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# Summer fun continues at the Emmet-Charlevoix COUNTY FAIR

BY JIM AKANS

The Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair is underway, and there's plenty of summer fun ahead for folks of every age through Sunday, August 25. The arrival of the annual county fair each year always seems to rekindle a sense of late summer adventure, and the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair offers a huge array of fun to re-ignite that youthful spirit each year since the fair began 114 years ago.

The Grandstand area provides exciting entertainment each evening. On Thursday evening, enjoy live music by Drew Hale Band and Frankie Ballard. Friday evening the Monster Truck event rolls into the Grandstand Area starting at 7 pm. Wrapping up the Grandstand events on Saturday is Auto Cross Racing. Attendees will watch as drivers compete for cash and trophies in stripped down vehicles during the event. These drivers just want to have fun and entertain the crowd as they rip up the track, perform a little bumper car action, and race to the finish line.

Skerbeck Carnival will open their rides at noon every day for the rest of the week. On Sunday, carnival rides will be open from noon until 6pm with special \$15 armband pricing.

The Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair is a tremendous value for families and fun-



The Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair is underway, and there's plenty of excitement left in store for folks of every age and interest through Sunday, August 25. Courtesy photo

seeker's looking for a wide array of outdoor late-summer fun right here in northern Lower Michigan. Take some time to stop by and enjoy the many agricultural exhibits, Grandstand excitement, and midway action at the 2019 Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair. Parking is free, and gate admission is a very reasonable \$5 per per-

son (12 and under are free) each day.

For a full schedule of events, visit [www.emmetchfair.org](http://www.emmetchfair.org)

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Thursday, 8/22: MegaRide bands or \$20 daily wristband

for unlimited rides

Friday, 8/23: MegaRide bands or all rides \$1 until 6pm. Regular ticket prices after 6pm

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Sunday, 8/25: MegaRide bands or \$15 daily wristband for unlimited rides

### FAIR AND GRANDSTAND SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY - AUG. 22

Noon-Close; Everybody's a Kid Day Again - Ride One Price

10am-9pm; Community Center Open to Public

10am; 4-H Horse Trail & Bareback Show (Horse Arena)

3pm; Market Livestock Auction

7pm; Drew Hale Band Country Concert - Grandstand Arena

8:30pm; Frankie Ballard Country Concert - Grandstand Arena

#### FRIDAY - AUG. 23

Carnival and Midway opens at noon

10am-9pm; Community Center Open to public

11am; 4-H Horse Show - Dressage (Horse Arena)

Noon-6pm; Dollar Days - All rides \$1 each

7pm; Monster Truck - Grandstand Arena

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Check out the thrilling Monster Truck Shootout, which rolls into the Grandstand Area starting at 7 pm on Friday. Courtesy photo



Country music singer-songwriter and guitarist Frankie Ballard will headline the August 22 concert in the Grandstand Arena. Courtesy photo

### East Jordan hires new principal

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan School Board accepted the resignation of two staff members at last Monday's regular school board meeting. High School Spanish Teacher Merri-Sue Cardwell retired at the end of the last school year and Dave Florenski, Middle/High School Principal resigned from his position effective July 31, 2019, citing family issues.



New East Jordan Middle/High School Principal Nate Dionne

The School Board approved hiring Nate Dionne to replace Mr. Florenski. Mr. Dionne comes to East Jordan from Gaylord Community School where he was a high school biology and horticulture teacher. Superintendent Matt Stevenson commented he was very happy to have Mr. Dionne on board. The Board also approved Ivy Wells as the new director for the community pool.

In other business, school staff is researching the possibility of contracting with Charlevoix County to administer the Probate Court System's school. The Charlevoix County Court system currently rents classroom space at East Jordan School's Mill Street Campus. Charlevoix County Court has approached East Jordan with a request to be under East Jordan Schools umbrella instead of the charter school system currently used. East Jordan staff will be reviewing the proposal to determine financial feasibility.

School Superintendent Matt Stevenson demonstrated for the board a door security device recommended by Charlevoix County Sheriff Chuck Vondra. The Sheriff Department is willing to supply the school with a device for all classrooms to secure doors during a lock down event. Stevenson said he and staff are in the process of re-vamping the school's crisis response plan. The security device would be part of that plan.

The next regular East Jordan School Board meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School.

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## weather forecast

THURSDAY



HIGH: 70  
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FRIDAY



HIGH: 73  
LOW: 48

SATURDAY



HIGH: 78  
LOW: 53

SUNDAY



HIGH: 82  
LOW: 61

MONDAY



HIGH: 82  
LOW: 63

TUESDAY



HIGH: 78  
LOW: 59

WEDNESDAY



HIGH: 75  
LOW: 56

## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
AUG 22	.52°	...78°	...33° (1950)	...89° (1968)
AUG 23	.52°	...78°	...36° (1967)	...93° (1968)
AUG 24	.52°	...78°	...30° (1967)	...93° (1948)
AUG 25	.52°	...78°	...34° (1977)	...96° (1948)
AUG 26	.51°	...77°	...37° (1963)	...92° (1948)
AUG 27	.51°	...77°	...36° (1968)	...93° (1948)
AUG 28	.51°	...77°	...34° (1982)	...93° (1973)
AUG 29	.51°	...77°	...30° (1982)	...95° (1953)
AUG 30	.50°	...76°	...30° (1976)	...94° (1991)
AUG 31	.50°	...76°	...34° (1976)	...92° (1953)

## OBITUARIES

### Ward H Mihelich, 80

(OCT. 21, 1938 – AUG. 14, 2019)

Ward Mihelich of Boyne City passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

Ward was born on October 21, 1938 in Flint, MI, the son of Charles Ward and Mary (Dargis) Mihelich. He graduated from Walled Lake High School, served in the Army, and earned his Associates Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Washtenaw Community College. On May 16, 1975, he married Janet Massey in Brighton, MI. Ward worked as a Designer/Draftsman for Chrysler, Ford, Fisher-Guide and Nissan. He loved fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, and karate.

He is survived by his children: Marilea Hayden, Dena Mihelich, Robert Myers and Drew Mihelich; grandchildren: Karissa Edie, Ashly Kovacs, Dorian Gordenier, Sara Hayden, Joshua Hayden, Jaden Mihelich, Dakota Mihelich, Gabriel Mihelich and Victoria Hankins; three great grandchildren; his niece, Marsha Mihelich, and nephews Damon Carrigan and Taj, Michael and Mark Mihelich.

