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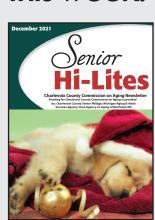


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Inside The American celebration of Thanksgiving

BY JIM AKANS

Thanksgiving is the classic holiday for all Americans. It is a day of food, family, football and restored faith in the thankful capacity of mankind. Celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, Thanksgiving is a red, white and blue celebration ensconced in visions of Pilgrims in black and white sharing the harvest and good will with Native Americans so many

moons ago. It is a reminder that extending the spirit of camaraderie and good will to all is a timeless and priceless act.

There are about 46 million turkeys don't look forward to the approach of Thanksgiving at all. That's how many birds Americans will be carving up for the annual feast according to the WalletHub.

Other morsels of trivia: - Average calories consumed on Thanksgiving;

- Treadmill time to burn off those calories; 10 hours and 33 minutes

- Average cost of a 10 person dinner; \$53.13 (results may vary)

- Favorite dishes (in descending order); Turkey, Stuffing, Pumpkin Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce.

- Date President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanks-

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Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.' ~Erma Bombeck, Photo credit 123rf.com



Boyne City Santa Parade November 26th

Santa is coming back! We hope that you will plan to stay open during the open house hours of 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. on November 26th to welcome our community members and families to our beautiful downtown. If there is anything special you may be offering during this time such as a sale, treat, or kid friendly activity please let us know and we will assist with directing people.

New this year will be a children's coloring contest with prizes awarded in four age groups. Links to the coloring pages are posted on the Boyne City Main Street website. Also new to 2021 is a float contest. Show your holiday spirit by entering a float in the parade for a chance to win possession of the traveling trophy until next year's event.

We are so excited to welcome this event back to the calendar, and can't wait to share in the magic of a Boyne City Community Christmas with all of you.

Snowmobile Club merges with ORV Club

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - The East Jordan Snowmobile Club will be merging their membership and service agenda with the South Arm ORV Club.

The East Jordan Snowmobile Club has been a staple in the community since 1967. They have not only provided an outlet for people interested in outdoor winter motorsports but they have become a prime contributor to many local charities. "We're still the same club in theory in the summer we're going to focus on ORV stuff and in the winter we will focus on winter stuff and we can consolidate the meetings," said EJSC member and ORV Club President Tracey Johnson.

There is already a lot of cross membership between the clubs but a dwindling and aging membership has activities slowed down. "I've been a member of the snowmobile club for 25 years off and on and I've seen what's going on. I'm not a spring chicken anymore either. It's harder and harder to get volunteers. We're getting up there in age and it's harder for them to help," said East Jordan Snowmobile Club Vice President and South Arm ORV Club Treasurer Alan Kava.

EJSC has already been allowing the ORV Club to hold meetings at 5586 Mt Bliss Road, their clubhouse, donated to the club by the Agnes Clark family. "The new club will be known as the East Jordan Snowmobilers and South Arm ORV Club," said Johnson. "The snowmobile club just got a beautiful new sign made by one of the new members and we don't want to change that."

The clubs are actively involved in raising funds to support Immune deficiency, chemotherapy patients, Clara's Hope. suicide prevention, breast cancer research, as well as providing East Jordan student scholarships. Some of their biggest fundraisers include the Sunday



The South Arm ORV Club hosts safety classes annually.



The East Jordan Snowmobile Club Blessing of the Sleds.

Morning pancake breakfasts (which have taken a hit with COVID) and the Sno-Blast Festival.

The club also performs maintenance on the trails, keeping them groomed. Members are hoping that the merger will get more people involved. "This way we joined forces as one unit and we can do a lot through the warmer months too," said Kava. Money spent on the purchase of trail stickers goes toward maintaining the trails. "For people that enjoy the sport, get involved. The sports cannot continue without the people that buy the stickers and ride the machines," said Johnson. "We can't depend on the state to build and maintain these trails, get involved and find a club, you need to join a club that's step one.'

"I feel this merger going to be a very positive thing for the community," said

Mingle and Jingle to debut in East Jordan

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a new holiday event. "Mingle and Jingle" kicks off the holiday cheer in East Jordan Saturday, November 27, with the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree on the corner of Spring and Hammond Streets starting at 4PM.

Mayor Mark Penzien and the longest running Citizen of the Year, Luanne Reed, will be lighting the tree and everyone is invited to join in as Penzien leads a "Community Carol" around the tree.

A "Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's" silent auction will take place at the Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix. Table top size trees will be decorated with custom themes. The trees will be on display from 4:30

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Boyne Eta Nu Lights of Love to Benefit Hospice

The Boyne Eta Nu Charities thirty-fourth annual "Lights of Love" tree lighting and dedication will take place Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. on the Dilworth Hotel porch in Boyne City. This special event offers an opportunity for community members to honor and remember loved ones during the holiday season.

This year's event will benefit Northwest Michigan Hospice Assist. NMHA is a nonprofit, non-medical organization that offers nominal grants to terminally patients, their families and caregivers in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Grants are offered for related care expenses not covered by the traditional Hospice program, such as prescription drug cost, personal care items and gas

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Gertrude Anne (Muma)

Behling, 83

(AUG. 14, 1938 - NOV. 18, 2021)

Gertrude Anne Behling

went home to with the Lord

She was born in Newberry,

on November 18, 2021.

Harry Bruce Behling. To-

Eugene (Cheryl) Behling,

Marie (Tom) Haley, Austin

Behling II (Geraldine) and

gether they had five children-

(Angie) Behling, Harry Bruce

Janice (Ken) Lutterbach; ten

grandchildren and two great

grandchildren. Gertie is also

survived by Jessie (Louise)

Muma, Carol Muma, Gene

Muma, Nina (Don) Hawver,

McCaslin, Steve (Sharon)

Pat (Judy) Muma, Gayla

(John) Grocholski III, Sue

Muma, Martha (Howard)

Carson, and Phyllis Dunkel.

Gertie was preceded in

death by her husband Harry

Bruce Behling, and siblings-

Donald J (Sonny) Muma, Wil-

frieda (Sis) Somerville, Vicky

and (Frank) Moore, Alfred

Diane Bard, Rodney Muma,

Bill Muma, and granddaugh-

Little River Ottawa Indians.

A Tribal Fire will be lit for

held 3:00 PM Tuesday, No-

vember 23 at Knop Cemetery

in Wilson Township with Pas-

tor David Behling officiating.

Judy A (Stowe) Leist, 81

(DEC. 25, 1939 - NOV. 17, 2021)

Our community lost a pil-

lar on Wednes-

wnen Juay (Ju

Leist, age 81, of

Boyne City, for-

merly Petoskey,

died peacefully of natural

The daughter of Atwood

was born in Petoskey, Michi-

gan, on Christmas Day 1939.

Francis Xavier high school in

1957 and went on to serve in

the US Army. Judy attended

(WAC) Basic Training in 1958

charged in 1960 with the rank

of Specialist First Class. Dur-

the Women's Army Corps

and was honorably dis-

ing just two years in the

Army, Judy operated IBM

systems—one of the first-

ever computer systems—at

Fort Dix, New Jersey, and

Fort McClellan, Alabama.

gether they had four chil-

three eldest children and

dren. She is survived by her

their spouses: Gary (Janet)

Leist, Joseph (Shelley) Leist,

and Linda (Kevin) Clements.

She is also survived by her

only grandchild, Bridgette

death by her husband, Ron,

very proud of her ground-

breaking contributions to the

US Army, where she operated

in areas of the Department of

Defense that were once con-

continued her service to her

sidered "men only". Judy

and youngest daughter,

Janet.

Beriault. She was preceded in

Judy, and her family, were

was a WAC drill instructor at

Judy married Ronald (Ron)

Leist on January 9th, 1960, to-

(Shorty) and Helen Stowe

She graduated from Saint

day morning

dith Stowe)

causes.

three days in her honor.

Gertrude was a member of

A graveside service will be

Muma, Lottie McCaslin,

ter Wesley Behling.

THURSDAY



FRIDAY



HIGH: 31 HIGH: 33 LOW: 25 LOW: 28

SATURDAY



SUNDAY

HIGH: 36 LOW: 28

OBITUARIES

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11/23/20	0	.CHEBOYGAN	11/21/21
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11/23/20	0.1	.LEWISTON	11/21/21
11/23/20	0.1	.MIO	11/21/21
11/23/20	8.0	.ONAWAY	11/21/21
11/23/20	3.6	.PETOSKEY	11/21/21

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11/21/21	3	.CHARLEVOIX
11/21/21	0.2	.CHEBOYGAN
11/21/21	7.7	.EAST JORDA
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11/21/21	4.2	.ONAWAY
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record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG. HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
NOV 2	2426°.	41°	-2° (1950)	62° (2003)
NOV 2	2526°.	41°	-8° (1950)	60° (2006)
NOV 2	2625°.	40°	.9° (1974)	63° (1984)
NOV 2	27 25° .	40°	-5° (1951)	66° (1990)
NOV 2	2825°.	39°	.8° (1976)	61° (1990)
NOV 2	2924°.	39°	.5° (1976)	62° (1998)
NOV 3	3024°.	39°	.4° (1958)	65° (1998)
DEC 1	24° .	38°	3° (1979)	64° (1970)
DEC 2	223° .	38°	9° (1976)	61° (1982)
DEC 3	323° .	37°	1° (1976)	64° (1982)

by dedicating much of her time assisting in countless military funerals with the Boyne City Legion Post 228. Judy was also an avid volunteer at Challenge Mountain and the Charlevoix County

Victims' Service Unit and en-

country and her community

Michigan on August 14, 1938 joyed reading, bowling, and in the logging camp where crocheting in her spare time. her parents Donald and Judy was undoubtedly spe-Josephine (DeVerney) Muma cial—the perfect amount of lived. She was the third of spunk, kindness, and fourteen children. Gertie was strength. She had a presence an excellent cook. She enthat was hard to describe, but joyed reading, gardening, those who knew her loved picking seasonal crops, and her for it. Spending time with baking pies that were enjoyed her family was the joy of her by so many. life; she loved her friends and Gertie was married to

family with her whole heart. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM Wednesday, November 24 at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City with a gathering of family and friends being held from 9:00 AM until the time of service.

