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## 100 Doodlebug Challenge at Flywheelers Engine Show

**BOYNE FALLS** – Featuring home built tractors, chainsaws, and a 100 Doodlebug Challenge, the 37th annual Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers show kicks off Thursday, July 25, and runs through Sunday, July 28, 2024. The club has been challenged to gather 100 Doodlebugs at the show after registering 75 of them ten years ago. The story of the Doodlebugs - Depression and World War II era tractors - is one of the ways NMAF connects generations of families through historical education. The four day show will provide many opportunities to become familiar with these unique pieces of equipment.

“Many Doodlebugs were based on Model T or Model A vehicles built by Ford,” said NMAF Club founding member, Debra Matthew. “People used their ingenuity and whatever equipment was available and affordable to construct their Doodlebugs in order to get work done on the farms. There is a strong community of people who continue to use, display, and collect these vehicles and the



Gary Allen and his Doodlebug at the Flywheelers Engine show

Flywheelers are looking forward to welcoming them to our show.”

The show's daily opening ceremonies kickoff the exhibits and demonstrations at 9 AM but there is a buffet breakfast each day from 7-9 AM. Attractions at the show include the daily 2 PM tractor parade, antique autos, steam engine spark show, a large flea market, arts and craft vendors, several blacksmiths, the sawmill, the veneer mill and basket factory, the shingle mill and branding, oil field engines light show, the kiddie train, one-room schoolhouse, museums, and, of course, great food options at several venues on the showgrounds. Dinner served in the main kitchen is prepped, cooked and served by our very active young members. Music is also a mainstay of the show with great local talent showcased.

The Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers Club is an educational nonprofit organization that uses demonstrations and displays to showcase “Life in the Past Lane” and to present many aspects of daily life in rural northern Michigan in the

**37th ANNUAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN ANTIQUE-FLYWHEELERS SHOW**  
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

early part of the last century. The club is an all-volunteer group that invites the public to learn about the past at its annual show the last full weekend of July each summer. It also annually hosts more than one thousand area fourth graders over a four day period in September for Student Harvest Days. The showgrounds are located at 145 US-131 between Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake. Information on the organization and its activities can be found at [www.walloonlakeflywheelers.com](http://www.walloonlakeflywheelers.com), on Facebook as Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers Club, or by calling club President Dave Korthase at 231-582-6076.



Spark Show from the 2023 Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers show

## Conservation District To Host 75th Anniversary 4th Annual Summer Garden Party & 75th Celebration

Please join the Charlevoix Conservation District as we celebrate 75 years of conservation services in Charlevoix County and the Tip of the Mitt region at our annual Garden Party on Thursday, August 8th, from 5pm-7:30pm.

Stroll through our Native Plant Educational Garden, catered by Stiggs Brewery and Kitchen, while sipping on libations from the Stiggs Beer Truck (cash bar), with live music from Boyne City's own, Nelson Olstrom, in the background. Learn about our Barn Raising for Conservation Campaign as you bid on fun Silent Auction items featuring amazing prizes from our supportive local businesses. Participate in a 50/50 Raffle with the Boyne Area Chamber for Business After Hours too! Grab a door prize just for stopping by, and tons of resources for landowners from over 20 conservation groups on site. We hope you'll join us for this conservation event of the Century!

The Native Garden was made possible by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Great Lakes Energy People's Fund, Pat Brinker & Family, Mike & Rhea Dow and Gary & Karen Fate, Garrett Noyes of Birdsfoot Native Nursery and Vern Stephens of Designs by Nature.

The District office is located at 303 North Street, Boyne City, MI. 49712. Please note, Parking will be limited on site, additional locations available on our website. More details about this event, including participating businesses and partners, and other programs and services, can be found on our website at [www.charlevoixcd.org](http://www.charlevoixcd.org).

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## weather forecast

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<b>HIGH: 73</b> <b>LOW: 59</b>	<b>HIGH: 77</b> <b>LOW: 65</b>	<b>HIGH: 77</b> <b>LOW: 64</b>	<b>HIGH: 77</b> <b>LOW: 61</b>	<b>HIGH: 79</b> <b>LOW: 64</b>	<b>HIGH: 78</b> <b>LOW: 65</b>	<b>HIGH: 78</b> <b>LOW: 65</b>

### record temps

Day	Avg HIGH	Avg LOW	Record HIGH	YEAR	Record LOW	YEAR
July 18	78	56	93	1966	39	1979
July 19	78	56	96	1977	36	2000
July 20	78	56	97	1977	38	1958
July 21	78	56	94	1977	35	1992
July 22	78	56	92	1959	37	1981
July 23	78	56	91	2022	42	1981
July 24	78	56	90	1987	39	1953

## OBITUARIES



**Ronald Boss, 72**

July 22, 1951-July 14, 2024

### ELLSWORTH

Ronald Dale Boss of Ellsworth passed away on July 14, 2024, at home. He was born on July 22, 1951, in Charlevoix, the son of Bernie and June (Ayers) Boss.

The best words to describe Ron were selfless, kind, loving, and funny. He was a family man who always enjoyed spending time with his siblings, children, and grandchildren. Ron graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree, and would go on to work for Northwest Community Health for 38 years. He liked to watch the Detroit Redwings, Michigan State Spartans, and had a love/hate relationship with the Detroit Lions. In Ron's free time, he loved to be outdoors; in specific, hunting and fishing were at the top of his list.

Surviving Ron in death is his loving wife, Shirley, two children, Megan (Mike) Strange of Ellsworth, Annie Boss of East Jordan, one sister, Brenda (Chris) Jones of Charlevoix, one brother, Chet (Diane) Boss of Macomb, eight grandchildren, Halah Boss, Sophia Boss, Olivia Strange, Avery Strange, Benjamin Strange, Lily Strange, Ava Bartlett, Sparrow McCary.

Preceding Ron in death are his parents, one sister, Karen, one granddaughter, Genesis Boss.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 25, at noon, at the Belltower Reformed Church. Visitation will be held from 11am until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ron's honor can be made to the Belltower Reformed Church and Hospice of Michigan.

Arrangements are in the care of the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Sign his online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

### Kenneth Wayne Shepard, 65

August 8, 1958-July 11, 2024

### CHARLEVOIX

Kenneth Wayne Shepard of Charlevoix passed away Thursday, July 11, 2024 at McLaren Northern Michigan. His family has chosen to remember him privately.

### Sandra Kay (Vogt) Nemecek, 81

June 11, 1943-July 14, 2024

### EAST JORDAN

Sandra Kay Nemecek of East Jordan died on Sunday, July 14, 2024, in Charlevoix.

A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, 4976 St. Johns Road, East Jordan, MI 49727. Rev. Fr. Matthew Furguele will officiate with interment following at St. John Nepomucene Praga Cemetery.



