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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 Board passes resolution on mask mandate

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Charlevoix - At the September 22 Charlevoix County Board of Commissioner's meeting a resolution was passed showing support for local decisions being made locally, appointed two Board of County Canvassers, and set a date for a meeting of the whole to discuss what to do with the Beaver Island Lighthouse.

After the Health Department of Northwest Michigan superseded the right of local school boards to set policies pertaining to Covid, County Commissioners mostly agreed to pass a symbolic resolution of support to underscore their belief in the proper handling of

power. "The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners affirms its commitment and support in the belief that local decisions should be made locally, and any mandates should be discussed with the proper authorities rather than just being implemented by an individual," the resolution concludes. "I realize this resolution may be symbolic but I believe it shows support from this county board of the symbolic decision that the Board of Health had," said Commissioner Scott Hankins, Board representative to the Board of Health. The resolution passed 4/1 with Jess against and Draves absent.

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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 Rates increasing at East Jordan's marina

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - At the September 21 East Jordan City Commissioner's meeting they voted against one ordinance amendment and passed a second, raised harbor slip rates and announced that the city website has gone live with their zoning applications.

Proposed city ordinance 265 is intended to curb the noise produced from traffic on M66. "The irony of this is, I've had emails from campers and calls from residents not knowing anything about this ordinance, commenting on the noise on 66. I've heard more about this issue in the last three weeks," said City Manager Thomas Can-

non. However, Commissioners Sweet-Hock and Sherman brought concerns to the commission about some of the wording in the proposed ordinance. "We want to allow people to live their lives, said Sweet-Hock. Sherman agreed that the ordinance called "Offenses Against Public Peace," could infringe on normal activity, which is not its intent. This is the second time the ordinance has come before the commission. The amendment was shot down as it is written 5/2. It will be brought back next month to be "tweaked". It is not listed on the website for review.

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Fire in Charlevoix Condo Complex



BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Charlevoix - Five fire departments responded to a large fire at the Captain's Watch Condos on Park Avenue on Thursday, September 23 around 9:30 a.m..

Charlevoix Township, Petoskey, Banks Township, East Jordan and Boyne City showed up to help with the fire which was difficult to access because the back of the building butts-up to the Pine River channel. It took roughly three hours to get the blaze out. Although it was a rainy day, heavy winds made things more difficult. Firefighters assisted resi-

dents in exiting the building and no one needed medical assistance. Charlevoix Township Fire Chief Dan Thorp says having so many departments respond to an alarm is common practice. "It is because of the man power you need to fight the fire and do the knock down and clean up. On a volunteer fire department it's hard to say how many guys you're going to get in a day," he said.

The American Red Cross was at the scene, helping residents find places to stay and providing food. The Weatherervane also provided a meal and most residents were given shelter at the

Methodist Church on Thursday while looking for more permanent arrangements. Charlevoix County Transit had a bus onsite for residents to take shelter from the rain. The cause of the fire has not been determined yet. "The fire investigator will be here on Wednesday, we do have a general idea of where it started," said Thorp. The policy of multiple departments responding has been an efficient method of saving lives and property in rural areas. "Every body works well together and everybody comes together and supports all of us," said Thorp.

Notice Of Board Vacancy Special Board Meeting Date And Time

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 **Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 7:00 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 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

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MONDAY



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LOW: 47

TUESDAY



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LOW: 47

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
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OCT 1	...41°	...66°	...27° (1960)	...86° (1971)
OCT 2	...41°	...66°	...28° (1997)	...86° (1971)
OCT 3	...41°	...66°	...26° (1981)	...84° (1971)
OCT 4	...41°	...65°	...26° (1996)	...81° (1997)
OCT 5	...40°	...65°	...20° (1965)	...83° (2007)
OCT 6	...40°	...65°	...26° (1966)	...84° (2007)
OCT 7	...40°	...64°	...23° (2001)	...87° (2007)
OCT 8	...39°	...64°	...28° (1981)	...88° (2007)
OCT 9	...39°	...63°	...22° (1989)	...88° (2007)



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One Republican and one Democrat were appointed to 4 year terms on the County Board of Canvassers. Ellen Addington (D) was reappointed and Asuka Barden (R). The County Board of Canvassers certify the official tally of votes for any given election. The purpose of the canvass is to account for every ballot cast and ensure that every valid vote cast is included in the

election totals. The lighthouse on Beaver Island is in need of repairs and renovations. It is jointly owned by the county and Networks Northwest, an organization that offers services for the 10 counties of northwest Michigan in the areas of workforce development; business & economic development; and community development. A meeting has been set to create a plan for the property for November 10 at 11:30a.m. at the Shirley Roloff Center on Division St.

Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch one month into 2021 autumn research

Raptors are on the move once again, this time heading south for wintering grounds. In its 8th year, the Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch (MSRW) officially began its autumn hawk count and waterbird count on August 20.

September and October are prime times to observe migration from the hawk site off Boulevard Drive on Pte. LaBarbe, 1.5 miles west of St. Ignace and the Mackinac Bridge. At Pte. LaBarbe visitors can see hundreds of hawks and eagles soaring south or circling overhead on updrafts of rising air in loose aggregations called kettles. Said guest JoAnn P. from Traverse City, "I've never seen kettles of raptors this large." Visitors are welcome daily at no charge at both the hawk count and waterbird count locations. People are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines for the safety of the researchers and other visitors.

Calvin Brennan, hawk count contractor from Grayling, Michigan, has returned for his third season, assisted by several volunteer counters. Brennan was delighted on Wednesday, September 15 to tally 567 birds, more than a quarter of the 1,901 he has counted since Au-

gust 20. "This was by far the best day of the season so far," he enthused. On that single day, he recorded 77 Bald Eagles, 189 Broad-winged Hawks, and 198 Sharp-shinned Hawks. "Last fall, I identified 16 different species of daytime-flying raptors from this site. It's still a bit early for Red-tailed Hawks and Golden Eagles, but those numbers will pick up as we move into October."

The new waterbird counter is Ty Sharrow from Leighton, Pennsylvania. This contractor works from McGulpin Point (Mackinaw City) and Graham Point (Saint Ignace) on alternate days. Sharrow explained that early morning shortly after sunrise is the best time to view migrating loons, grebes, and other waterbirds. "I enjoy welcoming visitors and explaining the work of MSRW and life stories of the birds. This is a real migration concentration point so I am very pleased with the location, and the view of the bridge is amazing. So far, highlights have been Red-necked Grebes and Common Loons, with smaller numbers of Common Mergansers."

Besides birds, dragonflies and butterflies migrate across the Straits

here at the narrowest point between Michigan's two peninsulas. Contractor Brennan notes that Sharp-shinned Hawks prey on dragonflies for energy to continue their own migration. He counts Monarch butterflies along with birds, as part of a multi-national effort to track population levels. Four MSRW volunteers have put tiny numbered tags on more than 510 monarch butterflies at Point LaBarbe. Last winter, three butterflies tagged here were recovered at the El Rosario Butterfly Reserve in Central Mexico. Those who survive the winter fly back north in the spring and begin breeding. The offspring continue to drift northward as summer progresses, feeding on milkweed and other native plants. Said volunteer Jeff Dykehouse, "Last week we captured a monarch that was already tagged with a number from somewhere else. Monarch Watch, the group that provides the tags, said that series was sent to people in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Once they turn in their data sheets at the end of the season, we will confirm that a butterfly from Thunder Bay flew at least 275 miles to St. Ignace. Just think: it only

has another 2,450 miles to go."

Visit www.mackinacraptorwatch.org for additional data from both the fall and spring count, directions to research sites, blog news and newsletters, contractor and board bios, and membership/volunteering opportunities. Available for free as well are three programs recorded from MSRW's speaker series, "Raptors Revealed." Information about raptor research can also be found on the MSRW Facebook and Instagram pages.

The Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch (MSRW) is a non-profit organization that conducts scientific research, educational programs, and conservation efforts regarding raptors, owls, and waterbirds migrating through northern Michigan. MSRW appreciates support from the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, donations from individuals and businesses, and permission from Enbridge Energy to conduct fall research on their property.

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Robert C Starback, 66

(OCT. 8, 1953 ~ JUNE 1, 2020)



Robert Charles Starback passed June 1, 2020. He was born in Petoskey, October 8, 1953 to Jack and Beverly Ann Fisher.

Bob was a believer in God and Jesus. Bob loved people. He always took the time to visit and acknowledge people whenever he was out and about. Most say he would drop whatever he was doing to help a friend in need.

He had several occupations from owning a painting company, to turf management at Boyne Mountain, to working as a golf pro at the Belvedere Golf Club. For four years Bob was in America Soma helping his step dad, Julius Alama until his dad's passing before moving back to Boyne City. For the last seven years he worked helping Mark Kowalske on different projects at his home and real estate office.

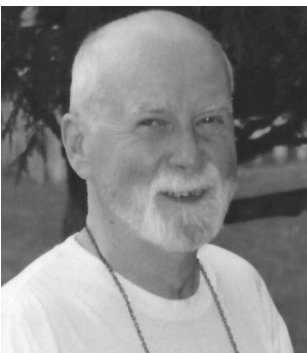
He left behind a brother Allyn Alama, sister Adrian Alama, brother Brian Starback and cousin, Daneen

Dunnett. Bob had many friends. Some of his close friends, were Merle Carson, Mike Jackson and Randy Cary. His favorite music was Jimmy Buffet and the Eagles.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 231 Water Street, Boyne City, at the Coldwell Banker office on his birthday, October 8, from 4:00 to 6:00.

Carl Francis Rauen, 88

(JAN. 29, 1933 - SEPT. 24, 2021)



On Friday, September 24, 2021, Carl Francis Rauen passed away at age 88.

Carl was born on January 29, 1933 and married his wife, Lorraine, in 1955. He raised 6 children. Grandfather to 12, and great-grandfather to 3. He had a deep devotion and love for his wife, and this extended to his entire family.

Carl enjoyed his large family and liked to play games: pinochle, Parcheesi, perquackey, or puzzles. And always there were puns. He was a tool designer by trade and a gadget builder by hobby. If he had a need, he

created an answer for it.

Carl was a man of deep faith and set an example encouraging the family to read and find their spirituality and a higher power. He leaves behind a legacy of commitment and had a joy for life and a twinkle in his eye.

A visitation will be held 4:00 to 7:00 PM Friday, October 1st at Stackus Funeral Home with a time of sharing to begin at 7:00 PM.

Joyce Ann (Davis) Hardy, 73

(OCT. 29, 1947 - SEPT. 24, 2021)

There are no services planned at this time. Stackus Funeral Home is handling her arrangements.

Stephen Paul "Steve" Erwin, 41

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2021



Stephen Paul "Steve, Squatch" Erwin of Ellsworth went home to Jesus on September 18th, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Loving husband of Rachelle, for 3 amazing years. Proud father of Chloe Erwin and son, Landen McCalib. He was the beloved son of Stephen Lee and Teresa Erwin. A Friend to all, brother to many.

Steve loved Harley motorcycles, classic cars, and custom trucks. Living out in the country he enjoyed hunting, riding his horse, and especially riding dirt bikes with his son and his friends. In the winter he would trailer the family, and their snowmobiles, all over the north to find new sites. Every day was an adventure in the Erwin household.

Always known for his sense of humor, larger-than-life personality, and most infectious laugh, it was never difficult to find the big guy in a crowd! Steve was quite the social butterfly and was out and about at different events whenever he had the chance.

Another joy in his life was serving. Steve loved helping at church events, and anywhere he was needed. He was a pivotal part of the local non-profit DYSUN, serving as a board member. Steve also proudly held the position of Vice President to the Huron Valley Chapter Copperheads, a Law Enforcement/First Responder motorcycle club.

The funeral was held at the E-Free Church in Gaylord, on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

Graveside service followed at the Ellsworth Cemetery.

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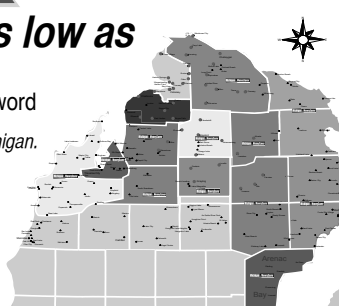
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Crawl for the Cure

BOYNE CITY - After missing last year, The Crawl for the Cure is back in Boyne City. On Saturday, October 23, we will again take to the streets to fight cancer. Registration and shirt pick up will begin at 6pm, at the Lake Street Pub.

