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Suicide Prevention Fundraiser in NYC Centers on Local Girl



A friend honors an East Jordan girl and her family, 10 years after their loss.



Kiersten with her award-winning artwork behind her.

BY CATIE L'HEUREUX

On June 4. I will walk 16 miles across New York City from dusk to dawn in a benefit for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. I am walking in honor of an East Jordan

girl, Kiersten Clavier. Kiersten is the reason I became a writer. Every few months I speak to college journalism classes and have to tell the story of "why I became a writer." Each time I talk about Kiersten's suicide 10 years ago—how I was 1 of 2 reporters at the Charlevoix County News in

small-town Michigan, and the editor asked me to write her obituary. I told him I had no idea what to do. I'd never written an obituary before, and never for someone I knew. She was my friend Stephanie's sister. I had been to their house and met their family earlier that summer when Stephanie and I began waitressing together.

A journalist family friend suggested I go to the funeral and interview her loved ones: "That's where you'll find the best memories of her."

But in the church parking lot I broke down in the car. I

decided to go to the funeral as a friend of Stephanie, not as a reporter. I looked at the ground while walking into the church.

After the funeral, Kiersten's mom was crying heaving sobs at a table in the reception room of the funeral home, and I felt too afraid to go up and hug her. I think I actually moved to the other side of the room when she stood up to get water. Weeks later when I saw her again, she said, "Thank you Catie so much for coming to the funeral, I saw you there and wanted to give you a hug. It means so much to all of us that you were there."

The story I tell the students is: this experience of needing to ask Stephanie for a phone interview while she was grieving. The miraculous act of kindness that she agreed to do it. And the surprise of calling at the agreed-upon time-and learning all of the Claviers were there on the phone, ready to remember Kiersten together.

I tell them: "My friend Stephanie put the phone on speaker on the kitchen table in their farmhouse." Each of them took turns remembering what they love about Kiersten while I listened and typed notes, and I felt a kind of transcendence: like I'd left my body to float a little above my head and watch this amazing, moving thing happen. They all had vivid memories of her: of horseback riding, her art, places where she liked to read and be on the farm. She was 17. I didn't know her: I re-

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Mobile homes in the Nottingham Forest manufactured home residential community were flipped over and torn open during Friday's tornado, leaving many of the residents homeless. Parts of homes were thrown into the air, crashing down into trees and scattering throughout the park. Emergency first responders tended to victims, some of whom were taken to area hospitals. Photo by Joanie Moore



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Gaylord

Buzz and Dianna DeHooghe caught in tornado at Northern **Michigan RV**

This is a note Buzz sent his friends that he shared with the paper.

You may have heard there was a tornado in Gaylord. What you may not have heard is that Dee and I were intimately involved in it. We both received some scrapes and cuts. Dee had three stitches where the glass was removed from her shin, and I had five stitches where my finger was cut. Other than that, the doctors tell us, after x-rays and CT scans, that we have no significant injuries. We are learning to live with bruises and some serious muscle soreness. We are not complaining because as we review what happened, we are both very lucky or blessed or both to be here at all.

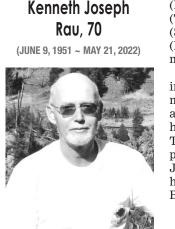
Buzz and Dianna were at Northern Michigan RV they had gone to look for a new trailer. We were both outside standing buy a trailer when the tornado hit.

Our travel trailer was hooked to our Ford F-150. Dianna dove into a small trailer on the lot as the storm engulfed us. As she dove through the door, the windows in the trailer all blew in covering her in glass. She was then rattled

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Ken Joseph Rau of Boyne City died peacefully at his home on May 21, 2022, nine years after a severe stroke.

Ken was born on June 9, 1951 in Flint, MI and grew up in Mt. Morris. His many talents included building and remodeling. He accomplished building his home and the beloved cabin in the U.P. He enjoyed motor cycles, snowmobiling, boating, fishing and hunting.

Ken is survived by his wife Rose of 52 years and two daughters Rebecca Smigiel of Rockford, MI and Amy Pellerito of Boyne City; and special niece Tina (Justin) Rouleau of Boyne City. Their five grandchildren include Amber, Cassandra & Jared Smigiel Gabe and Dylan Pellerito; sister Elaine (Art) Whitmore; brothers Chris Rau and Tony (Jackie) Rau; sisterin-law Robin (Jim) Berry and brother-in-law's Bob

(Ruth) Nichols, Rick (Trini) Nichols, Roger (Sue) Nichols and Russ (Lisa) Nichols; and many more nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are invited to come and remember the good times and to raise a drink to honor the life of Ken Rau. The gathering will take place 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Ken's house; 652 E. Main Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Joseph Leist, 57

(SEPT. 26, 1964 - MAY 18, 2022) Joseph E. Leist of Boyne



City passed away at his home on May 18, 2022 following a courageous battle with acute myeloid leukemia (AML).

Joe was born to Ron and Judy Leist on September, 26, 1964. He grew up on their family farm and graduated from Onaway High School in 1982. Joe married his wife, Shelley (Ryder), on June 29, 1991 and they lived together in Horton Bay until the time of his death. Joe began working at Manthei Construction in 2001 and

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proudly drove semi for them until March of this year.

He was a steady man with a strong work ethic. Joe enjoyed sitting at the family cabin on Lake Superior, boating, the beach, and spending time with family and friends around a bonfire.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Mary Ann Leist and Janet Beriault; and his father- & mother-in-law, Jim and Bonnie Ryder.

He is survived by his wife; brother, Gary Leist (Janet Gardner), of Boyne City; sister, Linda (Kevin) Clements, of Boyne City; niece, Bridgette Beriault, of Apollo Beach, Florida; brother- & sister-in-law, Steve (Tammy) Ryder, of Boyne Falls; niece, Nissa (Eric) Cohen and greatnephew, Cameron, of Omaha, Nebraska; and nephew Geary Ryder (Bridget McFail), of Lone Tree, Colorado; along with many wonderful relatives and close friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at 5:00pm at Walloon Lake Community Church. Visitation to precede the service, beginning at 3:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Blue Water Hospice Home, 2795 Edison Drive, Marysville, MI 48040 or https://vnabwh.org/donate/

James "Jim" L. Hatch, 83

(AUG. 1, 1938 - MAY 17, 2022)



tulionus (David) and Anne Campbell (Bill), one brother Greg Hatch, eight grandchildren living around the country: Jordan, Evan and Hanna Merz, Austin J. Hatch (Abby), James P. and Andrew Hatch, Maria Bowersock (Jason), Brittnee Burns (Jared), seven great grandchildren (with one more on the way), many brothers and sisters-inlaw, and dozens of nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved.

Jim is preceded in death by the love of his life, wife Margaret A. ("Peg" O'Donnell) Hatch, son Stephen J. Hatch, daughters-in-law Julie (Siwik) Hatch, Kimberly (Russo) Hatch, Grandchildren Lindsay and Ian Hatch, and Austin T. Neal.

The Funeral Liturgy Mass will be held on May 25, 2022 at 11 AM with Rev. James Bearss of Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic Church in Harbor Springs officiating, followed by Internment at St. Francis Cemetery in Petoskey. Visitation hours will be held at the church on the same day from 10:30 - 11 AM.

Jim was born and August 1, 1938 in Saginaw, MI, the son of Frances (Schwannecke) and James Hatch, and grew up in Saginaw. He attended Catholic schools, participated in sports, Boy Scouts and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. After high school, Jim attended General Motors Institute (now Kettering), earning a B.S in Industrial Engineering then went on to earn both an MBA and MS in Engineering from the University of Michigan. He became a lifelong Michigan fan, a passion he passed along to his family.

Jim was a loving, dedicated husband, father, and grandfather whose main life's purpose was to love God, practice his faith. adore his wife and family, live by example, work hard, play hard, explore and be curious, and to pass along Catholic Christian teachings and values. In his early adult life. Jim served as a Boy Scout leader. He developed a liking for Jazz which he continued to enjoy throughout his life. Jim and Peg fell in love with Northern Michigan while they were still young parents. They bought their first cottage in Lake City, MI in the early 1970's and in 1975, purchased the current property on Walloon Lake. The Walloon cottage was a labor of love, built with what Jim liked to call "sweat equity". They traveled there almost every weekend to enjoy the lake, spend time together with family and friends, and participate in a myriad of activities including snow and water sports. Jim & Peg also traveled the world, taking in all of the sights, sounds and cuisine. They eventually retired and split their time between Walloon Lake and Fountain Hills, AZ, where they've left many close friends and where Jim retained a residence up to his death.

Jim was an early pioneer in the computer field in the 1960's and had a distinguished career in information technology (IT). He was employed by General Motors (GM) starting with Saginaw Steering Gear Division and rose up to lead their data center. He then led other global IT departments for GM, including Packard Electric (Warren, OH), the GM Technical Center (Warren, MI), and ultimately became a Vice President of GM leading IT for the Assembly Division (Detroit, MI). He held similar positions at RJR-Nabisco (Winston-Salem, NC), where he served as VP of IT then became Chief Information Officer (CIO). He held several other CIO positions that also encompassed worldwide operations for Treasure Chest Advertising (Glendora, CA), J.I. Case (Racine, WI), Tenneco and Pactiv Corporations (WI and IL). In 2003, Jim was featured on the cover of Information Week magazine where he served as an editor, consistently advising CEOs and Boards on how to improve IT strategy coupled with business-process alignment. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Knights of Columbus Council 923 located on 1006 Charlevoix Road, Petoskey, MI 49770

Jackie Sue Hosler, 78

May 26, 2022

(JULY 3, 1943 - MAY 21, 2022)



Jackie S. Hosler of East Jordan passed away on May 21, 2022 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

She was born on July 3, 1943, in Lansing, MI, the daughter of Omer and Ruth (Bland) Everett.

Jackie's greatest love was visiting with friends and family. She also enjoyed walking her dog, playing bingo and taking road trips to see the countryside.

Surviving are 6 children, Betty (Greg) Smith of Merana, AZ, Melissa (David) Arnold of Arbondale, FL, Stewart (Dorothy) Warrington, Jerry (Marsha) Hosler, Frank Hosler and Veronica (Bill) Watros all of East Jordan.

Also surviving are a brother Jim McPherson of AZ, 16 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were her husband George Hosler, 2 children, Rose Buckner, Kay Donnelly, 2 grandchildren, Matt Warrington, Tommy Watros, 5 siblings, Eldon, Bonnie, Roy, Lewis and Jean as well as her parents.

