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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, SEPT. 7, 2021



New EMS Director, Meghan Meyer gave city commissioners a tour of the new ambulance. The vehicle was ordered three months ago, built in Florida and delivered August 2.

McDonnell leaving as Police Chief

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

EAST JORDAN - At the September 7th East Jordan City Commission meeting it was announced that Police Chief Terry McDonnell will be leaving, a new commissioner was sworn in and appointments were made to the Board of Appeals and

the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. A letter from City Administrator Thomas Cannon was distributed at the beginning of the City Commission meeting explaining that the city has posted an opening for the Police Chief position and that Officer Terry McDonnell has accepted a posi-

tion with the Tribal community. An interview committee has been established and McDonnell's position will be covered by Officer Brent Seese until the lengthy process of finding the right man for the job is completed. "He was a fine asset to the city of East Jordan. I admit, there were times we didn't

agree but at the end of the day he was a great chief," said City Commissioner Tracey Johnson. Commissioner Shandra Sweet-Hock added. "It's really sad to see him go and I hope we find someone really positive to fill his shoes."

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, SEPT. 8, 2021

County discusses resolution supporting school districts right and ability to make policies concerning masks in school

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Policies centered on the pandemic consumed a good portion of the discussion held at the September 8 Charlevoix County Commissioner's meeting. Discussion on a symbolic resolution supporting school districts right and ability to make policies concerning masks in school and whether to declare a state of emergency furthering county municipality's ability to meet virtually was long. A public meeting was held on the general and subsidiary budgets.

Much of the conversation at the meeting referenced back to a meeting held the day before, on September 7, of the Board of Health where representatives on that board from Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego and Emmet Counties voted 7-1 to rescind the recent PreK-12 mask mandate issued by the Health Department's Health Officer, Lisa Peacock, was disregarded. In a show of support for

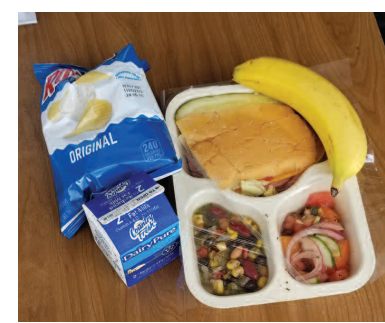
the local school districts, Commissioner Christensen opened the floor for discussion about passing a resolution stating that the board is in full support of the school district's ability to make the decision that "the Governor had granted." "The actual issue was never discussed. It's not about the mask mandate, it's about the exercise in authority to make a decision," he said. "All I want to do is support their ability to make this decision although it's purely symbolic at this time." Commissioner Hankins supported the idea, "I think it makes sense to have this board, by means of resolution, support the Board of Health." he said. Commissioner Robert Jess stated that he was not in support. A draft of the resolution will be presented for approval at the September 22 meeting. "I think everybody should know how we feel," said Commissioner Shirley Roloff. The prospect of declaring another state of emer-

gency for Charlevoix County was discussed. By law, if passed, the state of emergency would last until December 31, 2021. Commissioner Jess said he received a call from Hayes Township who was forced to cancel a meeting because 15 people showed up. "I am not in favor of government by zoom," said Hankins. A vote to decide the matter ended 3-3 with Christensen, Hankins and Reinhardt opposed. During the public hearing, Finance Director, Becki King, brought the commissioners attention to notable items in the budgets. Some of them include a 2% cost of living increase for all county employees, a 50% increase in commissioner monthly stipends (\$250->\$500), and a 33% increase in the Probate Court budget that was explained by a transfer of jurisdiction for 17 year olds from the District Court. New costs were included for the remodeling and renovation of the Shirley Roloff Building (\$1.1Mil) and the

Beaver Island Lighthouse (\$110,000) as well as unforeseen expenses for the Chx-BC Bike Trail (\$700,000). "We paved a 19 mile road for \$2 mil and we are approaching \$3 mil for a bike trail," questioned Christensen. Commissioner Robert Draves pointed out that no increase has been given to Mental Health, yet the Health Department of Northwestern Michigan is getting a 3% increase in funding. Draves referenced back to when Health Officer, Lisa Peacock attended a recent meeting and showed that the Health Department was comfortably in the black even after giving employees a 3% cost of living wage increase. Peacock originally requested an 8% increase, 5% reinstated from cuts last year and an additional 3%. "We gave nothing to Mental Health. I have a problem and I will probably vote against this budget if that 3% stays on," said Draves. "One of the reasons I'm comfortable (cutting the 3%) is that at last night's meeting they didn't respect their board wishes, but I would make this request even if last night didn't happen. Mental Health for the last 12-15 years has not received an increase from this board," clarified Draves who sits on the Mental Health Board. According to Draves the 3% accounts for .00029% of the NWMHD budget. The Sheriff's department and Jail were not given any increase in revenue. "He makes it a mission of his to bring his budget to a respectable level," said Christensen of Sheriff Vondra. The General and Subsidiary budgets passed 5-1, Draves opposed.



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Vikki Pearsall, Paul Tate and Zac Cline distribute meals curbside. Courtesy photos.

Senior Center serving meals curbside

CHARLEVOIX - The Commission on Aging has been distributing meals out of the new Shirley Roloff Center in Charlevoix every weekday from 11:30-12:30. They distribute between 40 and 80 meals a day. "It depends on what the meal is. On roast beef and mashed potatoes day, we're doing 80," said Paul Tate, Commission on Aging.

The food is currently still prepared at the old senior center but the kitchen will be moving to the Roloff Center on September 20 when the new kitchen is completed. Meals cost \$3 for seniors over 60 and \$6 for anyone under 60. "There is a misconception that the program is just for seniors. If anyone needs a meal, they're allowed to come here," said Tate.

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Obits

Douglas Burdette Grubbe, 77

(NOV. 20, 1943 - SEPT. 15, 2021)

Douglas Burdette Grubbe of Bemidji, MN passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.



A celebration of his life will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at the Bluebelle Event Venue at 4710 Jacks Rd NW near Bemidji, MN.

Doug was born November 20, 1943 in Holly, Michigan, the son of Harry and Margaret (Beck) Grubbe. He was raised and educated in Boyne City, MI, graduating from high school there in 1962. He attended Hillsdale College and then graduated from University of Michigan in Dearborn in 1966. He married Phyllis Sheridan on November 5, 1966 in Royal Oak, Michigan. He worked for the Ford Motor Company, was the Owner and Operator of Sapinero Trading Post, Blue Mesa Point and Kurt's Sports Distributing, all located in Colorado. He retired in 1993. Retirement held various pastimes: Activity Director at Desert Shadows in Casa Grande, AZ, Hydration and Pizza Manager at the Bluebelle Event Venue in Bemidji and a caregiver to many.

Doug loved his family and lived a very full life. He was married to the love of his life, Phyllis, for 54 years. Doug and Phyllis raised their two daughters, Tamara and Tracie, with great joy and affection. Doug took immense pride in his country and loved the USA.

Doug loved to tell stories and joke with all who knew him. He always had a love for sports- he played high school and college football and high school basketball and baseball. He coached Tammie's and Tracie's youth basketball and softball teams and later helped coach football at Cedaredge High School, along with his grandson's little league baseball team. He enjoyed many rounds of golf and racquetball games in his retirement and loved to spend time with his family while watching his grandson play hockey at the University of Arizona.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, completing puzzles, and cheering on the Denver Broncos. Doug was larger than life and was always a man of his word. His laughter could fill any room and he was truly everyone's rock. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he was their biggest fan. He attended every game and performance. He was extremely proud of his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis of Bemidji, MN, Daughter Tracie (Mark) Lusby of Bemidji, 3 grandchildren: Jessa (Zach) Solheim of Willmar, MN, Jaimee (Cody) Labernik of Bemidji, Joshua Lusby of Bemidji, and Great Grandson, Jhett Solheim of Willmar.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Tamara Grubbe Petranovich, grandson Sean Petranovich, and brother Dennis Grubbe.

Memorials are preferred to the Special Olympics. The Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji is assisting the family.

Leon Bush, 59

(SEPT. 26, 1961 - SEPT. 8, 2021)

Leon Bush of Boyne City passed away September 8, 2021 at the Mayo Clinic Methodist in Rochester, Minnesota; surrounded by his loving wife and children.

Leon was born September 26, 1961 in Cheboygan, MI the son of John Satterlee Bush and Geneva Margaret (Brownell) Bush. He grew up in Boyne City and graduated

from Boyne City High School.

On June 17, 2000 he married his best friend and love of his life Karin Sevanski. Together they made Boyne City their home where they raised their four beautiful children. Leon was a selfless man and always put his family first. Often being described as a quiet man but his presence was always so much larger than his voice. He was a true, gentle, kind and caring soul.

Leon was a man of many talents; carpentry, builder, mechanic, electrician, plumber and appliance repair are just to name a few. His wife said that he was the smartest man she ever knew. Leon worked for Petoskey Plastics, Construction (owner), LexaMar and was currently working for Boyne USA Resorts when he passed.

Leon could learn anything he wanted to do at an astonishing rate. He was blessed with extreme intelligence and an understanding of any mechanical/computer device put in front of him. Along with that came an extra special gift in which he seemed to always have the right answer for any question asked of him. If his children ever had a question they always knew that their dad would have the answer. Not just any answer but the right answers! He truly enjoyed life and just being content with wherever he was and with whatever he was doing. Pure Grace...

Leon enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family and friends. His excitement grew when the salmon were beginning to jump at the mouth of the Boyne River and when bow season would kick-off hunting. He looked at it as a great way for him to provide for his family as he was an awesome provider.

Along with his dedications to his wife and family came a dedication to his community. He was an active Volunteer Firefighter with the Boyne City Fire Department for twenty-nine years and absolutely loved to "Fight Fire". He was a great Fireman but an even greater husband and dad. We will all miss him.

Leon is survived by his wife Karin (Sevenski) Bush; children Noel Bush, Justin Bush, Julie Bush and Jay Bush; and 1 grandson Preston Paten; siblings Debra Bush of East Jordan, John (Laura) Bush of Boyne City, Billie (Matthew) Weisler of East Jordan, Kellie (Daniel) Weisler of East Jordan, James (April) Bush of Cebu City, Philippines and Nathan (Courtney) Bush of Redmond, Oregon.

He is preceded in death by his parents John and Geneva Bush and sister Lorie Ann.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 am Friday, September 17, 2021 at Walloon Lake Community Church with a visitation being held from 9:00 am until the time of service. Burial will follow at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. Pastor Bart Adams will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Bush Family, C/O Karin Bush.

Eustace Thomas Chapoton, 85

(SEPT. 15, 1955 - SEPT. 11, 2021)

Eustace Thomas Chapoton of Boyne City passed away September 11, 2021 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey.



Son of Eustace and Margaret (Leist) Chapoton, Tom was born on September 15, 1955 in Petoskey. He grew up in Mio, Michigan when he was young and went to a one room school. He then relocated with his family to Boyne City and graduated from Boyne City High School. Tom also attended North Central Michigan College on a work study program and

earned his Associates Degree.

He started working for Control Engineering when he was 21. Tom worked there for 36 years as a machinist and laser cutter.

Tom's proudest job was being a dad and grandpa. He took his job very serious and was a hero to his daughter Colleen. He did whatever he could for his family and loved his daughter-in-law Rachele like she was his own daughter. His grandson Peter brought great joy to his life.

Tom enjoyed snowmobiling and quading. He loved to watch sports and sit outside taking in the fresh air. Tom was also an animal lover. He enjoyed his small town life as well. He also adored music and car shows. Yet, what he loved most was spending time with his family.

Tom is survived by his daughter Colleen (Rachele Reidel) Chapoton; his grandson Peter Thomas Chapoton-Reidel; his sister Mary Williams; his nephews Jarvis and Douglas Williams; his large extended family; and his very special friends Frank and Phoebe Dobrowski.

He is preceded in death by his parents Eustace Chapoton and Margaret Leist.

Those wishing to make a charitable donation in Tom's memory are asked by family to consider the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

A memorial service for Tom will be officiated by Rev. David Behling on September 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Stackus Funeral Home. A visitation will begin at 1:00PM.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

John F Regan, 64

(MAY 19, 1957 - SEPT. 9, 2021)

John Regan of Boyne City passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, September 9, 2021.



He was born on May 19, 1957, in Boston, Massachusetts the son of John and Agnes (Goggin) Regan. He was a 1975 graduate of Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park, PA. He married his wife of 34 years, Lindsay Regan (1957-2016), on July 23, 1981.

John was a successful computer technology entrepreneur and built multiple businesses throughout the years. John loved boating and spending as much time as possible on the water in his boat the Póig Mo Thóin. Friends in Michigan, Florida, and beyond will remember their joyful experiences with John.

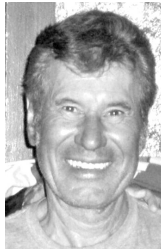
John is survived by his fiancé, Cheryl Blaskowski; two daughters, Raina of Washington, DC and Shannon (Matthew Keller) of Arlington, VA; granddaughter Virginia; sisters Peggy Shay and Kathy, and nephew Michael Shay (Karilyn). He was preceded in death by his parents.

Due to ongoing concerns around COVID, the family will be celebrating John's life in a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Challenge Mountain in Boyne City.

Bruce Endline, 73

(OCT. 25, 1947 - SEPT. 7, 2021)

Bruce Endline passed away on September 7, 2021 in his home in Boyne City. Bruce was born on October 25, 1947, the son of Oscar and Clara (Roggow) Endline.