The Crawl for the Cure is a Pub Crawl with a bingo and scavenger hunt twist. Each participant will be given a bingo board T-shirt. The squares of the bingo board contain items to either find or complete at each of our participating establishments.

At 9pm everyone will meet back at the Eagle's and everyone's bingo boards will be tallied. For each completed bingo, participants will receive an entry into a door prize drawing. There will be many great door prizes available.

The confirmed establishments participating in this year's event so far are Lake Street Pub, Friggy's, Stigg's Boyne City Eagles, Boyne City Tap Room, Cafe Santé, Red Mesa. Huron Distributors will also be working with the establishments to offer drink specials.

Pre-registration is available at Event Brite starting September 25, 2021.

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$100 for a team of 4. T-shirts are guaranteed if pre-registered by October 9, 2021. Also when pre-regis-



tering be sure to watch for ways to earn bonus squares. Paper bingo cards will be available for those who miss the T-shirt deadline.

All proceeds from this fun event go to the Chain of Lakes Relay for Life serving Antrim, Charlevoix, and Kalkaska Counties. Relay for Life provides funds to the American Cancer Society for not only research, but helps to provide rides to treatment, as well as lodging for those needing to travel for treatment.

Anyone looking for more information please contact Syrina Dawson at 231.675.2492 or syrina@charter.net or visit our website at www.relayforlife.org/chainoflakesmi.



East Jordan High School civics students filled the meeting room Tuesday, September 21 for the East Jordan City commission meeting.

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that states, 'No person firm or other legal entity shall do any work or otherwise disturb soils or pavement in a city road right of way without first obtaining a right-of-way permit,' was unanimously passed. This ordinance will allow the city to build and maintain maps of where underground utilities are located.

Harbor rates are determined by the State Waterways Commission and are presented in columns according to boat size. The city has consistently been on the same column. East Jordan Marina's slip rates have remained low compared to other marinas in the area by not moving to a different column. "In the past few years, there has only been incremental or no adjustments by the state so our rates have been pretty consistent," said Cannon. East Jordan has been in a lower rate column than others but each

municipal owned harbor has the same option to change columns or maintain the previous year's rate. "We may have an aged facility but in order to do these upgrades you need to raise the rates," said Cannon. The commission approved the move up one column. Seasonal rates are rising from \$77 per foot to \$86. For example, seasonal slip rental for a 30 foot boat has changed from \$2310 to \$2580 and a 60 foot vessel from \$4620 to \$5160. Transient rates for a 30 foot boat, slip rental is rising from \$37 to \$41 and a 60 foot vessel from \$74 to \$82. The rates list is posted at city hall. "Overall, the city is thankful to be in a position to have comparable rates due to the seasonal waiting list and increase in transient boats," he said.

Homeowners needing to obtain permits can now print the applications off of the city website. Visitors can go to eastjordancity.org->Resources->Permits and Forms.

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RIBBON CUTTINGS



Ribbon cutting for pickleball court in Ellsworth

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Ellsworth - The little village of Ellsworth is celebrating their newly resurfaced Pickleball court. A ribbon cutting held Saturday, September 25 drew a crowd to the courts located across the street from the Good Samaritan Resale Shop.

In July of 2019, after decades of sparse use of the village tennis courts, a group of Ellsworth professionals looking for exercise and fel-

lowship, decided to try a new sport introduced to them by local residents, Tom and Kay Wynsma. What started with 4, grew with new players added weekly. It wasn't long before the neglected condition of the courts and the fact that it was marked for tennis, not Pickleball, became a topic of discussion. "We first taped the Pickleball court with yellow duct tape. That started coming loose so we got permission to permanently spray paint the lines," said Pickleball enthusiast



Jan Rasmussen. That's when avid Pickleball player, Lynn Spearing went to work securing a grant. The funds came from the Great Lakes Energy Peoples Fund and the Oleson Foundation. "We are grateful to our generous donors for

their investment in this important community resource," said Spearing. The ribbon cutting held an air of celebration and afterward those in attendance played a game, introducing newbies present to the sport. As long as the weather holds out you can join the fun on Monday evenings. Beginners from 5-6p.m and "not quite beginners" starting at 6pm.

East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce conducts three ribbon cuttings

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce recently conducted three ribbon cuttings to welcome new businesses to the East Jordan and Ellsworth Communities.

The Chamber welcomes Cellar 1914 and The Maple Tree to the downtown of East Jordan.

Cellar 1914 is located at 101 Main Street in Suite A of the Cannonball Building. Cellar 1914 celebrates the centennial farm owned by the Shooks Family for over 100 years. The tasting room was designed with the history of the farm in mind. Wine and hard ciders are offered. Contact them at www.cellar1914.com or phone 231-495-1775.

The Maple Tree is located at 109 Main Street downtown East Jordan. Owned by Josh and Maegan Chamberlin and family. The business features their own maple syrup made in the Jordan Valley. They also sell ice cream, also other maple and local products. The Maple Tree sells soft serve Maple Creeme ice cream. The ice cream is infused with maple syrup and The Maple Tree is the only location that offers this other than businesses in the state of Vermont. The Maple Tree can be reached at 231-675-2832 or on Facebook.

The Village of Ellsworth welcomes Breezeway Paddlesports to River Park. This kayak kiosk rental is owned by Dan and Melanie Bennett who also own Jordan Valley Outfitters. This kayak kiosk rental is the only one of its kind in the state of Michigan. For more information on the new business call 231-536-0006 or visit www.breezewaypaddle.com.

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce is very excited to welcome these new businesses and are very appreciative for their investment in our communities.



Cellar 1914 is located at 101 Main Street in Suite A of the Cannonball Building.



The Maple Tree is located at 109 Main Street downtown East Jordan.



The Village of Ellsworth welcomes Breezeway Paddlesports to River Park

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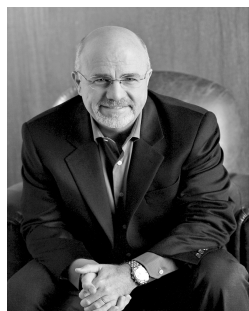
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BANKS TOWNSHIP MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

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 applica-

tion 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.

(Protect against inflation?)

Dear Dave,
All the talk on the news about inflation is a little scary. Is there any way to protect yourself against it on a day-to-day basis?

Garret

Dear Garret,
When people start talking about inflation, it seems like there are always some who want to start collecting gold, fill every container they own with gasoline and stick their cash under their mattresses. But listen, you can prepare for inflation and address the results without being panicked.

You are still in control of your money, inflation or not. You'll be able to make sure your money is going toward the right things, while being able to find places where you can cut spending, if you're living on a written, monthly budget. If you're noticing the prices of things like food and gas rising in your area, you'll need to adjust your budget to account for this. That way, you'll know exactly what you're working with, and it will help you avoid any nasty surprises.

If you're really feeling the pinch and want to save even more, look for specific ways to lower your grocery bill or save money on gas. Maybe it's time you switched to generic brands, or started a carpool into work. If you find great deals on canned food and things you can stock your

pantry with—I'm talking about stuff you'll actually use—go ahead and buy a little extra. Just make sure you've budgeted for it before heading to the grocery store. You'll want to already know exactly what you're going to spend, so you don't get swept up into impulse buying.

Like it or not, inflation is a thing. If you plan on retiring one day, it's pretty much guaranteed that the cost of a loaf of bread, a tank of gas and even a cup of coffee will have gone up by then. The best way to protect yourself against inflation that's bound to happen is to invest your money—and the sooner the better. But remember, if you still have debt other than your mortgage, and don't have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, you need to take care of those things first!

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Rep. Borton touts Northern Michigan support in budget

The Michigan Legislature today approved two important Northern Michigan infrastructure projects in the state budget, announced state Rep. Ken Borton, vice chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation.

The budget secures \$500,000 to help Mancelona expand the sewer system along US-131 to reach more homes and businesses. An expansion

would allow existing properties — including low-income housing — to transition from septic systems, and it would encourage new developments on vacant properties.

The state plan also appropriates \$2 million to repair sections of three roads in Antrim County. The funds will be used for a complete reconstruction of 4.7 miles of pavement on Del Mason, Schoolcraft and Batchelder roads.

"Northern Michigan is a great place to live and work — and a great place to visit for those from out of town," said Borton, of Gaylord. "Road repairs will make it easier for visitors and local residents to travel in the community, and expanding the Mancelona sewer line will ensure residents and businesses have the reliable access they need. I am proud to see these efforts become reality in this

year's budget." The projects are included in Senate Bill 82, which outlines the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1. SB 82 now advances to the governor for her consideration

REAL ESTATE FEATURE



Price reduced on great home on three acres near East Jordan

BY JIM AKANS

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

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

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

This nice ranch home on three acres is located at 2153 West M-32 near East Jordan and the listing price has recently been reduced to just \$169,900. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty - 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollisUpNorth@gmail.com



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Top 6 Reasons Mortgage Applications are Rejected

Part 1 of 2

Half of refinance applications are abandoned or rejected, as are 30 percent of purchase mortgage applications, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. All told, the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) says that well over 2 million mortgage applications were rejected last year.

Want to avoid falling into that number? It's tough — especially in light of the fact that mortgage lenders have become increasingly restrictive in terms of their lending guidelines since the housing market crash.

Here, as a cautionary tale and primer on what to expect, are the top three reasons mortgage lenders reject applications.

1. Income issues. Most failed applications falling into this category have income too low for the mortgage amount they are seeking; often, a spouse's credit issues can create this problem, too, as the income the spouse plans to actually chip in toward the mortgage cannot be considered by a lender.

But increasingly, the recent vagaries of the job market are also causing this issue, as people who have changed their line of work or have changed from salaried employee to freelancer over the last couple of years can also have their

home loan applications rejected based on income.

2. Muddled money matters. If the mortgage for which you're applying plus your monthly payments on credit card, car and student loan debts will comprise more than 45 percent of your total income, you could have problems qualifying for a home loan. You might also run into problems if you rely too heavily on bonuses, overtime, cash wages or rental income — all of these can be difficult or impossible to get a mortgage bank to consider, and if they do, they might not take all of it into account.

3. Credit issues. Today, the mortgage-qualifying FICO score cutoff falls somewhere between 620 and 660, depending on which lender and which loan type you seek. More than one-third of Americans, by some numbers, have credit scores too low to qualify for a home loan. Even if your credit score is high enough to qualify, if you have any late mortgage payments, a short sale, a foreclosure or a bankruptcy in the last two years, loan qualifying could be difficult to impossible.

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Gov. Whitmer details MI New Economy plan to grow our middle class, support small businesses and invest in our communities

MACKINAC ISLAND – Tuesday at the Mackinac Policy Conference, Gov. Whitmer detailed her economic agenda, including the unveiling of the three pillars of her bold \$2.1 billion MI New Economy plan to grow Michigan's middle class, support small businesses and invest in communities.

"I am laser-focused on tackling these big, structural challenges by growing Michigan's economy, creating good-paying jobs and building industries of the future," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "The MI New Economy plan is a good start, and I look forward to working with key partners, the legislature and anyone who wants to put Michigan's families, communities and small businesses first as we make these investments."

The plan recognizes a strong economy isn't only about creating jobs, but requires a focus on our state's people and communities as well. That's why MI New Economy has three pillars, each of which has specific and ambitious goals that will help state officials track progress on efforts to build a stronger and more resilient Michigan.

Pillar 1: Grow the Middle Class - No economic vision for the state can be complete if it doesn't focus on eliminating poverty and lifting families into the middle class.

- Goal: 60% of adults with a postsecondary credential by 2030
- Goal: Lift 100,000 families out of working poverty during the next five years (FY22-FY26)
- Goal: Provide access to low or no cost childcare for 150,000 more families by 2024

Pillar 2: Support Small Business - To supplement the great economic development work our state already does, Michigan needs a focus on creating and growing more Main Street businesses.

- Goal: Top 10 state for small business job growth and revenue growth from 2022 to 2026
- Goal: Top 10 state for household income growth during the next five years (FY22-FY26)
- Goal: Top 10 state for growth in venture capital funding over the next five years (2022-2026)

Pillar 3: Build Strong Communities - Michigan's residents deserve to live in vibrant communities with the kinds of services and amenities associated with a high standard of living.

- Goal: 100% access to high-speed internet and 95% adoption by households during the next five years, while continually investing in higher quality access (FY22-FY26)
- Goal: 75,000 new or rehabilitated housing units in five years (FY22-FY26)

"This plan will result in better jobs, better skills, more people re-entering the labor force and more people staying – and moving to – Michigan," Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. "It will result in a new economy, a better economy, one that expands economic opportunity and prosperity for all."

