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Governor Whitmer visits Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer visited Charlevoix last month, offering time with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce to garner support and hear about the community's successes and needs. The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Staff, and City Officials met the Governor on Thursday, August 22nd. The Governor presented her budget priorities and took part in discussions about the challenges facing Charlevoix and many rural Michigan communities.

As the deadline to pass the 2019/2020 State Budget is approaching, Governor Whitmer shared the reasoning behind her proposed \$0.45 gas tax increase, which will raise the additional \$2.5 billion she sees as necessary to improve Michigan roads and infrastructure, and allow

funds that have been previously diverted to be directed back to state education efforts. The Governor's presentation led into discussions regarding the availability of skilled-trades education and the reliability of Charlevoix's drawbridge infrastructure. Also discussed were the challenges of attaining and developing affordable housing, the current status of Line 5, and Critical-Access Hospital funding recently proposed in legislation.

The meeting proved to be a great introduction of the Charlevoix community for Governor Whitmer, and the established relationship will help further efforts of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce to grow and improve our area for residents, business-owners, and visitors.



Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer visited with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce to garner support and hear about the community's successes and needs. Courtesy photo

Local communities collaborate for "Generations" exhibit

Local individuals, historical organizations and chambers from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet & Otsego counties are sharing the fascinating stories of their towns & villages, both past and present. Generations is a chance to highlight the importance of northern Michigan's history through a collection of photos and text from twenty local communities to be shared with Raven Hill visitors. Exhibit hours are Sep 1 to Oct 12, 2019, Saturdays, Noon – 4pm and Sundays, 2pm – 4pm. Generations is also open at other times by appointment.

On Saturday, September 28 from noon to 4pm, Raven Hill visitors can enjoy the Generations exhibit and learn about careers from both the past and present at the Generations Career Festival. Career volunteers will be here to demonstrate careers such as spinning, 3d printing, ham radio operators, drones, rope-making and surveying, both old and new. The Center is still looking for more Career volunteers.

Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org to set up your special time to visit Generations exhibit or if you wish to demonstrate an old or new career at the Generations Career Festival.

Generations is a chance to highlight the importance of northern Michigan's history through a collection of photos and text from twenty local communities. Courtesy photo



Marion Township to host Community Workshop for Master Plan and Recreation Plan

The Marion Township Planning Commission will host a Community Workshop to discuss ideas for updating the community master plan and creating a new recreation plan on Monday, September 30, 2019 starting at 7 pm. Community members and those in surrounding communities are asked to attend the event which will include a presentation by the Planning Commission and an opportunity for attendees to submit ideas and give input. Ideas generated will influence future planning in the Township.

The community master plan was last updated in 2014. The master plan is intended to provide a long range plan for land use and infrastructure over a timeframe of twenty to thirty years. The new recreation plan will be a part of the master plan and is intended to guide recreation-related activities over a five year period.

Contact the Marion Township Clerk, Tim Matchett, at Marion Township, 01362 Matchett Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or (231) 547-2154 to set up a time to view the existing master plan or to submit comments in writing, preferably at least one week in advance prior to the workshop. The community workshop will be held in the Marion Township Hall located at 03735 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix.

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C.S. Lewis Festival begins



The 2019 C.S. Lewis Festival will explore the 20th-century author's complex relationship with cinema. Events begin September 19. A discussion on Thursday, September 19, at 7 p.m., first event of the festival, will allow attendees to meet one another at an informal discussion led by longtime and our favorite festival Lewis scholar, Gayle Harlow. The discussion offers participants an opportunity to discuss their favorite Lewis title. You'll also be among the first to see the newly donated collection of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien books housed in the Bay View Library. The Bay View Library is located on Encampment Avenue, close to the entrance to the non-water side of the overpass over US -31.

