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## Charlevoix County Community Foundation Spring Grant Awards

Across Charlevoix County, the Community Foundation's grant-making will provide for what matters most now while taking care to also move our communities forward for the future. This spring and summer, our conservancies will enhance nature preserves in the county and along our lakeshores, including making our lakes more universally accessible. Children in all Charlevoix County schools will have access to music education with the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program. Summer concerts will entertain in Charlevoix and on Beaver Island, and

communities will benefit from arts, music, and dance programs around the county. Our food pantries will feed more families and will offer cooking classes. Our hospitals will offer assistance to patients in need. Habitat for Humanity will acquire new lots on which to build more affordable housing for our region. "The Community Foundation provided funding for initiatives and projects from urgent needs to the arts and in every community across the County," notes Community Foundation President Chip Hansen. Charlevoix County youth

will also feel the positive effects of this grant cycle. The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) updated the youth needs assessment this year and was able to immediately address one of the top concerns - mental health programming. Child and Family Services of Northwest Michigan will offer expanded trauma informed services in Charlevoix County schools, thanks to the YAC. This grant cycle, the YAC reviewed and supported a total of more than \$21,000 in programs that respond to the needs of their peers county-wide. "It's important to us

that the youth dollars really benefit Charlevoix County youth," said YAC member, Gus Scheier. "We are grateful for the opportunity to better our community and we feel good about the impact we are making with these spring grant awards." The YAC is responsive to programs that affect two or more communities in Charlevoix County and that have a youth focus. The Community Foundation responded to these requests with almost \$187,000 in grant awards this spring because of donors who wish to make a difference in

Charlevoix County. When individuals, couples, families, and businesses give back to this place they love, the Community Foundation can connect their support with deserving organizations. "It's always such an honor to be a part of the grant making process," said grant-making Committee Member and Community Foundation Trustee, Monica Kroondyk. "What an inspiration to know that with the generosity of our community members, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is

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Master of Ceremonies, Chip Hansen. Photo by Karen Walker, Master Portrait Artist

## EJ ROTARY CLUB VARIETY SHOW WAS FANTASTIC!

The East Jordan Rotary Club presented their 13th annual Variety Show to a sold out crowd last Friday and Saturday. Club members performed songs and comedy skits accompanied by Full Circle Band along with keyboardist Bob Bryan. After several weeks of practicing, the cast, crew and musicians were rewarded with much laughter, applause and a standing ovation for their work. This year's event

featured a pre-show concert by Full Circle Band, numerous skits by area Rotarians and a solo musical performance by East Jordan High School student Madeline Diller. Proceeds from the show support the Rotary Club's community work including scholarships for local students, youth leadership training programs, community improvement projects and more.



Hugh Hansen. Photo by Karen Walker, Master Portrait Artist



Barbershop Quartet members Mark Penzien, Fred Malpass, Denny Aenis and Dick Hartrick. Photo by Karen Walker, Master Portrait Artist



East Jordan High School student Madeline Diller. Photo by Karen Walker, Master Portrait Artist

## Volunteers needed for "Enhance East Jordan" cleanup event

Volunteers are needed to help "Enhance East Jordan" on Saturday, May 18, from 9am to 3pm.

Five projects are available for individuals to choose from. They include brush clearing, weeding, gardening, painting, event assistance and more during the six hour event at the following locations - City of East Jordan - Sportsman's Park, Grandvue Medical Care Facility, Raven Hill Discovery Center, Community Mountain Bike Trail and Friends of the Jordan River Watershed.

Project descriptions are available on the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.ejchamber.org>. Participants must register by e-mailing the Chamber at [info@ejchamber.org](mailto:info@ejchamber.org).

The first fifty volunteers will receive a free lunch and a pair of gloves donated by East Jordan True Value Hardware. Everyone is asked to bring refillable water bottles and to dress for the weather and the project conditions. The event begins at 9am on May 18 with check-in at Memorial Park. For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Office at 231-536-7351.

Read the Obituaries each week from all around the area in the Charlevoix County News



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### FRIDAY



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LOW: 35

### SATURDAY



HIGH: 59  
LOW: 44

### SUNDAY



HIGH: 60  
LOW: 39

### MONDAY



HIGH: 52  
LOW: 39

### TUESDAY



HIGH: 54  
LOW: 39

### WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 55  
LOW: 40

## record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
MAY 2	...36°	...63°	...21°	(1990)	..83°	(1951)
MAY 3	...36°	...64°	...21°	(1967)	..87°	(1955)
MAY 4	...36°	...64°	...21°	(1967)	..87°	(1955)
MAY 5	...37°	...65°	...22°	(1958)	..86°	(2000)
MAY 6	...37°	...65°	...18°	(1968)	..86°	(2000)
MAY 7	...37°	...66°	...20°	(1968)	..87°	(1986)
MAY 8	...38°	...66°	...21°	(1950)	..84°	(1965)
MAY 9	...38°	...67°	...23°	(1955)	..90°	(1993)
MAY 10	...38°	...67°	...22°	(1961)	..90°	(1993)
MAY 11	...39°	...68°	...24°	(2002)	..85°	(1992)

## OBITUARIES

### Lenette Kunkle, 47

(MAY 11, 1971 - APRIL 25, 2019)



Lenette Kunkle of Charlevoix passed away on April 25, 2019 in Washington state.

Lenette was born on May 11, 1971, in Mobile, AL, the daughter of Kenneth and June (Kearley) Kunkle.

Lenette was a 1990 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

She enjoyed listening to music, bowling, dancing, animals, and going to the casino, but most of all spending time with her family, especially her grandson.

She is survived by 3 sons, C.J. Kunkle, Cody (Kasey) Galy and Shayn Galy all of Charlevoix, her parents, Kenneth (June) Kunkle of Charlevoix, a sister, Josette (Mark) Given of Harrison, MI, a grandson Wyatt Galy,

along with two nephews, Corey Given and Jarod Given.

A gathering of family and friends will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 1-4 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Burial will be private in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

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

Please sign her online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com).

### Patricia (Ecker) Kujawski, 89

(AUG. 6, 1929 - APRIL 19, 2019)



Patricia Kujawski of Boyne City died April 19, 2019 at Hiland Cottage Hospice, Petoskey.

Born and raised in Clarion, MI., Patricia attended school in Clarion during her early years and then graduated from Petoskey High School in 1947.

After graduation Patricia married John Kujawski of Boyne City. In their 61 beautiful years together, they raised and nurtured five children who loved them dearly. After their youngest child was in school full time, Pat went to work at the Big Rock Nuclear Plant, Charlevoix. She loved her job and retired after 29 years.