Bradford "Brad" Duane Knipe, 71

(OCT. 28, 1950 - NOV. 17, 2021) Bradford Duane Knipe of

Boyne City passed away Wednesday, November 17 at home from natural causes and is now with his



erly (Bennett) Knipe, Brad was born in Petoskey on October 28, 1950. He graduated from Boyne City High school in 1968 and worked for 43 dedicated years at East Jordan Iron Works. Brad spent many vears volunteering in community organizations, enjoyed bowling on leagues, deer hunting every year, and golfing in the sun as much as possible, but he enjoyed spending time with his family more than anything else.

Brad is survived by his wife of 51 years, Susan (Mathers) Knipe, his children Renee Knipe, Katrina (Knipe) Farber, Annette (Knipe) and Matthew Armentrout (his favorite son-in-law), his grandchildren Christopher Armentrout and Emily Armentrout, his sister Robin (Knipe) Raymor, and many nieces, nephews, extended

family and dear friends. Brad was a kind and gentle soul who loved to help others and was always ready with a laugh, a smile and usually with a joke to share. He touch many souls during his life time and will be greatly

missed by all. The family would like to gather with family and friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Tuesday November 23, 2021 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

William "Bill" Robert Yarbrough, 76

(MARCH 6, 1945 - NOV. 16, 2021)

William "Bill" Yarbrough of Boyne Falls and formerly of East Jordan, died Tuesday, November 16, 2021, in Petoskey.



Mary Maxine Reibel, 85

(NOV. 8, 1936 - NOV. 21, 2021)

Mary Maxine Reibel of Central Lake died November 21, 2021 at Eastport Village Care Home. She was born November 8, 1936 in Clarion, the daughter of Whitford and

Mary Maxine (Short) Arm-

Mary enjoyed bowling, working with ceramics, hunting and traveling. She was a dedicated employed of Hoskins in Charlevoix and retired from there after 30 vears of dedicated service.

She is survived by her children Duane (Judi) of Cheboygan, Diane (Brian) Anthony of Boyne City, James Reibel of Central Lake, brothers Whitford Armstrong of East Jordan, Dennis (Judy) Armstrong of N. Las Vegas, Donald Armstrong of Pensacola, FL, 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 3 great, great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Earl Allan Reibel in 2020, son David, daughter Janet, sister Margaret Kowalski, ½ brothers Willard and James, and her parents.

No services are planned at this time. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery, Banks Township.

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

Jeryl Murdick, 74

(JUNE 14, 1947 - NOV. 19, 2021) Jeryl Esther Murdick of

Charlevoix passed away peacefully on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire. She was born on June 14, 1947 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of F. Jerold and Esther (Kerr) Murdick.

Jeryl graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1965, and she then began working at her parents' candy store, Murdick's Famous Fudge (which is now the home of Harwood Gold). She and her brother, Gary, inherited the business in 1977, which they ran successfully until they retired in 2012. When she wasn't making candy, Jeryl enjoyed crocheting, reading mystery novels, and playing with her cats.

Jeryl is survived by her brother, Gary Murdick. She was preceded in death by her parents; two half-

brothers, Harold Lang and Fran Murdick; and a half-sister, Muriel Archer.

Visitation will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. A celebration of her life will be held in the summer of 2022.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St, Boyne City, MI 49712.

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

Haley Marie Wilson, 23

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Haley Marie Wilson of Charlevoix passed away November 19, 2021 at Munson Medical Center surrounded by loved ones.

Haley graduated from East Jordan High School in 2016. She was currently attending North Cen-

tral Michigan College, finishing her Special Education degree through Lake Superior State. She was employed with her dream job at Charlevoix **Emmet Intermediate Schools** as a Special Education Teacher's Assistant. She loved her job and helping others. She also worked in nursing homes, assisted living homes, AFC homes and the hospital. Her heart was bigger than anyone could imag-

Haley not only loved photography and arts, camping, long walks, movies and her animals but her true passion was cooking for Morgan and trying new recipes. She could always be found breezing through Pinterest.

Haley leaves behind a family that loved her more than life. Surviving are her parents Doug and Janette (Henderson) Wilson, brother and best friend Nick Wilson all of East Jordan her boyfriend, soon to be fiancé Morgan Stewart of Charlevoix, maternal grandparents Sally and Bob Holley of Gaylord, paternal grandmother Catherine Wilson of Clare, special aunts and uncles Ron and Shannon Henderson, Jay and Kathleen Marhofer, Eileen Denhard, Don and Charlene Merritt and Ken and Marlene Ingraham as well as many more aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather Paul Wilson, maternal grandfather Bernard James Henderson, and uncle Dennis Denhard.

The family will receive friends Friday, November 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. A private burial will take place in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township. Memorial contributions can be directed to the family. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been made by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral line guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Chris Carson, 84 (MAY 19, 1937 - NOV. 18, 2021)

Chris Carson of Ironton

passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at his home.

A full obituary will be posted in the near future.

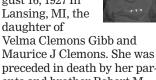
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Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Barbara Clemons Bump, 94

(AUG. 16, 1927 - NOV. 15, 2021) Barbara Clemons Bump of

Charlevoix passed away on November 15. She was born on August 16, 1927 In



preceded in death by her parents and brother Robert M Clemons. Barb graduated from JW Sexton High School, attended

Milwaukee Downer College, and graduated from The University of Michigan where she was a member of Kappa

Alpha Theta. She did her graduate work at Michigan State University.

Barb taught 6th grade at Foster Elementary School in Lansing before moving to Charlevoix in 1970 to continue her teaching career, retiring in 1990.

She enjoyed playing bridge, traveling, reading, swimming, crossword puzzles and talking with her many, many friends near and far.

Barb is survived by her sons Steve (Linda) and David (Maria) Bump and several cousins.

Barb was cremated per her wishes. Conditions permitting we would like to hold a celebration of her wonderful life in late spring/early summer 2022. To receive updates and/or to share your favorite "Barb story" please contact scbump@gmail.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital or the Charlevoix Public Library.

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

Adam Wolford Kendall, 37

(NOV. 5, 1984 - NOV. 13, 2021) Adam Wolford Kendall was

born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on November 5, 1984, to LeeAnn Wolford Kendall and Robert T. Kendall, III. On

November 13, 2021, Adam and his lovely wife, Kate Leese, were returning to their home on Beaver Island, when the plane they were traveling in crashed at the airport. Adam (37) and Kate (35) left this life together, along with their cherished dogs, Baker and

Adam was a loval and steadfast man to his friends and family. Any task Adam faced, he mastered. His grandfather, who narrowly survived World War II, said on many occasions that Adam was the kind of man you wanted next to you in a

Growing up in Jackson, from an early age Adam showed a predisposition for adventure. When he was 13, he decided on his own to learn to scuba dive, earning his junior advanced open water certificate and proceeded to dive throughout Michigan with his older brother, Robert Kendall. Adam graduated from Jackson High School in June 2003, where he played soccer and was the co-captain of the soccer team.

After graduation, he joined his big brother in Boston where they both attended Boston University. During their time together in Boston, Adam and Robert lived together, worked together at a specialty outdoor sports and climbing store, and spent their spare time skiing and kiteboarding together. Ultimately far surpassing his big brother in skill and courage.

Adam graduated from BU with a degree in economics, followed by Law School at Suffolk University earning a JD. After law school, he moved to Houston to start his law career and again live with his brother Robert. After passing both the Texas and Washington state bars, Adam was invited to join a law firm lead by his aunt. Elizabeth Reeve. He followed

his love for the mountains and moved to Seattle to practice law, growing to be a trusted and respected attorney at the firm.

While he loved the firm and work, friends and family in the area, and the Pacific Northwest, fate intervened. His life-long friend, Michelle Lake, met an extraordinary woman in Jackson – Kate Leese – and was determined that Adam and Kate should

When Adam and Kate met, they knew right away that they were kindred spirits, meant to be together. They both shared a passion for life and adventure that created an instant bond. Adam moved to Michigan to be with Kate, and they married on August 1, 2015, under a majestic 100-year old oak tree, in the middle of a classic northern Michigan farm field, surrounded by close family and friends. Adam and Kate started to put down roots in Jackson, self-renovating their house in perfect midcentury modern form, as both of them shared a love for the design. Though, their shared sense of adventure soon spoke to them, and they made the decision to start their first grand adventure.

In 2016, Adam and Kate bought and renovated a classic Airstream trailer, sold their house and headed west with the sole goal of experiencing the country with their beloved dogs. They crisscrossed the U.S. and Canada for 4 years, living in over 220 places, making great friends along the way. Thousands of people followed their adventures on Instagram at Life-WithoutWaiting.

During their time on the road, they started an emergency management consulting business that grew into a successful enterprise. They worked closely with large and small Utility companies throughout the world building a name for themselves at helping Utilities to better ral disasters.

In 2019, they started their second adventure. Both shared a love for northern Michigan and its lakes. That love lead to buying a liveaboard boat and traveling around northern Lake Michigan for the summer. One day, while returning from Mackinac Island, they decided to visit Beaver Island. On that first visit they knew the island was where they were meant to be. After four years of traveling together with Frank and Baker, Adam and Kate literally put down roots on Beaver Island and started their final and most impressive grand adventure.

Adam and Kate bought a 120-acre farm on the island with the intention of establishing a vineyard. They intended to smartly push the boundaries of northern Michigan wine; growing varietals that have yet to be grown in Michigan at similar latitudes. In the spring of 2021, they (with the help of their family) planted 2,100 grape vines, which showed great promise through the summer. On November 6, 2021, Adam and Kate and their vineyard were featured in an article in the Detroit News given the uniqueness of their story and their ambitions.

The day they passed; they were returning from visiting family in Traverse City to Beaver Island in order to secure the vineyard for the winter. The Beaver Island

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News

Charlevoix County Transit Honored with CTAA's 2021 Rural System of the Year Award

Richmond, Va. - November 10, 2021. Charlevoix County Transit (CCT) of Boyne City, Michigan was named the 2021 Outstanding Rural System of the Year by the Community **Transportation Association** of America (CTAA) at its annual EXPO. The EXPO was held this year in Richmond, Va., and the award is in recognition for the winner's efforts to provide innovative services and to meet customer's needs across its service area in northern Michigan.