He is preceded in death by his wife Janet Mihelich in 2015, his parents, and brothers, Tom and Tim "Peb" Mihelich.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Stackus Funeral Home with a gathering of family friends will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers; memorial donations may be directed in Wards name to Keryz in Community, Concord Academy of Boyne or Boyne Area Senior Center. Memorial may be dropped off or mailed to: 05725 Dutchman Bay Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The family would like to give a special "Thank you!" to Julia Higby, Misty Valentine, Theresa Verburg, Valinda

Turner and her family for all of their help in making Ward's last years the best they could be.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

### Amy Lynn (Milner) Sullivan, 41

(AUG. 8, 1978 – AUG. 13, 2019)



Amy Lynn Sullivan of Alanson, died on August 13, 2019.

Amy was born on August 8, 1978 in Charlevoix, Michigan. She was the daughter of Lee and Carma (Crandall) Milner. Amy attended Petoskey High School and was a member of the high school softball team.

She married Charles Sullivan and together they had their son, Trey, in 1996.

Amy enjoyed camping with her dad, two tracking with her son and going to the mud runs. She loved to color. She will be remembered as a very loving and giving person. She always had a gift or card ready for her friends and family.

Amy is survived by her son, Trey (Payton Massey) Sullivan of Harbor Springs; her parents, Lee and Carma Milner of Harbor Springs; special friend, Mike Thelen of Alanson; brother, Jeff (Connie) Milner of Indian River; nieces, Madison and McKenzie Milner; aunts,

Connie Green of Petoskey and Cheryl (Tim) Visger of Bismarck, North Dakota; many cousins; and her beloved cat, Gato.

Her funeral service was held Saturday, August 17 at Stone Funeral Home. Pastor Sherry McGuffin officiated the service.

Friends and family wishing to make a charitable donation in memory of Amy are asked to give to a charity of their choice.

### Kenneth Arthur Heininger, 100

(JUNE 4, 1919 – AUG. 19, 2019)

Kenneth A. Heininger of Charlevoix passed away on August 19, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Ken was born on June 4, 1919 in Saline, MI to Arthur and Esther (Rentschler) Heininger.

No services are planned. A full obituary will appear soon.

Arrangements have been handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign his online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

### Scott Gerald Shepherd, 55

(APRIL 8, 1964 – AUG. 1, 2019)



Scott Gerald Shepherd died suddenly on August 1, 2019, at his home in East Jordan. He was born on April 9, 1964, in Lansing, Michigan and grew up in northern Michigan. In 1982, he graduated from Charlevoix High School after also having attended Boyne City and Petoskey Public Schools. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Manufacturing Engineering from Michigan State University and a Master of Science degree in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Michigan. His engineering career included employment at Rouge Steel in Dearborn and East Jordan Ironworks.

Scott was an extraordinarily intelligent person and belonged to Mensa International as well as a number of professional safety organizations and local planning committees and associations. He was an avid Spartan fan and loved duck hunting, sailing, fly-fishing, cooking/grilling big meals for his friends and family, and sharing the bounty of his extensive garden. He also followed in the footsteps of his maternal grandmother as an accomplished photographer.

Scott is survived by his mother, Susan Van Wieren of Charlevoix, and his father, Gerald Shepherd of Lansing. He is also survived by his sister, Cathy (Mike) Atchison of Petoskey, and his step-sisters, Vicki Tarro, Laura (John) Proctor, and Janet (Duncan) Chamberlain, all of Sarasota, Florida, his step-brother, Gordie (Mary) Van Wieren of Okemos, and his half-brother, Ben (Molly) Fetting of Petoskey. He leaves behind many other life-long

friends and loving relatives, including aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, his former spouse and good friend, Ruth Music, and "The Boys" - Rocky and Riley. He is preceded in death by his other dad, Gordon Van Wieren, his maternal grandparents, Gene and Evelyn Scott, and his paternal grandparents, Roy and June Shepherd.

A memorial service is being planned and information will be available at a later date.

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

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### Dennis Hittle Sr., 72

(AUG. 18, 1947 – AUG. 18, 2019)

Dennis Leonard Hittle Sr. of Alden passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on August 18, 1947 in Kalkaska, MI, the son of Eli Ford and Donna (Angel) Hittle.

Dennis loved his family above everything else, especially when he got to hold babies, of which there were many. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, telling jokes, racing cars, and driving trucks.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Hildebrand; ten children, Denny (Debbie) Hittle of Rapid City, Florence (Ty) Phillips of Rapid City, Missy Klintworth, Eli (Nicole) Hittle of Kalkaska, Duane (Marie) Hittle of Arizona, Harold (Donna) Hittle of Bellaire, Jacob Hildebrand of Alden, David (Alice) Hildebrand of Mancelona, Steven (Carla) Hildebrand of Mancelona, and Eddie (Tara) Hildebrand of Mancelona; one brother, Burton Hittle of Alden; three sisters, Barb Thornburg of Kalkaska, Ellen (Grady) Slade of Louisiana, and Sylvia Miller of Alden; over 40 grandchildren and over 50 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Denver Hildebrand; two brothers, Mark Hittle, and Willard Hittle; three grandchildren, Dayton, Leonard, and Dezy; a nephew, Scotty; as well as his parents.

A celebration of life was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at Freedom Park in Rapid City, MI.

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

Arrangements have been handled by the Mancelona Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

### Betty Lou Martinchek, 82

(MAY 24, 1937 – AUG. 16, 2019)



Betty Lou Martinchek of Charlevoix died August 16, 2019 at McLaren Northern Michigan. She was born May 24, 1937 in Elmira, the daughter of John and Betty (Ballard) James.

Betty loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed cooking, baking, canning, and being in her garden. Betty was an active member of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church and played the piano there. She also helped with the church pig roast since its beginning in 1977.