A luncheon on Friday, September 20 at noon will allow attendees to meet featured scholars Crystal Downing and David Downing. The guests are the new co-directors of the Marion E. Wade Center at Wheaton College, which houses the works of

C.S. Lewis and seven other authors. The luncheon will take place at Stafford's Perry Hotel. The cost is \$35, and advanced reservations are required. Those interested, may make reservations by calling the Perry Hotel at 231-347-4000. Following the luncheon, Crystal and David Downing will each sign copies of their books at McLean and Eakin Booksellers at 307 E. Lake Street, Petoskey. The signing will take place from 2 to 4pm on September 20 and will offer another chance for those interested to meet this year's C.S. Lewis Festival scholars.

David and Crystal Downing will present the keynote address entitled "C.S. Lewis and D.L. Sayers: A Feisty Friendship." The talk will include a dramatic reading of the sometimes contentious, often humorous correspondence between Sayers and Lewis. The event will take place on Friday at 7:30pm at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. Part of the Manthei Speaker Series, the event is open to the public



David and Crystal Downing will present the keynote address entitled "C.S. Lewis and D.L. Sayers: A Feisty Friendship." Courtesy photo

and does not require registration, a free-will offerings are encouraged.

A seminar on September 21 from 9am to 3:30pm at Evelyn Hall in Bay View will feature Crystal and David

Downing. The theme of the seminar is "C.S. Lewis and Film." Attendees may register for a full day for \$60, which includes lunch, or for a half day for \$30. Registration is required and is avail-

able at www.cslewisfestival.org.

To encourage budding writers, the C.S. Lewis Festival also includes events to showcase local youth writing. On November 25, each of

the four public elementary schools will host a Writer's Workshop, in which fourth grade students will read their own imaginative narrative pieces. Family, friends, and members of the community are invited to join them for individual and round-robin readings. The Sheridan Elementary workshop will be from 1-2pm, while Central, Lincoln, and Ottawa Elementary will each host theirs from 2-3pm.

For older students, the C.S. Lewis Festival is partnering with Petoskey District Library to offer a teen poetry contest with the theme "We are what we believe we are." Contact Nisa Kessler at 758-3148 for more information.

The C.S. Lewis Festival is a donor-supported, annual exploration of the life and works of the author of the popular Chronicles of Narnia. The festival represents a collaboration of the arts, faith and education communities in Northern Michigan. For further information, visit www.cslewisfestival.org.

Charlevoix State of the Community

BY KAREN WALKER

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce presented their annual State of the Community luncheon last Tuesday at Castle Farms. Over 120 business and community members attended to learn about successes and upcoming initiatives from three community leaders.

Mark Heydlauff, Charlevoix City Manager, spoke about the partnership between the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Public Schools, and Marion, Charlevoix, and Hayes Townships. Together, the group identified three key values driving their public policy. The 'Charlevoix Agenda' includes: more and better housing, jobs, and 'life lived better'. "Taken together, we believe these are common sense concerns for our community," Mr. Heydlauff stated.

Addressing the housing shortage, Mr. Heydlauff explained, "Going forward, I believe the City Council will continue to look for ways to strike a balance between honoring the needs of the tourism economy so many rely upon, and emphasizing the continued importance of local residents in our housing landscape." Efforts to create new housing should honor the character of our community and be consistent with the need to create middle income housing.

Mr. Heydlauff acknowledged the shortage of qualified workers. "Jobs are the fuel that drives the local economy" he said. He explained that people desire the atmosphere that has been created here. "Without the shops, restaurants, and services provided, we would be just a collection of rolling hills and bodies of water".

Enjoyment of our natural resources should be for persons of all skill levels, abilities and age. He said next summer, all City beaches will feature handicap accessible mats so that everyone can enjoy the beach, regardless of their ability. Mr. Heydlauff thanked the Oleson Foundation and the Charlevoix County Recreation Millage for providing this crucial amenity. Additionally, we'll have a large wheelchair available for use on the beaches so that all will have access to the Northern Michigan lifestyle regardless of the challenges they face in life".