Pat was a true Northern Michigan girl. She loved the free time fishing, walking in the woods and picking morel mushrooms, berries and leeks. She also loved to cross-country ski. Patricia was an excellent cook and baker (best bread in northern Michigan). She enjoyed to crochet, knit and sew. She loved playing cards, especially the game of Bridge. Pat lived her life as a proud individual defending what is the truth and the right thing to do, always.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband John (2008), her mother and father and eight siblings, Perk, Gene, Wellington, Mark, Dean, Gordon, Mary and Alice. She is survived by

her sister Grace of Almont, MI., and Pat's children, John (Linda), Chris (Charles), Mark (Kathy), Kirk (Cindy), and Nancy (Linda), and also many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of Pat's life at a later date this summer, which will be publicized. There will be a private burial ceremony.

Contributions to Patricia's memory can be made to the Petoskey Friendship Center, 1322 Anderson Rd, Petoskey, MI 49770 or to Hiland Cottage Hospice, One Hiland Dr., Petoskey, MI 49770.

### James G Fiedler, 87

(JAN. 14, 1932 - APRIL 26, 2019)



James G. Fiedler of

Charlevoix passed away on April 26, 2019, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, surrounded by his family.

Jim was born on January 14, 1932, in Holt, MI, the son of Carroll and Cleo Jane (Swagart) Fiedler. At the age of 12, he moved with his family to Charlevoix.

After graduating from Charlevoix High School, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

On September 1, 1956, he married Anne Johnson, of Mancelona.

Jim earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural education from Michigan State University and taught in public schools throughout Michigan. He became a licensed builder and later worked as a pipefitter on construction projects throughout the Midwest.

Jim was a founding member of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene and built much of the church.

His community involvement also included serving on the Charlevoix Township Board.

In retirement, he and his wife enjoyed doing mission work in Central America, where Jim helped build schools, churches and homes. He also was a long-time bell ringer for the Salvation Army.

He enjoyed camping with his sons in Michigan and

Canada, and elk hunting in Colorado.

Surviving are: his wife, Anne Fiedler of Charlevoix; four children, Lisa (Ken) Norberg of Santa Maria, CA, Kris Fiedler Way of Charlevoix, Erik (Brenda) Fiedler of Melvindale, MI, and Andre Fiedler of Chicago, IL; three brothers, Mark (Milly) Fiedler of Mancelona, Paul (Jean) Fiedler of Yuma, AZ, and Bob Fiedler of Flint; a sister, Joyce (Herb) Hamlin of Leesburg, FL; six grandchildren, Kelly (Chris) Way Davis, Stephanie Way, Jonathan Way, Benjamin Way, Aaron Stevens and Aubrey Smialkowski; and eight great-grandchildren, Kennedi Davis, Graham Davis, Jude Brutch, Elliana Stevens, Gabriella Stevens, Sam Stevens, Ava Stevens and Eli Smialkowski.

A memorial service was held April 30 at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, 12023 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI, 49720 or to the Salvation Army, 712 Pleasant St., Petoskey, MI, 49770.

Find an online guest book at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to [office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com).

Dear Editor:

This year Antrim and Charlevoix and Kalkaska Counties will be combining to hold the newly renamed Chain of Lakes Relay For Life to support the fight for a cancer-free world. This year's event will be June 22-23rd from 10am-10am at the Shaun Davies Track in Bellaire. We have chosen Board Games as our theme this year.

Relay For Life will bring our communities together to honor individuals who have fought bravely against the merciless disease of cancer. Survivors, and all those who have been affected by cancer come together to walk, run and camp out around a track to create a united network of support and dedication.

One of the most memorable events during the night is the Luminaria Ceremony, where candles are lit and everyone takes a moment to honor those who have beaten the disease, those who are still fighting, and those who have courageously fought but have lost their lives to cancer. There will also be live entertainment throughout the day as well as kids games and a movie and pizza party after dark and the Bellaire Fire Dept. will kick off Sunday morning with a Pancake Breakfast.

Many people may not know this, but there are 5 different ways to become involved in Relay For Life:

1. Come to Our Event- Join in on activities, games entertainment and ceremonies and see what Relay is all about.
2. Be honored as a Cancer survivor or Caregiver- Be our guests and join other cancer survivors and caregivers at Relay as we celebrate all survivors and caregivers.
3. Become a Team Captain or Team Member- Join Chain of Lakes Relay For Life and help us fundraise to ensure that we can have a future where no one else has to hear the words "You Have Cancer".
4. Become an Event Planning member or volunteer- Be a part of the planning process for our Relay For Life event or at the event. Visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for a list of meeting dates and times.
5. Sponsor Our Event- By partnering with the Amer-

ican Cancer Society, you are affiliating with the largest voluntary health organization in the world, and helping honor cancer survivors and support caregivers in our community.

Cancer death rates are dropping, but we're not out of the woods yet. You can help us by honoring anyone and everyone touched by this disease by participating. This disease has taken too much from us. Let's take a stand and walk the Relay For Life track together.

If you would like to register as a survivor, start a team or are interested in volunteering or getting more information, please call Syrina Dawson at 231-675-2492 or visit [relayforlife.org](http://relayforlife.org). There is also an upcoming public meeting on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm at Hello Vino in Bellaire.

Get in the game. Let's beat cancer!

Sincerely,  
Syrina Dawson  
Co-Chair Relay for Lie of Antrim and Charlevoix Counties  
Boyne City

TO IMPEACH OR NOT TO IMPEACH

To the Editor,  
That is the question. It appears that the answer is already decided, that history is resolving in real time, but like Generals in War the maneuvers are cautious and strategic even when once the sea-change toward victory is seemingly a foregone conclusion. Wise generals like Sun Tzu of ancient China never made hasty moves but waited instead for the enemy to defeat himself. Oriental philosophy, whether War or Peace, was incisive, the only room for error being left to the enemy. Make no mistake, O Ye Constitutionalists, Donald Trump, he alone, wants to be dictator of America, the very iconoclastic mad despot that the American Revolution overthrew. Showing one's hand of force, however, reveals an impenetrable bulwark, thus as Warlord Sun Tzu said paraphrased, If you wait by the river long enough the bodies of your enemies will float downstream. Whether this quote really appears in The Art of War, Sun Tzu's Philosophy of War, Suetonius, is debatable but the essence remains in Chinese

wisdom and hence passed down the centuries to modern thought.