2024 LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL-STATE BAND

# Ellsworth Band Students performed in Australia in the 2024 Lions of Michigan All-State Band

Three outstanding high school students from Northern Michigan's Ellsworth Community School, Calista Hoeksema, Patrick Puroll and Jürgen Griswold proudly represented our region at the Lions of Michigan All-State Band in Melbourne, Australia. They were among the top student performers from across Michigan. As members of the Lions of Michigan All-State Band, Calista, Patrick, and Jürgen not only represented the state of Michigan and the United States of America at the 106th annual Lions Clubs International Convention but also carried the spirit of Northern Michigan during this summer's Lions International Parade of Nations. This parade, which boasts

more than 10,000 delegates, saw them perform with over 100 other Lions Club bands from around the globe, showcasing their musical talent. In addition to playing in the Lions International Parade of Nations, the Lions of Michigan All-State Band also performed at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, a Primary School, and in California at Disneyland and Universal Studios Hollywood.

Calista, Patrick, and Jürgen, along with their families, would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the generous sponsors who made this mission trip possible. Their families, friends, the Central Lake and Ellsworth communities, the Central Lake Lions Club,



Jürgen Griswold, Calista Hoeksema, and Patrick Puroll

the Lions Clubs of Northern Michigan, the Susie Hutchings Memorial Music Scholarship, The Blue Pelican Inn, East Jordan Ironworks, and the Ellsworth Boosters, your support was invaluable and deeply appreciated. The students were proud to represent

Northern Michigan Down Under, and they could not have done it without your help.

Student musicians who are interested in auditioning for the 2025 Lions of Michigan All-State Band please visit <https://www.lionsmib-and.org>

## OJ Adkins To Perform at Ellsworth Concerts on the Square

Local popular singer and musician OJ Adkins will be in the gazebo at the Ellsworth Concert on the Square series on Wednesday, July 24, at 7:00 PM. Enjoy an evening with OJ performing country, bluegrass and gospel music in the quaint Village of Ellsworth. Refreshments and treats are available from the Ellsworth Pig Roast Committee. Be sure to bring your own chair or blanket. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to the Banks Township Hall. The Concerts on the Square Series is proudly sponsored by the Ellsworth Downtown Development Authority. Members include: Lynn Spearing, Mary H. Faculak, Hugh Campbell, Pastor Chris Wallace, Nathan



OJ Adkins

Swales, Tina Sundelius, Dr. Chris Randall and Ginny McCallum.

For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or [info@ejchamber.org](mailto:info@ejchamber.org)

## Family-Friendly Theater Performances at Bay View

BAY VIEW – Fans looking for fun theatrical productions can experience an exciting line-up this summer season at Bay View Association. This season's selections were designed to appeal to all ages and provide an enriching and memorable musical theater experience right here in northern Michigan. The performances include Rossini's Cinderella opera and Aristocats JR, completely produced by children.

**Cinderella Opera**  
Thursday, July 25 and Friday, July 26 at 8 p.m. Hall Auditorium  
Wednesday, July 31 and Thursday Aug 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Great Lakes Center for the Arts

Experience the magic of live opera in a fully staged production of the fairy tale opera Cinderella by Rossini. In this whimsical story, virtuosic singing, a sprightly orchestral accompaniment, and a timeless tale combine with unique twists for a delightful evening out as you experience the antics of the stepsisters, a mysterious plot, and the



graceful charm of the title character. Free attendance for those under 18.

The opera production moves to the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor on July 31 and August 1. Price is \$33 for all seats.

Tickets for both of these productions at Bay

View are available at the Bay View Box Office located at Voorhies Hall. The Box Office is open M-F 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. or at [www.BayViewAssociation.org](http://www.BayViewAssociation.org). For the Great Lakes Center for the Arts performances visit [greatlakescfa.org](http://greatlakescfa.org) or call 231.439.2610

### Youth Theater:

**Aristocats JR**  
Saturday, July 27, 2 p.m. and Sunday, July 28, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. Voorhies Hall

Bring the family to Voorhies Hall for Bay View's Youth Theater production of Aristocats JR. This charming and humorous show based on the beloved Disney film features a jazzy, upbeat show and is sure to delight viewers of all ages. Aristocats JR is entirely produced by young people, ages 7-18 and demonstrates their talent. Suggested donation at the door is \$10.

Bay View's mission is to provide enrichment for all ages in northern Michigan through our four programs; education, performing arts, recreation and worship. The public is invited to attend all events. As an independent public charity, Bay View strives to be a place where people of all ages can explore innovative ideas and enjoy experiences that help them grow into the best versions of themselves. To Experience Summer With Us, go to [www.BayViewAssociation.org](http://www.BayViewAssociation.org) and see the full schedule of events, purchase tickets, or sign up for classes.

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## Winners of 2024's "Best Harbor in the U.S." Contest Announced by US Harbors

The winning harbors include several surprises: harbors appearing for the first time on the "Best Harbor" list. Harbors (usharbors.com), has announced the winners of their 5th annual contest to find the "Best Harbor" in the U.S. This crowd-sourced contest, open to the public for voting, is held online each year. People vote on their favorite harbor out of the 1500+ harbors for which US Harbors provides tidal and coastal weather data. Communities with the most passion for where they live, boat, and fish generally end up winning the event, and the 2024 winners include several new harbors that were not previously in the winners' circle. Grand Winner, Best Harbor in the U.S. for 2024: Block Island, RI

**TOP 10 RESULTS:**

1. Block Island, RI (also 2024's Northeast regional winner; first time on winners list)
2. Destin, FL (also 2024's Gulf Coast regional winner; first time on winners list)
3. Padanaram, MA (2019 "Best Harbor" Grand Winner)
4. Bristol, RI (first time on winners list)
5. Shelter Cove, Hilton Head, SC (also 2024's Southeast regional winner; and Southeast regional winner in 2022 and 2021)
6. Pillar Point, Princeton, CA (2024's Pacific Coast regional winner; first time on winners list)
7. Gloucester, MA (first time on winners list)
8. Charlevoix, MI (2021 "Best Harbor" Grand Winner; also 2024's Great Lakes regional winner)
9. Brookings, OR (first time on winners list)
10. Depoe Bay, OR (2022 "Best Harbor" Grand Winner)

## COMMUNITY LEADER JANE MACKENZIE MAKE IT HAPPEN!

BY JOHN KEYSER

Encouraged by Mary Faculak and Mark Heydlauff, it's my pleasure to feature Jane MacKenzie, the Executive Director of Northern Homes Community Development Corporation. Jane's story is one of dedication, expertise, and commitment to improving the lives of residents in our picturesque part of the state.

A Michigan native, Jane grew up on a family farm in Tekonsha and later attended Western Michigan University. It was there she met her future husband, Scott. Together they moved to Greensboro, North Carolina. There, Jane enriched her knowledge and professional experience, earning a Masters in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her career in Greensboro's city planning department was marked by significant achievements in real estate development and neighborhood planning.

While in North Carolina, Jane and Scott had their daughter, Katie, and son, Camden, and they knew they wanted to be back up in Michigan to raise their children, live their lives and pursue their careers.

Thankfully! While in Greensboro, Jane learned a new organization, Northern Homes, had formed in northern Michigan. She applied and was hired as Executive Director. That was 1999, so she has been in this critically important role for 25 years now, and while she is definitely truly a professional, she continues to learn and grow and seek new ideas. This is what it takes with the attainable and affordable housing issues we continue to face.