Surviving Betty are her children Debra Martinchek, David (Katherine) Martinchek, Brian Martinchek, and Brenda (John) Morgan all of Charlevoix. Also surviving are her sisters Harriet Hilden of East Jordan, Myra Hoffman of Ellsworth, Marilyn (Jack) Brown of East Jordan, brother Bill (Mary) James of Charlevoix, 4 grandchildren Amy Wolfgang, Angela Bingham, Joey Palmer, Mikayla Martinchek, and 5 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Martinchek in 2017, parents, brother Chuck James and sister Margaret Kubetz.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 21st at 11 a.m. at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church with Pastor Chris Wallace officiating. Interment will follow in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix. The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 20th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions can be given to the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church, PO BOX 218, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

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

### Louise M Potter, 86

(JAN. 14, 1933 – AUG. 15, 2019)



Louise Marie Potter of Charlevoix passed away August 15, 2019 at home. She was born January 14, 1933 in Atwood the daughter of Henry and Gertrude (Vandenberg) Heeres.

On March 30, 1951 she married Archie J. Potter. They made their home in Marion Township where they engaged in farming. Louise was a loving mother, grandmother and proud farmer's wife. She enjoyed baking cookies and attending her flower gardens. She also enjoyed sending cards to all her family and friends.

Louise was a member of the Barnard United Methodist Church. She was an active member of the United Methodist's Women's group and very involved in all aspects of the church. She loved teaching Sunday school for many years.

Surviving are her children Judi Hewitt of East Jordan, James Potter of Charlevoix, Joanne (Randy) Cebulski of Charlevoix, Janet (Jerry) VanStedum of Greenville, Joyce (Curt) Lorenz of Whitehall, 19 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, brother Marvin (Charlotte) Heeres of Ellsworth, sisters Esther (Dick) Joliffe of Charlevoix, Janice Hartman of Richland, and sister-in-law Carol Heeres of Ellsworth.

She was preceded in death by her husband Archie in 2008, her brothers Bob and Harold Heeres, sister Eleanor Holecheck and son in-law David Hewitt.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 19, at the Barnard United Methodist Church with Rev. Craig Pahl officiating. Interment followed in Barnard Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be given to the Barnard United Methodist Church.

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

### Betsy Alvina Reynolds, 74

(NOV. 10, 1944 – AUG. 14, 2019)

Betsy A. Reynolds of Charlevoix passed away on August 14, 2019, at her home.

Betsy was born on November 10, 1944 in Gaylord, Michigan, to Leo A. Ernst and Betty L. Reynolds.

No services have been planned.

Arrangements have been handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

### Christopher Wilde Georgi, 68

(JUNE 24, 1951 – AUG. 11, 2019)

Christopher W. Georgi of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on August 11, 2019, at his home.

Chris was born on June 24, 1951 to Richard Georgi and Shirley Fischer, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The family moved around a lot, and Chris eventually moved to Charlevoix, MI from Brussels, Belgium in 1973.

On moving to Charlevoix, he originally worked for the Charlevoix Title Company and then later in oil and gas, property management, and environmental consulting. Over the years Chris has enjoyed his boats (the dry rot series), fishing, golfing, cars, motorcycles, but most recently spending time at home with his family and pets.

Surviving Chris are his wife Ann Marie, his children Cori (Tim Edwards) Georgi of Salisbury, England, and Haley Georgi of Charlevoix, Michigan. Also surviving him are his brother John (Christina) Georgi, of San Diego, California, and his sister Evan Georgi, of Chicago, Illinois. As well as his beloved dogs Crush and Echo.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Richard Georgi Jr.

No services have been planned. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

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### Nancy Mae Floyd, 89

(AUG. 10, 1930 – AUG. 17, 2019)

Nancy M. Floyd of Charlevoix passed away on August 17, 2019 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix, MI.

Nancy was born on August 10, 1930 to Richard Thomas and Triffie Piefer, in Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

No services are planned. Arrangements have been handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

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The Aerostars Aerobatic team creates a giant heart in the sky above Gaylord Regional Airport during the 2017 airshow. We'll miss you Wings Over Northern Michigan! Photo by Jim Akans

## Wings Over Northern Michigan airshow will not fly in 2020



This year's 10th airshow included the appearance of the most coveted and sought after airshow attraction in the world, the U.S. Air Force B-2 Stealth Spirit Bomber. Photo by Jim Akans



Eyes to the skies! Over the last decade, the airshow has brought "big city" excitement and top tier performances to thousands upon thousands of northern Lower Michigan families, friends and aviation aficionados. Photo by Jim Akans



After a spectacular 10 year run, the annual Wings Over Northern Michigan airshow will not be taking place in 2020. The first show was held the weekend of June 19, 2010, with performances that included the Davy Dacy Air Show with exciting mid-air wing walker. Photo by Jim Akans



Big Band Night, featuring Glen Miller Band era dance music, vintage attire and a WWII vintage aircraft as a backdrop drew hundreds each year. Photo by Jim Akans

EDITED BY JIM AKANS

After a spectacular 10 year run, the annual Wings Over Northern Michigan airshow will not be taking place in 2020. From wing walkers and jet powered school buses to A-10s and pyrotechnics, historic World War II aircraft and parachutists to Lamborghinis and aerobatic jet teams. Since 2010 the airshow brought big world excitement "up close" to young and old alike.

The Airshow, which just completed its 10th successful year, wanted to end on top. This was solidified with the appearance of the most coveted and sought after airshow attraction in the world, the U.S. Air Force B-2 Stealth Spirit Bomber which performed at this year's airshow.

Matt Barresi, Gaylord Regional Airport Manager states, "Timing is everything and rather than see the event become stale or routine we wanted to have it end on a high note. In the events 10 year history the airshow has always paid for itself and this year was no different."

Barresi and Otsego County leadership had thoroughly reviewed the airshow and its future direction and grounding the event was a difficult decision for all but we felt the timing was right. Wings Over Northern Michigan Airshow can retire with much to be proud of. The last two years of the event has seen its largest audience in 2018 of 20,000 + spectators, followed by its largest amount of sponsor dollars received in 2019 at almost \$100K.

"The event which became bigger each year has actually outgrown our airport and since we are not designed to be a large event venue it

would cost untold tens of thousands of dollars to modify the airport infrastructure for the event to continue without scaling it back. We can't turn back the clock and be a small event as it's not what any of us want and not what we want to give the public."

Wings Over Northern Michigan has certainly presented audiences with amazing top level performances during its 10 year history. The total number of performers in the air and on the ground brought more than 100 acts. Attendance over the years totaled over 175,000 people of every age from across Northern Michigan and across the Midwest.