This is not to imply that inanity is wise, only that forays are to be considered tests of strength whereas the real power lies in steadfast contemplation, insight and irritating the weak spots inherent in the enemy. In this case there are many, the surveillance having been extensive without premature activation but for chipping away at the peripheries, which in turn weakens the center. This works by act and inference alike, the projecting of the image of demonstrable power whereas holding back on full onslaught. That is Sun Tzu's game-plan.

Translating this to modern times the gist would seem to be wait-and-see whereas bolstering forces in accordance with accumulated might and resources, pretty much how it's going in the House of Representatives. Caution, not always apparently commendable, is often wise despite a dichotomous sense of lack of initiative on Democrats' part, aggressiveness on Republicans'. Republicans, though roles are reversible, play dirty quite often, Democrats wimp out and play nice. The inference of Constitutional Crisis may actually be inferred as Abdominal Crisis, lack of guts. Cui Bono? Who benefits from this turn away from Constitutional government? Oligarchic elites, ranking Republican Senators, Big Business, Big Banking, Trump, not necessarily rank and file workers, bureaucrats or middle classes flailing in limbo between well-paying jobs and slippery inadequate retirement. Claims of low Unemployment, high Economy don't even vaguely resemble the reality of working conditions and remuneration, lack of benefits, cost of living, cost of education, mortgage, food, the latter for which some 50% of Americans receive adjusted government compensation.

The Constitutional process of electing and selecting, the deliberative way, has degenerated as analyzed by MSNBC commentator Ari Melber, also a lawyer, who blatantly tells the observers that AG Barr lied unabashedly on TV to a worldwide audience. This is a spinoff from Donald Trump

who in his devious quest to be dictator - a la Tony Schwartz who wrote Trump's first "autobiography" morphing a cosseted brat into a "self-made success" - is a psychopathic pathological liar who will stop at nothing, sell out America, even his children, for fake-god solipsism. It's unequivocal that anybody in "unprovoked denial" constantly reiterating his reverse psychology unguilt is guilty of all charges, reduced to snarling like a cornered animal. Indeed he faces judge and jury at administration's end however that culminates. He has a real problem, more desperate than Richard Nixon but can't be pardoned by VP post-election or impeachment, even resignation. Press can only parse facts and opine acts, Congress holding all the cards of action or inaction. The quandary of guts versus politics is waged therein TV studios. It is a Shakespearean drama, crepuscular lighting, mayhap a POEtic Raven atop a parlor door crepitating "Nevermore".

Addendum, a dubious digression: Little Eddy Welch was my buddy in 6th grade (1955-56). I was more the creative-studio type but tall enough to stay unmolested but Eddy incurred the wrath of the ne'er-do-well bully at school, Jerry Glascock, who tormented him. They were to meet after school on the playground to settle it, one vanquished victim being inevitable. I was present to monitor and referee. Before the actual fisticuffs, though, I interfered with a headlock on Jerry, pulled him down for Eddy to pummel. Jerry ran away crying as Eddy and I strolled to our homes. Ethical? Legal? Fair? Hell, No, but it worked. War isn't fair. Sun Tzu knew. Franklin, Madison, Washington, Jefferson, Revere used the same tactics; it's the only thing King George's Redcoats could relate to. Constitutional means can be applied, misapplied or nonapplied. The end result is all that matters, like all conflicts immemorial. That's the choice. It's already made, awaiting reenactment continuum.

Either that or it's already too late.

Mitchell Jon MacKay

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## East Jordan unites campuses with long-sought property purchase

A vision dating back many years to unite two East Jordan Public Schools' campuses has become a reality, with a property purchase that will help the district meet current needs while keeping an eye toward the future. The East Jordan Board of Education approved the purchase of the East Jordan Auto Parts property at a February 4, 2019 meeting, a move that will ease parking constraints in the near term and, in the long term, provide school leaders options for growth.

"We are very proud and very happy about this decision. This is something that will help us today with the needs we face, and it will ensure that the foundation is in place for the future of our district," said Matt Stevenson, East Jordan Superintendent.

Stevenson noted that nego-

tiations with the property's owner, Jim Slough, have been ongoing for at least three years. However, he noted the district's desire to purchase the 7 acres separating the former middle school building (known as the Mill Street campus) from the middle/high school complex dates back many years prior to the more recent talks. The property has been in the Slough family since it was established in the 1940s.

"One of the top issues in our strategic planning sessions has been to address the parking issue at our high school," Stevenson said. "For many years it has become a challenge for us to accommodate large sporting events at Boswell Stadium, in our auditorium and in our gymnasium. In addition, we are striving to keep our students and visitors safe by separating them from vehicle traffic

and haphazard parking along the streets."

Expanded parking, through property purchase or other means, was a planned expenditure in the district's successful 2017 bond issue, which provided \$11 million for building improvements such as remodeling the high school gym, building safety upgrades and other updates.

Prior to finalizing the East Jordan Auto property purchase, the district undertook environmental studies of the acreage, utilizing the firm Sagasser and Associates, of Gaylord. Phase 1 established a baseline environmental assessment, including extensive grounds testing for contaminants or other hazards, and the property passed the inspection "with flying colors," Stevenson said. With a successful phase 1 completed, the Board of Educa-

tion was able to enter into a purchase agreement, contingent upon phase 2 of the environmental study coming back clear, which it did in late 2018.

"We had to do the environmental studies to allow the purchase to take place. That also included review of the study's findings by the district's legal counsel. There are many checks and balances within the system for purchases like this," Stevenson said.

"The previous owners of the property really should be commended for their commitment to maintaining the environmental integrity of the property," Stevenson added. "We were pleased that the studies came back as positively as they did and that we could move forward."

With the purchase finalized, the district is now reviewing bids for surveying

and engineering services, which will determine the layout and number of parking spaces, as well as other potential uses for the multi-use site. The development of the new parking lot will begin this summer.

Stevenson noted that of the \$650,000 purchase price, more than half was funded by donations from the community, through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

"Things came together for this project so well, and we are so grateful for the community's support as we move ahead with this new development for the district, for now and for generations to come," he said. "The goal of our strategic planning is to look ahead 20 years from now and ask, 'How do we want to set up success for the district?' We have really kept the eye on the prize and this district

will be in great shape, now and 20 years from now."

Board President Ted Sherman said, "Creating a contiguous piece of property between the Mill Street campus and the Middle/High school building will not only provide more options for event parking, but give a great deal of flexibility for future planning needs by the district."

Slough, the owner of East Jordan Auto Parts, told the district that retirement is not in his immediate future; he is in the process of relocating the business to Fair road in East Jordan.