He feels the goals and principles of the Charlevoix Agenda will benefit and improve the lives of our residents now and in the future.

Kent Wood, Director of Government Relations for the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance says the Alliance has a vision for Charlevoix to be recognized as a world class destination to do business. Not just to live, visit, or raise a family but to just to start, grow



NCMC President, David Roland Finley, Ph.D. said the college draws a large percentage of their student body from Charlevoix County and talked about the community college system, the past year at North Central, and where they are headed.



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and sustain a business. Mr. Wood explained it is the Chamber Alliance's dream for this region to be a place where you can be a valued employee that makes a fantastic living on a year 'round basis. He stated, "To accomplish this vision is to aggressively pursue member and community focused policy initiatives at the State and Federal level".

For the past three years, the Chamber Alliance has focused their policy agenda efforts under the theme of "one size does not fit all". The theme has played a role in the Chamber Alliance's success as an advocate for Northern Michigan. Mr. Wood said "One of the key things that binds us together is that we are all rural". He pointed out that we don't always fit into the kinds of policies, programs, grants, and incentives that come out of Lansing from our lawmakers. Rural areas are impacted differently than urban areas.

He also presented his "Four Pillars": Rural Prosperity, Attracting Talent to Rural Areas, Rural and Small City Housing Development, and Access to Quality Child Care. He stated these are four barriers to economic growth and sustainability in Northern Michigan. The Chamber Alliance's main goal is to tackle these barriers to give Northern Michigan more "tools in the toolbox" to deal with rural Michigan issues.

The impact North Central Michigan College has in the area was illustrated by College President, David Roland Finley, Ph.D. North Central draws a large percentage of their student body from Charlevoix County. Dr. Finley talked about the community college system, the past year at North Central, and where they are headed. He explained that community college is a very cost ef-

\$100,000 Grand Prize in 11th Annual Art Van Charity Challenge

Midwest charities dedicated to empowering at-risk youth, assisting veterans, providing free childcare, distributing medical resources and serving the most vulnerable members of their communities begin vying today for \$250,000 in grants as part of Art Van Furniture's 60th anniversary celebration. The company's inspiring Art Van Charity Challenge has been building awareness, engaging supporters and raising money for charitable organizations that focus on women, children and human services in the communities it serves since 2009.

"The Art Van Charity Challenge has a tangible impact on nonprofit organizations and all those they serve," said David Van Elslander, son of Art Van Furniture founder, Art Van Elslander. "We encourage everyone to take part by making a donation, big or small, to support the charities whose work is meaningful to them."

Participating charities in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri will

compete to raise the most money in the spirited, three-week competition from midnight on September 9 through 11:59:59 p.m. on September 27. The top 10 fundraisers will win one of 10 grants, ranging from \$5,000 to the \$100,000 grand prize. There will also be bonus grants awarded during the challenge, now in its eleventh year. The winning charities will be recognized at Art Van Furniture's 60th anniversary gala on October 24.

For the fifth consecutive year, Cindy Crawford, international supermodel, businesswoman and philanthropist, is serving as the campaign's official ambassador.

Powered by nonprofit fundraising platform Mightycause, the Art Van Charity Challenge donated more than \$10 million to Midwest charities and helped raise over \$26 million for 450 charities since the competition began in 2009.

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fect way to earn college credits. He pointed out more than half of bachelor degree earners in Michigan have community college credit they earned along the way. Dr. Finley said "We play a very important role in the success of bachelor degree earners".

Some of the highlights of the past year include acquiring a "digital cadaver" device, taking their lab to the forefront of providing allied health, nursing, and emergency service education. Also, the college has installed a sludge hammer wastewater tank that cleans septic water and installed a demonstration solar panel along with an electric car charging station.

Also new this year, North Central has added club athletics including a running club and a downhill ski club as a way to bolster student life experience and engage students in a passion while they study. And Dr. Finley remarked he was particularly excited about the expansion of their nursing program.