The first show was held the weekend of June 19, 2010. Performances at that first show included the Davy Dacy Air Show with exciting mid-air wing walker, The Scream'n Rebels, Doug Dodge displaying spectacular dives and barrel rolls piloting his custom built "Flying Machira" bi-plane. It also brought the high performance Super Chipmunk deHavill and DHC-1 under the "Top Gun" piloting skills of Jim "Fang" Maroney. Ypsilanti, Michigan's Yankee Air Museum brought vintage WWII planes, which became a fixture at each show for the next nine years.

Barresi reflects, "I cannot thank our airshow team of volunteers, sponsors and community leaders enough for all the tireless work they put into making this event possible these past 10 years. When it comes to "Can Do" people, they are the best! I greatly appreciated knowing that we could always count on them to make Wings Over Northern Michigan happen!"

Wings Over Northern Michigan's retirement only closes one chapter of Gaylord Regional Airport history. The airport and its team is going to remain an integral part of the community's fabric through the monthly Veterans Coffee and other events, as well as serving the needs of the County's air commerce.

*Editors note: I have had the great privilege of covering the Wings Over Northern Michigan airshow for the paper and volunteering at the event in various capacities each year since its inception. While I am saddened to see the event retire, I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to Matt, the airport staff, Otsego County officials and the incredible support of the community for bringing this amazing event to our doorstep. Over the last decade, the airshow has brought "big city" excitement and top tier performances to thousands upon thousands of northern Lower Michigan families, friends and aviation aficionados. We all thank you for the memories. Job well done!*

## U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



The Veteran of the Month for August 2019 is Paul "Tag" Stanford Utley. Born July 13, 1921 in Smith Mills, Kentucky to parents Paul Brooks and Louise Whitman Utley. He attended school there till the eightieth grade, when he left to work on his Uncle's farm known as the "River Bottom Farm", located on the banks of the Ohio River. Soon he would join the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps and left his home in Kentucky for Sitkum, Oregon, where he worked for two years building fire trails, and bridges. On October 3, 1939 at the age of eighteen years, Utley enlisted into the United States Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After basic and advanced training was assigned to the 21st Field Artillery Battalion, Battery B, Fifth Infantry Division, known as the Red Diamonds. Training with the 155 mm Field Howitzer, Utley was proud that he earned expert gunner, and became a gun Captain. He served through out World War II taking part in the occupation of Iceland, Normandy Landings, and Campaigns of Northern France and the Rhineland. On September 12, 1944 during a campaign in France, He was seriously wounded in action. Returning back to the United States, on 6 July, 1945 at the Separation Center Camp Atterbury Indiana, Utley received an Honorable Discharge from Military Service having attained the rank of Corporal, and awarded the European African Middle Eastern

Theater Ribbon with Three Bronze Stars, the American Defense Service Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal.

Returning home to Kentucky, Utley decided to look for work in Detroit, Michigan. He worked for the City of Detroit, driving Street Cars. There he met the love of his life, and on October 8, 1948, married Josephine Rose Skop of Boyne Falls Michigan. Utley retired after 32 years with the City of Detroit and he and Josephine moved their family to Boyne Falls Michigan. He began a second career as head of maintenance for the Holiday Inn of Petoskey, Michigan retiring in 1983. Utley was a member of Boyne City American Legion Post 228, and the Military Order of Purple Heart Veterans. He loved to play checkers, travel the United States, and was a big NASCAR fan. He was a loving Husband, Father, and Grandfather. On January 26, 2000, at Lady Lake, Florida, Paul "Tag" Stanford Utley, answered the final call and is being honored by his son Chuck Utley and family.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 3:30-8:30 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month at The American Legion Post located on the corner of South Lake and Main streets in Boyne City, Mich. at 6:15 p.m.

## Fall hours for North Central Michigan College

North Central Michigan College announces fall semester hours for all departments and offices, effective September 3. The administrative and accounting offices, Student Services and Financial Aid Advising and Learning Support Services will be open Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5pm.

### THE COLLEGE STORE HOURS ARE:

Monday - Thursday; 8:30am - 6pm.  
Friday; 8:30am - 5pm.

### THE LIBRARY HOURS ARE:

Monday - Thursday; 8am - 7pm.  
Friday; 8am - 5pm.  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

### THE STUDENT AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER - GYM AND FITNESS CENTER HOURS ARE:

Monday - Thursday; 6am - 9pm.  
Friday; 6 am. - 7pm.  
Saturday-Sunday; 10am - 5pm. begins September 14-15

### THE IRON HORSE CAFE HOURS ARE:

Monday - Thursday; 8am - 7pm.  
Friday; 8am - 2pm.  
Saturday; 11am. - 2pm.

For updated information on hours and events, go to [www.ncmich.edu](http://www.ncmich.edu).

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# News Briefs

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## CHARLEVOIX DINING 4 PAWS

August 24. Folks all over Northwest Lower Michigan will host dinner parties, inviting their friends to come to a benefit for the Charlevoix Area Humane Society. A number of area restaurants will be also hosting parties with special dinner rates with a portion of the bill to benefit the CAHS. At 8pm all participants and parties are invited to a grand afterglow at Veterans Park in Boyne City on Lake Charlevoix. The Afterglow will have desserts prepared by the best area restaurants and desserteries in northern Michigan. There, we will tally and celebrate the fundraising results with cocktails and dancing to the live music. Call the Charlevoix Area Humane Society at 231-582-6774 to register your party and estimated guest count, or send an email to [pets@charlevoixhumane.org](mailto:pets@charlevoixhumane.org).

## PETOSKEY EMMET – CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAIR

Through August 25. Emmet County Fairgrounds. Carnival Rides, Live Music, Horse Pulls, Horse Show, Livestock Exhibits, Queens Pageant, Grandstand Events and more. Schedule available at [www.emmetchxfair.org](http://www.emmetchxfair.org)

## HORTON BAY 2ND ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ERNEST HEMINGWAY

August 25, 5pm. The 2nd annual celebration of young Ernie Hemingway's summer life in our region. A social hour at the General Store begins the celebration. Included is a cash bar, music, and readings from Hemingway's short stories that highlight some of his adventures in Horton Bay as a teenager. A free screening of the new documentary on young Hemingway will follow in the First Methodist Church at 7pm. Ice cream at the General Store will follow the screening and conclude the celebration. Admission to the social hour is \$5 and reservations are required; call George Colburn at 231-535-2440 or email [gac@star-brightmc.com](mailto:gac@star-brightmc.com). A reservation for both the pre-screening party and a DVD of the documentary film is \$15.