"This project has been in the works for at least 30 years, I'd say," Stevenson added. "It's been talked about many times, and I'm very happy to be part of the team that brought it to fruition."

## Local communities for going tobacco-free

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan recognizes the Village of Central Lake for its commitment to maintaining a healthy community. The Village Council recently passed a resolution prohibiting the use of all tobacco products—cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes—in its parks and beaches, including community pavilions (except for rented outdoor spaces). The Village of Central Lake joins many other local jurisdictions in Northern Michigan by banning tobacco use in designated public areas.

"We want to congratulate Central Lake for going tobacco-free, and we encourage other jurisdictions to do the same," said Amy Brown, Community Health Coordinator at the Health Department. "Banning tobacco in these areas is a giant step forward in protecting the health of our communities and the environment."

In addition to Central Lake, the following municipalities have designated their parks and beaches as either tobacco-free or smoke-free:

- Village of Bellaire
- Village of Alanson
- Boyne City
- City of Charlevoix
- City of East Jordan
- City of Petoskey
- Camp Petosega—playground and beach areas (operated by Emmet County)
- City of Harbor Springs—Zorn Park, beach, docks
- Otsego Lake County Park Playground (operated by Otsego County)

Private parks and organizations are also encouraged to take action against tobacco use. The Charlevoix Public Library and the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association Click Road Soccer Complex are two examples of area tobacco-free campuses.

For additional information about call (800)432-4121 or visit [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org).

## Charlevoix to host Local Investor Education Workshop on May 9

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is working with one of Michigan's most dedicated community capital champions, Revalue, who will be bringing a unique educational experience to seven Michigan Main Street communities in 2019. After much work and anticipation, Revalue announced the official launch of Michigan's local investor education initiative, under the name Grubstake, in partnership with MEDC and Michigan Main Street.

Where did the name Grubstake come from? The term was coined during the era of gold mining. Miners would come into town and local residents would offer a grubstake in the form of lodging, food, or basic necessities. In ex-

change, the residents would receive a portion of the profit, or a grubstake.

Revalue has created a way for community members who might be interested in investing in their own backyard to get their feet wet with the due diligence process by putting them through a mock pitch and investment decision experience. Investing in your own backyard seems like a no-brainer to most, but knowing if it's right for you is another story. Join us and your fellow neighbors as we dive in to the nuances of community investments. Come see a mock pitch and get your feet wet by asking questions, making decisions and learning from the experiences of others.

"We all know why buying locally makes sense,

what it does for our communities with the circulation of dollars and building of wealth. Investing locally is the next logical evolution. Over the last 50 years we've managed to invest over 99.9% of our wealth outside of our communities. Shifting even a tiny percentage of their investment portfolio by everyday investors can be game-changing for communities across Michigan," says Angela Barbash, CEO, Revalue. "Not only does it keep financial wealth at home, but investing locally builds relationships, investors become advocates and promoters of businesses they have a stake in, and it even helps strengthen civic engagement."

Over 150 investors of all

backgrounds and experience levels have participated in this due diligence simulation game so far, with very positive feedback. Revalue will be working in 7 Michigan Main Street communities where these games will be hosted over the coming months, leading up to the ComCap19 conference in Detroit June 10-14th.

The event will take place on May 9 from 6 – 8:30pm at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. The event is free and open to the public.

Check out <http://whatisgrubstake.com> for resources and information about all the events coming up in Michigan.

## DNR offers 'morel primer' for spring hunters

If you have never tried morel mushrooms, you might want to explore their culinary power. Some people describe them as nutty, some say meaty – but most agree the morel truly is unique.

They can be added to many dishes, sautéed in butter and onions, or fried. You will be rewarded with a great dish to share with family and friends, from Michigan's natural wild bounty.

If you have never collected morels before, here are some tips for the first-timer:

Remember to bring your compass or GPS unit, and plan a route that will bring you back to your vehicle. Remember to let someone know where you will be that day – let's call that filing your "mushroomer plan" for safety.

Always cut or pinch the mushrooms off at ground level, to protect the lower portion of the fungus and ensure mushroom regrowth in future years. Pulling them out can do permanent damage. This is where a jack-knife comes in handy.

For that same reason, and to maintain a good nourishing layer of leaf litter, you should never rake an area for morels or drive an off-road vehicle cross country. For more information on using ORVs in Michigan, you



Spring is the time to go searching all around northern Michigan for delicious morel mushrooms. (photos courtesy of DNR)

can visit [www.mi.gov/orvinfo](http://www.mi.gov/orvinfo).

Using a mesh bag (such as an onion bag) will allow your collected morels to stay drier, versus using a paper

or plastic bag.

Most important of all – know what you are eating! You will need to know the difference between a "true" morel and the "false morels," such as beefsteak mushrooms which are poisonous. Try to work with an experienced morel mushroom hunter. In addition, there is a very good mushroom identification booklet available on the U.S. Department of Agriculture website. Note that the true morels are hollow when sliced open lengthwise, and that the bottom edges of their caps are attached to the stem.



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# News Briefs

## BOYNE CITY

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER'S GATHERING**  
May 2, noon-12:30pm, Boyne City Marina (between Lighthouse and Pavilion). Everyone is welcome to this gathering on the first Thursday in May. We will spend time in united prayer for our city, county, state, nation, and world. For more information, please contact Daryl at (231) 675-7570 or email daryl@charlevoix.com.

## BOYNE CITY

**SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR UNITY HALL**  
May 2, 5-7pm, St. Matthew's Church Fellowship Hall. Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and desserts will be served, and donations are appreciated. Unity Hall, located at 509 North East Street in Boyne City, is a safe and caring meeting place for people suffering from addictive, compulsive or other behavioral problems. Daily group meetings are offered. Meeting times can be found at [www.wmaad13.org](http://www.wmaad13.org) or call the information line at 231.348.5005. Unity Hall is managed by the Boyne Area Alano Club.

## EAST JORDAN

**METHODIST CHURCH SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON**  
May 2, 11am-1pm. The East Jordan United Methodist Women will be hosting their annual Soup & Salad Luncheon downstairs at East Jordan United Methodist Church. Tickets will be: Adults \$7, Children 6-12 years old \$3, Children 5 and under are free. Delivery available 231-838-5541

## CHARLEVOIX

**PLAY DOUBLE FEATURE; "BEAR AND ANT" AND "ALICE IN WONDERLAND"**  
May 2; 2pm and May 3 & 4; 6pm. Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts' Drama department presents back to back plays at our new North Building Theater. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the front office. Stop in at 115 W. Hurlbut St in Charlevoix or call 231-547-9000 to buy tickets. This will be our premier show in our new theater space, made possible by grants from Michigan Youth Arts and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, plus many donations from the community. "Bear and Ant" is a student-written adaptation of a traditional Native American tale performed by the CMA elementary and assisted by older students and staff. "Alice in Wonderland" is a K-12 production, adapted for the stage from the classic story. Come experience the magic and wonder of both of these performances.