For the coming year, North Central Michigan College has a 7.4 million dollar renovation planned. "But", he emphasized, "it's not about bricks and mortar, it's about what's happening in the building". He remarked that education is the most important component in the economic puzzle.

All three speakers were well received for their excellent presentations. Their thoughtful insights were a welcome addition to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce service to the community.

New Principal at East Jordan

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan School welcomes a new principal for grades seven through twelve. School Superintendent Matt Stevenson recently announced the addition of Nate Dionne to the school family.

Mr. Stevenson said, "I am excited to have Mr. Dionne leading our Middle/High school and I am impressed by the impact he has already made on our students and staff in the short time he has been with us. I am excited for our future and the impact Mr. Dionne will make on our students, staff and community."

Mr. Dionne started his career in 1998, teaching science and agri-science in Saline, Michigan. He then relocated to Gaylord Community Schools where he taught a variety of courses including science, biology, chemistry, anatomy, and horticulture until coming to East Jordan.

"East Jordan Public Schools impressed me before I ever applied for the job," Dionne stated. "The



Mr. Dionne with East Jordan students Lauren Peterson and Jackson Raymond.

students I interacted with were respectful, helpful and demonstrated a pride in their community and a strong work ethic. The facilities were a cut above the typical school - polished and proud. What I didn't have experience with was the staff at EJPS.

The grit, patience (with the new guy) and commitment to the EJPS students is awe inspiring."

"Nate brings a professional attitude that is exactly what our education profession needs," Stevenson remarked. "He is not afraid to try different ap-

proaches and will put in the time necessary to succeed."

Mr. Dionne has an undergraduate degree in Agri-science Education from Michigan State University and a Masters in Education Leadership from Grand Valley State

University. He and his wife Ami have three children and enjoy downhill ski racing and snowboarding, cross country skiing, mountain biking, horseback riding and working on the family's local apple farm.

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GUNS, GUNS & MORE GUNS
To the Editor;
More is less, less is more?
That's the quandary being foisted upon all. That is, the question as to whether more guns beget more or less violence or less guns cause quiescence or victimization in paradox. The former suggests that if guns are everywhere the bad guys won't start shooting because they'll figure the good guys with guns will shoot them. The latter proffers that absence of guns creates a more peaceful society. Factually, statistically, both perceptions are true if isolated events are recounted proving one and another point of view. So much for statistics and opining. Sixties folkrock group Buffalo Springfield recorded "For What It's Worth" aka "Stop, Hey, What's That Sound?", covered by Jefferson Airplane but written by Stephen Stills, later of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. There is mention of guns in the streets therein. The song, for old rock n roll aficionados, was first released in 1966 and is still considered a classic.

Depending on points of view the equation remains debatable. One view holds that at, say, a Texas Walmart there were thousands of shoppers and employees all of whom could carry or buy guns and ammunition there legally and openly, so a gunman would have some reason to fear retribution almost immediately. Kids have been shot by officers when playing with toy guns in big box aisles. Going on a raging attack in Walmart seems a most foolhardy venture. But it happened. Likewise, the most recent Texas shooting spree claimed 7+- lives and 22+- wounded, three of which were police officers armed and trained for action. In that case, so much for armed bystanders - even cops! We know these officers are well-trained and competent but even then, a marksman terror monger prevails.

Thus, we have the unsubstantiated postulation that when crimes are in commitment mode someone with a gun happening by could intervene and resolve a catastrophe before it happened. This, as with calls to police preemptively of disgruntled or mentally-disturbed persons, perhaps family members or friends observant enough to perceive something wrong and inspired to prevent its further aggravation, could and presumably have saved many lives otherwise to be lost without either someone with a gun at hand or preventative interference beforehand. Surprisingly, it doesn't work that way. This comes from known statistics via legal policy, court and press report.