Under Jane's leadership, Northern Homes has been instrumental in fostering affordable housing solutions across several counties in northern Michigan, including Charlevoix. Their mission is to create and preserve quality affordable housing opportunities for Northern Michigan residents through education, development, and partnering with local communities. That covers a lot, and be assured Jane and her team do a whole lot!

There has been significant success including Maple Village, a 97-unit apartment community in Petoskey, six units on Beaver Island, a historic rehab in Boyne City, and two new homes for sale in Petoskey, one in renovated home Gaylord. Overall, they have developed over 170 apartments and 50 single family homes. Currently, Northern Homes is embarking on an exciting project in Charlevoix, proposing the construction of six cottage-style apartments near the airport on US 31. This development aims to address the ongoing housing crisis by providing accessible and affordable living options for families and individuals alike.

During her years in Boyne City Jane has been very involved in serving the community in leadership roles and volunteering. She served as Executive Director of Boyne City Housing Commission and was on the board of the Boyne District Public Library and the Boyne City Planning Commission.

As northern Michigan continues to grow, it is leaders like Jane who are at the forefront, ensuring that all community members have access to safe, affordable housing. Through her unwavering commitment and innovative approach, Jane exemplifies the spirit of leadership that drives change and fosters community strength. We are very fortunate to have Jane, her complete dedication, and her leadership to help successfully address our critical housing issues.



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## East Jordan's South Arm Classics car show

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan's South Arm Classics car show set a new record for entries this year. The warm and sunny weather brought 103 classic and antique automobiles to the 29th annual event last Saturday.

A diverse array of vehicles, from Model T Fords to more modern Corvettes, were on display in East Jordan's Memorial Park. Organized by the East Jordan Lions Club, the show has become a local favorite for car owners and enthusiasts, drawing participants from as far away as Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, and Florida.

Trophies were awarded to the top 30 vehicles.

The Best of Show award was presented to Mike McCarthy of Johannesburg, Michigan, for his 1970 AMC Javelin. The award



The group photo is (L to R) Lions Club member Dan Miller, Best of Show winner Mike McCarthy, Steve Bernier, and Denny Jesiek.

PHOTOS BY KAREN WALKER

was an autographed book by local car enthusiast Denny Jesiek in a handcrafted case.

The People's Choice award went to Ron Peck for his "Starsky and Hutch" themed 1976 Ford Torino.



The People's Choice Award winner, Ron Peck's 76 Torino

## Camp Daggett Celebrates Growth and Community Support Through Service Club Partnership

PETOSKEY — Established in 1925 with pivotal support from the Petoskey Rotary Club, Camp Daggett has thrived through collaborative partnerships with service clubs, marking a legacy of community stewardship and youth enrichment.

Today, Camp Daggett proudly announces the expansion of its service club network to include 19 active clubs, the latest being the Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus. This partnership underscores a shared commitment to youth development and community service.

The Boyne Valley Knights recently embraced Camp Daggett's cabin adoption program by adopting "Hemlock," affectionately known as Med Shed on campus. This vital cabin serves as the seasonal residence for the camp nurse, where essential medical supplies are stored, and campers receive care for injuries and illnesses.

Recognizing the cabin's deteriorating condition, Frank Shaler, President of



Summer Camp Assistant Director of Health, Dinah Brown with Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus members Tony Bukrey, Frank Shaler, Bob Beckman, Kirk Kujawski and Vince Schehl. The Knights came to campus for staff welcome dinner to celebrate the work they completed at the first aid cabin, "Hemlock."

the Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus Building Corporation, along with financial secretary Vince Schehl, rallied their group to action. Reflecting on their mission to aid children in need, Shaler emphasized, "Today's youth face significant challenges. Camp Daggett provides invaluable experiences, and it's our duty to support them."

During a month-long initiative starting in May, eight members of the Boyne Valley Knights refurbished Hemlock. Their efforts included installing a new bathroom, hot water heater, roofing, exterior

stone for water damage mitigation, light fixtures, and replacing deteriorated wood, totaling a \$5,000 investment.

"The impact extends beyond physical repairs," Schehl noted, observing the diverse community use of Camp Daggett, which hosts school groups year-round.

The Service Club Cabin Adoption program at Camp Daggett fosters long-term commitments from service clubs to preserve and enhance camp facilities. The Boyne Valley Knights plan to return next spring for further improvements.

Julie Joles, Camp Daggett's Development Director, highlighted the program's significance, stating, "The Service Club Cabin Adoption program embodies our foundation of community involvement and strengthens bonds among service club members. It exemplifies our motto, 'The Other Fellow First.'"

For more information about Camp Daggett's Service Club Cabin Adoption program or to volunteer for upcoming projects, contact Julie Joles at julie.joles@campdaggett.org or call (231) 881-5451.

## ASK LAURA YOUR DOSE OF POSITIVITY AND INSPIRATION

### Rejoicing in Ordinary Things

Dear Readers,  
"Rejoicing in ordinary things is not sentimental or trite. It actually takes guts." This quote from a podcast I recently heard resonated deeply with me. Albert Einstein once said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." This quote invites us to contemplate two contrasting perspectives on life.

I use gratitude and mindfulness to maintain a positive mindset or to move to it when I've somehow lost it when faced with a challenge. I work towards quickly turning to gratitude for it. This helps release the emotional trauma of the situation and helps me reframe it. It also allows me to let go of fear, shame, and guilt, which are often the go-to emotions we humans immediately turn to.

Recently, I broke my pinky toe. At first, I felt sorry for myself. I wasn't going to be able to take my daily long walks or exercise the way I have been. I beat myself up for walking into the step ladder. Walking from one room to the next was painful. But I quickly pivoted and was grateful it was only my toe and not my foot or a serious illness; it was just a toe. I started to think about what I could do versus what I couldn't do. I could row, swim, bike, use a boot to make walking less painful. Even rest more with ice and elevation and a good book—a luxury I didn't often allow myself. In the end, it turned



Laura Jasurda

out to be a blessing and I gained so much more than I suffered. I'm loving my morning swims and kayaking. I'm walking slow and taking my time more vs. always rushing thru my day. I finished a book I've been trying to finish for over a year. Most importantly, I have one more experience under my belt where I was able to move quickly from a negative to a positive mindset.

So, dear readers, look at each day as a gift, each moment a miracle unfolding before your eyes. Rejoicing in the ordinary takes courage, but it's a path that leads to a richer, more fulfilling life.

Laura Jasurda is not just a writer and columnist; she's also a certified John Maxwell Leadership Trainer and Mentor, as well as a highly accomplished global business development executive and entrepreneur. Her passion lies in spreading positivity, nurturing personal growth, and fortifying our community bonds. Laura's mission is to empower you to unlock your full potential and lead your best life, both individually and as an integral part of your community.