## PETOSKEY

**LUNCHEON LECTURE FEATURES MT. KILIMANJARO CLIMBER**  
May 3, NCMC Library Conference Center. Lunch begins at 11:30 am and the program begins at noon. Karen Marietti, director of the Camp Daggert Adventure Center, has spent most of her adult life working and living experientially. Mt. Kilimanjaro was always on her list of places to go and, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, she decided it was time to make the climb. In 2017, she and three other women climbed the 19,340 feet to the summit. She will tell us about her adventure, and show us her amazing photographs. Reservations are required. Call 231-348-6600 or email [luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu](mailto:luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu) to reserve your place at the table. Cost is \$12 (cash or check only - at door) and includes lunch.

## BOYNE CITY

**BUFF UP BOYNE**  
May 4, 9am-noon. The community clean-up event is organized every year by the Boyne City Main Street Program and it will start in Sunset Park. Doughnuts will be provided in the morning, courtesy of Family Fare, and Boyne City Bakery will provide

coffee. The Lions Club will be grilling hot dogs donated by Dearborn Sausage Co. Volunteers are asked to bring their own tools, such as brooms, rakes, shovels and gloves. Some supplies will be available to borrow. Buff Up Boyne provides community members with an opportunity to meet their neighbors, get out in the sunshine, and get ready for a great summer season. For more information about Buff Up Boyne and Boyne City Main Street, visit [www.boyne-citymainstreet.com](http://www.boyne-citymainstreet.com) or email [mainstreet@boyne-citymainstreet.com](mailto:mainstreet@boyne-citymainstreet.com).

## BOYNE CITY

**KENTUCKY DERBY EXTRAVAGANZA**  
May 4, starting at noon, Stiggs Brewery & Kitchen. Stiggs and Northern Michigan Equine Therapy team up to provide an all-day derby event that gives back to NMET's core causes. The Stiggs parking lot will be transformed into a delightful event space where they will be dishing up some one-of-a-kind food to match the special beer release, "Run for the Roses". Bring the whole family down and enjoy live music starting at 2 pm, a bouncy house for the kids, an interactive 50/50 horse bidding, silent auction and more. Be sure to stick around for the live viewing of the Kentucky Derby (Race time is 6:46 p.m.).

## CHARLEVOIX

**CHARLEVOIX ROD AND GUN CLUB YOUTH DAY**  
May 4, 10am-4pm, Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. This 9th annual event gives kids, ages 5 to 18, the opportunity to experience fishing for Brook Trout in our pond with fish provided by the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery, shooting a 22 rifle at steel target plates, hit a clay target flying in the air with a shot gun, practice their archery skills hunting turkey decoys, and tying their own flies to use later in any of the multiple streams in our area. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the club at 231-547-2785 or Paul & Pat Haver, event coordinators at 231-582-7739.

## BOYNE CITY

**LIFETREE CAFÉ HONORS MOTHERS—YOURS INCLUDED**  
May 5, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Love Ya, Mom: Celebrating Mothers," highlights the transformation women undergo when they take on the role of a mother. Lifetree Café national director Craig Cable explained this Lifetree session is designed to honor the work of mothers while giving participants an opportunity to reflect on the impact of moms in their own lives. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## ELLSWORTH

**GOOD GOOD SAMARITAN SPRING FLING**  
May 6, 12 pm. Catered by A Matter of Taste. Held at Tapawingo. Tickets \$20, call 231.588.2208. Luncheon, Fashion Show, Silent Auction. [www.thegoodsam.org](http://www.thegoodsam.org). All proceeds go to Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

## BOYNE CITY

**SCHOOL BOARD FACILITY STUDY WORKSHOP**  
May 6, 6:30, Boyne City Education Center (321 South Park Street) in the Hospitality Classroom. The Board of Education would like to extend to the public an opportunity to listen to the review of the draft Facility Study that was created by Integrated Designs, Architectural, and Engineering Firm. This review of the Facility Study will lead the topic of a possible upcoming bond vote for the May 2020 election to further support capital improvement, maintenance, and technology infrastructure support. The community is welcome to attend this informative work-

shop and learn more about the state of the District's facilities. The general purpose of a workshop meeting is for the Board to have a discussion about topics presented to them. At this meeting, only routine action items (required by Board policy) are up for approval.

## CHARLEVOIX

**SHARPS DROP-OFF**  
May 8, 9am-1pm, McLaren Family Medicine, 1404 Bridge Street. Sharps need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. For needles only. Free. Info at 800-248-6777.

## EAST JORDAN

**MASTER PLAN INPUT SESSION**  
May 9, 5-7pm, East Jordan Community Center. Please join us for a Business After Hours Input Session. East Jordan is updating its community master plan and city officials are looking for input on priorities from local business representatives. All are welcome at this informal networking and input event. You will have the opportunity to review results from the community survey and help identify future development priorities. Enjoy light refreshments from local businesses.

## CHARLEVOIX

**MOCK PITCH NIGHT**  
May 9, 6-8:30pm, Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. You are invited to attend the Charlevoix Local Investors Workshop: If you don't consider yourself an investor don't worry - this workshop is for everyone. This is a free event that will be a lot of fun for all who attend. A "mock" pitch will be presented and everyone who comes will get fake "money." It will be up to you if you invest in the business idea and how much. The event will generate great discussion around crowdfunding opportunities that our small business community could take advantage of. Visit [www.whatisgrubstake.com](http://www.whatisgrubstake.com) or call (231) 547-3257 for info. Register at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

## WALLOON LAKE

**VERNAL POOL PATROL TRAINING WORKSHOP**  
May 11, 9am-2pm, The Talcott, 4060 M-75 North. Vernal pools are small, temporary wetlands that are important for maintaining healthy forest ecosystems. Get your team together (family, friends, anyone!) to learn all about vernal pool ecology and how to identify these unique pools. We will visit a vernal pool nearby and practice monitoring a vernal pool in the Walloon Lake watershed. BRING: Knee boots or hiking boots. Dress in field gear for walking around in the woods: long pants, long sleeve shirts, hats, etc. Bring a brown bag lunch and water. Beverages will be provided. Free. To register contact Heather Huffstutler; [heather@walloon.org](mailto:heather@walloon.org) or (231) 535-6112.