Funeral services will take place on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 12 noon at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Pastor Kimon Criner officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the time of services.

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Jim is survived by his daughter, Julie Burk (Dennis), son Michael Hatch (Ellen), sisters: Mary Ko-

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

Private burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in South Arm Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Governor Whitmer Announces FEMA Granted Request for Expedited Damage Assessment Following Tornado in Otsego County

LANSING, Mich. – Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has granted her request for a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) with state and local officials to help expedite review of the damages and response costs caused by an EF-3 tornado in Otsego County. The PDA is the next step in the process of asking for federal assistance.

"This assessment is a critical step in seeking federal aid for Otsego County by confirming the reported damage caused by Friday's tornado," said Governor Whitmer. "We are expediting the damage assessment process to ensure we receive all possible assistance for the people of Gaylord, as quickly as possible. Michiganders are tough, and together, we will do what it takes to rebuild." The joint PDA teams will be comprised of personnel from FEMA, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD), local governments and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"This was a devastating storm. My thoughts are with the entire Gaylord community and all those who were affected by the tornado. I am also grateful to the first responders who rushed to the scene to assist victims and save lives," said Senator Gary Peters. "My staff has been in close contact with both the Governor's office and FEMA as they continue responding to this tragedy. As Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, I stand ready to support any requests for federal disaster assistance as needed."

"Gaylord is the heart of Michigan's First District. While the recovery and cleanup effort by volunteers and First Responders in Gaylord has been monumental in just three short days, the effects of Friday's tornado will leave a lasting impact on all of Otsego County," said U.S. **Representative Jack** Bergman. "I appreciate FEMA's willingness to expedite the damage assessment process and work together with state and local leaders to complete this process. Taking these steps will allow us at the federal level to move forward to ensure all possible options for funding and relief are provided to Gaylord residents and businesses." Joint PDA teams are ex-

pected to begin gathering information in the affected communities Wednesday, May 24. They will be collecting estimated response and recovery costs, with a focus on the number of damaged buildings, extent of insurance coverage, displaced individuals and threats to health and safety. This PDA is part of a process that could lead to the state requesting a federal disaster declaration and additional funding from the federal government.

On Friday, May 20, an EF-3 tornado touched down in Otsego county. It left behind extensive damage to businesses, homes and property in the Gaylord area prompting Governor Whitmer to declare a state of emergency for Otsego County. By declaring a state of emergency, Governor Whitmer made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the designated area.

The declaration authorizes the MSP/EMHSD to coordinate state efforts above and beyond what MSP/EMHSD has already been doing in conjunction with local agencies.



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MEMORIAL DAY FACTS Memorial Day dates to post-Civil War

It was originally known as Decoration Day

Memorial Day was first celebrated on May 30, 1868, three after the Civil War ended. It was observed by placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers during the first national celebration. Gen. James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which around 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day and was celebrated annually on May 30. Today, Memorial Day is the final Monday of May.

On May 5, 1868, the head of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. This date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The tradition of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day was inspired by the poem that Moina Michael wrote in 1915. Moina, who was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Field," wrote: We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields were valor led; It seems to signal to the skies that blood of heroes never dies.

Moina also came up with the idea of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to her friends and coworkers



Civil War veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic observe what was then known as Decoration Day. (courtesy of Library of Congress)



Memorial Day was established as a federal holiday in 1971 to remember those soldiers who have given their lives in war to preserve our freedoms.

with the money going to benefit servicemen in need.

Here are some other Memorial Day facts: • On Memorial Day, the flag should be at halfstaff until noon only, then

raised to the top of the staff. • Red Poppies are recomized as the Momorial

ognized as the Memorial Day flower. • "Taps" is often

played at ceremonies on Memorial Day.

• Memorial Day was first called "Decoration Day" because of the practice of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers.

• New York was the first state to officially recognize Memorial Day.

• Flowers and flags are the two most popular items people use to remember soldiers.

• The south refused to honor the dead on Memorial Day until after World War I when the meaning of Memorial Day changed from honoring Civil War dead to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

• Observance of Memorial Day was moved to the final Monday in May 1971.

• The city known as the birthplace of Memorial Day is Waterloo, New York

• Arlington National Cemetery used to be a plantation belonging to Robert E. Lee.

• James A. Garfield spoke at the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

• About 40 million Americans visit Arlington National Cemetery each year.

• The annual Rolling Thunder Run biker rally in Washington, D.C. each Memorial Day is aimed at raising awareness of prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action.

--Compiled by Mike Dunn

OPINION

Congratulations Graduates

BY DAVE BARAGREY 1

This is an exciting time of year for graduating seniors and their families as they complete one portion of their life moving on to the next step anticipating what life holds next for them.

We congratulate the Class of 2022 and wish them a bright and successful future.

As the father of four sons I took the opportunity to use graduation as a time to challenge my boys. Following is an exerpt from one of the graduation leters I wrote to one of my sons.

You are beginning your journey into becoming a man. New experiences are in front of you. New responsibilities are just around the corner. New challenges are also coming. Along with the reward of becoming an adult comes the responsibility of being an adult. You are an intelligent young man and I am confident you will handle the experiences, responsibilities and the challenges very well.

Let me offer you some guidance on how you can prepare for what is ahead.

• Do the right thing – When given a choice, do what is right. You know right from wrong. Do the right thing. Don't cheat. Don't steal. Don't do things that will hurt you or those around you. Do what is legal and morally right.

• Treat people like Jesus would – Jesus died for me and you and others because he loved us. He gave his life so we wouldn't have to give ours. Be willing to give your life for those you love. Hopefully, it never comes to that but that is the attitude a man should have for his family. Treat everyone with respect. People you like, people you don't like and even people you don't even know. You never know when you, will run into these people again. They might be a coworker (or maybe your boss) someday. Let others go first. Open the door for other people. Let them cut in front of you when waiting in line. Be nice. You do this by smiling, greeting and treating people like you would like to be treated regardless of how they treat you. Follow the Golden Rule.

• Contribute – Give of your time and your money to help others in your community. Support charity and give of your time to make your community a better place to live and help others.

• Work hard – Give all you have while at work. Be proud of putting in a better than good day's work. Do more than your share at work. You will feel good about yourself and you will advance your career.

• Build up your wife - Consistently build up the self-esteem of your wife. Never attack her character or her person. Never let any harm come to her. Help her create self-confidence and independence. Tell her how beautiful she is and how much you love her everyday. Always treat her with love and respect and you will always get that back from her. Never let your

anger get in the way of loving your wife. Never betray her trust.

• Always think with your head, not your emotions – Don't let your emotions control your brain. Use common sense in all things. If you let your emotions control the way you act and think you will do some stupid things. Be smart. Think before you act.

• Pay your debts – Always be on time with your payments when you are establishing credit. Bad credit will follow you for a long time. Bad credit can restrict you from borrowing money in the future for a house, car or anything. If you owe it, pay it and pay it on time.

• Have fun – Don't waste your life doing something you hate. Love your work and enjoy your family. Take the time to do things with your wife and children. Spend some time doing some hobbies or activities you enjoy.

• Know you are loved – Mom and I love you without conditions. We have since before you were born and we always will. More importantly, know that God loves you. He will always be there to support you, comfort you and guide you in everything you do.

During the next few years you will have various situations to face. Some will be pleasant and some will be difficult. Keep these things in mind as you continue to grow and mature and you will be a good man.



North Country CMH Announces CEO Appointment

The Board of Directors of North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) offered the position of Chief Executive Officer to Brian Babbitt, current Chief Operating Officer, to succeed retiring Chief Executive Officer Christine Gebhard, effective July 1, 2022. Mr. Babbitt accepted the offer, and the Board approved his contract at its May 19, 2022 meeting.

Gebhard has been in the CEO position since April 2017 and has worked for NCCMH for the past 25 years.

Babbitt served as NCCMH's contract manager for three years prior to becoming its Chief Operating Officer in 2017. He holds a BA in Business Administration and Accounting; is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management; and certified in Healthcare Compliance. Prior to joining NCCMH, Babbitt was Vice President of Marketing and Manufacturing for MDG Medical in Ohio responsible for marketing and manufacturing operations and managing its international and domestic partner relationships. As General Manager for Cardinal Health in Puerto Rico, he was responsible for leading strategic planning and day-to-day operations for a \$13M international start-up operation during which he successfully implemented and facilitated Lean Six Sigma projects resulting in significant performance improvement and cost savings. In his younger days, while attending college, Babbitt was a direct care worker in an AFC home, ultimately becoming the in-residence home manager.

Babbitt said, "I am honored to be to be chosen as the next CEO for North Country Community Mental Health. This is an organization comprised of talented people dedicated to providing high quality behavioral health services. I am excited to lead this extraordinary team forward as we continue the work underway."

Gebhard said, "Leading North Country CMH these past five years has been the highlight of my career and I'm proud of all that we've accomplished. Brian has been my right-hand and I'm thrilled that he's been given this opportunity. I know the organization will continue to thrive under his leadership."

The board expressed its gratitude at finding such a qualified candidate internal to the organization. According to Ed Ginop, NCCMH Board Chair, "Brian has a thorough understanding of the organization and has effectively managed its business operations. The Board is confident in Brian's leadership in fulfilling our mission."

The NCCMH Board of Directors utilized Rehmann to assist with the search for a new CEO and interviewed three finalists for the position.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties experiencing a serious mental illness, severe emotional problem, or intellectual/developmental disability, including individuals with co-occurring substance use disorder.

Persons wishing to know more about North Country Community Mental Health are encouraged to visit www.norcocmh.org or to access services call 877-470-7130.

How Can We Help Our Community?

BY JOHN KEYSER

I've had the good fortune to know Bob Klein for a number of years and he has always been an inspiration to me for all he does for the community and residents of Charlevoix. I feel it is worth highlighting his servant leadership philosophy, that is helping others.

A little background. Bob grew up in Detroit, had the opportunity to summer with his parents in Charlevoix throughout his youth, attend a camp, and for many of these years was a counselor. After college, he earned his law degree at U. of Michigan, and subsequently practiced anti-trust and labor law at a top-notch law firm in Detroit.

Early on, Bob was asked to join the board of a large hospital, and subsequently became involved in philanthropy, which is so important to a non-profit. He felt good about his experiences as he was helping serve the need of the hospital and felt connected to the community. He subsequently helped promote the needs of his high school, college and law school and numerous other important non-



BOB KLEIN

profits serving those in the community.