## BOYNE CITY CLIMATE CHANGE IS PERSONAL

August 25, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. Potluck Sunday at 5:30. Bring a dish to share. Program begins at 6:30. The program will explore the science and economics of climate change. Learn about carbon pricing and explore ways to make a difference. 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 LEADERSHIP CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BROWN BAG LUNCH READ EVENT

August 27, noon-1pm, Boyne District Library Community Room. This summer LCC is reading, and discussing, Dare to Lead by Brené Brown. Both LCC Alumni, and community members who are interested in sharpening and expanding their leadership skills, are invited to join. Dare to Lead is the ultimate play-book for developing brave leaders and courageous cultures. Daring leadership is a collection of four skill sets that are 100% teachable. It's learning and practice that requires brave work, tough conversations, and showing up with our whole hearts.

## CHARLEVOIX NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP

August 29, 4-6pm, Charlevoix Conservation District's Community Room. Native Plant Workshop with Vern Stephens of Designs by Nature. Learn the values behind planting native on local fauna, soil and your groundwater. Other interesting topics in-

clude site preparation, installation, maintenance and examples of different native plants. The workshop will also be an opportunity to pre-order your plants for the plant sale the following week. The workshop is free, but space is limited; RSVP by contacting Alison at 231-582-6193.

## CHARLEVOIX ST. MARY OPEN HOUSE

August 27, 5:30-7pm, 1005 Bridge Street. Join us for a picnic dinner starting at 5:30, and then meet our awesome staff and visit the classrooms.

## BOYNE CITY KIWANIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND CAR SHOW

August 30; 6-9pm and August 31; 8am-4pm. Friday Night Free Drive-in preview in the first 2 blocks of E Water St. Saturday judged Car show in Veteran's Park. Registration opens at 8am. Pre-registration \$20 per vehicle through August 30. Day of registration \$25 per vehicle. Door prizes awarded throughout the day. 19 trophies for classes, 3 special awards trophies. Judging begins at 10am. Voting for special classes closes at 1pm. Awards presentation will begin about 3pm. Proceeds benefit the youth of the Boyne City area.

## CHARLEVOIX EVENING GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

August 31, 9am-noon, Ferry Beach. Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale at Ferry Beach. Members and friends offer perennials from their northern Michigan gardens at bargain prices. For more information, call 231-547-4182.

## BOYNE CITY 16TH ANNUAL DRAG RACE

September 1, Boyne City Airport. Side-by-side, eighth-mile drag races will run from 12 noon-5 p.m. at the airport, 1048 E. Main St. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Boyne City Airport and the Boyne Valley Lions Club. The event is organized by the Lions and a committee of drag race enthusiasts. Entry fees are \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day for cars, trucks and motorcycles, while pit passes are \$15. Spectators pay a \$10 admission fee; children under 12 years are admitted free. Gates open to racers at 8:30 a.m. for registration and tech inspections. For information and registration forms visit [www.bcdragrace.com](http://www.bcdragrace.com).

## BOYNE CITY 7TH ANNUAL BOYNE CITY TRIATHLON

September 1, Peninsula Beach. This course will take your breath away the first time you see it. Athletes will start out swimming in the crystal clear waters of Lake Charlevoix before skimming the coastline on their bike and passing through town on their run. You'll also meet 4-time US Olympic Triathlete Hunter Kemper. Funds raised from this event support Team Lucky Seven, Inc. and its mission of "Racing to Fight Brain Disease." Events include: Olympic Triathlon: 1,500m swim, 40km bike, 10km run, Sprint Triathlon: 750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run and Sprint Duathlon: 5km run, 20km bike, 5km run. Events can be completed INDIVIDUALLY or as a RELAY team. Register at [Tritofinish.com](http://Tritofinish.com).

## PETOSKEY MICHIGAN FUNGI WORKSHOP

September 5, 7-9pm, North Central Michigan College. Marilynn Smith, expert mycologist, will offer "Identifying and Harvesting Northern Michigan Fungi." There will there will be classroom study of edible and poisonous mushrooms in our area, as well as field trips to collect and identify fungi in the field. Free though seating is limited. To register, call 231-348-6613, email [ccefaq@ncmich.edu](mailto:ccefaq@ncmich.edu) or visit [www.ncmich.edu](http://www.ncmich.edu), click on Com-

munity & Events, Corporate and Community Education Workshops.

## CHARLEVOIX

### CLASS OF 1959 REUNION

September 7, starting at 5pm, Weathervane restaurant. For information about this 60-year reunion contact John E. Haggard at (231) 342-2905 or Carol Wojan at (231) 620-5604.

## CHARLEVOIX

### STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

September 10, 11:30am-1:30pm, Castle Farms. The State of the Community provides attendees an opportunity to learn from community leaders about their successes and upcoming initiatives, as well as specific topics that are timely and insightful to businesses and the Charlevoix community. Speakers for this event: Mark Heydlauff, City Manager, City of Charlevoix, David Roland Finley, Ph.D., President, North Central Michigan College and Kent Wood, Director of Government Relations, Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance. To more information or to register to attend, please contact the Chamber at 231-547-2101.

## BOYNE CITY

### CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

September 12, Boyne Mountain Alpine Golf Course. We will begin with lunch at noon, a shotgun start at 1 p.m., followed by dinner and awards ceremony at 6. The fun includes goodie bags, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and more. Single registration is \$110, and a foursome is \$400, including green fees, cart rental, lunch, dinner and prizes. Single and team registrations are welcome. Register at [www.boynechamber.com](http://www.boynechamber.com)

## CHARLEVOIX

### NATIVE PLANT SALE

September 13, 3-6pm, Charlevoix Conservation District's Community Room. Pre-order plants at the August 29 workshop or by calling the office at 231-582-6193. Prices are \$6.50/qt for wildflowers, \$7.50/qt for woodland species, \$70 for garden flats and \$60 for single species flats. The plant sale is for those who pre-order, but the public is welcome to purchase any available extra items. For more information, stop by office or call.