## BOYNE CITY

**FAMILY ADVENTURES EXPLORED**  
May 12, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Low-Cost No-Cost Adventures," features a filmed interview with the Abbotts, a family that regularly sets off on family adventures. Participants will get practical tips for having low-cost or no-cost adventures and explore the barriers to family adventures. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## BOYNE CITY

**ANNUAL RIDE OF SILENCE**  
May 15, Veterans Park. The Boyne City Ride of Silence is an annual free ride that asks cyclists to ride no faster than 12 mph, wear helmets, follow the rules of the road, and remain silent during the ride. Cyclists will gather at Veterans Park at 6:45 p.m. for a 7 o'clock departure to Advance, and back to the park. Join

us for this interesting ride. There are no sponsors and no registration fees. The ride, held during National Bike Month, aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and city officials that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways. The ride is also a chance to show respect for and honor the lives of those who have been killed or injured. Wear a black armband to honor a cyclist who has been killed and/or a red band to honor a cyclist who has been injured while out riding. For more details on the ride contact: Michael Sheehan 582-4030 or [m\\_sheehan@yahoo.com](mailto:m_sheehan@yahoo.com).

## BOYNE CITY

**ANNUAL CRAFT BEER BLOCK PARTY**  
May 16, 5-9pm, downtown. The 5th Annual Craft Beer Block Party will kick off the 59th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival again this year. featuring craft breweries, plus wineries, restaurants and live music from Jedi Mind Trip. The block party draws a big crowd to the middle of downtown Boyne City with the 100 block of South Lake Street blocked off for all the festivities.

## BOYNE CITY

**NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL**  
May 16-19. Highlights include an Arts & Crafts Show, Carnival Rides, Morel Outdoor Recreation Show, Guided Mushroom Hunt, Wine & Dine Gourmet Dinner, Competitive Mushroom Hunt, The Taste of Morels and the Great Morel Giveaway. Full schedule at [www.morelfest.com](http://www.morelfest.com).

## PETOSKEY

**ANNUAL NLEA SPRING LUNCHEON**  
May 17, Registration starts at 11am, Great Lakes Center for the Arts. celebrating economic development with fellow businesses, and community and government leaders involved in the economic vitality of our area. The event format will be a little different than in years past. Guests will watch the program first in the auditorium. Following the program, rather than a traditional seated lunch, there will be food stations set up around the facility for guests to partake in while networking and exploring the building. Registration from 11:00am to 11:30am. Proceed to the auditorium for the program from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Networking/Lunch stations until 2:00pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and you may purchase up to 10 tickets per transaction. Tickets are mandatory at the door. NLEA will mail tickets to the address you include on your order. Please fill tickets out and bring with you as admission into the event. Purchase at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

## EAST JORDAN

**ENHANCE EAST JORDAN**  
May 18, 9am-3pm, Meet in Memorial Park. Five Projects To Choose TonWork On At-Friends of the Jordan, City of East Jordan-Parks, East Jordan Public School-Bike Trail, Grandvue Medical Care Facility and Raven Hill Discovery Center. Registration via email to - [info@ejchamber.org](mailto:info@ejchamber.org) or call 231-536-7351. All volunteers will receive a pair of gloves courtesy of East Jordan True Value Hardware.

## BOYNE CITY

**ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EXPLORED**  
May 19, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "An Immigrant in the Sanctuary: When Faith and Politics Collide," features a filmed interview with Rev. Mike Morran, whose church offered sanctuary to Arturo Hernandez Garcia, an undocumented immigrant. Garcia moved into the church basement knowing he faced immediate deportation should he leave the church building. At this Lifetree episode, participants will have the opportunity to share their views concerning illegal immigration, immigration reform, and responding to undocumented im-

migrants. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## CHARLEVOIX

**ROUND LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
May 24-26, 5-8pm, Bridge Park. Free concerts and fun. Featuring the Jelly Roll Blues Band, The Hustlers and the Jill Jack Band. Info at [livefrom-charlevoix.com](http://livefrom-charlevoix.com)

## BOYNE CITY

**PRIME MINISTER'S "GOD ENCOUNTER" AIRED**  
May 26, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. Former Ethiopian prime minister Tamrat Layne tells about his controversial "encounter with God" in a filmed interview at Lifetree Café on Potluck Sunday, May 26. Bring a dish to share at 5:30. Program begins at 6:30. After serving as prime minister, Layne was convicted of corruption charges and served 12 years in prison. During his incarceration, Layne claims he experienced a supernatural visit from God. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

## EAST JORDAN

**SHARPS DROP-OFF**  
June 19, 9am-1pm, McLaren Northern MI, 915 Mill Street. Sharps need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. For needles only. Free. Info at 800-248-6777

## BOYNE CITY

**FARMERS MARKET**  
Boyne City Hall, Saturday's, 9 am - Noon. The Boyne City Indoor Farmers Market is located in the main lobby and training room of the City Facilities Building, which is located across the street from the summer market location in Veterans Park. Twenty vendors are confirmed for the indoor market. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email [farmersmarket@boyne-city.org](mailto:farmersmarket@boyne-city.org)

## EAST JORDAN

**OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE**  
Features gospel music on the first and third Saturdays of the month starting at 7pm. East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street. Everyone welcome. Free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water.

## BOYNE CITY

**KINDER CLOSET**  
At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 month-old-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

## CHARLEVOIX

**WELLNESS WORKSHOPS**  
Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.  
- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.  
- Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio,

Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.  
- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, low-cost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email [chx-wellness@mhc.net](mailto:chx-wellness@mhc.net) to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

## 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.

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers free playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool-age siblings. Playgroups help you learn about your child's developmental stages, learn new children's games/activities and share parenting concerns/experiences with other parents and the playgroup facilitator. Playgroups are held in various northern Michigan communities. For current playgroup locations/times, visit [www.wrcnm.org](http://www.wrcnm.org) or call (231) 347-0067.

## BOYNE CITY

**BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS**  
- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.  
- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week  
- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session  
- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at [www.boynelibrary.org](http://www.boynelibrary.org).

## BOYNE CITY

**FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS**  
The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

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## Kendall College of Art and Design announces award recipients

During the annual Youth Arts Awards Night at Crooked Tree Arts Center on Wednesday, April 24, Admissions Counselor at Kendall College of Art and Design at Ferris State University (KCAD) Amy Vos Dillinger announced the award recipients she selected during a tour of the Annual Youth Art Show earlier this month.

