister Donna.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Pregnancy Care Center of Petoskey 2206 Mitchell Park Dr # 9, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Patricia "Pat" Ann Drost, 79

(MARCH 30, 1942 - SEPT. 1, 2021)

Patricia "Pat" Ann Drost of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. She was born on March 30, 1942, the daughter of Geneva "Jenny" "GG" & James "Smitty" Smith, and was raised in the Detroit area. She moved to Charlevoix her senior year of high school and graduated Charlevoix class of 1960. She spent the majority of her career as a secretary for Charlevoix Public Schools and was loved by the staff and students for her sparkling personality, upbeat and spunky attitude and love for all things Rayders. Throughout the years, you could find her selling tickets and concessions at sporting events,



For her service, Pat requested a party filled with love and laughter for her friends and family. A Celebration of Life Open House is planned for September 25, 2021 from 11a - 2p at Castle Farms in Charlevoix in the East Garden Room (be sure to get yourself a pair of Crocs (her favorite shoes) to wear to the event). In lieu of flowers or cards, she would want you to give Jesus a chance; to let her: "Grandma Pat," and her legacy be a part of your testimony of faith, nothing would bring her more joy. If you wish to honor her additionally, you may donate to your home church, the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, or the CF Foundation.

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

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Leadership program looking for community project ideas

Leadership Charlevoix County (LCC) is now accepting proposals for its annual Community Service Project from local nonprofit organizations. The program is starting its eleventh year as a comprehensive training ex-

perience for community members seeking to play a more active role in leadership and their communities.

The Community Service Project is an integral part of the hands-on experience of LCC participants. Each year,

the class decides on a Community Service Project, which will benefit an area of Charlevoix County. The project involves all members of the leadership class and focuses on team building, project management, and

leadership skills. The proposals will be reviewed by the LCC Executive Board of Directors and then distributed to the Class of 2021-2022. The new leadership class has been selected, attended Orientation and will participate

in their first class session on Beaver Island, an overnight retreat on September 12th and 13th.

More information, a full description of the proposal guidelines and a list of past projects can be found here.

https://mcusercontent.com/b822566bc95bd3d4cc1633223/files/8554c54e-61d9-cf34-8db1-a2dc8058e1b8/LCC_CSP_RFP_2021_2022.pdf

Bay Harbor Bow Wow benefitting the Charlevoix Area Humane Society

Bay Harbor is excited to host the Bay Harbor Bow Wow dog show during our Balloons Over Bay Harbor weekend, taking place on the Marina Lawn beginning at 1pm on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Proceeds from the Bow Wow event will benefit the Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

The Bay Harbor Bow Wow is a fun event for people of all ages and their favorite canines of all breeds and sizes! Each participant will have the opportunity to walk the red carpet and describe what makes his/her pet so special. Prizes will be awarded for best in weight class, best dressed, best owner/dog look alike, best trick and best lake jump. Doggie "Goodie Bags" will be given to the first 50 participants who register.

There will be raffle tickets also sold during the event with items donated by some great businesses to help raise funds as well.

A \$20 donation is required to pre-register your dog for the event. There will be a \$25 required donation per entry the day of the event. Register online at: bayharborbowwow.eventbrite.com

We are currently seeking donations for the event. If you would like to give an in-kind donation, please email us at info@bayharbor.com.

8th Annual Row and Run to benefit Rayder Den

CHARLEVOIX - Leif Eriksson Day Row and Run hosts their 8th annual event on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021. The event consists of a one-mile boat race and 5k foot race and celebrates the life of Leif Eriksson. All net proceeds support the Rayder Den at Charlevoix Middle/High School. Beginning at Depot Beach, the one-mile boat race leads participants to Ferry Beach. The 5k will traverse along a road course in the city of Charlevoix.

Registration is open until the day of the event. Registration up to 9/18 is \$30 and includes a collectible t-shirt. \$35 from 9/19 to 9/30 and \$40 up to the day of the event.

The Rayder Den services Middle and High School students who are experiencing food insecurity. The Rayder Den is staffed by members of the Christ Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church, and St Mary's Catholic Church.

Sign up for event - www.active.com/charlevoix-mi/running/distance-running/leif-eriksson-day-row-and-run-2021

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Great turnout for drag race

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

The Boyne City Drag Race fundraising event had a great turnout. In spite of foul weather predictions, blue skies prevailed resulting in a good sized crowd and 80 racers leaving rubber on the runways.

The fundraiser has been attracting speedsters and race fans since 2003. Proceeds go to the airport and Boyne Valley Lions Club. "Everything we make goes back into the community," said Lion, Larry Taylor. The Lions who generate most of their money with their concession trailer, sold out of most of

their items by about 3:00 p.m.

The entire event is run by volunteers. "They're the ones who make it happen," said City Manager Michael Cain. It is also tailored to the local community and open to anyone. "You don't have to be an aficionado, just have a car you want to drive," said first year volunteer Jeff Caine. The drag races attract a lot of families and people with a variety of skill and equipment that want to race everything from a fully modified race car to the car they drive every day for work. Volunteers gave up a good part of their Labor Day weekend, most of Sat-

urday for setup and Sunday to run the race and then put everything away and get the airport opened back up by 8:00 p.m.

"Thanks to all the participants and the Boyne City Fire and EMS Departments who are on scene the whole time. Also thanks to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and the East Jordan Police Departments for the use of their portable speed sign trailers. It's just one more thing that we do in our activities here in Boyne City so there's always something for everybody," said Cain.

