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\$300,000 for Boyne City's Open Space recommended for approval

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Boyne City - The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the governor have recommended approval of Boyne City's \$300,000 grant request for improvements to the Open Space project. The grant would fund the development of Phases 1 and 4 of the Open Space Master Plan project on the waterfront across the street from Family Fare. The improvements will include a 10 ft. wide non-motorized pathway and two crosswalks along North Lake Street, a 6 ft. wide shoreline walkway, a naturalized shoreline garden, street trees, seeding



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and landscaping. The project is included in the Parks and Recreation Master plan and scheduled in the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan. The city will provide \$120,000 in matching funds from the Parks and Recreation budget in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. "The

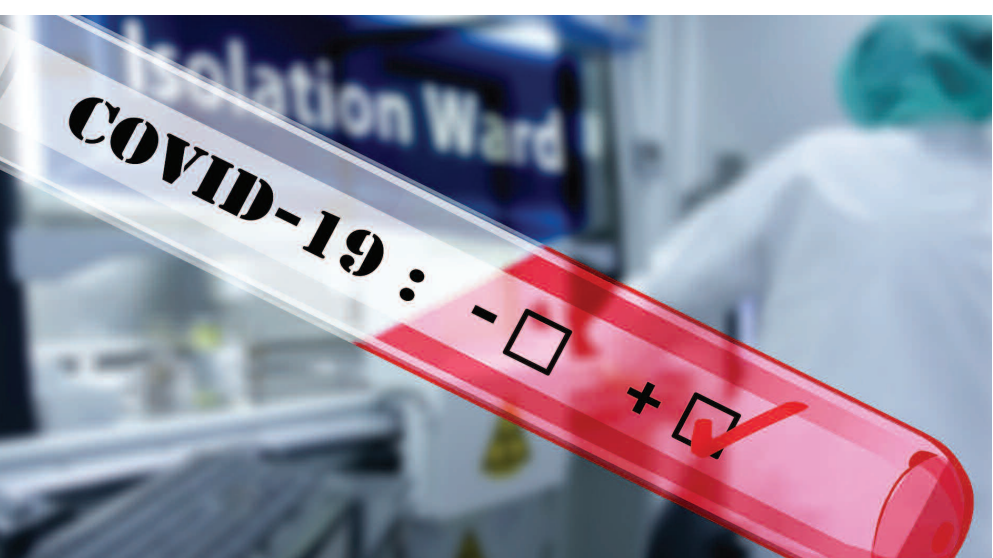
walkways and other grounds improvements that this grant will help fund will be the most significant steps forward in improving the Open Space since Boyne City was able to purchase this Lake Charlevoix waterfront property in late 2018 with the help of another MNRTF grant," said Boyne City Manager Michael Cain. Legislative approval could take 4-6 months. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund is a restricted fund that was established in 1976 to provide funding for public acquisition of lands for resource protection and outdoor recreation, as well as for public outdoor

recreation development projects. It is funded through interest and earnings on funds derived from the revenues of state-owned oil, gas and minerals. Over the past 45 years, the Trust Fund has granted more than \$1.2 billion to state and local units of government to develop and improve recreation opportunities in Michigan. "We look forward to the Michigan Legislature approving the MNRTF Board's recommendation so we can continue work on this next step of implementing the Open Space master plan as early as possible in 2022," said Cain.

Unvaccinated causing strain on hospitals, health systems

As Michigan continues to record high numbers of COVID-19 cases, new data from the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) proves that the majority of Michigan residents severely sick with COVID-19 are unvaccinated. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and MHA are pleading with residents to get vaccinated for their own health, the safety of Michigan's health care personnel, and to avoid additional strain on health care systems that are already stretched and struggling to respond.

Locally, the McLaren and Munson health systems, which serve the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and other counties across the region, are experiencing similar problems with pressure put on limited bed availability, and an overburdened staff. "Vaccination is our most powerful tool," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director with the Health Department. MDHHS data from January 15-November 19 demonstrates that unvaccinated people account for 85.8% of COVID cases, 87% of hospitalizations, and 86.4% of deaths, Dr. Meyerson noted. The data is clear: if you are unvaccinated, you are risking hospitalization or death, health officials said. "Getting vaccinated keeps



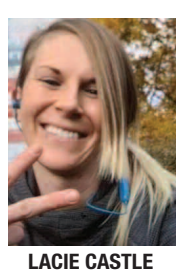
you and your loved ones safe as we gather together this holiday," Dr. Meyerson said. Based on recent data from most Michigan health systems, MHA has found that three out of four COVID patients are unvaccinated (76%), 87% of COVID ICU patients are unvaccinated and 88% of COVID ventilator patients are unvaccinated. Michigan's number of hospitalized COVID-19 cases reached a new high this week, with 4,291 patients hospitalized. Recently, Michigan reached 70% of residents 16 and older who have received their first vaccine dose, but cases are surging in the unvaccinated population. MDHHS and the local health department are mon-

itoring for the COVID-19 omicron variant which had not been detected in the state as of the time of this release. Residents are advised that the presence of variants makes it even more important to get vaccinated, including the booster doses to increase protection, wear masks, and take other precautions. In addition to getting vaccinated and wearing masks - particularly indoors and in crowded areas - other things people can do to protect themselves and their loved ones include: • Getting tested for COVID-19, especially before gatherings. • Physically distancing from others and avoiding crowds.

- Washing hands frequently with soap and water and cleaning hands with alcohol-based hand rub.
 - Covering your mouth and nose with a bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.
 - Self-isolating until you recover if you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
- MDHHS has issued a public health advisory that all Michiganders, regardless of vaccination status, should wear a mask in indoor public settings and those who are not fully vaccinated or who are immunocompromised should avoid large crowds or gatherings.

Body of missing East Jordan woman is found

On Saturday December 4, 2021 shortly after 11 o'clock in the morning Deputies with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office were called to Wilson Township. A group of hunters called 911 reporting they had located a female in a wooded area. Deputies, Detectives, and First Respon-



LACIE CASTLE

SEE LACIE - PAGE 3A

Kentucky Man Gets Prison Time

Michael Joseph Ortiz, 33, of Lexington, Kentucky, was sentenced to a minimum of nearly 13 years in prison for charges arising out of a crime spree in the City of Charlevoix on May 7, 2021. The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a confidential informant who had been in contact with Ortiz who said that Ortiz brings large quantities of drugs from Kentucky to sell in Charlevoix County. Officers responded by surveilling Ortiz who drove a car with a stolen license plate and police attempted to make a traffic stop near Family Fare in Charlevoix. Ortiz



MICHAEL ORTIZ

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LOW: 32

FRIDAY



HIGH: 36
LOW: 26

SATURDAY



HIGH: 35
LOW: 34

SUNDAY



HIGH: 37
LOW: 29

snowfall

2020-21	AMT"	CITY
12/7/20	1.2	ATLANTA
12/7/20	1	BOYNE FALLS
12/7/20	0.3	CHARLEVOIX
12/7/20	1.1	CHEBOYGAN
12/7/20	2.4	EAST JORDAN
12/7/20	14.6	GAYLORD
12/7/20	12.5	KALKASKA
12/7/20	3.5	MIO
12/7/20	2.6	ONAWAY
12/7/20	5.5	PETOSKEY

2021-22	AMT"	CITY
12/6/21	2.5	ATLANTA
12/6/21	7.5	BOYNE FALLS
12/6/21	9	CHARLEVOIX
12/6/21	21.5	CHEBOYGAN
12/6/21	21.8	EAST JORDAN
12/6/21	62.9	GAYLORD
12/6/21	50	KALKASKA
12/6/21	16.7	MIO
12/6/21	21.9	ONAWAY
12/6/21	17.6	PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 9	21°	35°	-3° (1962)	52° (1952)
DEC 10	21°	35°	-2° (1977)	51° (1971)
DEC 11	21°	35°	-2° (1995)	55° (1971)
DEC 12	20°	34°	-13° (1989)	56° (1949)
DEC 13	20°	34°	-13° (1995)	50° (1991)
DEC 14	20°	34°	-8° (1954)	59° (1975)
DEC 15	19°	34°	-7° (2007)	51° (1997)
DEC 16	19°	33°	-4° (1961)	56° (1984)
DEC 17	19°	33°	-11° (1973)	54° (1984)
DEC 18	19°	33°	-1° (1973)	47° (1949)

OBITUARIES

Donald V Baxter, 81

(MAY 5, 1940 - DEC. 3, 2021)



Donald Verle Baxter passed away at home in Boyne City, surrounded by loved ones on Friday, December 3, 2021.

Donald was born May 5, 1940 in Hesperia, Michigan to Benjamin and Ethel Baxter. Donald married Margie Evans on April 24, 1957 together they had eight children.

Donald worked in the woods, and on the pipeline for many years. He enjoyed watching westerns, spending time with family, and being outdoors.

He is survived by seven of his children and one daughter-in-law, Timothy (Lisa) Baxter of Ohio, James (Denise) Baxter of Boyne City, Terry (Debbie) Baxter of Boyne City, (Tonya) Baxter of Virginia, Ellen (Michael) Karlskin of Boyne City, Laura (Mark) Moore of Boyne City, Rhonda (Steve) Moore of East Jordan, and Christina Baxter of Boyne City, 19 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, and one brother Carl Baxter of Indiana.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Margie, his parents, siblings, one son, one grandchild, and one great-grandson.

The family will be holding a small memorial at home 560 N Addis Rd in Boyne City for friends and family on December 11, 2021 at 2:00pm.

Monetary donations for the family can be sent to Ellen Karlskin at 560 N Addis Rd, Boyne City, Michigan 49712.