Having realized just how important philanthropy is to a community, Bob retired early from his law practice and he and his accomplished wife, Wally, moved to Charlevoix, their "magic kingdom". He took an immediate interest in helping our community and our people here. Just some of the organizations he is helping are the Charlevoix Community Fund, the Moms and Tots Program at Good Samaritan Family Services, the Circle of Arts, Camp Higher Ground, a summer camp at Lake Louise for fatherless children, and

other worthy initiatives. Bob is passionate about helping our community solve the problems we face, such as the need for low income housing, free child care so more people can work, and providing more trade school opportunities so our young people can take advantage of the opportunities right here in our area and not have to move away.

Bob approaches promoting his selected organizations as a donor, not simply a solicitor. He and Wally are contributing as well, financially and with their time. A principal of fundraising is that it is a relationship business, and putting oneself at the prospective donor's side of the table, namely, what is appealing to her/him.

Being impressed with the generosity of so many in our Charlevoix community and particularly our desire to help folks in need, Bob hopes to positively influence more seasonals like himself through outreach and informational efforts. Many who spend some time here and love our area and town simply are not aware of our needs. With local businesses being short of staff, efforts to promote subsidized childcare as well as skills development at the community college in Petoskey, hopefully sometime in the near future, would be a win/win for residents and businesses alike.

If I could summarize Bob's mission at this stage of his life, I believe it to be:

Helping make our Charlevoix area more prosperous for our residents, and

Getting the word out to families downstate and nearby states to consider moving here to our very special community

Thank you, Bob Klein, for all you do for us here in Charlevoix. We are blessed to have you and your servant leadership philosophy here with us.

We can all, to the degrees that we each can, do what Bob does – take a personal interest in the wellbeing of our community and all of us who live here.





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The Charlevoix County Chambers are coming together to host a grand **Business After Hours** Event at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix. Food, Networking and Fun will all be on the menu for this great night. Entry fee will be \$10 per person (including Chamber Members). This countywide event is open to the public and members of the Chamber of Commerces in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan. Thank you to our sponsors: Facility Sponsor: The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix; Presenting Sponsor: Charlevoix State Bank. Event Sponsors: Charlevoix County News, Consumers Energy, Charlevoix County Community Foundation

ELLSWORTH, EAST JORDAN GARAGE SALES ACROSS THE BREEZEWAY

Not Too Early to Start Preparing For the 14th Annual Garage Sales Across the Breezeway scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 27th and 28th. Get your sale listed on the map and flyers for only \$10. Call the Chamber Office to get registered! 536-7351 or email to info@ejchmber.org

> EAST JORDAN MASS AT ST. JOHN **NEPOMUCENE CHURCH**

Mass Saturday May 28 at 7PM at St. John Nepomucene Church. Bishop Jeffery Walsh will be presiding. St John Nepomucene is located at the corner of M-32 East at 4976 St. John Rd. Halfway between Elmira US 131 and East Jordan.

CHARLEVOIX SPRING PLANT SALE

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club is sponsoring a spring plant sale May 28,

Norwood.

ELLSWORTH CONCERTS IN THE SQUARE

This summer there will be several concerts at the Ellsworth Community Square on Wednesday evenings this summer. More information will be forthcoming.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COA UPDATE FOR MAY

Charlevoix County Senior Centers are gradually moving back towards a more normal experience!

• Masks ARE STILL recommended but not mandatory.

• We will continue to ask that those not feeling well or who are sick to please NOT come into the Senior Centers & if you do, please know you will be asked to leave to protect our Aging Adults and the Staff who serve you!

• Take Out is available for those still not wanting to dine in.

• We have added back our second menu option each week.

• We are once again highlighting Michigan In Season Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

• We will start Wednesday Night dinners June 1, 2022

• We are transitioning back to regular plates, glasses, coffee cups and utensils.

• Soups, Salads, Fruit and Bread are offered as side options. Soups will be served on Tuesdays and Fridays. Dinner Salads Mondays and Wednesdays and a Specialty Salad on Thursdays.

• While we were closed we were able to purchase some new games such as Corn Hole, Toss a Cross, Inflatable Velcro axe toss, and other fun activities that can be used inside or out. Just ask your Site Coordinator if you are interested.

 Some of our Senior Centers are short staffed so we are doing the best we can with less support. Please be patient and kind. Finding staff is a challenge all over Northern Michigan and we can only do what we can with what we have.

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 activities 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.

CHARLEVOIX INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL

With Pickleball Ambassador Dave Gallinat at Charlevoix's Elm Street courts Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 pm. Come learn all about Pickleball, considered to be the fastest growing sport in North America. We will meet at the Elm Street courts to learn the basics of Pickleball from Dave and his colleagues. You will learn about the history of the game, equipment and court, basic rules, places to play, and a demonstration of the game will be played. Wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes, and be prepared to have fun and learn. Pickleball equipment will be provided. This event is held at the Elm Street Courts (unless rain then Community Rooms A & B).

PETOSKEY **SPRING PLANT SALE**

The Northern Michigan Master Gardener Association will host its Spring Plant Sale from 9am-1pm. Saturday, June 4, in the T-Barn at the Emmet County Fairgrounds on Charlevoix Ave. In addition to the outdoor plants, a selection of houseplants will also be for sale and a garden marketplace will offer books and magazines, garden tools, pots and planters, bird houses and garden

shops, markets and eateries will be open.

EAST JORDAN FREE SECOND SATURDAY

June 11, Noon - 4pm. Save June 11th from noon to 4pm for a great family event. FREE (Families **Reaching for Educational** Excellence) Second Saturdays are back at Raven Hill Discovery Center for the warmer months of 2022. May through October, Raven Hill will offer free admission for families each second Saturday from noon to 4pm. No groups, please, as we need all parents to be watching their own children. We are also limiting the indoor time, as we want our visitors to socially distance and stay safe in these times of continuing pandemic concerns. Families will be given a group number at check-in and a return time to visit indoors. With all of the outdoor exhibits, like the Music Garden, Jurassic Park Walk, Schoolhouse, Treehouse, Ancient World and the new Connections Trail, families will have plenty of things to explore outside! These 2022 FREE Second Saturdays honor Diane Strzelinski, a Raven Hill volunteer and supporter for more than 25 years.

CHARLEVOIX BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

June 15, 5-7pm at Charlevoix Golf Club, 400 Fairview Dr.

ELLSWORTH PIG ROAST 2022

This year's event will take place on June 17 and 18, 2022. Check out the Facebook page for more information

CHARLEVOIX SUMMER ART SHOW

Saturday, June 25, 10am -5pm. Sunday, July 26, 10am - 3pm in East Park. Still Accepting Vendors. Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday, July 3. Financial support of this event is appreciated.

CHARLEVOIX JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Jazz @ the Library takes place on Wednesdays in July and August in the Children's Garden at 7pm. July 6 | Nancy Stagnitta (flute)

July 13 | Crispin Campbell (chello)

July 20 | Venetian Week, no concert

- July 27 | Bill Sears (saxophone)
- August 3 | Claudia Schmidt (vocalist)
- August 10 | Bay Area Little Big Band
- August 17 | Family &

Friends

CHARLEVOIX **ART & CRAFT SHOW**

Charlevoix Art & Craft Show Saturday, July 9, 10am - 6pm, Sunday, July 10, 10am - 4pm in East Park. Still Accepting Vendors. Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

BOYNE CITY WEEKLY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

All library programming is free. May require registration through www.boynelibrary.org. Mondays - 10am Beginners Yoga, 10:30am Toddler

Tales & Tunes. Tuesdays -10:30am Storytime, 2pm-5pm Computer Help. Wednesdays - 4:30pm Beginners Yoga

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays 10am - 2pm at East Jordan Tourist Park

EAST JORDAN THE DEPOT JORDAN VALLEY **TEEN CENTER**

The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center are in their new location. The Teen Center is now located in the lower level of the St.

EAST JORDAN **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

Cancer and Caregiver Support group meets at 10am the 3rd Saturday of each month at Lighthouse **Missionary Church**

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Have you experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis? Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) has funding from the federal CARES Act to assist with various needs (utility help, car repairs, housing costs, diapers, baby formula, phone bills, etc.). You may be eligible for assistance if you meet income guidelines and live in NMCAA's service area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon, and Wexford Counties). To apply for help, please contact our CARES Intake Specialist at 800-632-7334.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY **ADVERTISING FUNDS THE** CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS

We love to run community announcements and news releases about all the things happening in Northern Michigan in the Charlevoix County News. We help publicize hundreds of events and activities all across our area. Readers love the fact that the Charlevoix County News is distributed by mailed subscription or at tons of locations throughout Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan. Ellsworth and Petoskey. However, it is expensive to publish this newspaper each week filled with positive news and sports. Our main source of revenue comes from advertising. If your business or organization has an advertising budget, be sure to include the Charlevoix County News in your plans. While other local newspapers are quickly fading, the Charlevoix County News is growing. Our newsstand prices and advertising rates are far less than any other paper and your message will reach readers all across the area. Contact us at Office@CharlevoixCountyNEWS.com or call 989-732-8160. Locally owned and operated.

8:30 -12 pm at Ferry Beach

NORWOOD NORWOOD VILLAGE **MEMORIAL DAY 2022**

The Village of Norwood invites all to the 76th annual Memorial Day Commemoration. American Legion Post 488 Ellsworth, the Jansen-Richardson post, along with members of the Kooyer Family will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony in Norwood Lakeside Cemetery as they have every year since 1946. The observance begins at 8:45 am, there will be flags. music, a message, wreaths lain, a gun salute and taps played as our veterans are honored and remembered. Immediately following the ceremony an open house will be hosted by the Norwood Area Historical Society at the Historic Schoolhouse, 4th Street, Village of

CHARLEVOIX CHARLEVOIX AREA GARDEN **CLUB AWARDING FOR** CHARLEVOIX BEAUTIFICATION

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club is once again encouraging the beautification of Charlevoix by sponsoring a program to recognize those businesses and civic organizations that have the most attractive outdoor natural plant displays. The plants can be in window boxes, containers located outside the business, or in a garden. Members of the Garden Club will judge the displays the last week of June and award certificates for excellence in various categories.

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CHARLEVOIX SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

June 9, 4-8pm, Downtown Charlevoix. Participating shops and restaurants will extend a warm welcome to all by offering sales, giveaways, specials, snacks, activities, refreshments, and more. Musical entertainment downtown on the sidewalks from 5 to 7 pm.

BOYNE CITY STROLL THE STREETS

This summer, Stroll the Streets will begin June 10th and run through September 2nd. Each of the Friday nights, music will be playing from 6pm until 9pm. Different venues will feature food and drink and, of course, our downtown

Park Your Boat on Lake Charlevoix For the summer, or for the day.



