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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER, 14, 2021

New grant may be available for marine expansion

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Boyne City - At the September 14 Boyne City Commission meeting, commissioners and a room full of spectators began the meeting by recognizing the passing of one of the city's firefighters with a moment of silence, approved a change

order in the sum of \$48.560 for continued renovations at the River Mouth Rest Room and Pump Station, heard updates concerning a potential grant that could fund the majority of the proposed marina expansion project and changed the September 22 meeting date from a noon meeting to a 7 p.m. evening meeting.

Twenty-nine year veteran of the Boyne City Fire Department, Leon Bush, passed away at age 59. Those in attendance at the meeting observed a moment of silence after Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury gave a brief tribute. "It is a great loss for the department and the commu-

He will be hard to replace,"

concluded Amesbury "His name will be added to the Firemen's Memorial in Roscommon, MI. All city flags have been set at half-

Harbor Master Barb Brooks gave report on the August 17th marine expansion informational meeting

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President and CEO of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, David Emmel presented city leaders with a plaque commemorating the city's outstanding leadership and support of economic and community development. City Manager Michael Cain, Mayor Tom Neidhamer, and President and CEO NLEA David



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Paddle Antrim Choose Your Own Adventure draws 175 paddlers

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Ellsworth - The chooseyour-own-adventure paddle event that spans the relatively new 42 mile Chain of Lakes Water Trail launched its 6th annual quest this past weekend with 175 paddlers and fair skies.

Thursday night, September 16, paddlers arrived at the Ellsworth River Park to register and were greeted with multiple welcome tents, music by Hazel James and food. Friday morning they launched like spreading specks of color into the lake. "It's a beautiful paddle with a whole bunch of people that like to do what we do," said 4 year Antrim Paddle veteran, Tom Luidens from Grand Rapids.

Each paddler could choose to go anywhere from 7 to the full 42 mile route on mainly flat water with slightly rougher waters toward the end. Seventeen miles down the trail, the bulk of the procession landed in Bellaire and were greeted at Richardi Park, to a block



The 42 mile Chain of Lakes Water Trail launched its 6th annual quest this past weekend

party hosted by the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce. Music by Peter and Leslee and outdoor games accompanied with complimentary beer from Short's Brewery. Paddlers with the stamina to tackle another day on the water, launched Saturday morning to the longest portion of the event landing in

Elk Rapids and once again greeted with a party in their honor. The celebration held at the Short's Brewery Pull Barn which is open to everyone, not just paddlers, included local brews and live music. "We had an incredible time at the 6th Annual Paddle Antrim Festival," said Deana

Jerdee, Executive Director Paddle Antrim. "It is a pleasure to host new and returning paddlers to explore our incredible lakes and communities and share the importance of why and how to protect our waterways in the

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Boyne City will celebrate its autumn bounty at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 25 - and online vendor registration is now open. This family fun day will include music, crafts, children's ac-

Visit the Boyne City

Harvest Festival

September 25th

tivities, food and fall produce in the downtown area from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. As the extended Farmers Market will be moved downtown from Veterans Park, portions of Water and Lake Streets will be closed to traffic.

There will be a Scarecrow Contest organized by the Boyne Area Chamber. There will be children's games and activities sprinkled around town. The festival is supported by the Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber.

SCARECROW CONTEST

White and Blue

• Judging will be done by the public during Harvest Festival on September 25, 2021 via Facebook!

• The Scarecrow Contest is open to any business, organization, student/kids, and resident/individual.

· Scarecrows can be free-standing or attached to lampposts or trees with twine or plastic ties.

PLEASE NO WIRE OR TAPE! • No need for an Entry form! Just email us your name, your business or organization, the location of your scarecrow and in-

clude a photo. • Plan to create your scarecrow the week of Monday, September 20th and be done by Saturday, September 25th.

· Photo of completed scarecrow and location is required to be officially entered in the contest. info@bovnechamber.com.

 Award categories are: Business | Organization | Student/Kids | Resident/Individual. The winner of each category will be determined by most votes on the chamber's Facebook page.

· All contestants are responsible for removing their scarecrows by Monday, November 8, 2021. If you do not have a Facebook

account, just call the chamber office to vote. Please leave a message telling us your favorite and it's lo-Harvest Fest Help Needed

If you like helping children play games, please Jump In to the Boyne City Harvest Fest fun on Saturday September 25th.

We are seeking volunteers for morning or afternoon shifts to assist with kid's games.

Volunteers help make Boyne City the place we all want to live. Please come support this family friendly community event!

Contact: gbattista5@icloud.com

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HIGH: 65 LOW: 46

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James Martin Arrigo, 68

(FEB. 3, 1953 - SEPT. 8, 2021)

James Martin Arrigo, age 68, of North East passed away on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. He was born in Erie on February 3, 1953, son

of the late Russell F. Arrigo and Evelyn M. Weed Arn-

Jim is survived by three children: Lynn Pope (Justin), Jamie Arrigo, and Joshua Arrigo; five grandchildren; eight siblings: Ron Surgener (Phyllis), Don Surgener (Coleen), Jenise Morgante (Charles), Jimmy Dale Norris (Nancy), Russell Arrigo (Stacey), Michael Arrigo (Annie), Louis Cooney (Shari), and Tom Cooney (Deb); as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Joyce Arrigo

Jim was a 1972 graduate of East Jordan High School in Michigan. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War era. He retired from Verizon after 35 years of service as a repair lineman, and upon retirement, worked part-time at Lake View Country Club. Jim was a loyal Green Bay Packers fan. He was an avid golfer and was a member of the Tuesday evening Lakeside golf league He was a devoted Christian and follower of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and a faithful media member of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries on the SonLife Broadcast Network. Jim will be remembered as a dedicated father and grandfather, who deeply loved and cherished his fam-

A Celebration of Life for Jim will be held at Lakeside Golf Course, 10773 West Lake Rd., Ripley, NY on Saturday, September 25th from 10 AM -1 PM. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Dusckas-Taylor Funeral Home & Cremation Services 5151 Buffalo Rd., Harborcreek.

Norma J (Zimmerman) Johnecheck, 73

(JAN, 29, 1948 - SEPT, 16, 2021)

Norma J Johnecheck of Boyne City passed away on September 16. 2021 with her daughter Vicki Hall by her side.



The daughter of Clifford and Mary Zimmerman, Norma was born at home in Boyne City on January 29, 1948. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1966. In 1966 she married her sweetheart Bill M Hall and together they had three daughters, Tamra, Kerry and

Vicki. In 1989 Norma met and married Floyd Johnecheck and after 24 years of marriage Floyd predeceased her in death on May 3, 2013. Together they spent their days fishing, canning, baling hay and farming the fields and stopping at all garage sales. Within the last two years Norma learned how to crochet and made endless afghans for family members. Anyone who knows Norma

knew what a work ethic she had, no matter how much pain she was in with her arthritis she kept going and never gave up. She passed this on to her daughters. Norma loved life and lived simply. She never judged anyone and everyone she met was a friend. Growing up in our home we were always taught to help everyone you can. She would have given

anyone the shirt off her back. Norma held various roles throughout her life from daycare provider to working in the retail industry and ending her career at Glen's markets where she made fast friends. Her most rewarding role she would always say was raising her three girls who meant the world to her. She was always so proud of them and their accomplishments.

Surviving are her three daughters Tamra (Adam). Kerry (Dave) Peck, and Vicki (Carl) all of Boyne City. Many grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Sister Mary Ann Baker, Brothers Bill Zimmerman and Henry (Alice) Zimmerman.

She was predeceased by her parents, former husband Bill M Hall (They remained friends until Bill's passing in 1995), Husband Floyd, her sister Bernie Debaene, Brother n law Lee Debaene, Brother n law Allen Baker, brother Clyde Zimmerman, sister n law Joan, sister n law Shirley Zimmerman, sister n law Nancy Zimmerman and an infant brother Seth, as well as infant granddaughter Haven Everyly VanFossen.

The family would like to thank David Skornia who our mom always said she thought of as a son, Orville and Sharon Raynor who were not only her neighbors but also her good friends.

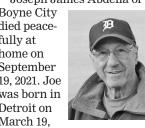
Our mom wanted everyone to remember that she was always a hard worker and that she loved her 3 daughters very much.

A funeral will be held 11am Wednesday, September 22nd at Stackus Funeral Home with Pastor David Behling of-

Joseph James Abdella, 86

(MARCH 19, 1935 - SEPT. 19, 2021) Joseph James Abdella of

Boyne City died peacefully at home on September 19, 2021. Joe was born in Detroit on March 19,



1935, to James and Mary Abdella. With his three siblings, he was raised on Detroit's east side, where he helped work in the family store in Eastern Market. He graduated from St. Charles High School in 1952

When he was 17, Joe enlisted in the U.S. Army—a chapter in his life that proved to be formative. It was, he said, during his time in the service that he began to think about the world and his place in it. After completing his service in 1955, Joe attended night school at the University of Detroit and Wayne State University on the GI Bill. He graduated from Wayne State with a degree in accounting. Over the next thirty-five years, he led a successful business career in the automotive sector as the owner of Riverside Metal Products. During this time, Joe served on the Board of

Directors for People's Bank of Port Huron and he was a member of the Algonac Lions Club and Rotary Club.

While living and working in Adrian in 1967, Joe met the love of his life and his best friend, Mary Ellen. They married in 1969 and raised four children in a loving home in Algonac. In a career second act, Joe and Mary owned and ran art galleries in Port Huron and, later, Shelby Township—often with Joe's brother John at their side. In 2003, Joe and Mary moved to Boyne City, a community they love and in which they created an active life that included volunteering, camping, the arts, and travel.

Joe had a passion for the natural world and a love of the outdoors. He often strived to capture the beauty of nature through his paintings and photography. He was an active member of the Crooked Tree Arts community in Petoskey. He shared his beautiful artwork generously and it brought him a great deal of satisfaction to donate his work to support different local charities. For many years, he also supported the drama program at Boyne City High School, creating beautiful, elaborate sets for the annual school play.

Joe was kind, generous, and funny. Throughout his life, he was, above all, good and decent. He was dedicated to his family and could always be counted on to listen and offer sound advice (much of which was right—sometimes to the chagrin of his children). Until the end, he remained as determined as ever to live life his own way. Even when death was near, he focused his attention—and that of everyone around him-not on the sadness of leaving us, but on his joy and gratitude for a life well-lived and well-loved.

Joe is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Ellen, his children Kathy Stuart (Gary), Kaczor), Michael Abdella (Amy), and Jennifer Abdella (Charles Benjamin) and their families, his sister Ida Abdelnour (Dennis) and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Joe was blessed with and loved eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers John and Edward Abdella, and his

grandson Daniel Willneff. On Saturday September 25, there will be visitation at 10am followed by a memorial mass celebrating Joe's life at 11am at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City.

A second memorial mass and celebration of life with family and friends in the Detroit area will be held on Tuesday, September 28 at St. Joan of Arc in St. Clair Shores at 10am. (visitation at 9:30am)

A private burial will follow in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to your favorite charity.

Shirley Ann (Green) Crozier, 83

(AUG. 8, 1938 - SEPT. 12, 2021)

Shirley Ann Crozier (Green) of Boyne City passed away peacefully September 12,

Shirley was



born in Gurdon, Arkansas and was the daughter of Iva and James Orville Green. She graduated from North Little Rock High and went on to become Ms. North Little Rock. Later she attended Secretarial School and worked at the Little Rock State Capital. Shirley met her husband Harvey Crozier, Jr while he was in the Air Force. They married and moved back to Boyne City.

As an active member of the Order of the Eastern Stars, Shirley gained the rank of Grand Organist for the Grand Family. Her children often fell asleep to her playing the organ at bedtime.

Shirley worked as an administrative assistant for Northern Michigan Electric, Lexamar, and Boyne Mountain. She started the Range Riders 4-H Horse Club when her children were young and influenced many of the area's youth with her horse expertise for over 20 years. Shirley later went on to become a horse show judge. Shirley was instrumental in organizing Ladies Day at the Range at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. She also served on the Boyne City School Board for many years.

Shirley will be remembered for her loving and giving nature and her kind soul. A generous spirit, she touched many during her lifetime. She especially loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She and her husband Harv never missed a sporting event, quickly becoming everyone's fill-in grandparents and cheerleaders. She could be found delivering food before long bus rides, cheering from the outfield, sidelines, or bleachers and always had hugs, pats on the back, and treats for the team. She loved spoiling her grandchildren with candies, hugs, and days on the pontoon fishing or tossing around a ball. She is most famous for her "pie-obbler" (was it pie or cobbler?), bread, being an expert at hiding the infamous pickle ornament on the Christmas tree, and for her yodel montage while cleaning the house.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 64 years, Harvey Crozier, Jr.; their 4 children Ed Crozier, Doug Crozier, Cinda (Todd) Shumaker, and Keisha (Dave) Crozier-Krumm; and 6 grandchildren Cheyenne Shumaker, Kolbi Shumaker, Emma Shumaker, Kimberly Crozier, Charlena Crozier and Tucker Krumm: and her puppy Bella Reuger.