Virgil Sineway, 54

(JUNE 13, 1967 - DEC. 2, 2021)



Virgil M Sineway of Boyne City walked on December 2, 2021 at the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Virgil was born on June 13, 1967 in Petoskey, the son of Paul and Ila (Boyd) Sineway and was raised in Clarion, graduating from Petoskey High school with the class of 1986. Throughout his life, Virgil worked at various places, including, Petoskey Manufacturing, East Jordan Iron Works, Barium Brother (later Continental Plastics) for 13 years, the Odawa Casino for 13 years and lastly Wojan's in Charlevoix.

Throughout his life Virgil was an AVID bowler and bowled every Monday and Wednesday on league nights. In his youth, if he wasn't at the bowling alley, you would find him at the Pied Piper Roller Rink in Walloon Lake. He enjoyed NASCAR and watched the Detroit Lions faithfully. He was always spending time at the Elmira Speedway and working on the cars. Virgil loved his food and candy, be it eating at the Outback Steakhouse or attending Ghost Suppers.

Virgil will be remembered by those who knew and loved him as a very friendly, social and outgoing man that seemed to know everyone and he always remembered everyone. He was quite the social butterfly and loved going to concerts.

Virgil is survived by his true other half and loving companion of more than 20 years, Patty Kyle; 6 siblings, Jake Boyd of Pellston, Angie (John Hull) Woodin of Petoskey, Ted (Te) Sineway of Petoskey, Eugene Sineway of Pellston, Evert Sineway of Alanson, and Yvonne Sineway of Petoskey; 3 children, Bill Chipman or North Carolina, Crystal (Ian) Anthony of east Jordan, and Bobby King of Boyne City; 6 grandchildren; 7 nieces and nephews, Cody Woodin, Charlee (Hunter) Viles, Mike Reffner, Paul Nanegos, Ya-Lynn Nanegos, James Nanegos, and Jenny Nanegos; and by 5 great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Auntie (Sophie Daniels) his brother, Steven; and by a nephew Jacob.

Funeral services celebrating Virgil's life were held at the Stone Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 7th.

Gary James Lee, 61

(FEB. 21, 1960 - NOV. 29, 2021)



Gary James Lee of Boyne City died November 29, 2021 in Charlevoix, Michigan.

Gary born on February 21, 1960 in Chicago, IL the son of Ernest Lee and Betty Austin grew up in Marshall, Indiana. Gary attended Terre Haute South High School and graduated from Hyles Anderson with a pastor's refresher course and Bay Mills Community College with a certificate of prison security.

On May 30, 1992, Gary married Kristina Wittke in Waterloo, Iowa.

Gary served four years as a U.S. Marine.

He worked for Meijer and drove bus number 6 for Petoskey School System.

Gary loved to read, do crossword puzzles, go fishing, go camping, help people have a better day, and really enjoyed singing.

He attended Ontario Baptist Church of East Jordan, MI.

He is survived by his sister Linda of Indianapolis, IN; his brother Bobby Lee of Terre

Haute, IN; his wife Kristina Lee of Boyne City, his daughters Hannah Lee of Minneapolis, MN; and Bethany Lee and spouse of Mt. Pleasant, his sons Nathaneal Lee of Boyne City; and Timothy Lee and family of Boyne City.

Visitation will start at noon on December 15, 2021 at the Ontario Baptist Church and Pastor Dan Swank will officiate the memorial service at 1:00 pm. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home, Inc. of Petoskey.

Janet Kay (Sullivan) Schiemann, 73

(DEC. 30, 1947 - DEC. 4, 2021)



Janet Kay Schiemann died on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at her home, surrounded by her family.

Janet was born on December 30, 1947, in Grayling, Michigan, the daughter of Austin E. and Dora (Thomas) Sullivan. She grew up in Gladwin and attended Gladwin High School.

On June 5, 1965, at the Gladwin First Methodist Church, she married the love of her life, Kenneth "Ken" Charles Schiemann. They resided in Beaverton, Michigan from 1965 to 1987, where they started their family - having two sons, Brian and Scott, and a daughter, Johanna. In 1987, they moved to East Jordan, Michigan.

Janet's love for education and children led her to work for both Beaverton and East Jordan Public Schools as a Teacher's Assistant for a combined 30 years. She officially retired in 2004. Many in East Jordan will remember her as the "Focus Room Lady", where she helped to get students back on track with their behavior and studies. She did this by using equal amounts of love and support.

In her free time, she enjoyed sewing, camping, gardening, and tending to the fruit orchard near her home with her husband, Ken, by her side. The peaches will forever be sweeter because of her. Ken & Janet also bowled for many years in a mixed doubles bowling league. Janet's ultimate passion, however, was her love of quilting. Over the last 20 years she has made countless beautiful quilts as gifts for family members and friends.

She loved taking quilting classes, looked forward to attending quilt retreats, and made several cherished friendships along the way. The love she poured into making her quilts will be forever cherished by all who were fortunate to receive one of her masterpieces.

Janet was a constant "giver" and donated her time and talents to several community organizations. She was an active member of the East Jordan Snowmobile Club since 1988, volunteered for over 20 years at the Care

& Share Food Pantry, and prepared weekend food backpacks for elementary aged children at EJPS. She attended the First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan.

Janet is survived by her husband Kenneth Charles Schiemann of East Jordan; three children, Brian (Beth) Schiemann of Gladwin, Scott (Tresha) Schiemann of Petoskey and Johanna (Steve) Wiltfong of Pickford; seven grandchildren, Kurtis (Chandler) Schiemann, Kyle (Amber) Schiemann, Ashley (Kyle) Riddle, Kaylyn Schiemann, Karlie (Dalton) Muma, Kaylee Wiltfong and Kaden Wiltfong; five great grandchildren, Cooper, Lennyn, Scotty, Otto and Porter; five siblings, William Sullivan of Bruneau, Idaho, Jean Smith of Houghton Lake, Rhonda (Art) Goodwin of Gladwin, Michael Sullivan of Birch Run and Bobby Sullivan of Gladwin; one sister-in-law, Mary E. Sullivan of Gladwin; several nieces & nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, DeeAnn Short and JoAnn Sullivan; brothers, Ronald Lee Sullivan and David Sullivan; brother-in-law Ted Smith, sister-in-law Debbie Sullivan, and great grandson Aurik Morales.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 16, at 12PM at the First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan, located at 207 Williams St, East Jordan, MI 49727. The family will receive guests for visitation at 11AM with a luncheon to follow the service, also at the church. Anyone unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed on East Jordan Presbyterian Church's Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan, East Jordan Ambulance Association or the East Jordan Snowmobile Club. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan.

Terry Lee Mongar, 77

(JUNE 2, 1944 - NOV. 29, 2021)



Terry Lee Mongar "Copper" of East Jordan, passed away at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Monday November 29, 2021.

Terry was a Truck Driver is entire career and one of the things he was most proud of was that he drove in every continental state and all providences of Canada. The only place he didn't go was Hawaii. He worked for Mitchell Bentley out of Cadillac and then he was an owner operator and then finishing his career and retiring from Howes and Howes of Mesick.

Terry enjoyed hunting, fishing, and just being outside in nature. He loved to watch boxing and the Detroit Tigers games. His favorite pass time was sitting at the kitchen table and telling sto-

ries.

He was preceded in death by his parents Josiah and Doris (Chandler) Mongar; brother Larry Mongar, sister Linda (Edward "Skip") Taylor and wife Joanne (Eismann) Mongar.

He is survived by daughter Cynthia (Calvin) Soper of Idaho and son Josiah (Annette) Mongar of Manton. sisters Joanne (Norman) Nelson of Cadillac and Barbara (Gordon) Sutton of Cadillac; grandchildren Cody (Alexis) Mongar, Nicole (Garrett) Smith, Tiffany and Hailey Macy; great-grandchildren Marshall Smith, Elaina Mongar, Vincent Smith, Lincoln Smith, Greyson Smith, Delilah Smith, and Everett Mongar; nephews Don (Juli) Grage, Ron Grage, and Jason Taylor; and niece Jennifer (Jamie) Grames.

The Family is planning on a spring time celebration of life and graveside services.

Tammy Manross, 55

(MARCH 13, 1966 - DEC. 5, 2021)



Tammy Marie Manross of East Jordan died Sunday, December 5, 2021, in Petoskey.

She was born on March 13, 1966, in Chicago.

She married William Manross on April 8, 1995. She spent twenty nine years building a family together.

Tammy had worked at Boyne Mountain in the cafeteria. She enjoyed spending time with her family and loved all of her grandchildren. She loved her dog little man. She enjoyed flowers, traveling up to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and watching the Hallmark Channel. Tammy was a very caring individual who loved helping others. She was an amazing wife, mother, nana, sister and friend.

She is survived by her husband, William of East Jordan; daughter, Tracy (Dale, III) Reeves of East Jordan; sons, Brandon (Bailey) Mead of Lewiston and Michael Manross of East Jordan; her mother, Judy Slone of Owosso; mother-in-law, Christine Manross of Prairie, Texas; grandchildren, Larkyns, Kylie, Dale IV, Frankie, Dean and Kobe; one sister, Melanie (Jim) Gibbons of Boyne City; and one brother, Dale (Billie) Slone of Missouri. She was preceded in death by her father, James Slone, and her son, Michael Dugger.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. at the East Jordan Community Church, East Jordan. Pastor Jason Richey will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Kiersten's Ride - Suicide Awareness and Prevention, 04316 Cosier Road, East Jordan, MI 49727 in memory of her son Michael Dugger. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Jerry C. Sweet, 84

(JUNE 26, 1937 - DEC. 4, 2021)



Jerry Claude Sweet of Boyne City passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at McLaren Northern Michigan. Born in Midland, MI on June 26, 1937, Jerry was the son of Frank and Faye (Wells) Sweet.

In 1956, Jerry graduated from East Jordan High School. He met the love of his life, Patricia who also graduated the same year, and were married on November 24, 1956. Jerry and Pat lived in Midland for a few years after their marriage and also lived in Mt. Clemens. They moved to Mancelona in the early 1960's and later back to East Jordan.