At the tip of Lake Charlevoix's South Arm, the East Jordan Municipal Harbor has captured the attention of more than just boaters.

Located only one block off Main Street, the Municipal Harbor is within walking distance to local restaurants and friendly shops.

Memorial Park which is part of the marina has picnic tables, grills and public restrooms. A band shell was constructed in 2005 which has entertainment most weekends throughout the summer

The Municipal Harbor offers 27 seasonal boat slips, 27 transient boat slips, shopping docks, full-service Midgrade (87 Octane) and Premium non ethanol (91 octane); both have Valvtect Marine fuel additive, pump-out station, ice and restrooms. Shower facilities are available for seasonal and transient slip holders.

For more information call 231-536-2166

BOYNE CITY & CHARLEVOIX SAIL CHARLEVOIX

Sail Charlevoix Junior

Sailing Program is Looking Forward to Another Successful Season on Lake Charlevoix, Weekly Boyne City sessions begin the week of June 13 and run through June 30. Junior sailing sessions at our Depot Beach location in Charlevoix start the week of June 27 and continue for the season. In addition to junior sailing and racing (ages 8-18), we will offer limited boat rentals and adult instruction. Thursday Evening Family Sailing sessions are available on June 16 and 23 in Boyne City and four additional weeks in Charlevoix, June 30, July 14, July 28, and August 4. Our Evening Family Sailing sessions are a fun, non-structured time to sail as a family and practice sailing skills your junior sailor has learned in class. To learn more, ask questions, and register, please visit us at sailcharlevoix.org.

CHARLEVOIX **AQUA MAGIC**

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is hosting a fundraiser dinner called AQUA MAGIC on June 30 starting at 6pm at the Charlevoix Yacht Club Event Hall. Attendees will enjoy a catered dinner, live music and dancing to the Foghorn Jazz band, a roving magician, cash bar, and live and silent auction. Tickets are \$100. Call soon for reservations as space is limited: 231-547-0982. More info at: www.charlevoixpool.org

ELLSWORTH FIREWORKS

The Ellclair Committee will be hosting the Ellsworth fireworks on

Joseph Parish Hall, 207 Nicholls Street, East Jordan

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.

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News '22 Norwood Village Memorial Day

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Boyne Falls Public Schools **STUDENT OF THE WEEK** Tinly Richards

Grade: 4

Parent's Name(s): Ryan & Russ Richards

What do you want to be when you grow up? Tinly wants to be an artist when she grows up.

Favorite Book: <u>Wishtree</u> by Katherine Applegate Favorite Subject: Reading

Hobbies and Interests: *Art, sports, gymnastics, cheer, 4-H, camping*

School Activities: Peer to Peer mentor, Camp Invention

Staff Comments: Tinly is super patient, always organized, and goes above and beyond to help her friends, classmates and teachers. She always follows the Logger Agreement, looks out for others, and is helpful without being asked. Tinly is dedicated and diligent with her studies, and loves to learn. Keep up the great work!

Submitted By: Mrs. Wind

New wave of COVID-19 transmissions prompt personal safety considerations

With proms, band concerts, and graduations happening, District Health Department No. 4 (DHD4) asks the public to make informed decisions as they celebrate spring, youth, and achievements. The region continues to see high transmission rates with the BA.2 variant.

"Although still much lower than during the fall and winter, our hospital admission rates have also trended up, and thus the CDC Community Levels are now 'medium' and 'high' in our counties," said Dr. Joshua Meyerson, DHD4 Medical Director. "This is a good time to remind ourselves and the community of mitigation measures that should be considered."

CDC recommendations for areas during Medium to High Community levels are:

• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. If you have not had a first booster dose and are eligible, you can greatly reduce your risk of severe illness by getting a booster dose. A second booster dose, for those eligible, can further reduce the risk of infection.

If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease, wear a well-fitting mask or respirator (KN95 or N95) while in indoor public spaces where you could be exposed, or consider avoiding those activities.

• If you have someone in your household or have other contact with someone at high risk for severe disease, consider wearing a mask while indoors with them and/or get tested before contact.

• Have a plan for rapid testing, such as having home tests on-hand or access to testing.

• Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you are a candidate for treatments like oral antivirals and monoclonal antibodies. Treatment, if initiated soon after infection, can reduce the risk of severe disease. • Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces.

• Follow recommendations for isolation and quarantine – stay home if ill, wear a mask if exposed, get tested if symptoms present or after exposure.

DHD4 continues to offer free vaccines, at home tests and KN95 masks. According to the CDC, people who are up to date on vaccines have much lower risk of several illness and death from COVID-19 compared with unvaccinated people.

To schedule an appointment for the vaccine, call 800-221-0294. Visit for additional information on other testing and vaccination options.

Happy Employees (Team Members) Lead To Success

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

BY JOHN KEYSER

Retaining our employees, our team members, is vitally important. Turnover, training new people, getting them to fit in, is costly, significantly so. It is so much better to have a true team, people who like working together, care about each other, communicate well and, ideally, share ideas, advice and

feedback. For years, most of my work was in the corporate world and we focused on maintaining a happy workforce. Sure, fair pay was important, but even more so was treating our people with respect, expressing our appreciation for their work and dedication, asking for their ideas, empowering them, coaching them, helping them be successful, and taking an interest in their well-being. In fact, their pay was less important than these aforementioned practices.

Now I live in a small town. We mainly have business owners of shops, restaurants and cafes, real estate and insurance agencies, law and financial firms, farms, churches, and other small businesses.

Some of the business owners here talk about the hourly wage they pay their people and that there is competition as we have more jobs than people wanting to work. While we do differ from the corporate world where pay is not necessarily the key to retention, it is definitely more important here, as many in the workforce are young people saving for college or graduate school tuition, single moms, and others living almost paycheck to paycheck. This said, even here in small

town America, business owners and managers must realize how very important it is to: Let our people know they are appreciated and valued Ask for their

JOHN KEYSER

ideas, and that what they think is important Learn what skills do they wish to develop Help them learn, grow

and be successful Learn about their dreams and aspirations

Have a genuine interest in their well-being

Have regular one-on-one conversations with each person

Accommodate their needs by being flexible when we can

Surely, fair pay is important, and every bit as important, actually more important in most circumstances, are being kind, respectful and embodying the above principles and practices, which help us keep our team members, and for them to be proud of and happy to be a part of our business.

Happy employees do better work!

John and his wife, Kerry, live in Charlevoix now, was a senior executive in the corporate world in NYC, DC and Chicago, then founded Common Sense Leadership, a leadership coaching and consulting practice, have been helping senior people in the business, academic and religious worlds improve leadership, their own and their team's. John is a graduate of Georgetown's Institute for Transformational Leadership and Life Purpose Institute.

Mackinaw City Memorial Day celebration is back



plan to protect Michigan ag trade

proves Rep. Borton

Senate panel ap-

The Senate Agriculture Committee today approved state Rep. Ken Borton's bipartisan plan to ensure Michigan farmers and agricultural manufacturers can export their products.

House Bills 5742-5748, introduced by Borton and a bipartisan group of legislators, would clarify that the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) has the authority to issue certificates of free sale. Some countries require certificates of free sale for imported shipments. The certificates issued by MDARD verify that Michigan products meet legal requirements to be sold in the state.

"In Michigan, agriculture is deeply embedded in our communities and our economic activity," said Borton, R-Gaylord. "Local farms and agricultural manufacturers supply our state and ship an abundance of goods to other countries, bringing more revenue back to our economy. This bipartisan plan will keep the necessary tools in place to help Michigan's agricultural trade thrive and grow."

State law enables MDARD to issue certificates of free sale for food. Currently, the department also provides certificates for other Michigan goods, but clarity within the law would ensure the department may continue to do so. The legislation currently before the Senate would clearly authorize MDARD to issue certificates of free sale for a wide variety of goods, including dairy, livestock feed, nursery plants, fertilizers and pesticides. The plan would also update the existing authority for food-related certificates of free sale.

BY LINDA ROGERS

After taking the last two years off due to COVID, the Mackinaw City Memorial Day celebrations are back in full swing!

For almost 60 years a group of dedicated volunteers has been putting on a reenactment of the events of June 2, 1763. The group of as many as 400 will reenact the events that took place between the French, British and Indian tribes. The Colonial Michilimackinac Pageant is the longest running, free historical Memorial Day performance in the Nation.

The events of June 2, 1763 include several tribes coming to Colonial Michilimackinac for a game of lacrosse. It turns out to be a very cleverly planned ruse to take over the Fort. When you attend the event, you will meet famous Indian Chiefs: Miniavavan and Matchekewis of the Ojibwa tribe, and Wawatam who becomes a blood brother to Alexander Henry and later saves his life.

This free event will take place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Not only is there the reenactment, but there is also a full schedule of events. Many of the participants camp out behind Mackinaw City Public School. Many activities take



place at that location in addition to the activities at Colonial Michilimackinac.

The weekend kicks off with the Memorial Day Parade. Mackinaw City hosts the largest Memorial Day Parade in the state. This year the parade will have seven high school bands in addition to the Scottsville Clown Band and the Petoskey Steel Drum Band. Four Michigan Queens will be in the lineup as well as clowns, Shriners Indy Cars, Rosie the Riveter, Woman's club float, Historical Society and many other groups and organizations. The parade route



starts at 1:00 at the State Dock in Mackinaw City and ends at Colonial Michilimackinac.

Come into town early on Saturday to catch a pre-parade show at the Crossings featuring the Scottsville Clown Band! Always a fun family event.

After the parade a fashion show will take place at the Fort at 3:00 followed by the reenactment at 3:30. The day wraps up with the Voyageurs participating in fireside activities behind the school at 8:30.

Sunday there is a knife and tomahawk throwing event behind the school at 9:30 am followed by children's games at 10:30. Sunday's fashion show at the Fort is at 2:00 followed by the reenactment at 2:30.

Monday starts with a 10:00 service on the Marina Lawn. The fashion show is again at 2:00 at the Fort followed by the reenactment at 2:30. So, there are plenty of opportunities for you to partake in this historical reenactment!

Anyone who has spent any time in Mackinaw City in May knows how unpredictable the elements can be. From extreme weather temperatures to a few bugs flying around! The parade and reenactment events are rain or shine. Fingers crossed for a fantastic weekend!

If you like seeing people in period dress reenacting events from the 1760's, stay tuned for the Rendezvous & 18th Century Trade Fair. That event is coordinated by the same group that puts on the reenactment. It will take place this year on the first weekend in August (3rd - 7th) at Conkling Heritage Park. Pick up a full listing of Memorial Day events as well as the Rendezvous event at the Chamber of Commerce located across from the lighthouse in Mackinaw City.