At Shirley's request, there will be no funeral services but a private family burial will be held.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her memory to fighting Alzheimer's at alz.org then click Donate.

And yes, mom, we will always remember to "pray for the troops every Thanksgiving and Christmas!"

Shirley will be missed beyond measure.

Kori Renee Mathers, 27

(JULY 28, 1994 - SEPT. 11, 2021)

Our beautiful girl was set free. Kori was a loving mother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, aunt.

cousin, and most of all, friend.

Kori enjoyed being mom most of all to her son, Zavier. Growing up, she enjoyed several sports, including softball, volleyball, cheerleading and swimming. She loved flowers and gardening with her mom and gram.

Kori had a drive and passion to help others through their own personal struggles.

Kori is survived by her son, Zavier Fiel; parents John and Jen (Mathers) Tieber; brothers Jared Mathers, Jaymason Tieber; sisters Calli Mathers, Haylee Tieber, Bree (Taylor) Fulkerson, and Jaide Tieber; grandparents John and Linda Mathers; aunts, uncles and cousins Becky, Aaron, Whitney, Zack, Basia, Jonathan, Michael.

Preceded in death by uncle Jonathan Mathers, aunt Renee Mathers and Grandma Toni Gunderson.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM on October 2, 2021 at Petoskey Church Of Christ, 308 Monroe Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 with Pastor Roy Angel officiating.

Donna Marie (Theriault) Theibert, 74

(MAY 9, 1947 - SEPT. 19, 2021)

Donna Marie Theibert died on Sunday morning at her home in Jordan Township, Antrim County, MI. She was

born on May 9, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Walter and Nadeen

(Craft) Theriault. On September 1, 1972, at St. John Catholic Church in Fenton, Michigan, she married

Harvey Theibert. Donna had worked for the Detroit Police Department as a crossing guard for four years. She also had been the Jordan Township Clerk for several years and retired earlier this year due to illness. She volunteered at the Care & Share Food Pantry in East Jordan, Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan as well as several local catholic churches.

She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Mancelona. Donna enjoyed any type of crafting.

Donna is survived by a loving husband, Harvey Theibert of Jordan Township, Antrim County; four sons, James (Judy) Theibert of Perry, MI, David (Martha "Becky") Theibert of Hampton, Virginia, William (Penny) Theibert in Fowlerville, MI and Harold (Jill) Theibert of Durand; ten grandchildren, Hunter, Danielle, Tayshia, Ty, Trent, Teela, Drew, Charla, Harold,

Jr. "JT" and Renee. She was

preceded in death by her par-

ents and one brother,

Michael Theriault.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 11am at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Mancelona. Rev. Fr. Chet Collins will officiate. Interment will follow at St. Johns Nepomucene Praga Cemetery in Jordan Township, Antrim County, MI.

The family will received friends on Thursday from 9am until service time at the church. A rosary service will be held on Thursday at 10am at church

Memorial contributions may be directed to AdvisaCare Home Health & Hospice, 220 E Garfield Ave, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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

Timothy Noirot, 54

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 It is with sadness that we

announce the death of Timothy Lee Noirot of Charlevoix, who passed away on September 20, 2021, at the age of 54.



He is preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Noirot and sister Tami Rost. He is survived by his father Alva Noirot and six siblings.

Those who attended high school with him may remember his beautiful singing voice and quick wit. Tim lived life on his own terms often doing the unconventional and unexpected. Tim was an organ donor, and through his gift of his corneas and eye tissue to Eversight, he may bring vision to two individuals.

His last wish was to send money to St. Jude's Hospital. Donations may be made in his honor to stjude.org.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix

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Boyne City Public Schools looking to appoint new board member

A vacancy for a seat on the Boyne City Board of Education is now open. Alison Mellon has resigned her seat effective September 20, 2021. Per Board Policy 2404, the Board will have 30 days to appoint a resident over the age of 18 to fill the seat until the next regularly scheduled election in November of 2022.

The appointment will be made at a special Board meeting on October 11, 2021 Board meeting. During this meeting, the Board will interview all interested candidates. It is suggested that all interested candidates meet with the Superintendent prior to the meeting to answer any questions candidates may have about being a Board member. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and any supporting documents that may help the Board make a decision on a candidate's capacity to serve the District as a Board member.

Letters of interest are due by Wednesday, October 8th. Email the letter of interest to Tammy Patrick (email: tpatrick@boyne.k12.mi.us) All materials received will be distributed to Board members for review.

Citizens who have questions should contact Superintendent Patrick Little at (231)439-8191 or email at plittle@boyne.k12.mi.us

BOYNE CITY BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

• A vacancy is available on the Boyne City Board of Education, the Board has 30 calendar days to fill the vacancy. In this case, Alison Mellon resigned her seat on September 20, 2021, therefore the Board has until October 20, 2021, to appoint someone.

• If a vacancy still exists after 30 days, the vacancy shall then be filled by the intermediate school district (ISD).

• Boards have the authority to fill the vacancy by appointment as long as a majority of the

board seats remain occupied (which is the case for this appointment).

· Because neither the Revised School Code nor the Election Code dictates the process used by a Board in appointing a new member, the method of filling the vacancy should be clearly outlined in a Board's bylaws. The procedures adopted by a board, however, must be consistent with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. When a committee or a board meets to reduce the pool of candidates, the meeting must be open to the public. BCPS policy 2404 may be viewed with this link: https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/B ook/965?docTypeId=39424&fil e=6f899aa5-e123-4ec7-816d-828f56b8cdb4

• To interview the candidates, the interviews must be conducted during an open session. And, when a Board makes its final decision and appoints a person to fill the vacancy, the vote must be taken in such a way that a person attending the open meeting can see how each Board member voted. This can be done at a regularly scheduled meeting or a special meeting.

• Within three days after the appointment is made, the secretary of the Board must notify the school district election coordinator, in writing, of the name, address, and office of the person who vacated the office as well as the person filling the office. (Alison was the Secretary so a new member will have to be appointed by the President).

• The newly appointed Board member must file an acceptance of office (within 10 business days after the appointment) and take the oath of office prescribed by law. A copy of the acceptance of office must also be forwarded to the school district election coordinator.

The appointee serves until a successor is elected and qualified to fill out the remainder of the office's unexpired term, if any. The unexpired term is placed on the ballot at the next election unless the vacancy occurs within 90 days of that election, which would result in the appointee serving until the election the following year, and the unexpired term is then placed on that ballot.

BCPS Board Member In-

1. BCPS meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. In a typical year, Board members also attend special Board meetings and committee meetings totaling approximately 12-16 meetings per year. Board members are also asked to attend functions with staff or the community

at times.

2. Weekly, Board members receive communication from the Superintendent on important matters. Board members are asked to review all materials sent to them.

3. Prior to each board meeting, Board members receive the Board packet, which includes all the documents related to topics within the Board agenda. Board members are asked to review all materials sent to them and to communicate with the Superintendent about questions prior to the meeting. This can take up to one hour to review for most Board members.

4. Board members receive an official email address from the district so they collaborate on documents with staff and/or other Board members.

Turkeys for Thanksgiving

The chase is on. Let's round up those Northern Michigan Turkeys for Thanksgiving and put them on the plates of those in need in the Boyne City area. A \$20.00 donation will provide a family with all of the fixings for a complete Thanksgiving meal.

Ways that you can donate: 1. Drop off your check or cash at Pat O'Brien and Associates Real Estate in Boyne City now through the month of October.

2. Mail your tax deductible check to Good Neighbors Food Pantry, PO Box 35, Boyne City, MI 49712

3. Donate online at www.goodneighborsboyne.o rg

With your help, the Good Neighbors Food Pantry will have enough turkeys for all who shop at the pantry. Good Neighbors is blessed to be in our 6th year of service to our neighbors.



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Cheyana Spang

GRADE: 7th

PARENT'S NAME(S): Dan & Lisa Spang

FUTURE PLANS: Horse camp in the summer; college after H.S. graduation, possibly for teaching

FAVORITE BOOK: Rick Riordan's Magnus Chase series

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Basketball, riding horses, & reading

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, Volleyball

STAFF COMMENTS: Cheyana is a studious, nice-mannered, cheerful young lady. She is an eager learner who participates in class and sets a wonderful example as a Boyne Falls Logger. She is a team player both on the field and in the classroom. She works hard and holds herself to a high standard, and I believe that we will see great things from Cheyana in the future.

Submitted By: Dianna Brown



175 paddlers participated in the event



Paddlers registering for the event were greeted with music by Hazel James and food

PADDLE

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future," she added,

Paddle Antrim's mission is to protect water resources using paddle sports to educate and instill appreciation for the Chain of Lakes. They are a non-profit organization that began planning the water trail in 2014. The trail now has 84 access sites and 99 miles of trails to explore. Creating the trail required cooperation from nineteen access

site owners including municipalities. In 2020 signs were installed to give directions, suggestions and history of the sites. Paddle guides are also available. Anyone, not just paddlers, are invited to attend the celebrations associated with the event and the water trail is always open to the public. We are grateful to Short's Brewing Company

and all of our other sponsors as well as the over 80 volunteers who helped make this event possible," said

helped make this event possible," said Jerdee. Paddle Antrim is always the second weekend after Labor Day.

COMMISSION

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intended to address questions about the project. She laid out a list of concerns and supporting views expressed at the meeting, as well as in letters and messages she has received on the topic. Brooks stated that after all of the input received, she believes the project still has merit and that concerns can be "addressed through creative thinking and working together." She then informed the commission that a newly released grant from the Economic Development Administration under the American Rescue Plan is available. The funds could potentially allow the city to bond the same amount for the entire project originally projected for the first phase. "I just believe it doesn't have to be dead in the water, there are things we can find solutions to," she said. The commission directed her to investigate the grant and bring her findings to the next meeting then moved the meeting time to accommodate more people's schedules.

The two phase renovation project at the River Mouth Rest Room and Pump House has experienced a minor hitch. As Phase one is nearly completed, the flat roof on the pump house portion of the structure has begun to leak into the newly renovated restrooms. The change order would alter the two phase project to a three phase project, moving the roof construction forward. According to Tim Faas, Director of Public Works, "We propose to break out into three phases so the roof can be completed before winter sets in." The project is still within the anticipated bill that it was bid. "It doesn't surprise me at all that this project is more complicated than other buildings," said Commissioner Dean Solomon.

Eta Nu Wraps BC kids in warmth with Dress for a Chill

Summer is waning, fall's beautiful but cooler temperatures are upon us, and we know that winter's cold and snow are not far behind. For the past 14 years, the women of Eta Nu Charities have conducted their annual "Dress for Chill" program to purchase and distribute new winter outerwear for children in need in the Boyne City community. Last year, Eta Nu helped 167 area preschool and elementary students stay warm through the freezing winter months by providing them with jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and

mittens.

The need for this program seems more acute each year. With the lingering pandemic and many families still struggling economically from the fall-out of disappearing jobs and businesses, the income required to provide warm winter clothes for growing children often isn't available.

That's where Eta Nu comes in. Beginning in September, committee members will be working together in an allout effort to raise money to dress these children. The Dress for Chill team works all year to purchase warm

weather clothing at the best possible prices, often taking advantage of end-of-season sales. They buy, sort, catalog and store all the purchases and then finally match each child with new outdoor clothing for winter before the snow flies.

This major project takes a lot of planning – and a lot of funding. The funds to support it are raised solely through donations from community organizations, local businesses and individuals. It is truly a community project and Eta Nu members are grateful for the assistance

and support we have received in the past. Helping our local children stay safe and warm during our cold winter season is imperative.

Please consider becoming a part of this vitally important program. All donations are tax deductible. Checks may be made out to Eta Nu Charities/Dress for Chill and sent to P.O. Box 133, Boyne City, MI 49712. To learn more about this project, visit us at our booth at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 25 from 8am to 4pm

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(Think of an emergency fund as insurance)

Dear Dave.

I have decided it's time to get control of my money. Your plan sounds workable, but I talked to some friends about it, and they think I would be better off using a credit card for emergencies. Can you explain why you advise saving a separate emergency fund?

Dear Leslee,

When bad, unexpected things happen, like a job layoff or a blown car engine, you shouldn't depend on credit cards. If you use debt to cover emergencies, you're digging a financial hole for yourself. My plan will walk you out of debt forever, and a strong foundation of any financial house includes an emergency fund.