For many years, Jerry worked as a maintenance supervisor at Wolverine Power. Jerry enjoyed attending his high school class reunions and seeing old friends. On Sundays, he looked forward to taking a drive and then out to dinner at a new place afterwards. He loved fried chicken and fish! He was a volunteer at the East Jordan Fire Department as a Fireman and on the Rescue Dive Team. Jerry enjoyed spending time with his family, ice fishing, boating and being outdoors.

In the early 1990's Jerry and Pat began spending summers in the Upper Peninsula at Little Lake Harbor on Lake Superior and winters in Key Largo, Florida at Kings Kamp. In 2016 they moved to Boyne City to be near their family. One of his greatest joys in life was when the great-grandchildren would stop by the house for a visit, it truly made his day. He loved visiting with his neighbors and it was something that he enjoyed, keeping up with all of their news and sharing stories.

Jerry is survived by his children, Brad (Sue) Sweet of East Jordan and Diane (Chad) Breithaupt of Boyne City; 13 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; a half-sister, Velma Johnson and a step-sister, Lucille Wilson both of East Jordan.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Brian Keith Sweet in 2001; his wife, Patricia Sweet in 2018; a grandson, Matthew Sweet in 2020 and his step-mother, Ethel Sweet.

Jerry's family has chosen to remember him privately. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on his tribute wall.



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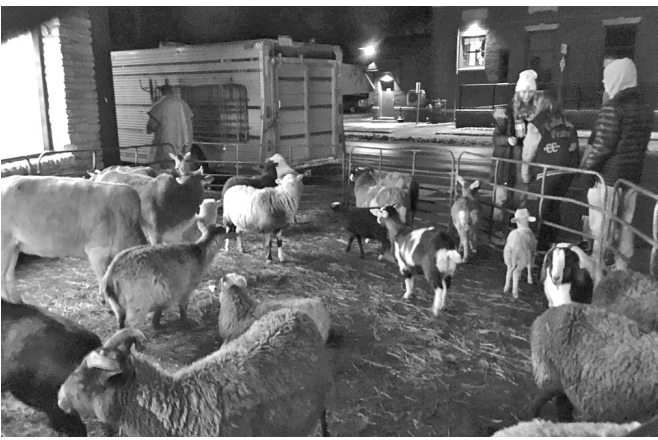
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Funds raised for local charities from Live Nativity

The Live Nativity hosted by Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors in Boyne City turned out to be a great fundraiser for local charities thanks to the generosity of local residents and businesses.

Plenty of people attended the event on November 26 in the parking lot of the local realtor in downtown Boyne

City. Many donated to raise almost \$200 to Stiggs Feed a Friend and almost \$500 to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

The Coldwell Banker team thanked Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo, Stiggs Brewery and Family Fare and of course all those people that attended for their donations.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation awards over \$54,000 in Youth Grants, Mental Health Focus

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation responded to requests from nonprofit partners in November. Thanks to donors who look to the Community Foundation to make a difference close to home, grants have been awarded primarily to nonprofits who will focus in the areas of youth mental health and academic stress. In all, over \$54,000 was awarded during the Youth Needs grant cycle.

YAC members and their peers are constantly feeling the stresses associated with school, family, and planning for their futures. As a result of feeling these stresses personally and also seeing the stress in their peers, the YAC were eager to use their grantmaking ability to help organizations offering solutions. These needs were also identified in the most recent Youth Needs Assessment that they conducted, a survey that is updated every three years and includes surveying all 8th through 12th graders in Charlevoix County public schools. The YAC has recognized the need for breaking down the stigma associated with asking for help with mental health and the need for better tools for coping with stress.

"This year's grant cycle was our second year in which we focused on grants that address academic stress and mental health, to prioritize the needs that have been brought to our attention by our research," stated Eden Vrondran, the current YAC President and Boyne City Senior. "I am



The YAC Executive Committee, L to R Mailey Hamilton and Jayde Fazio from East Jordan High School, Eden Vrondran from Boyne City High School, and Daniel Powers from Boyne Falls High School at their recent grant-making meeting in November. Courtesy Photo.

thrilled to say that the grants we have received were definitely what we were looking for, and I am certain they will make a big impact on the well-being of today's youth."

Through this cycle, the YAC funded projects like Northern Michigan Equine Therapy's HorseSense program for direct mental health therapeutic support; the CAPE Council's 2022 Conference, which will focus on education around youth mental health and academic stress as they relate to Covid-19 for area professionals working with youth; and stem-related tools for the middle school classrooms at Boyne City Public School, to assist with alleviating stress in the classroom. The YAC were also excited about a new social media component and youth voice added to Planned Parenthood's programming and the supports that the Women's Resource Center has in place for youth at their Child Advocacy Center, helping to decrease trauma inflicted on children who must report about a

traumatic experience.

While the primary focus of this cycle was on the two priority areas, three other grants were also awarded including to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, President Ford Division DBA Michigan Crossroads Council, and to PoWeR! Book Bags. These grants support swimmer's safety, mentorship, and early childhood literacy, respectively.

Looking ahead, the YAC are gearing up for their next Youth Needs Assessment, to be conducted in 2022, which will again assess the needs and concerns of Charlevoix County youth. The YAC will analyze and apply those results to their next three years of grantmaking decisions. Meanwhile, they continue engaging in conversations and projects around previously identified topics at the local level and regionally.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses and civic

groups and manages them as permanent endowments. While a portion of the funds are utilized to support grantmaking, the principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing ongoing charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents—now and in the future.

The next grant cycle will focus on Environment, Land Use, and Recreation projects. Applications will become available in early January and will be due by Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants anytime by emailing Ashley Cousens at acousens@c3f.org. More information about each grant cycle can be found at c3f.org on the "Apply for a Grant" page. Additionally, scholarship applications are now available at c3f.org on the "Apply for a Scholarship" page or interested students can contact their high school counselor or Mishelle Shooks at mshooks@c3f.org for more information.

Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Makenzie Main

Student Name: Makenzie Main
Grade: 1st Grade
Parent's Name(s): Brian and Sheryl Main

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Makenzie thinks she might want to be a police officer when she grows up just like her uncle.

Favorite Book: Makenzie enjoys reading Disney books.
Hobbies and Interests: Makenzie likes to play with her brother.

Staff Comments: Makenzie follows the Logger Agreement each day when she comes to Boyne Falls. Makenzie is kind and respectful to her classmates and a hardworking student. She is making great progress this year and is always ready to help other students. We are so lucky to have Makenzie as part of our first grade class!

Submitted By: Mrs. Fleshman

U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The Veteran of the month of December 2021 is Gerald Lee "Jerry" Bingham.

Born in Boyne City Michigan September 29, 1932 to parents Merle and Alice Colder Bingham. After the death of his father in January, 1935, the family moved to the Colder farm in Elmira,

Michigan. Jerry would grow up there and attend Alba school through the 11th grade, and worked as a farm hand for Albert Colder, his Step-Father. At the young age of 17 years, on October 31 1949, Jerry enlisted into the United States Army in Traverse City Michigan. After his basic Military Training, he received Wheel Vehicle Mechanic training, and was assigned to duty in the Republic of South Korea. After 1 year, 22 days overseas duty, he was returned to the United States and reassigned to H&S Company, 472nd Engineer Aviation Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Mis-



Gerald Lee "Jerry" Bingham

souri. After completion of his 3 year obligation, on November 8, 1952 at Fort Leonard Wood, Jerry was given an Honorable Discharge, and was awarded the Korean Occupation Medal; Korean Service Medal with 5 Bronze Stars; and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit citation.

Returning home Jerry drove for the United States

Postal Service till 1963. On September 28, 1957 in Elmira Michigan, he would marry Kathleen "Kate" Nemecek. There they would raise 5 children. In 1963 he would leave the Postal Service to help his Father In Law with his well drilling business. Soon Jerry would purchase the business, which would be known as Bingham Well Drilling, and continued to 1990 when he would sell the business to his youngest son "Jerry" Jr.

Jerry enjoyed going to the Casino; traveling; boating; fishing; snowmobiling; and hunting. He loved his family. And those that knew him, knew that he loved to work. On March 8, 2019, Gerald Lee "Jerry" Bingham answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Kate, and children.

LACIE FROM PG. 1

ders responded to the area and were able to positively identify the deceased female as 32 year old Lacie Castle of

East Jordan who had been reported missing on November 6, 2021. The investigation is still on going. However, at this time Deputies and Detectives do not believe there is any foul play. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the numerous agencies and citizens for their assistance over

the last four weeks. The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and East Jordan Police Chief, George R. Lasater, extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lacie. Also, sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who helped in the search for Lacie including:

Alpena County Sheriff Kieliszewski and Alpena Search and Rescue, Boyne City and East Jordan Fire Departments, Otsego Rescue, Boyne City EMS, Emmett County Sheriff's Office, and Michigan State Police.

PRISON FROM PG. 1

refused to stop and drove at a high rate in downtown Charlevoix, attempting to elude officers until he crashed into a tree at the intersection of Park and State Streets. In the vehicle, police lo-

cated quantities of methamphetamine, fentanyl, adderall, oxycodone hydrochloride as well as a handgun. At sentencing, Ortiz admitted that he was under the influence of drugs at the time.

"This was a dangerous situation where members of the public were put at risk by this defendant's actions," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "This is another

example of cases where drugs are not a victimless crime."

Ortiz pleaded guilty on October 15 to possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, possession of fentanyl with intent to deliver and being in possession of a firearm during the course of a felony.

He was sentenced to serve 130 months to 30 years on the drug charges with the sen-

tences to be served concurrently and 24 months on the weapons charge to be served consecutively to the drug charges.