He is survived by his wife Amy (Wurtzel) Endline; his children Bryce (Ali) Endline and Nichole (Antonio) End-

line; his grandson Corbin Endline; his stepsons Matthew Dargie and Ryan (Crystal) Dargie; his brother Kenneth Endline; his sister Kathleen Endline; his sister-in-law Diane King; and his nieces Mary and Sarah Endline.

Bruce worked and retired from Dow Chemical but his love was teaching skiing at Boyne Mountain which he did for 23 years. Bruce was considered a Boyne Ski Legend.

He was a prince, a fighter, and known for singing Christmas songs year-round which was the incredible joy he felt for life.

A private family visitation will be held at Stackus Funeral Home. Bruce will be buried at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home.

Mary A. Bradley, 95

(DEC. 8, 1925 - SEPT. 11, 2021)

Mary A. Bradley of Charlevoix passed away on September 11, 2021 at Charlevoix Munson Hospital.



She was born on December 8, 1925, on Beaver Island, the daughter of Lester and Myrtle (Roddy) Gallagher.

Following High School Graduation in Charlevoix in 1943, she went to nurses training at Mercy Central School of Nursing at St. Mary Hospital in Grand Rapids. Once becoming an RN, she worked at Charlevoix Hospital for many years.

Mary was a devout Catholic and was a longtime member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix where she served on the Altar Society. She was a Red Cross volunteer and a junior golfer mentor for 25 years.

Surviving are her 7 children, Timothy (Kathy) Bradley of Charlevoix, Lauren Bradley of Charlevoix, Lynne (Juan) Carbonell of Traverse City, Lawrence "Buck" Bradley of Charlevoix, Thomas Bradley (Janna Wieland) of Charlevoix, Therese "Terri" Higgins of Tampa and Charlevoix and John Bradley of Charlevoix as well as 15 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 10 nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband John "Jack" Bradley, siblings Eileen Sutherland, Robert and Lester Gallagher, a son-in-law Randy Higgins and her parents.

Visitation will be on Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 6-8 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with a Rosary beginning at 7:30.

Funeral Mass will be on Friday, September 17, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Wigton officiating.

Burial will follow in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to Nana's Wish, 14707 Rocky Brook Dr., Tampa, FL, 33625, Charlevoix Food Pantry, 100 W. Huribut St., Charlevoix, MI, 49720 or to the St. Mary School, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

To all, our mother had so many special friendships and we know how much she loved each and every one of you. Thank you to the nursing staff, home health care and doctors at Charlevoix Hospital for the loving care you provided to our mother! A special thank you to her dear friend Lil Left, you were a blessing to mom and our family, we will be forever grateful!

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

Sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneral-homes.com

Beverly Jean (Frye Pearsall) Thompson, 79

(SEPT. 20, 1941 - SEPT. 8, 2021)

Beverly J. Thompson, 79, of East Jordan, died Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan.



She was born on September 20, 1941, the daughter of Claude, Jr. and Virginia I. (Bergman) Pearsall.

On July 26, 2015, in East Jordan, Beverly J. Frye married Arthur R. Thompson, Jr. Prior to entering Grandvue M.C.F., Beverly had been very active at the East Jordan Senior Center. She enjoyed working on puzzles and walking.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Arthur "Art" Thompson Jr. of East Jordan; three sons, Edward (Marie) Frye of East Jordan, Gary (Kala) Frye of Oakland, California and Douglas (Rebecca) Fry of East Jordan; two grandsons, Jarret Frye of East Jordan and Nakoia Frye of Oakland, California; one step-son, Arthur R. Thompson, III of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; three step-daughters, Shari Clemente of Livonia, Vicki Thompson of Wixom and Jennifer Sherman of Toledo, Ohio; and one brother, Rod (Lynn) Pearsall of Charlevoix. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Eugene Pearsall; and two sisters, Paygie Cabic Innis and Pat Lowder.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road, East Jordan. Rev. Bart Adams officiated. Interment in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 39727.

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

Virginia "Ginny" J Smith, 89

(MARCH 20, 1932 - SEPT. 5, 2021)

Virginia J. Smith left our physical world suddenly on Sunday, September 5, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. on March 20, 1932, the daughter of Eli Joseph Olsen and Celia Grace (Vaughn).



Virginia was very affectionately known as "Ginny, Aunt Ginny, Mom, Grandma, Grams, and Granny" to those who loved her. Ginny was born to Eli Joseph Olsen and Celia Joyce (Vaughn) Olsen on March 20, 1932.

Ginny was an amazing wife, mother, sibling, grandmother and person. She cooked, cleaned, and helped raise her younger siblings at a very young age so her widowed mother could work. Her older siblings had families of their own; many of them enlisted in the military during World War II and shortly thereafter. She graduated from Petoskey High School in 1950 and began her paid employment career working at Montgomery Ward. She married Guy Linn Smith shortly after and eventually moved to his hometown, Charlevoix. There they raised their four children and remained until Guy's death in 1997. Ginny kept the house and her cooking going for holidays, family meals, and picnics that she cherished until the years took their toll.

While raising her family, Ginny was employed at Gulf Western in East Jordan in the 1960's and eventually promoted to the role of parts inspector by the early 70's. Once her children had families of their own, she worked for the Char-Em Intermediate School District assisting and cooking for children in Ironton and later in Petoskey at schools for children with special needs. Her legacy is the patience and kindness she gave freely to all children. In addition, she was a fantastic cook; preparing well-balanced (and delicious!) meals using vegetables and fruit from her garden: fresh, canned, and frozen. She did oh-so many other things that mothers do. She liked to hunt (much to her husband's delight!), snowmobile, ride her purple motorcycle, pick mushrooms, sew, knit, drink beer and eat pizza, to name just a few of her accomplishments. Ginny's sense of humor and spunk were cherished by all who knew and loved her.

Ginny was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and six of her eight siblings: Don (Dorothy), Ruth (Joe) Nuismer, Dan (Doris), Clio (Doris), Helen (Harold Behm), and Eli (Audrey). Surviving are Cleo (Norma), and Francis (Dick) Spitzer; her children, Guy R. in Hawkinsville, GA; Connie K Chamberlain in Kalkaska, MI; Kelley (Rick) Smith-Cushing in Houghton, MI; and Swain E. Smith in Eden Valley, MN. Also surviving are nine grandchildren: Eli, Jenni, Rebecca, Matt, Nathan, Courtney, Josh, Adam, and Hunter; special step grandchild Jeremy, 16 great grandchildren; and many more much-loved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of a funeral, a graveside service was held at the Brookside Cemetery on Friday, September 10th.

The Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Home in Charlevoix are handling arrangements.

Leonard Meadows, 74

(APRIL 4, 1947 - SEPT. 2, 2021)

Leonard Earl Meadows of Walloon Lake passed away September 2, 2021, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



He was born the son of Lloyd and Audrey (Griffin) Meadows on April 4, 1947, in Petoskey, Michigan.

As a young man he served 2 tours in Vietnam in the Navy C-Bees and went on to retire from a long career as a heavy equipment operator. Leonard loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and being an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed travelling in his "doodle bug" a Model A Ford he had worked on. He was a hard-working honest man who most of all enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Bonnie Burris.

Leonard is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Donna (Herrington); children, Michael (Dawn Donahue) Meadows of Walloon Lake, Betsy (Wes) Chapman of Bath, NH; 3 grandchildren; siblings, Carl (Deann) Meadows of Brigham City, UT, Betty (Dennis) Christensen of Boyne City, Kenny (Bonnie) Meadows of Walloon Lake, and Barbara (Curtis) McLeod of Point Blank, TX.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice through the Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Arrangements were entrusted to Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation Service.



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Cause for celebration: 70% of Emmet County residents have COVID-19 shot!

More than 70% of residents 12 and older in Emmet County have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination – making the county among only a handful in the state that has achieved this status.

“It is a great achievement and certainly something to celebrate,” said Amanda Thompson, Director of Family Health Services with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. “According to the state COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, 70.3% of residents 12 and older in Emmet County have initiated their COVID-19 vaccination. Our other counties – Antrim, Charlevoix and Otsego – are not far behind. We would love to see these numbers continue to increase and are working hard with other partners to continually offer clinics for anyone who wants to get their COVID-19 vaccination,” said Thompson, whose staff coordinate vaccination clinics for the health department.

Across the health department’s four county region, 64.7% - or more than 61,340 people 12 and older - have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, compared with 61.0% across the state of Michigan as of the week ending September 11.

The health department continues to offer weekly COVID-19 vaccination clinics across their four-county jurisdiction. For a complete list of dates and times, visit the health department’s calendar

COVID-19 Vaccination Rates 12+ One/Initial Dosage

TOTAL HDNW	ANTRIM	CHARL	EMMET	OTSEGO
64.7%	61.5%	66.7%	70.3%	57.9%

COUNTY	12-15YO	16-19YO	20-29YO	30-39YO	40-49YO	50-64YO	65+
ANTRIM	30.5%	46.7%	41.3%	46.3%	52.4%	65.9%	79.6%
CHARL	38.0%	60.4%	43.3%	55.8%	58.3%	72.2%	85.2%
EMMET	47.6%	57.0%	51.0%	61.8%	64.4%	74.1%	89.9%
OTSEGO	29.3%	38.3%	34.7%	44.3%	52.4%	66.8%	81.1%
TOTAL HDNW	37.3%	51.2%	43.4%	53.2%	57.8%	70.1%	84.3%

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

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

- On Friday, Sept. 10, 16 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (3), Emmet (6), and Otsego (4).
- On Saturday, Sept. 11, 31 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (5), Charlevoix (13), Emmet (5), and Otsego (8), and one COVID-19 associated death in Charlevoix County.
- On Sunday, Sept. 12, 12 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (2), Charlevoix (7), Emmet (1), and Otsego (2).
- On Monday, Sept. 13, 26 new cases of COVID-19 in Antrim (5), Charlevoix (5), Emmet (10), and Otsego (6).

to make an appointment or walk-ins are welcome. In addition, the health department is partnering with the state to offer testing clinics as case investigations range from 20-40 per day locally in the four counties, Thompson said.

Getting vaccinated is the number one priority to limit the spread of COVID-19. The health department offers convenient COVID-19 vaccination clinics for all area residents and visitors 12 and older either by appointment

As of 4 p.m. Sept. 13, the cumulative case count information for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,839), Charlevoix (2,004), Emmet (2,697), and Otsego (2,619).
 - Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,652), Charlevoix (1,758), Emmet (2,366), and Otsego (2,270).
 - Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (33), Charlevoix (28), Emmet (44), and Otsego (42).
- On September 13, the State of Michigan reported 976,505 cases and 20,535 deaths.

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 15
- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest

Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

- Monday, September 20
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

- Wednesday, September 22
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

- Friday, September 24
- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 5 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

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



Phil Hofweber was sworn in as City Commissioner at the September 7 City Commission meeting.

EJ COMMISSION FROM PG. 1

Upon recommendation from the City appointments committee, Thomas Brennan and Francis W. St. Onge were appointed to fill two vacancies on the Board of Appeals, one ending December 31, 2021 and one December 31, 2022. Jimmy Maltese was appointed to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

with a term ending December 31, 2023.

A public hearing was held prior to the meeting on an amendment to ordinance 260-A Chapter 37, work within city right-of-way and ordinance 265 Chapter 24 the use of Jake brakes in the city limits. Two people were present for the hearing and both spoke on the need to do something about the noise caused by the Jake brakes.

BUSINESS NEWS



Sharon Jackson and Linda Snyder, owners of The Busy Bridge in downtown East Jordan hold the antique child's toy the store was named after 38 years ago. The store is closing and both buildings where the store is located have been sold.

Busy Bridge closing in downtown East Jordan

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

After 38 years as the shop of choice on Main Street in East Jordan, the Busy Bridge is closing its doors.

Store owners Sharon Jackson and Linda Snyder have seen a lot of changes in the retail business over the years but the saddest part of ending their multifaceted, ever evolving retail store is that their loyal customers will no longer have choice. “People don’t have many (shopping) alternatives. Walmart and Amazon will be picking out your clothes,” said Linda.

When Sharon began in retail years ago, clothing wasn’t hung out and selected by the customer, “You chose the clothes and brought them to the customer,” she said. As a result, one of

Busy Bridge’s trademarks was that kind of old-fashioned service. They provided personalized service to those in the dressing room, wrapped gifts and provided free coffee. “People can run in after work, you know their children have a birthday party to go to, they pick the gift and we wrap it ready to go,” said Linda. The pair have heard a lot of feedback from their customers over the years. “They come in now and say you saved my life, we talked to them like a bartender. We really got to know our base of customers really well,” said Sharon.

Linda is a retired art teacher and Sharon a CPA. The combination of right and left brain dominance made for a productive and lasting team. “We were lucky

enough to do something we liked,” said Sharon. The pair spent more than just hours of operation together. After hours was spent antiques, attending estate sales or crawling through snow-laden fields to find a perfect stick to create an Easter egg tree. The shop carries antiques, women’s clothing, children’s toys and clothes, gourmet candy, estate and custom jewelry, seasonal items, accessories, EJ ware, Michigan books & puzzles, and just about anything else that catches their attention. Most of the displays in the store are set on antiques making them unique.

The store is not located on or even very close to a bridge. So the name “Busy Bridge” could be baffling. But like most aspects of the

business there is meaning behind the name. “I found the busy bridge at the first auction I ever attended,” said Sharon, of an antique tin child’s toy that has been on display at the store for 38 years. “We were trying to come up with a name...I looked at it and said, “There you go.””

The store hours are as usual but discounts to move the remaining product have been applied. Department 56 Christmas Village figurines are marked 60% off, Christmas items and greeting cards 50% off and everything else 40% off. “We love the community, love the people, we felt like we were really fulfilling a need-and we did,” said Sharon.