Putting together a fully funded emergency fund is Baby Step 3 of my plan for getting out of debt and gaining control of your money. Before you reach this point, however, steps one and two should be completed first. Baby Step 1 is saving \$1,000 for a starter emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is where you pay off all debt, except for your home, using the debt snowball method.

A fully-funded emergency fund should cover three to six months of expenses. You start the emergency fund with \$1,000, but a full emergency fund can range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 or more. A family that can make it on \$3,000 per month might have a \$10,000 emergency fund as a minimum.

What is an emergency? An emergency is something you had no way of knowing was coming—an event that has a

major, negative financial impact if you can't cover it. Emergencies include things like paying the deductible on medical, homeowners or car insurance after an accident, a job loss, a blown automobile transmission or your home's heating and air unit suddenly biting the dust.

Something on sale you "need" is not an emergency. Fixing the boat, unless you live on it, is not an emergency. Want to buy a car, a leather couch or go to Cancun? Not emergencies. Prom dresses and college tuition are not emergencies, either.

Never rationalize the use of your emergency fund for something you should save for. On the other hand, don't make payments on medical bills after an accident while your emergency fund sits there fully loaded. If you've gone to the trouble of creating an emergency fund, make sure vou are crystal clear on what is and isn't an emer-

Also, keep your emergency fund in something that is liquid. Liquid is a money term that basically means easy to access with no penalties. I use growth-stock mutual funds for long-term investing, but I would never put my emergency fund there. I suggest a money market account with no penalties and full check writing privileges for your emergency fund.

Your emergency fund account is not for building wealth. It's an insurance policy against rainy days!

* Dave Ramsey is a seventime #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey

NLEA introduces new program for entrepreneurs

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 fund-

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 inventors and investors. The seven Native Business Owners were connected that night with representatives from the SBDC, MSU Extension, Northern Shores NCDFI and Lake Su-

perior 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

Ribbon cutting Breezeway Paddle Sports

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Ellsworth - A ribbon cutting welcoming a state of the art kiosk for kayak and paddleboard rentals at Ellsworth River Park was held on Thursday, September 16.

In 2018 the owners of Jordan Valley Outfitters and East Jordan Natives, Dan and Melony Bennett, pitched an idea at the Green Light East Jordan competition. GreenLight East Jordan is a business model competition hosted by the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance. where contestants have the chance to win up to \$10k to launch their business. The Bennett's placed second, then went to Lansing for the Grand Pitch event and placed third. Their business plan is to place paddle sports rentals in the surrounding area, starting with Ellsworth, the next community north following the Chain of Lakes along the Breezeway.

Breezeway Paddle Sports was originally intended to be a brick and mortar establishment like Jordan Valley Outfitters but finding qualified personnel to run a second store proved to be difficult and then covid pressed the pause button. The Bennetts spent a great deal of time working to solve the issues posed by covid and the employee shortage





and ultimately placed the only paddle sports kiosk in the state, only the second in the country, in Ellsworth, MI. "The NLEA and the Greenlight Competition gave us an opportunity to initiate



our plans," said Dan. The kiosk has 2 tandem kayaks, 2 single kayaks and 2 paddle boards but those combinations can be altered depending on demand. It works through the use of a

QR code, customers will need to have that app on their phones. Payment and the key to unlock the lockers and bins is conducted with a simple swipe. If a rental is canceled within 15 minutes, all monies are refunded and it allows for customers to create a maintenance ticket to tell BPS of any issues. The Bennetts are having posters made to help out their less tech-savvy customers.

If the kiosk maintains a steady stream of activity, the Bennetts will pursue their original plan to have a brick & mortar store in town and have already held conversations with the village of Central Lake about a rental unit there. "This whole project couldn't have been done without Beishlag Welding out of Elmira," said Dan, who tried to keep the project

REAL ESTATE FEATURE



Wonderful home on Lake St. Clair near Ellsworth

BY JIM AKANS

Situated on a point of land with over 250 feet of Lake St. Clair frontage near Ellsworth, this wonderful home would make a great up north retreat or year round residence.

This two bedroom, one-and-half bath home has just over 1,000 square feet of space on the main and upper levels. The interior is well laid out and nicely appointed, featuring gorgeous views of the lake, a galley style kitchen, generously sized bedrooms, upper level utility room and easy access to the detached two car garage.

A raised deck across the back of the home overlooks the back yard and lakefront. The over one-half acre lot is situated on a point, so the panoramic views of the lake are absolutely stunning. There is also a boat house on the property, so keeping your watercraft and lawn tools safely tucked away is a breeze.

This wonderful home on Lake St. Clair is located at 9480 St. Clair Lane near Ellsworth and it is listed at \$399,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtor, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 231 Water Street in Boyne City, at 231-582-6554 or email at jennifer.burr@cbgreatlakes.com.







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Top 10 Home Closing **Checklist Tips for Sellers**

It doesn't matter whether you are selling your home as a short sale or as a traditional seller, your checklist for home selling is identical. There are certain things on a home selling checklist that every responsible seller should do.

You would utilize your home closing checklist after all of your personal belongings and furniture has been moved. Although, not every seller is required to prior to or on the day of closing, most home sellers find that they can't begin to wrap up the process until everything is removed from the home.

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Closing Checklist Tip #1: Retain Executed Seller Disclosures, Purchase Contract and Addendums

Ideally, you will receive a complete closing package by your escrow officer or closing agent. But you could also find some of these documents scattered about in your car or at your office. Keep all of these documents in a safe place. It's conceivable you could need them again, especially if a bill was unpaid or the buyer challenges something and hires an attorney.

CLOSING CHECKLIST TIP #2: CLEAN THE HOUSE

If you don't have time to clean, hire a professional cleaning service. How clean to leave a house is often personal preference. It's not always necessary to shampoo the carpets, but that's a nice touch. This also means wipe down cabinets, inside and out. It doesn't hurt to make your last impression on the buyer a good one by polishing sink fixtures. Leave your home the way you, as a buyer, would like to find

CLOSING CHECKLIST TIP #3: TURN OFF **SHUT-OFF VALVES**

If you have disconnected a washer, for example, make sure the shut-off value is completely turned off because a small drip, drip, can eventually flood a home. Some sellers shut off the valves to all water sources such as sinks, toilets and dishwashers, too. Leave a note for the buyers so they won't call a plumber when the water won't turn on.

CLOSING CHECKLIST TIP #4: ATTEND THE FINAL WALK-THROUGH

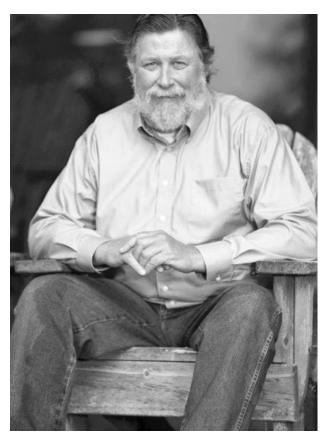
There are so many quirks that only a home seller knows, and you could pass on these tips to a new home buyer during the final walk-through. Things like which light switch operates the lights, whether a door sticks, or how to clean a swimming pool. I like to ask sellers what they always wanted to do for a home improvement project but never got around to doing.

CLOSING CHECKLIST TIP #5: CANCEL YOUR INSUR-ANCE POLICIES

Wait until you know the deed has recorded or title transfer has formally occurred before you call your insurance agent. You should receive a refund from a prepaid premium for your homeowner's insurance.



Bergman's bill to honor Navy Corpsman Steve Andrews passes House



STEVE ANDREWS (OCTOBER 15, 1949 ~ JANUARY 28, 2017)

Washington - This week, H.R. 1281 unanimously passed the U.S. House of Representatives. This legislation, which Rep. Bergman introduced, will name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic (CBOC) in Gaylord, Michigan, as the 'Navy Corpsman Steve Andrews Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic." The bill will now head to the Senate for consideration.

Working together with Andrews' family and friends, Rep. Bergman successfully garnered the support of Michigan veteran service organization chapters and the entire Michigan Congressional Delegation to prepare this CBOC designation for House approval.

Prior to the passage of the bill, Rep. Bergman spoke on the House Floor. You can hear the full speech here

The Gaylord CBOC is located at 2782 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan and opened in Summer 2020. The 18,362 square foot CBOC provides outpatient primary care, mental health, telehealth, laboratory services, home-based primary care, women's

health and whole health. Background info:

Steve Andrews (October 15, 1949 ~ January 28, 2017) entered the U.S. Navy in 1967 as a Hospital Corpsman then subsequently served at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Guam and as a medic with the 1st Marine Division and Marine 1st Force Reconnaissance Company in Vietnam. For his actions in combat in Vietnam and for saving the lives of countless Marines, he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal and received the Purple Heart.

Following his military service, Steve worked as an entrepreneur in Gaylord and Petoskey and was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, representing Northern Michigan's 106th District. Steve served Northern Michigan for two terms and then turned his efforts to building his family and business Steve coached and was a father figure to thousands of kids in baseball, football and more. He additionally served on the board of trustees of North Central Michigan College and was president of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Charlevoix State of the Community

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Charlevoix - The 2021 Charlevoix State of the Community address focused on four main talking points: Our schools, county, real estate and workforce.

The September 21 event was hosted at the Castle and was emceed by Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce President Sarah VanHorn.

Superintendent, Charlevoix Public Schools, Mike Ritter began his speech by commending the Charlevoix Schools Board of Education for their quality leadership. "School districts have had a lot on their shoulders, especially the last two years," he said. He reported that school enrollment has increased after a decade of declining. "We don't really know why, I'd tell you if we did," he said. He reported that the school fund balance has increased from 6.9% in 2015 to 22.7% in 2021, explaining that a healthy fund balance is 15%. He talked about the expected "Covid dollars" and that the district intends to spend the money cautiously. "We are going to be really careful as we supply support for our kids and how we spend these dollars," he said. Ritter expressed gratitude that the school was able to stay open most of last year and listed accomplishments made. "We did some incredible things this last year," he said. The list included hiring a nurse at the elementary school, increasing the nurses time at the high school and purchasing internet access for families without connectivity. He concluded by announcing that CHS was ranked #77 in Michigan last year. ."I have nothing but tremendous things to say about our teachers and our support staff," he said. "This is what it's all about," (showing a slide of graduates) getting our kids to the fin-

County Commissioner, Scott Hankins, talked about being a new county commissioner and discovering the complexity of what the county does. "Being a county commissioner has been eye opening and educational in many ways because you don't know what you don't know. I thought I knew what a commissioner did, going in," he began. Hankins provided an exhausting list of areas the county oversees and broke one area down further to illustrate how multifaceted it is. New projects the county has on the horizon include a new boat launch at Whit-

Bear River Health (BRH)

and Community Recovery Al-

liance (CRA) are celebrating

Alcohol and Drug Addiction

Recovery Month this Septem-

ber aiming to raise awareness of recovery-oriented systems

of care. Both entities share a

mission to provide resources

treatment, and sustained re-

of sobriety, free from exces-

Substance use disorder

(SUD) has been classified as a

sive substance use.

covery for those seeking lives

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prepared for the future."



David Emmel, President of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance



Scott Hankins, Charlevoix County **Commissioner, District 5**



Mike Ritter, Superintendent, **Charlevoix Public Schools**

ings Park and another completed section of the Chx-BC bike path. As well as decisions made on what to do with the lighthouse on Beaver Island and 301 State Street. "Nothing moves fast in government, but there's lots of meetings," he joked. He stated that a new court house may be up for discussion in the future. "I don't have any great answers for any of these high dollar policy questions. What I am is a tax payer in Charlevoix County and what I know is your government is supposed to work for you. The people need to be involved...we



Dennis Halverson, President, Antrim-Charlevoix-Kalkaska Association of REALTORS

need you to be involved,"

he concluded. Dennis Halverson, President Antrim-Charlevoix-Kalkaska Association of REALTORS talked about the interconnecting nature of real estate, schools, government and the workforce. "It doesn't matter if you talk about townhouses or toilet paper, it's all about supply and demand," he began. He stated "As we speak here, in America there is 5.24 million houses short of demand." The housing industry would have to double production for the next 5-6 years to meet that demand. The in-

dustry is also seeing an annual 12% increase in housing costs. In Charlevoix, Halverson says the number one method of sales has been cash sales. "That's the kind of phenomenon that right off the bat tends to exclude people from that opportunity," he said. A second new phenomenon in the real estate market is the increase in people buying houses sight unseen. "They can be looking at a house from any place in the world, the market interest is much broader than a decade ago," he said. Halverson noted that the people buying in Charlevoix are not young people starting a family which is why school enrollment and workforce availability is waning. He compared the average \$54,000 annual income of most young couples with the median cost of a home at \$265,000. "People are getting shut out on the American Dream." Those benefiting from the current housing trend are people in the building trades and tax collecting entities. He suggested that an expansion of infrastructure services like water and sewer lines could pave the way for private businesses to build. "That would allow for highdensity housing as a result of advancement of those

President of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, David Emmel, discussed how workforce development is a top barrier to current growth. He began by addressing the high school students in the audience, "We want you here, we need you. The door is open for you to go, explore the world and come back here." The decline in the workforce has led to the possibility that higher paying jobs in manufacturing will become more automated. "Automating doesn't take a job away from anybody, it fills a job there is no one there to fill," he said. As far as Covid is concerned, Emmel stated that, "Disruption creates opportunity. Watch for those opportunities, keep an eye open for those, they are there." He stated that all markets correct eventually and that we should take comfort in that. Personal income is up 1.1% monthly and consumer spending is up .3% that means people are saving. "Not everyone is doing well but overall the economy is doing better than we expected," he said.

services."