These pillars address the state's largest economic challenges:

- There are too many jobs that don't pay enough – over 1 million households are living in working poverty.
- Too many Michiganders are forced to delay life-

saving medical procedures and car repairs, skip prescription refills and meals, and make incredibly difficult choices to meet their basic needs.

- In 2019 before the pandemic, 38% of households did not make enough to make ends meet, and an additional 10% are right on the edge.
- There aren't enough workers to fill open jobs. Our unemployment rate is lower than the national average, but our labor force participation has been behind for a decade.
- Today, it stands at 59%, or 42nd in the nation. At the turn of the century, it was 68.8% and has fallen since then.
- There aren't enough Michiganders with the skills necessary to fill high-skill jobs. We need to meet our Sixty by 30 goal to boost incomes and improve long-term outcomes for working families.
- There isn't enough entrepreneurship in Michigan. For several years, we have been below average job growth for microbusinesses and second stage companies.
- Housing is unattainable or unaffordable in several communities.

High-speed internet connection is lacking in certain areas and we face an above average shortage of renters and potential homeowners.

MI New Economy also builds on some of the most recent initiative successes that have helped Michigan build back successfully:

- Michigan established Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners to put 167,000 Michiganders and counting on a tuition-free path to higher education and skills training. Nearly 23,000 were already enrolled in classes last winter and summer semesters.
- The Poverty Task Force released its first set of 35 policy recommendations designed to drive down Michigan's 37% ALICE (asset limited, income constrained, employed) rate with sustainable strategies that center equity as a goal.
- Through a \$1 million investment, the MI Tri-Share pilot program has helped Michigan families afford childcare by dividing the cost equally between employees, their employer and the State of Michigan.
- From March 2020 through March 2021, MEDC launched 23 economic relief programs and deployed nearly \$240 million in small business relief across all 83 Michigan counties.
- To address housing needs, MSHDA has financed \$637.2 million in housing projects that created or preserved 7,467 units since Fiscal Year 2020.
- Governor Whitmer created the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI) to make high-speed internet more affordable and accessible.

"Michigan cannot achieve a prosperous, equitable economy without vibrant communities. Investments in core assets like housing and broadband internet are essential to making our state more attractive both to existing residents and the entrepreneurs and workforce of the future," said Luke Forrest, Executive Director, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM). "On behalf of hundreds of community-based organizations, we stand ready to help achieve this MI New Economy vision."

Booster doses for those who received Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine recommended

Following FDA approval, recommendations from the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and additional recommendations by the CDC director, the Michigan Department of Health and Humans Services (MDHHS) is urging certain Michiganders to get a booster shot if they received Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. This includes people ages 65 and older; individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions; and those at high risk of COVID-19 due to occupational or institutional exposure.

"The safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is already protecting millions of Michiganders from this deadly virus," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. "With the Delta variant circulating and cases of COVID-19 increasing, CDC and the FDA have determined that a booster dose is needed for some individuals to maintain and increase that level of protection. We urge all eligible Michiganders to get their booster dose six months after their second dose to help protect against

COVID-19."

CDC recommends the following groups should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series:

- People 65 years and older and residents aged 18 and older in long-term care settings.
- People aged 50 through 64 with certain underlying medical conditions.

CDC recommends the following groups may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series based on their individual benefits and risks:

- People aged 18 through 49 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to certain underlying medical conditions.
- People aged 18 through 64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting.
- Per CDC, occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include frontline essential workers and health care workers including:
 - First responders (health

care workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff).

- Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers).
- Food and agriculture workers.
- Manufacturing workers.
- Corrections workers.
- S. Postal Service workers.
- Public transit workers.
- Grocery store workers.

This list could be updated in the future.

This updated interim guidance from CDC follows the Sept. 22 decision by the FDA, following a careful examination of the latest data, and robust and deliberative discussion around booster shots. The booster recommendation only pertains to individuals who received the Pfizer vaccine. Those who received J&J or Moderna are not eligible for a booster vaccine under the current recommendations, and additional guidance is expected in the coming weeks.

Michiganders should bring their COVID-19 vaccine card or immunization record with them when getting their booster dose, which is available at any vaccine provider that have Pfizer vaccine. Immunization records are available online at the Michigan Immunization Portal for

many residents and can be downloaded and printed. To obtain their record, Michiganders must create a MiLog account at Michigan.gov/MiImmsportal and upload a valid government issued photo ID such as a driver's license, state ID or passport. There is no cost to access the portal.

As previously recommended, Michiganders with moderately to severely compromised immune systems should receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after a second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. This additional dose is intended to improve the response of people who are immunocompromised to their initial vaccine series.

To date, more than 67.2% of Michiganders - more than 5.4 million residents - have gotten at least their first dose of one of the three safe, effective vaccines. From January to July 2021, unvaccinated Michiganders accounted for 98% of COVID cases, 95% of hospitalizations and 96% of deaths.

COVID-19 vaccination clinics

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:

- Wednesday, September 29
 - 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs.
 - Thursday, September 30
 - 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest

Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix.

Monday, October 4

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix.

Wednesday, October 6

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord.
- Thursday, October 7

• 8:15-11:35 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona.

Friday, October 8

- 8:15-11:35 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs.

COVID-19 Case Counts

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

- On Friday, Sept. 24, 53 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (11), Charlevoix (14), Emmet (11), and Otsego (17).
- On Saturday, Sept. 25, 43 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (11), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (14),

and Otsego (14).

- On Sunday, Sept. 26, 18 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (3), Emmet (6), and Otsego (6).
- On Monday, Sept. 27, 58 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (11), Charlevoix (12), Emmet (16), and Otsego (19).

As of 4 p.m. Sept. 27, the cumulative case count infor-

mation for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,955), Charlevoix (2,113), Emmet (2,895), and Otsego (2,774).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,714), Charlevoix (1,832), Emmet (2,462), and Otsego (2,380).

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

On September 27, the State of Michigan reported 1,015,802 cases and 20,898 deaths.

Rep. Borton issues SOS: Proposal by Secretary of State will weaken election integrity

Residents encouraged to speak up about proposed rules

State Rep. Ken Borton today informed Northern Michigan residents of an opportunity to express their opinions about Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's new proposal that would weaken election integrity measures.

"Two rules proposed by the Secretary of State will weaken procedures specifically designed to secure our elections, and a third will throw an unnecessary assignment at our hard-work-

ing local clerks," said Borton, of Gaylord. "I encourage Northern Michigan residents to speak up in support of election integrity."

Borton said residents can share their views about the rules by visiting gophouse.org/protectmielelections. Opinions shared via the online form will be submitted as public comment during the rulemaking process.

Michigan law requires any citizen who wishes to vote absentee to submit a signed application requesting a ballot. The local clerk must then compare the signature with the one in the voter's file before issuing a ballot. After receiving and completing the ballot, the voter must sign the return envelope,

and the signature would again be cross-checked by the local clerk. One of the proposed rules would require local clerks to begin the comparison under the presumption that all signatures are valid, making it more difficult to flag questionable signatures and prevent fraud. Another proposal would maintain the online absentee application Benson launched in June 2020, which allows any voter to request a ballot without physically signing the application.

"Our Michigan Constitution provides a right to cast an absentee ballot, and signature matching is an important safeguard for voters exercising that right," Borton said. "By maintaining an

online application and presuming signatures are valid, the proposed rules will undermine the integrity of signature verification."

The other rule would establish a new process for disqualifying candidates for office based on certain campaign finance information. Campaign finance reports are filed either with the Department of State or county clerks, but the proposal would now require city and township clerks to obtain and review these files to determine the eligibility of local candidates.

Public comment on the rules must be submitted before an administrative hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. on Oct. 1.



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People Fund Grant Applicant Letters of Interest Due October 1

The deadlines for Great Lakes Energy (GLE) People Fund letters of interest and grant applications are drawing near. Non-profit organizations throughout the GLE service area have until October 1 to submit their letter of interest for the fall grant cycle. If the letter of interest is approved, the applicant can then submit a grant application by October 15. All letters and applications are

accepted through a new online grant application portal that can be found at www.gt-lakes.com/people-fund.

With the purpose of bettering local communities, the People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members. Those who participate in the program allow their electric cooperative to round their monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar amount.

Three independent Boards of Directors representing north, central, and south regions of the GLE service territory review applications and award grants to non-profit, charitable organizations that provide humanitarian, educational, or community development services within our 26-county area. Since 1999, more than \$3.9 million in grants have been awarded to

charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits. The People Fund recently awarded more than \$263,000 in grants during the 2021 spring grant cycle.

Non-profit organizations can read program details and apply online at www.gt-lakes.com/people-fund.

Non-profit organizations that serve communities located in the Great Lakes Energy service area are eligible to apply.

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

County "backroads" in Michigan's Northern Lower Peninsula offer vibrant views of fall colors

Soon, county roads across Michigan will be lined with gorgeous colors. What better way to enjoy them than to take a fall color tour? Nine county road agencies in the Northern Lower Peninsula have shared the best spots for beautiful leaves this season.

"A trip down a county road is the ideal way to take in Northern Michigan's fall colors," said Denise Donohue, executive director of the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan. "County road agencies are experts on the best viewing spots, and their hand-picked selections are perfect for experiencing a safe, enjoyable autumn afternoon."

The County Road Association of Michigan has worked with the state's 83 county road agencies to develop a list of the best county roads in the state for fall color. The list is located on CRA's new web page called MiBackroads.

Peak viewing conditions for the Northern Lower Peninsula are expected from September 24 to October 7.

Listed in alphabetical order, the following counties' best fall color drives are:

- Northern Lower Peninsula (Sept. 24 - Oct. 7)
 - Antrim County
 - Deadman Hill overlook off US-131 viewing Jordan River Valley
 - Jordan River Road off US-131
 - Pinney Bridge Road off M-66
 - Cascade Road off Alba Highway County Road (CR) 620
 - Crawford County
 - CR101 looking north from CR100 ("Pioneer Hill")
 - Emmet County
 - Pleasantview Road north of Boyne Highlands to Robinson Road
 - Robinson Road from State Road to Pleasantview Road
 - State Road from Harbor Springs to Cross Village
 - Brutus Road from Pleasantville Road to US-31
 - Mitchell Road from Fletcher Road to Cheboygan County line
 - Montmorency County
 - Pleasant Valley Road
 - Farrier Road
 - Carter Road
 - Meridian Line Road
 - Presque Isle County
 - Long Lake Highway from M-65 into Alpena County
 - E-634 Highway from Poulaski Road west to Lake May Road
 - W-638 Highway Ocqueoc Road from Walker Highway to North Allis Highway from Ocqueoc Road west to M-211.
- The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public's right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan's county road agencies manage 75% of all roads in the state, including 90,000 miles of roads and 5,700 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state's highway system in 63 counties. Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system.

FALL FUN FACTS

Sugar in the leaves causes fall colors

Fall is the season of the year when the beauty of God's creation is clearly evident, especially each October when the leaves are changing.

But what causes the trees to change colors? And why do evergreens retain their green color even in the winter?

Fall colors are caused by the amount of sugar in the leaves. The more red in the leaf, the more sugar that leaf is storing. Which is why maple trees are so vibrant. Evergreens do not change color like deciduous trees because their leaves, also called needles, are covered with a thick wax that protects the chlorophyll (green) in the leaves. Red and purple leaves are only that color because of the presence of sugars and sap that are trapped within the leaves. God designed the trees in such a way that the sugars provide them with the energy they need to survive.

When the weather gets colder, people usually take in less vitamin D because they're not outside as much. Did you know there is a correlation between the lack of vitamin D during the colder months and gaining weight? And you thought it was from eating pumpkin pie and drinking cider! Researchers have determined the lack of vitamin D in the body reduces fat breakdown and triggers fat storage.

Here are some other interesting fall fun facts:

A "harvest moon" is the full moon closest to the autumn equinox. Before artificial lighting, such moonlight was essential to a farmer's successful harvest.

Autumn babies, or those born between September and November, are more likely to live to 100 than those who were born in other times of the year.

The fall season is actually caused by the Earth's tilt, not our distance from the sun. When the northern hemisphere tilts towards the sun, we get warmer. When it tilts away, we get colder. Fall and spring are the times of transition.