RIBBON CUTTING

1914 Winery and Tasting Room opens in East Jordan

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - The 1914 Winery & Tasting Room has opened a second location in East Jordan. A ribbon cutting was held on Saturday, September 4 to commemorate the event.

1914 owners, Rob and Greg Shooks planted their first crops of cold weather grapes back in 2015, opened their first tasting room on the family farm in 2018 and were surrounded by nearly 40 supporting family members and friends at the ribbon cutting outside of 101 Main Street, their second tasting room. "When we first started this journey our parents thought we were crazy, now they are fully on board," said Rob pointing to his parents, who were waiting for the ribbon cutting to begin.

A fourth generation family business can get a little saturated adding members of the family tree to the payroll, not to mention how difficult it is for the family farm in this economy, but the Shooks brothers found a way to adapt. "The farm needed a change. In today's day in age it's really hard to make a profit on any commodity you can't have your price on," explained Rob. So instead of getting into distribution and fighting for shelf space the pair decided it was best to start something new. "At that point we decided that a winery might be the way to go," he said. "We're still actively farming we just wanted to expand to ag-tourism, have people celebrate our heritage, history and our product," said Greg.

The first 1914 tasting room is located on the family farm in Central Lake on Shooks Road. When it was time to expand, they could have set up shop anywhere. "We looked at different communities and just kept coming back to East Jordan. We like it (here) for the opportunity, the atmosphere, the potential and the people who enjoy good wine and cider," said Greg. "We're excited for the opportunity to be here."

1914's second tasting room has been stocked and ready to open for a long time now. The Shooks have been waiting since March for approval from the liquor licensing agency. As a former member of the Michigan



Jenny, Lauren, Alison, Clair, Greg, Rob, Jordan, Drew, and Michelle Shooks thanked the City and the Community before cutting the ribbon and opening the doors to 1914's East Jordan tasting room.



Friends, family and supporting community members gathered at the new 1914 tasting room.

House of Representatives and aide to Senator Wayne Schmidt, Triston Cole commented on the license delay, "It shows the disconnect. They don't understand the tourist industry and small towns in rural America. They don't understand how important even one weekend is," he said.

Before cutting the ribbon, Greg

thanked the city and the community and after the ribbon was cut the community thanked them by flooding the tasting room and sampling the wine and cider selection at a 19.14% discount to celebrate the day. "This is a fantastic addition to the community," said Cole.

Residents can access their own immunization records through portal

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has created a new Michigan Immunization Portal for residents to review and save their own immunization records.

As of August 19, anyone 18 years or older who has immunization records in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) is able to locate their immunization record in MCIR if a record exists and matches their government issued ID (ex: MI Secretary of State Driver's License or ID card, or USA Passport). The immunization record from MCIR will appear as a .pdf document which can be downloaded, saved, or printed.

To maintain privacy, a citizen MILogin account must be created and used. New users must sign into their MILogin account and upload a valid government issued ID to the Immunization Portal. The portal is only available for those 18 years or older, and parents are not able to download their children's immunization records. If an immunization record cannot be found, or if you would like to request your child's immunization record, the records can be requested from a physician's office or by calling the health department at 800-432-4121.

"The new immunization portal gives adults in Michigan access to their whole immunization record, as entered into the MCIR," said officials with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Residents will be able to see their COVID-19 and other vaccine records, as well as see what immunizations they might be missing. This portal provides easy access to individual's records, with this access we hope it empowers individuals on their own health and records."

The portal can be found online at www.michigan.gov/immunize or at Michigan.gov/Mi-ImmsPortal, and it is available on computers or smart devices.

If a resident would like their Michigan immunization records updated, they can contact their physician's office or the health department at 800-432-4121.

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

Upcoming clinics for walk-ins or appointments include:
Thursday, September 9
• 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - North Central Michigan College, 1515 Howard St., Petoskey. Call 800-432-4121 to schedule an appointment.

Friday, September 10
• 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix.
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Charlevoix Bridge Walk marks an end to summer season



Charlevoix Venetian Queen Alison Sape and her mother Heather joined in the fun Monday as a crowd of around a hundred crossed the Charlevoix Bridge to raise funds for the Community Food Pantry.

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

The 33rd annual Charlevoix Labor Day Bridge Walk was carried out without a hitch under blue skies Monday. The tongue-in-cheek fundraiser brought in a little over \$2,000 for the community food pantry located on Hurlbut St.

Thirty-three years ago the Charlevoix Bridge Walk began as a sardonic parallel to the Mackinac Bridge walk and farewell to the summer crowds, especially as it pertains to the bridge...that, I have to time when I leave the house so I don't catch it; OMG traffic is backed all the way to 66...@#^*! bridge. Thirty-two years ago Patty Sitzema turned the event into a fundraiser and has spent some time (a little bit every year) reminding people to be careful how they express their excitement over being able to cross town is a reasonable amount of time. And over time, funds have been raised for the Joppa House, Humane Society, Charlevoix Pool, Alzheimer's and Rayder Food Pantry to name just a few. In 2020, there was no actual walk but tee-shirts were sold online and the funds raised were given to the Charlevoix Hospital for COVID relief. "The very first fundraiser was to purchase defibrillators for the ambulances," said Sitzema.