Consumers Energy Foundation announces \$50,000 for winners of the Put Your Town on the Map competition

Awards for Big Rapids, Gaylord, and Hart will help complete community projects

Michigan communities in Mecosta, Otsego, and Oceana counties are receiving a total of \$50,000 through the Consumers Energy Foundation's 2022 Put Your Town on the Map pitch competition. The city of Big Rapids received \$25,000 for first place, Gaylord received \$15,000 as runner-up, and Hart received \$10,000 after submitting ideas for projects that will help strengthen and grow their communities.

The project in Gaylord was presented by the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts. The funding will be used to address a three-block blighted alley and develop Art in the Alley Way to connect the Gaylord Gateway Trailhead to Claude Shannon Park. Art in the Alley Way will be a year-round social gathering place that will improve walkability in the city and will feature street art exhibitions complete with murals, a place to highlight local artists' work, waste receptacles, lighting, and benches.

A panel of judges chose the three wining projects on Wednesday, May 18 after officials from nine finalist communities made presentations at the 2022 Small Town and Rural Development Conference led by the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM).

The first-place project in Big Rapids will support the development of a community skate park, and the third place project in Hart will help put "Art in Hart" including the installation of a 25-foot tin man in a local park.

"Consumers Energy recognizes



that Michigan's small and rural towns may not have the same access as larger cities to resources to support projects in their communities. That is why we are so proud to celebrate the big ideas from our small towns and champion the Put

Your Town on the Map contest," said Brandon Hofmeister, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "These winning projects will help transform and grow their communities, and we look forward to celebrating with them once the projects are complete."

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider. The Foundation enables communities to thrive and grow by investing in what's most important to Michigan — its people, our planet, and Michigan's prosperity. In 2021, the Consumers Energy Foundation, Consumers Energy, its employees, and retirees contributed over \$17.5 million to Michigan nonprofits. For more information, visit www.ConsumersEnergy.com/foundation.

News Fundraiser

FROM PG. 1

member one night Stephanie had a bonfire and Kiersten passed us for five seconds. I remember thinking, Who is she? She and I had the same brown curly hair. Now that she was gone, I learned she liked to rescue stray cats and planned to become a veterinarian. Her pencil drawings had won an award and were displayed in her school's hallways. She liked to beat the boys at hunting, paintball, and fishing. Her uncle nicknamed her "Smiley" as a little girl.

Kiersten ended her life the night after a big gathering where I met the extended Clavier family. I found out the next day when I walked into the restaurant where Stephanie and I waitressed. Inside, near a table by the window where the old ladies who never tipped well liked to sit, a waitress named Kenzi stood looking like she was about to cry.

"What's wrong?" I said, and Kenzi blurted out loudly what happened. I remember feeling self-conscious right then that Kenzi was watching my face react. I had been smiling just before and now I panicked thinking, How am I supposed to move my face? What is the right way to look or the right thing to say when something like this has happened?

Stephanie came to the restaurant that afternoon and insisted she wanted to work. The managers told Stephanie no, just be with your family. We love you and we're thinking of you. Tell us what you need.

So the Claviers generously did the phone interview, and it was time for me to write the obituary. It took forever because I was



scared to mess it up. Not get her right. Spent probably two or three hours or more staring at a blank page on the computer screen, typing three to five words before deleting them again. Hunched over the computer, sobbed several times to my mom that I couldn't do it. I think it was the color of Kiersten's eyesbrown—that finally got me writing: a little detail I could build off of. "Just describe what she looked like," the journalist family friend said to me on the phone. "Start there." That friend read and edited three drafts before I finally turned in the piece.

When I've told this story to friends or dates, when there's more time, I explain the Charlevoix County News has a red box on Main Street in East Jordan, Michigan, where each newspaper costs 75 cents. The week Kiersten's story came out, almost every paper was taken because so many people had wanted to read it. On the front page, Kiersten sat in a t-shirt and jeans with her dog, green fields and her white moped behind her. A few weeks after the

story was published, I walked up a dirt road to check my family's mailbox and found an envelope with "Clavier" written on it: a note from Lisa, Kiersten's mom, thanking me for writing the story. Her pretty cursive in black pen. And that exact moment is "why I became a writer"-why I have a deep love for the Clavier family and why I see them in the summer for Kiersten's Ride, a suicide prevention nonprofit the family founded as an annual event that has raised more than \$200,000 to date for suicide prevention programs across the state of Michigan. "The best way we felt we could honor Kiersten was to help others," Lisa says. "That's the mission behind Kiersten's Ride. The community has really supported the work we are doing."

Now I am teaching my-

self to paint and draw in my little New York apartment and I like to think Kiersten and I will have so much to talk about at a bonfire somewhere in the future. I hope the powers that be-God, the universe, anyone who might grant an afterlife—will give me a chance to get to know her. Maybe I can ask her how to shade with a pencil. Maybe we can ride trails like the ones behind the Claviers' house. And I will tell her: you have an amazing sister and an in-

credible mom. The Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which has set a goal to reduce the suicide rate 20% by the year 2025. Net proceeds will help those affected by suicide and mental health conditions by supporting research, advocacy, survivor resources, education, and awareness programs. If you're willing, please click the "Donate" button at https://bit.ly/39Jwax8 to make a donation to help me

ABOUT KIERSTEN'S RIDE:

The annual fundraiser and day of awareness invites people to horseback ride, walk, bike, or ride **ATVs. With more** than \$200,000 raised to date, **Kiersten's Ride has** provided youth suicide prevention programs in schools, community awareness, safeTALK and **ASIST trainings, and** two 3-day conferences in Northern Michigan. Visit kierstensride.org to learn more about this year's event on August 20.

reach \$1,000, which is the amount required to participate in the walk.

Thank you for reading and thank you for your support!

If you or someone you know needs help, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Catie L'Heureux is a marketing manager at Meta and a former managing editor of New York Magazine. She started her career as a reporter at the Charlevoix County News in Northern Michigan.

<u>READ MORE:</u> https://www.thecut.com/article/how-to-helpsomeone-with-depression.html

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around inside the trailer for about 20 seconds. When the wind ended, she found herself trapped behind a door that would not open. Just to make things interesting Dee suffers with claustrophobia. She was very happy when someone opened the door and let her out.

As for me, I had lost track of Dianna and was standing above the trailer that ended up above the one she jumped into. That trailer tilted onto its side with its back end pointing into the street. At the time this took place, that back end was about 9 feet in the air. I was standing above that trailer and a little bit into the street when the wind hit. It blew me across the pavement and under the trailer up into the lowend corner where I encountered a significant collection of debris which stopped my forward progress. I have little memory of those moments. My memory picks up with me being pelted by debris and a very strong wind blowing on my back. When the wind stopped, I looked up and saw I was under a trailer. I determined it would be best if I got out from under the trailer.

Not to make this too dramatic but about 5 minutes later the trailer did collapse down onto the ground. I then walked around the corner of the trailers and heard somebody shouting Buzz, Buzz and found Dianna standing outside her trailer. It was a pleasant reunion.

So, we have learned that even though we live in Michigan, which never has tornadoes, you should not ignore tornado warnings.

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Do You Have Buyer's Paralysis?

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Fear of the future

Fear takes the fun out of a lot of things, but there is reasonable fear and unreasonable fear. Unreasonable fears have no basis in reality, so there is little you can do beyond getting professional help for your anxiety. Reasonable fears you can handle on your own with a little common sense.

Fear can be tamed by looking at the worst case scenarios compared to the best case scenarios. So examine the questions that are really bothering you.

What if we can't make our payments? This question can be balanced by a best case. What if we manage our money so well that we can make double payments? So the fear here is manageable - it comes down to how confident you are about managing your money. If you aren't sure of yourself, get help. Ask someone whose money management style you admire for advice on how to manage your money better. Then stick with it.

What if the value of our home goes down in value? Would you feel as fearful if you asked yourself whether your property will go up in value? Property can go up or down, but all property requires maintenance or it surely will deteriorate in value. This can be easily prevented by having enough budgeted or in your reserves to perform scheduled and unscheduled maintenance. Look at the properties surrounding the home you are considering. Are they maintained with pride? Are they being updated? Then your chances are good that the neighborhood and your home will retain its value. Rest assured that there will always be a buver for an attractive. well-maintained property.

Because it is not a liquid asset, real estate is not as volatile as you think. It goes down slowly and rises comparatively slowly. And home values even when depressed may get a resuscitation after a few years. Your best hedge against the future is to keep your property in desirable condition.

You can't predict the future. The only thing you can do is prepare yourself to handle what may happen.

So money isn't the root of all evil, but it is the root of indecision - at least when you are paralyzed about buying a home. Thinking through the money issues can help you get moving one direction or the other. For some of you, just reading this article will put your jitters to rest. For others, you may realize that a home isn't in the cards for you right now, and that's OK. Wait a few days or weeks if you need to. Use the time to regroup. It is far better for you to work through a few obstacles than to jump into the largest investment of your life without confidence. If you can work through your fears, get your finances in tip top shape and proceed, you'll find buying a home doesn't have to be a paralyzing decision. In fact, it can be one of the most exhilarating things you'll ever do.

If you are worried about cash flow, then making disproportionately large house payments will tarnish the joy of home ownership, unless you can find ways to cut down the other pie pieces. Work to improve your cash flow. Accelerate your credit card pay -offs Don't incur new debt. Re-budget your expenses and eliminate unnecessary expenditures. Make compromises - vow to cut down if you can't cut something out. Be willing to move timelines for meeting your goals. Don't be influenced by others to live beyond your means. Set your sights on an affordable home, and you may find your dream home will appear right before your very eyes.



BY JIM AKANS

Set in a prime location just north of Boyne City, this custom ranch style home is situated on over two-and-a-half beautiful acres of property.

This three bedroom, two bath home has approximately 1,530 square feet of space plus a Michigan style basement. Featuring an open concept dining, kitchen and sunken living room design, much of the interior is finished with beautiful tongue and groove wood ceilings and walls as well as wood flooring, creating a warm ambience throughout the spaces. Other interior highlights include cathedral ceilings, fireplace in the living area, gorgeous wood cabinetry in the kitchen, and large windows framing the stunning outdoor views.