The award, presented annually at the Association's national EXPO, honors a CTAA member in a rural area that has distinguished itself both in the level of service it provides and inven-



tive ways of doing business. Kendra McGeady, one the National Directors on the Association's Board of Directors



and Executive Director of Pelivan Transit in Big Cabin, Okla., noted that CCT is not only on the leading front for

technology and use of alternative fuels, but also looks for opportunities to enhance their operations and passenger experience.

"Celebrating 41 years this year, this agency has paved the way in accessible services in their service area and state. Knowing vulnerable members of their communities would be tied to their homes through the COVID-19 pandemic, they stepped up to become the sole source of transportation for home delivery and disaster meals.," said McGeady when presenting the award.

"I am honored to accept the Rural Transit System of the Year award on behalf of the Charlevoix

County Transit," said Jill Drury, Executive Director of Charlevoix County Transit. "Public Transit

providers across the nation

have met the challenges created by the pandemic and served their

communities and passengers in many creative ways. CCT was no exception. We responded immediately after the first school closure was announced in mid-March 2020 and began offering alternative services and finding ways to assist our communities. I'd like to thank the CTAA Board for recognizing agencies for their dedication to the industry and for choosing Charlevoix County Transit for this great honor. It has been a privilege to lead our agency over the past 10 years," said Drury upon accepting the award.

Thanksgiving Fun Facts

It was Columbus who named the turkey!

Did the pilgrims eat turkey at the first Thanksgiving?

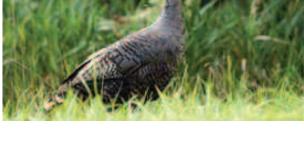
Did you know it was actually Christopher Columbus who was responsible for giving turkeys their name? Probably even the contestants on Jeopardy would be gobbled up that little Thanksgiving fun fact.

Yes, Columbus mistakenly thought these turkeys, which were indigenous to this continent but were not found in Europe, were relatives of the peacock. Why? Because Columbus originally thought he landed in India and he knew that peacocks were in abundance there. He figured the turkey was a member of the peacock family, which makes sense.

So he named them "tuka," which is "peacock" in the Tamil language of India. But, by the way, turkeys are not related to peacocks. They are actually a type of pheasant. That's another factoid that may give the Jeopardy contestants a fowl time.

Here's another piece of trivia revolving around the Thanksgiving holiday in our country that probably not many people know about: Thanksgiving gave birth to the TV dinner!

It happened like this. In 1953, the Swanson Company had so much extra turkey -260 tons worth! – that a sales-



man told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes ... and the first frozen TV dinner was born.

The convenience of frozen TV dinners caught on very quickly with consumers across the country and spread internationally within a few short years. Hopefully the Swanson salesman received a generous bonus from his employer.

While it's uncertain if turkey was part of the first Thanksgiving celebration, the popular fowl has become standard fare for the annual holiday celebration. In the U.S., about 280 million turkeys are sold each year for Thanksgiving. The average size of the bird is 15 pounds with about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark

Turkey today is as much a part of Thanksgiving as Detroit Lions' football and drum sticks. Even if the pilgrims and their Native American guests did not partake of turkey at the first Thanksgiving meal in 1621 in Plymouth, Mass., we know from historical accounts that there was plenty of other scrumptious food prepared for the three-day feast, including some fine New England lob-

Those who didn't care for

eating lobster weren't shortchanged, though. Chicken, rabbit, venison, cod, bass, squash, beans, barley, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese were also part of the fare. Wild turkey did inhabit the area but historians are divided on whether the fowl made it to the table in 1621 or not.

We do know that the first Thanksgiving feast was organized by Governor William Bradford to thank God for His bountiful provisions. The exact date is not known, though it took place sometime between Sept. 21 and Nov. 9, most likely in early October. The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by President Lincoln to correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod on Nov. 21, 1620.

Everyone ate with spoons, knives and their fingers at the first feast, since there were no forks available. The Wampanoag Indians had taught the pilgrims how to cultivate the land and were invited in appreciation of their friendliness. Chief Massasoit and the 90 men with him did not come to the banquet empty-handed; they killed five deer and added that to the feast.

Here are some other inter-

esting Thanksgiving facts: -- The consumption of turkey has been blamed for the annual "Thanksgiving nap" that mysteriously overtakes folks on the afternoon of the fourth Thursday in November. But, scientists pour water on that assertion. Scientists say that extra glass of wine, the high-calorie meal or relaxing after a busy work schedule is what makes folks drowsy after the Thanksgiving meal.

--President Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation on Oct. 3, 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. In the 1940s, Congress passed a law setting the

fourth Thursday of the month as the official Thanksgiving date.

-Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President "pardons" the live turkey.

-- Turkey has more protein than chicken or beef. The most popular ways to serve leftover turkey is in a sandwich, in stew, chili or soup, in a casserole or as a burger. Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16-18 pounds of turkey.

-A 16-week old turkey is called a fryer. A five-to-seven month old turkey is called a young roaster.

--The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924

with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. No large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo

-- A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.

-Wild turkeys, while technically the same species as domesticated turkeys, have a very different taste from farm-raised turkeys. Almost all of the meat is "dark" (even the breasts) with a more intense turkey flavor.





If you or someone you know are seeking assistance this holiday season, let us help!

Contact these organizations for assistance.

Emmet County The Salvation Army 231-347-3531

Cheboygan County The Salvation Army 231-627-9003

Project Rudolph Alanson 231-548-2261

Boyne Area Community Christmas 231-459-5588

Charlevoix Community Christmas Project Rebecca Jeakle 231-547-3588 cvx.christmas@gmailcom

East Jordan Care & Share 231-536-7423

Holiday Safety Tips Thanksgiving is right around the corner! The CDC recommends that all adults and

children age 5 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine. To enjoy a happy and healthy Thanksgiving, remember to track local transmission rates, take precautions like wearing a mask and washing your hands, and get a booster shot if you are eligible.

HOLIDAY

Recipe for Thanksgiving 2021







Ingredients:

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Outdoors

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More Information:

Follow community guidelines from your local health department

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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COLLABORATIVE

Get vaccinated. Children and adults age 5 and up should get a COVID-19 vaccine. Some groups of people are eligible for a booster shot. Visit your health department website for more info, or talk with your health provider.

Wear a mask. Wear a cloth or surgical face mask over your mouth and nose when grocery shopping or in other public indoor settings, or when serving food.

Wash your hands before eating or serving food.

Outdoors is safer than indoors—enjoy a picnic or other outdoor activities, weather permitting.

Communicate in advance with guests about your COVID-19 ground rules and the precautions you're taking. Cancel plans if you are sick, and stay away from others.

Safe Travels. If possible, delay travel unless you are fully vaccinated. If you are traveling with unvaccinated family members, such as children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, take additional precautions. Avoid crowds, wear a mask, and get tested before and after your trip.

Don't forget about the kids' table!

Vaccination is the best way to protect children from COVID-19, and the CDC recommends that children and adolescents age 5 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for children. More than 11 million adolescents ages 12-17 have already received the COVID-19 vaccine, and as of November 2, children ages 5-11 are also eligible to get vaccinated.



News Briefs

BOYNE CITY TURKEY TROT

The Kiwanis Club of Boyne City & BCTT Committee is excited to announce the Eleventh Annual Boyne City Turkey Trot on November 25. Turkeys will be flocking to Veterans Park Pavilion at 9am for a 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run, Individual Entry - \$30 pre-registration (1 long-sleeve tech shirt), \$35 day of event. T-shirt guaranteed if entry form received by November 18. Extra t-shirts will be available for purchase @ \$20 each while supplies last. Packet pick-up day before event from 4-6pm @ Stigg's Brewery - \$2 off any Stigg's Pint! Entry forms are available at: Boyne Area Chamber, Kilwins Boyne City, Edward Jones, Lake Charlevoix Coffee Company and Family Fare

EAST JORDAN **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST**

Happy Friendsgiving dinner sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Church is hosting a community Thanksgiving feast at 1pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 25. Games and snacks at 1pm. Dinner at 2pm. Everyone is invited. To volunteer to help or donate contact Debbie Carey, 231-350-2558.

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Join us for turkey and all the fixings on Thursday, November 25th from 12-2 PM. This event is open to the public. Please consider making a monetary or canned goods donation at the door as all proceeds

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will go to support our local food pantries. Deliveries will be available for shutins only. If you would like to donate food or your time the day of the event, please give us a call at the club: 231.582.6904. Boyne City Fraternal Order of Eagles, 106 River Street.

CHARLEVOIX

HOLIDAY PARADE

Holiday parade and tree lighting, Friday, Nov. 26. 3-5pm - Holiday craft and photos with Santa. 5:30pm -Santa Parade. 6pm - Tree Lighting

EAST JORDAN **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Everyone is invited to fill our downtown with the sound of Christmas carols Saturday, Nov. 27 at 4pm by the community Christmas tree at Spring and Hammond Streets. Caroling led by Mayor Mark Penzien and Citizen of the Year, Luanne Reed.

EAST JORDAN

HOMETOWN GIFT BASKET

The drawing for the

Hometown Gift Basket will be part of the Mingle & Jingle event. Participants will need to pick up a "Passport Card" on November 27th from 4:30 PM -8:00 PM at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix. The Passport Cards will need to be punched/stamped at participating businesses after a purchase is made between November 27th and December 3rd. Cards will need to be turned into the Chamber of Commerce Office by December 3rd at 3:00 PM. Must be 21 years old or older to enter.

EAST JORDAN

JUBILEE OF TREES

Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's, a new holiday event taking place in East Jordan at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix, November 27th. Decorated table top Christmas trees will be donated and auctioned off in a Silent Auction to benefit local 501-C3's. The winning lucky bidder of each tree will be able to choose the local 501-C3 that will receive their donation. If you are a local 501-C3 and would like to be on the list of possible recipients, please email the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce with your organizations name and EIN number.