The following students were awarded Honorable Recognition for their artwork included in the spring exhibition, which was curated and installed by the art teachers of the Char-Eam ISD. The below elementary and middle school students were welcomed onto the Crooked Tree stage and presented with a gift bag from Kendall College of Art and Design:

Melody Stahl, 4th grade, Boyne City Elementary  
Blaise Sytsma-Reed, 4th grade, Homeschool  
Annie Helsley, 8th grade, Boyne City Middle School  
Lanie Black, 8th grade, Concord Academy  
Betsey Jorgensen, 8th grade, Petoskey Middle School  
Anna Varn Hagen, 8th grade, Petoskey Middle

School

The following high school students were presented with over \$27,000 in scholarship award certificates and gift bags from Kendall College of Art and Design:

Xzandria Jozwiak, 10th grade, Boyne City High School  
Luke Lasater, 12th grade, Boyne City High School  
Kari Day, 10th grade, Boyne City High School  
Gabriel Wright, 12th grade, Boyne City High School  
Molly Malec, 11th grade, Concord Academy  
Aubrie Olsen, 12th grade, Concord Academy  
Brianna Fisher, 12th grade, Ellsworth Community Schools  
Sarah VanderArk, 11th grade, Ellsworth Community Schools  
SunYoung You, 10th grade, Harbor Light Christian School  
Nani Paule, 11th grade, Harbor Light Christian School  
Summer Burk, 12th grade, Harbor Springs High School  
Peyton Holt, 12th grade,



Admissions Counselor at Kendall College of Art and Design at Ferris State University Amy Vos Dillinger took part in CTAC's Youth Arts Awards Night on Wednesday, April 24, awarding scholarships to area youth. Photo courtesy of Paul Retherford Photography

Harbor Springs High School  
Laura Lutig, 12th grade, Pellston Schools  
Noodin Craven, 12th grade, Pellston Schools  
Haley Petersen, 12th grade, Petoskey High School  
Dana Jorgensen, 11th grade, Petoskey High School  
Abby Baumhardt, 9th grade, Petoskey High School

Tasha Schupbach, 12th grade, Petoskey High School  
Gerard Conti, 12th grade, Petoskey High School  
The Youth Arts Awards Night is an annual celebration of our Northern Michigan community's talented students. Year-round, Crooked Tree Arts Center offers arts programming for all ages and skill levels that nurture both the budding and established artists

and creative minds. For more information about the Youth Arts Awards Night, Youth Arts Festival, or other Arts Center programs, visit [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org) or call (231) 347-4337. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey, and at 322 6th Street, Traverse City.

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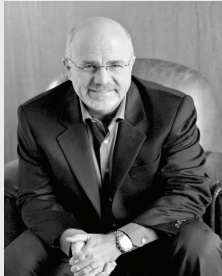
able to support the important work our local non-profits are doing, from feeding the hungry, to working on solutions to the housing crisis. The money that C3F grants these organizations will have a lasting impact for generations to come." Visit [c3f.org](http://c3f.org) for a complete list of grants made through the spring cycle.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments. While a portion of the funds are utilized to support grantmaking, the principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing ongoing charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents—now and in the future.

Since it was founded in 1992, the Community Foundation's net assets have grown to more than \$40 million. Grants and scholarships totaling more than \$26 million have been distributed to enhance and enrich the quality of life for everyone in Charlevoix County—and for generations to come.

The next deadline for submitting a grant request is Tuesday, October 1, 2019. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants anytime at 231-536-2440.

## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(When to start the process?)

Dear Dave,  
My husband and I are debt-free, and we have an emergency fund of six months of expenses saved. We'd like to buy a home in the \$250,000 to \$275,000 price range in the near future, and we plan on saving \$60,000 for a down payment. It should take a little less than two years to save that much money. When should we begin the search for a good real estate agent and start the underwriting process?  
Sarah

Dear Sarah,  
I'm really proud of you two. You're being very intentional and goal-oriented about getting control of your finances and the home buying process.  
I'd advise starting a conversation with a quality mortgage company when you're about five or six months away from your savings goal date. There's "pre-approval," but there's also something called "certified." That's a step beyond pre-approved, and it basically puts you in a position to make an offer when you're ready for the purchase. So, getting certified as a buyer is very helpful. After that, sit down and talk with a few agents. Interview them, and decide on someone you like and trust. Find an experienced agent you're comfortable with to guide you through the real estate world, and then start outlining your search and buying strategy.  
What I would not do is jump from agent to agent. There's a tremendous benefit in finding someone you trust and feel good about. I'm talking about a buyer's agent who's going to fight for you. This means someone who will show you several different properties, keep your wants and needs foremost in their mind, and help you get the best possible buy on your new home!  
—Dave

(A home shouldn't leave you house poor)

Dear Dave,  
My husband and I were listening to your radio show the other day. In it, you were speaking to a lady about buying a home. When you talk about mortgage payments being 25 percent or less of your take-home pay, does this figure include taxes and insurance or just principal and interest?  
Ann

Dear Ann,  
That figure includes taxes and insurance, too. The whole idea is to make sure your house payment is manageable. You don't want to have so much money going toward your mortgage every month, what I call being "house poor," that you can't take care of your other financial responsibilities or enjoy life.  
It's simple. You have more money when you don't have debt. If you want to build wealth, you have to get out of the payment business. When one-third to one-half of everything you bring home is going to creditors, you have less money for other stuff—other important stuff.  
Trust me, I get it. A home is a huge expense that very few people, especially those just starting out, can afford to pay for in cash. That's why I don't beat people up for getting a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage. But that's the only kind of mortgage I recommend.  
And yes, make sure the monthly payments are just 25 percent, or less, of your take-home pay!  
—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

## Youth Day at Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club

For the 9th year in a row, the Board of Directors and many volunteer members are excited to announce that Youth Day will be held at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club on May 4 from 10am to 4pm, rain or shine. This annual event give kids, ages 5 to 18, the opportunity to experience fishing for Brook Trout in our pond with fish provided by the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery, shooting a 22 rifle at

steel target plates, hit a clay target flying in the air with a shot gun, practice their archery skills hunting turkey decoys, and tying their own flies to use later in any of the multiple streams in our area.

Members of VanWinkle Trout Unlimited will teach the kids how to tie flies with hands on experience and they will be allowed to take them home once completed. Local DNR Conservation

Officers will be on hand to answer any hunting or fishing question you may have, and will have their display of various furs and feathers.