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chronic illness, much like diabetes or COPD, it has a longterm recovery path that must be consistently monitored to keep it under control. "Most people don't realize that SUD is a brain disease," explains Anja Angel, Executive Director of CRA. "It is scientifically proven that excessive

substance use changes the

brain's chemical receptors and can cause compulsive drug seeking, which leads to using and relapse. It's a terrible way to live - and the stigma around drug use compounds things; that needs to change so people who need help will seek it."

Michigan is one of many states currently experiencing an opioid epidemic. Fatal opioid related overdoses increased 15% in 2020 over 2019. In Michigan in 2019, over 1.3 million people, age 12 and older, admitted abuse of an illicit drug, and 615,000 individuals in that same demographic sought treatment for excessive substance use. Part of the problem can be traced to illicit drug use, drugs that are illegal but ob-

tainable, such as Meth,

Heroin, and Cocaine. But a

quieter factor stems from

prescription medicines (Opioids) that are routinely prescribed by doctors for pain and other ailments. These substances can also become addictive and may be a gateway for unsuspecting individ-

Embracing Recovery Month In Northern Michigan

uals. "The good news is that substance use disorder can be treated successfully," Executive Director of Bear River Health Daniel Hartman explains, "each year during Alcohol and Addiction Recovery Month, our staff recommits to providing support to people who want to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle. With multiple levels of treatment options that include residential and outpatient opportunities. BRH staff are proud of their work; providing service with the knowledge and compassion that anyone can recover

and manage their conditions successfully. Our core mission is to 'save lives and foster growth' and our team takes that mission to heart."

All are invited to a special celebration on Saturday, September 25 from 4:30-7:00 PM at Bay Front Park in Petoskey. The event will celebrate sobriety through the talents of our recovery community and will feature an open mic, live music, speakers, pizza, resources and more! If you or someone you love is living in or seeking recovery and wants to share at this event, please contact Anja@crami.org.

Just like other chronic diseases, treatment and recoverv are possible. If you or a loved one is seeking care, visit www.BearRiverHealth.c om, www.CRAMI.org, or call 231-535-2822.

News Briefs

PETOSKEY BATH SCHOOL DISASTER

The Little Traverse Historical Society will be offering a free program September 23 at 7:00 PM at the museum. George Robson will be speaking about the Bath School Disaster of 1927, which his parents survived. The deadliest school massacre in US history happened in Bath, MI when a disgruntled school board member detonated explosives at the school. This program is free and open to the public. The Little Traverse Historical Museum will be closing for the season on October 2, 2021. The museum's fall hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday and Saturday. Museum admission is \$3 for adults. Members and children are always free. To schedule a tour or for more information, please visit petoskevmuseum.org or call the museum at (231) 347-2620.

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

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

EAST JORDAN FALL FESTIVAL

September 25. East Jorthe street from the Good dan Fall Fest is a Samaritan Resale Shop. community event, to cele-The community is invited brate and give back after a to help celebrate the new long summer season has court and to thank the come to an end. 2021 marks donors on Saturday, Sepour 6th year hosting this tember 25, at 1:30 p.m. wonderful event and we have been growing EAST JORDAN steadily. This is a family-LABOR DAY- A HISTORY OF friendly festival that involves live music, food and WORK drinks, vendors, and a Co-Ed softball tournament.

We have activities for kids

including yard games, face

hay wagon rides and much

more. Fall Fest is hosted by

painting, arts and crafts,

the East Jordan Tourist

Park, encouraging all par-

weekend, allowing for easy

day's events, with trick-or-

treating and campsite dec-

oration competitions Sat-

urday night. Over the past

few years, we have steadily

grown to over 1000 partici-

pants! Fall Fest is a dona-

tion-based festival with no

charge for admission.

Without the community

sponsorship support and

donations at the door and

none of this could be pos-

throughout the festival,

sible. Fall Festival is an

event for the community

people, funded by the com-

munity people. We would

love to have you join our

volunteer or participant!

cause, as a vendor, sponsor,

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PICKLE BALL COURT RIBBON

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Thanks to grant and lo-

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access throughout the

Raven Hill Discovery Center is one of ten sites in the United States selected in 2019 to participate in a Smithsonian pilot project to develop a unique humanities-based exhibition about local work history. The exhibition, Labor Days—A History of Work, will reflect the strong history and culture of work around Lake Charlevoix and connections to work in northern Michigan, the nation and around the world. Labor Days will remain open from 10am to 4pm daily through the end

Grayling ARTS & CRAFTS FALL SHOW

of September.

Saturday, October 2nd, 10am – 4pm at Grayling Elementary School, 1000 Michigan Ave.

BOYNE FALLS PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Boyne Falls Preschool has limited availability in its 3&4-year-old "Little Logger" Classroom for the 2021-22 school year! Are you interested in enrolling your child in a five-star quality-rated preschool program? Boyne Falls Preschool (located in Boyne Falls Public School) serves families from the Boyne Area and surrounding communities. Over the last 7-years, many families have attended tuition-free, and scholarships may be available. If you are curious to see if this would be a good fit for your family, we would love to talk. Questions? Please contact: "Mr. Mitchell" Klooster at mklooster@boynefalls.org or on Instagram at instagram.com/boynefallspreschool

CHARLEVOIX LEIF ERIKSSON DAY ROW AND RUN

A boat/foot race held in October celebrating Viking explorer Leif Eriksson and the Scandinavian people who traversed hills and seas to new lands. Proceeds go to the Rayder Den Food Pantry helping Charlevoix students experiencing food insecurity. October 2. Proceeds support the Rayder Den at Charlevoix Middle High School. Register at www.active.com. Enter Charlevoix in Location search box.

EAST JORDAN APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING

Kiersten's Ride is happy to announce an upcoming Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training opportunity:

- ASIST, 2-day suicide intervention skills training, October 6th and 7th (both full days required), East Jordan.

Thanks to the East Jordan Family Health Center, this training is being provided at no cost to participants.

**Social Work CE available for each ASIST

Seating is limited for each class, so register soon and spread the word. Your participation will help create communities safer from suicide... you matter... and you are making a difference!

If there are questions, don't hesitate to contact us. www.KiertensRide.org. 231-675-5047

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NOMINATE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

You can nominate a business or individual as the Charlevoix County Conservationist of the year. Submit forms by October 8. request forms on-line at www.charlevoixcd.org or stop by the conservation office, 303 North St., Boyne City

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE TO HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS

The Health Department and EMS services in Charlevoix County have begun offering Covid-19 vaccinations to the homebound population in Charlevoix County. This service is intended only for individuals unable to travel to an established vaccine location—the Office of Emergency Management schedules appointments for home visits. The Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccination shots will be given during these visits. Please note that EMS paramedics will not show up at your residence in an ambulance but another fully equipped vehicle. Paramedics will be prepared to provide medical service immediately in the rare event of an adverse reaction to the shot. They would dispatch an ambulance only if one is needed for transporting a patient to the hospital. Persons who are homebound or otherwise unable to travel but want a vaccine are encouraged to contact Emergency Management at 231-541-4461 (Sheriff's Dept Office Line) to schedule an appoint-

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY JORDAN VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND

ment.

JOIN US! The Jordan Valley Community Band welcomes everyone in all communities to join us. We rehearse on Thurs. Evenings, (Place to be determined). Band members have a blast, playing their band instruments and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow musicians. We play marches, musicals, broadway, swing, jazz and many more styles of music. Questions? Contact Becky Palmiter, Director, 231-675-0543

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

BANKS TOWNSHIP MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

Township passes amendment for property tax exemption

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Banks Township - Action taken at the September 20 Banks Township meeting was the approval of an amendment to zoning concerning accessory dwellings, a poverty exemption resolution and the purchase of office supplies. A feasibility study for solar energy and a special events police power ordinance were discussed.

Banks is a zoned township. An amendment brought forth by the Township Planning Commission to allow for accessory dwellings on personal property was approved. The amendment makes it possible to have a second living quarters such as a mother-in-law home. "The old requirements were very limited, you needed a doctor's slip, have it renewed annually and then remove the dwelling when it was no longer needed," said Township Supervisor Alex Busman. "The new amendment is very comprehensive."

Each township is responsible to create and update guidelines to provide for a property tax exemption for residents who, by reason of poverty, are unable to pay their taxes. This is renewed biannually and a resolution must be passed approving the updated exemption guidelines. An audit of minimum assessing requirements noted that the township had not clarified in the resolution that an applicant for the exemption cannot own property other than their homestead, including vacant land. The board had already passed a resolution and action taken at the meeting was to amend it to reflect the change. "A state review of the assessment records found that there was no record included that the person making the application not have any other property, not even vacant land," said Banks Township Clerk Donna Heeres. The amendment was passed.

Two laptops were purchased, one for the Township Supervisor and one for the Planning Commission. The retiring planning commission secretary has used her personal computer for the last 20 years. "It is best to keep township business and personal stuff separate, in the event of a FOIA request, it would hurt (my business) to have to give up my computer," said Busman.

A bid for \$1800 to conduct a feasibility study on where the best places for solar farms in the township are located was received from Becket and Raeder, the township's planning consultants. "We are trying to find out what parts of the township would be good candidates for solar energy farms then make policies from there," said Board Member Tom Cooper, Board Representative to the Planning Commission. The clerk was asked to get other bids.

Discussion on the proposed Special events Police Power Ordinance led to it being tabled indefinitely. "If you're going to have an event, it's in your best interest to run it well and that includes all the things in this," said Busman. "I see some value in it. I think it would have saved us legal fees if it had been in place five years ago," said Treasurer Katy Postmus. Public comment spoke against the ordinance. "It penalizes those that are law abiding with added burden. This would require everyone to try and think of everything at least 65 days ahead -I don't think that's feasible. I ask you to take it off and not consider it," said Marvin Rubingh.

Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

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KYLIE SKROCKIRED DEVILS VOLLEYBALL

Last Week against Grayling, Kylie Skrocki would lead the way in hitting with 27 attempts and would power 11 of those to kills. Against Ellsworth, Kylie would have a perfect day serving going 14 of 14. She would lead the way with 24 set attempts and picking up 10 assists.



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SAM PLETCHERRAYDERS SOCCER

Sam Pletcher scored a hat trick against Harbor Springs on Monday, September 20 for the Calli's Cup Championship. The Rayders won the game 5-2.



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SOCCER

Ramblers fall to Elks, get back on track against Chiefs, Vikings

Boyne City ranked 12th in the state Division 3

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Boys Soccer team would have their best challenge yet, as they would face the always competitive soccer team from Elk Rapids.

ELK RAPIDS

The 6th ranked Elks would dominate the entire game as they would out shoot the Ramblers 9-1 and control the game. The Ramblers would be able to cling to a 0-0 tie at the half. Yet, in the second half of the game, the Elks would be able to score 18 minutes in to go up 1-0. They would add another goal just six minutes later. That would be enough for the Elks. As the Ramblers would only be able to get one shot on target. They would have some opportunities but would not be able to capitalize. Nic Santina would end up making 9 saves for the Ramblers in the goal.

The loss moves the Ramblers to 6-5-2 on the season.
While moving to 3-1 in the
Lake Michigan Conference.

The Ramblers would look to find that lost offense they had in the Elk Rapids game, against Cheboygan on Saturday, September 18.

CHEBOYGAN

The offense would start



Boyne City's Hayden Mosley (4) intercepts an Elk pass and looks to clear. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

early, as Kaleb Lloyd would get a feed from Hayden Mosley and find the back of the net just four minutes in. Lloyd would then pick up an assist three minutes later on a Jack Snyder goal. It would be 17 minutes later for the Ramblers to pick up another goal, as Maddox Rykse scoring unassisted to make it 3-0. Then it would be Rykse assisting Jack Snyder for the fourth goal of the game and

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Ramblers would hold a 4-0
lead heading into halftime.
In the second half, Phillip
Banner would get a ball from
Jack Snyder for the fifth and
final goal of the game for the

final goal of the game for the Ramblers. The Chiefs would be able to sneak one by keeper Santina but it would be too late. As Santina would make four saves and stop a penalty kick to pick up the win in goal.

the second for Snyder. The

The Ramblers would move their record to 7-5-2 on the season. Their record in the conference would remain at 3-1 on the season.