## Northwest Michigan Businesses Receive Nearly \$1 Million For Employee Training

28 businesses in northwest Lower Michigan will receive a total of \$906,348 for employee training from the second round of fiscal year 2024 grants from the state's Going PRO Talent Fund. Those local employers will use the funding to train 171 new hires and 291 existing employees. The funding will also support 66 Registered Apprentices. Award recipients in northwest Michigan include businesses in multiple industries including construction, manufacturing, healthcare, energy, childcare, and nonprofits. Businesses applied for the Talent Fund grants with assistance from the Northwest Michigan Works! Business Services team.

"We are thrilled to see the ongoing support for our local businesses through the Going PRO Talent Fund," said Rob Dickinson, Regional Director of Business Services at Northwest Michigan Works!. "This funding not only helps businesses train their current and new employees but also strengthens the overall economy by ensuring a skilled workforce ready to meet the demands of our fu-

ture economy. The success of these companies reflects Northwest Michigan Works' and our community's commitment to fostering growth and innovation."

Statewide in the second round of grants for FY2024, more than 350 Michigan employers will receive a combined \$17.8M from the Going PRO Talent Fund to help them train, develop and retain nearly 10,000 current and newly hired employees. A full list of Going PRO Talent Fund grants is available at [Michigan.gov/TalentFund](http://Michigan.gov/TalentFund).

For more information about applying for future Going PRO Talent Fund grants and to connect with a Northwest Michigan Works! Business Services team member, go to [nwm.org/GoingPRO](http://nwm.org/GoingPRO).

Including this awards cycle, the Going PRO Talent Fund has supported high-skill, in-demand job training for more than 210,000 Michiganders since its launch in 2014. Training must fill a demonstrated talent need experienced by the employer and lead to a credential for a skill that is transferable and recognized by industry.

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## PET OF THE WEEK

# AZAZLE (AZZY)

This sweet senior is Azazle, also known as Azzzy. Azazle came to us as a transfer from the Saginaw area and he is ready to say goodbye to the city life and focus on a life of relaxation in good ole Northern Michigan. Azazle is a calm and gentle guy and would do in a quiet home. He enjoys beds and naps like most senior citizens and does seem to walk well on a leash. As is the case with many senior shepherds, Azzzy does have some hip issues and is on some medication for pain management and allergies. He seems to be tolerant of other dogs that give him his space and we believe he would do well with cats.

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## Conservation Department Garden Party August 8

Please join us on August 8th, from 5-7:30pm, as we celebrate 75 years of conservation services in Charlevoix County at our 4th Annual Garden Party. Enjoy all of our usual Garden Party treats plus so much more! This year we are adding a Silent Auction full of goodies from Charlevoix County's own local businesses, fun door prizes, tasty food & beverages from Stiggs Brewery of Boyne, music by Nelson Olstrom, a 50/50 Raffle with the Boyne Area Chamber's Business After Hours, and a tent full of local, regional and statewide

conservation partners for landowners. To donate to our Silent Auction, please contact Kyra at charlevoixcd@macd.org by July 15th to make arrangements for pick up or drop off. To be included as a conservation partner, please contact Alison at alison.adams@macd.org or call 231-582-6193 to reserve a space (no fees included, please plan to bring your own table). All donations will be recognized at our event, online and through various District publications.



## Gov. Whitmer Secures Funding to Guarantee Free School Breakfast, Lunches, for Michigan Students Next Year, Saving Families \$850 Each Year

LANSING – Today, Governor Whitmer announced the newly passed education budget for next school year will continue providing universally-free breakfast and lunch to Michigan's 1.4 million public school students throughout the school year.

"As a parent, I remember the chaos of weekday mornings when you're just trying to get your kids out the door and off to school on time," said Governor Whitmer. "In the budget for next school year, we are reducing that burden on Michigan families by providing free breakfast and lunch for every student throughout the school year and over the summer too. Free school meals save parents \$850 per year per kid and valuable time every morning. When students are fed, they can focus better in class. Let's keep working together to feed our kids and ensure every family has the support they need to thrive."

"As a dad of three, I know how important it is for my children to be able to focus on learning and growing at school, just like every parent," said Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist II. "That's why Governor Whitmer and I have continued to fight for Michigan's students, ensuring all 1.4 million of them get free breakfast and lunch during the school year. We'll continue to fight for Michigan's students all year long."

The FY25 budget allocates funding to ensure that free school breakfasts and lunches throughout the school year will continue to be available to students next year. It is projected that Michigan schools will have served 76.3 million breakfasts and 135.6 million lunches to students throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

Since taking office, Governor Whitmer has continued to fight for students, making sure everyone has the support and resources they need to succeed in our schools. By guaranteeing free school breakfast and lunch to students in the FY25 budget, Governor Whitmer is alleviating the financial burden on Michigan's families and ensuring students can focus on learning.

### A Better, More Affordable Education

Governor Whitmer remains a steadfast ally for students and families in Michigan's school system. Since taking office, she has made strategic and specific investments in Michigan's education sector, fighting for real results that support students across the state. These accomplishments include:

- Since taking office, Governor Whitmer has raised per-pupil funding by 26%.
- Signing budgets that opened 100 school-based health clinics, expanded access to before and after-school programs, increased on-campus mental health professionals
- Signing a bill that assists schools with providing funds for school security, technology, transportation, and facility upgrades.

## Copper Harbor author publishes new book: 'In the Dirt, A novel about being human'

BY JACOB VANHOUTEN

COPPER HARBOR – If you live in Copper Harbor, population 136, you are probably familiar with a certain resident that is very active in the community. She sang in a local band, she writes outdoor articles, (member of MOWA (Michigan Outdoor Writers Association); has written two previous books and does other amazing things all while being a great mom to her son. Wow. If that isn't enough, she also says that the person most responsible for "showing her this path..." is her son, Brady P. who was born with Down syndrome in 2014. His birth was a challenging but positive life-changing gift. Anyone who has met Brady P., and I have, knows this to be true. He's a handful, but what a joy he is.

So, who is this award-winning author living the good life offered by the U.P. in beautiful Copper Harbor ("da harbor")? Amanda Wais, that's who. This award-winning author is a transplant (from

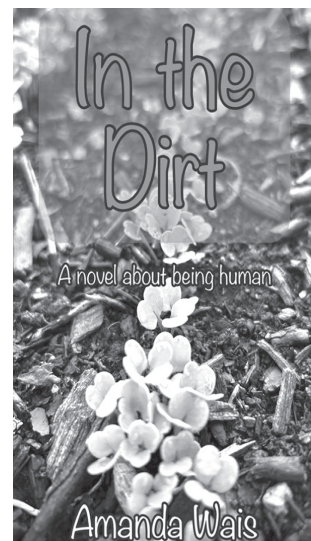


Amanda Wais

Wisconsin), who moved to the U.P. in 2005. As she so beautifully puts it, "My uprooting and move to Michigan soil (or rock in most cases), was perfect for unfurling my branches." She grew and has definitely taken root.

We're lucky she left the land of cheese and moved to the U.P.!