Ortiz was previously convicted of 7 prior felonies and 13 misdemeanors and received seven prior jail sentences and three prior prison sentences.

Submitted by Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, Allen Telgenhof

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BOYNE CITY

CHRISTMAS TREE GIVEAWAY

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EAST JORDAN

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN

The Lighthouse Missionary Church is a host for the soon to be released Christmas with the Chosen. Two showings: Friday 12/10 at 7:30pm and Sunday, 12/12 at 4pm. Tickets at the door. Adults \$11. Children 9\$. Call 231-536-2128 with questions.

GAYLORD

SKI SWAP

Gaylord Ski Swap at Otsego Resort special events center. Item dropoff Dec. 10, 5-9pm. Shopping Dec. 11, 9am - 2pm. Pickup unsold items Dec. 11, 2pm - 6pm. Proceeds benefit Gaylord/St. Mary Ski team. Sponsored by White Birch Outfitters

MANCELONA

SNOWMOBILE RACE

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

CHARLEVOIX

RAYDER CHRISTMAS PROJECT

It's that time of year again! Charlevoix Elementary is ready to make an

impact on the community this holiday season. Collecting toys until December 13th.

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- Local businesses have generously offered to purchase a bike for every class that collects 20 toys!
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- All toys will go towards the Charlevoix Christmas Project for families in our community

If your family is interested in making a donation to the Project, please email emitchell@rayder.net.

CHARLEVOIX

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Dust off your Ugly Holiday Sweaters! December 15th, 5-7pm at Charlevoix Yacht Club. Prize for the best ugly sweater.

BAY HARBOR

HOLIDAY MESSIAH CONCERT

December 16 & 17 7 pm. Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents its popular annual performance of Handel's Messiah at 7 p.m. on both Thursday, Dec. 16, and Friday, Dec. 17 at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts, 800 Bay Harbor Dr., Petoskey. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus, led by Director André Strydom, will join the orchestra led by GLCO Conductor and Music Director Libor Ondras. The concert includes portions of Johann Sebastian Bach's "The Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248" and George Frideric Handel's famous "Messiah" oratorio. Each

event will feature pre- and post-concert receptions, featuring a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and other light refreshments. The pre-concert receptions begin at 6 p.m. each night. Reserved seating tickets are still available. Details can be found at www.glorchestra.org or by calling 231-487-0010. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, located at 219 E. Lake St., Petoskey, is designated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and has a 20-year history of offering classical music performances in Northern Michigan communities.

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 12/18 - Drenth Sisters

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.

EAST JORDAN

HIKE

Wagbo Farm and Education Center is excited to announce a family-friendly trail series to get community members outdoors and enjoy the winter months. Supported by a generous gift from Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F), the new Stroll & Sip series offers interactive trail ac-

tivities while hiking, skiing or snowshoeing the various 1-2 mile loops through the fields and forests of the 212-acre property. Upcoming hikes will be the first Sunday of each month, through May, from 1 PM to 5PM.

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

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

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB CALENDAR AVAILABLE

The Best of the Charlevoix Photography Club 2022 Calendar is hot off the press today! This calendar, which is locally printed, features wonder-

ful 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.

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 everyone on your list, yourself included! Items from dozens of local crafters, makers, artists, jewelers and more will be for sale through December 30.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIORS

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will have our Senior Snow Removal Programs available again this year! Packages 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.

TRAVERSE CITY

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Northern Michigan Policy Conference
January 14, Noon-4PM, Hagerty Center, Traverse City. Hear from our legislators, key policy leaders, State departments and more as we shape advocacy efforts for a prosperous northern Michigan region.

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

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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 Jordan

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.

EAST JORDAN

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

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The Fish Lady

Creating a Win-Win

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

East Jordan - In 2018 the city of East Jordan hired Kate Mowbray to operate and maintain the city's new wastewater treatment plant. The plant required someone with a class B certification to serve as the operator-in-charge. Mowbray has a class A certification, the highest level in the state. She also holds degrees in criminal justice and occupational safety. The city felt they had found an excellent candidate for the job but she soon exceeded their expectations by combining her knowledge as a waste water operator and her environmentalist family values to use existing resources to create solutions for the plant. Mowbray has initiated a project that is reusing the old waste water plant lagoon as a walleye rearing facility.

The old wastewater treatment system was two, eleven acre lagoons. One lagoon is still used for sludge storage but the other was sitting idle. In the summer of 2018 she was on site working on aeration equipment and discovered the lagoons. "I thought I can't just let an eleven acre pond just sit here," said Mowbray. The lagoons are lined with a plastic membrane which means they continue to fill up with rain and snowmelt, but only lose water to evaporation. When they get too much water in them, water is sent through a series of slide gates and pumps back to the new wastewater plant. "Unfortunately, clean water entering plants that utilize biological treatment can cause upsets at the plant. This is one of the reasons why cities are actively searching for sources of storm water infiltration into sewers and trying to remove it. I had to find a way to add nutrients to the water to avoid the upset. That's where the fish came in, or their poop to be more specific," said Mowbray.

Mowbray comes from a family deeply involved in stocking the lakes. Her family has been involved in raising fish for over 30 years. Her father is a founding member of and now President of the Mason County Walleye Association and her sister has joined him as a member of the board of directors. The Mason County Walleye Association is a group of volunteers who have been cooperatively raising walleye with the DNR in their rearing pond in Ludington. "I made a call to my dad to see if he felt the DNR could use another pond. He made a call to his contacts with the



KATE MOWBRAY

DNR and got the ball rolling," she explained. After that the work began. "You can't just raise fish in any old puddle," she said. During the summer of 2019, East Jordan resident and Michigan State University student Rebecca Drenth worked with Mowbray at the plant. The pair set up a sampling plan and collected water samples weekly. Drenth tested the water for pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, nitrogen and phosphorus levels, metals, volatile organic compounds, and PFAS. After they had collected several months of data, they sent it to the DNR for review. A site visit was conducted and once given a green light from the DNR, Mowbray presented her idea to the City Commissioners. The useless 11 acre pond could become a co-op rearing pond for the DNR. "I think raising fish is a great use for an obsolete treatment pond. This is a way to take a liability and turn it into an asset,"

said Mowbray.

As a co-op pond, the city basically is providing a safe place for the little fish to grow. "We keep eyes on the pond conditions and monitor water quality. The DNR determines how many fish they bring to the pond, when to harvest, and what lakes they get placed in at the end," said Mowbray.

In November of 2021 the first fish reared in the East Jordan lagoon were released into Intermediate Lake. The first batch of freshly hatched fish arrived in April 2021 and the plan was to net out the spring fingerlings at the end of May. "Unfortunately, the nets came up empty in May and we all thought the fish had died. The DNR wasn't ready to give up on us, so they brought us 30,000 fathead minnows to raise at the end of June. The plan was for us to raise minnows, and then they would bring us spring fingerlings to raise into fall fingerlings in 2022," she said. The minnows prospered in the lagoon. "This only confused us more as to why the minnows were thriving but the walleye died," she said. In October walleye were discovered in the pond and were netted out in November. "They were really good at hiding," said Mowbray.

Intermediate Lake received 2,341 walleye from the City of East Jordan pond. "Our average length was 7.5" which should give them a much bet-

ter chance of surviving to legal size," she said.

Presently the project is in the experimental stage to see if it will be feasible long term. "The fall fingerlings, which are what we ended up raising by accident, range in size from 6" to 9." We hope to have a better survival rate next year by having the minnows available to them sooner. We were very happy that we only lost 3 fish (approximately 1%) from the time of netting to the time of planting in Intermediate Lake," said Mowbray. She credited the successful transfer and low mortality rate to the volunteers that worked on the shore to weight, measure and transfer the fish faster.

The DNR is happy to use the East Jordan pond because of its proximity to Lake Charlevoix, Lake 27, Intermediate Lake and Lake Bellaire. They have wanted to stock these lakes with fall fingerlings for some time.

"Kate's dedication and experience has been a great asset for the City of East Jordan since completion of our wastewater treatment plant. Her work towards efficiency improvements and infrastructure assessment is valued for the city's sewer operations. Her leadership has won an energy savings award as well as efficiency grants for asset enhancements. While coordination of the walleye project with the DNR, proves Kate's resourcefulness will be a win-win for the city, DNR and recreational fishing," said East Jordan City Manager Tom Cannon.



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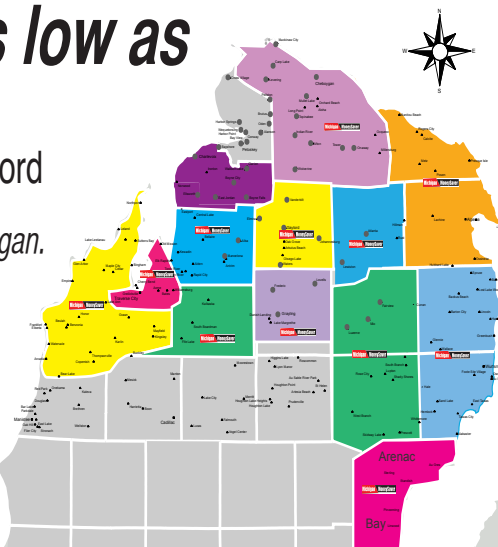
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CHARLEVOIX CITY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 6 MEETING

Junior Main Street program approved

BY TINA SUNDELIUS

Charlevoix - Final touches were approved for the Junior Main Street program plan at the December 6 Charlevoix City Commission Meeting.

The Junior Main Street group was asked to return with a plan to address the gaps in their proposal to put four igloos in the downtown area for dining and socializing, an attempt to make the city more desirable during the winter months. The plan, presented by City Manager Mark Heydlauff, included 2 points. The first that it be considered a pilot or test program and the second that a date for the removal of the igloos be set. The proposed removal of igloos by Easter, could be a problem with a later than usual Easter holiday this year.