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EVELINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Concern over Carousel on petting zoo farm

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

CHARLEVOIX - During a Public Hearing at the Eveline Township Planning Commission meeting, the carousel on M-66, the intended use of the property and zoning restrictions was the topic of discussion.

Hungry Ducks Farm has presented changes to a site plan for an interpretive farm/ petting zoo on 65 acres near Shaw road that would include a food venue, gift shop, 1/8 scale ride-on train, two trout ponds and the carousel. The proposed family friendly venue is being challenged because of its location in an area zoned Farm and Forest and has applied for a special use permit that is being scrutinized by neighbors of the property.

The property which was originally owned by descendants of Albert Loeb was purchased in 2017 by Linda Mueller who also owns Castle Farms. The Muellers first presented the idea for the petting zoo on June 6, 2021 although construction on the



Richard Mueller presents changes to a site plan for an education-based petting zoo on M-66. The agricultural based commercial business is not allowed on that site according to zoning as presented.

project began sometime before. "They got the cart before the horse," stated Eveline Township Zoning Administrator, Deb Graber. "The reason this became a topic of conversation is because they didn't get the permits like they should have," said Board Chair Kelly McGinn. The Planning Commission and the Muellers are attempting to work together

to come up with a solution that works for the new venture and conforms to the spirit of the Farm and Forest zone that it is located. The Muellers have already restored a centennial barn on the property, bringing it back to its historical state, which is in compliance with the township master plan and intends to use 75% of the usable property for growing crops and

housing and pasturing animals but concern of taking the property from a rural setting to a commercial venture prevails.

Neighbors of the property are especially concerned about the presence of the carousel. "How does an amusement park ride become an allowed use in Farm and Forest?" said Susan Parks who also requested a definition of

interpretive farm which she called an ambiguous term. Sarah VanHorn from the Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of the venue commenting on the added commerce it would bring and the Muellers efforts to adjust the plans to make it a good fit for the neighborhood. "I think this will add to the nostalgia of Charlevoix," she added. Ken Carnwath, President of the Sequinota Association spoke on behalf of the association, "Our residents in general are supportive of what the Muellers are planning with the petting farm. I agree it needs to conform to Farm and Forest (zoning regulations)." However, Nancy Ferguson who lives across the street from the property stated that, "The carousel and any other amusement park ride need to go because they are not allowed in Farm and Forest. The scope of this project is way beyond what they discussed with their neighbors. We'd just like this to be kept to the Farm and Forest (zoning) and what's allowed there."

Becket and Raeder Planning Advisor John Iacoangeli explained at the meeting that there is a precedence for these sorts of venues in Ag-tourism. "This is how the Ag-tourism component is starting to evolve," he said. Board Member Prudence Kurtz expressed several times that she felt the project should "Start smaller, let the neighborhood see how it is and if all goes well you can come back," she said.

A site visit was set for Friday, September 10 at the carousel to see firsthand if it was loud and disruptive. Planning Advisor John Iacoangeli brought a noise meter and noted that the noise from the road was greater than that of the carousel that played no music. The Muellers then gave the board and any attending public a hayride tour. "We just went and toured. Afterward, everyone had a chance to comment. We're going to regroup and start talking again at the October 6 meeting," said McGinn.

Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce hosts State of the Community Luncheon September 21

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 8th Annual State of the Community luncheon on Tuesday September 21st from 12-2pm at Castle Farms.

The State of the Community provides attendees an opportunity to learn from community leaders about their successes and upcoming initiatives, as well as specific topics that are timely and insightful to businesses and the Charlevoix community.

State of the Community will feature updates from:

- Charlevoix County, County Commissioner—Scott Hankins
 - Charlevoix Public Schools, Superintendent – Mike Ritter
 - Antrim-Charlevoix-Kalkaska Association of REALTORS, President—Dennis Halverson
 - Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, President, David Emmel
- Admission is \$35 per person or \$280 for a table of eight and includes lunch catered by Bridge Street Tap Room.

The general public is encouraged to attend. The seats will fill up quickly, so please make your reservation today at www.charlevoix.org, by calling the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101, or by e-mail at cole@charlevoix.org.

The State of the Community is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Castle Farms, City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix State Bank, Consumers Energy

España Spanish Music concert

PETOSKEY - Lovers of tango, tango nuevo and classical Latin music won't want to miss the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's (GLCO) concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts, 800 Bay Harbor Dr., Petoskey.

Entitled "España - From the Old World to the New World", the performance will feature music from composers Manuel de Falla, Juan Crisostomo Arriaga, Pablo de Sarasate, and Astor

Piazzola, and will include choreographed Latin dancing and mezzo-soprano soloist Tyler Roberts from Michigan State University. A pre-concert talk by GLCO Conductor and Music Director Libor Ondras starts at 6 p.m. in the Community Engagement Room.

Tickets are available at www.glcorchestra.org/concerts/ or at 231-487-0010. There is no charge for students and children 18 and under.



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REAL ESTATE FEATURE



Amazing Boyne City home on three lots near Boyne River

BY JIM AKANS

Located in the heart of Boyne City, this amazing home is situated on three lots and has views of the Boyne River from the wonderful backyard setting.

This three bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home has approximately 1,440 square feet of nicely designed and appointed space on two levels plus a full block basement. There have been many recent updates, with a gorgeous kitchen, wood floors, spacious rooms throughout and even central air conditioning.

There is a covered porch across the front of the home, and a huge backyard with views of the Boyne River. This is an ideal spot to sit back and relax with a cup of coffee or a good book, and to entertain family and friends. Just across the street you can launch your kayak and enjoy paddling on the water. The location is just three blocks from downtown Boyne City, which offers lots of dining, shopping and entertainment as well as Lake Charlevoix. What a fantastic home and location!

This amazing home on three city lots is located at 618 Adams Street in Boyne City, and it is listed at \$199,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com



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Closets and garages. You can never have too much storage space, which is why so many newer homes have three-car garages. But if you encounter a converted garage that is now a bedroom or storage room, don't give up. Converted garages can almost always go back to their

original purpose without much cost or labor.

Kitchen. The most popular room in the house, many homeowners want their kitchen to be large and have modern appliances. Don't let outdated color schemes deter you because there's nothing like a fresh coat (or two) of paint to make a kitchen your own. Plus, if you like the rest of the house enough to make an offer, you can give the kitchen a minor spruce-up with some new appliances or a major overhaul complete with new countertops, cabinets, and flooring.

The exterior. If the home doesn't have good curb appeal, try to picture it with a fresh coat of paint and revitalized landscaping.

Pools. If you want a pool, buy a home with a

pool already built in. Pools are expensive and you will not get a full return on the cost when you go to sell. Let someone else lose the return. The cost of repairing a pool is less than putting one in, so if you're looking at a home with an old pool that looks like it's in bad shape, it's still a better bet than putting one in later.

When making an offer, consider what you can't live without, as well as your budget. Also, be sure you hire a professional home inspector to inspect the house. If the home's systems are in good working order and the house has everything you want except a minor item or two, make an offer accordingly.

Most importantly, keep in mind that unless you're building your dream home from scratch, you'll probably never find the perfect home. But seeing past a previous owner's bad decorating choices to the core of the home and its potential for livability will yield you the home you've always wanted. It may take some work, but hey—it's yours.

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\$25,000 in a MEDC Match on Main grant awarded to support a small business in Downtown Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX — A small business in downtown Charlevoix has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation as part of the Match on Main program which is aimed at supporting small local businesses to create resiliency and strengthen downtowns.

Charlevoix Main Street DDA worked with a new business opening at 217 Bridge Street, Unit C called Nomi Sushi to obtain the grant. Last week local leaders presented a \$25,000 check to celebrate the conclusion of an extensive remodel of the space assisted by the grant funds. Nomi Sushi is set to open no later than Wednesday, September 15th and will be an experience that embodies time-honored technique and the highest quality ingredients in an intimate back-alley sushi bar.

“The Match on Main program has been an incredible tool made available to Charlevoix businesses for the last few years,” said Lindsey Dotson, Executive Director of Charlevoix Main Street DDA. “In the past recipients have included 11 small businesses to support start-up costs and much needed Covid-19 recovery funds. We are thrilled to welcome Nomi Sushi to Charlevoix because of the diversity it adds to the food-scapes that can be enjoyed in



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our beautiful downtown.”

MEDC’s Match on Main program provides funding to communities that participate as a select and master level community in the Michigan Main Street program or are Certified Redevelopment Ready community. The communities, who receive the grant funding from the MEDC, in turn award grants of up to \$25,000 to eligible businesses seeking support. Charlevoix is a Master Level Michigan Main Street program and became a Certified Redevelopment Ready community in the spring of 2021.

“The Match on Main grant helped fund numerous projects for us including a new commercial door, American made true refrigeration equipment as well as interior

design touches that will be sure to make Nomi Sushi a unique and special dining destination here in Northern Michigan,” says Chris Rutkowski, Owner of Nomi Sushi. “I want to thank Executive Director Lindsey Dotson and the Charlevoix Main Street DDA for their hard work and helping us navigate the difficulties presented to us this past year. Their dedication to the small businesses in our downtown Charlevoix community are a testament to their inspiring leadership and enduring community spirit.”

For updates related to the opening of Nomi Sushi, visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/nomisushi



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Join the Northern Michigan Chorale for holiday concerts

The Northern Michigan Chorale invites singers from all over northern Michigan to join them as they prepare for holiday concerts November 20 and 21 at The Great Lakes Center for the Arts at Bay Harbor.

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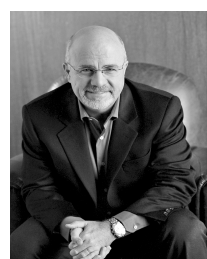
Rehearsals begin this week and

are every Monday from 7pm until 9pm at Cross of the Christ Lutheran Church. The church is located at 1400 East Mitchell St in Petoskey.

For more information you can visit the website or contact music director, Julie Pierpont. Email Julie at Julie@PierpontProductions.com. Discover more information about the Chorale and register on our website at www.MNCChorale.org.

DAVE Says

(And baby makes three)



Dave Ramsey

until she decides to start work. But the bottom line is if everybody’s okay, the baby and all those connected expenses—like formula, diapers, and daycare—just become part of a regular monthly budget.

Your wife is going to be making pretty good money once she starts her job. And the truth is babies are not all that expensive. There are costs involved in having kids, but it’s not like we’re talking thousands of dollars a month out of your budget just because you had a baby. Can you buy lots and lots of things for a baby? Can those things cost a ridiculous amount of money? Of course! The list of things you could buy goes on and on. But a healthy, new baby doesn’t need much, and having one at home isn’t going to break the bank.

I think any financial fear or uncertainty you may be experiencing right now will disappear once you’ve got a couple months of adjusting your budget and getting used to the new normal under your belt. Then, when you and your wife decide it’s time to start her career, you can begin paying off debt in a really big way!

—Dave

Dear David, Congratulations! I know you two are excited to welcome a little one into the world.

In your situation, I’d advise pushing the pause button on the Baby Steps for now. Forget about paying down debt, until mom and the baby come home, and you’re sure everyone’s healthy and safe. You could even hang on to it all

* 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,

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On April 8, 2020, the City of Charlevoix held a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance to temporarily suspend short-term rental operations. The ordinance would prohibit the use of residential property for short-term rentals. The City Attorney presented the ordinance to the City Council. The Council voted to approve the ordinance. The ordinance will take effect on April 15, 2020.

Health Department offers drive-through testing at Fairgrounds

The Health Department of Charlevoix County is offering drive-through COVID-19 testing at the Fairgrounds. The testing is free and open to the public. The testing is available from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. The testing is available to residents of Charlevoix County and surrounding areas.

2020 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM

The Charlevoix County News is proud to announce the 2020 All-Area Girls Basketball Dream Team. The team consists of the following players: Jayden Weber (East Jordan), Marc Sroufe (Charlevoix), and [Name]. The team was selected by a panel of experts. The team will represent Charlevoix County at the All-State Girls Basketball Tournament.

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Clara's Hope helps local foster and adoptive families achieve success

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

ELLSWORTH - An all-volunteer project that helps local foster and adoptive families achieve success opened a chapter in Antrim and Charlevoix Counties this summer. It's called Clara's Hope's Northwest and its mission is to engage the community-at-large in the support of local foster and adoptive families. They achieve this by taking care of the entire family, offering support that is geared toward moving families from simply surviving to thriving. Most Foster Families only foster once. Foster family retention and success is the goal.

How Clara's Hope works is through community volunteers that give 2-4 hours of their time each month to provide transportation, meals, small home repairs, mentoring, and some child care. Letting the families know they are not alone. "We want to touch the families in some way to say we care, you are doing great, don't give up, we have your back," said Clara's Hope Northwest Director Sally Dieck.

Clara's Hope also provides families with needed items like first night packs and a back pack full of school supplies for each child. As well as directing families to information on needed resources, services and training. Also offering the occasional family fun activity and timeout for Mom and Dad. And perhaps most importantly, educating the community about how they can help meet the needs of these families. "You don't have to foster or adopt to help a child. We believe everyone can do something we want to raise awareness to the foster

care issue in America," said Dieck.

The biggest obstacle Clara's Hope Northwest has encountered since it began its outreach in August is making contact with the foster families themselves. "We either can't get the names of adoptive or foster parents or when we do get a name and number people don't answer the phone. They haven't heard of us and think we are a scam. They think, "Why would you want to help us"-scam," said Dieck who has been invited by DSS to attend various events to introduce the program but because of COVID those events have been repeatedly canceled. "We have tee shirts we are asking people to wear to help get the word out," she said.