The autumnal equinox occurs on different dates each year, but usually falls on September 22 or 23. In 1931, the equinox fell on September 24 because the



The changing of the color of the leaves each fall is caused by the amount of sugar in the leaves of deciduous trees. It leads to a great appreciation of the splendor of God's creation. (file photo by Mike Dunn)

Gregorian calendar doesn't always match up with the position of Earth in its orbit around the sun. The fall equinox won't happen again on September 24 until 2303.

The term "equinox" is from the Latin meaning "equal night."

More people go from "single" to "in a relationship" or "engaged" in fall than any other season. That may be because both men and women experience a higher level of testosterone in the colder months. We don't have a great answer as to why that is, but more babies are conceived in cold months than any other time of year. Researchers have also discovered that men think women are more attractive in the fall.

Researchers also found that during the cooler months of autumn, men are more likely to cozy up with their sweethearts and watch romantic comedies like "You've Got Mail." The cold weather obvi-

ously causes a man's brain to stop thinking reasonably. Just kidding! Feeling cold likely activates a yearning for warmth and comfort with others.

Autumn begins when the center of the sun crosses Earth's equator. As Earth continues its path around the sun, days become shorter and nights become longer, with the change most noticeable for those at higher latitudes.

Many birds prepare for winter migration during the fall. One of the longest migrations is the 11,000-mile journey by the Arctic Tern.

Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany, takes place each autumn. The festival began as part of a crown prince's wedding celebrations in 1810 and has continued since. About 1.3 million gallons (5 million liters) of beer are poured during the festival.

Each autumn, monarch butterflies migrate from the U.S. to Mexico and some parts of Southern

California. They fly at speeds ranging between 12 and 25 miles per hour. Monarch butterflies are the only insect that migrates to a warmer climate that is 2,500 miles away.

The word "November" is from the Latin, novem, meaning "nine." November was originally the 9th month of the Roman calendar, which began in March.

Americans typically refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use the word "autumn." Both terms date back to the 16th century but before that it was called "harvest."

Fall was called "harvest" because of the "harvest moon" that occurs when the full moon is closest to the autumn equinox. Before man-made lighting, this moonlight was essential to a prosperous harvest.

Contrary to popular belief, squirrels which have spent the entire autumn collecting acorns and

other foods do not hibernate for the winter. Rather, they spend the majority of their time in nests they built to shelter them from harsh weather. When squirrels do come out in winter, they are usually tunneling under the snow to find the food they buried during the fall.

You're bound to see pumpkins as part of autumn decor. The pumpkin was first named by the Greeks. They called this edible orange item "pepon," which means "large melon."

While heart attacks and car accidents increase after the start of daylight saving time in the spring, the opposite is true of the end of it in the fall: heart attacks and accidents decrease the Monday after daylight saving time ends.

—Compiled by Mike Dunn

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Hay Rides circled Tourist Park.



Fall Festivals

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Three Fall Festivals filled the streets, giving Charlevoix County residents abundant choices of fall wares and fun on Saturday, September 25. East Jordan, Boyne City and Friske's Farm Market in

Atwood served up bountiful harvests of fresh vegetables, fruits and homemade goodies, crafters lined up in booths selling their wares, musicians serenaded and children's activities were sprinkled throughout all three events.



Peaceful Valley Farms, Andre Kitscher



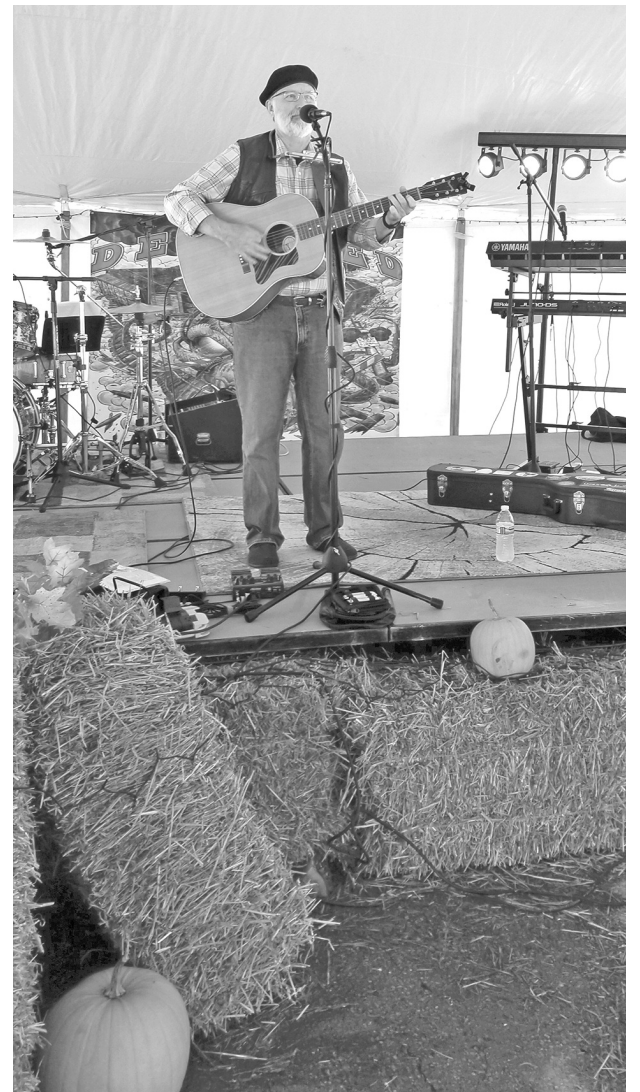
Kaitlin Danahof helps 3 year old Sebastian Argetsinger pick out an apple.



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Kids lined up to play on the bouncy toys lining the South Arm shoreline Saturday at the East Jordan Fall Festival.



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Cruise the Breezeway and enjoy the fall colors

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

The 2021 Breezeway Cruise launched the first of three Breezeway Color Cruises on Saturday, September 25. Volunteers handed out goodie bags at Royal Farms in Atwood. The Breezeway Cruise starts the 26-mile trek down C-48 at Royal Farms where cruisers can pick up goodie bags filled with coupons and gifts that can be used along the way. The cruise connects US-31 in Atwood to US-131 in Boyne Falls (or vice-versa), traveling through rolling pastureland, orchards, lake views and a few small towns. Cruising The Breezeway became an event in 2009 and since then people have traveled from all over to experience the sights of rural northern Michigan.

"This is the busiest we've ever been," said Breezeway volunteer and East Jordan Area Chamber of Com-



Breezeway volunteer and East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Director, Mary Faculak and Ellsworth Village President, Hugh Campbell pass out goodie bags outside of Royal Farms on US 31 in Atwood.

merce Director, Mary Faculak. "And people are from all over the U.S. It's already starting this morning." Peo-

ple can travel at their own pace, stop along the way and soak up the beauty of the changing season. Two more

cruises are planned for October 2 & 9.

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FOOTBALL

Red Devils roll to third conference win

BY DOM SANTINA

The East Jordan Football team was looking to get their third straight win on the season and fourth overall. They would travel to play Oscoda on Friday, September 24.

The game would start with a Tom Reid 17 yard touchdown pass to Ethan Antaya with 10:48 remaining. The Red Devils would go for two, but it would be no good. The Red Devils would get another touchdown through the air with Reid connecting with Hayden Peck for a 20 yard touchdown. Zander Johncheck rushed in from 3 yards out to convert the two point conversion for a 14-0 lead.

In the second quarter, the offense would pick up right where they left off. Antaya would rush into the end zone from 3 yards out. Reid connected with Dawson Carey for a two point conversion. That would push the Red Devils lead to 22-0. With four minutes left in the half, Carter Sherman would get a 6 yard touchdown on the ground. Johncheck would rush in to convert the two point attempt. This would put the Red Devils up 30-0. That lead would be held heading into halftime.

The third quarter would be a very quiet one, as neither team would score, leaving it to be 30-0 heading into the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter, Johncheck would end up getting the Red Devils on the board again with a 3 yard rushing touchdown. Dylan Wynkoop would end up making it for the two point conversion. That would be the final score of the game. As the Red Devils would win



Carter Sherman breaks free for a big run. Photo by Ben Murphy

by a final score of 38-0.

The offense would be led by Reid who went 7-14 for 165 yards, 2 touchdowns and 1 interception. Sherman would lead the rushing game with 10 carries for 67 yards. Antaya would lead the way with 3 receptions for 98 yards and a touchdown. The defense was led by Johncheck with 6 tackles.

"Our kids played very physical tonight and we were finally able to get the run

game going a little. We were pretty balanced between run and pass tonight and that makes us tough to stop. Defensively, again we held them under 100 yards of total offense. Their QB was on crutches when our bus pulled up and he had us a little worried on film. They struggled with ball control and we took advantage. I thought we had a strong defensive game plan and our kids executed that really well. When our defense

plays like that and our offense is balanced, we are going to cause teams a lot of problems," said Head Coach Greg Kitson, reflecting on their performance.

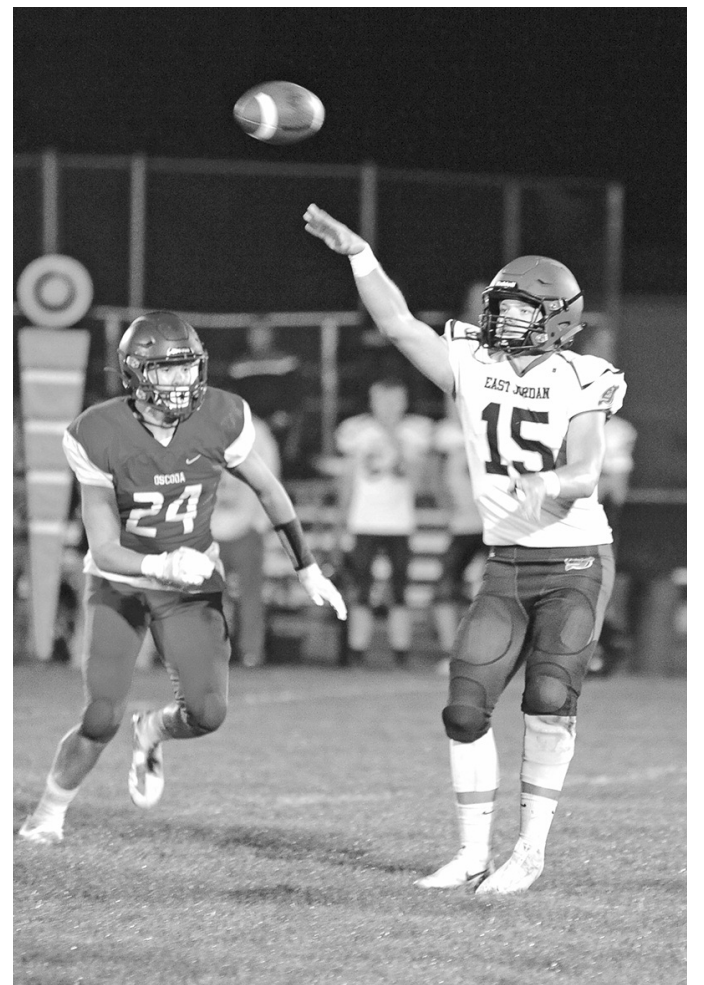
The Red Devils move to 4-1 on the season. While moving to 3-0 in the Northern Michigan Football Conference Legacy Division. However the Red Devils will not ride the high of this win very long as Coach Kitson explains: "We have a big rivalry

game this week, so we can't get too full of ourselves. Charlevoix has been playing some good football and they have some pop on offense as

well, really well coached, so it was good to get this win and stay healthy, but we have a big one coming".



Zander Johncheck looks for room to run. Photo by Ben Murphy



East Jordan quarterback Tom Reid lofts a pass during Friday's 38-0 victory at Oscoda. Photo by Ben Murphy

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FOOTBALL

Rayders pick up win over Glen Lake

BY DOM SANTINA

The Charlevoix Rayders Football team would have a good test in the middle of the season. As they would host Maple City Glen Lake on Friday, September 24.

The Rayders would look to pick up their third win in a row. The Rayders offense would strike with a big connection between Caleb Stuck to Evan Solomon for a 55 yard touchdown. Landon Swanson would get into the end zone on the two point attempt to put 8 points on the board for the Rayders. The Rayders would find the end zone again as Max Dixon would get in from 1 yard out. Stuck would end up keeping it himself to convert the two point try.

The Rayders would end up going back to the air, as Stuck would find Patrick Sterrett for a 6 yard touchdown connection. Stuck would once again keep the ball himself and rush into the end zone for the two point conversion. Stuck would end up connecting with Sterrett again for a 45 yard connection for their final touchdown of the game. This time though, the Rayders would not be able to convert the two point try. However, the 30 points on the board would be enough to secure a 30-18 victory over the Lakers.