The four igloos will be located on the roof of the Harbormaster Building and partially utilize the outdoor furniture already located there. A great deal of discussion was held by the Council on the potential for the igloos to get blown away. "I think it's a good spot to try," said Council person Janet Kalbfell. "They came up with a good idea based on our feedback last time," said Mayor Kurtz. The Council passed a motion to have the pilot igloo plan removed by April 1, 2022.

The Charlevoix Airport did not endure any adversity due to the pandemic according to an annual report given by Matthew Wyman, Airport Manager. "Coming out of the 2020 year filled with so many uncertainties ended up being one of our busiest years. If

you would have told me 9 months into our year that we would have been up 35000 gallons of jet fuel sales...I would have thought that was a little bit of wishful thinking....It was a great year," he said. He described fuel shortages at other airports across the country and how Charlevoix did not suffer the same issues. "So to say we were inhibited or not inhibited, it was great for us," he said. Aircraft challenges this year not previously seen. "We've had more double blocked... sometimes aircraft will be blocked completely we have no idea they are coming...you really have to be able to think on your feet and I think our staff does a phenomenal job working with Pat," he said. One new hanger coming in the spring and discussion of another. Have seen more new people to the airport than in the past. The biggest potential challenges for 2022 could be complications due to the worldwide delivery and shipping issues. Wyman was commended for his work by the council.

A Public Hearing was set to for December 20 to amend the language of the Shade Tree and Park Commission membership. The change would permit the appointment of up to one non-resident to the board if this person possesses a professional or educational background in the topics covered by the Commission. This change slightly expands the potential membership of the 5 person Commission.

\$3 Billion in Refunds for Michigan Drivers

Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association adopts the governor's plan to lower costs for Michiganders by delivering \$400 refund checks per vehicle to drivers.

LANSING, Mich. — In a move that will put money back into the pockets of Michigan drivers, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) today announced that the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) has acted upon the governor's call to return surplus funds to Michigan policyholders and will immediately begin the process of refunding \$400 per vehicle to Michigan drivers. Drivers are expected to receive checks in the second quarter of 2022.

"These refunds and the recently announced statewide average rate reductions are lowering costs for every Michigan driver," said Governor Whitmer. "Michiganders have paid into the catastrophic care fund for decades, and I am

pleased that the MCCA developed this plan so quickly after unanimously approving my request to return surplus funds to the pockets of Michiganders. We are working together to put Michigan drivers first, and I am directing DIFS to ensure that the MCCA and Michigan's auto insurance companies accurately, fairly, and promptly issue these refunds."

"The Governor and I called for these refunds because we recognize that this surplus money belongs to Michigan drivers, and we need to put it back in their pockets," said Lt. Governor Gilchrist. "These refunds are a major win for all drivers—especially Detroiters—who have paid the highest insurance rates in the nation for decades. There is still work to be done, and Governor Whitmer and I will continue to take action in the best interest of Michigan drivers."

"DIFS stood with Governor Whitmer in calling upon the MCCA to return surplus funds to Michiganders with

auto insurance, and we applaud the MCCA for taking the necessary next steps to deliver the largest refund possible to drivers while maintaining the viability of the fund," said DIFS Director Anita Fox. "In the coming months, DIFS will work to ensure that refund checks are issued to Michigan consumers as quickly as possible."

In November, Governor Whitmer called on the MCCA to issue refund checks to consumers from its projected \$5 billion surplus, which the MCCA then voted unanimously to issue. The surplus and refunds are possible, in part, due to the historic bipartisan auto insurance reform signed into law by the Governor in 2019.

The MCCA's analysis determined that approximately \$3 billion of the surplus could be returned to policyholders while ensuring continuity of care for auto accident survivors. The refund plan submitted to DIFS Monday by the MCCA will return money to every Michigander with an auto

insurance policy in force as of 11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2021. Eligible consumers do not need to take action in order to receive a refund. The surplus funds will be turned over by the MCCA to the insurance companies operating in Michigan by March 9, 2022, and the insurers will be responsible for issuing checks to eligible policyholders. DIFS will direct insurers to issue refund checks to consumers as expeditiously as possible, but in no event later than 60 days after the transfer of funds. That deadline and additional guidance to insurers will be detailed in a bulletin to be issued by DIFS in the near future.

Additional information about the auto insurance reform law, including the uninsured driver amnesty period, which expires before January 1, 2022, can be found at Michigan.gov/AutoInsurance. Frequently asked questions, tips for shopping for insurance, and an insurance locator to help find licensed agents are also available.

Christmas tree tradition traces back to Germany

Did Martin Luther begin the tradition of decorating trees to honor Christ's birth?

Christmas trees have been around a while. They are known to have been popular in Germany as far back as the sixteenth century. The tree's association with Christmas seems to have evolved from the late Middle Ages when Germans and Scandinavians placed evergreens inside their homes to show their hope in the forthcoming spring.

According to legend, Martin Luther began the tradition of decorating trees to celebrate Christmas. One crisp Christmas Eve, about the year 1500, he was walking through snow-covered woods and was struck by the beauty of a group of small evergreens. Their branches, dusted with snow, shimmered in the moonlight. When he got home, he set up a little fir tree indoors so he could share this story with his children. He decorated it with candles, which he lighted in honor of Christ's birth.

In England, they became

popular after Queen Victoria's husband Albert, who came from Germany, made a tree part of the celebrations at Windsor Castle. In the United States, the earliest known mention of a Christmas tree is in the diary of a German who settled in Pennsylvania.

The tradition of Christmas trees in the U.S. can likely be traced to the German immigrants who came to Pennsylvania. Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the U.S. since 1850.

Michigan is among the top Christmas tree produc-

ing states in the country. Michigan joins California, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and North Carolina as the top Christmas tree producing states. Oregon is still the leading producer of Christmas trees, typically between 7 and 8 million each year.

What is the best-selling Christmas tree? If you guessed Scotch pine, you're right. The best-selling trees are Scotch pine, followed by Douglas fir, Noble fir, Fraser fir, Virginia pine, balsam fir and white pine.

REAL ESTATE FEATURE



Boyne City area ranch home on half acre near Young State Park

BY JIM AKANS

This Boyne City area ranch style home is in an excellent location – directly across the street from the fabulous Young State Park.

This three bedroom, two bath home has approximately 2,080 square feet of nicely designed and appointed living space. Highlights include wood floors, wood burning fireplace in the main living room, open concept living, dining and kitchen design, three large bedrooms and a partial basement for additional storage needs. A three car garage offers plenty of space for keep-

ing vehicles out of the weather as well as ample room for storage and work area.

While the open concept kitchen/dining/living area is ideal for entertaining indoors, an outdoor kitchen and large back yard are perfect for gathering friends and family outdoors. The property also has a 12x20 foot storage shed. Young State Park is directly across the street, offering a fantastic place to enjoy recreating in the north,. Downtown Boyne City, with a wide array of dining, shopping and entertainment, is just a short drive away.

This excellent ranch style

home on a half acre is located at 03113 Nelson Road between Boyne City and Horton Bay, and it is listed at \$379,900. For more information or to arrange a home

tour, call Lynda Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Lynda@lyndasrealestate-service.com



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Over Pricing Property?

A high price conveys the message that the seller may not really be interested in selling. And, when a home is priced too high, agents and buyers usually just cross it off their list and move on. After all, there are plenty of other listings.

Of course, deciding the value of a home isn't an exact science, so it's understandable that a seller might put their home on the market with an asking price that is on the high side.

Additionally, most of us believe that our homes are really "worth more" than the one down the block, around the corner or the one next door that was just sold. And, if we are wrong, we can always drop the price later, can't we? Yes, but then, the seller may have not only lost potential buyers, but they may have also driven off interested Realtors-and Realtors are the prime source of buyers. Generally, they bring the buyers.

When a property is put up for sale, the first 30 days are the most critical. Statistics show that's when most buyers (and Realtors) see the property. Interest is highest

at this time. But, the higher price the property is on the market, the fewer the prospects (and Realtors) will view it. Thus, the initial period is critical with the proper pricing.

Some sellers, however, believe that if someone is really interested they will counter-offer. Some will, some won't. Some well-qualified buyers may just walk away. The bottom line is a high priced listing will turn many buyers off.

Still, a seller wants to be confident he or she is getting the best price for their home.

The way to accomplish this is by talking to a real estate agent before listing the property. Ask for a comparative market analysis-that is, research what similar homes in the area have sold for recently. Compare your property to those, and have the agent help you calculate a fair market value. Be objective-even though it is your home.

Remember, an over-priced listing will usually result in an unsold property.

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Handel's Messiah concert next week



The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus Director André Strydom.

Northern Michigan holidays are rich with fellowship and tradition. A big part of that is the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's (GLCO) annual two-night run of Handel's "Messiah."

This year, the Messiah concerts will take place Thursday, Dec. 16, and Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. both nights, at Great Lakes Center for the Arts, 800 Bay Harbor Dr., Petoskey. Each event will feature pre- and post-concert receptions, featuring a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and other light refreshments. The pre-concert receptions begin at 6 p.m. each night.

According to GLCO Founder Robert Pattengale, the concerts combine two famous holiday oratorios,

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which are large-scale musical works for orchestra and voices, usually a narrative on a religious theme. Unlike operas, oratorios don't contain scenery, costumes or action.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus, led by Director André Strydom, will join the orchestra led by GLCO Conductor and Music Director Libor Ondras.

The concert's first portion will feature excerpts from Jo-

hann Sebastian Bach's "The Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248". The remainder of each performance includes segments from George Frideric Handel's famous "Messiah" oratorio.

"Handel's oratorios, of which there are about 26, generally involve Old Testament persons and biblical stories set to dramatic music," Pattengale explained. "Handel's 'Messiah'

was written in 24 days and was first performed in Dublin (Ireland) on April 13, 1742, as a benefit concert for the Society for Relieving Prisoners, the Charitable Infirmary and the Mercer's Hospital."