Thelma MacDonald from Jackson, MI has come annually for 20 years to join the end of summer fun. "I love it and I get the reason (locals are glad to see the crowds



Hundreds crossed the bridge on Labor Day in downtown Charlevoix



Bridge Walk organizer, Patty Sitzema sells commemorative tee shirts to resident Diana Hawgton and her out-of-town guest, Thelma MacDonald who has visited and joined the bridge walk annually for the last 20 years.

leave) but this year you might not want to see everybody leave, and that makes me sad. I love coming here," she said. MacDonald boasts of walking the Mackinac Bridge, Charlevoix Bridge and Horton Bay Bridge one Labor Day, "years ago."

Chris Martin has given a brief pep talk to the crowds before they begin the ardu-

ous journey from the north to south side of the bridge since 2009. "I initially began doing this because we appreciate the visitors, they are how we make it. I wanted to make sure it is a happy event," he said.

And a happy event it is. Kirk Ikens, owner of the Townhouse Bar and grandson to the woman who led the

Labor Day procession across the bridge 20 some years ago at age 92, says, "It's just an excuse to celebrate the end of the summer."

T-shirts are still available and funds received from sales will go to the Community Food Pantry. To get a 2021 Bridge Walk Tee call 231-675-5993.

REAL ESTATE FEATURE



Nice ranch home on three acres near East Jordan

BY JIM AKANS

Nestled into three wooded acres, the nice ranch home is just a short drive from downtown East Jordan.

This four bedroom, two bath home has approximately 1,600 feet of space featuring a great, open floor plan that is perfect for both families and for entertaining guests. Interior highlights include a spacious kitchen/dining area with lot of cabinet storage and counter-top space plus a handy center island. The home also has vaulted ceilings and good sized windows to let in plenty of natural light. A detached two-and-a-half car garage provide room for vehicles and for extra storage.

The three acre property is nicely wooded and offers space to play as well as relax in the tranquil setting. This home is just a few miles from East Jordan, making a variety of shopping, dining and recreational opportunities within easy reach. What a great spot to call home or serve as your northern getaway.

This nice ranch home on three acres is located at 2153 West M-32 near East Jordan and it is listed at \$189,900. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty - 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollysUpNorth@gmail.com



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Home shopping for first-time homebuyers it's an exciting, albeit nerve-racking, experience. If you're like others in the market for their first home, you probably have in mind exactly how your soon-to-be home will look.

But it's important not to fall into the bad decorating, dingy walls and dirt-bare back yard equals bad-home trap. If you don't see past the hideous wallpaper, funky light fixtures and avocado green carpeting, you may miss out on a home with great potential.

And, if you're looking

for a home in a seller's market where homes are being snatched up as soon as they go on the market, you'll come to realize you can't be choosy if you want to make a competitive offer.

One of the first things to do is to get pre-approved for a loan and determine the maximum you can afford to offer for a house. Don't look at homes that are asking for more than 5 percent above your maximum, otherwise you'll be setting yourself up for disappointment if you find the perfect—but outside your budget—home.

So what to do? The floor plan of the home is extremely important. If a floor plan isn't quite to your liking, consider rearranging it or

adding on. If you're looking at an existing home and will need to remodel or expand to suit your needs, the estimated cost of renovation needs to be considered when making an offer.

Also, consider the features of a home:

Walls. While these are among the easiest to remedy, they also make a huge first impression. If the walls need to be painted, are covered in wallpaper or are painted a color you find distasteful, picture them crisp and clean in the color of your choice—that's how they could look after you paint them.

Floors. Like walls, carpet or floor surfaces that are old or outdated can be easily replaced. You could even ask for a carpet allowance in your bid, especially if you're in a buyer's market.

View. Things like old, ugly—even dirty—windows and window treatments can make a view appear less desirable. Those things can be improved, so unless the only view you have is of your neighbor's clunker on the side of the house, don't get hung up on what is surely a fixable view.

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Dazzling display of classic cars in Boyne City

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Boyne City - For the 39th year, Veteran's Memorial Park was adorned with polished metal and classic beauties. The Boyne City Kiwanis Labor Day Weekend Car Show glistened under occa-

sionally drizzling skies attracting fewer automobiles than in year's past but providing a dazzling display none-the-less.

Cars entered in the show are judged by make and model so there are many categories. "We give out a lot of

trophies," said Kiwanis member and event announcer, Scott MacKenzie. One of the favorite trophies given is the Kid's Choice Award. "It's an open class award. It lets the kids choose their favorite car. It's from the kids, cause that's what we're all about,"

he said.

Kiwanis Clubs is an international organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. It was founded in 1915 and each club focuses on their local community. Proceeds from the show are used to further the mission of the Kiwanis. One of the projects sponsored by the club is the Eddie Essay. Students in the 5th and 10th grades are given the opportunity to write an essay about their favorite charity. If they win they are given money to give to that charity. "It teaches civic responsibility, charity giving, writing skills, public speaking skills and paying forward," said Kiwanis member Lisa Lalande, a retired teacher.

The show featured 75 cars including Sam Chipman's Model A Ford 2-door. Chipman has owned the classic



Sam Chipman poses in front of his Model A Ford 2-door. He has owned the car since 1967 and has attended every Boyne City Kiwanis Labor Day Weekend Car Show.