Clara's Hope Northwest is a branch off of Clara's Hope of Genesee and Livingston Counties. It is governed by a board of directors and is an outreach of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church. They would like other churches to partner with them so they can expand into Emmett County.

Clara's Hope Northwest's parent organization was started by foster parents Tami and David Kromer and is named for their adopted daughter Clara Bea. The Kromers have fostered over 40 children and adopted 3. But when they adopted Clara, who was born without a brain, their church rallied, providing support they hadn't realized they needed. "People just helped us in areas we didn't know to ask or what to ask for," said Tami. With the adoptions and foster placements prior to Clara, "People told us words of encouragement but mostly



"We want to touch the families in some way to say we care, you are doing great, don't give up, we have your back," said Clara's Hope Northwest Director Sally Dieck.

backed away," she said. Clara died at 8 months, 8 days of age. Knowing that the help their church had given them during the very difficult journey of Clara's life had allowed them to provide healthier care for her and her siblings, they knew this couldn't stop. And the journey to create a system to help 'the system' work the way it

should/could, began.

There was a lot of stopping and starting and not knowing what to do. "At first, we moved in many different directions trying to figure out what this thing looked like," said Tami. They eventually got the attention of the Hagerman Foundation and received a \$50,000 grant. "So for two years we kind of

floUNDERED, then we drew up a business plan, hired a social worker and began soliciting the Department of Social Services and foster care agencies that we wanted to help foster care families," she said. One of the first steps was to connect with a local trauma therapist and begin identifying needs. They then decided to focus on foster care, not just on the children in foster care but the families that live daily in the trenches with traumatized children. They started in their church providing trauma training to the staff and volunteers and soon attracted new families that had heard about the church that was a foster care friendly place. "They knew their kids were not going to get kicked out because of disruptive behavior and that we would honor the no picture policy and there would be extra helpers available," said Tami. "So we attracted 15-20 families that were interested in becoming part of a community with people who understand what they are going through." These parents were offered opportunities to build relationships. "From there we started identifying needs. Therapy for Mom, not just the kids, this family doesn't need clothes but needs sensory toys. Just working with the families specifically to find out what their needs are. You can't paint with a broad brush," said Tami.

Clara's Hope of Genesee and Livingston Counties are presently servicing 65 families, utilizing volunteers to offer one meal per month to each family that wants one. In 2020 they provided 419 meals as well as housecleaning and handyman services,

car maintenance, childcare, mentoring and scholarships to therapy. As well as providing trauma training to local churches, daycares, schools and families. They also work with local agencies and organizations to meet needs in the community like providing cribs and car seats or whatever might be a barrier to a family saying yes to fostering.

Clara's Hope Northwest is just getting off the ground but they hit the road running. They have lofty goals and are presently recruiting volunteers and sponsors. They provided 72 stuffed backpacks to the Department of Social services in September, have made contact with local foster families (not as many as they would like) and have begun providing a monthly meal as well as other individual needs. A handy-person group of volunteers is being pieced together with volunteers proficient in simple electric, plumbing, carpentry, auto and computer repair. The next event planned is Socktober. Dieck has made contact with area schools asking for their help to promote a drive to gather socks, pajamas, onesies, diapers and other necessities. "My aims are high and I am praying to have others come along beside me," said Dieck.

Sally Dieck is available to speak at any organization about Clara's Hope Northwest.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

I am a resident of East Jordan, Michigan and I was in (virtual) attendance of the spectacle that was on display, live, September 7th, 2021. As a concerned citizen, I now demand that my words be considered, with no less weight and measure, than those that were so loudly and prominently on public display this afternoon, prior to the interruption.

It is difficult to know where exactly to begin, with so many points to be considered, but perhaps to firmly and clearly state that I, and my family (one of whom shall be starting public school this year and another who served the public school system for decades), are firmly in favor of the mask mandate for public schools. Our student, who is a diagnosed autistic, has expressed to us no difficulty wearing their mask properly, when it is appropriate to do so, either at play or at work, since this whole mess started.

During the course of the proceedings, I was witness to many very emotional and heartfelt opinions and testimonies. Many mothers, fathers, grandparents and everything in between had a great deal to say about "MY child" and "MY health" and "MY rights", but precious little was expressed regarding the rights, health and children of others.

There are a great many facts and "truths" being tossed about these days and I am by no means a subject-matter expert, but some facts that I have been readily familiar with, since before the event is: no, masks do not appreciably protect the uninfected from infection. That has never been their purpose. At no time has any medical professional that I've been in consult with either recently or before the affair expressed that this was ever their intended function and neither has any of the (admittedly limited) medical training that I have received even hinted at this. The function of the mask is to prevent the infected (or the unknown) from infecting others, which is why the surgeon wears the mask and not the patient they are operating on. But therein lies the complication that I feel many who are against wearing masks are conflicting with.

It seems difficult for some

to be bothered with even the most minimal of inconvenience when it serves no immediate benefit to themselves. And this is the key statement of fact: "I do not wear my mask to protect myself. I wear it to protect you." This could have been the most basic, simplest and yet most profound of demonstrations of community care that this nation could have expressed to the world and yet we have failed miserably as a society to show even the narrowest of concerns for our own countrymen. This nation and indeed all nations are built upon ever branching networks of communities that grow outward from the individual to all persons living on this planet and yet many could not be bothered to do even the smallest thing to demonstrate concern for literally the person standing next to them. This is how a society fails.

I also heard many statements that chose to invoke the military service of family members: fathers, sons, grandfathers and so on. I AM a veteran. I volunteered to serve my country in my youth and did so honorably. And as a veteran, I challenge any of these people to ask their fathers, sons, and grandfathers or even to go down to the local legion chapter house and ask a random vet to educate them on the virtues of duty, respect, selfless-service and camaraderie. Any of them who have been there will tell you that a soldier is only as good as his unit, that they understand the notion that what affects one affects them all and what matters most, on the line, the only thing you can truly depend on, is the soldier standing next to you. Veterans are not heroes and patriots because they had guns and fought for their country, but because they worked in service of something beyond themselves as individuals, to champion the best ideals and principals that this nation is built upon, including the right to disagree with not only each other, but with our elected and appointed officials. I challenge anyone who would claim themselves a 'patriot' to announce unambiguously what they are so proud to have accomplished for their community rather than stand upon the shoulders of the service and sacrifice of others. What was the

nature of their service? Did it truly serve the whole community or just the part of it they belonged to? I've earned my rights (not the least of which was the right to speak at this public hearing) through personal sacrifice and service to this country. How have you earned yours?

That would have been the end of my statement, but the proceedings, this afternoon gave cause to voice further grievances. I was given to understand that the purpose of the hearing was to hear the voices of all sides of the debate. We all heard very emotional and heartfelt opinions and testimonials from one side of an argument that should have had little enough to do with opinions and emotion and even 'truth' and everything to do with facts. When the other side was given opportunity to speak, they were shouted down, berated and bullied into silence and it was permitted. This is not how a Democratic Republic functions. It services the public will... All of them. Not just the ones who shout the loudest or cry the most and it does so fairly, justly and without bias or emotion, using facts to support decisions made on their behalf. Not opinions.

One of the officials mentioned more than a hundred people waiting to speak remotely and a handful did, but then the forum was commandeered by persons intent on disrupting the proceedings. Their reasons were irrelevant and I'm sure the appropriate measures are being taken on that, but the fact remains that the process was incomplete. It was discontinued before many who had just as much right to speak were given their opportunity. People who were waiting patiently, like responsible and rational adults are expected to do in a civilized society. The reasonable expectation was that the hearing would be resumed at a later time and those who were forcibly silenced would be heard and considered with equal measure. Instead, the board chose to make a ruling.

Given the facts and implications on the matter, I can only draw two possible conclusions: either the decision was made hastily, in order to appease a very vocal and emotional minority whose voice was only so clearly heard because they happened

to be the first to speak without interruption and without due consideration of the opposition OR the decision was made prior to the hearing and the whole thing was a pretentious farce, not only for the way that community members conducted themselves in what should have been an unbiased and fair public forum, but also in the deceitful manner in which the pretense of public consensus was held with no intention of actually hearing out the voices of the constituency. Either way, each and every one of the members of that board should be held in contempt, if only because it was permitted to continue without objection.

Regardless of my personal feelings on the matter, the decision has been made and to expect yet another reversal on the part of the board would only serve to further undermine the authority by which they function, that (from my perspective) hangs by a very narrow and tenuous thread as it is. My only hope for my child to be able to continue their budding public education is that the local school leadership has the good sense and intestinal fortitude to take into account the hard earned wisdom of subject-matter experts and disregard the frantic tantrums and threats. And for the members of this board, I can only hope that you will, at the very least, make a better show of attempting to take a clear and unbiased consensus of the public whose best interest you claim to serve.

Fair winds,
Daniel J. Hopkins, East Jordan

To the Board of Health of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan,

I am writing to you yet again and would appreciate acknowledgement of receiving this letter as well as the previous one. Today, you made a choice for a four county region after hearing hours of tantrum-throwing from grown people who could not respect the rights of those in attendance that they did not agree with. I know because I sat through all of the same speeches, only to be kicked out of the Zoom meeting due to hackers. If that

weren't enough, we then had to search out the answer to the looming question: What is the Board of Health going to do?

Fascinatingly, we found out that six of you had already made up your minds without hearing from the 100+ individuals that had been waiting for hours via Zoom to have their voices heard on the subject. Although, there were clearly voices on Zoom that would have supported your cause, you silenced those of us with equally valid arguments. I suspect you made your politically motivated decisions prior to even setting foot in that meeting today, constituents be damned. For how many of those in attendance who tried to invoke the Constitution, military and their service, you silenced this military family. You are representatives of the people. Regardless of if you agree with all of the people in your county, you are representative of those people. Regardless of your political agenda, this is not a one-man show.

Unlike you, we were not paid with taxpayer dollars to sit and listen to that garbage for hours, to wait patiently for our turn to express an alternative version of the narrative in which you were bathed. You have wasted all of our time and made it clear that you don't actually care what the electorate wants, needs or believes. You, yourselves, stated that it was an open forum and that it was procedure for everyone to receive the opportunity to speak if they so desired and yet, when technology failed, you took the opportunity to toss aside public opinion for your own...

Today's display was a disgusting example of what will be the failing of the country that I so love. Additionally, make no mistake, foreign powers are absolutely watching America as we seemingly implode over something as simple as wearing a mask to protect one another.

We are a military family. My husband not only grew up on base the world over, he also served this country. My husband's father was career military and my father served as well. Both were Purple Heart recipients who came home severely disabled. Our grandfathers also served. Our family has sacrificed far beyond what many

of those who shamefully invoked the military today to support their selfish, dramatic and political motivations.

What we have learned, as a military family, is what it means to be of service. What we have learned, as Americans, is that we do what needs to be done for the least of us. That taking care of one another is what makes America great. What we have learned, as Christians, is that we are called to love thy neighbor.

Just a couple years ago, this community rallied behind a child who became seriously ill and nearly died of the flu. By the grace of God that child survived, but not without severe complications. And yet, here we are today and if that child or any child in our community that is compromised in any way (and there are many) were to contract COVID, they surely would not survive. The narrative you follow often states that there is a 99% survival rate or some bogus statistic, but what you so conveniently leave out are the lives that are affected, the families left behind, the individuals who are permanently disabled by this disease, the healthcare costs, the businesses and individuals losing wages each day this disease works its way through our communities, the healthcare personnel who are exhausted and so on.

It is time for you to stand up...to stop being the 'sheep'...to learn humility and listen to those who know more than you. It is time for you to put politics aside for once and do what is right for our community, our businesses and our children. It is time for you to learn some empathy and put aside your self-centered worldview and consider what would Jesus do? Here's a hint... This entitlement, this deep-seated selfishness and inability to be inconvenienced in the slightest so that someone else might live? It's not that.

Your neighbor,
Jessica Tison

weather forecast

THURSDAY



HIGH: 80
LOW: 61

FRIDAY



HIGH: 76
LOW: 54

SATURDAY



HIGH: 76
LOW: 56

SUNDAY



HIGH: 84
LOW: 65

MONDAY



HIGH: 86
LOW: 65

TUESDAY



HIGH: 82
LOW: 62

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
SEP 9	...48°	...74°	...31° (1975)	...90° (1976)
SEP 10	...47°	...73°	...30° (1967)	...90° (2002)
SEP 11	...47°	...73°	...29° (1965)	...87° (1952)
SEP 12	...47°	...73°	...29° (1964)	...91° (1952)
SEP 13	...47°	...72°	...29° (1963)	...93° (1952)
SEP 14	...46°	...72°	...28° (1963)	...89° (1952)
SEP 15	...46°	...72°	...27° (1964)	...86° (2004)
SEP 16	...46°	...71°	...29° (1964)	...92° (1955)
SEP 17	...46°	...71°	...30° (1959)	...85° (1948)
SEP 18	...45°	...71°	...26° (1990)	...91° (1955)

Schools and public respond to mask mandate from Health Department of NW Michigan

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

On Friday, August 27, 2021 The Health Department of Northwest Michigan issued a 5-page order requiring universal masking in all educational institutions in the four county region it serves. The order came late in a month long effort on the part of school boards to establish policies that would provide a safe learning environment and accommodate the wishes of their constituency. All of the school boards in Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego and Emmet counties had submitted a masking plan at the time the order was issued.