A large open deck on the back of the home is also a great place to enjoy the views of the over two-and-ahalf acre wooded property. The home has an attached two car garage and there is a 30x40 foot pole barn on the grounds for extra vehicle storage, general storage and workshop area. This home is less than a half a mile from Young State Park which has a beautiful sandy beachfront on Lake Charlevoix. Downtown Boyne City is just a short drive away.

This custom ranch home on over two-and-a-half wooded acres is located at 02842 Boyne City Road north of Boyne City, and it is listed at \$299,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com.



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A Community Comes Together

Helping tornado victims find food, shelter, clothing and a place to sleep

BY MEGAN WILSON

GAYLORD - On Friday May 20, 2022 Gaylord was hit by an F3 tornado, which had maximum winds of 150 mph according to reports from the National Weather Service.

"Michigan averages around 15 tornadoes a year, this storm was moving at around 55mph," said John P. Boris from the National Weather Service. "The last time that Michigan experienced a significant weather event like this was an EF2 tornado that touched down in Mio on October 18, 2007." Affected residents need-

ing shelter may find it at the E-Free Church, located at 1649 E M-32.

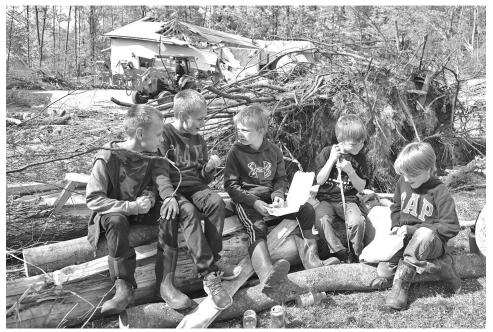
"The first thing that we thought afterwards was that we still had power and Wi-Fi, and the American Red Cross came in and set up a shelter here for displaced families," said Brian Gerstenberger, Community Outreach for E-Free Church. "The Otsego County United Way was without power so they came down to set up and start accepting donations, it's amazing to see the outpouring of support from families in this community."

Numerous individuals and businesses across the Gaylord community have banded together to help alleviate the pain that some individuals are facing, volunteering their time and efforts to assist in clearing away debris and aiding in shelter.

"I started the business three months ago, this just seemed like the right thing



Volunteers lining up for instructions at E-Free



TAKING A BREAK - (from left) Twin brothers Anderson and Regan Kenny, 9, Isaiah Switalski, 8, Obi Switalski, 6, and Toren Kennedy, 7, all of Gaylord, take a break from cleaning up trees and branches in the Shady Brook subdivision of Gaylord Sunday afternoon. "Some of the logs are pretty heavy so we pretended like we are in the Navy like our dad." said Anderson. "It feels very good to be helping these people. It's sad that all these houses are destroyed."

to do we were so close to areas that received major damage and we escaped," said Gaylord Discount Mattress Store Owner Brian Cornett. "Nottingham Forest is right behind the store and there are so many affected residents that I just wanted to be able to help them in the only way I can."

Cornett is offering free or at cost mattresses to residents who have been affected, he can be reached at 231-330-3322.

The Otsego County United Way is requesting that people interested in volunteering go to their website at https://www.otsegounitedway.org/.

"The outpouring of support in this community has just been amazing, from the moment this tornado was off the ground people started coming in and asking how they could help," said Otsego County United Way Director Erin Mann. "For people who want to volunteer but can't do it right now, it's important to remember that this recovery process isn't going to be a sprint, it's going to be a marathon, please be patient and sign up on the United Way email list and there will be opportunities available.

Another area business that was able to assist displaced residents was the Comfort Inn Mainstay and Suites, which offered free rooms to affected families.

"It has been incredible to see how quickly this community was able to mobilize together to help its citizens in time of need," said Colin Wilson, GM of the Comfort Inn Mainstay and Suites. "It's cool to see how many people have stepped up to volunteer, it seems as if there's always someone willing to lend a hand, and wants to know where they're needed."

The Lost Valley Bible Camp has also opened some of its facilities to house displaced residents.

For more information please contact Amy Yost at



A Red Cross volunteer serves pizza at the E-Free shelter. Photo by Magan Wilson



Volunteers create plans and work together to clean up Shady Brook community downed trees after Friday's deadly tornado.Photo by Joanie Moore.



Volunteers distributing food at E-Free Church. Photo by Magan Wilson



Volunteers inside E-Free church helping people get items into tubs. Photo by Magan Wilson

"We are opening up some of the camp to house displaced residents," said Amy Yost. "We are also bringing in some Church work groups to help with cleanup." There have been several area restaurants who have teamed up to feed the community including Boyne Mountain, B.C. Pizza, Firehouse Subs, Starbuck's, to name a few.

Hundreds of volunteers from across northern Michigan met at various sites to assist with clean-up. As the boys finished lunch, Anderson said to the others, "time to get back to work!" Photo: Joanie Moore

989-429-1764 or at lostvalleybiblecamp@gmail.com.

Tornado demolishes RV's at Northern Michigan RV

BY DAVE BARAGREY

GAYLORD - Tony and Lisa Kesselring have built one of the top RV dealerships in the state located in Gaylord. The typically stock more inventory that other RV dealers and offer a great selection of travel trailers and fifth wheels. As a matter of fact, last week on Monday, Tony told me he had 150 units on his lot. That is the most they have ever had in stock. They were looking to a "bang up" summer.

Unfortunately, the "bang up" summer came last Friday when a tornado ripped through their lot destroying about 100 RVs and damaging another 40 or so. "Right now we have 7 units we can sell that have not been damaged," Tony said. The destroyed and damaged units will add up to an estimated loss of between 3 – 4 million dollars

Fortunately, Tony and Lisa were prepared for a disaster with a good insurance policy. Lisa had convinced Tony that they needed to have the best insurance coverage in case of a disaster. "I hated writing that check every month but I am so happy that I listened to my wife," he said. Tony went on to say, "Once the insurance adjuster arrives and estimates the damage we can begin clearing the destroyed units and replacing them with new inventory. I have already been in contact with the manufacturers and they are preparing to immediately ship us new units to replace the ones that were destroyed. Some of the units with windows that were blown out or slight damage will be able to be repaired. The insurance adjuster will have



PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY



to sort that out." There are a couple of units that blew out into the median of the I-75 expressway. The MDOT crew has hauled those away. After seeing the massive damage of RVs flying through the air at the lot it is amazing that nobody was seriously injured. God was watching over them. The PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY

miracle couple, Dee and Buzz DeHooghe, were out on the lot when the tornado hit. Their recount of the tornado is elsewhere in this paper.

Governor Whitmer Declares State of Emergency Following Severe Storms and Tornado in Gaylord

GAYLORD, Mich. – While at the emergency operations center in Gaylord, Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency for Otsego County after a tornado that left significant damage to buildings and roads.

"My heart goes out to the families and small businesses impacted by the tornado and severe weather in Gaylord," said Governor Whitmer. "I have declared a state of emergency for Otsego County to rush resources to the affected areas, and the State Emergency Operations Center has been activated to coordinate our state's response. Our state is grateful for the first responders and utility workers who are working hard to keep everyone safe. Michiganders are tough. We are resilient. And there's no challenge we can't get through together.'

By declaring a state of emergency, Governor Whitmer has made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the designated area. The declaration authorizes the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) to coordinate state efforts above and beyond what MSP/EMHSD has already been doing in conjunction with local agencies.

"I want to thank our brave first responders, our local police officers and firefighters, as well as the Michigan State Police Troopers who have stepped up to keep people safe," said Sen. Jim Stamas. "It is crucial for people to stay inside if possible and stay away from any downed power lines or debris. Let's all hug our families a little tighter, and let's all work together to rebuild and recover from this storm together."

Just before 4 p.m. on May 20, a tornado touched down in the Gaylord area. Multiple injuries have been reported and there has been one confirmed fatality. There is widespread damage, including homes and businesses that were destroyed, trees and power lines blocking roads, and extensive property damage.

"The tornado damage in Gaylord is absolutely devastating. Brenda and I are praying for all our Gaylord neighbors," said Rep. Ken Borton. "We especially pray for anyone who lost a friend or a family member - they have our deepest sympathies. We also pray for a speedy recovery for the injured. Police, first responders, and medical professionals in our community are working extra hard today, and we thank them for their work getting people to safety and treating the wounded.'

Otsego County has declared a local state of emergency. The declaration of a local state of emergency activates local emergency response and recovery plans. By requesting a governor's declaration, the county has determined local resources are insufficient to address the situation and state assistance is required to protect the health, safety and property to lessen or avert the threat of a crisis.

athlete of week Subscribe

Phillip Sterrett Charlevoix Rayders Baseball

In a win over cross county rival, Boyne City, the Rayders would get a strong outing from Phillip Sterrett who would pitch 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, allowing 4 hits and 1 earned run. He would end up walking 2 and striking out 9. Sterrett would also have a big day at the plate, as he would have 2 hits and score 2 runs.

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Bella Cosier Boyne City Ramblers Softball

In a double header shutout sweep of East Jordan, Bella Cosier would pick up both wins from the circle, while only allowing 3 hits between the two games.





BASEBALL



BOYNE CITY VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM

Kampiers split with Kayders & Ked Dev

BY: DOM SANTINA

CHARLEVOIX

The Ramblers Baseball team would host rival Charlevoix on Tuesday, May 17.

The Rayders would get on the board first, as they would get two runs in the first inning. The Ramblers would answer with 1 run in the second inning to make the lead 2-1 in favor of Charlevoix. The Rayders would add another two runs in the third inning to push their 4-1 lead in the third inning. The Ramblers would come back in the fifth inning and score 3 runs to tie the game at 4-4. The game would go into extra innings and the Rayders would take a 1 run lead. In the bottom of the inning, Charlie Dobbelaer would hit a walk-off two-run single to give the Ramblers a 6-5 victory over the Rayders.

Aaron Bess would end up starting on the mound and would end up pitching 6 innings. He would allow 4 runs, 2 of them would be earned on 4 hits, allowing 3 walks and striking out 10. Kaden Jewitt would finish out the final inning, allowing 1 run, on 2 hits and striking out 2. On offense, Dobbelaer would play a big role with the winning hit. Riley Dittmar would have 2 hits and 2 RBI as well. Bess would contribute 2 hits and an RBI as well. Kacey Gray would also have a hit and an RBI.

In-game number two, the Rayders would jump on the board early against Jewett. They would put up 2 runs in the first inning. They would add on a run in the third and another in the sixth inning. The Ramblers would only be able to add two runs in the sixth inning but it would not be enough. The Rayders would take the winning game in the second game by a final score of 4-2. For the Ramblers, Jewitt would end up going the full 6 innings, allowing 4 runs, 3 of them earned, on 6 hits, 2 walks and struck out 9. The Ramblers would be led by Jewett on offense with one hit and 2 RBI.