We in America with its Wild Western heritage are tempted to envision Marshall Dillon at Miss Kitty's tavern always at the ready to resolve any problems arising, his six-gun always loaded and astride his hip, just as many other townsfolk did depending on the then-evolution of open-carry laws. "Stand Your Ground" laws have prevented few, and caused many, disasters. Psychological analyses suggest that with Stand Your Ground law someone might tend to feel that any compulsion toward weaponry as deterrent is allowable, even if it advances into the personal, angsty or anger or frustration. Parking spaces are known to invoke such revenge

under title of standing ground under attack. But attack is a matter of physical onslaught whereas insult or frustration are not usually onslaught but only road rage or satire. Innumerable examples exist of emotional outbreaks leading to deaths. Deaths that would not have occurred had guns not been readily available. But of course, there may be exceptions to any rule.

It is known that police in the USA are trained in shooting more than any other aspect of lawfare. This supposedly extends from slavery days when absolute control was used to maintain the workforce which otherwise would not be acquiescent to being herded about in chains to labor on plantations for people purchasing them. Extending that to the Wild West in westward-ho Conestoga wagon train adventure pioneering or other ventures, there was need of guns to protect the adventurers from indigenous Indians whose land was being homesteaded and took unkindly to the imposition. It was, by the way, not an American Indian invention to scalp enemies but a French ritualistic premise as a sign of victory in battle harking back to Medieval times.

So, what to do, what to do? It is useful to examine other countries that have eliminated guns from general public ownership to see how that works. Pretty good results as it seems. But then there's Switzerland to muck up those statistics. The Swiss have had the strangest Constitution you ever heard of: mandatory military service and weaponry maintenance, annual military drills throughout working years. They repelled Hitler's troops in WWII because no Nazis dared try penetrate both the armed citizenry and of course those Swiss Alps as barrier even to planes. They're happy campers, well-armed and prosperous with the lowest unemployment rate of Europe. They're doing something right if anyone could just figure out what. Other countries do provide helpful viewpoints but whether any would work for the US is vicissitudinous with variables too multiple to second guess. In Texas, Arizona and other states anyone can open-carry and often without a permit and many do. In Texas this was in effect back in the sixties - with no mass shootings or crazy cowboy antics whatsoever. It's a deterrent no question, the question arising when it's a potential contest of quick-draw or egotistical bravado or indeed disgruntled laid-off or fired borderline lunatic-fringe, incel, divorced, debased, or otherwise deathwish purveyors of nihilism. There is one issue that stands out above all others: you can't unshoot the gun. Once that trigger is pulled the law of physics takes over. Personally, I wouldn't want that dire choice. Driving motor vehicles is dangerous enough. Experienced gun handlers have no problem with that, responsible and careful, liberal and conservative alike. The gist comes to the summation that, though factually weapon prohibition fares better in lifesaving polity, no one knows the right decision to make, viz. hunting, recreation, protection, because there probably isn't one. As that 60s song went, "Nobody's right if everybody's wrong".

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Opportunity for displaying and selling your artwork

Lindsey Dotson, Main Street Executive Director of DDA Charlevoix is welcoming artists to hang their work in the lower level of the Huntington Bank, 210 State Street, Charlevoix (corner of Clinton & State). It has been converted to leased office space, conference space and event space. You can hang your art or drop it off and Lindsey will hang. There are whole walls and areas to hang work.

Write information about each painting, contact info, price, media etc. she will print up tags.

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Lindsey is the contact person. 231-547-3257. lindseyd@charlevoixmi.gov

MDHHS announces newborn screening test

As part of Newborn Screening Awareness Month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Newborn Screening Program is announcing the addition of a new test that could prevent life-long disabilities or death for affected Michiganders.

This fall, a test is being added for X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD). This disorder most severely affects males, although females can be carriers and develop some symptoms as adults. Males with X-ALD may develop behavioral problems, learning difficulties and muscle weakness. Specialized treatment can help those with X-ALD live the healthiest lives possible.

"Michigan's Newborn Screening Program impacts the lives of every family who has an infant born in Michigan," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. "I want to thank all birthing hospitals in our state for their tireless work and commitment to promoting the health of



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Michigan's children through newborn screening."