The order provoked a letter from four Board of Health representatives requesting that it be rescinded and at the following September 7th regular meeting of the Board of Health attracted a little over 200 community members plus an additional 250 or so attending the meeting via Zoom. At that meeting, BOH representatives voted to rescind the order 7-1 but were told by legal council that they did not have the power to do so. Since then, Health Officer, Lisa Peacock, reiterated that the order will not be rescinded.

Most area schools opened their doors on September 8 and responses to the order have been varied throughout the region.

In Charlevoix County, Patrick Little, Boyne City Schools Superintendent said, "Of the roughly 1400 students BCPS serves, we have had excellent compliance with the requirements.

There are many "reluctant

maskers" who would rather not mask, but want the benefit of in-person education, music, and sports - so they comply." Michael Ritter, Charlevoix Public School Superintendent echoed his comments, "Our students and staff have responded well to the mask requirement and it does support keeping students and staff in school, which is the goal of everyone in our district! If everyone wears a mask, the quarantine rules go from 6 ft. down to 3 ft." Heather Ford has an elementary age child in Boyne City Schools. "The school needs to have guidance from someone and the Health Department is an unbiased source. So I respect the fact that they are following those recommendations. I don't think there is a perfect answer, I can see both sides of the mask debate but at the same time I'm glad the school is erring on the side of caution and safety," she said. Charlevoix County's representative on the BOH doesn't see the order as a masking issue. "I am not opposed to masks, and believe that people should be free to wear them. The board of health vote to rescind the mask mandate was not due to opposition to masks, rather that we wanted the local school districts, and local school boards, to be able to have their voices heard, and to make a determination for themselves about how best to proceed, which I would remind everyone, is in agreement with our Governor, and State MDHHS, both of whom have NOT placed a mask mandate in effect. As recently as Sept 2, our Gover-

nor restated that she would not place a mask mandate. I believe people are angry about being dictated to, and would like their own voices to be heard. All of us love our children, and to suggest otherwise is ridiculous," said Charlevoix County Commission representative to the BOH, Scott Hankins.

In Otsego County both commissioners on the BOH parallel Hankins comment. Julie Powers, Otsego County Commissioner on the BOH stated that the situation should have been handled differently. She said, "First, and foremost, I want our children to be safe. I do, however, feel that parents and school boards should be making the decision about masking. The mandate that was issued at 5:30 on a Friday evening with no input from the Health Board was sneaky at best." Otsego County Commissioner on the BOH Robert Pallarito said, "The Board of Health's actions have never been about COVID-19, masks, or vaccination. It is about the bureaucratic overreach of the Health Director taking parent's rights away. The elected Board of Education's job is to work with parents, staff, and administration to decide what is best for our children. The decision to mask needs to be decided at this level. In the case of Gaylord Community Schools, it was an intense process, involving all parties, that offered 3 instruction options (masking, no mask, and online). This plan was widely accepted. The Health Department overruled the elected Board of Education and parents efforts and imposed a

unilateral mandate, after hours on a Friday." In a letter from Gaylord School Board of Education President Jeff Wieber to Health Officer, Lisa Peacock, he stated, "GCS has had a history of partnership, trust, respect and collaboration with you and the entire local public health department and no fair reason existed to cause you to act in such a unilateral manner in issuing your mask order. It is important that you understand that the GCS Board of Education considers your action in issuing your mask order on a Friday evening, after business hours, in advance of schools opening and after acceptance of our EOP, as disrespectful and inconsiderate and has resulted in a level of distrust between our respective entities as well as creating unnecessary turmoil and upset for and between our families and community."

Nearly 50 Gaylord High School students spent their first day of school in the auditorium because they refused to wear masks. On September 12 a video was put on Facebook of the high school principal, flanked with the Sheriff's Department, giving students an ultimatum. "Either mask and go to class or choose to leave. I'm letting you know now, if you choose to leave, you'll be suspended," he said. Kimberly Rollins, parent of a Gaylord Middle School student feels the Health Department order is an overreaction. "Over the past year recommendations for hand washing and sanitizing as well as social distancing has clearly reduced the num-

ber of viruses we would normally see. This is evidence that better habits along with the low mortality rate of this virus in children, that makes mask mandates an overreaction," she said.

In Antrim County one representative on the BOH also spoke of the order as a violation of parent's rights. "There are many people on both sides of the masking debate. The way that it was issued on a Friday afternoon at 5:30 with no input from the Board of Health was both wrong and un-American. There are schools in Antrim County where 100% of the parents, teachers, and students are in favor of masking choice, yet they are forced to comply with a mandate issued by an unelected officer. Parents love their kids more than anyone else and they should be allowed to do what is best for their kids," said County Commissioner Jarris Rubingh.

David Rasmussen has a student in the Ellsworth Middle School and thinks the order is just fine. "I think the parents should stay out of it because the kids don't seem to have a problem with it," he said. Rasmussen's wife works at Petoskey, McClaren Hospital on the COVID floor. "Masks work," he said. Another parent of a Central Lake Middle School student who doesn't want to be named because of the emotions surrounding this topic said, "The kids are caught in the middle it's the parent's fighting over it. They just want to go to school." President of the Board of Education of Central Lake Schools, Greg Shooks stated that at a

special August 16th board meeting the board choose to not mandate masks but when the health department overruled and they will follow the rule. "The health department has the best interest of our children in mind when they make these decisions," he said.

In Emmet County no school officials or elected officials responded to our question. Andy Sneddon, Assistant Director/Athletics Communications at Central Michigan University and parent of a student at Petoskey High School said, "I work at CMU and of course we have a mask mandate for students and staff at the university. I'm fine with that. I have a daughter that is a senior at Petoskey High School where they also have a mask mandate. We have always done everything that has been asked of us to do to keep us safe. Everyone in my family is vaccinated. I'm not a scientist. I'm not necessarily certain wearing a mask makes much of a difference, but I trust health officials and scientists that tell us it does help keep us safe."

A representative from Grayling Schools which is not under the authority of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has chosen to leave the masking issue in the hands of parents stated that 75 new students have enrolled in the district since the order was issued. He did not say they were all from the Northwest Michigan Health Department Region.

Bergman, Colleagues press CDC to show science on masking in schools

WASHINGTON – Rep. Jack Bergman (MI-01) joined Reps Jay Obernolte (CA-08) and 31 additional Members of the U.S. House of Representatives calling on Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Rochelle Walensky to publicly lay out the science behind their decision to recommend children wear masks in school.

"We have been repeatedly told to trust the science regarding how the CDC creates its policies, yet the lack of transparency in how this recommendation was made and the absence of studies to support it is both concerning and extremely frustrating to parents of school-aged children. Therefore, as schools are set to reopen under strict and tenuous justified mask mandates based on CDC recommendations, we respectfully request answers to these questions," stated the lawmakers in a letter to Director Walensky.

While most credible research has concluded that

children, and young children in particular, have a very low risk of facing serious complications from COVID-19 and its variants, there has been a troubling lack of data on the potential impacts of mask wearing on social development for children, especially in the case of elementary school students. At the same time, vaccinations are now regularly available for all adults and children aged 12 and up, providing significant protection for teachers and school staff.

Children have been dramatically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and they have missed out on key social developmental interactions over the past year. In-person education is essential to supporting children and families by not only providing education but also opportunities to engage in activities to support healthy development and access to social, mental, and physical health services, which can reduce stress and mitigate negative developmental out-

comes.

The letter specifically asks the CDC to answer the following questions:

1. What scientific evidence is the CDC relying on in recommending students to wear masks?
2. Has the CDC identified conclusive data indicating school-aged children's potential for transmitting the COVID-19 virus and its variants?
3. What is the risk that vaccinated school staff contract a life-threatening case of COVID-19 when performing their duties absent restrictions?
4. What are the developmental and educational impacts of requiring masks during in-person education for K-12 students? What conclusive studies analyzing these impacts have been conducted or are underway?
5. What metrics will be considered in the future for modifying the current guidance regarding mask wearing by school children?

Rep. Borton pledges support for pro-life protections

Following Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's calls for the Legislature to limit protections for unborn children, state Rep. Ken Borton, of Gaylord, today issued the following statement emphasizing his pro-life principles:

"No matter what Gov. Whitmer or her allies say, I

will continue to stand up for innocent human life at every stage. People — including unborn babies — deserve protection, and I will not waiver in my commitment to the defense of life. In cooperation with my legislative colleagues, I will firmly oppose the governor's efforts to diminish

protections for the unborn."

Borton represents the 105th House District, which includes the counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Montmorency, Oscoda and Otsego.

BUSINESS



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NLEA Awards Native Business Owners At First Innovation Alliance Event

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) has introduced a new program that provides space for entrepreneurs to grow ideas and access capital. This first event was for indigipreneurs in the region looking to pitch their start-up or growth idea for a chance to receive funding.

The event also provides connections within the NLEA business, resource and financing networks as well as access to early-stage funding and the potential to meet other investors and investors. The seven Native Business Owners were connected that night with representatives from the SBDC, MSU Extension, Northern Shores NCDFI and Lake Superior NCDFI. Their network will grow by working with both Arrowhead Incubator and the NLEA for business support.

The awardees on September 8 include: Aurora B Lounge, LLC of Indian River, Autumn Eve Creations of Alanson, Creative Graphics by Eva of Harbor Springs, Fade Did of Petoskey, Superior Board Company of Kewadin, Two Women Beading of Petoskey and Watercolor Artist Russ LaLonde of Cheboygan. Financial support for the Northern Lakes Innovation Alliance is provided by the DTE Foundation and Consumers Energy.

Future Innovation Alliance events are planned. NLEA is looking for Innovators in the Industries of Value-Added Agriculture, Tech, Outdoor Recreation, Manufacturing, Recycle/Upgrade and Research & Development. Businesses or individuals looking for support and networking opportunities to bring a concept to life and who live or work the

NLEA region of Antrim, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties are invited to register online at northernlakes.net/innovation-alliance. Registrants will be invited to join the program and schedule a date to meet and discuss their business idea.

NLEA, established in 1984, is a public/private non-profit organization serving Antrim, Charlevoix, and Cheboygan Counties in Northern Michigan. NLEA works directly with local units of government on infrastructure projects, facilitates local company growth and expansion, and assists many local companies on a wide range of issues that help retain existing jobs and create new jobs. For more information visit northernlakes.net

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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

ELLSWORTH

PADDLE ANTRIM KICK-OFF PARTY

On Thursday, September 16, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., there will be a kick-off party to celebrate this year's event (which launches the next morning). The party, held at the Village of Ellsworth River Park is open to the public. There will be live entertainment and Smokin Joes food truck (featuring pulled pork and special hot dogs). Also, at 4:30 p.m., there will be a ribbon cutting for Ellsworth's newest business, Paddle Sports Kayak Rental, also held at River Park.

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 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.div

2@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!

ELLSWORTH

PICKLE BALL COURT RIBBON CUTTING

Thanks to grant and local support, Ellsworth is now home to a new pickle ball court, located across the street from the Good Samaritan Resale Shop. The community is invited to help celebrate the new court and to thank the donors on Saturday, September 25, at 1:30 p.m.

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

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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

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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.

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athletes of the week



GRACE DAWSON
RAMBLERS VOLLEYBALL

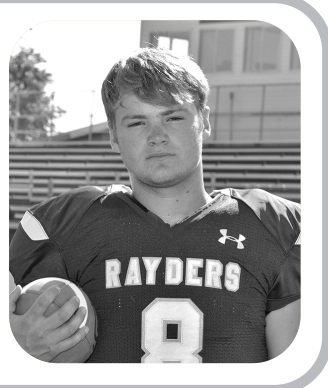
Grace Dawson played great in a five set win over Cheboygan last week. Grace finished the day with 13 kills, 14 aces, 7 for 9 serve receptions

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Caleb Stuck was clicking last week in the blowout win over St. Ignace. Caleb would put up 203 yards through the air going 10-16 and 3 touchdowns. He also led the team in rushing with 9 attempts for 59 yards.



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FOOTBALL

Ramblers huge third quarter leads to win over Glen Lake

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Football team continues to prove that they are for real. There have been tests put in front of them early in the season. They would have another test against Glen Lake on Friday, September 10.