The Rayders would be led on offense by Stuck going 11-14 for 209 yards and 2 touchdowns. While Max Ostrum would lead the attack on the ground with 3 carries for 24 yards. Solomon would be the leading receiver with 3 receptions for 109 yards and 1 touchdown. Sterrett would have 4 receptions for 69 yards and 2 touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, Stuck and Swanson would each have 8 tackles in the game.

The win moves the Rayders to 4-1 on the season. While moving to 2-1 in the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division. They will travel to East Jordan on Friday, October 1 for a Lake Charlevoix rivalry game.



#8 Caleb Stuck looks for running room. Photo by Scott Richards.



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King and Queen Rich Cunningham Anna Kate Smith. Photo by Scott Richards



#3 Patrick Sterrett breaks a run in the first half. Photo by Scott Richards.

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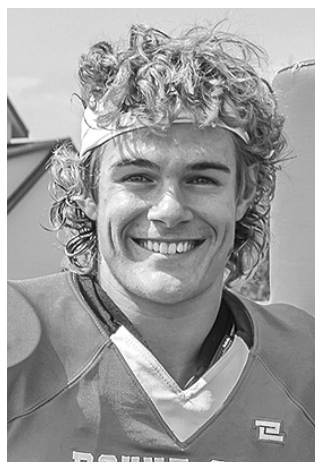
Ramblers take gut check against Gladiators

BY DOM SANTINA

The undefeated Boyne City Ramblers football team would face their toughest test of the season. As they would travel to play Traverse City St. Francis on Saturday, September 25.

The Ramblers would face a very highly ranked Gladiators team. It would show early as the Gladiators would break a 75 yard run for a touchdown to start the game. On the very first play for the Ramblers Jack Neer would throw an interception on the opening drive for the Ramblers. Which would be turned into another touchdown for the Gladiators. The Ramblers would find themselves down 14-0 after the first quarter.

To start off the second quarter, the Gladiators



The Rambler offense would be led by Hoth with 28 carries for 197 yards and a touchdown.

would get into the end zone again on a 66 yard rush. That would put the lead up to 21-0. After another Rambler punt, the Gladiators would end up scoring on a 16 yard touchdown throw. This would put

the Gladiators up 28-0. The Ramblers, now having to go to the air to get back into the game, would end badly in the next drive. As Neer would throw another interception. This would lead to another Gladiators touchdown on an 8 yard run. This would put the Gladiators up 35-0 at half-time.

In the third quarter, the Ramblers offense would get a spark, as Aaron Bess would connect with Alex Calcaterra for a 34 yard touchdown. The Ramblers would convert the extra point to cut the deficit to 28, down 35-7. The score would remain the same as they would head to the fourth quarter. The Ramblers would end up getting into the end zone in the fourth quarter when Bobby Hoth got in from 1 yard out. That would put the Gladiators lead at 35-14. The Gladiators

would end up scoring two more touchdowns after the final Rambler score. The Ramblers would suffer their first defeat of the season by a score of 48-14.

The offense would be led by Hoth with 28 carries for 197 yards and a touchdown. Neer would go 8-13 for 49 yards. Bess would go 1-1 for 34 yards and a touchdown. Calcaterra would lead the receiving core with 2 receptions for 37 yards. On the defensive side, Jacob Bush would lead the way with 12 total tackles.

The loss moves the Ramblers to 4-1 on the season, while they remain 2-0 in the Northern Michigan Football Conference Leaders Division. They will travel to play Kalkaska on Friday, September 27.

FOOTBALL

Central Lake/Ellsworth remains model of football cooperation

BY TOM SPENCER

SPECIAL FOR MHSAA SECOND HALF (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM MHSAA)

The year was 1989, and Dutch Essenberg was a freshman at Ellsworth High School. Playing football simply was not an option.

His Lancers hadn't fielded a team in years.

Little did he know that he would get the opportunity to play football his junior and senior years thanks to the vision of Hugh Campbell and Denny YoungeDyke.

Campbell, a renowned community member of Ellsworth, and YoungeDyke, then the football coach at Central Lake, started discussing a co-operative agreement between the two schools — located just seven miles apart — about the time Essenberg was entering high school.

Also at that time, Jack Roberts became the MHSAA's executive director, a post he held for 32 years. If you ask Campbell, Roberts got there just in time. Roberts is credited with developing plans for smaller schools to sponsor cooperative teams, and his legacy also includes being a champion of 8-player football.

The co-op produced great results immediately. The Trojans went undefeated the first year and suffered only two losses the second.

Today, without a co-op and the 8-player format, student-athletes at Ellsworth and Central Lake would not be playing high school football.

That's something of which Daryl Purdy is extremely aware. He was a senior lineman at Central Lake when the schools started playing football together in 1991. Today his son Garrett is a senior at Central Lake playing for the Central Lake/Ellsworth Trojans. And, Daryl serves as assistant coach for the team.

The Trojans share the honor of the longest-running football co-op in Michi-



Central Lake/Ellsworth's receivers line up during a Week 4 game against Pellston.

gan history with Manistee Catholic Central/Mason County Eastern, which also participates in 8-player. Central Lake/Ellsworth moved to 8-player in 2017, and immediately captured the Division 1 championship.

The Trojans are hosting Homecoming and Bellaire, a big rival, tonight on the gridiron.

"Without the co-op today, we would not have football in Central Lake - period," Daryl Purdy pointed out. "Even with the two schools combined, we have to go 8-man to be competitive."

"As much as it meant to me to play football, it means even more to me to watch my son play and be able to help assistant coach ... and be there with him and share the experience with him — it is just mind-blowing to me."

The co-op is extra special for Garrett, knowing his Dad played on the first team and

competed against the Lancers in other sports right after.

"It is special, that's for sure," the senior center and nose guard said. "I am pretty good friends with everyone from Ellsworth."

"We all have a bond that lasts after football season too," he continued. "We are still a family after football."

Purdy, the coach, agrees. "That's what amazes me the most ... the kids even then and today," he said. "We are a family and friends during football season."

"And then we go turn back to warriors again during basketball and baseball season," he added. "It also makes it more special and even more competitive."

YoungeDyke, now retired, coached 17 years total at Central Lake. He was assisted in the successful co-op launch by Campbell, then the Lancers' basketball



Daryl, left, and Garrett Purdy.

coach and now president of the Ellsworth village council.

YoungeDyke cites Campbell as the key to all of the co-op's success today. As a basketball coach, Campbell welcomed the additional training the boys could get in the fall.

"He's kind of Mr. Ellsworth," YoungeDyke said. "His whole life has been dedicated to kids of Ellsworth."

YoungeDyke insisted Campbell come on board for the first season to help the community buy-in process.

"(Campbell) goes, 'Ah, I am not a football coach,'" YoungeDyke recalled. "I said, 'You know what Hugh, you're a coach. A coach is a coach. It's the only way it's going to work.'"

Campbell, who remained the assistant coach for nearly a decade, credits Roberts with making the co-op a reality.

"Denny (YoungeDyke) and I and some others in Central Lake had been talking about (a co-op) for a while," Camp-

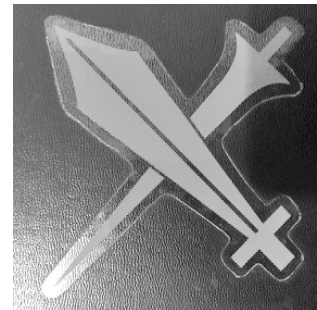
bell said. "We didn't get anywhere until the new MHSAA director (Roberts) came from Wisconsin, and he liked co-ops. It's really helped a lot of kids."

The blessing of the co-op by the MHSAA led to a new helmet melding the Ellsworth Lancers and the Central Lake Trojans featuring a Trojan sword crossing an Ellsworth lance. It was designed by the co-op's first manager, 11-year old Drew YoungeDyke, the coach's son.

Drew went to play quarterback in the fall of 1996 and 1997 for the Trojans, alongside Nick Hopp, the Trojans' current athletic director.

The younger YoungeDyke recalls his father wanting to make sure the Ellsworth players felt welcomed in the co-op and thought a new helmet design would extend the welcome mat.

Central Lake/Ellsworth football "The two mascots — the Lancers and the Trojans — just made it real simple," Drew said. "I just took a



Drew YoungeDyke's helmet logo design remains a symbol of the community's football cooperation 25 seasons later. (Photos courtesy of the

lance and I took a Trojan's broadsword, and I just crossed them.

"I was 11, and it wasn't like I was a design expert then," he continued. "I remember sketching it out in my little like Trapper Keeper. It's pretty cool to see that years later."

Many like Drew believe football in the two communities would have ended within five years had the co-op not been created.

Central Lake/Ellsworth is 1-3 this fall after a 44-40 loss to Pellston last week, but also will be added to the MHSAA record book when this season is done after combining with Indian River Inland Lakes for the highest-scoring 8-player game in state history. The teams combined for 152 points Sept. 11 in Inland Lakes' 86-66 win.

Today's coach, Chase Hibbard, is thrilled to have nine Ellsworth student-athletes on the 23-player roster.

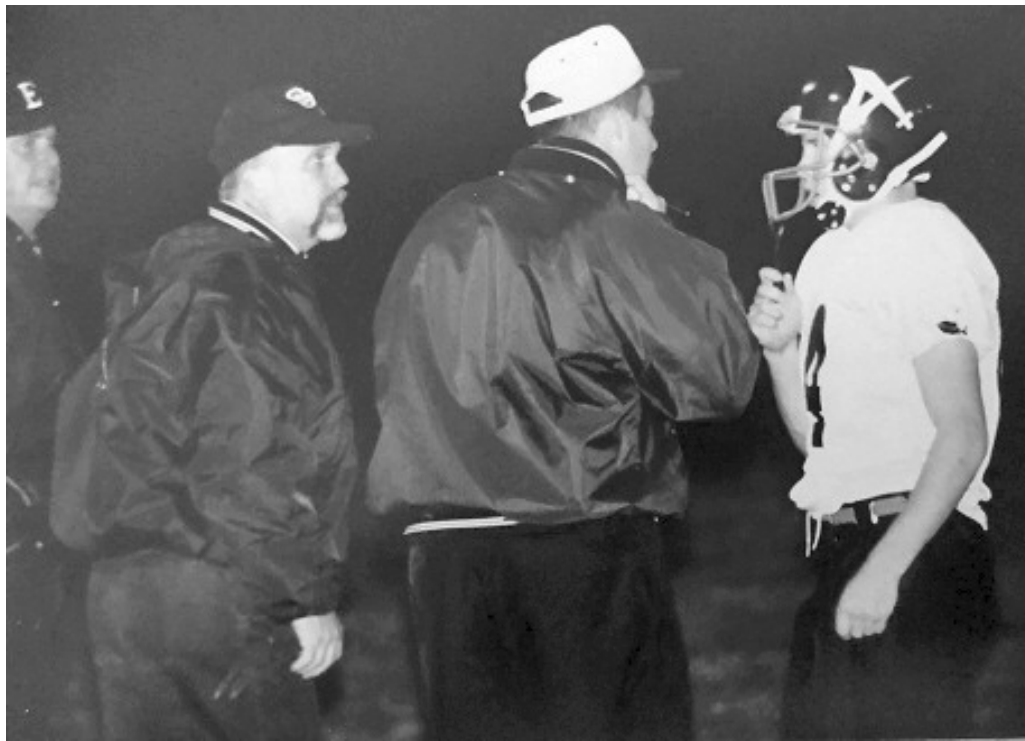
"If it wasn't for Ellsworth, we would not have a team," Hibbard indicated. "Every year the pool from Ellsworth is growing."

Essenberg, who played receiver, quarterback and running back, liked the idea of playing for the Trojans even if only to get him in better shape for his junior basketball season with the Lancers.

Now Essenberg hopes the co-op will provide his son Nolan with a chance to play high school football. Nolan is 11.

"We were all kind of nervous because you know it was a rival town," Essenberg said. "I remember coach YoungeDyke saying 'if you don't like it, you can leave.' "Nobody left."

Tom Spencer is a longtime MHSAA-registered basketball and soccer official, and former softball and baseball official, and he also has coached in the northern Lower Peninsula area. He previously has written for the Saginaw News, Bay County Sports Page and Midland Daily News. He can be reached at tom Spencer@chartermi.net with story ideas for Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Alcona, Oscoda, Crawford, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Emmet counties.