The Ramblers would get back into Lake Michigan Conference action on Monday, September 20 against Grayling.

GRAYLING

The Ramblers would get the offense going from the opening kick. As Amayo Bardeguez-Barrera would find Austin Mercer to get the Ramblers on the board, just 20 seconds into the game. With just 6 minutes left in the half, Joel Carter would head in a Banner corner kick to make it 2-0. The Ramblers would take that 2-0 lead into halftime.

In the second half, just 9



Rambler Matt Spate (33) gains control of his dribble deep in Elk territory. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

minutes in, Gabe Pellerito would bury a pass from Banner to make it 3-0. Mercer would get his second goal of the game on a Snyder pass with 18 minutes left in the game. Nic Santina would have 2 official saves on goal but would gather in numerous long balls throughout the

night.

The win moves the Ramblers to 8-5-2 on the season and to 4-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The team will be back in action on Thursday, September 23 at Boyne Mountain against Harbor Springs.

Rayders Win Calli's Cup

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Rayders Soccer team played Harbor Springs on Monday, September 20 for the Calli's Cup Championship. The game is a home game to honor and celebrate the life of Calli Mueller, who passed away unexpectedly a few years ago.

The offense would start in the first half of the game as Benen Sheaffer crossed a ball to Mason Cunningham buried in the net. The Rams would answer the goal with one of their own. The Rayders would regain the lead as Jack Jarema would give a ball to Sam Pletcher for the second goal of the game. Pletcher would get his second goal of the game from $\,$ Bergman who got another assist. The Rayders would have a 3-1 win before the Rams would have their second goal. The Rayders would add another goal from Pletcher from Bergman again to put the Rayders up 4-2.

In the second half, the game would have a lot less offensive production. However, the Rayders would be able to get another goal as Sheaffer would cross a ball to Mason Cunningham to get the Rayders to 5-2.

The win gives the Rayders an overall record of 5-4 on the season and 2-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference. They also win the Calli's Cup in 2021.



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Boyne keeper, Nic Santina grabs an Elk Rapids kick late in the first half. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

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FOOTBALL

4th ranked Ramblers roll over Rams 50-0

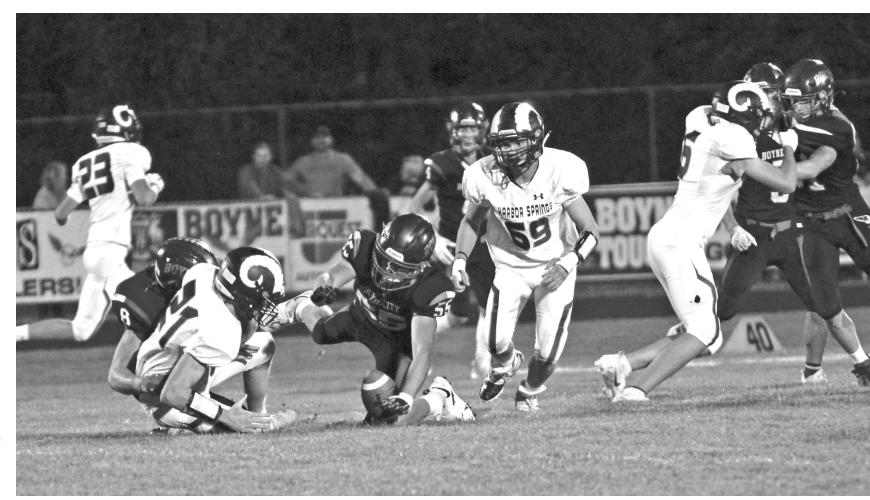
BY: DOM SANTINA

The Bovne City Football team has been rolling and would host Harbor Springs on Friday, September 17 at Earl Brotherston Field.

The Ramblers would get rolling early. As Kaden Jewett would open the game with an 82 yard for a touchdown. In their second drive of the game, the Ramblers would have Bobby Hoth rush 8 yards into the end zone. The Ramblers would punch one more in before the end of the quarter, as Jewett would have a 17 yard touchdown carry. The Ramblers would have a 21-0 lead after the first quarter.

The second quarter would be a scoreless one as the Ramblers would hold the lead into the half at 21-0. However, in the third quarter, the Ramblers offense would ramp back up. As Aaron Bess would score on an 8 yard rush. The Ramblers would get on the board again as Hoth would have an 8 yard touchdown run. Then Jack Neer finally got in on the act, as Neer would connect with Alex Calcaterra for 39 yards and a touchdown. The Ramblers would convert the two point conversation with Mason Wilcox rushing in from 3 yards out. The Ramblers would hold the lead 43-0 heading into the fourth quar-

In the fourth quarter, Hoth would put the final nail in the coffin as he would break a 49 run to the endzone to put the



Bobby Hoth sacks the Harbor quarterback, forcing a fumble that teammate, Connor Rajkovich (55) recovers. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

Ramblers up 50-0. Hoth would have 14 attempts for 185 yards and 2 touchdowns. Jewett would have 5 carries for 102 yards and a score. Calcaterra would have 2 receptions for 62 yards and a touchdown. Neer would be 9-13 for 158 yards and 1 touchdown throw. Jacob Bush would lead the way with 14

total tackles, 5 solo tackles and 9 assists. Joey McHugh would have 11 tackles, 3 were

solo tackles and 8 assists. The wins moves the Ramblers to 4-0 on the season.

They will travel to play Traverse City St. Francis on Saturday, September 25.

Boyne City is currently ranked fourth in the state in Division 6 football.



Kolton Stadt (3) of Boyne City, tries to break free from a Ram defender on this play in the third quarter. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Rambler Kaden Jewett (6) found daylight to run early and often against the Harbor Springs defense. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

Red Devils cling to 8-0 victory over St. Ignace

BY: DOM SANTINA

The East Jordan Red Devils would look to move to 3-1 on the season as they would head to play St.Ignace.

The game would turn out to be a defensive battle. As Tom Reid would complete a pass to Hayden Peck for a 36 yard touchdown. The Red Devils would end up going for two and convert on a Reid pass to Dawson Carey.

The Red Devils would hold on to an 8-0 lead heading into halftime. That is where the game would remain, as the Red Devils would hold onto an eight point victory. Reid would end up going 20-32 for 204 yards, 1 touchdown and 2 interceptions. Ethan Antaya would lead the way rushing with 10 carries for 60 yards. Peck would lead the receiving core with 7 receptions for 102 yards. Devon Olstrom would total the most tackles for 6.0 total tackles with 2 solo and 8 assists.

"Defensively we played another solid game giving up less than 100 yards of offense for the second week in a row. This week we were able to force some fumbles but need to do a better job of getting after the ball once it is loose.



We had to go without a couple starters (Zander Johnecheck and Ryerson Whitaker) today and guys just stepped in. I thought JJ Weber did very well on both the offensive and defensive line today. Our offensive line, Weber, Angel Delgado, Keegan Speer, Ben Reid, and Lee Nemecek did a great job in pass protection," said Head Coach Greg Kitson.

The Red Devils move to 3-1on the season and are 2-0 in Northern Michigan Football Conference - Legacy Division. The Red Devils will travel to play Oscoda on Friday, September 24.

Rayders offense dominates Elks

BY: DOM SANTINA

The 2-1 Charlevoix Rayders Football team would travel to play Elk Rapids on Friday, September 17.

The Rayders offense would roll against the Elks. As it would start with Caleb Stuck connecting with Patrick Sterrett with a 78 yard connection for a score. The two would hook up again to convert the two point conversion. Sterrett would end up breaking a 19 yard run to put the Rayders on the board again. Then Stuck would connect with Evan Solomon for a 2 point conversion. Sterrett would continue his big game as he would break a 59 yard run for the Rayders third touchdown of the game. It would be another Stuck to Solomon connect to



Caleb Stuck

put the Rayders 24 point on the board.

Then Stuck and Solomon would combine for a big score for a 14 yard touchdown. Stuck would keep the two point conversion for the Rayders 32 point. Stuck would put another Rayders



Patrick Sterrett

touchdown on the board with a 3 yard run. The Rayders would not be able to convert the extra point attempt. Then Stuck would connect with Sterrett for 39 vards and a score. It would be the second extra point attempt failed. Stuck would

then break off a 38 yard run to score another Rayders touchdown but missed the conversion. Stuck would continue his game as well, as he would break off a 44 yard run for 8 Rayders touchdown. Stuck would complete a pass to Sterrett for the conversion. Bryce Johnson would cap off the game with a 6 yard touchdown run and would convert the two point conversion himself. The nine touchdowns would help the Rayders pick up a 66-24 vic-

The win moves the Rayders to 3-1 on the season, 1-1 in the Northern Michigan Football League - Leaders Division play. The Rayders will travel to play Maple City Glen Lake on Friday, September 24.

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VOLLEYBALL

Rayders pick up huge win over Gladiators

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Rayders would get a massive test to their season. As in their second Lake Michigan Conference matchup of the season would be against Traverse City St. Francis in Traverse City.

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The Rayders would draw the early advantage, as they would win the first set by a score of 25-23. In the second

set, the Rayders would jump out to a 15-9 lead with Grace Lentz and Taylor Petrosky leading the way with big kills. The Rayders would end up pulling away for good and taking the set 25-15.

Then the Gladiators would end up going on a run, as they would take a lead early on. The Rayders would end up being able to tie or draw ahead by a point at times. However, the Gladiators would end up winning the third set 23-25. In the fourth

set, they Rayders would find themselves down 16-14 before mounting a comeback to tie it at 19 apiece. The Gladiators would end up getting a 22-21 lead before the Rayders would go on a run to win the

The Rayders would be led by Lentz 20 kills 1 ace, 1 block 13 digs; Claire Scholten 21 assist, 5 kills,11 digs; Petrosky 25/25 serving 5 kills, 9 digs; Patria Muriel 2 aces 23 digs and Anna Haf 2 kills,17/17

The win moves the Rayders to 20-1-1 on the season and 2-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Rayders were scheduled to play Boyne City on September 21 but that game has been cancelled. They will now wait until Tuesday, September 28 for the next matchup against Kalkaska.

The Rayders are ranked 10th in the state in Division 3 in the latest poll.



Grace Lentz Claire Scholten



Lancers pick up conference win over Alanson, fall to East Jordan

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Volleyball team would travel to Alanson for a conference matchup. The game would be a great battle, as it would end up going to five sets. The Lancers would end up winning the game 3-2.

Molly Mulador led the way in serving with a 21-22 over the net. Avery Strange would go 17-22 in serving and Bobbie Paalman would have a good night as well. Lexie Montogomery and Maddie Zipp would lead the way with kills on the night. While Anabell Bartman would lead with digs for the

The Lancers would then travel for a non-conference matchup against East Jordan on Wednesday, September 15.

EAST JORDAN

The Lancers would run into a very tough matchup against the Red Devils. As they would end up getting swept in three sets. The Red Devils would dominate, winning the first set, 25-8. Which would be followed by a 25-10 and 25-7 point victories in the final two sets.

The team will be back in action on Friday, September 24 at Boyne Falls.

Red Devils battle with Vikings, dominate Lancers

BY: DOM SANTINA

The East Jordan Volleyball team would travel to play the Vikings from Grayling on Tuesday, September 14.

GRAYLING

The Red Devils would find themselves in a battle early on. As both teams would fight for the first set win, with the Vikings taking the set 25-23. The Red Devils would be able to bounce back though, as they would take the second set 25-17 to even the overall results at 1 set a

The Vikings would get their offense rolling in the third set though as they would roll over the Red Devils 25-16 in the third set. In the fourth set of the match, the Vikings would continue to have their way as they would win 25-19. The three set wins for the Vikings would give them the overall win over the Red Dev-

The Red Devils would be led in serving by Kyleigh Mc-Duffie with 20 serve attempts and 4 of them being aces. Elliona Leaman with 38 set opportunities and converted 18 of those into assists. Kylie Skrocki would lead the way

in hitting with 27 attempts and would power 11 of those

"I am pleased that we gave Grayling a run for their money. If we had been able to be more effective with blocking to shut down their middle hitter, it would have

helped. At times our defense struggled to read Grayling's offense and were consequently not in the correct position to control the ball. Our serve receive is improving overall, but still give up too many points to unforced errors. If we can improve on these things, we will beat teams like Grayling

moving forward," said Head Coach Laura Snyder.