While filling her notebooks with adventures, experiences, favorite places, she realized quite quickly that she needed to start sharing with the world. Her first book: Little Slices of da Harbor- Copper Harbor MI came out in 2012. Her second book quickly



followed in 2014; Touring the Tip: Copper Harbor's Adventure Guide. Both help the reader navigate changing seasons of the heart as well as how to get the most out of their bikes (she's an avid off-road biker) as well as their boots, kayak or skies. The second book took third place in the MOWA Awards in Craft for Best Book category in 2015. She also published a third book, Digging for Light- A Memoir to Inspire Humanity in 2017.

In her latest book, In the Dirt, A novel about being

human, Amanda releases her personal mission: to help make the world a kinder place. By reading this book, as she puts it, you will "Join a group of strangers, each with their own struggles, as they converge in a community garden – a place where the only barriers are merely dirt paths". What a great concept. Dig into the dirt with the characters, you'll be glad you did!

What is even better, this book is the first in a series! You can look forward to reading more.

Amanda is the owner and content creator for Copper Harbor Vitality (CHV) which she uses to provide pod casts with local guests, weekly blogs, destination-based videos, books, writing consulting services and nature-inspired macro photography art.

Buy this book and take a look deeper inside and maybe find your place in the dirt, and about being human.

Where to find it: order online at Copperharborvitality.com. Enjoy!

## R.P.M. To Perform at Music In The Park

EAST JORDAN – Get ready to rock with this week's Music In The Park performers, R.P.M. The concert starts at 7:00 PM on Friday, July 18th in Memorial Park in the bandshell stage. R.P.M.'s vast playlist of non-stop hits and high energy will provide a perfect summer's evening concert for all to enjoy.

Band members include: Enos Bacon on bass and vocals, Diana Cooke on lead vocals, Bryan Griffin on drums and vocals and Jay Julian on guitar and vocals.

Before enjoying a great evening of music, be sure to visit East Jordan early to experience a hike on the Don and Eileen Klein



R.P.M.

Boardwalk/Trail, stroll the Jordan Art Walk to see the magnificent 24 sculptures on display in Memorial Park, Sportsman's Park and G.A.R. Park. Enjoy golfing, boating, canoeing, kayaking and shopping and dining in our community,

located on the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix and at the mouth of the Jordan River. Come by car or by boat and be our guest at one of our shoppers' docks at the East Jordan City Harbor.

The East Jordan Music in the Park Concert Series

is proudly sponsored by the City of East Jordan Downtown Development Authority, Jordan River Arts Council and the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. If you have enjoyed the concert series this summer for one or more of the fabulous performances and would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to continue bringing these summer concerts to East Jordan, please send your check to the City of East Jordan, with Music in the Park Concert Series in the memo section. Mail donations to P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

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## 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 enter-

tainment 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 Valvtech Marine fuel additive, pump-out station, ice and restrooms. Shower facilities are available for seasonal and transient slip holders.

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Green Dots and Lines are existing sanitary sewer manholes and mains  
Red dots and pink streets show proposed new sanitary sewer manholes and areas to be served.

## Boyne City Sanitary Sewer Improvements Expansion

The City of Boyne City has secured \$12.8 million in low-interest financing from the State of Michigan to upgrade our sewer infrastructure, improve the wastewater treatment plant, and expand the sewer collection system. If your property is in one of the areas being considered for new sewers, you should be

receiving a letter explaining the project and your options as the property owner (map pictured above). No direct costs or special assessments are required; however, connection fees and contractor costs apply if you choose to connect.

Public meetings on this topic will be held in-person and streamed on our

Facebook page for more information:

1. July 24, 2024 at 6:00pm | Boyne City, City Hall first floor training room.
2. July 31, 2024 at 6:00pm | Boyne City, City Hall second floor Commission Chambers

**THE DEPOT TEEN CENTER**  
**SUMMER 2024**  
*June & July Calendar*  
**THE DEPOT**  
Jordan Valley Teen Center

**WEDNESDAYS**

**THE DEPOT BEACH BASH**  
NOON-3:00 @ THE EJ TOURIST PARK

**THURSDAYS**  
MEET AT THE DEPOT @ NOON FOR LUNCH. WE WILL SHUTTLE YOU TO EACH ACTIVITY. PICK-UP IS AT 3:00 AT THE ACTIVITY LOCATION.

- (JULY) 11 EQUINE THERAPY & HORSE RANCH TOUR TRIPLE T'S RANCH, EAST JORDAN
- (JULY) 18 COMMUNITY KARAOKE & OPEN MIC EAST JORDAN TOURIST PARK
- (JULY) 25 DEPOT SCAVENGER HUNT THROUGHOUT EAST JORDAN
- (AUG) 1 MULTI-MEDIA ART CLASS DEER CREEK JUNK, EAST JORDAN
- (AUG) 8 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP PROJECTS THROUGHOUT DOWNTOWN EAST JORDAN
- (AUG) 15 PONTOON PARTY ON A PONTOON ON A LAKE IN EAST JORDAN

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**Charlevoix Venetian Festival**

**2024 Event Schedule**  
Theme: MARGARITAVILLE

*"pre-Venetian"*  
**KLING TENNIS TOURNAMENT**  
Stroud Park Courts  
Begins: July 19, Finals: July 25  
Singles & Doubles open to all ages  
Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

**SATURDAY - 7/20**  
**AQUAPALOOZA**  
Beach & Boating Party  
Ferry Beach: 12-6 pm  
Music Commences @ 2pm  
**AIR MARGARITAVILLE**  
Jimmy Buffet Tribute - Detroit  
**"CORNETIAN" CORN TOSS**  
Ferry Beach: 12 pm  
\$20/person, no double needed  
Reg: On-site 10:30 am  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
Ferry Beach: 12 pm  
6 member co-ed, \$90/team  
Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

**SUNDAY - 7/21**  
**RAYDER ROUNDBALL CLASSIC**  
Chx Middle-High School: 9 am  
3-v-3 teams, \$100/team  
Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

*(Sunday continued)*  
**DISC GOLF DOUBLES**  
Mt. McSauba: 11 am  
Bring a partner - best shot doubles  
\$40 Rec Team - \$60 Advanced Team  
Reg: On-site 10 am  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER FAIR**  
**"NEW in 2024!"** - East Park: 5:30pm  
**"WORSHIP ON THE WATER"**  
Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**SANCTUS REAL**  
Christian Rock - Toledo, OH

**MONDAY - 7/22**  
**KLING YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC**  
Stroud Park Courts, Shanahan Field: 9 am  
Free for ages 10-18  
Reg: On-site, free for all ages  
**COTTAGE CROQUET TOURNEY**  
East Park: 1:30 pm  
Reg: On-site  
**BOCCE BALL - "NEW in 2024!"**  
Class Baseball Diamond, Shanahan Field: 7 pm  
Reg: On-site 6:30 pm

**TUESDAY - 7/23**  
**TOMMY TROPIC WORLD RECORD BID**  
Waller Road - 6:30 am  
**JUNIOR SAILING REGATTA**  
Depot Beach - 10:30 am  
Ages 8-19  
Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)  
**BINGO**  
Castle Farms - 12 pm  
Free & open to all ages  
No registration needed  
Hosted by American House Senior Living: Chx  
**CHX TWP FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSE**  
Charlevoix Township Fire House, 4 pm  
**3-on-3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT**  
Shanahan Field: 5:30 pm  
Youth, High School, Adult, Over 35  
\$50/team  
Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
Odmark East Pavilion: 7 pm  
**CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND**