## CHARLEVOIX

### CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 18, 5-7pm, Elks Lodge. Business After Hours (BAH) are a wonderful marketing opportunity for members as they elevate the host's presence in the community. BAH events are free (unless otherwise noted) to members and not-yet members can attend for \$10.

## CHARLEVOIX

### COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

September 19, 5-7pm, Charlevoix Public Library Community Room A. Charlevoix County is updating the five year Parks and Recreation Plan. The County would like to gather as much input from the community as possible to plan and prioritize projects for the Parks and Recreation system. Open House format, drop in any time between 5-7pm.

## EAST JORDAN

### CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

September 19, 5-7pm, Raven Hill Discovery Center. Networking, appetizers and drawings. Free to EJ Chamber members, \$10 for non-members. We will begin with lunch at noon, a shotgun start at 1 pm, followed by dinner and awards ceremony at 6 pm. The fun includes a 50/50 raffle, goodie bags, door prizes and more. Only 18 teams of four will be available for this Best Ball Scramble event Registration in-

formation at [BoyneChamber.com](http://BoyneChamber.com)

## CHARLEVOIX

### CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

September 13, 6:30-8pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Meet the candidates up for city council election! Learn about the candidates running for city council this fall. At this forum, each candidate will answer questions regarding a variety of issues affecting the city.

## CHARLEVOIX

### NEEDLE DROP-OFF

September 21, 9am-1pm, McLaren Northern Michigan Charlevoix Office, 1404 Bridge Street. Needles need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. For needles only. Free. Info at 800-248-6777

## CHARLEVOIX

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH SENATOR SCHMIDT AND REPRESENTATIVE COLE

September 23, 8-9am, Charlevoix Public Library. Legislative Update presented by Consumers Energy in partnership with the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance. Hear from local legislators on issues that impact the Charlevoix area community. In attendance will be State Representative Triston Cole and State Senator Wayne Schmidt.

## CHARLEVOIX

### CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION BASH

September 26, 5-8pm, Ferry Beach. Join us in celebrating YOU at our Membership Appreciation Beach Bash! Food, music and fun to be had. We are excited to show our appreciation to our member businesses and their employees, thank you for your partnerships.

## BOYNE CITY

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

September 28, 8am-4pm. This family fun day will include music, crafts, children's activities, food and fall produce in the downtown area. As the extended Farmers Market will be moved downtown from Veterans Park, portions of Water and Lake Streets will be closed to traffic. There will be a Scarecrow Contest organized by the Boyne Area Chamber. Children's games and activities will be sprinkled around downtown. The festival is sponsored by Boyne City Main Street.

## PETOSKEY

### NATURAL BEEKEEPER WORKSHOP

October 7, 7-9pm, North Central Michigan College. Join beekeepers from across the Tip of the Mitt at the "Natural Beekeeper" presentation to hear from renowned bee expert Ross Conrad. He will discuss Organic Approaches to Modern Apiculture. Sponsored in conjunction with the Little Traverse Bee Guild. Free though seating is limited. To register, call 231-348-6613, email [ccefaq@ncmich.edu](mailto:ccefaq@ncmich.edu) or visit [www.ncmich.edu](http://www.ncmich.edu), click on Community & Events, Corporate and Community Education Workshops.

## CHARLEVOIX

### APPLE FEST

October 11-13, East Park, Bridge Park and Mason Street. Experience the magic of autumn in northern Michigan at the 41st Annual Charlevoix Apple Festival. Join the festivities and show your support for our local farmers, orchards and non-profit organizations while celebrating the season in scenic downtown Charlevoix this October. The Harvest is in! Friday and Saturday, 10am-6pm and Sunday, 10am-4pm.

## BOYNE CITY

### FARMERS MARKET

Veterans Park, Wednesdays and Saturday's, 8am – Noon.

Shoppers can purchase fresh local produce and unique goodies from the market. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email [farmers-market@boynecity.com](mailto:farmers-market@boynecity.com)

## CHARLEVOIX

### FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park. Many varieties of tables line the Bridge Street sidewalk downtown Charlevoix in full view of the sun rising over Round Lake at East Park. The Market is full of life, flavors, happy people, activity - and the view is staggering. Shop local. Eat fresh. Bring your family - Children love to get stickers in our Junior Marketeer program and earn a T-shirt in just four visits. Market patrons get FREE 20 minute parking along the east side of Bridge Street and East Park to make your shopping experience easy as pie.

## EAST JORDAN

### FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays 9am-1pm, Memorial Park. Locally organically grown herbs, fruits and vegetables. Baked goods, jewelry, jams, jellies, maple syrup, farm fresh eggs and more.

## ELLSWORTH

### FARMERS MARKET

There will be a farmers market every Saturday through October 12, 9am to noon, in the Village's Community Square across from the Front Porch Restaurant.

## BOYNE CITY

### WEEKLY RESIDENTIAL RUBBISH COLLECTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The City will hold its weekly residential rubbish collection program starting on August 28. This collection will serve all 3 unit or less residential properties in the City. It does not serve commercial properties. Area 1; Main Street and the areas South of Main Street: Pick – up service will be on August 28 and September 4. Area 2; North of Main Street: Pick-up service will be on August 29 and September 5. Items for this collection should be placed out after 5 p.m. on Wednesday and before 7 a.m. Thursday.

North of Main Street: Pick-up service will begin on Thursday, August 29th. Items for collection should be placed out after 5pm on Tuesdays and before 7am. Wednesdays. This program is in addition to, not a replacement of, your existing residential household garbage collection.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is happy to announce the fall grant deadline is October 1, 2019. We invite you to begin thinking of project/program ideas for funding consideration. Starting this fall, perspective grantees will be limited to one application. Please forward this to anyone in your organization who is interested in more information on how to apply. In an effort to make more impactful grants moving forward, the C3F will be making changes to the grantmaking process beginning in 2020. We will keep you informed regarding the changes as they unfold.

## BOYNE CITY

### BLUE MONDAYS OPEN MIC

Mondays, 7-9pm, Freshwater Art Gallery. Hosted by Robin Lee Berry throughout the summer. We invite you to bring and sing or chill and listen. Questions call the gallery. 231-582-2588.

## 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, bal-

ance, 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.