Coaches (from left) Hugh Campbell, Denny YoungeDyke and Matt Peters talk things over with quarterback Drew YoungeDyke during the 1997 season.

SKIING

Herrmann and Kuhn to lead the way for Lake Charlevoix Ski Team

Boyer City High School and Charlevoix High School are excited to announce the hiring of Christopher Herrmann and Chris Kuhn as the two new Varsity Ski Coaches for the recently formed cooperative Ski program, known as the Lake Charlevoix Ski Team. Effective for the winter 2021-2022 season, the two schools will compete as one team for both boys and girls skiing, with Herrmann and Kuhn leading the way as the

two leaders of the program.

Christopher Herrmann has spent the better part of two decades working as a coach and teacher of the sport he loves. He began ski racing in high school and raced in college. His love of the sport and desire to improve his practice allowed him the opportunity to work and train with some of the best coaches and athletes in North America. Coach Herrmann is thrilled to take charge and hopes to

help build a program where the athletes and team enjoy lasting success in the sport. Christopher was the head coach of the Inland Lakes High School Ski Team from 1997-2008 prior to coaching for the Boyne Racing USSA Alpine Ski Program from 2009 to 2020. He has worked at various summer and fall ski racing camps in Oregon and Colorado.

Chris Kuhn has served as the middle school Ski Team

coach for Boyne City for the past 12 years prior, helping to grow and develop the program over the years into one with very strong numbers and competitive skiers. Chris was also a head coach for the Charlevoix Varsity Ski team from 1993-1995, as well as serving as the head coach for the Junior Ski Racing program at Pico Ski Resort in Rutland, Vermont. Prior to coaching, Chris Kuhn was a stand-out collegiate racer as a

member of the University of New Hampshire Ski Team, including being named team captain for his final two years and being named to multiple "All East" teams.

According to BCHS Athletic Director Adam Stefan-ski, "The ability to bring our two rival schools together for a cooperative program such as this that will benefit students from both districts is something that we are very excited about. Christopher

Herrmann and Chris Kuhn are exactly the type of quality coaches that can help us grow this program and allow our student-athletes to thrive for years to come."

Charlevoix Athletic Director Travis Garrett added that he is most excited to be a part of two rival communities that are both very supportive of athletics, come together for the good of their kids.

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FOOTBALL

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

TC CENTRAL2-03-1
CADILLAC1-13-1
PETOSKEY	.....1-1	.....3-1
TC WEST	.....1-1	.....3-1
GAYLORD	.....1-1	.....2-2
ALPENA	.....0-2	.....0-4

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE-LEADERS

TEAM	.....CONF	.....OVR
MANCELONA	.....2-0	.....5-0
BOYNE CITY	.....2-0	.....4-1
CHARLEVOIX	.....2-1	.....4-1
ELK RAPIDS	.....0-2	.....1-4
KALKASKA	.....0-1	.....1-4
GLEN LAKE	.....0-2	.....1-4

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE-LEGENDS

KINGSLEY	.....3-0	.....5-0
ST FRANCIS	.....3-0	.....5-0
SAULT	.....3-1	.....4-1
GRAYLING	.....1-2	.....3-2
BENZIE CENTRAL	.....1-2	.....2-3
CHEBOYGAN	.....1-2	.....2-3
OGEMAW HEIGHTS	.....0-3	.....1-4
TAWAS AREA	.....0-3	.....0-4

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE-LEGACY

EAST JORDAN	.....3-0	.....4-1
FRANKFORT	.....3-0	.....4-1
HARBOR SPRINGS	.....1-0	.....1-4
OSCODA	.....0-2	.....2-3
JOBURG-LEWISTON	.....0-3	.....0-5
ST IGNACE	.....0-2	.....0-5

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

PELLSTON	.....3-0	.....5-0
GAYLORD ST MARY	.....4-0	.....4-1
ONAWAY	.....2-2	.....2-3
CENTRAL LAKE	.....1-3	.....2-3
BELLAIRE	.....0-4	.....0-5
FOREST AREA	.....0-4	.....0-5

NORTH STAR LEAGUE

AU GRES-SIMS	.....4-0	.....5-0
MIO	.....3-1	.....4-1
HALE	.....2-1	.....2-3
HILLMAN	.....2-2	.....2-3
W-P	.....1-3	.....2-3
ATLANTA	.....1-3	.....1-4
ALCONA	.....0-0	.....2-3
POSEN	.....0-3	.....0-5

SOCCER

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

TEAM	.....CONF	.....OVR
TC WEST	.....5-0	.....7-4-2
PETOSKEY	.....4-1	.....10-2-2
TC CENTRAL	.....3-2	.....7-4-1
ALPENA	.....2-3	.....9-7
GAYLORD	.....1-4	.....6-7
CADILLAC	.....0-5	.....0-8-2

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

ELK RAPIDS	.....7-0	.....11-3-3
BOYNE CITY	.....6-1	.....10-5-2
GRAYLING	.....3-4	.....7-9
CHARLEVOIX	.....2-4	.....5-6
HARBOR SPRINGS	.....2-5	.....3-9
KALKASKA	.....0-6	.....3-10

NORTHERN MICH SOCCER LEAGUE

NORTH MICH CHR	.....9-1	.....11-1
OGEMAW HEIGHTS	.....9-2	.....13-2
GLADWIN	.....9-2	.....11-4-1
CHEBOYGAN	.....4-5	.....5-8
ROSCOMMON	.....3-7-1	.....4-9-1
CLARE	.....2-7-1	.....3-7-2
PINE RIVER	.....2-7	.....3-7
CROSSROADS	.....0-7	.....0-8

VOLLEYBALL



RILEY ZBACNIK



CHEYANNE SAYLES



ZOSIA WASYLEWSKI



HANNAH HAUG

Loggers dominate Lancers in Conference matchup

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne Falls Volleyball team took on Ellsworth for another Northern Lakes Conference matchup on Friday, September 24. The game would be hosted by the Loggers and they would use that to their advantage.

As the Loggers did not waste any time, they would

win the first set pretty handily taking the set by a score of 25-11. The second set would be a little closer for the Lancers but they still could not stop the Loggers' attack. The Loggers would go up two sets to none with a 25-15 win. The Loggers would be able to smell blood in the water in the final set. They would dominate the third set, taking the win 25-6. This would get the

Loggers the overall win in just three sets.

The Loggers would be led by four players again, having perfect nights serving. Riley Zbacnik, Cheyanne Sayles, Zosia Wasylewski and Hannah Haug would all be perfect on the night. The team was led overall by Zbacnik with 23 assists, 8 hits and 4 digs. Also having a big night were Sayles with 13 assists, 11 hits, 2 kills

and 7 digs. Mackenzie Smith would chip in 4 assists, 13 hits, 1 kill and 13 digs. Maddison Loper would have 12 hits, 3 kills, 10 digs and 2 blocks.

The win moves the Loggers to 7-1 on the season. While being undefeated in conference play. The will travel to play Mackinaw City on Tuesday, September 28.

SOCCER

Ramblers post shut outs against Rams and Blazers

BY: DOM SANTINA

HARBOR SPRINGS

The Boyne City Soccer team looked to continue to roll against Harbor Springs on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

The Ramblers would have a slow first half, as Gabe Pellerito would get the Ramblers on the board just 7 minutes before halftime. Phillip Banner would get the Ramblers on the board again, with an assist from Matt Spate, just one minute later. The Ramblers would hold a 2-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Ramblers would control most of the half, as Amayo

Bardeguéz-Barrerra with a Banner assist got the Ramblers third goal of the game, 15 minutes into the half. The Ramblers would only need the three goals, as Nic Santina had 2 saves on goal, while playing the ball many times to help secure the shutout.

"The group played well tonight and I'm happy with the contributions not only from the starters, but from the players coming off the bench as well. The backline maintained our shape & created chances through their willingness to win the ball," said Head Coach Ross Daniels.

The win moves the Ramblers to 9-5-2 on the season, while being 5-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference this

season. The Ramblers would then play Kalkaska on Monday, September 27.

KALKASKA

The Ramblers offense would apply tons of pressure to the Kalkaska defense. As they would have 20 shots on target during the game. Derek Word would open the scoring with a Bardeguéz-Barrerra assist to put the Ramblers up 1-0. The Ramblers would have a 1-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Kaleb Lloyd would get the Ramblers on the board again with another Bardeguéz-Barrerra assist. While the time was winding down with just six minutes left in the game Gabe Pellerito put the Ramblers up

3-0. Santina would add another shutout in the goal and helped pick up the win.

The win moves the Ramblers to 10-5-2 and 6-1 in the LMC. The Ramblers will be in action against TC Christian on Tuesday, September 28. Then they will host Charlevoix on Thursday, September 30. That will bring them to their final week of the season, as they will travel to play Elk Rapids on Monday, October 4. Then they will finish the season with a home game against Grayling on Thursday, October 7. In the latest statewide poll Boyne City is ranked 9th.

Rayders rough week with loss to Elks and Vikings

BY: DOM SANTINA

ELK RAPIDS

The Charlevoix Rayders Soccer team would look to try and recover some pride against Elk Rapids on Thursday, September 23. The last time the Elks and Rayders matched up, the Rayders found themselves on the wrong side of a mercy.

The Rayders would look to control the Elks attack and would do so effectively early. As they would only allow one goal to the Elks in the first half. The Rayders would find themselves very short on the bench in the second half. As

the Rayders lost their second sub due to an injury in the game. The small team numbers would work as a deficit to the Rayders.

As the Elks would be able to use their skill and speed to bury a few goals on the Rayders. The lead would all of a sudden grow to 4-0. The Elks would use a penalty to help bury the fifth and final goal of the game. The Rayders would lose by a final score of 5-0.

"No one likes to lose but it was a big improvement over our previous game with Elk this year and we can see the improvement in our boys. They have gotten better at defense, better at working together, better at distributing

the ball and better at finishing. We are looking forward to the rest of our season and also to next year when we get to play Elk again. Every player on our team will be back. They will be good for more; they all matched or surpassed their season-best times, but I still think they have even more potential in them to score higher as a team. We have a lot of newcomers on both our girls' and boys' teams this year, and they are just starting to figure out what they are capable of. I'm really happy with all of the runners' performances today, and I hope we continue to see those times fall and finishes improve," said Herrmann.

The loss moves the Rayders to 5-5 on the season, with a Lake Michigan Conference record of 2-3. The Rayders travel to play Grayling on Monday, September 27.

GRAYLING

The Rayders would not have a great time against the Vikings. The Vikings offense

would be able to expose the young Rayders defense. As the Vikings would be able to put up five goals in the game. While the Rayders were only able to find the goal once, having them lose their fourth conference matchup of the season.

With the loss to Grayling, the Rayders are now 5-6 on the season and 2-4 in the LMC. The Rayders will travel to play Boyne City on Thursday, September 30. Then they will host Buckley on Friday, October 1. After that, the Rayders will travel to play Kalkaska on Monday October 4.

CROSS COUNTRY

Ramblers compete in Bulldog and Petoskey Invitationals

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Cross Country teams competed on Wednesday, September 22 at the Bulldog Invitational at Inland Lakes High School.

The Girls team would take an overall fifth place finish as a team with 131 points. The team was highlighted by Ava Magnity, who would win the overall race with a time of 19:45. Rachel Clausen would be second for the Ramblers in 23 place with a time of 23:39. Madelyn Sobleski would finish third for the team in 26:22 for 43 place. Jacky Dunlap would finish right behind in 26:51 for 46 place. Avery Walsh would make it three Ramblers within six spots. As Welsh would finish 48 overall in a time of 27:34. Ellie Clausen would finish 57 overall in a time of 29:42. To round out the girls team would be Emilia Laade in 59 place with a time of 30:28.

The fact that this course finished on the track was a huge plus for Ava. She did a lot of sprinting in track last

year and could draw on that experience to close out the race. We've had several new courses this year that have tested her patience and mental focus, and I've been so impressed with the maturity she's shown in handling each race," said Head Coach Chelsey Herrmann.

The boys team was led by Brady Bearss in 18 place with a time of 20:50. The second Rambler was Timothy March in 19 place with an overall time of 20:57. Henry Blair would be the third finisher on the team in 29 place with a time of 24:28. To round out the final four for the boys team was Joseph Heckroth in 36 place in a time of 26:08.

