

Travis Thenikl graduated from Benzie Central in 2007.

While at Benzie Central he was involved in football, basketball, baseball and band. After graduating from Benzie Central High School, he attended Lake Superior State University from 2007 through 2011 and obtained his bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in homeland security.

While attending Lake Superior State University, he met his wife Laura and after graduating from Lake Superior State University, he was hired by the Grand Traverse Sheriff's office where he worked for the marine division before moving to the road division.

Travis left the Grand Traverse Sheriff's office in 2014 and started his journey to apply for the Michigan State Police. He started the MSP academy in the winter of 2015, and after graduating from the academy, he was posted at the Hart post and worked in Ludington from 2015 through 2019. In 2019, he transferred to the Cadillac post where he worked from 2019 through 2022 and eventually transferred to the Traverse City Post when it re-opened in 2023.

Currently, he is assigned as a Trooper Investigator out of the Traverse City post working underneath the detective division.

When he is not at work, he is very much an outdoors person and enjoys hunting, fishing and camping.

He currently lives in the Traverse City area with his wife Laura, and their three children, a 4-year-old and twin 9-month-olds.

Mrs. Crossman had the pleasure of catching up with Travis just a few short weeks ago here in the very same halls he walked in high school.

We are very proud of you, Travis. Congratulations, and keep up the fantastic work.

