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## Boyne City's Shumaker impresses in MHSSCA Division 3 All-Star game

MT. PLEASANT — The Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star games took place on July 20 at Margo Jonker Stadium, on the campus of Central Michigan University, featuring all four divisions.

Recent Boyne City graduate, Emma Shumaker earned a spot on the Division 3 All-Star team.

Shumaker, recently capped off her Rambler high school career as a three-time All-State selection, four-time district champion, two-time regional finalist, two-time Lake Michigan Conference champion, four-time Charlevoix County News "Dream Team" selection, including Player of the Year honors in 2014, to name a few.

Once again, Emma tossed a majority of the innings for the Ramblers from inside the circle, finishing with a 20-7 record, striking out 160.

At the plate, Shumaker resumed her duties as the leadoff hitter for Boyne, turning in a .393 batting average, pounding out 42 hits on the season, including nine doubles, two triples and four home runs. She also scored 46 runs and had 21 RBIs from the top of the lineup.

Playing for the Division 3 Red team, wearing her trademark number 13 and a uniform featuring Red, White and Navy, the colors she has been wearing for years, Shumaker entered the game in the fourth inning, with her team trailing 18-0, she said she felt no pressure.

"I didn't have any worries once I got in the game, I knew all the players on the team were good, so I knew I could throw anything and they would have my back."

Shumaker went out and did what so many around Northern Michigan have known for the last four seasons at the high school level and even longer dating back to her Little League and travel ball days.

Emma worked three innings of one-hit ball, allowing one unearned run, while walking one and striking out three, including this seasons Miss Softball runner-up, the first hitter she faced.

At the plate, she went 0-1, with a walk.

When asked about the overall experience, from finding out of her selection, to practicing, and finally the game, she had this to say.

"I thought it was pretty cool when I found out. The first thing that came to mind was that I should probably start practicing again, since it had been over month since the season ended."

"We arrived a day early (at CMU) for practice with the team, I had met a few of the girls from playing them before and also met a few girls that are going to Grand Valley State (where Shumaker will be attending college)," she added. "Getting used to new players was not that hard, I knew they were phenomenal."

Emma also noted that she had the opportunity to throw to catcher, Emily Kanakry from University Liggett.

"I had never seen her before, but she called all the pitches and it worked."

Emma also mentioned that the highlight of the day for her was facing a familiar opponent in Traverse City St. Francis Gladiator Julia Hardy, resulting in strikeout for the former Rambler.

The White team went on to win 21-9, as the Red team rallied for one run in the sixth and eight more in the seventh.



Boyne graduate, Emma Shumaker awaits the next pitch from second base during the MHSSCA All-Star game on July 20. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Emma Shumaker delivers a pitch during the Division 3 Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star game. (COURTESY PHOTO)



The MHSSCA Red All-Stars gather near the dugout during pregame warmups at CMU's Margo Jonker Stadium. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Emma Shumaker of Boyne City, takes signs during the MHSSCA Division 3 All-Star Softball game. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Boyne City graduate, Emma Shumaker delivers a pitch during the Division 3 Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star game. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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#### The Difference between a Water Hazard and a Lateral Water Hazard

By Erich Kuhlman, Head Golf Professional, Otsego Club & Resort

A water hazard is marked yellow and a lateral water hazard is marked red. Now, let's look at what the differences are. For a water hazard, you have three options if your ball goes in one. You have the option to try and play it from the hazard. You can play it from where you previously played from and finally you can keep the point where the ball entered the hazard between you and the hole and go back as far as you wish. Now, for a lateral water hazard you have the same three options as the water hazard with two addi-

tional options. One of the options is to find the point where the ball last crossed the hazard and drop within two club lengths no nearer the hole. The final option that you have with a lateral water hazard that you don't have with a water hazard is to drop a ball on the opposite side of the hazard or "equidistant" to the point where the ball last crossed the hazard, no nearer the hole. This last option, very few people know about, but may come in handy some day. At the very least I'm sure you can win some money off of your friends on a friendly wager as to the options you have when you land in a water hazard or a lateral water hazard.