"Our boys' team has four runners, so we could not score as a team. Almost all set huge personal records, and we had two medalists, Brady Bearss and Timothy March. Both of them have come a long way in a short period of time, and it's so great to see them experience this kind of success with plenty of season left to go," said Herrmann.

"After a couple weeks with

challenging courses, it was awesome to get to run on a flat course again and see some personal records fall. The girls' team finished fifth. I couldn't ask for anything more; they all matched or surpassed their season-best times, but I still think they have even more potential in them to score higher as a team. We have a lot of newcomers on both our girls' and boys' teams this year, and they are just starting to figure out what they are capable of. I'm really happy with all of the runners' performances today, and I hope we continue to see those times fall and finishes improve," said Herrmann.

PETOSKEY

The Ramblers will look to build on the success at the Petoskey Invitational on Saturday, September 25. Both of the teams would compete in the large school division.

A short-handed girls team would be led by Magnity who followed up her win with a 7 place finish at 19:55. Sobleski

would finish in 56 place in a time of 26:43. Then the Ramblers would have two girls finish back to back. Ellie Clausen in 64 with a time of 29:22 and Laade in 65 place in a time of 31:40. The Ramblers would only have four girls running, which means that they did not get a team score.

The Boys team would have less than five runners as well and not be able to get a team score. The team would have three runners finish within four positions in the division. March would lead the team with a time of 21:30 for 65 place. Then Bearss and Heckroth would finish right behind each other in 65 and 66 places. Bearss would finish in a time of 22:02 and Heckroth finished in 22:13. Blair would round out the runners for the Ramblers in 74 place with a time of 25:04.

The Ramblers will compete on Thursday, September 30 at the Mackinaw Club Invitational.

Evangeline Township Short Term Rental Licencing Ordinance No. 2021-09-20

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO ACT 246 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1945, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC PEACE AND HEALTH AND FOR THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP BY THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL LICENCES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE

EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1 - Purpose

The Evangeline Township Board finds that while the business of short-term rentals of dwelling units in the Township provides value to our local economy, it also negatively affects neighborhoods' year-round quality of life, housing supply, and health and safety. The Township Board has enacted this regulatory Ordinance to ensure that short-term rentals shall occur in a manner that remains consistent with the single-family character of the residences and neighborhoods where they are located. This Ordinance will be reviewed periodically to ensure that the above purposes are achieved.

Section 2 - Applicability

This Ordinance applies to all dwelling units located in Evangeline Township and to all persons owning or exercising control over such buildings or property, which in total or in part are rented during the calendar year as a short-term rental as defined in this Ordinance.

Section 3 – Definitions

As used in this Ordinance:

“Dwelling Unit” means a building or portion of a building, either site built or pre-manufactured, which has sleeping, living, cooking, and sanitary facilities and can accommodate one family, either permanently or transiently. In the case of buildings which are occupied in part, the portion occupied shall be considered a dwelling unit, provided it complies with the first sentence of this definition. For purposes of this Ordinance, travel trailers, motor homes, or other such portable structures shall be considered a dwelling unit.

“License holder” means the person who applies for and receives a short-term rental license from Evangeline Township. A license holder may or may not be the dwelling unit owner where the short-term rental is located.

“Local agent” means the individual designated by the license holder to perform obligations under this Ordinance and to serve as the contact person for issues relating to a short-term rental.

“Maximum occupancy” means the maximum number of allowable occupants and the guests of those occupants in a short-term rental.

“Minor” means a person under the age of eighteen (18).

“Noise” means the sound created by human activity with or without the use of any device, which because of its volume, intensity, location, or time of day, impairs the health, welfare, or peace of another person of normal human sensibilities.

“Occupant” means an individual living in, sleeping in, or otherwise being physically within a short-term rental.

“Owner” means any person holding legal or equitable title to a property or real improvements upon a property solely, jointly, by the entireties, in common, or as a land contract vendee.

“Person” means an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity.

“Property” means the land and the improvements on which a short-term rental is located.

“Short-term rental” means to permit, provide for, or offer possession or occupancy of a dwelling unit in which the owner does not reside for a period of less than thirty (30) days to a person who is not the legal owner of record thereof, pursuant to a written or unwritten lease, agreement, or license. Provided, however, a rental cabin used and regulated under the township zoning ordinance within a campground shall not be deemed a short-term rental.

Section 4 – Maximum Number of Short-term Rentals; License Required

To further the purposes of this Ordinance, there shall be no more than forty-five (45) short-term rentals within Evangeline Township. An owner of any dwelling unit located within Evangeline Township shall not rent or allow it to be rented as a short-term rental unless the owner or the owner's authorized agent has obtained a short-term rental license for that dwelling unit in accordance with the provisions outlined in this Ordinance. Only one short-term rental shall be allowed per property.

Section 5 – Application Process for a Short-term Rental License

Application and information required. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of a short-term rental or the owner's authorized agent to apply for a license through the submission of a short-term rental license application to the Township Zoning Administrator. This application shall include all the information specified on the short-term rental application form and any other information deemed reasonably necessary by the Zoning Administrator to determine whether the short-term rental standards and regulations have been met.

Application fee. The application shall be accompanied by an application fee as established and outlined in the Township fee schedule. This fee schedule shall also set an "after the fact" fee that must be paid when an otherwise lawful short-term rental is operated but without first complying with the procedural requirements of this Ordinance. This "after the fact" fee is not intended to be a penalty and shall consist of the regular application fee plus an amount equal to the legal and administrative costs incurred by the Township due to the applicant's failure to initially comply with this Ordinance's requirements.

3. **Eligibility for Short-term Rental; Complete application.** Due to the limited number of

short-term rentals authorized under this Ordinance, an applicant shall be eligible for a short-term rental license based on the chronological order of when the application is considered accepted. A short-term rental license application shall be considered accepted when the Zoning Administrator deems it complete. If the Zoning Administrator determines that all required information was not supplied and/or the applicant fails to pay the required fee, the Zoning Administrator shall send written notification to the applicant of the deficiencies. If the applicant fails to provide all the information required by this Ordinance and/or fails to pay the required fee within a reasonable time after being notified of the deficiencies, the application shall be deemed incomplete and shall be denied by the Zoning Administrator. Once deemed complete and eligible for a short-term rental license, if an application complies with all the Ordinance standards and regulations, the Zoning Administrator shall approve the short-term rental license within seven (7) business days.

Annual Renewal. Except for the first year, all short-term rental licenses shall be valid for approximately one (1) year, beginning on the date the license is issued and ending on December 31 of the calendar year in which the license was issued. The owner of a permitted short-term rental may reapply for the next calendar year at any point between September 1 and October 31. All renewal permits for the subsequent year shall be issued by November 15. Short term rental licenses that are in good standing at the time of annual renewal will have priority for the ensuing year. Licensees who have not applied for renewal by October 31 shall fall to last on any waiting list.

License Renewal Requirement. Before renewing a license, the Zoning Administrator shall verify with the Township Clerk or another Township Board member that the applicant's short-term rental is in good standing and that no written complaints or communications have been submitted by the applicant's neighbors or nearby residents to suggest that the applicant's short-term rental has violated a provision of this Ordinance. If communications have been received that suggest that the applicant's short-term rental has violated any provision of this Ordinance, the Planning Commission shall hold a violation hearing to determine whether the complaint constitutes grounds for denying renewal of the license. The procedures for this violation hearing shall comply with the procedures specified in Section 9 of this Ordinance.

Section 6 - New license required upon transfer of ownership.

A short-term rental license issued under this Ordinance shall become void upon the transfer of ownership of the dwelling unit or the transfer of a controlling interest in a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, or other legal entity that owns the dwelling unit. A new short-term rental license shall then be obtained from the Zoning Administrator according to the requirements and regulations outlined in this Ordinance before short-term rentals may be resumed in the dwelling unit.

Section 7 - Short-term Rental Standards and Regulations

Except as provided herein, the following standards and regulations shall apply to all short-term rentals in Evangeline Township. However, these standards and regulations shall not supersede deed restrictions on any property (including subdivision developments). They shall not supersede any provisions of the master deed and/or bylaws of a condominium development.

Rental frequency. The rental frequency shall be no more than once in any seven (7) day period, measured from Thursday through the next succeeding Wednesday. Provided, however, for written short-term rental contracts for the calendar year 2021 that are provided to the Zoning Administrator at the time the application for a short-term rental license is filed, the rental frequency shall not apply to those existing contracts.

Occupancy. The maximum occupancy for a short-term rental on waterfront property with less than 100 feet of frontage, shall be a maximum of 6 adults and 6 minors. For waterfront property with 100 feet of frontage or greater the maximum occupancy shall be 8 adults and 8 minors. On non-waterfront property 20 acres or less in area the maximum occupancy shall be 10 adults and 10 minors. On non-waterfront property greater than 20 acres the maximum occupancy shall be 12 adults and 12 minors. Provided, however, for written short-term rental contracts for the calendar year 2021 that are provided to the Zoning Administrator at the time the application for a short-term rental license is filed, the occupancy limits shall not apply to those existing contracts.

Maximum guests allowed time limit. In addition to the number of occupants permitted under subsection 2 above, a short-term rental may have guests of the occupants on the property equal to no more than 1.5 times the number of permitted occupants under subsection 2 above. The guests may only be allowed at the short-term rental between sunrise and 10:00 p.m. that same day.

Compliance with local codes. The dwelling unit must meet all residential building, health department, and safety codes.

Designation of a local agent. If the license holder does not qualify as a local agent, then that license holder shall designate a local agent and shall authorize in writing the local agent to act as the license holder's agent for any acts required of the license holder under this Ordinance. The local designated agent must be available to accept telephone calls on a 24-hour basis at all times that the short-term rental is occupied by short-term renters and will have a key to the short-term rental and be able to respond to the rental within 30 minutes. The address of the property and contact information for the local agent must be posted on a main first-floor door or window of the rental. Copies of the contact information must be given to the immediate neighbors located within 300 feet of the short-term rental.

Information. All notification information shall be kept current and up to date.

Parking. No short-term rental occupant or guest shall park any motor vehicle or trailer within a public or private road while occupying a short-term rental.

Waste/recycling disposal. Occupants shall not leave, or allow others to leave, trash, rubbish, refuse, or garbage within public view, except in proper waste or recycling containers for collection or disposal. Individual trash receptacles shall be limited to 96 gallons of volume. All dwelling units used as short-term rentals must have adequate trash receptacles. A minimum of one (1) large container designed to hold at least ninety (90) gallons shall be provided for every four (4) occupants permitted in the short-term rental.

Fireworks. Fireworks activity shall be limited to the provisions of the Evangeline Township Fireworks Ordinance.

Outside Fire Pits. Outside fire pits are not allowed except those fueled by natural or propane gas.

Quiet Hours. Quiet hours shall be observed from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Only noise commensurate with that of the single-family residential land use is allowed during quiet hours. During these hours, these activities are not allowed:

- The playing of any radio, television, or other sound reproduction device, or musical instruments in such a manner or at such a volume as to be sufficiently audible to unreasonably annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in the vicinity.

- The keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or prolonged continued noise, shall unreasonably disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

- The use of any motor vehicle, including motorcycles, in such a manner as to create an unreasonably disturbing noise includes the screeching of tires and the discharge into the open air of exhaust from the engine without a good muffler.

- Shouting or other raucous or boisterous behavior for an unreasonable length of time.

Information Requirements. The license holder or local agent shall provide all occupants of a short-term rental with the following information before occupancy and shall post such information in a conspicuous place within each short-term rental:

- The name of the license holder or local agent responsible for performing obligations related to the short-term rental under this Ordinance, that individual's telephone number(s), and an email address at which that individual may be reached on a 24-hour basis.

- Notification of the maximum number of overnight occupants permitted in the short-term rental.

- A copy of the Evangeline Township Fireworks Ordinance.

- A copy of the Evangeline Township Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

- Notification that an occupant and/or a guest of an occupant may be cited for a violation of this Ordinance, State Fireworks laws, other local laws of Evangeline Township, or other state ordinances in addition to any other remedies available to the Township.

- A map of property boundaries.

Section 8 - Duty to remedy violations

Duty to remedy. The license holder and/or local agent shall have the duty to remedy any violation of this Ordinance or other relevant ordinances by the occupants of a short-term rental and/or the guests of such occupants. For any violation of this Ordinance, the Township may (in addition to other remedies) notify the license holder and/or local agent for the short-term rental of such violation by telephone, email or return receipt US Postal Service mail. The license holder and/or local agent shall be deemed to have received notice of the violation upon receiving the telephone call or when a return receipt email message is received by the Township, whichever is sooner. Upon receiving notice of the violation, the license holder and/or local agent shall ensure that the violation is remedied within two (2) hours of receipt of such notice.