Pattengale said the texts for "Messiah" are entirely from scripture and were different from the typical oratorio format in that there are no characters and the Messiah himself has no active part, nor are any of his words quoted.

Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" was penned eight years earlier, in 1734, and is divided into six parts for the Festival of Christmas. "The festival is celebrated on successive days, starting on Christmas Day and the two following

days, then on New Year's Day and the Sunday after, with the sixth section on the Festival of the Epiphany," said Pattengale.

GLCO will perform three of the six segments, "Overture", "Christians Be Joyful", and "Prepare Thyself O Zion".

Reserved seating tickets are still available. Details can be found at www.glorchestra.org or by calling 231-487-0010.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, located at 219 E. Lake St., Petoskey, is designated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and has a 20-year history of offering classical music performances in Northern Michigan communities.

\$45.6 million for Outdoor Recreation in Michigan

Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board recommended Wednesday to the Michigan Legislature that 117 recreation development projects and land acquisitions totaling \$45,592,200 be funded in 2022. The board this year considered a total of 136 applications seeking over \$59.1 million in funding. In a competitive process, all eligible applications were evaluated based on scoring criteria approved by the Trust Fund board.

"The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund continues to provide the significant investment that creates better, broader access to quality outdoor recreation opportunities for Michigan residents and visitors throughout our state," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "Whether you're camping, enjoying a park close to home, exploring forest trails or just taking in a scenic

view, all of these Trust Fund-supported experiences contribute mightily to local economies and our mental and physical well-being."

The Trust Fund board recommends funding to both state and local agencies for development projects and land acquisitions that will further access to public outdoor recreation.

This year, the board recommended \$22.3 million for acquisition grants and \$23.3 million for development grants. There were 18 acquisition grants awarded to local units of government for a total of \$14,249,700 while four acquisition grants went to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for projects totaling \$8,050,000. The Trust Fund board also recommended a total of \$20,072,500 in 82 development grants be awarded to local units of government while 13 DNR projects garnered a total of \$3,220,000.

"As our state navigated a second year amid COVID-19 uncertainty, the importance of green spaces and public recreation facilities became a key focus," said DNR Director Dan Eichinger. "Time and again, Michigan residents and visitors turned to trails, parks, sports fields and other welcoming public places where they could get out of the house, soak up the sun and connect with family and friends."

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund is a restricted fund that was established in 1976 to provide funding for public acquisition of lands for resource protection and outdoor recreation, as well as for public outdoor recreation development projects. It is funded through interest and earnings on funds derived from the revenues of state-owned oil, gas and minerals. Over the past 45 years, the Trust Fund has granted more than \$1.2 billion to

state and local units of government to develop and improve recreation opportunities in Michigan.

"Trust Fund grants, with the tradition of fundraising for critical match dollars, help local governments and recreation authorities acquire land and develop recreation amenities," said Trust Fund Board Chair Erin McDonough. "This ranges from quaint neighborhood parks to larger, regional recreation areas and networks of multi-use trails systems."

The Trust Fund board's recommendations will go to the Michigan Legislature for review as part of the appropriations process. Upon approval, the Legislature forwards a bill to the governor for her signature.

A list of the final recommendations made by the Trust Fund board is available at Michigan.gov/MNRTF.

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

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

- On Friday, Dec. 3, 113 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (23), Charlevoix (22), Emmet (44), and Otsego (24), and one new COVID-19 associated death in Charlevoix County.

- On Saturday, Dec. 4, 78 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (17), Charlevoix (12), Emmet (27), and Otsego (22), and one new COVID-19 associated death in Charlevoix County.

- On Sunday, Dec. 5, 14 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (3), Emmet (4), and Otsego (4).

- On Monday, Dec. 6, 74 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (10), Charlevoix (18), Emmet (32),

and Otsego (14), and one new COVID-19 associated death in Otsego County.

As of 4 p.m. December 6, the cumulative case count information for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (2,944), Charlevoix (3,145), Emmet (4,143), and Otsego (4,057).

- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (2,483), Charlevoix (2,589), Emmet (3,457), and Otsego (3,323).

- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (43), Charlevoix (45), Emmet (55), and Otsego (70).

On December 6, the State of Michigan reported 1,353,156 cases and 24,494 deaths.

Rep. Borton: Plan seeks to make agency serve unemployed workers better

State Rep. Ken Borton today said legislation to reform Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) could lead to more efficient service for jobless workers.

House Bills 5549-5554, which are aimed at providing prompter service, better communication and greater transparency at the agency, were taken up today by the House Oversight Committee.

"One of the most common reasons people contact my office is for help with the dysfunctional unemployment agency," said Borton, of Gaylord. "This new plan is getting the ball rolling to clean up the agency and serve unemployed workers in need of benefits."

To improve communication with claimants, the plan would create an independent citizens' advocate to provide a point of contact to help jobless workers as their benefit claims move through the system. To ensure timely serv-

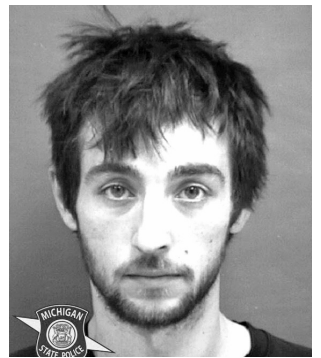
ice and a consistent process, the plan would set a time limit for the UIA to review cases. The agency would have 10 business days after receiving a claim to issue a determination.

The plan proposes two changes to increase transparency. The agency would be required to provide publicly accessible information about the status of the unemployment trust fund. This information would be especially helpful for the businesses that pay taxes into the trust fund. Additionally, the UIA would be required to report to the citizens' advocate statistics how many unemployment cases the agency appeals and how long the cases spend.

This will enable a review of the administrative appeals process to ensure cases are not needlessly delayed.

HBs 5549-5554 remain under consideration by the committee.

Boyne City Man Arrested For Criminal Sexual Conduct, Domestic Violence, And Unlawful Imprisonment



KENNETH ORVAL WINGO JR.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MI.

On Sunday evening, November 29, 2021, troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post were called to Otsego Memorial Hospital for a report of an alleged physical and sexual assault. The victim claimed she was physically assaulted earlier in the evening and then later sexually assaulted in her home

and kept against her will. The victim was in a relationship and lived with the suspect.

The suspect, 27-year-old Kenneth Orval Wingo Jr. from Boyne City, was arrested in the early morning hours on Monday, November 30th while hiding in the closet of their residence. He was lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail.

Wingo was arraigned

today in the 90th District Court in Charlevoix County on one count First Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct during a Felony, one count Domestic Violence Aggravated Second, one count Domestic Violence Third Offense, and one count Unlawful Imprisonment. His bond was set at \$250,000 cash. His next scheduled court appearance is on January 4, 2022.

Man Found Guilty of Making Terroristic Threats

A Charlevoix County jury found Jonathon Paul Stewart, 33, Atlanta guilty of making a terroristic threat and malicious use of an electronic communication device.

The trial took two days and the jury deliberated for less than an hour before rendering a verdict.

Three Charlevoix County employees testified that Stewart placed four phone calls to the Charlevoix County building on June 10, 2021, during which he berated and threatened county employees, used obscenities and vulgarities about the employees.

Stewart left a voicemail for one county employee saying, "I guarantee you're going to want to call a cop because I will be outside waiting for you after work to discuss this with you without a phone in between us."

In his final phone call of the day, Stewart told a county em-



JONATHON PAUL STEWART

ployee to "put a cop on the phone or I'm going to come down and start shooting," according to a witness. She testified that later in the call told her numerous times that he was going to come and shoot her.

The employees notified the security officers in the building who took the information from caller ID and were able to identify the call as coming from Stewart's address in Atlanta. A Montmorency County

deputy made contact with Stewart within an hour.

"I want to thank the jurors for their time and consideration with the case," said Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof, who tried the case for the prosecution.

"I also want to thank the brave women who faced the person who had terrorized them and told the jury about this harrowing experience and what they were put through. One person said she didn't know if she was going to make it home that night," Telgenhof said. "No person should ever be made to feel that way for just doing their job."

"The women promptly got information to law enforcement, they made written statements immediately while the facts were fresh in their mind and police quickly identified the person and made contact to determine whether he was

on his way to Charlevoix. Everyone involved in the case did a tremendous job to avoid a greater tragedy, especially our courthouse security officers, Jim Spires and Pete Shrift."

Stewart will be sentenced at a later date by Judge Thomas G. Power who was assigned the case.

The crime of making a terroristic threat carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, however, Stewart has been convicted of six prior felonies so he will be sentenced as a habitual offender with a maximum penalty of life in prison.

The malicious use of an electronic communication device conviction carries a maximum sentence of six months in jail. Stewart has been in jail since his arrest in June with his bond set at \$200,000.

Submitted by Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, Allen Telgenhof

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2021 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS' ALL-COUNTY SOCCER



BY: DOM SANTINA

Soccer is a very interesting sport in Charlevoix County. We only have two schools that have a Boys soccer team, Charlevoix and Boyne City. So, with only having two teams, we have decided that it is not enough to create a Dream Team with. However, we would like to highlight some players from the two teams that had awesome seasons. We took the top three players from each team.

BOYNE CITY

The three players highlighted from the Boyne City team were all selected as part of the MIHSSCA All State Honors. As a team this year, the Ramblers finished 12-8-2 overall on the season. While being 8-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference, which would give them a second play finish. The season would come in the opening round of District playoffs with a loss to TC Christian.



DEREK WORD, SENIOR, # 10

One of the center midfielders for the Ramblers this season. Word would end up tallying 10 goals and 4 assists for a team that had some offense but not a ton. He helped out the Ramblers in many games offensively, which helped them get a few wins.