Daisy Miller stepped up to the "bust out a move" challenge at the Boyne City Kiwanis Labor Day Weekend Car Show. Kids of all ages are challenged to dance at the show and rewards are given for the effort. "You have to include the kids, it's all about the kids," said Kiwanis member Lisa Lalande.

since 1967 and has entered it in this show for all 39 years. "I like meeting with the other car people here," said Chip-

man. "It's about making positive memories," said MacKenzie.

Some great classic cars were on display at the Boyne City car show



Boyne City to celebrate autumn's bounty at Harvest Festival

Boyne City will celebrate its autumn bounty at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This family fun day will include music, crafts, children's activities, food and fall produce in the downtown area. Portions of Water and Lake Streets will be closed to traffic, as the extended Boyne City Farmers Market will be moved downtown from Veteran's Park.

There will be children's games and activities, a scarecrow contest, and musical performances. Local churches and non-profit organizations that would like to participate by organizing children's activities or harvest crafts are encouraged to contact Boyne City Main Street.

Join us as we shop the market and arts and craft vendors and spend time enjoying all that the downtown area has to offer.

The festival is supported by Boyne City Main Street. For more information, including the vendor application, visit www.boynecitymainstreet.com.

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

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

• On Friday, Sept. 3, 25 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (7), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (7), and Otsego (9), and one COVID-19 associated death in Otsego County.

• On Saturday, Sept. 4, 13 new cases of COVID-19 in

Antrim (4), Charlevoix (0), Emmet (8), and Otsego (1).

• On Sunday, Sept. 5, no new cases of COVID-19 were reported in any of the counties in jurisdiction.

• On Monday, Sept. 6, 14 new cases of COVID-19 in Antrim (2), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (4), and Otsego (4).

• On Tuesday, Sept. 7, 37 new cases of COVID-19 in Antrim (15), Charlevoix (6),

Emmet (9), and Otsego (7).

As of 4 p.m. Sept. 7, the cumulative case count information for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is:

• Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,807), Charlevoix (1,950), Emmet (2,650), and Otsego (2,589).

• Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following coun-

ties: Antrim (1,643), Charlevoix (1,741), Emmet (2,354), and Otsego (2,262).

• Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (33), Charlevoix (27), Emmet (44), and Otsego (42).

On September 7, the State of Michigan reported 961,953 cases and 20,396 deaths.

CONVICTION FROM PG. 1

witnesses. Police came inside to find Mullen leaving the bathroom and inside the toilet was a plastic baggie containing a mixture of heroin and fentanyl.

The baggie also included a smaller baggie containing what a witness indicated was a sleep aid that Mullen used to mix with his drugs before selling to create more product.

"The jury was able to see video created by a police body camera, showing the bravery of the officers as they entered this home, knowing that a convicted felon was behind that door, likely possessing weapons," Telgenhof said.

"I also want to thank the police officers who conducted this raid, the subsequent investigation and who testified at trial. It was a true team effort."

Mullen will be sentenced October 15 in the 33rd Circuit Court and faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney

MASK MANDATE FROM PG. 1

with children and masks.

"I've seen students' masks totally saturated with saliva and snot flowing from both barrels of the nose. Masks are worn over and over, chewed on, draped around their necks, dropped on the floor, stepped on, and then put back on their face. These dirty masks are not changed regularly with clean ones and end up being a repository of bacterial and viral contamination. The children end up fiddling with their masks and touching their faces more because of this unnatural covering," he said.

Jeff Wieber, President of Gaylord Community Schools Board of Education, spoke on behalf of his board. "Gaylord Commu-

nity Schools worked diligently on our emergency Operations Plan, taking into consideration not only the safety of our students and staff as a primary focus, but also the concerns and fears shared by so many staff and parents on both sides of the mask versus no mask debate. We created a plan that was widely accepted, and to the extent possible without jeopardizing safety, met our community where they were at... and no fair reason existed to cause you to act in such a unilateral manner in issuing the mask order," he read.

"I received no phone call no collaboration, no asking for input," said Antrim County commissioner Jarvis Rubingh. "I'm 6 months into it but common sense tells me that if you work for a board you seek information and communicate. There is a sense of working together. An email to them (the board) with no prior knowledge makes you feel

like you don't matter."

"I don't believe the mandate is constitutionally sound and at this point I will not be voting to support it," said Charlevoix County Commissioner Scott Hankins.

Many of the complaints stemmed from the late issuance of the mandate. It came after business hours on August 27. One speaker accused, "When you read that the school boards went against the recommendations of the CDC you felt you had to intervene." Most speakers stated in one way or another that it was an overreach of authority.

Of the nearly 70 participants that spoke about 10 of them spoke in favor of the mandate. "I would not go to the Board of Health if I wanted to know which social studies curriculum to teach and I would not go to the School Board to understand how to keep the kids safe from COVID," said Larry Sullivan. The crowd did not respond well to any-

one voicing a pro-mandate opinion and some members of the audience resorted to bullying tactics.

Gregg Mattson of Charlevoix County notified Health Officer Lisa Peacock that he has filed an indictment against her and invited others to do the same. The Charging Request asks the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department to investigate the legality of the mandate and press charges for any illegal doings. Mattson then read Article 6: section 3 of the Nuremberg code, "In no case should a collective agreement or the consent of a community leader or any other authority, substitute for an individual's informed consent," he read.

Final in-person speaker K. Perry ended his request to have the mandate rescinded by stating, "We aren't conspiracy theorists, we just know what works well for us."

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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 9/18 – 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.