It would be a close matchup in the first quarter, as both teams would use their opening drive and put points on the board. The Lakers would march 52 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown. The Ramblers would have a 3 play 38 yard drive for a touchdown, which was capped off with an Aaron Bess 30 yard touchdown run. The score would be 7-7 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, it would be a defensive affair. Each team would have two drives, the Lakers would punt on their first drive and miss a field goal in their second drive. The Ramblers would make a field goal by Jack Neer from 35 yards on their first drive and turnover the ball on downs on their second drive of the quarter. The Ramblers would head to the locker room with a 10-7 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Ramblers would turn on the pressure as they would cause three turnovers in the third quarter. An opening drive fumble for the Lakers would turn into a 17 yard Bobby Hoth touchdown run



Aaron Bess (5) of Boyne City found daylight early on this touchdown run. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

for the Ramblers. After a punt by the Lakers, the Ramblers would march down the field again 62 yards to punch another touchdown in, as Bess would score his second touchdown

on a Neer to Bess connection. The Lakers now feeling the pressure down 24-7, would commit their second turnover by throwing an interception. The Ramblers would go 49 yards after the

turnover on a pass from Neer to Kolton Stadt to put another touchdown on the board and push the lead to 31-7. The Lakers would end up turning the ball over again by throwing another

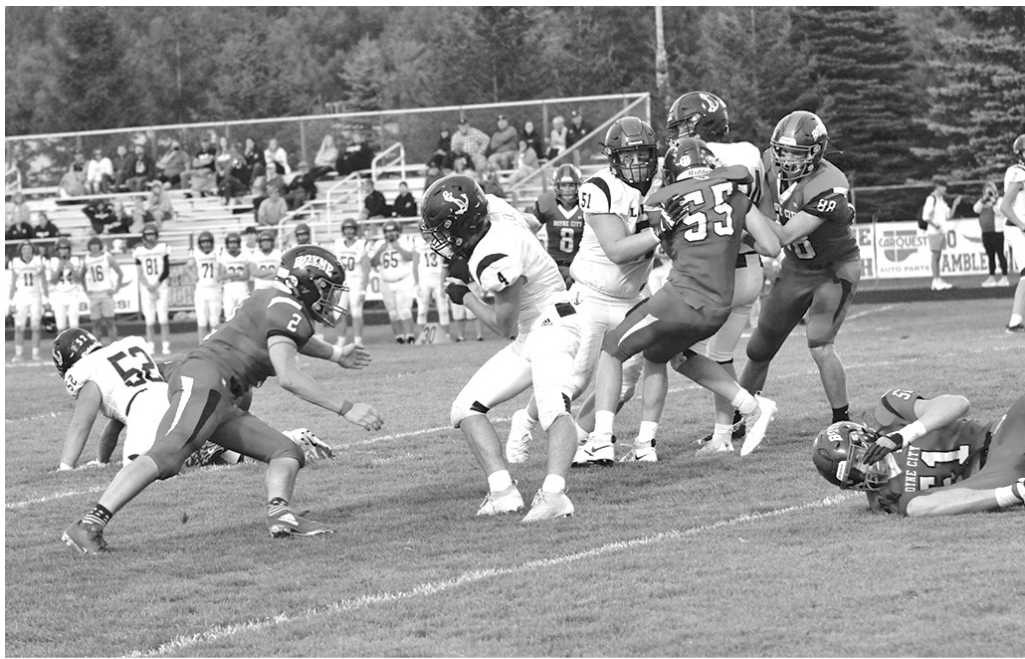
interception, which led to a 5 yard touchdown drive for the Ramblers. Neer would pick up his third touchdown throw as he would connect with Bess for another score. A four touchdown quarter

would give the Ramblers a 37-7 lead at the end of the third.

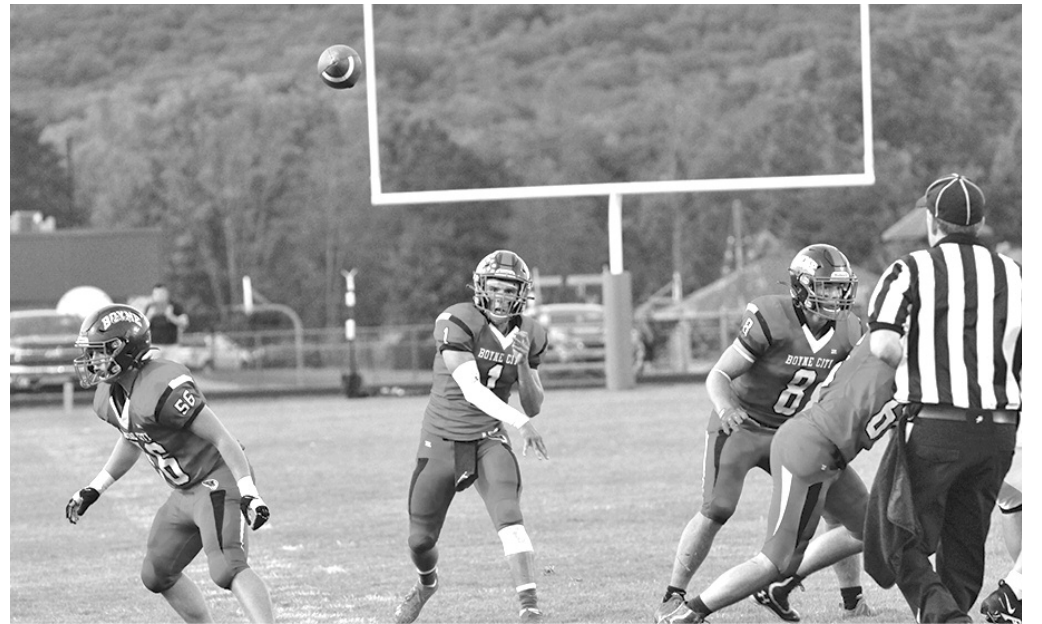
In the fourth quarter, the Ramblers would make it five straight drives that would end up in points as Jacob Bush would rush 2 yards into the end zone to put the Ramblers up 44-7. The Lakers would end up being able to add a field goal towards the end of the game. However, the Ramblers offense would just be too much. The Ramblers would get their third win by the final of 44-10.

The Ramblers would have Hoth have his third straight rushing game of over 100 yards. As he would have 11 carries for 103 yards and a touchdown. Bess would have 56 yards on 7 carries and a touchdown. Bess would also lead the way with receiving yards as well, as he would have 3 receptions for 52 yards and two touchdowns. Neer would go 7 for 10 for 162 yards and 3 touchdowns through the air. The defense would be led by Hoth and Bush with 7 tackles each. Bush would have 2 solo tackles and 5 assists. Hoth would have 3 solo tackles and 4 assists.

The Ramblers moved to 3-0 on the season and 2-0 in the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders division. The Ramblers will travel to play Harbor Springs on Friday, September 17.



Rambler Joey McHugh (2) is about to wrap up a Glen Lake runner on this play. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Boyne City quarterback, Jack Neer (1) had good protection by the offensive line as he unloads this pass. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

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FOOTBALL

Rayders roll over Saints

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Rayders would try to get back on track after a loss to rival Boyne City last week. The Rayders would host St. Ignace on Friday, September 10.

The Rayders would use this game to get the offense back on track. The Rayders would get their first score of the game on a connection



Charlevoix's #3 Patrick Sterrett scored the first touchdown of the game on a pass from Caleb Stuck. Photo by Scott Richards.

from Caleb Stuck to Patrick Sterrett for 19 yards. The Rayders would convert the two point try by Stuck connecting with Evan Solomon to make it 8-0. The Rayders would get their second score of the game from Landon Swanson on a 3 yard run. The Rayders would convert the two point try to make it 16-0. The Rayders would take a 24-0 lead on a Stuck to Solomon 11 yard connection. Which would be followed by a 2 yard rush by Swanson.

While the offense was clicking, the defense would get in the mix as well. Nate Claflin would get the Saints in the end zone and pick up a safety to make it 26-0. The Rayders offense would get back to their ways as Stuck connected to Solomon for 22 yards and a score. Swanson would convert another 2 point attempt on another rush of 2 yards. Swanson would get a touchdown on the ground for the Rayders as he would have a 4 yard rush. The two point conversion would be no good. The Rayders offense would cap off the game with an AJ Spiegel 6 yard rushing touchdown. The Rayders would miss the conversion and lead 46-0. The defense would pitch a shutout and secure their second game of the year.



Charlevoix's #21 Landon Swanson breaks a tackle after taking the handoff in the 4th quarter. Photo by Scott Richards.

The Rayders would put up 203 yards through the air by Stuck going 10-16 and 3 touchdowns. Sterrett would lead the receiving core with 3 receptions for 91 yards and a

score. The rushing attack was led by Stuck with 9 attempts for 59 yards. While Swanson would have 14 carries for 51 yards with 2 touchdowns and 2 two point

conversions. The defense would be led by Swanson with 8 tackles and 2 interceptions.

The win moves the Rayders to 2-1 on the season and

remain 0-1 in the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders division. They will travel to play Elk Rapids on Friday, September 17.

FOOTBALL

Red Devils rebound with win over Morenci

BY: DOM SANTINA

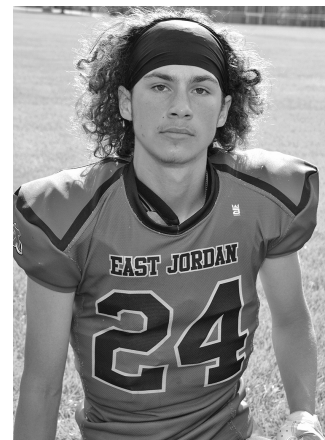
The East Jordan Football team would also look to be on the rebound after falling to Mancelona last week. The Red Devils would have a special game against Morenci on Saturday, September 11.

The game would be a low scoring matchup, as it would remain scoreless through the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Red Devils would be able to break through first as Tom Reid would complete a pass to Hayden Peck for 17 yards that ended in the end zone. The Red Devils would go for two and they would not be able to convert. The Bulldogs would respond just before halftime, as they would get a touchdown on a 13 yard rushing touchdown. The Red Devils would deny their two point attempt to hold the game at a 6-6 tie heading to halftime.

In the second half, with 3:57 seconds left to go in the third quarter, Reid completed a pass to Peck for a 4 yard touchdown. This time Reid would connect with Granger Kitson for the two point conversion. This would put the Red Devils up 14-6. That is all the offense they would need, as the Bulldogs could not put up another point. The Red Devils would pick up their second win of the season.

The team would be led through the air by Reid who went 15-29 for 162 yards 2 touchdowns and 1 interception. Carter Sherman led the ground attack with 9 carries for 68 yards. Peck would have 5 receptions for 66 yards and 2 touchdowns. Ethan Antaya led the defensive effort with 7.5 tackles.

"Defensively we played as well as we could have expected. Ryerson Whitaker and Ethan Antaya played as well as they have all year. I think we gave up something like 45 yards of total offense but we kept them going with a muffed punt and some penalties. Devon Olstrom and Wyatt Gotts stepped up big as well. Maybe the numbers don't show it, sometimes it was their effort and execu-

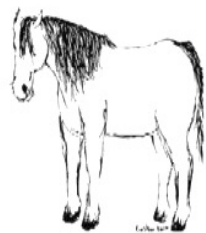


Hayden Peck would have 5 receptions for 66 yards and 2 touchdowns.

tion that made the play even if they didn't get the tackle. Zander Johncheck didn't play in the second half as a precaution and everyone just stepped up.

Offensively we went without Ethan Antaya most of the game also recovering from an issue and we wanted to try and limit his time. Hayden picked up where he left off, but Dawson Carey stepped in for Ethan and had a good game. We need to sustain our blocks a little better along the line if we want to get our running game going.

Over all it was a long bus ride going to Alma College to play, but it was fun to get onto a college field, play as well as we did defensively and come out with a win. Now we have to start stacking some wins together," said Head Coach Greg Kitson.



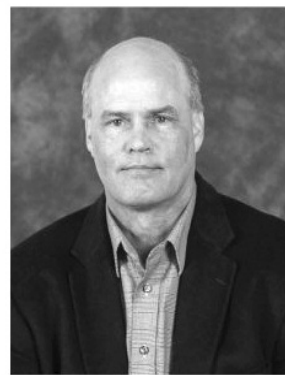
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5,000 Meters Jr/Sr Boys

Official Team Scores		
1.	Petoskey	31
2.	Elk Rapids	56
3.	Charlevoix	71
4.	Kalkaska	91
5.	Mackinaw City	102

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS BOYS

1.	12	Tyler Guggemos	17:08.20
2.	11	Cal Benjamin	17:08.64
3.	12	Samuel Smith	17:19.08
4.	12	Cooper Rokop	17:39.53
5.	12	Dominic Schwein	17:51.78
6.	12	Lance Smar	17:56.40
7.	12	Charlie Ward	18:17.74
8.	11	Gavin Towner	18:24.03
9.	11	Macartan Moore	18:35.81
10.	11	Zachary Maendel	18:36.60
11.	12	Reese Marvin	18:40.85
12.	10	Christian Kerfoot	18:50.98
13.	11	Lars Huffman	18:52.11
14.	12	Luke Shehigian	18:54.79
15.	11	James Descamps	18:56.86
16.	11	Caleb Kerfoot	18:58.54
17.	12	Hayden Moore	19:02.13
18.	12	Ty Pichan	19:02.89
19.	12	Ziebarth Caleb	19:11.66
20.	12	Matt Wilbert	19:12.92
21.	12	Blake Howard	19:27.15
22.	9	Max Ward	19:28.66
23.	12	John Sauer	19:29.09
24.	12	Cameron Ketchum	19:37.06
25.	11	Alex Feeley	19:43.09
26.	Sr	Ricky McMurray	19:51.95
27.	Jr	Guy Chamberlain	19:52.97
28.	Jr	Cooper Whipkey	19:58.11
29.	Jr	Jacob Drayer	20:05.01
30.	So	Seth Brown	20:05.05

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS GIRLS

1.	Sr	Noel Vanderwall	19:54.71
2.	Sr	Maye Burns	20:24.70
3.	Jr	Ava Maginity	20:28.36
4.	Sr	Caroline Farley	21:04.13
5.	Jr	Mia McDonald	21:58.43
6.	Jr	Maia Romeyn	22:03.13
7.	Sr	Molly Libby	22:05.04
8.	Jr	Ava Walsh	22:13.46
9.	Jr	Grace Thorpe	22:48.73
10.	Sr	Saturia Daykin	22:56.47
11.	Jr	Katelyn Drayer	23:11.35
12.	Jr	Kayla Switzer	23:17.15
13.	Sr	Alexandra Baron	23:39.90
14.	Jr	Rachel Descamps	23:52.91
15.	Sr	Julia Richter	24:01.01
16.	Sr	Claire Hayhurst	24:03.92
17.	So	Jada Schulte	24:14.11
18.	Jr	Raegan Lukes	24:15.29
19.	Jr	Josie Baker	24:19.01
20.	Sr	Elise Book	24:22.80
21.	So	Eva Pray	24:24.24
22.	Sr	Sarah Zamaites	24:29.42
23.	Sr	Catherine Leahy	24:30.35
24.	Fr	Hunter Schellenbarger	24:31.11
25.	Jr	Larissa Huffman	24:31.37
26.	Jr	Christine Whitaker	24:39.01
27.	Sr	Taylor Sheridan	24:39.05
28.	Sr	Hannah Jibson	24:39.11
29.	Sr	Mycah Heise	24:39.15
30.	Jr	Rachel Clausen	24:44.29