**WEDNESDAY - 7/24**  
**3 CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Charlevoix Municipal Course: 1 pm  
Youth - \$12/player; Adult - \$25/player  
Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)  
**SAILING REGATTA**  
Lake Charlevoix - Ferry Beach  
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**FOOD CONCESSIONS**  
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Daily: Wed 7/24 - Sat 7/27  
**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
East Park: 6-10 pm  
**TIKI TENT**  
East Park: 6pm-Midnight  
**STRINGS ATTACHED**  
**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**  
Downtown: 5-11 pm  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**PUB RUNNERS**  
Irish & Folke - Gaylord, MI  
**VENETIAN ART AUCTION**  
**MISS CHARLEVOIX CORONATION**  
**FRANKIE BALLARD**  
Country - Battle Creek, MI

**THURSDAY - 7/25**  
**CHARLEVOIX FARMER'S MARKET**  
Bridge Park: 8 am-1 pm  
**KID'S DAY**  
Downtown: 10 am - 2 pm  
Free & armband activities for families  
Armband: \$13 (scholarships available)  
**FREE MOVIE - THE LAND BEFORE TIME**  
Charlevoix Cinema III: 10:30 am  
**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**  
Downtown: Noon - 11 pm  
**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
East Park: 6-10 pm  
**TIKI TENT**  
East Park: 6pm-Midnight  
**GALACTIC SHERPAS**

*(Thursday continued)*  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**PINTER WHITNICK**  
Classic Rock - Detroit, MI  
**GIN BLOSSOMS**  
Alternative Rock - Tempe, AZ

**FRIDAY - 7/26**  
**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**  
Downtown: 12-11 pm  
**BRIDGE STREET BLOCK PARTY**  
Bridge Street at noon  
**FAMILY FUN ZONE**  
Bridge St - North of the light, 1 - 4pm  
Various family-friendly activities for all ages  
**CAR SHOW**  
Bridge St - South of light  
Noon - 4 pm  
**"PEACHES 'N CREAM" CORN TOSS**  
Bridge Park - 1:30 pm  
Cost: \$20/team  
Reg: On-site Noon  
**NEW! MEET THE AIRSHOW PILOTS!**  
Chx Airport: 1:30-3pm  
**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
East Park: Noon - 10 pm  
**TIKI TENT**  
East Park: 6pm-Midnight  
**1 WAVE DJS**  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**IKONS OF ROCK**  
Rock - International  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
Ferry Beach: 7-10 pm  
**PINE RIVER JAZZ BIG BAND**  
Swing/Jazz - Charlevoix, MI  
**SCREAM 'N REBELS WAR BIRDS & REDLINE AIRSHOW with FLAG JUMP**  
Lake Charlevoix: 7:45 pm  
**"NIGHT SKY" WORLD CLASS FIREWORKS**  
Dusk on Lake Charlevoix  
Ferry Beach, Depot Beach, East Park

**SATURDAY - 7/27**  
**DRENTH MEMORIAL FOOTRACE**  
Bridge St: 9 am (prior to Street Parade)  
Family Mile, 5k & 10k - all ages  
Reg: [venetianraces.com](http://venetianraces.com)  
**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
East Park: 10-8 pm  
**RYAN SHAY MILE**  
Bridge St: 10:30 am  
Championship competition by invitation only  
**STREET PARADE**  
Bridge St: 11 am  
**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**  
Downtown: 12-11 pm  
**CHARLEVOIX ALL CLASS REUNION**  
Inside Tiki Tent: 12:30-3 pm  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
**"ROCKIN' THE TOWNHOUSE"**  
Nashville Style Street Concert  
Bridge St, north of light: 3-6 pm  
**UNION GUNS**  
Country Rock - Grand Rapids, MI  
**TIKI TENT**  
East Park: 6pm-Midnight  
**KENNY THOMPSON**  
**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
**MAC WATTS**  
Country - Detroit, MI  
**ELTON ROHN**  
Elton John Tribute - Ontario, Canada  
**VENETIAN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**  
Dusk on Round Lake  
**SPECTACULAR HARBOR FIREWORKS**  
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## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS NAME GIRLS SOFTBALL ALL-AREA



### BOYNE CITY'S DELANEY VOLLMER PLAYER OF THE YEAR JOSH BUSH NAMED SOFTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Soccer was first in the lineup, but now it's time for girls softball to step up to the plate and hit one out of the park for this year's Charlevoix County News Girls Softball All-Area Team which is selected every year from the nominations sent in by the area's coaches.

As you might expect, the area teams were loaded with talented players, even the ones that failed to produce the kind of records that compete for league and district titles.

That much is always a given.

But some put together better years than others, with impressive numbers that cleared an unmistakable path to their selection to the Dream Team.

Leading them all is Boyne City senior leader Delaney Vollmer, who has been named the Charlevoix County News Player of the Year for the 2023-24 season.

Other First Team selections include Charlevoix four-year senior Anna Kemp who her coach Courtney Kretovic said played with a "high level of intensity and game IQ."

"She worked hard this season to lead and encourage a young Charlevoix team," Kretovic said.

Kemp carried a .400 batting average and .451 on base percentage with 32 hits that included 10 doubles, one triple, one home run, 29 runs batted in, 32 runs scored and 26 stolen bases.

Unfortunately, her season was cut short with a sprained MCL. She slowly worked her way back to be able to hit, and was able to

play defense after missing 10 games. She was All-District as a catcher.

Another girl who made the First Team was Lilli Fenske, a junior for Boyne Falls, who had 40 hits in 68 at bats for a robust .588 batting average.

She collected 10 doubles and two triples and drove in a team-leading 44 RBI. The Loggers starting shortstop after moving over from third base she finished with a .787 fielding percentage, Fenske pitched in six games, starting in four and finished with a 2-2 record.

Boyne City junior centerfielder Morgan Erickson could have made the ESPN highlight reel several times this season with her impressive fielding plays for the Ramblers.

Erickson had a sparkling .956 fielding percentage, which left many an opposing hitter kicking the dirt in frustration as she flagged down potential base hits.

As the Ramblers leadoff hitter most of the season, Erickson slapped her way to a .382 batting average with 39 hits and 29 runs scored. She also was a leader in the dugout, and All-District and All-Region.

Lillian Stone played all four years for East Jordan and displayed leadership on and off the field. "She leads by example every day at practice and games," said coach Rachael Tison. "She graduated at the top of her class, earning an Academic Silver Medal."

Boyne City freshman pitcher Sidney Bush threw 106 innings in 24 games this season, and while she wasn't as accurate as Vollmer, she collected 114 strike outs and limited the opponents to a .223 batting average. She pitched three shutouts in the conference,

and one in the district tournament.

At the plate she hit .360 with 40 hits and 30 RBI, and led the team in walks with 20 and scored 42 runs.