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September 12, 1-4pm. Make a different support Bergmann Center "Starlight" Silent & Live Auction! The event takes place at Castle Farms in their East Garden Room. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at Bergmann Center Resale Shop or call 231-547-2979 ext. 111. Live entertainment from the Pine River Jazz Band. The auctioneer is Scott MacKenzie. Catered by Wine Guys Catering.

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BOYNE CITY FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

For our 3rd Annual Fall Native Plant Sale we are trying something new. This year's sale will be

First Come, First Serve from 12-3pm on Saturday, September 11th. The only items available for pre-order are the Garden Flats (ie: pollinator, butterfly, shoreline, rain garden & grassland flats). All other quart-sized items on our Fall Plant Form will be available for purchase upon sale day. Deadline for pre-orders has passed. The fall plant sale is located at the district barn (Behind the office). 303 North St. For questions, please contact district manager, Alison Adams at 231-582-6193, or alison.adams@macd.org

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At Boyne District Library. Presentations, readings, and Q&As with local authors. Monday / September 13th / 5:30-6:30pm. John Deckinga. Deckinga's experiences in Latin America have provided grist for his Peter Clark trilogy and other works: "I was teaching high school English at a private academy and tried to flunk one of my students for cheating on a test. She happened to be the Bolivian dictator's daughter." Find out what happened next.

CHARLEVOIX BOULDERS

The Life and Creations of Earl A. Young in Charlevoix, Michigan with David Miles. September 14, 6:30pm. Boulders was commissioned by the Charlevoix Historical Society to Author David L. Miles, Curator at the Society's Museum at Harsha House. With assistance from seven others, he wrote and compiled the book using research tools unavailable until recently and utilized a vast amount of material donated from the Young estate including never before seen photos.

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 or contact Paddle Antrim at 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 Railroading 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!

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 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

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CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

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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.

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In the quad meet with East Jordan, Onaway and Rogers City last week Taylor was 29/29 serving, had 2 blocks, 25 digs and 6 kills.

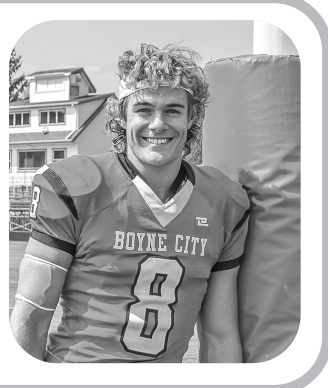
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Bobby was a workhorse in last Friday's win over in county rival Charlevoix. In the Rambler's win Bobby ran the ball 22 times gaining 208 yards and scored 3 touchdowns. On defense he had 7 tackles.



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VOLLEYBALL

Loggers sweep Atlanta for first win of the season

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne Falls Volleyball team would host Atlanta for their second game of the season on Tuesday, August 31.

In game number one, the Loggers would get off to a good start and use that to their advantage. As they would take the first set, 25-14. That would only be the start as they would take the second set, 25-11 and would have the same result. As the Loggers would sweep the Huskies in three sets.

The Loggers would be led by a great serving night, as they would average 93%. Lillian Fenske, Riley Zbacnik, MacKenzie Smith, Cheyanne Sayles, Alice Loper and Zosia Wasylewski all at 100%. The Loggers would have Cheyanne Sayles (24 assists) and Riley Zbacnik (13 assists) shared setting duties. At the net, Madison Loper, Alice Loper and Fenske contributed 10 hits a piece; Madison Loper added 4 blocks, Alice Loper 1 block and Fenske 1 kill. Madison Loper saved 17 digs, Lillian Fenske 16 digs and Wasylewski 13 digs.

The win moves the Loggers to 1-1 on the season. They will travel to AuGres Sims on Thursday, September 9. Then they will host Wolverine on Monday, September 13.



Photo by UpNorth MI Photography.

VOLLEYBALL

Rayders Stay Hot

BY DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Rayders played in a quad meet with East Jordan, Onaway and Rogers City on Tuesday, August 31.

The Rayders would pick up another early win as they would take both sets: 25-20, 25-20 against East Jordan.

"I thought the girls came out a little slow but were able to find the floor with 6 aces and good swings at the net, East Jordan's defense dug several of our hits and challenged our girls to be more creative on placement of hits," said Head Coach

The Rayders would then move on to play Rogers City in the second matchup. The Rayders would again end up winning both, by score of 26-6 and 25-10.

The Rayders would finish up the meet against Onaway. This would be the toughest test for the Ray-



Grace Lentz led the Rayders with a total of 60 kills in two quad meet last week.

ders of the meet. As the Cardinals would not let the Rayders get away. The Cardinals were leading 22-19, however, the Rayders would end up tying the set at 22-22. The game would go back and forth until

Charlevoix would end up taking the final two points to take the 26-24 set win. The Rayders would also win the second set 25-20.

The Rayders would be led by: Grace Lentz 28 kills, 2 blocks, Claire Scholten 4 aces, 35 assists, 15 kills, 22 digs, Patria Muriel 6 aces, 25 digs, Taylor Petrosky 29/29 serving, 2 blocks, 25 digs, 6 kills and Anna Haf 22/24 serving, 4 aces, 3 kills.

That would move the Rayders to 9-0-1 on the season.

They headed to Kingsley on Wednesday, September 1 for another quad meet. This quad would feature Kingsley, Manton and Leland.