Info@ejchamber.org

CHARLEVOIX

FILL THE BOAT

The best way to start out the Holiday Season! Help us "Fill the Boat" with warm winter clothing items to support Kari's Closet in efforts to help keep kids & families warm this winter season. Kari's Closet is a children's clothing ministry in honor of Charlevoix's Kari Way. It provides all by donation and is free for all ages. Kari's Closet is located at 100 Oak Street, Charlevoix near Charlevoix Community Reformed Church and is Open every Tuesday & Thursday from 4:30PM -6PM. We are looking for NEW/LIKE-NEW Clothing Items such as boots, snow gear, pants, warm pj's, sweaters & long sleeves, jackets, gloves and mittens. Most needed are from baby to big kid sizes, but will accept all. Items can be dropped off or shipped to Dry Harbour Marine, 6357 US-31 S, Charlevoix MI 49720 now through December 1. Any questions or more information please contact Kelsey Way, kelsey@dryharbourma-

CHARLEVOIX PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB **CALENDAR AVAILABLE**

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The Best of the Charlevoix Photography Club 2022 Calendar is hot off the press today! This calendar, which is locally printed, features wonderful photographs from 12 separate club members. Visit www.Charlevoixphotographyclub.org to place an order, or visit the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton St. The selling price is \$25.

ANTRIM, CHARLEVOIX, **CHEBOYGAN COUNTIES** SIGN UP FOR THE FALL PITCH

EVENTS

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) introduced a new program that provides space for entrepreneurs to pitch their start-up or growth idea for a chance to receive funding. The Northern Lakes Innovation Alliance is an event looking for those involved in the following industries to apply: Value-Added Agriculture, Outdoor Recreation, Tech, Research & Development, Manufacturing, and Recycle/UpCycle Industries.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

COMMUNITY BAND

The Jordan Valley Community Band welcomes everyone in all communities to join us. We rehearse on Thurs. Evenings at 6:30 at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City. Band members have a blast, playing their band instruments and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow musicians. We are looking forward to playing our annual Christmas Concert, December 5th at 3:00 PM. Questions? Contact Becky Palmiter, Director, 231-675-0543

EAST JORDAN **GOSPEL MUSIC**

The Open Door, a Christian Coffee House has music the first and third Saturday of each month. The Open Door is located at Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road

12/4 – Jim Quales 12/18 - Drenth Sisters

MANCELONA **SNOWMOBILE RACE**

December 11, 12, 2021 -SnoX Snowmobile Races Begin at Northern Power Race Park

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE TO HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS

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

BOYNE CITY

GIFT CARD MATCH IS BACK

Special "Our Town" gift card match with Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce and Consumers Energy doubles your money and gives our small businesses a boost this holiday season. This year the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will be receiving \$9,000 from Consumers Energy. In addition, Boyne Mountain Resort & 4Front Credit Union have given \$1,000 each to add to the promotion. The Boyne Area Chamber Check Match will be available on Tuesday, November 30th. Checks will go on sale at 11:00am at the Bovne Chamber Office located at 115 S Lake Street. Suite A, Boyne City. Buy One \$50 Chamber Check and Get One Free. Limit One Per Customer. First Come first Serve While Supplies Last. Cash or Check Only For details contact the Chamber at 231-582-6222

EAST JORDAN

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE Lions Tree Sale at True Value

BOYNE AREA BOYNE AREA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Toy Drop Off is now open at Boyne City Public Schools Administration Building, 321 S. Park St. New, unwrapped toys and books. Volunteers will be on site Mon - Thur, 10am to 2pm – Look for sign on Pine St.

December 16 - Packing of food and toys. Volunteers MUST be pre-registered. Contact Lisa at 231-582-6222 for sign up. Social distancing and/or masks will be required as needed.

December 17 - Delivery to families. Volunteers MUST be pre-registered. Contact Lisa, 231-582-6222. Plan to social distance as needed.

New Mailing Address -Monetary donations can be mailed to Boyne Area

Community Christmas, PO Box 886, Boyne City, MI 49712. Sign up forms for families will be distributed to all students that attend Boyne City, Boyne Falls Public Schools and Concord Boyne. Be on the lookout for forms in weekly folders in the next few weeks. Forms are also available at Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and WIC.

For further information to receive assistance contact Heather at 231-459-5588.

EAST JORDAN

GIFT CARD MATCH IS BACK

Special "Our Town" gift card match with East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and Consumers Energy doubles your money and gives our small businesses a boost this holiday season. For example, buy \$50 and get \$100 in "Chamber Checks" to use at a participating downtown business. While supplies last. Purchase at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office, 100 Main Street, Suite B. Chamber Check with Consumers Energy match will go on sale - November 29th (Chamber Closed December 3 & 4) \$50 Max Purchase - Per Person

EAST JORDAN

CHRISTMAS LIGHTED VILLAGE

The East Jordan Lion's Club will once again be hosting the Christmas Lighted Village at the East Jordan Tourist Park. Everyone is welcome to build a display so gather your co-workers, friends, family, club or organization members and have some fun. The village is scheduled to open early this year so get your registration form in to the Lion's Club as soon as possible to secure your spot.

CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE MARKET

Charlevoix Circle of Arts will host its annual Charlevoix Circle Market from November 19 to December 30 featuring local handmade items, original art, and locally produced specialty treats. This festive exhibition kicks off with an opening reception from 5-7pm on Friday, November 19, 2021 with complimentary food, drinks and entertainment to enjoy while shopping. Charlevoix Circle of Arts exhibit gallery turns into a festive handmade shopping experience for all with handmade gifts for evervone on your list. yourself included! Items from dozens of local crafters, makers, artists, jewelers and more will be for sale through December

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIORS

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will have our Senior Snow Removal Programs available again this year! Packets can be picked up curbside at all of our Senior Center Locations or at the COA offices.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GALA

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our Annual Gala on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Boyne Mountain Resort.

CHARLEVOIX

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Charlevoix Public Schools is planning our Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony this spring! Forms are due on February 28, 2022. Criteria: The nominee must be a graduate of Charlevoix High School and have achieved one or more of

the following: *An advanced degree such as PhD., M.D., D.O., D.D.S., O.D., J.D. *Significant life achievement, honor, or award *Significant contribution toward improving the lives of others.

EAST JORDAN THE DEPOT JORDAN VALLEY TEEN CENTER

The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center are in their new location. The Teen Center is now located in the lower level of the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 207 Nicholls Street, East Jor-

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Join us Saturday for the indoor market season in the Veterans Park Pavilion. Each Saturday from here on out we will be there from 9am - NOON.

CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Have you experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis? Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) has funding from the federal CARES Act to assist with various needs (utility help, car repairs, housing costs, diapers, baby formula, phone bills, etc.). You may be eligible for assistance if you meet income guidelines and live in NMCAA's service area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon, and Wexford Counties). To apply for help, please contact our CARES Intake Specialist at 800-632-

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Randy's Project

Ellsworth teacher Randy Nagel put together 146 boxes for Project Christmas Child.. He had the help of his students and church family. Nagel began sending Christmas boxes twenty plus years ago. He began with one girl and one boy's box and his students helped supply the contents and pack. Over the years his dedication to the project has grown and he has pulled the people in his circle together for annual packing parties.



Clara's Hope

Clara's Hope Northwest Director Sally Deick stands amid over 5,000 pairs of socks collected by local students. The socks have been distributed to local foster and adoptive families, DHHS, the Good Samaritan and Toys for Tots. "Our students are great! I am overwhelmed with the response and dedication of these kids when given a goal," she said .

MINGLE JINGLE

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p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and bids can be placed throughout the evening. Winning bidders will be able to choose which 501c3 recipient gets their donation. "This is a great way for the community to support our 501c3s. This way people can support up to 25 charities," said Chamber of Commerce Office Manager Shannon Fender. While placing your bids you can pick up some goodies at the East Jordan Co-Op Nursery's Holiday Bake Sale. All to the holiday tunes played by the Jordan Valley Community Band. Shopping Passport Cards will be distributed at the Boathouse, get 5 punches and enter to win a prize basket. "The Boathouse is the only place and time they can pick up their passport cards. You have the next week to shop locally and get punches but they can only get the cards at the Jubilee of Trees," said Fender.

The Jordan River Arts Council's Gift Shop and Holiday Gift Market along with downtown stores, restaurants and businesses will be decked out for the holidays offering special sales and holiday treats. Later in the evening, hop on the Holiday Cheer Jingle Trail through downtown restaurants for some adult drink & food specials. The trail ends at the Jordan Inn with the "Christmas Carolokie" event. "After tucking the kids in for the night, our downtown businesses are all doing special things to make the holidays fun for adults too," said Fender

LIGHTS OF LOVE

FROM PG. 1

cards to help with the cost of transporting patients.

Please help decorate our "Lights of Love" tree by purchasing a green \$5; blue \$10; red \$20 or gold light \$30. For a \$40 contribution, you will receive a personalized heart ornament inscribed with your loved one's name that will hang on the tree during the month of December. In the past thirty-three years, Boyne Eta Nu has raised over \$115,000 for Hospice and Hospice Assist. Lights and hearts tax-deductible donations can be made through the end of December 2021. The personalized hearts ornaments will be distributed after the New Year.

Those wishing to make a direct contribution may do so via mail to Pati Scott, 4408 E. Fontenoy, Boyne City, MI 49712. Please make checks payable to Boyne Eta Nu Charities. For additional information visit us on Face Book at Boyne Eta Nu Charities or contact Pati Scott at patiski13@gmail.com or call or text 231-758-2496.

East Jordan Teen Center feeds mind, body and soul

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - The Depot Teen Center opened its doors on January 27, 2017. There were 153 youth, grades 6-12 that walked into the East Jordan Civic Center that day, remembers Program Director Scott Gillespie. For the next cou- ple of years the teen center averaged 100-120 students a week. Then the Civic Center closed followed by Covid and all that encompassed. Things became a little scattered for the youth ministry that gives students a safe place to hang with friends. "In the kid's words, they lost their home, and we're just now getting that feedback," said Gillespie.

Now, the Depot has found a new home in the lower level of the St. Joseph Parish Hall located on the corner of Nicholls and Second Streets. They've been meeting again and are averaging 40 students every Friday. "It's positive energy here and always fun," said eighth grader Lucinda Kibbe. The Depot is a faith based 501c3 that offers games, crafts, wi-fi, food, and friends. "I come here because my friends are here and there's amazing food and so I don't have to go to my house because it's lonely there," said eighth grader Taryn Lent.