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### East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sandberg

**EAST JORDAN**—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message members of the community walked away with after hearing four keynote speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%

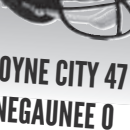
capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge in harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (already up and running), the new open 21.7 recycling center and the \$12,000 kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.



DDA Chair Matt Tomes, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Erhart, Chairman of Commerce Director Mary Faciak, East Jordan Mayor Russell Peck and EJ schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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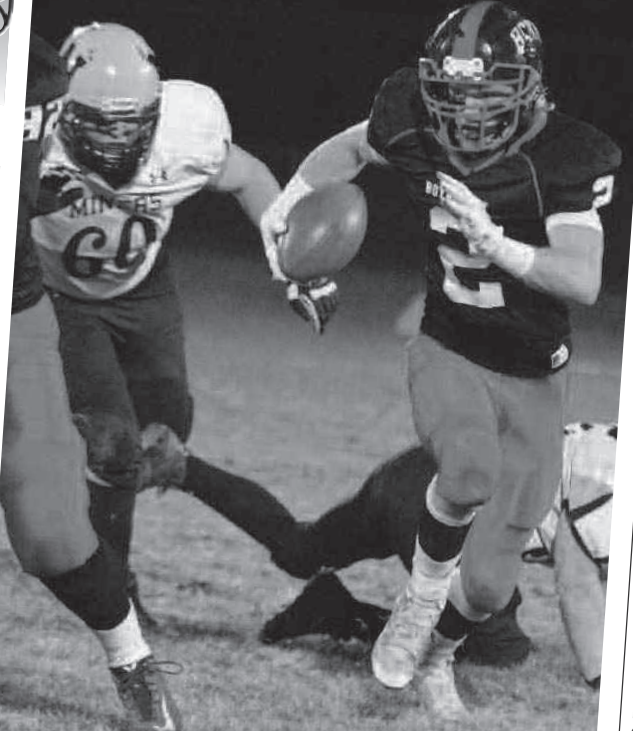
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While curb appeal speaks volumes, once potential buyers enter your house, you want them to be able to picture themselves in it. And they can't do that if your stuff is spilling out all over the place. Clutter is confusion to prospective buyers and that puts you at a disadvantage right away.

If you're living in a cluttered home, you may not be able to see disarray. You see sentimental things, memories of your beloved grandparents, or knick-knacks from a great vacation; the buyer, on the other hand, sees chaos. They can't separate the house from the clutter and in a market where there are more homes than buyers, you need every advantage you can get.

Even if your house is clean, having stuff crammed in every nook and cranny is visually unappealing. What to do? Well, you don't need to hire a stager, at least not initially,

but you should consider renting a storage space and clear everything out.

Make the house neutral. Make it possible for buyers to mentally move their own belongings in.

As with any type of decluttering project, make piles of things you're going to save, things you're going to donate, and things you're going to throw away. Be ruthless. There's a lot of money at stake, after all, especially if you need to sell your house fast.

Call a local charity to pick up your items or drop them off yourself. If you can ab-

olutely, without a doubt have a garage sale or sell items, you can do that as well but it might be best if you can just say goodbye to what you don't need any more and give to a charitable organization. Yard sales take time and organization that you might not have during the selling process.

Keep what you're going to save and store it. You're not getting rid of it, you're just getting it out of sight.

And throw things away. Really. It's time.

Next Week part 2

#### Featured Property

## Ranch home near East Jordan with amazing views



#### By Jim Akans

In the heart of the northern countryside, this nicely maintained ranch style home on over three-and-a-half acres offers truly amazing views.

This three-bedroom, two-bath home has nearly 1,700 square feet of living space on the main level plus additional living area in the partially finished basement. Interior highlights include a vaulted ceiling, a beautiful gas fireplace in the living room, huge jetted tub in the master bath, central air conditioning and built-in cabinetry.

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# Automotive Review



Five Chevrolet vehicles, including this 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LTZ Z71, led their segments in the J.D. Power 2016 Initial Quality Study. PHOTO © GENERAL MOTORS.