Michigan's newborn screening system provides testing and follow-up for more than 50 conditions that, if not detected early, would result in serious disability or

death. The goal of program is to identify babies with rare but serious disorders that require early treatment.

Through three tests – blood, hearing and heart screening – newborns with those treatable conditions can be identi-

fied and treated, helping prevent complications and improving their overall health and well-being.

Approximately 7.2 million Michigan newborns have been screened since the start of Michigan's Newborn

Screening Program in 1965. Each year, around 275 Michigan babies – one in 410 births – are found to have a disorder detected by newborn bloodspot screening. Since 1965, more than 6,600 newborns in the state have received early identification and the opportunity for life-saving treatment as a result of newborn screening.

For Canton resident Mike Finkel, newborn screening saved him from brain damage 30 years ago and has allowed him to pursue a career in medicine.

"Thanks to newborn screening, I was found to have a condition called phenylketonuria (PKU) and referred for early treatment at just a few days old," said Finkel. "Without this program, I would have surely suffered permanent brain damage. Instead, I am healthy and able to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a doctor."

For more information about Michigan's Newborn Screening Program, please email newbornscreening@michigan.gov or visit Michigan.gov/newborn-screening.

New solar panel installation at NCMC

The North Central Michigan College Foundation and the Leadership Little Traverse (LLT) Class of 2019 will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the installation of a solar panel array on North Central's campus. The ribbon-cutting will take place at 4pm on September 24, adjacent to the college library. A reception will follow in the library lobby.

This event marks the successful completion of the LLT cohort's year-long community service project, Solarize Petoskey. In addition to supplementing the college's power supply by tying into the City of Petoskey's electric grid, the solar panels will provide hands-on learning opportunities for North Central students and area K-12 students, and serve as a model for the community to see solar energy in use.

Installation of the solar panel array is the latest in a series of initiatives demonstrating North Central's commitment to sustainability and win-win community partnerships.

"We are extremely pleased to be the recipient of the 2018-19 Leadership Little Traverse Class project," said Dr. David Roland Finley, president of North Central. "This group had a bold vision to demonstrate electrical power generation from sunlight that is



The North Central Michigan College Foundation and the Leadership Little Traverse (LLT) Class of 2019 will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the installation of a solar panel array on North Central's campus on September 24. Courtesy photo

accessible to the community, and the new solar panel installation will serve learners of all ages who visit campus."

The college has partnered with Emmet County Recycling to ensure that the ribbon-cutting and reception will be a zero-waste event.

"It is exciting that the col-

lege is able to celebrate the installation of this new net-metered solar array by hosting a zero-waste event," said Dr. Jeff Lockridge, professor of earth science and chair of North Central's Sustainability Committee. "There is a misconception that sustainability efforts must be expen-

sive, impractical, or difficult to adopt, yet we have found that the opposite is true. NCMC's recent sustainability initiatives have been cost-effective, relevant, and have provided wonderful educational opportunities for our students."

Governor Whitmer takes action to protect kids

Governor Gretchen Whitmer took aggressive action to protect Michigan kids from the harmful effects of vaping. These actions include making Michigan the first state in the nation to ban flavored vaping products.

After her Chief Medical Executive, Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, made a finding that youth vaping constitutes a public health emergency, Governor Whitmer ordered the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to issue emergency rules to ban the sale of flavored vaping products in retail stores and online, and ban misleading marketing of vaping products, including the use of terms like "clean," "safe," and "healthy" that perpetuate beliefs that these products are harmless. The governor also ordered the Michigan Department of Transportation to enforce an existing statute to prohibit the advertising of vapor products on billboards.

"As governor, my number one priority is keeping our kids safe," said Governor Whitmer. "And right now, companies selling vaping products are using candy flavors to hook children on nicotine and misleading claims to promote the belief that these products are safe. That ends today. Our kids deserve leaders who are going to fight to protect them. These bold steps will finally put an end to these irresponsible and deceptive practices and protect Michiganders' public health."