One of the main events each Friday is the cooking class. Volunteers come in and work with the students to prepare a meal which is shared together, family style. Retired teacher Heather Outman spends

Fridays at the Depot cooking for and with the kids, "I



Corben Bode (6th) and Landon Schroeder (7th) play Ping Pong in the game room at the Depot.

love this place, I know the kids and I love the kids," she said. The entire program is volunteer centered. If there are enough volunteers the kids participate in the meal preparations and are taught how to cook. "The Depot not only gives them a safe place to be themselves but also feeds their mind, body and soul," said volunteer Joshua Mayes. "This is by far the most effective ministry I've

seen."
Each week there is a new craft to learn, a gaming room and space to do homework, visit or relax. "It's kind of like family here, and I enjoy being here," said seventh grader Leanne Barnes. Retired teacher Debbie Peters has just

started volunteering at the center. "I've always worked with teens so this is a great way to spend time," she

said.
Gillespie has a vision for an even larger youth outreach. He would like to see the ministry active five days a week and have more focused life skills classes and projects and leadership training. "We have no idea what these kids are dealing with at home and school.

This is an opportunity for us to love on them and let them know their lives matter," said Gillespie. In order to expand the ministry, more volunteers and a sustained financial support is needed for overall operations and special programs. The pumpkin walk is the center's largest annual fundraiser.



Emma Wright (6th), Christian Marr (6th), Cory Bolser (6th) and Ledi Bunker (6th) spend time in the TV/Wi-Fi room at the Depot.



Volunteer Heather Outman leads students in dinner preparation and service at the Depot.



Emma Speer (9th) and Paxton Dunson (6th) challenge one another in a game of chess at the Depot.



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2021 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS AIJ-AREA VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Charlevoix's Grace Lentz is Player of the Year • Coach of the Year is Audra Randall

BY:DOM SANTINA

The 2021 Volleyball season turned out to be quite the year. The Ramblers and Rayders both had strong regular season play. The Ramblers would face a very difficult test in the opening round, while the Rayders battled back to a District Championship and almost made it to the Regional Final.

Player of the Year:

GRACE LENTZ SENIOR, CHARLEVOIX, #22

Lentz used her three previous seasons at the Varsity level to her advantage. She was a dominant force all season long and helped the Charlevoix Rayders have a great season. Lentz helped the Rayders through tough Lake Michigan Conference competition. While also being one of the main driving forces for the comeback the District Final game. Lentz helped the team comeback from two sets down to claim the title. She also helped the team almost make the same comeback in the Regional Semi Finals.

"(Grace) Lentz has been truly a dominant force at the net all season. She was our power impact play and a full rotation player. As she was great at receiving serves and defense. She has been a great role model on the team and very dedicated to her team,'



Player of the Year Grace Lentz.

said Head Coach Audra Ran-

On the season, Lentz had an overall serve percentage of 95 percent on 352 serves on the year. She would also record 298 digs, with 72 assists and 532 kills. Lentz has already been named to the

Lake Michigan All Conference Team, while being named to the All-Region team

"When I look around, she is definitely a standout in Charlevoix County and is worthy of this honor," said Randall.

overall record on the season and would find themselves with a top 10 finish in the MIVCA Division 3 state rankings. All of which adds up to Randall being chosen as this vear's Coach of the Year.

Rapids in the Regional Semi-

Finals. The Rayders would

end the season with a 34-6-6

Coach of the Year:

AUDRA RANDALL CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Volleyball team coached by Audra Randall had a very successful season, starting with a win in the Pellston tournament at the beginning of the season. The Rayders would end up winning another tournament right before the end of the regular season, as they would win the Carrie-Bricker Hauger tournament in Boyne

In post-season play, the Rayders would advance to the District Finals after beating East Jordan in the Semi-Finals. The Rayders would rally from being down 0-2 in the Final against Johannesburg-Lewiston to claim a District championship. They would eventually fall in a very tough game against Elk

Charlevoix

PATRIA MURIEL SENIOR, #6

When you have a very

strong team, it means you have a few quality players. Another one of the strong Rayders this year was Patricia Muriel. On the season, Muriel would help defensively with 672 digs and had 565 good serve receptions. Muriel would also have 73 aces on the season. Muriel would also earn Lake Michigan All Conference and All Regional honors.

"(Patria) Muriel has been an amazing defensive player for our team all season as libero. She was a catalyst on the team, she helped get her team pumped up for matches and made players around her better," said Coach Randall.

at the net, as she would have 253 kills and 22 blocks. Petrosky would be honored with Lake Michigan Conference Honorable Mention and All Region honors. balance of skills. She kept

from behind the service line

as well. As she would post a 98 percent serving accuracy

with 53 aces. She would also

be a force to be reckoned with

'(Taylor) had such a great our team level headed during big matches and was one of the hardest working athletes I know," said Coach Randall.

Boyne City

MORGAN DEMING

JUNIOR, #16

Boyne City would be the second best team in the county this season. Charlevoix had their net presence, but no one might have been better than Morgan Demming at the Middle Hitter position. Deming would definitely use her height to her advantage this year, as she would have 308 kills, the height would also help with 97.5 blocks. Deming would also have 104 digs, while having a serving percentage of 88 percent and 60 aces. She would earn Lake Michigan All-Conference and All Regional team honors. While helping the team receive All-State Academic honors.

"She was by far the most mobile and effective hitter in the area," said Head Coach Mallory Slate.

AVA TARSI SOPHOMORE, #2

FILE PHOTO

JUNIOR, #1

One of Charlevoix's

senior. The Rayders defi-

strongest players that is not a

nitely had some great talent

this season, which was led by

junior year, Scholten focused

on helping her team with setting responsibilities. She

would end up having 893 as-

sists while contributing 113

kills. Scholten would end up

On the defensive side of the

ball, she would add 309 digs.

Scholten would end up earn-

ence Honorable Mention and

"(Claire) Scholten has dedi-

ing Lake Michigan Confer-

cated herself to her setting

for our team, but truly has

many other gifts that make

her a great asset on the team.

She is a great teammate and

the extra step and get it

SENIOR, #12

right," said Coach Randall.

TAYLOR PETROSKY

three players honored as a

fourth year Varsity player for

the Rayders. Petrosky would

end up being an asset in a va-

riety of different ways this

season. She would have 341

serve receptions and 298 digs.

Petrosky would be very solid

Taylor Petrosky was one of

hardworking. She wants to go

All Region honors.

leading the team with 97 aces.

upperclassmen. As a third

vear varsity player in her

The Ramblers had a very reliable setting option this season and for the next two seasons going forward. Tarsi would break a major milestone this season, as she would break the 1,000 assists in her Varsity career during the regular season. Which was a very impressive effort for a sophomore. She would end up with 726 assists on the season, while having 88 kills, 58 aces and 215 digs. Tarsi would also have a 95 percent serving percentage on the season. Tarsi earned LMC All Conference, All Region and Team Academic All-State

'She was definitely one of the top setters in the area,' said Coach Slate.

GRACE DAWSON SENIOR, #6

A veteran leader and a sec-

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Grace Lentz



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Maddison Loper



Boyne Falls







Taylor Petrosky

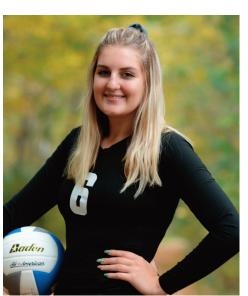


Charlevoix

Ava Tarsi **Boyne City**



Boyne Falls Alice Loper



Lexie Montgomery





Morgan Deming



Boyne City



Grace Dawson

Boyne City



Audra Randall

Charlevoix

ond year Captain on the Varsity team. Dawson helped the Ramblers all around with 345 digs and received 87 percent of the serves she faced. She would have a serving percentage of 87 percent as well, with 43 aces. Dawson would contribute 247 kills and 13.5 blocks at the net. Dawson has earned LMC Honorable Mention, All Region and Team Academic All-State Honors.

MacGregor

Lillian Fenske

East Jordan KYLIE SKROCKI

SENIOR, #17 The top player for the Red

Devils this season would be an LMC All-Conference player as a senior. Skrocki would end up having 151 kills, 165 assists and 56 aces on the season. She would also contribute 21 blocks and 202

EVELYN DILLER SENIOR, #6

Boyne Falls

In her third year on the varsity volleyball team, Evelyn provided great team leadership and plenty of key kill shots from the front row. She was named to the Charlevoix County News All-Area team in 2020 and Honorable Mention in the Lake Michigan allconference team in 2021.

Ellsworth:

LEXIE MONTGOMERY JUNIOR, #6

The Lancers would be led in hitting this season by junior Lexie Montgomery who had 241 hits on the year. She would also contribute 143 digs, while having a serving percentage of 81 percent and 3 aces.

"(Lexie) Montgomery was our lead hitter, but was also excellent at digs and would

said Head Coach Andy Mont-

control the ball really well,"

Boyne Falls **ALICE LOPER**

JUNIOR, #03

The Loggers would have a solid year as they would end up going 14-9 overall in the season. While finishing at 9-2 in conference play. The Loggers would have a couple solid players this season, one of them being Alice Loper. On the season, Loper would have 42 kills, 352 digs, 96 assists. While also having a serving percentage of 85 percent, 42 kills and 21 blocks. Loper would be second in digs, kills and blocks on the

Ellsworth

LILLIAN FENSKE FRESHMAN, #33

Another player that had a good season for the Loggers was Lillian Fenske, who had a serving percentage of 96 percent, which was second highest on the team. She would also have 30 aces on the season. Fenske would lead the team in digs with 379while contributing 11 kills as

MADDISON LOPER

SOPHOMORE, #32

The Loggers would have help from another Loper this season as Maddison Loper would be a big force at the net. As Maddison would lead the team with 52 kills and 43 blocks. She would contribute 19 aces on the year, which would be second best on the team. Maddison would have the third most digs as well, with 271.

POSTSCRIPT

By Mike Dunn ming at an indoor

Of gratitude and the ways of **Providence**

I wasn't very thankful when the day started but something happened something I can only attribute to the mysteries of Providence — that changed my perspective. Not only did it make me thankful to God but it gave me insights into the depths of His concerns for us here in this broken world.

It was the spring of 1981. I was still a young Christian at that point, living in south Jersey and working as a corrections officer for the Cape May County Sheriff's Department.

On this particular morning, I had an infected tooth joint and was in a lot of pain. It was a carryover from a few days before when I had a molar pulled. The dentist, a voung guv who had recently started his own practice in North Cape May, had some difficulty and needed to apply some torque to finally remove all the roots.