## Chevrolet leads J.D. Power Initial Quality Study

Five Chevrolet vehicles led their segments in the J.D. Power 2016 Initial Quality Study. No other brand has more J.D. Power Initial Quality awards than Chevrolet — for the fourth consecutive year.

This follows the brand's strong showing in the 2016 J.D. Power Vehicle Dependability Study, where Chevrolet also had more models ranked highest in its segments than any other brand.

“These results play two critical roles in our strategy to bring new retail buyers to the brand,” said Alan Batey, Global Chevrolet president. “First, the study results will help attract new buyers to Chevrolet, as J.D. Power data shows ‘expected reliability’ is customers’ top purchase consideration for a new vehicle. Second, the improved ownership experience of our new vehicles will help convert first-time Chevrolet buyers into repeat customers, as J.D. Power indicates customers who have a positive experience in the first 90 days of ownership are more likely to be-

come repeat buyers for the brand.”

Chevrolet's focus on the customer has fueled a 3 percent gain in retail sales for the first five months of 2016. In the same period, Chevrolet's share of the retail sales grew 0.6 percentage points, making Chevrolet the fastest growing full-line brand in the industry.

Chevrolet segment awards in the 2016 J.D. Power Initial Quality Study include:

- Silverado swept the full-size truck categories, with the Silverado 1500 receiving the top marks for light-duty trucks and the Silverado HD receiving the top marks for heavy-duty trucks.

- Equinox led the compact SUV segment (in a tie), with study results that were 15 points better than the segment average.

- Tahoe led the large SUV segment, with study results that were 19 points above the segment average.

Finally, the Spark dominated the city car segment, with study results that were 48 points higher

than the segment average.

The study, now in its 30th year, examines problems experienced by vehicle owners during the first 90 days of ownership. Initial quality is determined by the number of problems experienced per 100 vehicles (PP100), with a lower score reflecting higher quality.

The 2016 U.S. Initial Quality Study is based on responses from more than 80,000 purchasers and lessees of new 2016 model-year vehicles surveyed after 90 days of ownership. The study is based on a 233-question battery organized into eight problem categories designed to provide manufacturers with information to facilitate the identification of problems and drive product improvement. The study was fielded from February through May 2016.

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Swimmers – left to right: Ailinn Mullaney (5, Charlevoix), Lily Taylor (8, Colorado) and Lola Wharton (8, Charlevoix) prepare to start the 20 Yard Backstroke. COURTESY PHOTO

## Venetian Swim Meet

Swimmers from all over the country visited the Charlevoix Area Community Pool bringing their friends and family to take part in the Venetian Swim Meet on Monday. Thirty-two participants in all hailed from New York, Colorado, Ohio, Indiana and of course Michigan, showing off the many places people travel from to enjoy the Venetian Festival as a whole. This year's all ages swim meet had registrants participating as young as five years of age. Robert Bemben of Levering, MI at 62 was the oldest to sign up and was a force to be reckoned with, racing a total of five individual events at the meet. "We had 59 events that swimmers could place in when you take into consideration all the different age groups, stroke types and lengths that participants signed up for," says

Peggy DeNio, Facilities Manager at the Pool. "The meet is organized to run rather quickly though, and takes about an hour and a half to complete." Many of the Stingray Swim Team members based in Charlevoix participate in the event, but also several recreational and retired swimmers grab their goggles and join in on the fun. "It really makes for a very positive environment with cheering happening for everyone," says DeNio. "If you haven't made it to the event before, make sure to come out next year."