The Rayders would play Leland in the first matchup of the day. They would the first set 25-16, end up dropping the second set 27-25 and winning the final set 25-15.

That would then have them play Kingsley. The Rayders would face their

toughest test yet, as Kingsley would win set one 25-18. The Stags would not let up in set two either, handing the Rayders their first overall loss on the season. The Stags won set number two 25-21.

However, the Rayders would bounce back against Manton. As they would lose the first set 25-18, but bounce back with a 25-23 win in set number two. Then they would battle back and take a 25-13 set win to get the overall win.

To lead the way for the Rayders were: Grace Lentz 32 kills, 4 blocks; Taylor Petrosky 14 kills; 33/34 serving, 30 digs; 38/40 serve receive; Patria Muriel 52 digs; 32/34 on serve receive; Claire Scholten 4 aces, 20 kills, 23 digs, 37 assists; Kylie Rice 22 assists, 28 digs, 4 aces.

The Rayders move to 11-1-1 on the season.

GOLF

Rayders See Big Improvement at Titan Invitational

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Girls Golf team traveled to play in the Traverse City Titan 18 hole invitational on Wednesday, September 1.

The team would see great improvement early in the season. As they would shoot their best score so far. A team total of 468, which would be 23 shots lower than their previous total.

Merette Carson led the way with a 110, followed by Avery Kita, 116, Sarah Pletcher 120, Kyle O'Leary 122, Emma Meadows 125, and Anna Kate Smith 152.

"(Merette) Carson played smart throughout the course, playing to her best score this season. Avery used her putting skills to master the tough greens. (Kyle) O'Leary and (Sarah) Pletcher also had solid performances, rebounding after tough holes. (Emma) Meadows also had scored a personal best, shaving 9 strokes between her front nine and back nine scores. (Anna Kate) Smith had huge shots



Merette Carson played smart throughout the course, playing to her best score this season

around the course while achieving personal goals for improvement. These golfers are stepping into the game with a better mindset. They came to this event knowing there was stiff competition. They upped their games, and gained valuable experience on their narrow fairways and mounded greens," said Head Coach Kathrine Bermiester.

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CROSS COUNTRY



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Rambler Cross Country teams compete In EJ Invitational

BY: DOM SANTINA

Boyne City High School Cross Country competed in the East Jordan Invitational on Wednesday, September 1 for their first 5K race of the season. The Girls team would take 8th place overall as a team out of 13 teams. The Boys team would not have enough runners to register a team score. The Girls team Ava Maginity would take seventh place with a time of 19:44. The Ramblers would finish in the following order: Lydia Frasz - 20th place - 22:19, Rachel Clausen - 61 - 25:10, Madelyn Sobleski - 86 - 27:38 and Ellie Clausen - 108th place - 30:57.

On the Boys side of the team. They would be led by Brady Bearss, who would finish in 22:20 and 88 overall. Other runners on the team would finish as follows: Joe Heckroth - 94th place - 22:53, Timothy March - 95th place - 23:02 and Henry Bair - 118th place - 27:53.

Coach Chelsey Herrmann said, "After much smaller meets last year, it was fun to get to compete again in a big invitational. We are excited that this is our regional course this year, and our athletes are looking forward to seeing their improvement here between now and the end of October. This was an extremely positive start to our 5K race season. Our top two girls were both well ahead of where they were last year at this point, reflecting the hard work they put in over the summer. Ava's focus this year is just incredible, and we were thrilled to see her run with such confidence and strength. We established some terrific baselines today and are looking forward to seeing us improve as a team throughout the season."

"Three out of our four boys are new to cross country this year, and I couldn't be more excited about how they competed today. Brady showed so much potential today, putting in a complete race from start to finish. For being a freshman who has never run cross country before, he raced with the intelligence and competitiveness of a seasoned distance runner. I'm excited to see what Brady and the rest of the boys do this season. Our focus this meet was on effort from start to finish, and I was so encouraged with what we showed today," said Coach Chelsey Herrmann.

The Rambler Cross Country team will be back in action on Saturday, September 11 at the Charlevoix Classic Mud Run.

FOOTBALL

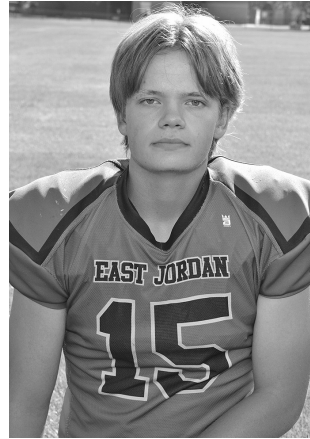
Turnovers plague Red Devils in loss

BY: DOMINIC SANTINA

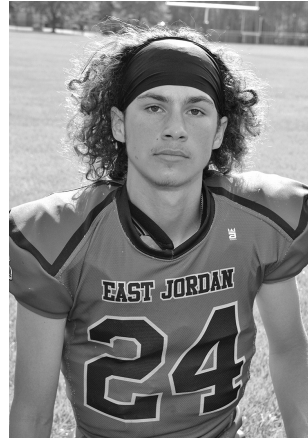
The East Jordan Red Devils would host Mancelona on Friday, September 2. The Red Devils were looking to get off to a 2-0 start on the season.