If you have a favorite fishing pole bring it along, we have a limited supply on hand to use, however, we will have all of the bait that you may require to catch your limit of 5 trout. All other equipment will be provided by the club. A light lunch will be available for

those participating in the event, and we require an adult (parent or guardian) accompany the youth while they are at the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the club at 231-547-2785 or Paul & Pat Haver, event coordinators at 231-582-7739. If either of these phones are not answered please leave a message and the call will be returned

## What are the physical and mental benefits of gardening?

JULIA DARNTON, AND LAUREN MCGUIRE, MSU EXTENSION

Nature has long been known for its relaxing qualities, as a place for humans to find tranquility and healing. Gardening in particular is associated with mental clarity and feelings of reward, and it has many physical benefits as well. Food gardening can particularly be gratifying and an excellent source of fresh produce. From soil preparation to the joy of harvesting, there is always a task, big or small, during the growing season!

If you have ever spent a summer gardening, you know that these tasks can serve as great exercise. With many community leaders in Michigan, such as Michigan State University Extension, working to promote private gardens as well as urban agriculture opportunities such as community gardens, there has never been a better time to use gardening for

exercise. But just how beneficial to your health is this age-old agricultural tradition?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), moderate-intensity level activity for 2.5 hours each week can reduce the risk for obesity, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, heart disease, stroke, depression, colon cancer and premature death. The CDC considers gardening a moderate-intensity level activity, and can help you to achieve that 2.5 hour goal each week. Additionally, those that choose gardening as their moderate-intensity exercise are more likely to exercise 40-50 minutes longer on average than those that choose activities like walking or biking. By venturing outdoors to various community garden spaces around Michigan, you not only assist in keeping their community vibrant, but become healthier in the process.

For example:

- "A ten percent increase in nearby green space was found to decrease a person's health complaints in an amount equivalent to a five year reduction in that person's age" according to the Gardening Matters non-profit of Minneapolis' page, "Multiple Benefits of Community Gardens."

- Exercising both the arms and legs is recommended to help prevent illnesses like coronary disease. With most everyday activities only involving the arms, gardening is a great way to incorporate the entire body while exercising.

- According to the journal Biological Psychiatry, some experts even say the fresh air can help prevent Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and result in higher test scores among students.

Gardening has also emerged in recent years as a scientifically proven stress reliever.

Stress can cause irritability, headaches, stomach aches, heart attacks and worsen pre-existing conditions in the body. An experiment published in the Journal of Health Psychology compared gardening to reading as a stress-relieving activity; test subjects that gardened experienced a more significant decrease in stress when compared to the subjects that were assigned to read.

In addition to health benefits, gardens are also known to increase property values and save money when grocery shopping. With so many options and resources for both community and personal garden development available in Michigan there is no reason not to enjoy the outdoors this season by growing a vibrant, beneficial garden and getting your exercise in the process!

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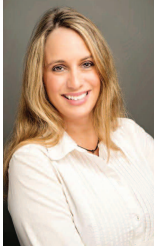
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## 2 Most Common Problems Keeping You from Buying a Home

This is the best time to buy a home. Home prices are more affordable than they've been in decades and mortgage rates are at all time lows. Even if you were able to qualify 3 years ago, and even if your credit score has not changed, you may not be able to qualify today. There are 2 main reasons why people are not able to buy a home, but there is also hope and the American dream of home ownership might still be within your reach.

You may be one of millions of people who have recently been turned down for a home loan by the bank. One of the most common reasons good people get turned down for a loan is because they have less than perfect credit.

1. Less Than Perfect Credit. If you notice, I didn't say "bad credit." A few years ago, banks were lending to everyone who wanted a loan. Banks were lending to people who had credit scores in the mid 500s just a short while ago. Just recently it was announced that the minimum credit score, yes the minimum for a FHA backed mortgage is 640. But, even if you have a score in the mid to high 600s, you may still be required to put down a hefty down payment. A score of 720 or higher is considered good credit, and is what's required for a low-down payment loan today.

There are many reasons that credit scores can become less than perfect. Maybe you have had a bad event in your life such as a medical emergency or a divorce. These events may be unavoidable, but wreak havoc on a credit score. Maybe you pay your bills on time, but you have had to run up the balances on some credit cards so the bank runs its formula and tells you that your debt to income ratio is too high. Maybe you were a victim of the economic recession and lost your job, but you've been diligent and found a new job, but because of being out of work you missed some payments on some of your accounts. The banks don't look at your situation and give you a break, they run your credit through their automated system and if the result comes back less than perfect, you don't qualify.

2. Not Enough Cash. Even if you do have perfect credit, 100% loans are hard to come by today. You see, banks got into a lot of trouble with the easy lending standards of the past by loaning too much money on houses. Banks used to loan 90%, 95%, 100% and even more of the value of the home that secured the mortgage, and then when the economy turned and people had trouble making their payments, the banks had to take big losses on these loans. Lending standards have changed, the pendulum has swung far back the other way and banks are more heavily regulated than ever before. If you do not have an extra 5 to 10 grand burning a hole in your pocket and a credit score in the mid 700s, you're going to be hard pressed to qualify for an average, modest home for your family.

You see, no one teaches us this credit game in school, but it is something that affects our entire lives. It is like coming onto the field in the middle of a football game without knowing the rules. It is impossible to win a game you don't know how to play. Once you know the rules, however, you can not only compete, but you can win!

# Real Estate Feature Property



## Awesome Up North getaway in a fabulous location

BY JIM AKANS

Situated in Hortons Bay halfway between Boyne City and Charlevoix, this home on approximately seven acres is in an ideal Up North location.

This one-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath home has approximately 950 square feet on two levels. It features an open floor plan that is ideal for entertaining. The living and dining area

have a tongue and groove cathedral ceiling and the adjoining kitchen has lots of cabinet space and countertop area, plus an "L-shaped" island and large pantry. All of these spaces have beautiful outdoor views, and "natural light" light fixtures bring in plenty of light without using electricity. In-floor heating throughout the main and lower level and garage space provide comfortable, dust free radiant heat. A

four-seasons room off the living area is a great spot to relax all year round, and can even serve as a bunk room for out of town guests.

The seven acre property features and open yard area for summer outdoor recreation and it is surrounded by woodlands. It even has a creek running through it.

This Up North getaway on approximately seven acres is located at 04452 Sumner Road

between Boyne City and Charlevoix, and it is listed at \$143,900. 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@lyndas-realestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com



# MOTHERS DAY WEEKEND

6-8 pm FRI Packet Pick-up • 7-9 am SAT Packet Pick-up

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