## 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.

## 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 WRNCM'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.wrncm.org](http://www.wrncm.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).

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## Boyer City Schools introduces 5 new teaching staff members

Boyer City Board of Education held a regular meeting on August 12, 2019. The meeting started by introducing the Board members to our new teachers who were hired for the 2019-2020 school year.

AUGUST 12, 2019 REGULAR MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHING STAFF

- Chelsey Herrmann - High School English Teacher
- Hannah Reynolds - Early Learners Teacher
- Tyler Armantrout - Energy Fundamentals: Lineworker Program Teacher
- Mindy Giem - High School English Teacher
- Megan Burgess - 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher



New Teaching Staff (from left to right) Chelsey Herrmann - High School English Teacher, Hannah Reynolds - Early Learners Teacher, Tyler Armantrout - Energy Fundamentals: Lineworker Program Teacher, Mindy Giem - High School English Teacher, Megan Burgess - 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher

### PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Joe Lucci, construction superintendent from Barton Malow reported that the project is predominantly completed and it is within the budget set forth at the start of the planning process.
- The middle school roof was the largest part of the project and it is 90% complete with the exception of the blue metal ribbon which covers the edge of the roof. That has been delayed in the manufacturing process. Hopefully, it will be completed for the start of the school year. The new roof will help with energy efficiency and will eliminate leaks that had plagued this building.
- The Boyne City Education Center roof membrane replacement is now complete.
- The new high school entry is nearly ready. This will enhance security in the building during the school day. Visitors will have to come into the office prior to entering the rest of the build-

ing during school hours.

- The divider curtain in the high school gym is not yet complete. It is scheduled for completion in mid-September.
- A new entry system was installed at the elementary school which will control the flow of visitors during the school day enhancing the security of the building. This is now completed.
- The Elementary School sign has been refinished and has been reset for the start of the school year. This was a warranty project based on work not completed to satisfaction two years ago.
- The track was painted and a structural spray was put down to strengthen the longevity of the surface. This was a warranty project based on work not completed to satisfaction two years ago.
- John Hertel and Erin Bybee gave an overview of the District's Reunification Process which organizes and reunite students with their family in case of an evacuation of school due to safety

concerns. The Board watched a video designed to inform parents about the steps involved in this process.

- Pat Little reviewed the results of a District-wide safety audit conducted last May by consultants of PrePlanLive Inc and Barton Malow construction. The audit details the positive findings which includes our maturity of safety training levels for staff and the District's close relationship with local law enforcement. A list of suggestions was offered for future improvements and were reviewed by the Board. The audit listed some training ideas which Mr. Little stated are already in process to be implemented this year. There were also a few infrastructure recommendations to consider in a future bond issue.
- Mr. Little shared that Principal Lisa King had conducted 1st round interviews for the new kindergarten position. The 2nd round interviews will be on Tuesday,

August 13. There are a few support staff openings that still need to be filled prior to the start of the school year.

- Pat also shared with the Board important school start-up information.
- Kindergarten Picnic and Orientation - Tuesday, August 27th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Middle School Parent Orientation - Tuesday, August 27 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- High School Open House - Tuesday, August 27 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- Elementary Parent Orientation - (1st-4th Grades) Wednesday, August 28 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Early Learners Open House - Tuesday, September 5 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Early Learners start date is September 9

### CORRESPONDENCE

- The District shared a letter from Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) congratulating BCHS for receiving no nega-

tive official reports of concern, ejection, or sportsmanship during the previous year. MHSAA credited it to our student-athletes, coaches, administration, staff and community for demonstrating such positive sportsmanship throughout the entire school year.

### GENEROUS DONATIONS AND GRANT AWARDS

- The Board of Education approved the 2% award from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in the amount of \$18,000 for the Title VI program. This year Karen Burgess will be leading this program as the Director for Title VI services.

### PERSONNEL ITEMS

The Board approved the following Schedule B assignments for the 2019-2018 school year.

- Assistant JV Football (split) - Kolbi Shumaker / Dave Wolf
- Varsity Boys Soccer - Ross Daniels
- JV Boys Soccer - Nick Baic
- MS Cross Country - Alise Robinson
- Assistant JV Football - Jeremy Neer

### ACTION ITEMS

A variety of Board policies were passed based on the recommendation of the Policy Committee in July.

The Board unanimously approved the bid from Central Restaurant Products in the amount of \$41,280 for a Vulcan steamer and kettle (installation included) paid from Food Service funds.

### OTHER NOTES

On September 9, at 5:00 p.m. there will be a workshop Board meeting to review the Facility Study updates.

Community members are welcomed and encouraged to attend School Board meetings and become involved in the operation and governance of their school district. Your involvement in the education of our children is appreciated. The Boyne City School Board meetings are typically on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All meeting dates can be found at our website at this address: <https://www.boyne.k12.mi.us/District/Portal/board-of-education>

Notice of all special meetings will be posted on the website and by the main entrance in each school building as to date, time, and place.

## COUNTY FAIR

FROM PG. 1A

### SATURDAY - AUG. 24

- Carnival and Midway opens at noon
- Ride wrist band special all day \$25
- 10am-9pm; Community Center open to public
- 10am; 4-H Horse Show - Games & Fun Events
- 6pm; Auto Cross Racing - Grandstand Arena

### SUNDAY - AUG. 25

- Noon-6pm; Carnival Open Ride wrist band special - all day just \$15

For a full schedule of events, visit [www.em-metchxfair.org](http://www.em-metchxfair.org)

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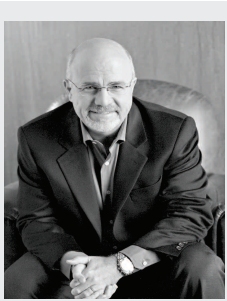
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## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(A key element in getting out of debt)

Dear Dave,  
I've got about \$3,000 in credit card debt. Would it be a good idea to transfer the balance from my credit card to another one that has a much lower interest rate?  
Tammi

Dear Tammi,  
Lots of people who find themselves in your shoes make the switch to low-interest rate credit cards. A lower interest rate will help you save a little money in the short-term, but the drawback is it can also make you feel like you've addressed your problem with debt when you really haven't. You've got to change the behavior and the mindset that put you in that situation in the first place. Besides, most low-interest, or no-interest, credit card offers are only good for a short period of time. There's always a catch!