The Rayders would get a strong outing from Phillip Sterrett who would pitch 5 1/3 innings, allowing 4 hits and 1 earned run. He would end up walking 2 and striking out 9. Sterrett would also have a big day at the plate, as he would have 2 hits and score runs. Josh House would have a hit and 2 RBI.

The Ramblers would end up finishing their



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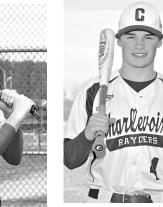
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PHILLIP STERRETT

would go the complete five innings. He would allow 4 earned runs on 7 hits, 2 walks and 5 strikeouts. The Red Devils would get the early lead, as they would score 4 runs in the first inning. The Ramblers would be able to score one run in the first, one in the fourth inning and a third one in



KADEN JEWITT



JOSH HOUSE

the sixth inning. The Red Devils would score one more run in the fifth to take a 5-3 victory.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Ramblers would be led by Hewitt with 2 hits. Wilcox, Bess, Jewett and Gray would all contribute a hit as well. Hewitt would end up starting on the mound in

Ramblers. He would end up going the complete 6 innings. He would allow 2 runs on 4 hits, 6 walks and get 3 strikeouts. The Red Devils would end up starting the scoring in the bottom of the second inning. The Ramblers would be able to score three runs in the top of the third inning. That would turn the momentum of the game, as the Ramblers would add a run in the fifth inning and then five more runs in the sixth inning. That would secure a 9-2 victory over the Red Devils.

game number two for the

The Ramblers would have a big offensive day from Hewitt as he would have 3 hits and 3 RBIs. Jewett would add a home run and 4 RBIs between his four at-bats. Wilcox would drive in a run as well.

The Ramblers will be back in action on Monday, May 23 against Harbor Springs. They will wrap up their regular season on Thursday, May 26 against Mancelona at Pit Spitters stadium.



THANK YOU FOR ALL THE KIND WORDS AND GESTURES WE HAVE HEARD OVER THE PAST WEEK.

Friday's devastating tornado in Gaylord took its toll on our inventory. The tornado destroyed approximately 100 new RVs and damaged another 40 or so units.

However, the RV manufacturers we work with have been great and are already beginning to ship new inventory. We are so thankful that our staff and customers that were on site that afternoon are safe not seriously injured.

- Tony & Lisa Kesselring

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Sports

BASEBALL **Red Devils win two at Turtle Creek Stadium in TC**

BY DOM SANTINA

BOYNE CITY

The East Jordan baseball team would travel to play Boyne City on Thursday, May 19. The first game would be just another reason why the Red Devils have one of the top pitchers in northern Michigan on their roster.

Tommy Reid would get the start on the mound, as he would go the complete game, allowing 3 runs, 1 of them being earned. While he would allow 6 hits and strike out 14. Reid would also have a good day at the plate. As he would have 2 singles and an RBI. Hayden Peck would add a triple and a single. Mason Malpass would add a 2 RBI single. Ben Reid would add an RBI on a sacrifice fly. Kaleb Schroeder would also contribute a single.

In-game number two, Schroeder would get the start on the mound and would end up going 5 1/3 innings. He would end up allowing 5 hits, 3 walks and strike out 3. Schroeder would allow 9 total runs, while 5 runs would be earned. Carey would end up pitching the final ¹/₃ of an inning

The team would be led on offense by Carter Sherman with an RBI single, Tommy Reid would also add a double. Malpass, Ryerson Whitaker and Ethan Thomas would all contribute singles. The Red Devils would fall by a final score of 9-2.

"We played a solid first



TOMMY REID

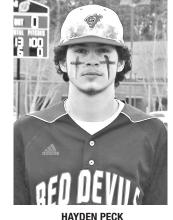
game but some sloppy fielding really hurt us in the nightcap. It's hard to win ballgames when you commit errors in inopportune times and that ate us up at the end of the second game. (Tommy) Reid pitched us another gem and (Kaleb) Schroeder threw well, but the wheels did fall off in the sixth," said Head Coach Tom Reid.

The Red Devils would be back in action on Saturday, May 21 at Turtle Creek Stadium in Traverse City against Ellsworth and Mancelona.

ELLSWORTH

The Red Devils would start the day against the Lancers and would call on Whitaker to start on the mound. He would pitch 3 innings while allowing one run, 3 hits and struck out 4. Carey would come on to relief to pitch 3 innings, allowing just 1 hit and striking out 4.

Carey would also lead the way with a double and a triple at the plate while driving in a run. Tommy



Reid would have a triple and an RBI. Malpass would have a single and 2 RBI. Peck and Schroeder would add two singles each.

MANCELONA

The Red Devils would end up taking on Mancelona in the second game of the day. Lucas Stone would end up taking the mound for the Red Devils. He would pitch 3 no-hit innings with 3 strikeouts and a walking one. Tommy Reid would be able to drive in 4 runs over three at-bats, including a two-run double. Carey would add 2 singles and score 3 runs. Brenden Aenis added an **RBI Single.** Devon Olstrom and Schroeder would each contribute singles as well. The Red Devils would end up securing the victory over the Ironman

While Coach Reid was excited about the wins he had bigger things on his mind, "First off, my prayers are with those affected by the tornado in Gaylord. It's hard to celebrate wins when you have friends in a neighboring community



KALEB SCHROEDER

who you are deeply concerned about."

While it was on their mind, the opportunity to play at Turtle Creek Stadium did not go unnoticed. "The boys did have a blast on the big field in TC and I'm glad we were able to make it happen despite the threatening weather. We brought up 5 junior varsity boys and were able to give them the experience as well. It was nice to have a relaxing evening at the ball after the tense night of ball we had Thursday when we battled Boyne. We have another big one against Charlevoix on Monday and hopefully, this is exactly what the doctor ordered for us," said Coach Reid.

CHARLEVOIX

The Red Devils would end up traveling to play Charlevoix on Monday, May 23. In game number one, it would turn out to be a thriller.

The Red Devils would end up holding the lead heading into the bottom of the sixth



inning with a score of 6-4. The Rayders would come storming back and would win in walk off fashion in the bottom of the sixth by a final score of 7-6.

Tommy Reid would end up getting the start in game one. He would allow 4 runs over 5 innings on 6 hits and striking out 9. Schroeder would take over on the mound in the sixth and would take the loss. Ben Reid would lead the team at the plate with two singles and two RBIs. Malpass would have two RBIs on groundouts. Tommy Reid would have an RBI single. Carev. Peck. Whitaker. Thomas and Sherman would all have singles as well.

The Red Devils would have another tough game against the Rayders in game number two. The Ravders would end up winning the game by a score of 7-3 over the Red Devils.

Carey would get the start in game number two, he would suffer the loss. As he would allow 7 runs on 8 hits, 4 walks and getting 4 strikeouts. Thomas would



end up pitching 2 innings of relief. Thomas would only allow 1 hit and get 1 strikeout in his appearance.

Tommy Reid would lead the team on offense with a triple and single, which would drive in two runs as well. Ben Reid would add a double and an RBI sacrifice fly. Carey, Whitaker, Malpass and Olstrom would all contribute singles as well.

"We flat out played sloppy in the field today. We committed 8 errors over the two games and that normally doesn't equal to a W in the win column. Coach Nickel's squad hit the ball pretty well tonight as well so we can't take that away from them either. We play them on two Saturdays for our district matchup so hopefully we can right the ship before then," said Coach Reid.

The Red Devils will play Kalkaska on Wednesday, May 25 and Pellston on Friday, May 27. Which will wrap up their regular season.



Ramblers beat Rayders, fall to Elk Rapids

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BY: DOM SANTINA

CHARLEVOIX The Boyne City so





BRAYDIN NOBLE

The Ramblers planned

to celebrate senior day

against Rochester on Fri-

day, May 20. Unfortunately,

the senior game would be

canceled due to the severe

weather in the area. So the

Ramblers would be back in

action on Monday, May 23

The Ramblers would

travel to play Elk Rapids

for the second time this

season. The Ramblers

against Elk Rapids.

ELK RAPIDS

would find themselves in a tough spot. The Ramblers would be down and would struggle to get shots on goal. The Ramblers would have to make some halftime adjustments but they would only get 3 shots on goal. Maggi McHugh and Mya Pofahl would end up combining to make 9 saves in the game, but the Elks would be able to score 5 goals. That would be enough to hand the Ramblers a 5-0 loss. The loss moves the Ramblers to 6-6-2 on the season overall. They will move to 5-3-2 in the LMC. The team will be back in action on Tuesday, May 31 for the district semi-final against the winner of the Kingsley versus Benzie. Boyne City is back in action on Tuesday 5/31 at Boyne Mountain for the district semi-final (first round bye) against the winner of Kingsley v Benzie - 6pm kick off.

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team would travel to play Charlevoix on Tuesday, May 17.

The Ramblers would get on the board very early, as Braydin Noble would score about 9 minutes into the game with an assist from Jordynn Sudderth. Noble would score her second goal of the game just two minutes later to give the Ramblers a 2-0 halftime lead.

Elly Day would score 10 minutes in the second half to give the Ramblers a 3-0 lead. The Rayders would end up getting on the board with 14 minutes left in the game. The Ramblers would respond just three minutes later as Mya Pofahl would score from Lily Scherbing to give the Ramblers a 4-1 lead to seal the game. The Ramblers would beat the Rayders by that 4ELLY DAY

1 final.

"Overall nice play tonight from the girls, the backline especially played well under pressure to help us build, retain possession and attack," said Head Coach Ross Daniels.

Maggi McHugh would make 5 saves on the night to pick up the win in goal. The Ramblers would be able to put 12 shots on goal in the win. The win moves the Ramblers to 6-5-2 overall and 5-2-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

STATE RANKINGS BASEBALL

The Michigan High School Baseball **Coaches Association** has released its latest state poll of the 2022 season.

DIVISION 1

1. Orchard Lake St. Mary's 2. Grand Blanc 3. Northville 4. Rockford 5. Muskegon Mona Shores 6. Howell 7. Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 8. Battle Creek Lakeview 9. Rochester Adams 10. Lake Orion 11. Livonia Franklin 12. Woodhaven 13. Okemos 14. Hudsonville 15. Midland

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DIVISION 2

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DIVISION 4

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DIVISION 3

Sports

SOFTBALL

Loggers dominate Alanson & Harbor Light due in part to Zbacnik's pitching

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne Falls Softball team had a very rough start to their season. As they lost some games to Ellsworth, Mackinaw City before turning the season around late this year.