The Ironman would open the score with a touchdown and would convert the two point try. That would put the Ironman up 8-0 early. The Red Devils would end up getting some success on offense, as Tom Reid would connect with Carter Sherman for 31 yard reception. The drive would be capped off with a 15 yard connection from Reid to Hayden Peck to put the Red Devils on the board. The Red Devils would still find themselves down two as they could not convert the conversion. The Ironman would answer back as they would score again, but this time would miss the two point conversion. The Ironman would lead 14-6 heading into halftime.

In the second half, the Ironman would find the end zone again as they would go up 22-6. Reid would end up



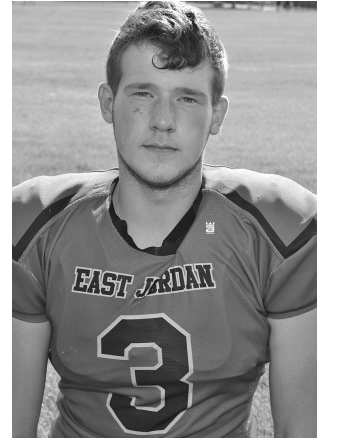
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finding Peck again for a 24 yard gain. The drive would be capped off by Reid getting in from the one yard line. The Red Devils could not convert on the two point try and would find themselves down 10, 22-12. That would be the final score of the game, as the Red Devils suffered their first loss of the season, moving them to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in Northern Michigan Football League Legacy Division.

"In a game between two closely matched teams, you cannot have five turnovers and win. That was the differ-

ence tonight. We struggled to stop their running game and they struggled to stop our passing game. Between the turnovers and missed conversions, we left a lot out there tonight. I knew that this was going to be a tough game, every time we play it is tough. We have big play ability, I think we had five or six plays go for more than 15 yards and three or four go for 25 yards or more. We gave up a couple big plays, but usually if we can get more plays for over 15 yards than our opponent, we win. That just goes to show how

important ball control is, you just can't turn it over five times. I was really proud of our kids, they kept fighting. We didn't put them in good positions defensively. Mancelona is going to win a lot of games this year. We lost to a good team and we know that we could play with them. We have to find a way to make this a good loss, one we can learn from," said Head Coach Greg Kitson.

The Red Devils were led by Reid who finished 18-35 for 219 yards, 1 passing touchdown and 1 rushing touchdown. Peck would have 6

receptions for 94 yards and a touchdown. While Ethan Antaya would have 5 receptions for 56 yards. Zander Johnnecheck would lead the way on the defensive side with 18 tackles, 2 for a loss and a forced fumble. Ben Reid would also contribute 8 tackles, 5 of which were for a loss.

The Red Devils will travel to play at Alma College on Saturday, September 11 at 1 o'clock against Morenci.

CROSS COUNTRY

First Big Race of the Season

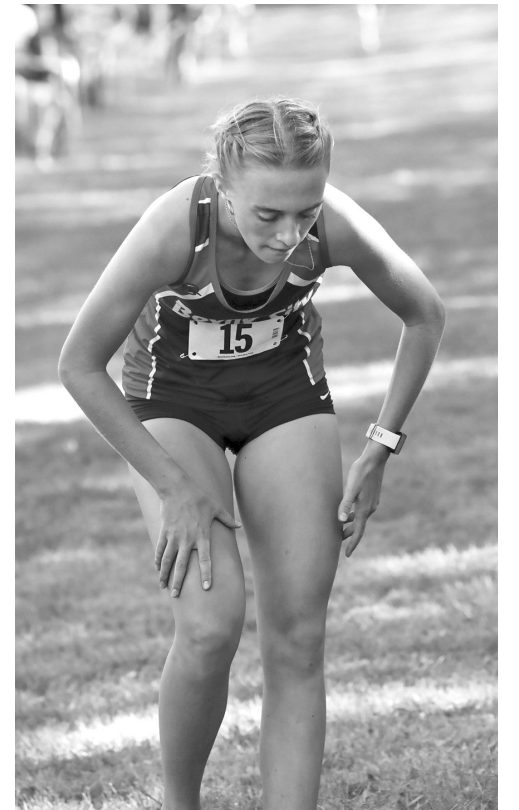
Hundreds of Cross Country runners from 20 schools across Northern Michigan competed at the East Jordan Invitational Cross Country meet on September 1st. For most of the runners it was their first big meet of the season.

Schools competing at the race were:

- Alba
- Bellaire
- Boyne City
- Central Lake
- Charlevoix
- Cheboygan
- East Jordan
- Elk Rapids
- Ellsworth
- Forest Area
- Gaylord
- St. Mary
- Grayling
- Harbor Springs
- Inland Lakes
- Kalkaska
- Mancelona
- Petoskey
- St. Michael
- St. Francis
- Wolverine



First Place male runner, Sam Peterson, Charlevoix, 16:02:92. Photo by Joanie Moore



Ava Maginity, Boyne City, finished in 7th place with a time of 19:44:65. Photo by Joanie Moore

SOCCER

Rayders rebound with win over Leland

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Men's Soccer team would play Glen Lake on Tuesday, August 31.

GLEN LAKE

The Rayders would start strong as Freshman Emmett Bergmann who returned from a summer camp injury, got a nice through ball from Brady Collins and would attack the net. He would slot the ball in the middle of the field for Collins, who would put the Rayders up 1-0. The Lakers would end up scoring four straight goals through the second part of the first half. The Lakers would take that 4-1 lead to halftime.

In the second half, the Lakers would pick up where they left off. As they would end up adding three more goals, to take a 7-1 win over the Rayders.