I discovered long ago that personal finance is only about 20 percent head knowledge and 80 percent behavior. Emotion is a key element to getting out of debt and staying out of debt. You've got to get really mad at debt, the impact it has on your financial life, and attack it with a

vengeance. Think about how many times debt has been a negative influence on your life. My guess is there were many occasions in the past when you could have done great stuff—I'm talking about meaningful, important things—if you hadn't had to send a bunch of money to those bozos at the credit card company every month. I want you to really think about it.

How about this? First, cut up your credit card and close the account. Then, sell some stuff and take a part-time job nights or weekends for just a little while. You could wipe out all your debt in less than a year by doing that and starting to live on a strict, written, monthly budget.

If you don't get mad about it and take a stand against debt, and become determined you're never going to fall into that trap again, you're liable to find yourself back in the same situation or worse!

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. 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](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### INFRASTRUCTURE SCHMINFRASTRUCTURE

To the Editor,  
Ain't gonna happen folks. Election next is a pipedream for the Big Fix of roads, bridges and tunnels. There are reasons for this but it requires some retrospective roadmaps. I happen to have one from 1963, a real Road Atlas published by Rand McNally. The full US map display at the front shows Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles with a few superseding I-40 stretches intervening. In Michigan there was a short portion of I-75 from Detroit to Toledo and there were intermittent Interstates here and there to indicate that Eisenhower's grand plan was coming into affective reality though far to go, way far. Even the Eastern Seaboard was sparse of freeways but the toll road from Cleveland to Philadelphia was intact complete with tunnels through a couple mountains. Essentially though there was no freeway system in 1963.

By 1965 many youths of this country and some international voyagers were hitchhiking and driving coast to coast and all over Europe in that heyday of antiwar revolution so-called, the world in any case being on the move, even jumping freight trains for the Woody Guthrie exuberance of that On The Open Road lifestyle that Jack Kerouac and Walt Whitman before him had glorified. Even young females were seen hitchhiking cross country. San Francisco was the major destination.

But now it's all crumbling. Though this cross-country infrastructure was built largely from the 1950s through the 1980s and constantly upgraded and added onto hence, much of the main arteries hail from the 1960s through 70s. That's more than fifty years, and

we know how roads are, always with the potholes, eroded shoulders, cracks, low spots and dips from earth settling and even sinkholes. You have to maintain these roads and it takes constant funding to do so. There weren't anywhere near the number of trucks on the road back then as there are now, big diesel trucks with weight that puts extra pressure on highways designed to carry much less traffic than now daily-nightly crisscrossing the country.

So what're we gonna drive on when the roads are rubble, the bridges collapsed, the tunnels caved in? Well, those parts of the country still above water will continue to dredge and grade what's left, use detours, use plane travel more, possibly helicopter service, bicycles, walk. Absenting some real visionary with about a fungible gazillion dollars, they're - the people who get paid to fix roads, namely politicians - not gonna fix nothin'. These roads, mainly the Interstate System, were built at a time when the country was prosperous, postwar America when anything was possible. We landed and walked on the moon back then! Had that momentum continued positively, the best aspects of the sixties, the Civil Rights Acts, socialized Medicare implementation, Women's Rights, fledgling computers and internet, the sense that integration had finally become a potential reality, this world might have been on a road toward actual accord with both nature and modernity, a blending of natural preservation and technological innovation. But no. Not gonna happen although kernels of that still exist through those stalwarts who do it anyway, keep on plugging away at impossible tasks.

It's not just Donald Trump; it's the Congressional heap standing between the people's needs and

will to make it happen. There really is a swamp there in Washington DC. Moving across the Road Atlas, let's say Route US-50, hang a right at US-31, proceed north until above the 45th Parallel which is Northwestern Lower Peninsula Michigan. The freeway extends to slightly north of Cadillac on the west side though on the eastern side, dissected by I-75, traffic is much heavier. On the west the roads are two and occasionally three-lane for passing. Freeways on the west side of Michigan were resisted even though banded about for decades, some consternation being felt at preserving the quaint character still available. Some would prefer the Cleveland style Rocky River boat marina plan whereat the freeway services all travel but allows excursion to Rocky River's harbor with sailboats, boutiques and chic restaurants with quick on-off ramp convenience. Not so Northwestern Michigan. Here you have to drive two-lane highways and actually look at the countryside, the autumn leaves, the lakes and farms until you're forced to gaze upon Lake Michigan's blue water and about a gazillion smaller lakes and rivers. Traffic is not heavy but for brief tourist season congestion in Petoskey's Bayview enclave. Roads throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet Counties are maintained well enough to allow safe driving as much as State/Federal funding allows. The traffic is much lighter so decay is prolonged way beyond down below, meaning south of the imaginary line between Saginaw Bay and Muskegon. Up here you can actually get road repair attention by letters to the editor. Try that in Flint.

**Mitchell Jon MacKay**

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

**For more information call 231-536-2166**

EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, AUGUST 20, 2019

## Security system installed at marina to help prevent vandalism

BY KAREN WALKER

At their regular meeting last Tuesday, the East Jordan City Commission approved a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for property located at 913 Water Street (formerly Alden Lumber). The Commercial Rehabilitation Act affords a tax incentive for the rehabilitation of commercial property for the primary purpose and use of a commercial business or multi-family residential facility. Westside Storage Company plans to add new multi-unit storage buildings to the 4.35 acre site. The exemption certificate freezes taxable value, keeping property taxes at current levels for the next ten years.

City Administrator, Tom Cannon reported this season has been very difficult for the marina staff due to an extensive amount of late night vandalism. Mr. Cannon asks boaters and visitors of the harbor to call 911 if they witness any problems. A security system has been installed at the marina to monitor suspected problem areas.

Dredging at the City's new boat launch site near the Tourist Park is nearing completion and earthwork will commence soon. Approximately 4000 yards of material was removed with about half of the material being used to improve the Tourist Park campsites.

Current infrastructure

project at the north end of Main Street is about three weeks behind schedule. Mr. Cannon voiced concerns for completing the project by the October 25th deadline due to the paving contractors union employees being on strike.

The second of three drinking fountains were installed at the Rotary skate park/pickleball court. The third fountain will be installed at Sportsmans Park this month. The project was a collaboration between the City, Rotary Club, and Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

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