Failure to remedy the violation within two (2) hours after receiving notice of the violation, without good cause, shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance and may subject the license issued under this Ordinance to suspension or revocation as outlined in Section 9 of this Ordinance.

Section 9 - Suspension, Revocation, or Non-renewal of License.

Violation notice. If the Zoning Administrator has reason to believe the application material on which a license was issued contained false, incorrect, or misleading information and/or statements; that the short-term rental no longer complies with the standards for approval of a new license; that written complaints have been filed concerning the short-term rental to suggest that the short-term rental has violated this Ordinance; and/or the short-term rental is in violation of the regulations in this Ordinance, the Zoning Administrator may, but is not required to, prepare or cause to be prepared a written notice specifying the false, incorrect, or misleading information and/or statements in the application material or specifying the approval standards or regulations that are allegedly being violated and the factual basis for this belief.

Service of notice. The written notice, along with the time, date, and place of the hearing before the Township Planning Commission, shall be served on the license holder either personally or by certified mail, restricted delivery and return receipt requested, no less than twenty-one (21) days before the hearing.

Violation hearing. If such a violation notice is prepared and served, the Planning Commission shall hold a hearing at which time the license holder shall be given an opportunity to show cause why the short-term rental license issued under this Ordinance should not be suspended, revoked, or renewed. At the hearing before the Planning Commission the license holder shall be given an opportunity to confront adverse witnesses and present evidence and legal arguments. The license holder may also be represented by an attorney. The Planning Commission's decision shall be in writing and shall specify the factual evidence upon which it is based. A copy of the Planning Commission's written decision shall then be provided to the license holder.

Subsequent violations. After a short-term rental license has been suspended, any additional violation(s) committed by the license holder and/or local agent within two (2) years of the expiration of the last suspension shall be grounds for a second suspension. If it has been more than two (2) years since the expiration of an initial suspension of a short-term rental license, a subsequent violation shall be deemed to be a first suspension. Upon a determination that the short-term rental license holder has committed a total of three (3) or more violations of this Ordinance within five (5) years, the Planning Commission may permanently revoke the short-term rental license.

Length and timing of suspensions and/or revocations. Suspensions and revocations shall generally be effective immediately. Provided, however, if any portion of the suspension time falls outside the primary tourist season (May through September), then the balance of the suspension time shall carry over to the next primary tourist season.

Suspensions/revocations shall be for the following periods:

- First suspension – three (3) months.
- Second suspension – six (6) months.
- Revocation – permanent.

No new license available during any suspension and within six months after any revocation. During any period of a suspension and within six (6) months of any revocation under this Ordinance, no new license shall be issued for the same property location, regardless of the identity of the license holder.

Existing contracts. Existing short-term rental contracts up to 60 days beyond the beginning date of any suspension/revocation may be honored by the license holder with approval by the Planning Commission. Those existing contracts beyond 60 days shall be canceled. The time period approved to honor existing contracts shall be added to the end of any suspension period.

No new license available within three months after any non-renewal. Within three (3) months of any non-renewal of a license under this Ordinance, no new license shall be issued for the same property location, regardless of the identity of the license holder.

Fraudulent complaints. Any person who knowingly files a fraudulent, false, or fictitious complaint about a short-term rental shall be deemed to be in violation of this Ordinance and may be subject to court enforcement proceedings and the penalties under Section 10 of this Ordinance.

Section 10 - Violations and Penalties

Municipal civil infraction. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance, including the continued operation of a short-term rental after the license for that short-term rental has been suspended or revoked as provided in this Ordinance, shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined in Public Act 12 of 1994, amending Public Act 236 of 1961, being Sections 600.101-600.9939 of Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) Dollars. Each day this Ordinance is violated shall be considered as a separate violation.

Enforcement officials. The Zoning Administrator and other persons appointed by the Township Board are hereby designated as the authorized township officials to issue municipal civil infraction citations directing alleged violators of this Ordinance to appear in court.

Nuisance per se. A violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance or a nuisance per se and is declared to be offensive to the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 11 - Severability

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, said declaration shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance. The Township Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part, section, subsection, phrase, sentence, and clause irrespective of whether any one or more parts, sections, subsections, phrases, sentences, or clauses be declared invalid.

Section 12 - Effective date

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

I certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2021-09-20 that was adopted at a special meeting of the Evangeline Township Board on September 20, 2021 and published in the Charlevoix County News on September 30, 2021.

Evelyn Howell, Evangeline Township Clerk

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of any of the above- mentioned who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City or Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City or Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

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- City of Boyne City - City Commissioner
- City of Charlevoix – Council Member, Ward 1
- City of Charlevoix – Council Member, Ward 2
- City of Charlevoix – Council Member, Ward 3
- City of East Jordan – City Commissioner
- Village of Boyne Falls - Trustee

And to vote on the following proposal (s): (if any)

- City of Charlevoix Proposal 1
Publishing Council Proceedings
- City of Charlevoix Proposal 2
Council Oversight of Operations
- City of Charlevoix Proposal 3
City Manager Appointment/Removal
- City of Charlevoix Proposal 4
Acting Manager Term
- City of Charlevoix Proposal 5
Assessment Change Notice Delivery
- Charlevoix County
Separate Tax Limitation Proposal

**Charlevoix County Commissioners Synopsis
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on September 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Five Commissioners were present. Excused: Commissioner Draves

- Motion approved the agenda as presented.
- Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-111, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- A Committee of the Whole meeting is set for November 10, 2021 to discuss Beaver Island Lighthouse Property.
- Motion approved Canvass Board Committee Appointments.
- Motion approved to Accept Veterans Affairs Board Resignation.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-112, Charlevoix County Support for Local Decisions.
- 4.1 Nays – Commissioner Jess.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-113, 2021 Budget Deficits.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-114, 2021 Subsidiary Fund Budget Deficits.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-115, Charlevoix County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Contract for Professional Services.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-116, Policy of Car Travel.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-117, Court Compliance Officer.
- Motion approved Resolution #21-118, Purchase of Additional Credited Service.
- The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 6:54 p.m.
- Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.
- Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 260-A

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of East Jordan

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Chapter 37 Section 3 Bond will be removed entirely and the remaining sections will be renumbered as Part of the Code of Ordinances for the City of East Jordan is hereby added, to read as follows:

Chapter 37 WORK WITHIN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY

Section 1 Permit:

No person, firm, or other legal entity shall do any work or otherwise disturb soils or pavement in a City Road right-of-way without first obtaining a right-of-way permit. Such activity shall include but not be limited to installing utility services, performing utility repairs, removing, repairing, or replacing any public right-of-way pavement, installing curb cuts, and blocking any portion of the right-of-way. A permit and application may be obtained from the City Clerk to be approved, denied, or modified by the City Administrator.

Section 2 Permit Fees and Costs:

The permit holder shall be responsible for all fees incurred by the City in connection with the permit and shall deposit estimated fees and costs as determined by the City, at the time the permit is issued.

Section 3 Insurance:

The permit holder shall furnish proof of liability and property damage insurance in the amount stated on the permit naming the City as an insured. Such insurance shall cover a period not less than the term of the permit and shall provide that it cannot be cancelled without ten days advance written notice by certified mail with return receipt required to the City.

Section 4 Indemnification:

The permit holder shall hold harmless and indemnify and keep indemnified the City, its officers and employees from all claims, suits and judgments to which the City, its officer, or employees may be subject and for all costs and actual attorney fees which may be incurred on account of injury to persons or damage to property, including property of the City, whether due to the negligence of the permit holder or the joint negligence of the permit holder and the City arising out of the work under the permit, or in connection with work not authorized by the permit, or resulting from failure to comply with the terms of this chapter, or arising out of the continued existence of the work product which is the subject of the permit.

Section 5 MISS DIG:

The permit holder must comply with the requirements of Public Act No. 53 of 1974 (MCL 460.701 et seq.) and call MISS DIG at (800) 482-7171 at least two full working days, but not more than 21 calendar days, before starting work. The permit holder assumes all responsibility for damage to or interruption of underground utilities.

Section 6 Notification of start and completion of work:

The permit holder must notify the City Administrator at least 48 hours before starting work and must notify the City Administrator when work is completed.

Section 7 Limitation of Permit:

The provisions of this chapter do not relieve the permit holder from meeting other applicable laws and regulations of other agencies. The permit holder is responsible for obtaining additional permits or releases which may be required in connection with this work from other governmental agencies, public utilities, corporations and individuals, including property owners. Permission may be required from the adjoining property owners.

Section 8 Assignability:

A permit may not be assigned without the prior approval of the City Administrator. If approval is granted, the assignor shall remain liable and the assignee shall be bound by all the terms of the Chapter.

Section 9 Supplemental specifications:

The provisions of this chapter are subject to supplemental specifications on file with the City and Public Act No. 200 of 1969 (MCL 247.321 et seq).

Section 10 Revocation of permit:

A permit may be suspended or revoked and the permit holder shall surrender the permit and alter, relocate or remove its facilities at its expense at the request of the City.

Section 11 Violation of permit:

A permit shall become immediately null and void if the permit holder violates the terms of this Chapter, and the City may require immediate removal of permit holder's facilities or the City may remove them without notice at the permit holder's expense. A violation of this Section shall be treated as a civil infraction in accord with Article II of the East Jordan Code of Ordinances.

Section 12 Effective Date:

This ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after its adoption and publication.

Cheltzi M. Wilson, CMC
City Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: JOHNSON, PENZIEN, HOFWEBER, SHERMAN, TIMMONS, SWEET-HOCK AND REID JR
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
PUBLISHED: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
EFFECTIVE: OCTOBER 7, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CASE NO. and JUDGE
21-013179-01-DE

Decedent's Estate

Estate of William James Maurer SR.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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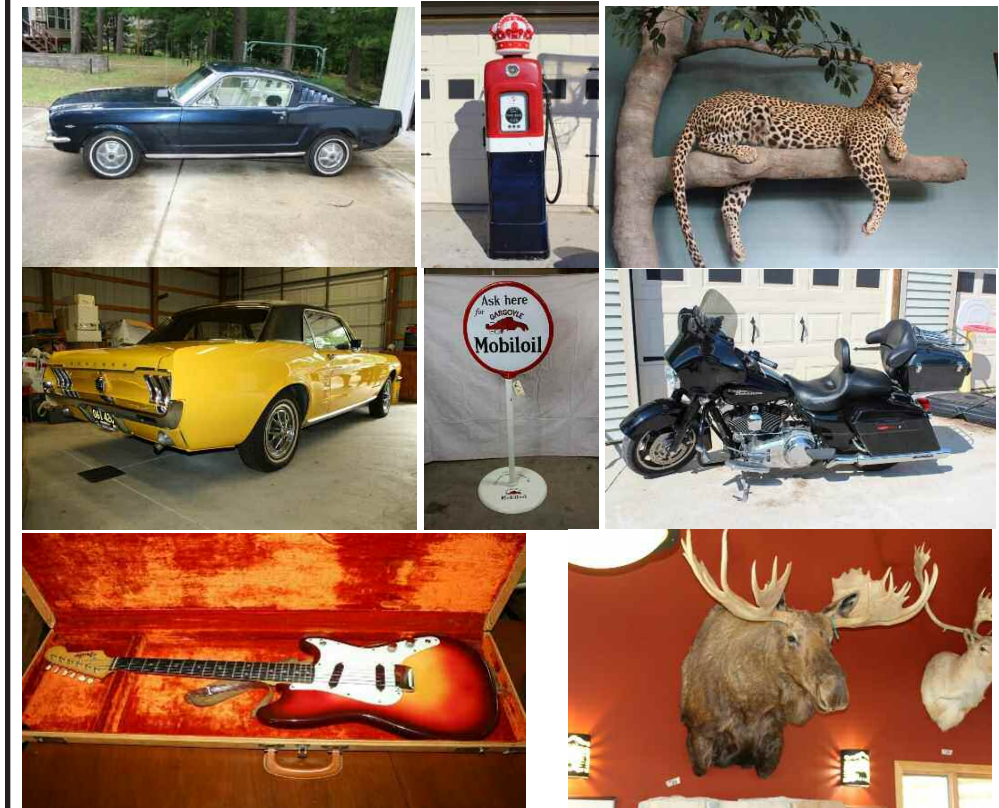


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