The Red Devils would then turn around and play Ellsworth on Wednesday, September 15.

ELLSWORTH

The Red Devils would look to get things back on track against the Lancers after the tough loss against the Vikings.

The Red Devils would end up rolling as they would dominate the first set and pick up the win 25-8. The Lancers would get a little more offense in set number

two but not much. As the Red Devils would take the second set 25-10. Then in the third set, the Red Devils would have another pretty easy win as they would win by 18 points, 25-7. A clean three set sweep for the Red Devils gave them the overall win.

Leaman would have a perfect day serving going 3-3 with an ace. As would Skrocki (14/14), Rhyen Olsen (13/13) Avery Wilson (3/3) and Skylar Barnett (20/20). Skrocki would lead the way with 24 set attempts and picking up 10 assists. Lindsey Cross would have 14 hit attempts for 5 kills.

Ramblers rebound in LMC with win over Kalkaska

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Volleyball team stays hot. As they would play Kalkaska at home on Tuesday, September 14.

KALKASKA

The Ramblers would fire on all cylinders to sweep Kalkaska in three sets. The Ramblers would start out with a serving run by Ava Tarsi to put the Ramblers up 7-0. With Kalkaska not being able to get much to drop against the Ramblers tough defense Morgan Deming was able to pull together a 5 point serving run to win set one 25-11.

In set two, it would be very similar to set one, with Tarsi putting together a 10-point serving run to put the Ramblers up 10-1 before Kalkaska called a timeout. It was all Ramblers continuing throughout the set behind some great offense by Keni Ciesielski, Deming & Grace Dawson which eventually ended the set with another 25-11 score.

The Ramblers would have serving runs would be common against the Blazers. Senior Maggie Seaver would help the Ramblers go on a 7-point serving run in set three to put the Ramblers ahead 11-1.



Keni Ciesielski

After that the girls got rolling both offensively and defensively and just could not be stopped, finally taking set three 25-8.

"This game was a big booster for these girls after a rough loss last Thursday. We are a good team and we know that and when we play like this it really shows off our talent. We have so many play makers that if we can just be "on" then watch out. I have said it before and I am sure I will say it again, this is the most selfless group of girls I have ever had. As long as we are scoring points they could care less who is getting the stats. Important day in practice tomorrow as we head up to the Soo on Thursday who is always tough competition," said Head Coach Mallory Slate.

The Ramblers would be led by Ciesielski with 8 kills, 100% serving; Dawson: 7 kills, 2 aces, 7 digs, 7 for 8 on serve receptions; Morgan Deming: 7 kills, 2 blocks; Bella Cosier: 14 digs, 9 for 10 on serve receptions and Tarsi: 24 assists, 26 for 26 serving, 3 aces.

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After rolling over the Blazers, the Ramblers would run into a rough matchup against the Blue Devils. As they would drop the first set by a close score of 25-22. The Ramblers would have a rough second set as they would fall by a final score of 25-17. The Ramblers would look to mount a comeback in the third set, but it would fall short, as the Ramblers would loss in three straight sets.

The Ramblers would be led by: Aubrey Burns with 9 kills, 4 digs, and 4 for 4 on serve receptions; Dawson with 5 kills, 100% serving, and 8 digs; Cosier with 22 serve receptions, 100% serving, and 16 digs and Tarsi with 19 assists.

The Ramblers will be back in action on Tuesday, September 21 when they travel to play Charlevoix.

Loggers beat Wildcats for conference win

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne Falls Volleyball team would play Wolverine on Friday, September 17.

In the first game of the set, the Loggers would end up having the advantage throughout the entire game. As they would almost double up the Wildcats in the first set. The Loggers would take the first set 25-13. The Wildcats would make it closer during the game as the Loggers would win the second set by

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25-15. The Loggers would end up sealing the game with a third set win by a four point margin 25-21.

The Loggers would have a good serving day as Mackenzie Smith, Hannah Haug, Riley Zbacnik and Cheyanne Sayles at 100%; Maddison Loper and Lillian Fenske added five aces; Alice Loper two aces. The setting would be good as well as Cheyanne Sayles and Riley Zbacnik split the night with 39 and 26 assists respectively for a 94%

combined setting average; Alice Loper adding two assists and Fenske three. Even the hitters would have a good night with Maddison Loper

having 20 hits, 7 kills. "Defensively, we played our best game so far. Our serve was excellent and the sideouts came quickly. It's a lot easier to score when the passes are on point. Wolverine's Senior, Maggie Nelson, kept us on our toes but the girls just refused to give up on anything," said Head Coach Katie Stolarski.



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GAYLORD	.1-25	-5
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ELK RAPIDS	5-0	8-3-3
BOYNE CITY	4-1	8-5-2
CHARLEVOIX	2-2	5-4
HARBOR SPRINGS	2-3	3-7
GRAYLING	1-4	4-7
KALKASKA	0-4	3-7

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FOOTBALL STATE RANKINGS

DIVISION 1

- 1. Rockford (4) (4-0) 49 2. Clarkston (1) (4-0) 46
- 3. Saline (4-0) 38
- 4. Belleville (3-1) 33
- 5. Rochester Adams (4-0) 30
- 6. Dearborn Fordson (4-0) 22
- 7. Grand Blanc (4-0) 21
- 8. Clinton Township Chippewa Valley (3-1) 10
- 9. Howell (4-0) 6
- 10. Dearborn (4-0) 5 (tie)Brownstown Woodhaven (4-0) 5 Others receiving votes: Romeo 3. Sterling Heights Stevenson 3. Detroit Cass

DIVISION 2

1. Warren De La Salle (5) (4-0) 50

Tech 3. Detroit Catholic Central 1.

- 2. Livonia Churchill (4-0) 45
- 3. Byron Center (4-0) 37
- 4. Caledonia (4-0) 33 (tie) South Lyon (4-0) 33
- 6. Muskegon Mona Shores (3-1) 24 7. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (3-1) 20
- 8. Traverse City Central (3-1) 17 9. Dexter (3-1) 8
- 10. Bay City Western (4-0) 6 Others receiving votes: North Farmington 2.

DIVISION 3

- 1. Detroit King (5) (3-1) 50 2. DeWitt (3-1) 45
- 3. River Rouge (3-1) 36
- 4. Muskegon (3-1) 33
- 5. Mount Pleasant (4-0) 29 6. Birmingham Brother Rice (3-1) 22
- (tie) Orchard Lake St. Mary's (4-0) 22 8. Allen Park (4-0) 16
- 9. Riverview (4-0) 11 10. St. Joseph (4-0) 9
- Others receiving votes: Zeeland West 1. Harper Woods 1.

DIVISION 4

- 1. Chelsea (4) (4-0) 49
- 2. Edwardsburg (1) (4-0) 43
- 3. Hudsonville Unity Christian (4-0) 42
- 4. Freeland (4-0) 31
- 5. Ortonville Brandon (4-0) 29 6. Detroit Country Day (3-1) 25
- 7. Spring Lake (4-0) 22
- 8. Cadillac (3-1) 14
- 9. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (3-1) 8
- 10. Hastings (4-0) 7
- Others receiving votes: Goodrich 2. Sault Ste Marie 2. Lake Fenton 1.

DIVISION 5

- 1. Grand Rapids Catholic Central (5) (4-0) 50
- 2. Frankenmuth (4-0) 41
- 3. Portland (4-0) 40
- 4. Kingsley (4-0) 37
- 5. Grand Rapids West Catholic (4-0) 29
- 6. Marine City (4-0) 26
- 7. Belding (4-0) 15
- 8. Gladwin (4-0) 14
- 9. Berrien Springs (4-0) 9 (tie) Comstock Park (4-0) 9
- Others receiving votes: Kingsford 2. Armada 1. Big Rapids 1. Olivet 1.

DIVISION 6

- 1. Lansing Catholic (5) (4-0) 50 2. Constantine (4-0) 44
- 3. Millington (4-0) 38
- 4. Boyne City (4-0) 31
- 5. Jonesville (4-0) 30
- 6. Montague (3-1) 24
- (tie) Watervliet (4-0) 24 8. Michigan Center (3-1) 10
- 9. Negaunee (3-1) 7
- Ida 3. Almont 3. Grayling 1.

10. Menominee (3-1) 6 Others receiving votes: Reed City 4. 12,

DIVISION 7

- 1. Jackson Lumen Christi (2) (4-0) 45 2. Traverse City St. Francis (1) (4-0) 43
- 3. Pewamo-Westphalia (1) (4-0) 39
- 4. Monroe St. Mary Catholic (1) (4-0) 34
- 5. Reese (4-0) 23

- 6. New Lothrop (3-1) 21
- 7. Bad Axe (4-0) 19
- 8. Lawton (4-0) 14
- 9. Detroit Loyola (2-2) 11
- 10. Muskegon Catholic Central (3-1) 10 Others receiving votes: Ishpeming Westwood 5. Madison Heights Bishop Foley 5. Montrose 3. Mancelona 2. Evart 1.

DIVISION 8

- 1. Hudson (5) (4-0) 50
- 2. Addison (4-0) 43
- 3. Carson City-Crystal (4-0) 32 4. Ubly (4-0) 29
- 5. Ottawa Lake Whiteford (3-1) 28
- 6. White Pigeon (4-0) 26
- 7. Sand Creek (3-1) 20
- 8. Beal City (3-1) 18
 - 9. Clarkston Everest Catholic (3-1) 15 10. Reading (3-1) 7

 - Others receiving votes: Centreville 3. Breckenridge 2. Muskegon Heights 1. Bark River-Harris 1.

DIVISION 8 PLAYER

- 1. Powers North Central (6) (4-0) 78
- 2. Adrian Lenawee Christian (1) (4-0) 64
- 3. Portland St Patrick (1) (4-0) 62
- 4. Morrice (4-0) 48
- 5. Suttons Bay (4-0) 35
- 6. Marion (4-0) 31 7. Pickford (4-0) 29
- 8. Colon (4-0) 25
- 9. Crystal Falls Forest Park (4-0) 15 (tie) Martin (4-0) 15
- Others receiving votes: Bridgman 11. Britton-Deerfield 9. Mendon 4. North

Huron 4. Rudyard 4. Norway 2. Deckerville 2. 18, Au Gres-Sims 1. Ontonagon 1.

BOYS SOCCER STATE RANKINGS

The fourth Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association boys soccer rankings of the 2021 season have been released. These rankings are based solely on the MHSAA's Michigan Power Rankings.

DIVISION 1

4 0

- 1. New Baltimore Anchor Bay (11-0-0)
- 2. Berkley (12-0-1)
- 3. Troy Athens (7-0-2)
- 4. Northville (6-0-3) 5. Okemos (9-0-2)
- 6. Clarkston (6-1-1) 7. Troy (9-0-1)
- 8. Royal Oak (6-2-1)
- 9. Grosse Pointe South (8-1-0) 10. East Kentwood (9-1-1)
- 11. Macomb Dakota (6-1-0) 12. Novi (4-1-1)

13. Portage Central (6-1-1)

1. Richland Gull Lake (12-0-0)

14. Traverse City West (5-2-2) 15. Birmingham Groves (6-2-2)

DIVISION 2

2. Holland (9-1-2)

- 3. St Joseph (8-0-2) 4. Fruitport (7-0-1) 5. Fenton (8-0-1)
- 6. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
- (6-0-2)7. Grand Rapids Christian (7-3-1)
- 8. Petoskey (8-2-2)
- 9. Marshall (9-2-1) 10. Ludington (7-1-0)
- 11. Plainwell (4-1-4) 12. Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg (9-2-2) 13. Spring Lake (6-2-2)
- 14. Clio (9-1-0) 15. Vicksburg (10-2-1)
- DIVISION 3 1. Holland Christian (6-1-2)
- 2. Grosse Ile (8-0-1)
- 3. Hudsonville Unity Christian (7-2-2) 4. Imlay City (11-3-1)
- 5. Grand Rapids South Christian (7-0-3) 6. Elk Rapids (7-3-3)
- 7. Grand Rapids Covenant Christian (6-2-
- 8. Williamston (6-4-1) 9. Grand Rapids Catholic Central (3-3-3)
- 10. Frankenmuth (10-2-3) 11. Detroit Country Day (8-4-0)

- 12. Boyne City (7-5-2)
- 13. Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard (4-
- 14. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (7-5-3) 15. Wyoming Lee (7-1-0)

DIVISION 4

- 1. Grandville Calvin Christian (9-1-1)
- 2. Royal Oak Shrine Catholic (9-2-0) 3. Grosse Pointe Woods University
- Liggett (9-1-0) 4. Hartford (11-1-0) 5. Hillsdale Academy (7-3-0)
- 6. Wyoming Potters House Christian (6-
- 7. Clarkston Everest Collegiate (9-1-3)
- 8. Lansing Christian (7-1-0) 9. McBain Northern Michigan Christian
- (9-1-0)10. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest
- (6-0-4)
- 11. North Muskegon (5-6-1) 12. Grass Lake (7-2-2)
- 13. Madison Heights Bishop Foley (7-3-2) 14. Bad Axe (6-2-1)

15. Midland Calvary Baptist (5-2-1)

VOLLEYBALL STATE RANKINGS

The Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association has released its fifth poll of the 2021 season.