In somewhat of a surprise, Boyne Falls eighth grader Mackenzie Brown finished with an 11-5 pitching record and a 4.54 earned run average. She recorded 96 strike outs in 79 innings pitched.

She also had a .362 batting average with 17 hits in 46 plate appearances. "She has been a pleasant surprise coming over from Boyne City," said Loggers coach Frank Hamilla. "She has tons of potential, and we are looking forward to seeing her improve over the next four years."

Also making the Dream Team was Boyne Falls junior Lauryn Matelski, who in 18 games batted .579, had two home runs, four triples and seven doubles.

"Lauryn was our starting catcher and would play shortstop when Lilli would pitch," said Hamilla. "Lauryn is a gifted athlete who is one of the best catchers in our league. She is a strong hitter, and struck out just three times."

Senior catcher Katelyn Dittmar was behind the plate for the majority of the Ramblers games this season, and finished with the second highest fielding percentage on the team at .955 and topped the team in putouts.

Dittmar batted .331 on the season with 24 RBI. "Katelyn is an incredibly hard worker, and a team leader in the dugout," said coach Josh Bush.

Boyne City senior second baseman Lucy Uy had a fielding percentage of .908 at her position and turned six double plays. She



DELANEY VOLLMER

had a .318 batting average with 34 hits and 29 RBI, while earning 17 walks.

"What makes Uy a threat to her opponents is that she has a very high softball IQ, which gives her the advantage in many situations," said Bush. "One of her biggest strengths is base running. She is the master of the pickle, and her smart base running has helped her score 33 runs."

Cadence Matelski, Boyne Falls senior is the last selection. Cadence played 16 games this season with a .404 batting average 21 hits, 16 singles, one double and four triples with 19 RBI at the second spot in the order.

Cadence has been part of the Loggers' program for the past five years, and

has been instrumental in its improvement each season. She has been their second basemen the past three seasons and was one of the team captains this year.

Ellsworth senior #1 Pitcher and infielder Avery Strange was 10-4 on the year with 152 Ks, 4 shut-outs and a 1.64 ERA Batted .548, with 8 doubles, 9 triples and 4 homeruns and she scored 43 runs Lost a tough 2-0 game in the district final to Bellaire, was a 4 year varsity starter Will be playing college softball at Northwood University.

Ellsworth's Isabella Essenberg- Junior Infielder, 2 nd Pitcher really developed as a great pitcher that created a super 1-2 combo on the mound for the Lady

Lancers and she batted a robust .420, (42 hits in 100 at bats).

Hannah Essenberg-Sophomore Catcher As a former pitcher, she really helped to develop the Ellsworth staff. She was also a weapon at the plat batting .358 for the year

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## Delaney Vollmer

BY GREG GIELCZYK

If you look up "team leader" in the dictionary, it's entirely possible that you would find a picture of Boyne City senior Delaney Vollmer.

She meets all the requirements, and then some. As her coach, Josh Bush, says she "carries the weight of the team on her shoulders."

That describes a leader to a tee.

Delaney's ability and willingness to not only lead by example with her play on the field, but also to provide the intangibles that often mean so much more, were a big reason the Ramblers won the district championship this year.

It also led to her being recognized by the Charlevoix County News as its Player of the Year for the 2024 girls softball season ... both for her accomplishments and the team's, which she played such a major role.

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## GIRLS SOFTBALL 2024 ALL-AREA DREAM TEAM



**PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
DELANEY VOLLMER - BOYNE CITY**

### TEAM CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Vollmer was the Ramblers' leading pitcher in her final season wearing the school's colors, appearing in 27 games and working 108 innings.

One thing all coaches want to see from their pitchers is control, keeping the ball in the strike zone and Vollmer's did that, finishing with 108 strike outs and an opponent batting average of .275.

But she was also a heck of a hitter, batting .427 on the season with a .496 on base percentage with 50 hits, including three home runs and 34 runs batted in.

In her senior season, Vollmer was asked to play third base rather than her normal first base when she wasn't in the circle, and demonstrated her great glove work with a .907 fielding percentage.

A true leader.

their district opener 7-3 to Kalkaska in 13 innings.

It obviously sounds like a cliché since it's been used so often, but in this case it certainly seems appropriate to say that a year made a big difference for the Ramblers.

Fans who came out for their games this season were often treated to some excellent games against quality competition, both in and out of the league, as the Ramblers went 20-18 and won the district championship.

In recognition of the job he did keeping the players focused Ramblers head coach Josh Bush earned the Charlevoix County News Coach of the Year award.

"I appreciate that. It took me by surprise," Bush said when informed of his honor. "I thought the team came together great. If you look at our record, 20-18, when the (athletic director) called me in his office and asked me 'what kind of schedule would you like to play?'"

"So I looked at him and said, 'Well, I want the toughest schedule we can get.' He and I talked it over, and we got a couple good tournaments.

"We ended playing six schools that were ranked in the top 10 in their divisions. I kind of expected to take our lumps, but that prepared us for districts."

Bush was hoping it would also help the Ramblers in the regional, but Gladstone is traditionally

strong and always tournament tested and ended those hopes.

The tough schedule certainly helped in the district final against Elk Rapids, when the Ramblers were down to their last out and a girl on second.

Sidney Bush punched a ball through the gap and drove in the run.

"Our season kind of prepared us for that, to face the pressure and come through," Bush said. "We had played tough teams all year long, and we knew what it was going to take to stay focused.

"As far as the season, I was extremely pleased with it. Our record could have been better, but I want the girls to play the best teams that we can get our hands on and I feel we can compete with.

"I wasn't going to put them up against a Gaylord or anything like that, but as far as good teams in our division (Division 2), and Division 3."

The coach talked with the players about the schedule before the season, stating that their goal was to win the district and if they would buy in it would mean a title.

Only once did Bush have to press the pause button and remind them of what the goal was, and that was why they were playing tough teams.

"It was a great season, fun. The group of girls we had was fantastic," Bush said.

### SOFTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

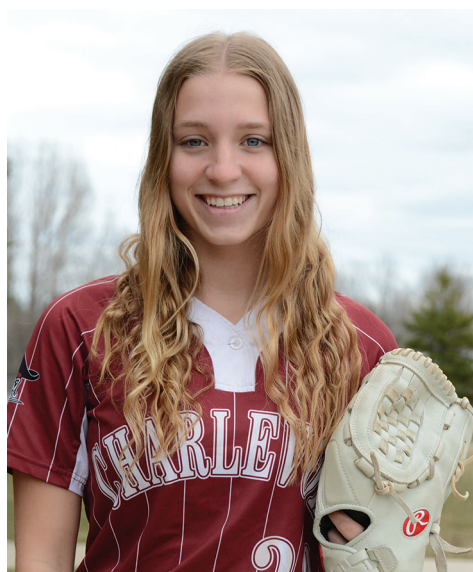
## Josh Bush

BY GREG GIELCZYK

Just a year ago, the finish left little to cheer about for the Boyne City girls softball fans to cheer about as the Ramblers struggled through a rough season and lost in