I'm not one to get squeamish and frankly the experience didn't bother me too much. I was just glad to have the molar out of there. It was finally extracted and I didn't think anything else about it

... until the evening of the following day. I had gone swimcommunity pool on that Saturday and perhaps that's what caused the infection. I'll never know.

For whatever the reason, the tooth joint became infected and it was very painful. The dentist had given me a prescription for Tylenol 3 but I hadn't filled it because I didn't realize I would need it.

I had a rough night and prayed the kinds of prayers you pray in those situations, asking God for His help in the midst of these unpleasant circumstances. I got up Sunday morning and attended church, as usual, at the North Cape May Assembly of God. I was still in a lot of pain and planned to stop by a pharmacy after the service to see if I could get the prescription filled.

I probably asked the church to pray for me that morning. I don't recall. I did stop at the pharmacy after church but was told I would need to wait until Monday to have the prescription filled.

Then something strange happened.

I returned to the car in the parking lot and prepared to drive back to where I was living at the time. Before I left, I felt an inclination to go to the small supermarket next to the pharmacy and purchase



Mike Dunn

a gallon of milk.

At first I ignored it. I wasn't in the mood to go into a store and there was still a little bit of milk left at the

The feeling would not go away, however. It was so insistent, in fact, that I shut the car off and went into the

I looked for the aisle where the milk was sold and went there quickly, wanting to get this simple task completed. As I was reaching for the milk, though, I heard a voice nearby calling my name. I turned around and, much to my shock, the dentist was walking toward me!

He remembered me from the office visit and asked how I was doing. He told me he had been thinking about me in the aftermath of the molar extraction and wondering if I

I told him I was in pain and thought the tooth joint was infected. Even though it was a Sunday, he said to go straight to his office.

He followed me there. opened the office just for me that Sunday afternoon, and worked on me for about a half hour. Whatever he didas I recall, he placed some kind of compact in the tooth joint — worked amazingly well because the pain went away and did not return.

It was an incredible relief. But the most remarkable part of this incident was still to come.

"Doc," I told him afterward, "the really odd thing is today was the first time I was ever in that supermarket."

I'll never forget the look of surprise the dentist gave me.

"You know," he replied, "that's the first time I was ever in that store, too.'

Some might say what happened was pure coincidence but I know differently; it was God revealing His love to a young Christian just beginning a long journey of faith.

I learned a valuable lesson about His faithfulness that

God doesn't always provide speedy remedies like He did for me in the spring of 1981, but I've also learned through the years something even more valuable: He is always there walking with me through whatever storm or valley or challenge or trial life might bring. And He is faithful to always gives me the strength to persevere when He doesn't provide a speedy resolution. And He always honors His promise in Romans 8:28 to cause all things to work together for good.

After nearly 44 years of walking with the Savior and striving to serve Him, I can testify to that.

And I'm very, very grate-

Mike Dunn is a writer for the Weekly Choice newspaper based in Gaylord and also serves as a Free Methodist pastor in northern Michigan

THANKSGIVING

FROM PG. 1

giving to be a National Holiday; October 3, 1863.

Of course, Lions football and the annual Macy's Thanksgiving parade are must see turkey-day television events, as well as great excuses to eat snacks before sitting down to a huge feast. The Macy's parade, known for elaborate floats, balloons and celebrity appearances, began in 1924, the same year "America's Thanksgiving Parade" first marched down the streets in Detroit.

The annual Detroit Lions Thanksgiving football game tradition started ten years later, in 1934, with a 19 to 16 loss against the Chicago Bears, and with the exception of a hiatus between 1939 and 1944, the game has been played every year since, with an overall record hovering under the .500 mark at 37-40-2. The Lions will play the Chicago Bears at Ford Field this year starting at 12:30pm, which will be televised on FOX network television. Should be interesting.

Most of all, Thanksgiving is a time for sharing our blessings and...giving thanks. It is a special day set aside for recognizing the good in ourselves and in those around us, celebrated by the simple act of sharing a laugh, a remembrance, a kind word, and a delicious, hearty meal.

Thanksgiving has in-

spired some memorable thoughts and observations over the years, such as...

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often." Johnny Carson

"Thanksgiving is a very important holiday. Ours was the first country in the world to make a national holiday to give thanks." - Linus (Charles Shultz)

"Thanksgiving, when the Indians said, "Well, this has been fun, but we know you have a long vovage back to England". –Jay Leno

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." – Oprah Winfrey

"I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage." -Erma Bombeck

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes. of which all men have some." - Charles Dickens

Share your blessings and enjoy your celebration of Thanksgiving.

REAL ESTATE FEATURE



Sharp, ranch style home in Gaylord

BY JIM AKANS

Situated on an over quarter acre lot, this sharp, ranch style home is in a wonderful Gaylord subdivi-

This three bedroom, oneand-a-half bath home has over 1,100 square feet of nicely designed living space on the main floor, plus a full basement. Recent updates include a new roof, new flooring, doors, trim, light fixtures, countertops, bathroom vanities and more. The home offers the comfort of central air conditioning and

the convenience of an attached one car garage.

The large, open back yard is ideal for outdoor games and activities, pets to roam with plenty of space for gardening. There is a storage shed for extra storage needs. Downtown Gaylord, with lots of shopping, dining and entertainment is just a short distance away.

This sharp, ranch style home on over one-quarter acre is located at 1022 Strawberry Lane in Gaylord and it is listed at \$185,000. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call

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10 benefits of buying at the end of the year

The end of the year is a great time for renters to become homeowners, growing families to move to more accommodating homes, and baby boomers to find houses that fit their evolving lifestyles.

Benefits to buying at the

end of the year include: Tax savings. Closing on your new home by Dec. 31 means you can deduct mortgage interest, property taxes and points on your loan on your income tax return. You can also deduct the interest costs associated with a home equity loan. These deductions are significant, especially in the early years of your loan when you are paying off so much interest.

Sellers might be more motivated. Many sellers will also be anxious to sell by the end of the year so that they, too, can enjoy tax savings on the next home they purchase. That means you may have more leverage during negotiations and they may be willing to accept lower than their listing price. However, if you're in a strong seller's market, you'll want to be conservative -- and always heed the advice of your real estate professional.

If you're buying a new house, there's a good chance builders will be offering incentives. Many builders will throw in nice little extras to sell as many houses as they can by the end of the year.

Generally speaking, your housing choices during the fall are still healthy. By December there are traditionally fewer houses on the market. October and November are great months to go house hunting.

It's easier to move. Many moving companies are booked six or so weeks in advance during the busy summer months. In the fall

and winter it's normally easier to secure the services of a moving company or rental equipment on

shorter notice. A new home for the holidays. The holiday season is a great time to celebrate your new home with family and friends.

In addition, you'll enjoy the many benefits that come with homeownership, regardless of what time of

year you buy, including: Paying toward something you own. If you're renting, your rent payment goes toward something that will last you a month -- a place to live for 30 or so days. When you buy a house, your monthly mortgage payment goes toward something you own.

Consistent payments. Landlords have the discretion to increase your rent, plus it's exposed to inflation. Once you secure a mortgage, you can rely on consistent payments (if you have a fixed-rate mortgage).

A place to make your own. When you own your house, you can update your kitchen, paint your home's exterior in any color you choose, change your fixtures, and replace your carpeting -- all with the knowledge that the changes you make are your own.

Gaining equity. In the beginning, most of your payment goes toward interest. But gradually more will go toward paying off your principal, meaning you build up equity -- or savings -- in your home. Another factor in equity is appreciation. As home values go up in your area, so too does your rate of equity.

News

70% of residents 16 and older are now vaccinated

A milestone has been reached locally with 70% of residents 16 years and older in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego County with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. In nearly two weeks 6.7% of children aged 5-11 have received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. The state. Aôs objective remains to get as many Michiganders vaccinated as possible, and the Health Department continues to provide opportunities for eligible individuals to receive their first, second, or additional and booster

.ÄúEven with 70% vaccination rates in persons 16 and older, there are still many susceptible individuals and a circulating strain (Delta) that is highly contagious and spreads more easily than the original strain. Given the contagiousness of the virus it is unlikely that we will reach a level of immunity that will lead to elimination of this virus in the next few years,,Äù said Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director.

Despite reaching this milestone, cases have continued to increase through-

out the region. From October 4, Aì November 7, 2021, the Health Department reported 2,301 total cases of COVID-19 in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego County. The majority of the reported cases, hospitalizations, and deaths during this timeframe were unvaccinated. To view additional data from this fiveweek period, view the October 4 ,Äì November 7 Case Trend Summary located on the Health Department website.

,ÄúBeing vaccinated reduces your risk of infection but more importantly greatly reduces your risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death due to this virus. Most reported cases are in unvaccinated individuals, and over 90% of those currently hospitalized in our ICU,Äôs are unvaccinated..Äù he added.

Health Department officials reiterate that vaccination is the best way to reduce an individual, Äôs risk of contracting COVID-19 as well as the best method of reducing the impact of COVID-19 in our community.

Antrim Ski Academy Ski equipment and clothing sale

Antrim Ski Academy will be holding their twenty sixth annual equipment and clothing sale, Saturday November 27th. The sale itself will be held from 9am to 3pm, Saturday, in the Grand Ballroom in The Lakeview Hotel at Summit Village at Shanty Creek. This sale will feature new and used ski and snowboard equipment and clothing

People with equipment and/or clothing that they wish to sell, may drop these items off at the swap location Friday, Nov. 26th, from 5pm – 8pm and again from 8 am to 10 am on Saturday. Unsold items and/or payment(s) for sold items may be picked up between 3 and 5pm Saturday

evening. Antrim Ski Academy retains 20% of the selling price of all items sold, as a commission for selling the items. Proceeds from this year's swap will benefit the Great North Academy (Elk Rapids/St. Francis/Central Lake/Grand Traverse Academy) High School Ski Team and the Antrim Ski Academy lesson programs. Swap proceeds help keep the skiing and snowboarding clinic costs affordable.

Non-skiers are welcome to the sale, as each year we generally have a nice selection of new and used winter coats, pants, hats and gloves at very affordable prices.

Please note that we do not accept straight skis, rear

entry boots, equipment with non-conforming bindings, or non-winter items. Items priced \$5 or less are considered a donation and no payment will be made to the seller on those items.