- **DIVISION 1** 1. Bloomfield Hills Marian
- 2. Hudsonville 3. Ann Arbor Skyline 4. Macomb Dakota
- 5. Rockford 6. Farmington Hills Mercy 7. Northville
- 8. Novi 9. Clarkston 10. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central Honorable Mention: Lake Orion, Saline, Grandville, White Lake Lakeland, Davi-

DIVISION 2

1. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

son, Traverse City West

- 2. Grand Rapids Christian 3. Detroit Country Day
- 4. Lake Odessa Lakewood 5. North Branch
- 6. Grand Rapids Catholic Central 7. Grand Rapids West Catholic 8. Cadillac
- 9. Essexville Garber 10. Lansing Catholic

DIVISION 3 1. Muskegon West Michigan Christian

Honorable Mention: Dundee, Niles,

- 2. Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 3. Calumet
- 6. Reese 7. McBain
- 4. Centreville 5. Kalamazoo Christian

Whitehall, Edwardsburg

- 8. Saginaw Valley Lutheran 9. Bronson
- 10. Charlevoix

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF POINTS

and 8-player programs with at least two wins in our coverage area.

Traverse City West, 3-1 -54.250

Traverse City Central, 3-1 -53.250

Listed below are updated playoff point

listings through Week 4 of the 2021 high

school football season for area 11-player

DIVISION 2

11-Player

DIVISION 1

DIVISION 3 Petoskey, 3-1 -38.500 Gaylord, 2-2 -35.500

DIVISION 4

Cadillac, 3-1 -41.000 Sault Ste. Marie, 3-1 -27.750

DIVISION 6

DIVISION 5

Boyne City, 4-0 -37.500 Grayling, 3-1 -31.750

Kingsley, 4-0 -43.500

DIVISION 7

Traverse City St Francis, 4-0 -42.250 Mancelona, 4-0 -34.000 Charlevoix, 3-1 -26.000 East Jordan, 3-1 -22.000

Axe, Brooklyn Columbia Central, Morley Stanwood, Pewamo-Westphalia

Honorable Mention: Adrian Madison, Bad

DIVISION 4

- 1. Athens
- 2. Adrian Lenawee Christian 3. Lansing Christian
- 5. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 6. Traverse City Christian

4. Battle Čreek St. Philip

- 7. Plymouth Christian 8. Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 9. Ubly
- 10. Wyoming Tri-unity Christian Honorable Mention: Carney-Nadeau,

8-PLAYER

Division 1 Inland Lakes, 4-0 –28.750 Rogers City, 4-0 –26.500 Onaway, 2-2 –17.000 Whittemore-Prescott, 2-2 -15.500

DIVISION 2

Pellston, 4-0 -27.250 Gaylord St. Mary, 3-1 -21.750 Mio, 3-1 –21.750

News

Health Department officials anticipating vaccine booster update this week

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan officials, among other local and national health authorities, are anticipating updates from the FDA and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) regarding COVID-19 booster dose administration

ministration. The FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Committee was scheduled to meet on Friday, September 17. to advise the FDA on whether to authorize a booster dose of Pfizer vaccine for some or all adults. Additionally, the ACIP is scheduled to meet on September 22-23, 2021. The approval of booster doses is required by both the FDA and ACIP prior to COVID-19 vaccine booster doses being administered. Booster doses of the COVID-

19 vaccine are currently approved for administration to immunocompromised individuals.

"We are asking area residents to be patient as we cannot administer the Pfizer booster until we receive approval by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director with the health department. "As soon as we get approval, we will publicize the process for people to sign up with us. It is our desire to get this booster shot in the arms to anyone eligible as quickly as possible," he added.

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 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:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

• 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 5 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: Click Here

The health department is partnering with HONU Management Group to offer additional testing clinics as case investigations range from 20-40 per day locally in the four counties. The test is free and pre-registration is not required but will reduce the time spent at the clinic. Both Rapid and PCR COVID-19 tests are available.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10 am - 4 pm, East Jordan Fire Department (555 Maple St)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27,

11am-6pm, E-Free Church (1649 E M-32).

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

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

• On Friday, Sept. 17, 43 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (11), Charlevoix (3), Emmet (17), and Otsego (12), and two COVID-19 associated deaths in Charlevoix (1) and Emmet (1).

• On Saturday, Sept. 18, 44 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (6), Charlevoix (9), Emmet (17), and Otsego (12), and one COVID-19 associated death in Otsego.

• On Sunday, Sept. 19, 19 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (5), Charlevoix (3), Emmet (6), and Otsego (5).

• On Monday, Sept. 20, 53 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (7), Charlevoix (11), Emmet (17), and Otsego (18), and one COVID-19 associated death in Antrim.

As of 4 p.m. Sept. 16, the

cumulative case count information for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan

is:
• Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties:
Antrim (1,900), Charlevoix

Otsego (2,692).
• Recovered COVID-19
cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,674),
Charlevoix (1,795), Emmet
(2,401), and Otsego (2,328).

(2,050), Emmet (2,802), and

• Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (34), Charlevoix (29), Emmet (45), and Otsego (44).

On September 20, the State of Michigan reported 995,910 cases and 20,700 deaths.



Gov. Whitmer lowers flags to honor former Staff Sergeant Natalie Barajas

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Whitmer has ordered U.S. and Michigan flags throughout the state of Michigan to be lowered to

Michigan to be lowered to half-staff on Friday, September 17 to honor the life and service of former Staff Sergeant Natalie Barajas. The flag honors coincided with her funeral service.

"Our state mourns the passing of former Staff Sergeant Natalie Barajas," Governor Whitmer said. "Staff Sergeant Barajas serv ed her

country honorably and inspired many with her dedication to helping others. I extend my deepest condolences to her family and loved ones as they lay her to rest."

Barajas was born April 26, 1990 and graduated from Gaylord High School in 2008. She then joined the U.S. Army, where she served as a combat medic, orthopedic technician, clinic supervisor and staff sergeant. Her military career included deployments to Iraq and Germany. During her service she earned the Army Commendation Medal seven times, the Army Achievement Medal five times, the Army Good Conduct Medal three times, and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

Barajas passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at the age of 30 years old.

The State of Michigan recognizes the selfless leadership, determination and honor of Staff Sergeant Natalie Barajas. Michigan residents, businesses, schools, local governments and other organizations also are encouraged to display the flag at half-staff.

Alanson superintendent Cook shares expertise about Social and Emotional Learning in national resource

Recently, Rachelle Cook, Superintendent of Alanson Public Schools, was asked by "Move This World" to write an article about the importance of social and emotional learning (SEL) with students today. Move This World provides social and emotional learning training for educators and others through the use of interactive videos, movement and creative expression. The organization reaches out to school leaders like Cook for insights in how their districts are caring for the social and emotional needs of their students.

"As the school year begins, we can start the year with a strong foundation and build resilient communities that support each other through any challenges this year may bring. Incorporating social-emotional learning school-wide gives educators, students, and their families the tools to strengthen their community and navigate challenges," said Cook

Following is the article that Superintendent Cook wrote as it appeared on the District Administration website

4 ways to build community with SEL at the start of the school year

BY RACHELLE COOK

Incorporating social-emotional learning school-wide gives educators, students, and their families the tools to strengthen their community and navigate challenges.

While the start of last school year was filled with unknowns, the start of this school year is bringing a lot of big feelings. From feeling



Rachelle Cook is superintendent at Alanson Public Schools

overwhelmed at the learning gaps our students are facing to feeling excited (or nervous) to be back on campus together to feeling cautious about the continuing pandemic, our students and educators are going to be carrying a lot as they walk onto campus for a new school year.

We can't simply brush these feelings aside and jump back into school as we knew it before the pandemic. We have an opportunity to reset our communities and revisit our values. What is important to us? How do we support each other? As the school year begins, we can start the year with a strong foundation and build resilient communities that support each other through any challenges this year may bring.

Incorporating social-emotional learning school-wide gives educators, students, and their families the tools to strengthen their community and navigate challenges. Here are 4 ways to build community with SEL at the start of the school year:

1. Create time and space for SEL

We've implemented a social-emotional learning curriculum to make it easier for our teachers to implement SEL regularly. This helped us provide structure around when, where, and how students would practice SEL intentionally every day. In our district, each teacher does Move This World as part of their morning routine in the elementary classrooms. Our middle school teachers do this during homeroom each morning. We have seen our students over time be better at handling, controlling, and expressing their emotions. Our students seem more in tune with how others are feelings as well as how their actions affect others.

2. Incorporate creative practices to deepen SEL

Creative practices are part of our SEL curriculum. and teachers are able to incorporate these creative strategies like drawing, creating frozen statues with our bodies, or writing throughout the day as students need support with transitions or during conflicts. I have seen my teachers use Move This World after lunch or after an assembly to bring everyone back together. I have also seen my teachers incorporate creative practices when a situation arises either with social groups of classmates or on the fly.

3. Focus on play and movement

It is so important for all students to have time for a brain break and move their body in order for them to focus on the academic items throughout the day! This is why our teachers start each morning with a movement-and-play-based SEL curriculum, and then sometimes utilize the curriculum again in the afternoon or to close the day.

4. Create time for reflection

We have been trying to incorporate more reflection in our community, not just as staff but also with our students. We know as teachers reflection is so important to determine if lessons went well and are students grasping the concept. We encourage the same for our students. We want them to reflect and see what works for them so they can continue to grow. All students are unique, and social-emotional learning gives students the language to understand what they are passionate about, how to respond to challenges, and how to ask for help. Our SEL curriculum builds this reflection time into daily exercises, and it's important to give students the time, language, and framework to reflect on their own learning. Our students need us this

Our students need us this year. By intentionally incorporating social-emotional learning at the beginning of the year, you can create a strong and resilient school community that gives all students a sense of belonging, safety, and purpose.

Rachelle Cook is the Su perintendent of Alanson Public Schools in Alanson. Michigan. She holds a Masters in Education from Grand Valley State, a Bachelor of Science in Education from Western Michigan University, and both Michigan Professional Education and Administration Certificates. Prior to serving as the Superintendent. Cook was the Director of Student Achievement at Alanson Public Schools, supervising and mentoring K-8th grade teachers, and has also served the district as Interim Elementary Principal, a 6th grade teacher, and 2nd grade teacher.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monday June 28, 2021 OOO9 Arrested subject for OUID DWIS resisting and obst

OUID, DWLS, resisting and obstructing in the 1400 block of Pleasant Av. 0250 Assisted Charlevoix EMS when clearing the Jail on previous arrest.

0735 Lodged a stray dog at the shelter
1248 Salvage Vehicle Inspection

1511 Report of lost cell phone at Peninsula Beach1747 Attempt suicide on Boice St.

Report of a vehicle block

Assist Sheriff Dept. on

1823

2148

Hannah St.

2308 Citation issued for speed

ing traffic at Park and Water St.

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 0030 Assist with broken down

truck on N East.
0750 Suicidal subject reported
from S Lake St.
0932 Overdue aircraft found

1023 Fraud reported from
 Brockway
 1113 Report of lost backpack
 in Lake Charlevoix

safely on the ground at airport.

1210 Report of missing wallet 1349 Salvage Vehicle Inspection

1353 Assist citizen in the 900
 block of Robinson St
 1439 Suicidal subject on Water
 St

1510 Driving complaint on N Lake St 1546 Suicidal subject in the 300 block of E Division 1824 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Whiting's Park 2203 Suicidal subject at in the 200 block of State St.

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 0335 Alarm in the 500 block of W Michigan

W Michigan
0609 Alarm in the 100 block of
S Lake St
0825 Report of fishing pole

and pack of soda stolen off picnic table at the Marina
0954 Report of ID theft.
1143 Disturbance in the 200

block of Vogel St.

1525 Complaint of neighbors
selling political merchandise at
Boyne Av and E Main St
1614 Vehicle unlock in the 600

1614 Vehicle unlock in the 60 block of W Court St.
2035 Assist with fire on Cozy Nook Ln

Thursday, July 1, 2021 0126 Arrest subject for OUI on M-75 S

M-75 S
0520 Citizen assist in the 900
block of Robinson St.
0929 Report of missing Jet Ski
from Front St.