NICOLAS SANTINA, SENIOR, # 0

A star goalie two years ago, Santina returned to the net to provide a solid presence in goal for the Ramblers. Santina on the season would pick up 12 wins, with 11 of them being a shutout. He would make 85 saves on 102 shots this season for



JOEL CARTER, SENIOR, # 7

Another midfielder for the Ramblers who provided valuable minutes for the Ramblers was Carter. He would add 3 assists and 3 goals on the season for the Ramblers. Carter would receive honors as All-Conference, All-District

CHARLEVOIX

The Rayders would have three players recognized as All Conference selections, while a few were named to the All-District team as well. The Rayders this season went 7-9-1 on the year overall. The Rayders would go 3-5-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference, for a third overall finish in conference. A big step forward from a very rough season last year.



SAM PLETCHER, JUNIOR

In his junior year, Sam Pletcher was one of the best players on the Rayders this season. Pletcher offensively scored 13 goals and added 5 assists. A player that has some speed and skill plus add in his motivation to fight for the ball will be a big asset for the Rayders next year.



BRADY COLLINS, JUNIOR

A goalie a year ago, that transferred into the offense this season for the Rayders was Brady Collins. This season Collins tallied 8 goals and 7 assists. He is another player that has vision and speed that will return next season for the Rayders.



RYAN PEARL, FRESHMAN

A rookie goalie for the Rayders this season would provide 4 shutouts and would help them win 7 games this season. A very young player that will have three more seasons to grow in the Rayders program and provide even better goaltending in the future.

WHILE EACH OF THE ABOVE PLAYERS WERE A MAJOR SUCCESS OF THE TEAM, SOME OTHER PLAYERS WHO EARNED SEASON ENDING RECOGNITION WERE :

Connor Carlson, Boyne City, All-Conference Team and All-District Team honors; Hayden Mosely, Boyne City, All-Conference Honorable Mention; Mason Fiel, Boyne City, All-Conference Honorable Mention; Phillip Banner, Boyne City, All-Conference Honorable Mention and All-District honors; Ryan Lopez, Charlevoix; All-Conference Honorable Mention and All-District honors; Scott Bush, Charlevoix, All-Conference Honorable Mention. **Congratulations to both teams and all players on their seasons.**

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Turnovers plague Ramblers in season opener vs Cheboygan

BY DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City Ramblers Girls Basketball team would look to start year number two under head coach Adam Stefanski off with a win against Cheboygan on the road on November 30. The Ramblers, looking to build off a good 10-6 season a year ago would have to do so without

head coach Stefanski on the sidelines for the first game of the season.

It would turn out to be a very rough affair for both basketball teams, as is accustomed with early season play. However, this one would have massive numbers in one statistical category. The Ramblers would jump out to an early 4-1 lead at the end of

the first quarter.

They would then find themselves down 11-8 heading into halftime, as the Chiefs outscored the Ramblers 10-4 in the second quarter. They would use that run out of halftime as well, as they would go on a 12-0 run in the third quarter. The Ramblers would only continue to see the deficit get

bigger as the time would wind down. The Chiefs would end up picking up the early season victory by a score of 41-23.

Reagan Woodall would be the leading scorer with 10 points and 4 steals and Ava Maginity would add 5 points and 5 assists. The big stats of the night would be in the turnover category. As the

Chiefs would have 32 turnovers forced by the Ramblers. On a normal night, that would be outstanding, however, the Ramblers hurt themselves by committing 42 turnovers themselves. Which would equal a total of 74 combined turnovers between the two teams. The Ramblers also struggled at the free throw line as they only shot 3

for 13 from the stripe, while giving the Chiefs 29 opportunities.

The Ramblers have a lot to clean up as they look at their next matchup against St. Ignace on Tuesday, December 7 at home. The Ramblers will have a tough test, as the Saints dominated Charlevoix to open up the season.

College football bowl game schedule, scores

Friday, Dec. 17

BAHAMAS BOWL

Middle Tennessee vs. Toledo
12 p.m. ET | ESPN
Thomas Robinson Stadium in Nassau, Bahamas

CURE BOWL

Northern Illinois vs. Coastal Carolina
6 p.m. | ESPN2
Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida

Saturday, Dec. 18

BOCA RATON BOWL

Appalachian State vs. Western Kentucky
11 a.m. | ESPN
FAU Stadium in Boca Raton, Florida

CELEBRATION BOWL

Jackson State vs. South Carolina State
12 p.m. | ABC
Mercedes-Benz in Atlanta, Georgia

NEW MEXICO BOWL

Fresno State vs. UTEP
2:15 p.m. | ESPN
Dreamstyle Stadium in Albuquerque, New Mexico

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

No. 13 BYU vs. UAB
3:30 p.m. | ABC
Independence Stadium in Shreveport, Louisiana

LENDINGTREE BOWL

Eastern Michigan vs. Liberty
5:45 p.m. | ESPN
Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Alabama

LA BOWL

Oregon State vs. Utah State
7:30 p.m. | ABC
SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

No. 23 Louisiana vs. Marshall
9:15 p.m. | ESPN
Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana

Monday, Dec. 20

MYRTLE BEACH BOWL

Tulsa vs. Old Dominion
2:30 p.m. | ESPN
Brooks Stadium in Conway, South Carolina

Tuesday, Dec. 21

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL

Kent State vs. Wyoming
3:30 p.m. | ESPN
Albertsons Stadium in Boise, Idaho

FRISCO BOWL

No. 24 San Diego State vs. UTSA
7:30 p.m. | ESPN
Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

Armed Forces Bowl
Missouri vs. Army
8 p.m. | ESPN
Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth, Texas

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Frisco Football Classic
Miami (Ohio) vs. North Texas
3:30 p.m. | ESPN
Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas

GASPARILLA BOWL

Florida vs. UCF
7 p.m. | ESPN
Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida

Friday, Dec. 24

HAWAII BOWL

Memphis vs. Hawai'i
8 p.m. | ESPN
Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Complex in Honolulu, Hawai'i

Saturday, Dec. 25

CAMELLIA BOWL

Ball State vs. Georgia State
2:30 p.m. | ESPN
Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama

Monday, Dec. 27

QUICK LANE BOWL

Western Michigan vs. Nevada
11 a.m. | ESPN
Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan

MILITARY BOWL

East Carolina vs. Boston College
2:30 p.m. | ESPN
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland

Tuesday, Dec. 28

BIRMINGHAM BOWL

No. 20 Houston vs. Auburn
12 p.m. | ESPN
Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Alabama

FIRST RESPONDER BOWL

Air Force vs. Louisville
3:15 p.m. | ESPN
Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas, Texas

LIBERTY BOWL

Texas Tech vs. Mississippi State
6:45 p.m. | ESPN
Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis, Tennessee

HOLIDAY BOWL

No. 18 North Carolina State vs. UCLA
8 p.m. | FOX
Petco Park in San Diego, California

GUARANTEED RATE BOWL

Minnesota vs. West Virginia
10:15 p.m. | ESPN
Chase Field in Phoenix, Arizona

Wednesday, Dec. 29

FENWAY BOWL

Virginia vs. SMU
11 a.m. | ESPN
Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts

PINSTRIP BOWL

Virginia Tech vs. Maryland
2:15 p.m. | ESPN
Yankee Stadium in New York, New York

CHEEZ-IT BOWL

No. 19 Clemson vs. Iowa State
5:45 p.m. | ESPN
Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida

ALAMO BOWL

No. 14 Oregon vs. No. 16 Oklahoma
9:15 p.m. | ESPN
Alamodome in San Antonio,

Texas

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

Duke's Mayo Bowl
North Carolina vs. South Carolina
11:30 a.m. | ESPN
Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Tennessee vs. Purdue
3 p.m. | ESPN
Nissan Stadium in Nashville, Tennessee

PEACH BOWL

No. 10 Michigan State vs. No. 12 Pittsburgh
7 p.m. | ESPN
Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Wisconsin vs. Arizona State
10:30 p.m. | ESPN
Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada

Friday, Dec. 31

GATOR BOWL

No. 17 Wake Forest vs. No. 25 Texas A&M
11 a.m. | ESPN
TIAA Bank Stadium in Jacksonville, Florida

SUN BOWL

Washington State vs. Miami (FL)
12 p.m. | CBS
Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas

ARIZONA BOWL

Central Michigan vs. Boise State
2 p.m. | Barstool Sports
Arizona Stadium in Tucson, Arizona

COTTON BOWL

(College Football Playoff semifinal)
No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Cincinnati
3:30 p.m. | ESPN
AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas

ORANGE BOWL

(College Football Playoff semifinal)

No. 2 Michigan vs. No. 3 Georgia

7:30 p.m. | ESPN
Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida

Saturday, Jan. 1

OUTBACK BOWL

No. 21 Arkansas vs. Penn State
12 p.m. | ESPN2
Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida

CITRUS BOWL

No. 15 Iowa vs. No. 22 Kentucky
1 p.m. | ABC
Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida

FIESTA BOWL

No. 5 Notre Dame vs. No. 9 Oklahoma State
1 p.m. | ESPN
State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona

ROSE BOWL

No. 6 Ohio State vs. No. 11 Utah

5 p.m. | ESPN
Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California

SUGAR BOWL

No. 7 Baylor vs. No. 8 Ole Miss
8:45 p.m. | ESPN
Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

TEXAS BOWL

Kansas State vs. LSU
9 p.m. | ESPN
NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas

MONDAY, JAN. 10

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

8 p.m. | ESPN
Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana

Here's a complete list of scores from the College Football Playoff since its first season in 2014:

College Football Playoff: Scores
2014 season
Rose Bowl: No. 2 Oregon 59, No. 3 Florida State 20
Sugar Bowl: No. 4 Ohio State 42, No. 1 Alabama 35
CFP National Championship Game: No. 4 Ohio State 42, No. 2 Oregon 20
2015 season
Orange Bowl: No. 1 Clemson 37, No. 4 Oklahoma 17
Cotton Bowl: No. 2 Alabama 38, No. 3 Michigan State 0
CFP National Championship Game: No. 2 Alabama 45, No. 1 Clemson 40
2016 season
Fiesta Bowl: No. 2 Clemson 31, No. 3 Ohio State 0
Peach Bowl: No. 1 Alabama 24, No. 4 Washington 7
CFP National Championship Game: No. 2 Clemson 35, No. 1 Alabama 31
2017 season
Rose Bowl: No. 3 Georgia 54, No. 2 Oklahoma 48 (2OT)
Sugar Bowl: No. 4 Alabama 24, No. 1 Clemson 6
CFP National Championship Game: No. 4 Alabama 26, No. 3 Georgia 23 (OT)
2018 season
Orange Bowl: No. 1 Alabama 45, No. 4 Oklahoma 34
Cotton Bowl: No. 2 Clemson 30, No. 3 Notre Dame 3
CFP National Championship Game: No. 2 Clemson 44, No. 1 Alabama 16
2019 season
Peach Bowl: No. 1 LSU 63, No. 4 Oklahoma 28
Fiesta Bowl: No. 3 Clemson 29, No. 2 Ohio State 23
CFP National Championship Game: No. 1 LSU 42, No. 3 Clemson 25
2020 season
Rose Bowl: No. 1 Alabama 31, No. 4 Notre Dame 14
Sugar Bowl: No. 3 Ohio State 49, No. 2 Clemson 28
CFP National Championship Game: No. 1 Alabama 52, No. 3 Ohio State 24
The 2019 season marked the first time the No. 1 team in the final CFP rankings has won the title. The No. 1 has now won two in a row, however, with Alabama routing Ohio State in the 2020 season.

The No. 2 team has been the most successful this far, as that team has won three times: Alabama (2015 season), Clemson (2016 season) and Clemson (2018 season).

Gaylord All Outdoors Tri-45 Winter Triathlon Registration Open

Gaylord – Triathlon and winter enthusiasts will be excited to know the Gaylord All Outdoors Tri-45 Winter Triathlon is coming to our community on Sunday, February 6, 2022. The Tri-45 consists of a 5k cross-country ski, 10k fat tire bike and 5k run.

Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Convention and Tourism Bureau and taking place on the scenic grounds of Treetops Resort, the Tri-45 will be the only winter triathlon in Michigan this season. Race Director, Meagan Rinck, stated, "There's only three other winter triathlons in the United States, so this is kind of a newer thing and I wanted to bring it to Michigan. I hate

being cold, but I love the winter and I like being active, and that's what keeps you warm."

A lifelong resident of northern Michigan, Rinck is also the Race Director for the Alpenfest Run, Alpenfrost's Frosty 5k and the Toys for Tots Turkey Trot.

Those eager to compete can register as an individual for just \$60. Team entry is also available for \$80, allowing you to divide activities between 2-3 people. While you may still register on the day of the event, early registration is highly recommended. Visit www.gaylordalldoorwintertriathlon.com for more information.

8 Player All-State Football

The Michigan Associated Press has released its 2021-8-player high school football all-state teams.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Luke Gorzinski, Powers North Central.

QUARTERBACKS

Luke Gorzinski, Powers North Central
Mason VanSickle, Au Gres-Sims

RUNNING BACKS

Wyatt Wesley, Morrice
Shawn Bramer, Suttons Bay

RECEIVERS

Justin Wickey, Colon
Elliott Addleman, Adrian
Lenawee Christian

LINEMEN

Coby Kegerreis, Adrian
Lenawee Christian
Wyatt Raab, Powers North Central
Lane Nehring, Powers North Central
Tucker Lafler, Colon

LINEBACKERS

Collin Davis, Adrian
Lenawee Christian
Kaleb Johnson, Colon

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Hugh Periard, Suttons Bay
Sam Mayer, Inland Lakes

ATHLETES

Mason Salisbury, Marion
Simon Vinson, Colon
Nicolas Johnson, Britton-Deerfield

SPECIALIST

Cordell Jones-McNally, Marcellus

COACH OF THE YEAR

Brian Sanchez, Au Gres-Sims

SECOND TEAM

QUARTERBACKS

Reid Haskins, Bridgman;
Ashur Bryja, Adrian
Lenawee Christian.

RUNNING BACKS

Nathan Robar, Peck; Sam McKissack, Crystal Falls
Forest Park; Evan Saunders, Au Gres-Sims; Jayce Warren, Bridgman.

LINEMEN

Cameron Alberts, Suttons Bay; Anthony Paull, Rogers City; Alex Larner, Morrice; Noah Koth, Kinde North Huron.

LINEBACKERS

Johnny Nutkins, Newberry; Connor Alcock, Britton-Deerfield.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Clay Ayers, Adrian
Lenawee Christian; Gabe Ruggles, Mt. Pleasant
Sacred Heart

ATHLETES

Alton Davis, Genesee; Will Case, Kinde North Huron

PUNTER

Brendan VanSumeren, Bay City
All Saints

KICKER

Raul Fuentes-Garriga, Colon

HONORABLE MENTION

QUARTERBACK

Jaden Borseth, Ontonagon

RUNNING BACKS

Evan Lulliman, Mendon;
Josh Sullivan, Pickford; Keagan Bender, Au Gres-Sims.

RECEIVERS

Johnny Schuman, Lawrence;
Gavin Walker, Lincoln
Alcona; Eric Edwards
Newberry; Mehki Wingfield, Concord.

LINEMEN

Josiah Howell, Mt. Pleasant
Sacred Heart; Kirby Koskela, Lake Linden-Hubbell;
Timmy Bendick, Crystal Falls
Forest Park; George Edington, Pickford; Lleyton Krumlauf, Suttons Bay.

LINEBACKERS

Dallas Long, Mio; James Milkey, Lake Linden-Hubbell;
Cameron Raftery, Merrill; Cody Newell, North Adams
Jerome.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Cody Dabb, Ironwood; Tyler Carpenter, Concord.

ATHLETES

Ethan Bowerman, Deckerville; J.R. Hildebrand, Martin; E.J. Suggitt, Rudyard.

PUNTER

Ethan Landon, Pellston.

KICKER

Jacob Nolan, Rudyard.

COACHES

Bill Wilharms, Adrian
Lenawee Christian; Leo Gorzinski, Powers North Central; Chad Knoblock, Kinde North Huron; Garrick Opie, Suttons Bay.

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If you have any questions or concerns or would like additional information pertaining to this request, you can contact John Ferguson in writing at 8354 Mercer Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or by phone at 231-547-6218 or 231-459-8141.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

The South Arm Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the South Arm Township Hall located at 02811 South M-66 Highway, East Jordan, Michigan for the purpose of receiving public comment pertaining to an application by Dollar General and Overland Engineering requesting a rezoning from R-1 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) on a portion of a parcel currently owned by Steve and Theresa Sloop on a proposed new 2.02 acre parcel at the Southeast intersection of C-48 and Griffin Road which may allow for the future construction of a new Dollar General store on this site.

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WILSON TOWNSHIP CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Wilson Township Board of Review will meet at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at the Wilson Township Hall, located at 02530 Fall Park Road, Boyne City, to correct qualified errors; or to consider appeals related to Principal Residence Exemptions, Qualified Agricultural Exemptions, and Poverty Exemptions. Send written requests to the Wilson Township Assessor, 03060 Fall Park Rd., Boyne City, MI 49712. Written requests must be received by 4:00 PM Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting an accommodation to attend this meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Wilson Township Clerk at (231) 582-1033 Ext. 1, prior to the meeting.

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Ellsworth Community School is currently accepting bids for our 2021-22 construction trades project house. This year's project house is a 24' x 32' two-bedroom, one-bath home (see attached floor plan and front elevation.)

Ellsworth Community School will provide to the winning bidder a house completed to the following specifications;

Exterior - 100% complete including all exterior doors/windows, roofing, vinyl siding and corresponding trims.

Interior - Complete through primed drywall including the following; insulated, drywalled and prime painted interior walls and ceilings, electrical and plumbing through rough inspection.

Please note that this bid is for the 24' x 32' 768 sq. ft. base house shown in the plans, not the optional addition.

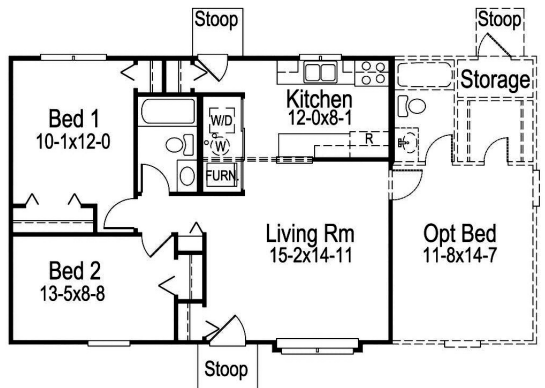
The winning bidder will be solely responsible (at the winning bidders expense) for moving the house from Ellsworth Community School property by Monday, July 18, 2022 at the latest. Failure to do so will result in the winning bidder being assessed a fine of up to \$100/day for every day after July 18 that the house remains on ECS property.

Once a winning bidder is established and a base contract has been signed, Ellsworth Community School will work with the bidder to provide additional services (such as cabinets, flooring, etc.) at a price to be mutually agreed upon by both parties if feasible during the 2021-22 school year.

The minimum bid based on the above specifications and materials has been set at \$50,000. Sealed bids will be accepted at the address listed below until Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. All bids received by this time will be considered with the highest bid being awarded at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Minimum bids of \$50,000 may be sent via USPS or personal delivery to:

Ellsworth Community School Construction Trades House Bids Aaron Gaffney, Superintendent 9467 Park Street Ellsworth, MI 49729



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