For additional information on this year's swap, please contact Julie (231) 676-2493 or any other board member. Board members and their contact information may be found on ASA's website, www.antrimskiacademy.co

Registration continues for the Antrim Ski Academy's winter 2021-2022 programs. Informational brochures, including the registration form are available at most area schools, online at www.antrimskiacademy.co m or by calling Steve (231) 676-0235 or any other board member. Registration will continue through January

The Antrim Ski Academy is celebrating its twenty ninth season and is dedicated to providing quality, affordable ski instruction and race training to school age students in the northwest Michigan area. Instruction takes place at Schuss Mountain at Shanty Creek for eight to ten week sessions, meeting weekday evenings.

Health Department Update: COVID-19 Case Counts

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

• On Tuesday, Nov. 16, 60 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (15), Charlevoix (16), Emmet (15), and Otsego (14), and two new COVID-19 associated deaths in Charlevoix (1) and Emmet

• On Wednesday, Nov. 17,

88 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (18), Charlevoix (25), Emmet (13), and Otsego (32), and two new COVID-19 associated deaths in Charlevoix (1) and Emmet (1).

• On Thursday, Nov. 18, 152 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (36), Charlevoix (32), Emmet (31), and Otsego (53).

As of 4 p.m. November 18,

the cumulative case count information for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is:

• Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (2,704), Charlevoix (2,853), Emmet (3,779), and Otsego (3,768).

• Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (2,276), Charlevoix (2,390), Emmet (3,223), and Otsego (3,031).

• Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (40), Charlevoix (41), Emmet (55), and Otsego (63).

On November 17, the State of Michigan reported 1,224,273 cases and 23,104 deaths.

Schmidt named Legislator of the Year by Michigan's school counselors

Free concert tickets

LANSING, Mich. — Sen. Wayne Schmidt was honored Tuesday as Legislator of the Year by the Michigan School Counselors Association (MSCA).

Schmidt was presented the award as a way to recognize his consistent support for not only Michigan's K-12 schools, including those in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, but for his persistent support for school counselors and student mental health as well.

"This was a historic budget season for Michigan's K-12 schools," said Schmidt, R-Traverse City, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 and Department of Education. "The budget that was signed into law finally levels the playing field for

for Veterans

The Great Lakes Chamber

Orchestra (GLCO) and Stur-

geon River Pottery have initi-

ated a new program that

offers area veterans, active

duty service members and

their family free tickets to

local classical music con-

In its ongoing effort to en-

hance community access to

classical music and the arts,

orchestra sought Sturgeon

River Pottery's help to fund

the program. According to

Dana Andrews, president of

both NorthGoods and Stur-

geon River Pottery, the veter-

ans ticket program offers a

great recreational option for

'We have always been a

veteran-owned business," he

said. "As such, we know

current and former service

members.

the Petoskey-based nonprofit

districts across the state and works to address the unique needs schools have faced as a result of the pandemic. This includes funding to hire and retain school counselors and psychologists to support our students."

Schmidt added that he is grateful for the recognition and looks forward to continuing to work with MSCA members to get more resources for student success into schools across the state.

"I want to thank the Michigan School Counselors Association for this award. It's an honor to be recognized as an advocate for our students," Schmidt said. "I have long supported school counselors and have advocated for their importance to student success — and I will continue to do so."

Charlevoix Man Arraigned For Crash Involving a Trooper

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MI. On Friday, October 22, 2021, at approximately 9:40 p.m., a trooper from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post was involved in a crash in Charlevoix County. The crash occurred on the Boyne City Road near Quarterline in Hayes Township. The trooper was transporting a prisoner to the Charlevoix County Jail when a vehicle crossed the centerline towards the patrol vehicle. The trooper made

an evasive maneuver to avoid a head on collision. The other vehicle, a blue minivan occupied by two persons, struck the patrol vehicle. The driver of the minivan, 42-year-old Michael Robert Turcott II from Charlevoix, was taken to Munson Healthcare Hospital in Charlevoix and later lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail. His passenger, an 11-year-old female, was taken to McLaren Hospital in Petoskey. She suffered a

broken ankle and was later released. The trooper and his passenger were taken to McLaren Hospital for their injuries and later released.

Turcott was arraigned yesterday in the 90th District Court in Charlevoix County on one count Operating While Intoxicated Causing Serious Injury and one count Operating an Unregistered Vehicle. His next scheduled court appearance is on December 21, 2021.



MICHAEL ROBERT TURCOTT II

Two Men Sent to Prison for Sexual Crimes

Two men were sentenced to prison Friday in the 33rd Circuit Court.

Jerry Joe Gildner, 43, Gaylord, was sentenced to serve a minimum of 29 months in prison following his guilty pleas to charges of surveilling an unclothed person and using a computer to commit a crime.

According to an affidavit filed in the case, Gildner created videos of individuals having sex by either hiding a video camera or by filming through a door that was ajar. The recordings were found on Gildner's computer and computer equipment when police executed a search warrant at his home.

In imposing the sentences, which exceeded the recommended guideline range, Judge Roy C. Hayes III stated, "People should not be recorded like this. This is a serious violation of the criminal law."

Hayes stated that the guidelines did not take into account the sheer number of victims, the destruction that the defendant's behavior had caused. He sentenced Gildner to serve 18 to 48 months on the computer crime and



JERRY JOE GILDNER

11 to 24 months on the surveilling charge, with the sentences to be served consecutively or back-to-back.

"This sentence was possible due to letters written by three strong women who suffered as a result of this defendant's actions. They faced him and they are now all safe from his actions," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "This was also a result of excellent police work by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and Detective Ben Speigl in particular."

Tracy Owen Penfold, 58, Boyne Falls, was also sen-



TRACY OWEN PENFOLD

tenced to prison on a charge of possession of child sexually abusive material. Penfold had pleaded guilty on October 1, 2021.

Court records indicate that, on a computer that Penfold had taken from his work, police found over 90 images of child sexually abusive material that had been accessed from the internet. Some of the images showed children as young as infants and toddlers.

Penfold was sentenced to serve 20 to 48 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections. He is also now a registered sex offender.

In imposing sentence, which was another upward

departure from the sentencing guidelines, Judge Hayes indicated that the guidelines did not account for the number of offenses, the harm to the children involved and the ages of the children involved.

"I was very pleased that

the judge took notice of the fact that this is not a victimless crime or 'just' a pornography addiction," Telgenhof noted. "These types of offenders create the market online for children to be abused, as the court said."

"Common Angle, an IT support company in Petoskey, was critical to this case. They noticed that the defendant was utilizing a work computer and they discovered what he was accessing and notified law enforcement. This prosecution would not have happened if not for them."

"The Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Division was able to locate the images and Dr. Cynthia Smith was our expert witness, reviewing these disturbing images, preparing a report and testifying as to the ages of the children that were shown," Telgenhof

more than most about the sacrifices it takes to protect this country. So, we're proud to support the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and their goal of providing our local veterans with the opportunity to enjoy world-class music right here at

home."
The program offers a limited number of reserved seating tickets for each of GLCO's main stage concerts, which take place at Bay View's Hall Auditorium and Great Lakes Center for the

Arts.
"The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is committed to expanding access to the arts," said Judith Zorn, GLCO executive director.
"We are indebted for the service and sacrifice of these dedicated men and women

and their families. We are grateful that the Sturgeon River Pottery sponsorship will provide us the amazing opportunity to expand that access to active members of our military, veterans, and their families."

The Sturgeon River Pottery Veterans Ticket Program will allow veterans and active members of the U.S. military with valid documentation to receive two complimentary tickets to ticketed main stage performances. Additional tickets can be purchased.

Area vets got their first dose of GLCO music on Oct. 30 when about 30 attended the "Postcard from Vienna" concert. The next performances are Dec. 16-17 when GLCO presents its annual "Messiah" holiday concerts at 7 p.m. on both nights at Great Lakes Center for the Arts, 800 Bay Harbor Dr., Petoskey.

Veterans interested in claiming free concert tickets may call the GLCO office at 231-487-0010 to arrange reserved seating tickets. For more information, and for tickets for the general public, visit www.glcorchestra.org.

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, November 8, 2021 1155 Someone lost load of trash in the 600 block of N Park

St

bottle

Wheeler Rd.

1233 Threats complaint in the 300 block of S Lake St
1243 Walk in juvenile complaint at the PD
1414 Private property dam-

age crash in the 1100 block of

Boyne Av

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021
0838 Report of lost water

1038 Assist Sheriff Dept. at the Walloon Junction 1115 Embezzlement reported in the 1300 block of Boyne Av

1626 Road Hazard on W
Main.
1711 Assist EMS in the 800 block of Second St.
1756 Assist EMS on

2127 Arrest subject for OWI near Park and Vogel. Wednesday, November 10th, 2021

0536 CDA in front of Rotary Park 0846 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Walloon.

1017 CSC reported in the 700 block of Wenonah St. 1030 Report of lost wallet 1252 Threats complaint in the 300 block of of E Division St 1431 Juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av. 2326 Assist Sheriff Dept. in

the 300 block of E Division St

Thursday, November 11th,

2021
0032 Arrested subject for
OWI on Pleasant Valley Rd.
0915 AT&T line hanging
low at Spring St and Jefferson.
1209 Juvenile complaint in
the 1000 block of Boyne Av

1933 Disturbance in the 100 block of N Park St 1946 Civil complaint originating in Antrim Co 2124 Suspicious situation reported on Earl St. 2232 Suspicious situation

Friday, November 12th, 2021 0513 Abandoned tent in

reported on Earl St.

the Industrial Park
0905 Larceny reported
from the 800 block of S Park St
0939 Vehicle unlock in the
1000 block of Boyne Av
1437 Lines sparking at East
and Main. Traffic lights out
1456 Assist other agency
on M-75 N.

1725 Alarm in the Industrial Park.1737 Driving complaint on

Ferry Rd heading towards town.

1927 Report of a B&E in

Progress in the 1300 block of Pleasant Ave.
1951 Suspicious at Ava-

lanche.

Saturday, November 13 2021
2216 Arrested subject for
OWI on Spring St. near East St.
2234 Juvenile complaint in
the 500 block of N Lake St.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2021 0303 Arrested subject for Possession of Crack, OUID, Resisting and Obstructing, and no insurance in the 300 block of E division St.