Mens 5,000 Meters 10th/9th Boys

1.	Petoskey	18
2.	Charlevoix	40

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS BOYS

1.	So	Shane Izzard	17:18.90
2.	So	Brady Odenbach	18:18.94
3.	So	Andrew Wheatley	18:27.06
4.	So	Dylan Odenbach	18:40.42
5.	So	Drew Moore	18:43.10
6.	So	Gavin Guggemos	18:48.61
7.	So	Teague Hartman	19:23.80
8.	So	Scott Bush	19:29.32
9.	Fr	David Dhaseleer	19:49.21
10.	So	Jaymes Wildfong	19:50.26
11.	Fr	Benjen Sheaffer	19:59.90
12.	So	Jack Lindwall	20:01.79
13.	So	Adam Williams	20:06.17
14.	So	Camden Moore	20:27.58
15.	So	Rylan Matelski	20:40.18
16.	Fr	Isaac Paga	20:47.30
17.	So	Tyler Deyoung	20:50.30
18.	Fr	Dominic Mitchell	21:01.86
19.	So	Iziah Potter	21:05.66
20.	So	Isaac Black	21:30.19
21.	Fr	Logan Wadkins	21:32.60
22.	So	Walker Martin	21:33.39
23.	Fr	Christian Hicks	21:36.42
24.	So	Logan Kihke	21:36.50
25.	So	Tristan Swanson	21:40.98
26.	So	Levi Benzinger	21:48.71
27.	So	Ethan Vann	21:59.70
28.	Fr	Peyton Thomasma	22:03.01
29.	Fr	Jacob Chamberlain	22:25.81
30.	So	Luke Ingalls	22:38.09

5,000 Meters 10th/9th Girls

1.	Petoskey	34	4.	Mancelona	114
2.	White Lake Lakeland	39	5.	Cheboygan	117
3.	Charlevoix	85	6.	Kalkaska	127

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS GIRLS

1.	So	Katie Rohrer	21:06.40
2.	So	CamBrie Corey	21:15.85
3.	So	Nora O'Leary	21:17.43
4.	Fr	Madeline Loe	21:50.25
5.	Fr	Natalie Joiner	22:06.66
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17.	Fr	Alena Tiernan	24:24.73
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CROSS COUNTRY

Ranblers get muddy at Charlevoix Mud Run

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Cross Country teams traveled to Charlevoix on Saturday, September 11. The team was missing a few kids which kept the teams from receiving a team score. It was a good experience for the team, as it was a new race for the Ramblers. The races would be split between 9/10 grade and 11/12 grade.

On the girls side, Ava Maginity would lead the way with a very close third place finish. Maginity would finish with an overall time of 20:24.

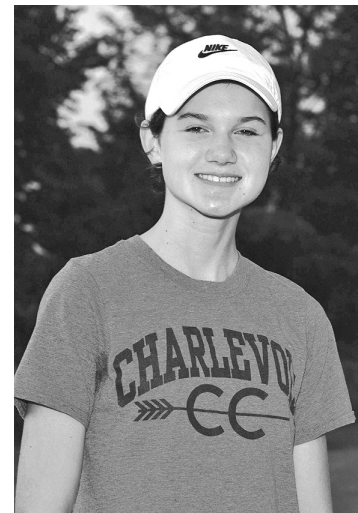
"I was really impressed with (Maginity's) mental focus today on a course that was probably a little out of her comfort zone. She kept her racing smarts together, and the confidence and experience she's gained over the years really showed," said Head Coach Chelsey Herrmann.

Rachel Clausen would be the second Rambler to finish, as she would come cross the line in 24:44, which was good enough for 30 place. Madelyn Sobleski would be the third Rambler to cross with a time of 27:21 for 51 place.

For the girls in the 9/10 grade



Ava Maginity would lead the way for the Rambler girls with a very close third place finish. Maginity would finish with an overall time of 20:24.



Charlevoix's Katie Rohrer won this division with a time of 21:06.40. Photo by Jodell Danbert

race Ellie Clausen would be the only female finisher for the Ramblers in 33:47 for 52 place.

On the Boys side, Timothy March would improve his best ever time by 30 seconds for 22:34 and would finish in 48 place. The second Rambler to cross would be Joseph Hockroth with a time of 24:08 for 56 place. Then Henry Blair would be the third Rambler to finish in 28:31 for 67 place. All of the boys would compete in the

11/12 grade race.

"We didn't have that experience with the course that other teams had, but I was so impressed with how our runners handled the mental and physical challenges today. They looked like veteran Mud Run racers out there," said Coach Herrmann.

The Ramblers will look to be at full strength when they head to the Indian River on Wednesday September 22.



The 11th & 12th grade Charlevoix boys placed third in the Mud Run. The 9th & 10th grade Charlevoix boys placed second in the Mud Run. Photo by Jodell Danbert



The 9th & 10th grade Charlevoix girls placed third in the Mud Run. Photo by Jodell Danbert



The 11th & 12th grade East Jordan girls placed fourth in the Mud Run. Photo by Jodell Danbert

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FOOTBALL

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE-LEADERS

TEAM	CONF	OVR
BOYNE CITY	2-0	3-0
MANCELONA	1-0	3-0
CHARLEVOIX	0-1	2-1
ELK RAPIDS	0-1	1-2
KALKASKA	0-0	1-2
GLEN LAKE	0-1	1-2

NORTH STAR LEAGUE

AU GRES-SIMS	3-0	3-0
HALE	1-0	1-2
MIO	1-1	2-1
HILLMAN	1-1	1-2
ATLANTA	1-2	1-2
W-P	1-2	1-2
ALCONA	0-0	2-1
POSEN	0-2	0-3

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

PELLSTON	2-0	3-0
GAYLORD ST MARY	2-0	2-1
ONAWAY	1-1	1-2
CENTRAL LAKE	0-2	1-2
BELLAIRE	0-2	0-3
FOREST AREA	0-2	0-3

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

PETOSKEY	1-0	3-0
TC WEST	1-0	3-0
TC CENTRAL	1-0	2-1
CADILLAC	0-1	2-1
GAYLORD	0-1	1-2
ALPENA	0-1	0-3

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE-LEGENDS

ST FRANCIS	3-0	3-0
KINGSLEY	1-0	3-0
GRAYLING	1-1	2-1
SAULT	1-1	2-1
BENZIE CENTRAL	1-1	1-2
CHEBOYGAN	0-1	1-2
OGEMAW HEIGHTS	0-1	1-2
TAWAS AREA	0-2	0-3

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE-LEGACY

FRANKFORT	2-0	2-1
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OSCODA	0-1	2-1
JOBURG-LEWISTON	0-2	0-3
ST IGNACE	0-1	0-3

S O C C E R

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

TEAM	CONF	OVR
GAYLORD	1-0	5-2
TC CENTRAL	1-0	5-2-1
TC WEST	1-0	3-2-2
PETOSKEY	0-1	6-2-2
ALPENA	0-1	6-3
CADILLAC	0-2	0-3-2

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

ELK RAPIDS	3-0	6-3-3
BOYNE CITY	3-0	6-4-2
CHARLEVOIX	2-2	4-4
HARBOR SPRINGS	1-2	2-7
GRAYLING	1-3	4-5
KALKASKA	0-4	3-6

NORTHERN MICH SOCCER LEAGUE

NORTH MICH CHR	7-0	9-0
GLADWIN	6-1	8-2-1
OGEMAW HEIGHTS	5-2	6-2
CHEBOYGAN	3-3	4-3
ROSCOMMON	3-4	3-4
CLARE	2-5	3-5-1
PINE RIVER	1-5	2-5
CROSSROADS	0-7	0-8

VOLLEYBALL

Rambler beat Chiefs for third straight year

BY: DOM SANTINA

Boyne City comes away with a thrilling 5 set match in Cheboygan for the third year in a row!

The Boyne City Ramblers Volleyball would travel to play Cheboygan on Tuesday, September 7.

The Ramblers would work to get a victory in the first set over the Chiefs 25-19. The Chiefs would put up a fight though as they would take set number two 25-20 and set number three 25-17. The Ramblers using the momentum they had at the end of the third set, would channel it in the fourth set. Morgan Dem-

ing, Grace Dawson and Bella Crosier would help the Ramblers make a comeback winning the fourth set 25-22.

In the fifth set, the Ramblers would jump out to a 9-5 lead over the Chiefs. The Chiefs would end up calling a time out. In the end the Ramblers would be able to have Deming up front and the last three balls each would find themselves her way, to help secure the win. The Ramblers would take the final set 15-10 for the overall victory.

"I don't know what it is about us and Cheboygan but we sure do like to give the fans a great game! The past three seasons we have gone 5

sets with them and luckily we have been on the winning set every time. I was disappointed in the slump we had in set three, but the way the girls were able to rally back in set four like nothing happened was refreshing and even more so being able to pull out set five was great! These girls love to play for each other and it shows in the enthusiasm they have on the court and the bench. It's a busy week for us and we have our conference opener on Thursday against Grayling and then make the long drive to Birch Run for their annual tournament. One more day of practice will hopefully give us

what we need to tweak a few things and be ready for a big weekend," said Head Coach Mallory Slate.

The team was led by: Dawson with 13 kills, 14 aces, 7 for 9 serve receptions, Deming with 11 kills, 3 blocks, Cosier: 23 digs, 12 for 13 serve receive, 20 for 20 serving, Ava Tarsi: 32 assists, 22 for 22 serving, 10 digs, 5 kills and Keni Ciesielski: 7 kills, 2 blocks.

The Ramblers will travel to play Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday, September 16. Then they be a matchup of two rivals and will be a great matchup, as the Rayders will host the Ramblers on Tuesday, September 21.

S O C C E R

Ramblers off to strong start in conference

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Boys Soccer team opened the Lake Michigan Conference schedule on the road as they traveled to play Harbor Springs on Tuesday, September 7.

HARBOR SPRINGS

The game would remain 0-0 during the first half of the game. The Ramblers would open the scoring in the second half with Austin Mercer scoring on an Amayo Bardiguez-Barrera assist. The Ramblers would end up being able to put another goal on the board. As Joel Carter would score off a Mercer assist. Nic Santina and Derek Work would combine for a shutout in the goal.

The win moves the Ramblers to 4-3 on the season and 1-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The team would then host Kalkaska on Thursday, September 9 at Boyne Mountain.

KALKASKA

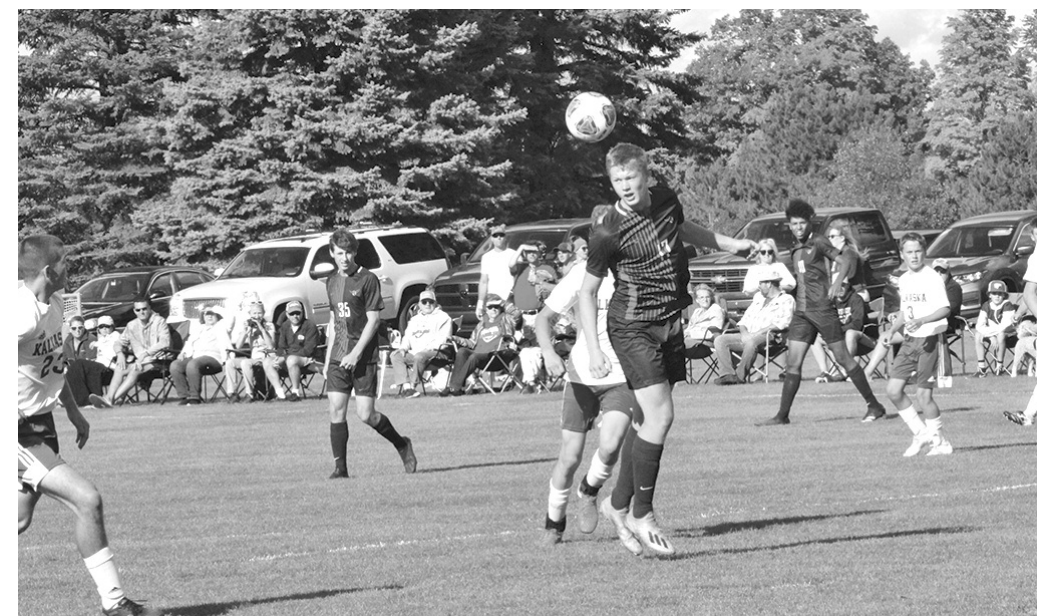
The Ramblers would get some big offense that they have not had yet this season. The scoring would be opened 12 minutes into the game when Mercer scored on a Word assist. Then it would be Word scoring assisted by Carter. Kaleb Lloyd with Bardiguez-Barrera picking up the assist. With just six minutes left in the first half, Matt Spate added to the score to make it 4-0 for the Ramblers.

In the second half, Word would open the scoring 11 minutes in with a Mercer assist. Word would pick up his fourth goal of the game to put the score to 7-0 off another Banner assist. The Ramblers would pick the win by the final of 7-0 over the Blazers. Santina would end up picking up the win in the goal and picking up a win.

The win moves the Ramblers to 5-3 on the season and 2-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The Ramblers would then travel to play in the Fall Showcase in Williamston. They would open the Showcase with a game against Grosse Ile.