Siblings Addison (10) and Aidan (11) Boop of Charlevoix show their ribbons following the awards ceremony. COURTESY PHOTO



RIGHT: Swimmers Haleigh Geisler (11, Charlevoix) and Grace Bradley (11, Charlevoix) race neck and neck in the 80 Yard Individual Medley. COURTESY PHOTO

## Northern Michigan Outdoors Biathlon offers options for non-runners

By Patrick Bevier

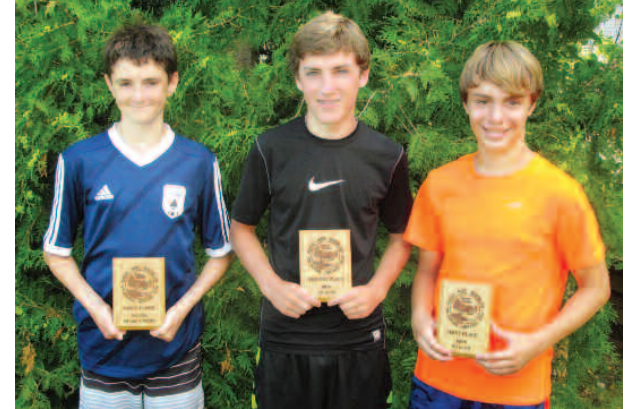
Folks with joint problems exacerbated by running might find the Indian River Biathlon just their cup of Gatorade. The race features two low impact exercises in the form of an 11.5-mile bike on the North Central State Trail and a 2.25-mile kayak on Burt Lake and the Indian River. The race, in its ninth year, was well attended and very competitive as over 90 participants ages 13 – 70+ were in the field.

I competed in my first Indian River Biathlon this year and was particularly impressed with how well organized the event was and how friendly the coordinators and competitors were. I equally admired the fact that most of the fastest participants were in the 50-60-year-old range. For example, the top two overall finishers, Dennis Paul and Greg Hintz, are both in this age category. The top two finishers for the ladies were Stacie Scherman and Sue Stroope, respectively. Three of these four racers were 50-60 years young! On the other end of the timeline the top three finishers 16 and under were Zac Hintz, Oscar Stone, and Brady Hebert, respectively.

When asked about why he decided to compete in his first biathlon 15-year-old Zac said, "I'm just really excited to get into racing, especially when doing it with my dad!"

You needn't be a word class athlete to participate in this friendly event. Lots of great prizes were given away, in addition to plaques for the first three finishers in each age/gender category.

Two ladies opted for Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) in lieu of kayaks



The top three 16 and under finishers were Zac Hintz (l.), Oscar Stone, and Brady Hebert.

and really enjoyed the experience.

Kelley Jontz, from Brighton, said, "We usually make this a family event. My son, Will, and daughter, Greta, have been in the race at least three times already!"

Her friend and fellow SUPer, Christy Kozlowski, beamed, "I love this biathlon because I have a bad knee and can't run. This gives me a chance to compete and it's great exercise!"

Proceeds from the reasonable \$40.00 entree fee (including t-shirt) will go to benefit trail systems including the new Burt Lake



Christy Kozlowski (l.) of Brus and Kelley Jontz of Brighton/Burt Lake made the Indian River Biathlon even more challenging as they opted for Stand Up Paddleboards in lieu of kayaks in the 2.25-mile aquatic leg of the race. The ladies even offered to do head-stands on their boards!

bike trail and cross country ski trails at Wildwood Pathway Park.

A veritable plethora of businesses and organizations sponsor the event. They include Top of Michigan Trails Council, Brasswind Landing, Grain Train, Latitude 45, Dr. Doug Hebert, chiropractic, the Outfitter of Harbor Springs, Sturgeon River Paddlesports, Ken's Village Market in Indian River, the Summerstore, Northwoods Yoga Studio, and Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center.

Each year the biathlon is affiliated with the Indian River Summerfest which is always the 3rd weekend in July. Therefore next year's event will occur on July 22 or 23, 2017. They limit registration to 100, so if you'd like to experience this healthy and worthwhile event register early. Go to [irchamber.com](http://irchamber.com) for details.

Another multi-skills event that non-swimmers might consider is the 3-Disciplines Petoskey Triathlon on August 14, 2016. One event is called the KayaTri and features a 2-mile kayak or paddleboard, 20-K bike, and 5-K run. Go to [mynorth.com/3-disciplines-petoskey-triathlon](http://mynorth.com/3-disciplines-petoskey-triathlon).

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