0919 Welfare check in the 300 block of E Division St 1252 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St 1351 Assist EMS on Clute

1520 Larceny from a vehicle in the 500 block of Front St

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community embraced Adam and Kate in the short time they lived on the island. Within hours of the crash the community self-organized to finish the work they intended to complete. Over 100 community members of a 600 person town, worked together for days, moving dirt with tractors and shovels, to bury the vines allowing their dream to have a chance at survival.

Adam will be deeply missed by his survivors; his parents, Rob and LeeAnn, his brother, Robert T. Kendall IV (Brandi), his grandmother, Lee Wolford, his aunts Elizabeth Kendall Reeve (Edward), Diane Kendall Berkshire (Daniel), and Autumn Wolford Zick (Russell). Adam is also survived by nine cousins Jonathan Reeve (Erin), Anna Reeve Gillette (Robert), Timothy K. Reeve (Hailey); Emily Berkshire Tappan (Brian), Rachel Berkshire Kibbee (Andrew), Andrea Kate Zick (Rhett) and Erica Zick Wieczorek (Tom), and nine second cousins.

Adam's family was truly blessed to have known and loved Adam during his life, and to have had Kate, the wonderful woman he married six years ago, as a member of their family. Adam and Kate will both live in our hearts forever.

Services for Adam and Kate were held at the Center Point Assembly of God Church, in Charlevoix, Sunday, November 21, 2021.

To honor the lives of Adam and Kate, the families invite gifts to the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Checks made payable to the "Charlevoix County Community Foundation," with Adam Kendall and Kate Leese on the memo line, can be sent to C3F, POB 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. Gifts can also be made online at www.c3f.org using the Make

a Gift tab.

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Michael Fleischman Perdue, 43

(DEC. 5, 1977 - NOV. 13, 2021) Michael Fleischman Per-

due, a loving father, husband, son, brother, grandson, cousin, nephew, uncle, good friend, teammate and coach to many, died tragically and too suddenly in a plane crash on his beloved Beaver Island, Michigan on November 13, 2021. Michael died holding and protecting his daughter Laney, the most precious gift

he could ever have left for us.
Michael was born on December 5, 1977 in Spokane,
WA. Michael, or "Mike,"
was a fighter from the beginning, as he was born premature and not expected to live.
Through a miracle as defined by doctors, Mike began breathing on his own and grew into a tall, beautiful, and loving man.

Growing up in Traverse City, MI, Michael came from a tight-knit Catholic family. He constantly cracked jokes at the dinner table and made everyone laugh so hard they could hardly eat. His humor was quiet but witty and right on point no matter who he was talking to. Michael loved all things baseball and hockey, and played both his whole childhood. In high school he played on both the baseball and hockey teams at Traverse City Central High School, as pitcher and a defenseman, respectively. His pitch was so fast and accurate that he received scholarships to college baseball teams, eventually joining two of his siblings and cousins at the University of Dallas in Texas, where he pitched for the UD Crusaders baseball team. He is mourned deeply by his former coach and teammates, whom he had kept in close contact with over the years.

Michael graduated from UD in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Politics. On October 2, 2004 Mike married the love of his life, Christie Heller, an island girl, on a windy day on Beaver Island and forever cemented his ties to his beloved Beaver Island. Together they built a beautiful life in Gaylord, MI where Mike joined forces with another Beaver Islander, Ryan Wojan, to purchase and build Smith Realty Group. Mike's ease with clients and his masterful ability to make connections between people in all facets of his life made him a great realtor and friend

In 2010 Mike and Christie welcomed Laney Megan to the world, to be followed by Addie Haynes in 2013 and Henrik Heller and Bo Michael in 2019. Above all, he treasured his family and his children. He was their coach, their protector, their comedian, and their hero. Mike's most treasured moments were on Beaver Island with his family, boating, watching sunsets, going for drives, and enjoying a slower pace of life. Later in his life he acquired a love for hunting and fishing, looking forward every fall to deer camp with his father-in-law and dear friend Karl Heller, the entire Heller family and

One of Mike's greatest joys in life was coaching and especially coaching his daughters in softball. He also coached the Gaylord High School Hockey Team and the Gaylord Varsity Baseball team. He was a very hands on father and was known and will be remembered for his big bear hugs. He had a wink, a smile and occasionally a slight hip check as a greeting for all he knew and loved. Michael was a gentleman who loved his faith and strived every day to lead a life of honor. If ever there was a calming presence, it

Michael is survived by his treasured wife Christie, their four children Laney, Addie, Henrik and Bo, his parents Steve and Jane Perdue, sisters Jessica (George) Nicula, Amy (Joe) Ettawageshik, Kevin (Veronica) Perdue, Mary (Tom) Freundl, Katie (Neil) Smith, his mother-inlaw Sue Heller Martin (Bob), father-in-law Karl Heller, sister-in-law Megan (James) Heller, and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, and very dear friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his grandparents Herb and Cecelia Fleis chman, and William and Henrietta Perdue, infant brother Edward, brother in law Rick Fellows, uncles Tom Perdue and Oliver Muldoon and Rodney Janda and Dennis Janda, and cousin Robert Heller. Words fall short of expressing the loving and immense impact Mike had on all those who knew him. He was a hero in life and a hero in death, and he will never, ever be forgotten. Rest in peace, dear Michael. We know we will see you again.

Visitation will take place from 2:00 - 6:00 PM Friday, December 10, 2021 at St. Mary Cathedral where the rosary will be recited at 6:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place 11:00 AM Saturday, December 11, 2021 at St. Mary Cathedral where visitation will begin at 10:00 AM. Interment will take place on Beaver Island in the spring. In lieu of flowers, those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to support future needs of the kids at https://www.gofundme.com /f/prayers-for-perdues or to Christina Perdue, through the funeral home, P.O. Box 249, Gaylord MI 49734. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on the tribute wall.

Kate Renee Leese, 35

(NOV. 5, 1986 - NOV. 13, 2021)

On Saturday, November 13, 2021, Adam Kendall and Kate Leese perished in a com-



mercial plane crash landing on Beaver Island, Michigan. It was a flight they had taken dozens of times since mov ing to the remote island thirty miles northwest of Charlevoix to start a vineyard on an old farm five miles from the lone town of Saint James. The vineyard was a final stop for the couple who had embarked six vears earlier on a wandering lifestyle in a refurbished airstream in search of new horizons.

They loved each other dearly, crisscrossing the great American west, sleeping on public land, armed with more Verizon Wi-Fi accounts than they cared to admit from which they ran a successful disaster manage ment consultancy. Their companions were two tricolored dogs; a sad, particular basset hound named Frank and his joyful younger brother; a Berner named Baker. They met people along the way and wrote about life and took pictures of the travel. She could cook and so could he and they often did; small intimate meals for just the two of them and this marvelous beef tri-tip roast for large gatherings.

Born on the same day in November two years apart, they both used to summer on the water in Charlevoix, Michigan as teenagers, the proverbial two ships passing in the night, but it was fifteen years later in 2013 through a mutual friend they met. He was living in Seattle and 'happened' to fly home to Jackson for a planned meet cute. On date two she flew to Seattle, and they shopped at a market, and he cooked her a meal from scratch. They were happily married on the First of August 2015 at Samels Farm under a giant oak on a golden summer day. Years later they would return to Charlevoix County to pause their wandering and plant 2,100 grape roots into the fine limestone soil of Beaver Is-

Survived by their parents: Rob and LeeAnn Kendall and Alan and Chris Leese and siblings: Rob Kendall and Josh, Kyle, Amanda and Colton Leese---they died with their arms around each other with the dogs on their laps in a moment of immense cruelty. They were entangled in death and as they had been in life and as they had entangled all they met in their many sojourns. We miss their love deeply and the joy they brought. Kate is also survived by a grandmother, Ardith (Tootsie) DeGraff and preceded in death by grandparents Robert (Corkey) DeGraff, and Roy (Esther) Leese.

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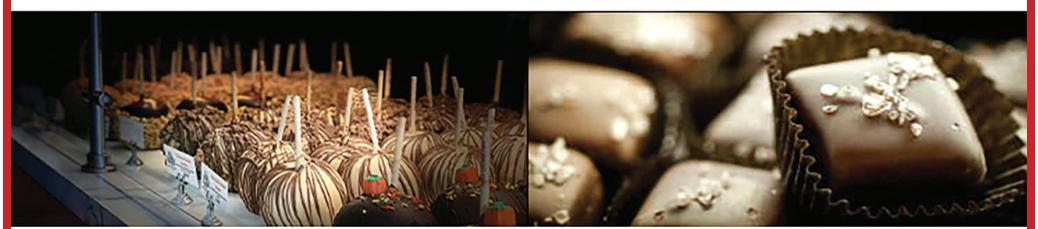
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2007 Toyota Highlander. 4x4. As low as \$399 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2008 Ford Edge SEL. AWD, leather. As low as \$249 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehi-

2009 Chevy Tahoe LTZ. 4WD, leather, 3rd row seat. Sale Price \$9.995. As low as \$219 a Month, Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehi-

2018 Chevy Equinox. 144k, backup camera. Sale Price \$22,995. As low as \$399 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

TRUCKS

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2005 Ram 2500. Bighorn, 5.7L Hemi, double cab, spray-in bedliner. Sale Price \$6,795. As low as \$219 a Month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd. Chebovgan, 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles. 2006 Lincoln Mark LT. Club cab, tow pkg, bedliner. As low as \$399 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Norwood Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting on December 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Norwood Township Hall, 00640 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720 to consider the Special Use application from Izabela Babinska and Derrick Vogel for tasting room to complement their vineyard located at 16820 Ferry Road aka tax identification #011-017-008-50. A copy of the proposed application is available for review on our website at: http://www.charlevoixcounty.org/norwood; or an appointment can be made at Township Hall by contacting zoning@norwoodtwp.org or calling 231-237-4404.

Written comments regarding these items can be submitted to the Norwood Township Planning Commission, PO Box 113, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS ~ NOVEMBER 10, 2021

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on November 10, 2021, at 11:12 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as presented. Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #21-131, Approve County Ex-

Motion approved Resolution #21-132, Grandvue Operating

Motion approved to accept Planning Commission resigna-

Motion approved to accept Veterans Affairs Board resigna-Motion approved Resolution #21-133, Snow Plowing for the

East Jordan Senior Center. Motion approved Resolution #21-134, Senior Center Quit

Claim Deed. Motion approved Resolution #21-135, Actions to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 12:31

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the

County website. Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

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