GROSSE ISLE

The Ramblers would be on



Austin Mercer (17) connects on this header early on for the Ramblers vs Kalkaska. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Rambler Amayo Bardiguez-Barrera (6) maneuvers inside the box after gaining possession. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

their heels all game long. As the Red Devils would apply constant pressure on the Ramblers. The offense for the Ramblers would only be able to put 2 shots on goal. While Santina would stop 11 shots from the Red Devils to secure the tie. As both teams would not be able to get one on the board.

FLINT POWERS CATHOLIC

In the second game of the day, the Ramblers would find themselves down 6 minutes in, as the Chargers would beat the Ramblers and go up 1-0 early. That is what the score would be at halftime. However, in the final minute of the game, Word would break through and bury one from a Carter assist to tie the game at 1. Santina would end up making four saves in the

net. While the Ramblers would have three shots on goal.

COLDWATER

The final game of the day was against Coldwater. The Ramblers would open the scoring three minutes in when Reese Bey scored a Banner assist. The Cardinals would respond with two goals of their own, at the four-minute mark and the 24-minute mark. The Cardinals would lead 2-1 at the halftime break.

In the second half, the Cardinals would add another goal just five minutes in. The Ramblers would be able to close within one as Work would score. The Cardinal's attack would be too much as they would post 8 shots on goal. The Cardinals would

beat the Ramblers 3-2. After the three games on Saturday, September 11. The Ramblers overall record moves to 5-4-2

CHARLEVOIX

The Ramblers would get back into conference play on Monday, September 13. The Ramblers would host Charlevoix for the first matchup between the rivals this season. The Ramblers would have an onslaught on the Rayders net, as they would put up 12 shots on goal. Mercer would open the scoring just three minutes into the game with an assist from Carter. As the game would start to head towards halftime, Mercer would find the back of the net again as Carter would find him for their second points each. The Ramblers would lead 2-0 at the halftime break.

In the second half, the Ramblers would be able to add a third goal late in the half. As Word would score unassisted to put the Ramblers up 3-0. Santina would post a shutout in goal to help the Ramblers take a 3-0 win over the Rayders.

The win moves the Ramblers to 6-4-2 on the season and 3-0 start to the LMC season. The Ramblers will be back in action on Thursday, September 16 when they host Elk Rapids. The Ramblers will then travel to play Cheboygan on Saturday, September 18. Then they will travel to Grayling on Monday, September 20 to play the Vikings.

Rayders drop two conference matchups

BY DOM SANTINA

The Rayders started the recent week by hosting Elk Rapids on Tuesday, September 7.

ELK RAPIDS

The Rayders would want to forget this game as the Elks would have their number from the start of the game. The Elks would end up beating the Rayders by a final score of 8-0.

GRAYLING

The Charlevoix Rayders soccer team welcomed Grayling on Thursday, September 9. This would be for the annual Noah's Ark game which started in 2015. The game each year honors Noah Boss, a 6-month-old boy of Jon and Laura Boss who passed away in 2015. The series had been tied at 3 wins apiece heading into this weekend.

The game would start off as a tight matchup through the first half as it would remain 0-0. In the second half, Emmett Bergmann found him-

self with a free-kick outside the 18 and snuck it by the Viking's Keeper and into the bottom right corner. The Rayders would add a second goal late in the game as Sam Pletcher buried it to secure a 2-0 win over the Vikings for the Rayders.

BOYNE CITY

The Rayders would look to try and get another Lake Michigan Conference win. The Rayders would find themselves down early. As the Ramblers would have a shot from 30 yards out that

got by keeper Ryan Pearl. The Ramblers would tack on a couple goals and the Rayders would be defeated 3-0. The loss moves the Rayders to 4-4 on the season and 2-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Rayders will regroup as they prepare for the rest of the week. The Rayders will host Kalkaska on Thursday, September 16. Then they will host Kingsley on Friday, September 17 and will host Harbor Springs on Monday, September 20.

VOLLEYBALL

Rayders roll over Saints

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Rayders volleyball team opened their Lake Michigan Conference season against Harbor Springs on Thursday, September 9.

HARBOR SPRINGS

The Rayders would have no trouble against the Rams. As they would win set number one 25-10. They would dominate game number two and number three by scores of 25-6 and 25-9. The Rayders would be led by: Grace Lentz finished with 13 kills, 3 digs, Taylor Petrosky 24/24 serving, 4 aces, Claire Scholten 18 assists, 3 aces, Patria Muriel 10 digs, 5 aces and Kylie Rice 3 aces, 5 assists.

“We worked on a game plan the last two days of practice and really it was about taking care of the ball on our side of the court in very specific plays. I think we accomplished our goal,” said Head Coach Audra Randall.

The win moves the Rayders to 12-1-1 on the season and 1-0 in the LMC.

The Rayders would travel to play in a tournament in Manton on Saturday, September 12. The Rayders would have a very busy day. It was a six-team round-robin starting with Mancelona.

MANCELONA

The Rayders would start their first matchup with a 25-10 victory in set number 1, then would win set number 2 by a score of 25-11 to win the matchup. That would set them up to Onekema in their second match up.

ONEKEMA

The Rayders would not have as easy of a time as they did with the Ironmen. The Rayders would hold on to

take the first set 25-21. Then would take the second set by the same score as well. This would make them 4-0 on the day. They would then get a matchup against Frankfort.

FRANKFORT

The Rayders would get to continue the run they were on. They would beat the Panthers in set number one by a score of 25-14. The second set would be easier for the Rayders as they would win by a score of 25-6. That would match them up with Grand Traverse Academy.

GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY

The Rayders would continue to dominate the round robin as they would win the first set 25-17 and then would take the second set by a score of 25-12. They would finish the round robin at 10-0. That would set them up for the tournament.

MANCELONA

The Rayders would face the first team they saw to start the round robin. The Rayders would come out and continue to handle business. They would win the first set 25-9 and then would win the second set 25-10. This would move the Rayders to 12-0 in sets on the day and into the championship game.

MANTON

The Rayders would end up facing Manton in the championship game. The Rangers would challenge the Rayders in set number one as they would get a 16-14 lead. Scholten and Petrosky would help lead a comeback to win the set 25-20. The Rayders would continue to be aggressive in set number two. The Rayders would not lose one of the sets and sweep the day, which ended in the champi-



The Charlevoix Volleyball team won 14 straight games at the round robin tournament in Manton last weekend. Courtesy photo

onship.

The Rayders were led by Lentz with 63 kills, and also 30/33 on serve receive, 11

aces; Petrosky 38 kills, 19/20 on serve receive, 15 aces, 76/77 serving; Patria Muriel 83 digs, 55/58 on serve re-

ceive, 18 aces and Scholten 114 assists, 37 digs, 15 aces. The Rayders move to 19-1-1 on the season and 1-0 in the

LMC. They will be back in action on Tuesday, September 14 at Traverse City St. Francis.

Loggers start conference play with wins

BY: DOM SANTINA

HARBOR LIGHT CHRISTIAN

The Boyne Falls Loggers would be back in action on Tuesday, September 7. As they would travel to play Harbor Light Christian.

The team would get off to a solid start as they would roll over Harbor Light with a 25-10 win in game number one over the Swordsman. However, the Logger would drop set number two by a final score of 25-23. As the sets were tied 1-1, the Loggers would get back into the swing of things as they would take set number three 25-20 and set number four 25-19 to take the overall win.

The win would once again come in part due to some good serving as they were at 90 percent as a team. The team led by Cheyanne Sayles contributed 28 assists and Zbacnik added 17 assists. Alice Loper ran the net with 20 hits, 3 kills, 2 blocks; Lillian Fenske added 18 hits and 1 kill; Maddison Loper racked up another 16 hits, 5 kills and 1 block. Smith and Zbacnik added a kill each.

The win moves the Loggers to 2-1 on the season overall, while picking up their first win in the Northern Lakes Conference this year, making their conference record 1-0.

ALANSON

The Loggers would then host Alanson on Friday, September 10. The game would have a little bit of a delay due to a power outage. The Loggers would struggle off the start of the matchup.

This would allow the Vikings to get ahead and take set number one. The Vikings would win the set by a score of 25-22. The Loggers would come back strong in set number two. The Loggers would win the second set by a score of 25-14. The Loggers would show that they were the superior team as they would take the third set 25-16 and the fourth set 25-7. The Loggers would take the overall win and their second conference win of the season.

“The night started with a very brief stall due to some last minute position changes but the girls very quickly overcame the challenge. I was extremely proud of their attitude and their work ethic tonight. They set out to

prove that it takes a team and they absolutely did,” said Head Coach Kate Stolarski.

The Loggers were led in serving by Mackenzie Smith and Hannah Haug at 100 percent. The Loggers were led in setting by Sayles and Zbacnik with 48 and 27 assists each. Fenske would lead the team in hitting with 29 hits and one kill. Fenske would also lead the defensive side of the ball with 39 digs.

The Loggers moved to 3-1 on the season and 2-0 in the NLC.

Cheyenne Sayles contributed 28 assists in the Harbor Light game and 48 assists in the win over Alanson. Photo by Nancy Wind



Photo by Nancy Wind

Red Devils pick up win over Blazers

BY: DOM SANTINA

The East Jordan volleyball team would play Kalkaska on Thursday, September 9 for a Lake Michigan Conference matchup.

The Red Devils would have the advantage in the first set, as they would hold on for a 25-19 win over the Blazers. In the second set, it would be more of the same, as the Red Devils would win the set 25-18. That is exactly the same score of the third set, which would give the Red Devils the overall win.

The Red Devils would be led by Kylie Skrocki with 17 kills and would be followed by Sophie Snyder with 8 kills. El-lionia Leaman would lead the way with 17 assists, second on the team would be Skrocki with 9.

“I am overall really pleased with how the team played tonight, the out of system play is improving as is the cover and communication,” said Head Coach Laura Snyder.

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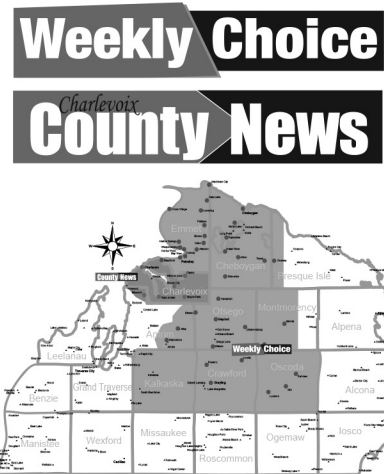
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2021 MASTER PLAN**

The Boyne Valley Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to accept comments on its 2021 Township Master Plan on October 4, 2021, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Boyne Valley Township Hall at 2489 Railroad Street, Boyne Falls. The draft Master Plan is available on-line at www.boynervalleytwp.org. A printed copy can be viewed at the Boyne Valley Township office in Boyne Falls during regular hours. For additional information, contact Township Supervisor Sue Hobbs at (231) 549-3130. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the public hearing to: Supervisor Sue Hobbs, 2489 Railroad Street, P.O. Box 191, Boyne Falls, MI 49713 or emailed to: supervisor@boynervalleytwp.org.

**NOTICE OF REVISED
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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.

**Charlevoix County Commissioners
Synopsis ~ August 25, 2021**

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on August 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #21-093, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved The Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement. 6.0

Motion to appoint Pat Klooster to the Road Commission Board. 6.0

Motion approved Resolution #21-094, Public Hearing Notice.

Motion approved Resolution #21-095, 2021/22 P.A. 416 Grant Application Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #21-096, Surveyor Contracts.

Resolution #21-097, Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Center HVAC - Withdrawn.

Motion approved Resolution #21-098, MIDC FY 2021/2022 Contract Amendment.

Motion approved Resolution #21-099, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant Contract Extension.

Motion approved Resolution #21-100, Veterans Affairs Food Vouchers.

Motion approved Resolution #21-101, Project Authorization FY 2021 Section 5311 Capital Formula Grants for Rural Area Programs.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 7:17 p.m.

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

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The City of East Jordan Parks and Recreation Department hosts Fall Fest on Saturday, September 25th with a full lineup of live music, food, beer & wine tent, softball tournament, trick-or-treating and much more. Check their Facebook page for more details at East Jordan Fall Fest 2021. Take a guided paddle down the beautiful Jordan River with Jordan Valley Outfitters. For more information contact JVO at 231-536-0006. Visit the East Jordan Historical Society Museum located in City Hall (201 Main Street) on September 25, October 2 and October 9 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The 13th Annual Breezeway Fall Color Cruises will be held on three Saturdays, September 25, October 2 and October 9. Color tour participants pick up “goodie bags” filled with trip tips, color tour maps, coupons and other surprises at Royal Farms Winery in Atwood between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM on those days. Participants then proceed at their own pace along C-48 - The Breezeway - stopping, shopping, dining or enjoying a nature hike at one of the three preserves along the route. End the experience at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls with a complimentary chair-lift ride for a breathtaking view atop the mountain.



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Several other events will be taking place along the Breezeway on Saturday, September 25th. Adults and children are invited to the Jordan River Arts Council “Chalk on the Walk” to draw on the sidewalk. The Jordan River Arts Council will also be open to the public for the “Members Art” Exhibit and the Gift Shop will be open.

The JRAC events will take place from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The Jordan River Arts Council is located at 301 Main Street, East Jordan.

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Admission to the event is free for the general public. Entry fee is \$10 per vehicle. There is no early sign-up period. Gates open at 9 a.m. the day of the event for vehicle registration. Trophies will be awarded to the Best of Show, Best Modern Car, and Best Classic Car at 12:30 p.m. with door prizes given out during the day. For more info, call (231) 348-5479 or email alavigne@emmetcounty.org. All proceeds go to the Emmet County Parks & Recreation Department for continued upkeep of county parks and trails.

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