"Glen Lake is well coached and has several talented players of which 8 are seniors. We hope to play them again in the District tournament," said Head Coach



Brady Collins(l) and Sam Pletcher(r) would have great communication on the field. As they would connect three separate times to bury the ball in the back of the net.



Glenn Wachler.

The Rayders hosted Leland on Thursday, September 2.

LELAND

The Rayders would find

themselves down 1-0 early to the Comets. The Rayders would fight back to avoid losing their third straight game. Collins and Sam Pletcher would have great communication on the field. As they would connect three sepa-

rate times to bury the ball in the back of the net. As soon as the Rayders were comfortable with a 3-1 lead. The Comets would answer back with a goal of their own. The Rayders would end up sealing the game with a penalty

kick by Jack Jarema, which was buried in the back of the net. This would put the Rayders up 4-2, which is how the game would end.

"It was a team effort from our solid freshman goalie Captain Ryan Pearl saving many good shots on goal. There were several yellow cards and even a red card. So, we had to play with only 10 men but were still able to score two of our goals. The boys continue to work hard and show their resilience. It was a wonderful rebound game after taking it on the chin Tuesday. It will be a happy Labor Day and back at it Tuesday at home vs Elk Rapids," said Coach Wachler.

The win moves the Rayders to 3-2 on the season. They will open their conference schedule with Elk Rapids on Tuesday, September 7. They will then host Grayling on Thursday, September 9 and wrap up the week with hosting Boyne City on Monday, September 13.

FOOTBALL



Boyne City defense shuts down Charlevoix #11 Joey McHugh and the rest of Chx offense . Photo by Scott Richards

Ramblers victorious over Rayders 27-8

BY: DOM SANTINA

Charlevoix - An early season rivalry game for two Charlevoix County football teams. The Charlevoix Rayders would host the Boyne City Ramblers on Friday night. Both teams came into the game with a 1-0 record early in the season. The Rayders had won the previous two matchups and looked for a third straight win for the first time since early 1990s.

The game would be a good test to see how the teams would stack up this season. The Ramblers would lean on their senior running back Bobby Hoth and it would pay off. Hoth would break a 43 and 50 yard touchdown run to put the Ramblers 13-0 after the first quarter.

The Ramblers would end up putting another touchdown on the board in the second quarter. This would give them a 20-0 lead heading into halftime. The defense pitched a shutout through the first half of the game, which would surprise a majority of the Rayders.

After another Ramblers touchdown early in the quarter to push the lead to 27-0. The Rayders would be able to break through and put some points on the board. Quarterback Caleb Stuck would connect with Phillip Sterrett on a



A pass intended for Charlevoix's Evan Solomon falls incomplete in the end zone as Boyne City's Jake Clafin knocked it away with 4 seconds left in the first half. Photo by Scott Richards.

3 yard pass. The Rayders would convert with the same connection for the two point conversion. That would cut the lead to 27-8 but that would end the scoring.

The Ramblers would stop the Rayder winning streak between the rivals. The Ramblers were led by Hoth who had 22 attempts for 208 yards. The Ramblers passing attack was by Jack Neer, who com-

pleted 7 passes out of 12 for 77 yards. On the defensive side of the ball, Hoth and Riley Ditmar would lead the way with 7 tackles each.

For the Rayders, Stuck would lead the way with 14 rushing attempts for 54 yards. Stuck would also go 10-26 passing for 125 yards. To lead the way for the Rayders defense was Landon Swanson with 6 tackles.



Rambler's Kaden Jewett #6 runs for a big gain in first half. Photo by Scott Richards

"Our kids played hard tonight. We had trouble adjusting to Boyne's speed and they did a better job executing. It's great opportunity for us to learn from our miscues and improve," said Head Coach Don Jess, when reflecting on the early season

loss. The loss moves the Rayders to 1-1 on the season and to 0-1 in the Northern Michigan Football League Leaders Division. The Rayders will host St. Ignace on Friday, September 10.

As for the Ramblers, they

move to 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in the Northern Michigan Football League Leaders Division. The Ramblers will have their first home game of the season, as they will host Maple City Glen Lake on Friday, September 10.



Rayder QB Caleb Stuck, #8 takes off for a big gain surrounded by Boyne players. Photo by Scott Richards



Charlevoix QB Caleb Stuck gets a lot of pressure from the Rambler defense. Photo by Scott Richards.

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MARION TOWNSHIP, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

A meeting of the Marion Township Board of Appeals previously scheduled for September 16, 2021 for the purpose of receiving public comment pertaining to a 1.5 foot side yard variance requested by Michael and Susan Hoffman at 13003 Robins Ridge has been re-scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Marion Township Hall, 3737 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix Michigan. If you have any questions or comments or would like additional information, please contact John Ferguson in writing at 8354 Mercer Road or by phone at 231-459-8141 or at 231-547-6218.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Marion Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the Marion Township Hall located at 3735 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, Michigan at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning an application by Michael and Susan Hoffman at 13003 Robins Ridge requesting a 1.5 foot side yard variance at the Southeast corner of their new home from the required R-1 10 foot minimum side set-back distance as set forth in the Marion Township Zoning Ordinance.

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.

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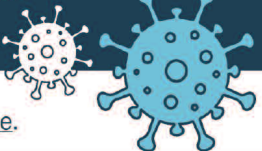
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