1015 Report of missing cell phone
 1025 Report of box of screws or nails dropped in road at Lake and

or nails dropped in road at Lake an Water. 1120 Found phone turned in 1505 Property damage crash at Water St. and Park St.

at Water St. and Park St.

1922 Citizen assist at the PD

1928 Abandoned bike in the

300 block of N Lake St

2158 Fireworks complaint at Division and Front.

Friday, July 2, 2021
0915 Set of car keys found on
Line St.
1100 Vehicle unlock on E

Water St 1045 funeral escort from St Matt's to Maple Lawn

1105 MDOP to vehicle reported in the 400 block of N Lake St 1228 Vehicle unlock on Bay St 1413 Missing wallet reported 1557 Juveniles riding bikes in

road on Lake St.
1725 Report of subject running down Avalanche Mt. naked.
Found and citation issued.
2130 Alarm in the 300 block of

E Water St
2256 Citation issued for disregarding a stop sign on North St
2347 Two car property damage crash at S Lake and Main.

Saturday, July 3, 2021 0132 Missing persons re-

ported. Was located downtown. 0136 Intoxicated subject at Lake and River St 0235 Intoxicated subject at S

1050 Civil complaint on Bay St.
1229 Arrested subject for no
operator's license at Division and
Park St.
1312 Request for welfare
check in the 900 block of Robinson

St.

1415 Report of a dog running at large near Park St and Water St.

1607 Report of a boat is

docked without permission at the Marina. 2114 Car deer crash at Division and West St.

Sunday, July 4, 2021 0140 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Springwater Beach Rd. 1110 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Dam Rd. and Topolinski Rd. 1115 Report of vehicle left in

the roadway at S. Park St and Ray St.
1120 Found Black wallet was
located in Veterans Park.
1130 Found key/fob combo
1140 Assist subject with heat
exhaustion at the mouth of the

1431 Report of a hornets nest interfering with the raft race at the mouth of the River
1921 Disturbance in the 200 block of E. Cedar St

River

1955 Report of a dirt bike speeding at Division and Grant. 2011 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Vogel St. and Lake St. 2127 Disturbance in the 200 block of S Lake St

2139 Report of people smoking on the beach at Harborage
Beach.
2140 Fireworks complaint at

Peninsula Beach.
2152 Disturbance reported in Veterans Park.
2159 Reported disturbance in the 900 block of E Main St

2221 Parking complaint on W Water St. 2223 Suspicious situation in

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OBITUARIES

FROM PG. 2

Chapel of Mortensen Funeral

Bud Grove, 92

(AUG. 8, 1929 - SEPT. 18, 2021) Earl Irwin "Bud" Grove,

92, of Boyne City, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 18, 2021. He was born on August 8. 1929 in De-



troit, MI, the son of Earl and Hilda (Riley) Grove.

In 1969, Bud became one of four founding members of Nu-Core, a company that specializes in copper power cable manufacturing. He eventually became the sole owner of the company, and his two sons have since taken the reigns. In his younger years he was an avid hunter as well as a founding member of the Michigan Modified Auto Club (MMAC). Members of the club refurbished and raced old hot rods at various locations in the Detroit area. Bud was also an accomplished sailor on the Great Lakes as well as the Atlantic Ocean.

Bud is survived by his six children, Robert (Rafina) Grove of Boyne City, Kathy (Hank) Forger of Phoenix, AZ, Karen (James) Nancekivell of North Oaks, MN, Karol Grove of Brighton, Gary (Cheryl) Grove of Novi, and Kim (Rey) Ramos of Prudenville; thirteen grandchildren: and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife and mother of his children, Catherine (Coon) Grove; and his second wife, Nancy (Krashowetz) Grove.

A private burial service will be held at Holy Sepulcher Catholic Cemetery in Southfield, MI. A memorial service will be held at a later date; details will be announced when they are made available

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Junior Sailing Program of Sail Charlevoix to help local children carry on Bud's love of sailing.

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

Wayne Willson, 73

(DEC. 27, 1947 - SEPT. 17, 2021)

Wayne Archer Willson of Ellsworth passed away on Friday, September 17, 2021. He was born on December 27, 1947 in East Jordan the son of Cliffton and Phyllis (MacDonald) Willson.

Wayne graduated from East Jordan High School in 1965. He went on to work with his brother, Burt in logging and log home construction for many years. If Wayne had any free time, he would nearly always spend it fishing. He enjoyed bait fishing for many species, but his favorite to catch was brook trout.

Wayne is survived by his brother, Don Willson of Chatham, MI.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and six brothers, Ken Willson, Paul Willson, Burton Willson, Bud Willson, Cliffton Willson Jr. and Billy Willson.

Private burial will take place at Dunsmore Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility.

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

Bethel Boss, 94

(SEPT. 12, 1927 - SEPT. 16, 2021) Bethel Boss of Ellsworth

died on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.



born September 12, 1927 at home near Ellsworth, Michigan, the daughter of Oscar and Ethel (Murray) Larsen.

Bethel grew up on her family's farm and campground on Six Mile Lake and loved being outdoors and on the lake. She enjoyed serving the campers, and the family was blessed by the friendships formed. Bethel attended Pleasant Hill Country School, graduated from Ellsworth High School, lived and worked in Traverse City and attended college in the Detroit area. She also studied showmanship and judging cattle at Michigan State University and excelled at showing cattle at fairs. Bethel was a lifelong learner and always enjoyed reading as well as writing letters to friends and relatives.

On February 19, 1949, she married Clarence Boss at the Atwood Reformed Church (now Belltower Reformed Church). She was a member of Belltower Reformed Church and the Ladies Aid Society. She and her husband made their home on their farm in Banks Township where she was an active partner in all aspects of farming throughout her life.

Bethel also enjoyed playing softball, staying in touch with family and friends, and caring for the family, especially grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. She enjoyed watching her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren in their activities including many sports, performing on piano or in a school band, and many 4-H and school activities. She enjoyed cooking and baking and served delicious home cooked meals, including homemade bread and pies, welcoming everyone to her table. She has wonderful memories of traveling with her husband and great friendships with other couples who shared in some of the trips. She was kind and patient, had a keen sense of humor, was a faithful friend to many, and truly cared about others.

Surviving are her children, Dennis Boss of Ellsworth, Sharmon Dulaney of Charlevoix, Joan Boss of Traverse City, and Elaine "Laney" Boss of Traverse City; 7 grandchildren, Cory Dulaney of Ellsworth, Leah (Todd) Olson of Charlevoix, Cailin (Matt) Tacktor of Auburn, Kelsey ("Katt"Cope) Dulaney of Oklahoma. Rachel (John) Boss-McCafferty of East Jordan, Eli Boss of Central Lake, Hannah (Sean Collins) Barrow of Kewadin; 16 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Clarence, her parents, brothers Bruce Larsen of Ellsworth, Grover "Elwood" Larsen of Onaway, grandson Seth Boss, and great-grandson Clayton Dulaney.

Friends may call from 5pm to 7pm on Thursday, September 23 at the Belltower Reformed Church, 8033 Church Rd., Ellsworth, and again from 12:00 noon until the time of the funeral on Friday.

The funeral service will be held at 1pm on Friday, September 24 at the Belltower Reformed Church with Rev. Jim Heneveld officiating. Burial will be in Atwood Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the wonderful and caring staff at Grandvue Medical Care Facility and Melanie White at the Eastport Village Care Home for the loving and compassionate care they gave Bethel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Banks Township Fire and Rescue, PO Box 241, Ellsworth, MI 49729, or the local charity of your choice.

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

Carole Rosalie (Ward) Frey, 82

(JUNE 21, 1939 - SEPT. 11, 2021)

Carole Rosalie Frey passed away on Sunday, September 12, 2021, at home in Wilson Township, Charlevoix County,



bookkeeping. Carole married John Richard Frey on May 14, 1960, in Flint. They made their home in Davison to raise a family.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Buick Motor Company for five years until 1963. She then took time to raise her children and enjoyed being a stay at home mom.

Before retiring to East Jordan, Carole was very active at the Davison Community Baptist Church, where she typed and printed the weekly bulletins. She also sang in the choir, worked in the nursery. and took her turn cleaning the church. She was also a very active member and church secretary of the Grace Baptist Church, Gay-

Carol's greatest desire was to share her love of God to those around her.

She enjoyed being a mom, making all sorts of crafts to sell them around the area. Carole also enjoyed hunting mule deer in Wyoming with her beloved husband. They came home every year with a couple of deer.

Carole is survived by her husband, John R. Frey of East Jordan; three loving children, Stephen Frey of Linden, MI, Colleen (Dale) Ritchie of Lowell, MI and David (Heather) Frey of Las Vegas, NV; four grandchildren, Nathan (Serena) Ritchie of Grand Rapids, MI, Samantha (Adam) Miller of Chicago, IL, Chloe Frey of Linden, MI and Max Frey of Linden, MI; and one great grandson, Theodore Ritchie of Grand Rapids, MI.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at 12:00 Noon at Grace Baptist Church, 232 S. Townline Road, Gaylord, MI 49735. Pastor Derek Hagland will officiate.

The family asks that you not send flowers. If you feel so inclined, you may make a donation in Mom's honor to Samaritan's Purse, an organization that shares the love of Jesus Christ through action, helping people in need across the globe. Mom was an EMT for many years in Davison, Michigan so the family selected the Emergency Medicine option for donations: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/memorialpage/carole-frey-east-jordanmi. You may also address it by mail to Grace Baptist Church, attn: Carole Frey Memorial, 232 South Townline Road, Gaylord, MI 49735. Arrangements were han-

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Charlevoix County Commissioners Synopsis September 8, 2021

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on September 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #21-102, County Expenditures. Motion approved Resolution #21-103, 2022 General Fund

Motion approved Resolution #21-104, Maximum Authorized Millage Rates.

Motion approved Resolution #21-105, Cigarette Tax Distri-

Motion approved Resolution #21-106, Convention Facility Tax Distribution.

Motion approved Resolution #21-107, 2022 Salary Sched-

Motion approved Resolution #21-108, 2022 Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion approved Resolution #21-109, Resolution Declaring a Local State of Emergency within Charlevoix County -Failed. 3.3 Nays: Commissioner Christensen, Commissioner Reinhardt, and Commissioner Hankins.

Motion approve Resolution #21-110, Jail Generator Pur-

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:34

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

NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY

September 17, 2021

A vacancy for a seat on the Boyne City Board of Education is now open. Alison Mellon has resigned her seat effective September 20, 2021. Per Board Policy 2404, the Board will have 30 days to appoint a resident over the age of 18 to fill the seat until the next regularly scheduled election in November of 2022.

The appointment will be made at a special Board meeting on October 11, 2021 at 5:45 p.m at the Boyne City Education Center.. During this meeting, the Board will interview all interested candidates. It is suggested that all interested candidates meet with the Superintendent prior to the meeting to answer any questions candidates may have about being a Board member. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and any supporting documents that may help the Board make a decision on a candidate's capacity to serve the District as a Board

Letters of interest are due by Wednesday, October 8th. Email the letter of interest to Tammy Patrick (email: tpatrick@boyne.k12.mi.us) All materials received will be distributed to Board members for review.

Citizens who have questions should contact Superintendent Patrick Little at (231)439-8191 or email at plittle@boyne.k12.mi.us

Listed below are helpful links to more information about being a Board member

Policy 2101: Roles and Responsibilities of a Board Member:

https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Book/965?docTypeId=39424&file=6f899aa5-e123-4ec7-816d-828f56b8cdb4

Board of Education District Website: https://boyne.k12.mi.us/District/Portal/board-of-education

Searchable Board Policy Website (it is advisable that candidates review policy 2101-2506): https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/965

General Information on being a School Board Member:

https://www.masb.org/Portals/0/Education Community/Superintendent Secretaries/Recruiting School Board Cand idates.pdf

BCPS Board Member Information:

BCPS meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. In a typical year, Board members also attend special Board meetings and committee meetings totaling approximately 12-16 meetings per year. Board members are also asked to attend functions with staff or the community at times.

Weekly, Board members receive communication from the Superintendent on important matters. Board members are asked to review all materials sent to them.

Prior to each board meeting, Board members receive the Board packet, which includes all the documents related to topics within the Board agenda. Board members are asked to review all materials sent to them and to communicate with the Superintendent about questions prior to the meeting. This can take up to one hour to review for most Board members.

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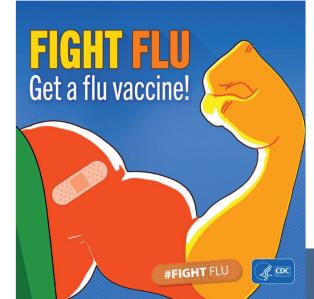
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