**CADENCE MATELSKI - BOYNE FALLS**



**ANNA KEMP - CHARLEVOIX**



**MORGAN ERICKSON - BOYNE CITY**



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To the qualified electors of the following City/Township notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, for the purpose of nominating officials for the following offices:

- United States Senator
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- 107th District State Representative
- Judge Court of Appeals 4th District
- County Commissioner – Districts 1 through 6
- County Clerk
- County Prosecutor
- County Treasurer
- County Sheriff
- County Register of Deeds
- County Surveyor
- County Drain Commissioner
- Township Supervisors
- Township Treasurers
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- Precinct Delegates

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PROPOSAL TO RENEW GRANDVUE MILLAGE  
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MILLAGE
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AMBULANCE MILLAGE RENEWAL
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&  
PROPOSAL TO RENEW ROAD MILLAGE
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PROPOSAL TO RENEW ROAD MILLAGE
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PROPOSAL FOR MILLAGE TO PURCHASE AND  
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### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS JULY 10, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on July 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved the agenda as amended.
  - Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.
  - Motion approved Resolution #24-075, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
  - Motion approved Resolution #24-076, Approve County Expenditures.
  - Motion approved the Whiting Park Boat Launch Change Order.
  - Motion approved Resolution #24-077, 2025 Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant Renewal.
  - Motion approved Resolution #24-078, 2024/2025 Child Care Budget Resolution.
  - Motion approved Resolution #24-079, Parks Trail Maintenance Tractor and Tractor Attachments Purchase.
  - Motion approved Resolution #24-080, Court Recording System.
  - Motion approved Resolution #24-081, Whiting Park Electrical Upgrade.
  - Motion approved Resolution #24-082, Charlevoix County Probate Court Carpet Purchase. Nays: Commissioner Christensen.
- The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:16 a.m. Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, [www.charlevoixcounty.org](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org).

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

### CITY OF BOYER CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTE SYNOPSIS

**June 24, 2024** Special Meeting – Approve moving forward with having a new parking survey completed; motion carried.

**July 2, 2024** Special Meeting – Approve the absences of Bob Farrell and Marty Moody; motion carried. Approve the written resolution for Contract 2 for \$2,305,700 to Grand Traverse Construction; motion carried. Approve the written resolution for Contract 1 for \$10,531,024.11 to Elmers Crane and Dozer Inc.; motion carried.

**July 9, 2024** – Approve the absence of Sandy Pritchard; motion carried. Approve the June 24, 2024 special meeting minutes as presented, and approve the June 25, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented; motion carried. Approve the proposal from Granicus for a one-year contract for short term rental address identification services for a total price of \$7,432.23; motion carried. Approve to authorize the City Manager to sign the updated Joint Memorandum of Understanding with the MEDC for continued participation in the Redevelopment Ready Communities program; motion carried.

Jessica Puroll, City Clerk/Treasurer



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## REAL ESTATE FEATURE



# SPACIOUS HOME ON LARGE PRIVATE SETTING NEAR ELMIRA

BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a spacious, ranch style home on approximately two-and-a-half acres a few miles south of Elmira.

This three bedroom, two bath home has just under 1,800 square feet of beautifully designed and appointed living space on the main level, plus a full basement for lots of storage and workshop space. Interior highlights include a large kitchen with plenty of countertop workspace, cabinetry storage plus a center preparation island

with handy snack bar. The kitchen is open to the adjoining dining area and family room. Large windows throughout bring ample natural lighting to the indoor areas.

A sliding door in the family room offers access to the outdoor open deck. There is also a fenced-in area for pets. The approximately two-and-a-half acre property is a mix of open and wooded terrain, providing a natural, private setting. The location is excellent, close to Elmira with easy access to Gaylord, East Jordan and Mancelona.



This spacious, ranch style home on approximately two-and-a-half acres is located at 3190 Tobias Road near Elmira and it is listed at \$230,000.

For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associ-

ate 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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# How to scout out the best place to call home

PART 2 OF 2

The neighborhood in which you live will heavily dictate your whole way of life—things like walking to a nearby park with your kids, knowing your kids are attending good schools, feeling safe when your children play outdoors, being close to restaurants and shopping, enjoying a short commute, and knowing your home will appreciate at a healthy rate.

### Crime statistics

No one wants to live in a neighborhood where break-ins and burglary are the norm. There are web sites that can provide you with statistics on crime and other information pertinent to your search.

In addition to school information, Homestore lets you enter a city or zip code and provides you with crime data for the area you choose. It also compares crime statistics with other cities (such as the city from which you are moving).

In researching a neighborhood, you must first determine your area. The suburbs may have lower crime statistics, but may be farther from your work. Cities may have more crime, but may have other qualities that you consider more attractive, such as convenience and cultural activities.

Use the following tips to help you learn about crime statistics in a neighborhood:

- Take note if there are bars on the windows and doors of homes.
- Talk to the police or sheriff's department.
- Check for gang graffiti on walls and walkways.
- Keep in mind that if you're looking in-town, you may not be able to get away from everything you consider unappealing (such as noise and traffic).
- Keep your family in mind

A home isn't just an investment when you have a family to think of. You'll need to consider more than just the number of bedrooms or whether it has an attached garage.

You'll need to consider the community first and foremost. Do you want schools that are in walking distance? Do you want to be close to your place of employment? Do you want to be close to shopping, restaurants, and other services?

You'll also want to research property values before you find a home in the neighborhood that you like; property values reflect a community's overall health.

And when you do your research, find out what houses sell for now versus a decade ago, five years ago, and three years ago. Also, find out how much property taxes have gone up.

- Talk to neighbors.



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Veteran's Memorial Park, Boyne City

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY August 9, 12 - 9 pm ----- Vendor Setup

SATURDAY August 10, 9 am - 3 pm ----- Car Show  
trophy presentation at 2:30 pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY August 10 & 11 ----- Flea Market  
9 am - 3 pm

SUNDAY August 11, 8 am - 12 pm ----- Breakfast  
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## BOYNE CITY

Here's what's happening

### JULY

- July 3-4  
4th of July Festival  
Downtown Boyne City
- Every Wednesday  
& Saturday  
Farmers Market  
8am-12pm, Veterans Park
- Every Friday  
Stroll the Streets  
6-9pm, Downtown Boyne City
- July 12  
Boyne Thunder  
Friday Night Street Show  
6-9pm, Downtown Boyne City
- July 13  
21st Annual  
Boyne Thunder Poker Run  
10am-4pm, Downtown Boyne City
- July 25  
Food Truck Rally  
5-9pm, Veterans Park

### AUGUST

- Every Friday  
Stroll the Streets  
6-9pm, Downtown Boyne City
- Every Wednesday  
& Saturday  
Farmers Market  
8am-12pm, Veterans Park
- August 7  
Lunch Concert  
Sunset Park
- August 9-10  
Sidewalk Sales  
Downtown Boyne City
- August 16  
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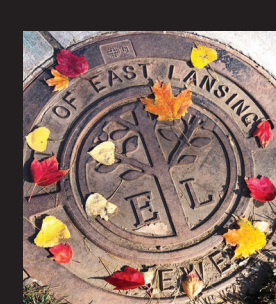


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