ALANSON

The Boyne Falls softball team would take on Alanson on Monday, May 16. The Loggers would have Riley

Zbacnik would start in the circle and would end up striking out 7, while allowing 5 hits. The Loggers would have some strong offense, as Maddie Loper and Chevenne Savles would have three hits each to lead the offense. Alice Loperwould have two hits. While Zbacnik, Lillian Fenske and Arianna Lightfoot would have one hit each. The Loggers would end up earning the win by a final score of 12-2.

In the second game

against Alanson, Zbacnik would end up starting in the circle and would end up giving 1 hit and striking out 2. The offense would be led by Loper with three hits, including two in the park home runs. The Loggers would also get two hits each from Fenske, Maddie Loper and Sayles. Then Megan Pickering, Mackenzie Smith and Zbacnik would each have a hit a piece.

The Loggers would end up winning the second game in three innings by a final score of 17-2. The Loggers would finish their week with games against Harbor Light on Thursday, May 19.

HARBOR LIGHT

In the first game of the doubleheader, Zbacnik would get the start in the circle and earn the win, as she would allow 7 hits, 1 walk and get 7 strikeouts. The Loggers would have two batters that would get three hits, as Allice Loper

and Sayles would lead the way. Zbacnick, Fenske and Smith would each contribute one hit each. The Loggers would end up winning the game by a final score of 17-5.

Zbacnik would make her return to the circle in game number two as well. She would end up striking out 4 and pitching a no-hitter. The Loggers would once again get big hits from Maddie Loper, Zbacnik, Sayles and Alice Loper, all of which would have two hits

apiece. Fenske, Smith and Breanaka Spang would contribute 1 hit each. The Loggers would have a dominating win by a final score of 22-0.

The Loggers will host Wolverine on Tuesday, May 24 to wrap up the regular season before playing Ellsworth on Saturday, June 4 for the District Tournament.

Red Devils still can't overcome pitching struggles

BY: DOM SANTINA

KALKASKA

The East Jordan Softball team would look to try and steal a win for the first time this season. They would welcome Kalkaska on Wednesday, May 18.

The Blazers would start the game strong with 7 runs in the first inning. They would add 2 runs in the second inning, followed by 4 runs in the third and 2 more in the fourth inning. The Red Devils would be held scoreless through the five innings. They would suffer another loss by a score of 15-0.

Sophie Snyder would start in the circle and allow 5 hits, 2 walks and strikeout 1. The Red Devils would get a double from RevaSue Norton as the highlight for the offense.

'We have to get our offense going. My girls are great hitters. They need to find their confidence and take that to the plate with them," said Head Coach Meg Kitson.

In-game number two would be much like game number one. The Blazers would score one run in the first inning. They would add three runs in the second, five in the third and three in



SOPHIE SNYDER



REVASUE NORTON

We were making solid contact today," said coach Kitson

The Red Devils would be back in action on Monday, May 23 against Charlevoix.

The Red Devils would end up taking on Charlevoix on Monday, May 23.

Ramblers fall to Charlevoix but bounce back against East Jordan

BY: DOM SANTINA

CHARLEVOIX

The Ramblers Softball team would welcome Charlevoix on Tuesday, May 17.

In the two games, the Ramblers would be led by Delaney Vollmer and Savannah Kroondyk with a double and two singles for each player. Lucy Uy would also add a double and a single. Lilly Miller, Morgan Erickson and Sophie Franckowiak had two singles. The Ramblers would also have Rachel Clausen would have a double, and Bella Cosier and Melanie Loviska would add a single.

The Ramblers would end up losing the first game by a final score of 9-3 in-game number one. They would also lose game number two by a final score of 14-9. The team would be back in ac-



DELANEY VOLLMER

tion on Thursday, May 19 against East Jordan.

EAST JORDAN

The Ramblers would be able to get a couple of wins against a struggling East Jordan team. The Ramblers would win the first game by a final score of 7-0. They would win the second game by a final score of 13-



SAVANNAH KROONDYK

0. Cosier would pick up both wins from the circle, while only allowing 3 hits between the two games. Vollmer would lead the way on offense again with 4 hits. While Loviska and Uy would have two doubles and a single between the two games. Erickson, Clausen and Sawyer Cadarette would have two hits each. To wrap up the



BELLA COSIER

offense for the Ramblers, Sydney Wruk and Sadie Kroondyk would each have a single.

The team will be off until Thursday, May 26 when they will host Mancelona. They will then host Districts on Saturday, June 4 and are scheduled to play the 10 o'clock game.

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the fourth inning. The Red Devils would once again be shut out and lose by a final score of 12-0.

Norton would start in the circle for the Red Devils. She would end up walking 2, striking out 3 and giving up 10 hits. The Red Devils would end up getting 2 hits, one from Elliona Leaman and Rhyen Olson.

The losses have the Red Devils at 0-18-1 overall on the season. While they move to 0-8 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The team would take on Boyne City on Thursday, May 19.

BOYNE CITY

The Red Devils would see their struggles continue in the opening game of the day. Norton would return for the start against the Ramblers. As she would end up allowing 11 hits, 3 walks while getting 3 strikeouts. The Ramblers would end up getting 5 runs in the second inning and then add another 2 runs in the fourth inning. The Red Devils would once again be held scoreless and suffer a 7-0 loss

Skylar Barnett would contribute two hits, with a double and a single. Stone and Haley Lafferty would each have a single as well.

In the second game between the two teams, Norton would once again return to the mound. She would end up allowing 9 hits, 7 walks and getting 2 strikeouts. The Ramblers would end up scoring 4 runs in the first, 1 run in the second and the third inning. Then they would seal the game with a 6-run fourth. That would give the Red Devils a 12-0 loss.

The Red Devils would get a hit from Norton, but not much more. The loss moves the Red Devils to 0-20-1 on the season. While their conference record goes to 0-10 in the LMC.

"We played well. We did have some hard hits that went right to their fielders.

CHARLEVOIX

The Red Devils would end up sending Norton to the mound against the Rayders. The Rayders would end up getting on the board first with a 7 run first inning. The Rayders would tack on a couple more runs in the second inning to stretch it to a 10 run lead. The Red Devils would be able to get three runs in the top of the third inning, but it would not be enough. As the Rayders would be able to win the first game by a final score of 19-3.

Norton would end up allowing 17 hits and 3 walks. while she would get 3 strikeouts. Olson and Barnett would have a single each for the offense.

In game number two, the Red Devils would send Snyder out to the circle. It would not go much better for the Red Devils. The Rayders would get 7 runs in the first two innings. The Red Devils would put themselves back into the game with 5 runs in the top of the second inning. The Rayders would also add 7 runs in the third inning and 2 more runs in the fifth inning to secure a 16-5 victory over the Red Devils.

Snyder would end up allowing 10 hits, 5 walks and would strike out 2. Norton would have a big game at the plate with a double and 3 RBI. Lindsey Cross would have an RBI single. Olson would have a triple and a single and Barnett would have a single as well.

The loss moves the Red Devils to 0-22 on the season and to 0-12 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The team will then host Pellston on Friday, May 27. The Red Devils will wrap up their regular season against Johannesburg-Lewiston on Monday, May 31.

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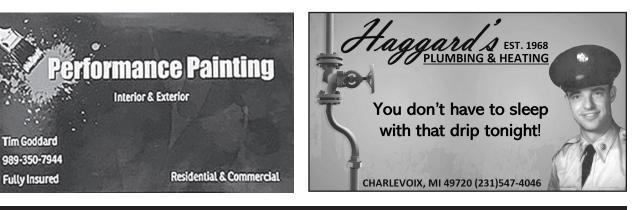
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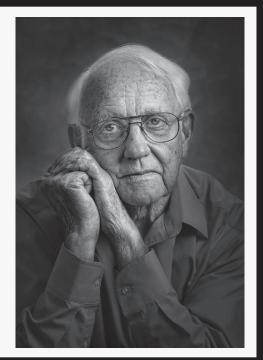
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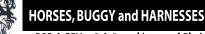


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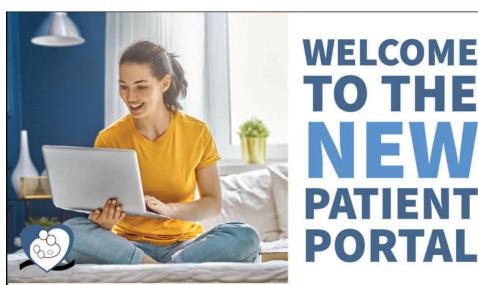
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News ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM Gov. Whitmer Announces Michiganders to Receive Additional Assistance in May to Lower the Cost of Groceries

LANSING, Mich. -Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced all Michigan families who are eligible for food assistance benefits will continue to receive at least an additional \$95 monthly payment in May to help lower the cost of groceries and ensure Michiganders can keep more of their hard-earned money. The additional assistance will help approximately 1.36 million Michiganders in more than 700,000 households.

"Michiganders will continue to be able to put nutritious food on the table thanks to our ongoing partnership with the federal government," said Governor Whitmer. "In addition to helping Michigan families lower their out-of-pocket food costs, this collaboration has helped us continue to grow our economy by returning federal dollars to Michigan. I will work with anyone to lower costs for Michiganders and get things done that make a real difference in their lives."

In April 2020, some

Michigan residents began receiving additional food assistance under this program. In May 2021, all eligible households began getting extra monthly benefits. Federal approval is necessary every month.

Eligible clients who receive food assistance are seeing additional benefits on their Bridge Card from May 14-23. These benefits will be loaded onto Bridge Cards as a separate payment from the assistance provided earlier in the month.

All households eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) receive an increase of at least \$95 monthly, even if they are already receiving the maximum payment or are close to that amount. Households that received more than \$95 to bring them to the maximum payment for their group size will continue to receive that larger amount.

Below are the maximum allowable benefits for SNAP customers based on their respective household size:

• One Person: \$250

- Two Persons: \$459
- Three Persons: \$658 Four Persons: \$835
- Five Persons: \$992
- Six Persons: \$1,190

Seven Persons: \$1,316 • Eight Persons: \$1,504 Secured by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow as Chairwoman of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, the federal government is providing additional funding to states for food assistance under House Resolution 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Eligible families do not need to re-apply to receive the additional benefits. People who receive food assistance can check their benefits balance on their Michigan Bridge Card by going online to www.michigan.gov/MIBridges or calling a consumer service representative toll-free at 888-678-8914. They can ask questions about the additional benefits by calling or emailing their caseworker.



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