"Governor Whitmer has taken bold and appropriate action in response to the epidemic of youth e-cigarette use," said Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association. "In the absence of robust regulation by the Food and Drug Administration, we know shockingly little about the health impact of e-cigarettes being widely marketed to youth and adults. The recent outbreak of respiratory illnesses associated with e-cigarette use has only added to the uncertainty and increased the need for

immediate action"

She adds, "What we do know is nicotine is highly addictive and has adverse effects on the developing brain, and flavors strongly appeal to youth. Gov. Whitmer's action will protect Michiganders, particularly the state's youth, from the known and unknown potential health risks of e-cigarette use. We urge the FDA to move urgently to protect public health and exercise strict oversight over all e-cigarette products."

On June 4 of this year, Governor Whitmer signed Senate Bills 106 and 155, which clarify that it is illegal to sell e-cigarettes and other non-traditional nicotine products to minors. In her signing message to the Legislature, Governor Whitmer criticized the legislation for not going far enough to protect Michigan's kids from nicotine addiction, calling the marketing, packaging, and taste of e-cigarettes a "bait-and-switch" engineered to "create new nicotine addicts."

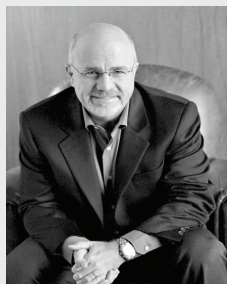
"In the past few years, we've seen an explosive increase in the number of Michigan kids exposed to vaping products," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive for the State of Michigan and chief deputy director for health at MDHHS. "This is a public health crisis. These products can contain harmful chemicals that put our kids' health at risk. I'm looking forward to working with Governor Whitmer to mitigate these effects and keep our kids healthy."

From 2017 to 2018, e-cigarette use spiked 78% among high school students and 48% among middle school students. In 2018, more than 3.6 million U.S. kids, including 1 in 5 high school students and 1 in 20 middle school students were regular users. These rates are still climbing, likely fueled by the availability of flavors akin to apple juice, bubble gum, and Nerds.

DAVE Says

(The partnership, not the family, is the problem)

Dear Dave,
My two brothers-in-law and I have been thinking about going into business together as a side project in the real estate world. One of them is an architect and licensed general contractor, one has a successful painting business, and I'm a chief financial officer with a CPA background. Plus, I had a lot of construction experience as a young man. I know you're not a big fan of business partnerships, but how do you feel about a family business like this?



Dave Ramsey

Dan
Dear Dan,
Going into business with family isn't my big concern here. I've said many times that partnerships are the only ships that won't sail, and I'm a firm believer in that philosophy. I would encourage you guys to set up a situation where one of you is the owner, then figure out a plan where the other guys get paid off the bottom line—as if they were owners. Trust me, anything with three heads is going to end up being a monster at some point.

Here's the thing about family businesses. When everyone understands their

role and has the best interest of the company in mind, family businesses can be a lot more fun and more successful than non-family businesses. Statistics show the average family business lasts 60 years, while the average publicly-traded company lasts about 15 years.

So, there's nothing inherently wrong with the family part of the equation. It's the partnership aspect I'd stay away from.

—Dave

(Renter's insurance?)

Dear Dave,
We just helped move our son into a cheap, off-campus apartment a few blocks from where he is attending college. We signed the agreement, and are paying the rent, because he makes very good grades. Do you think renter's insurance is a smart buy? It's less than \$12 a month, but the minimum coverage I can get is \$15,000, and he probably has less than \$1,000 worth of belongings there.

Kevin
Dear Kevin,
I'd get renter's insurance. My guess is it also comes with five or six figures in personal liability coverage, as well. That's in case he's out on the patio with his buddies, someone slips and falls, and they decide to sue because daddy's on the lease.

In a case like this, because there's so little to start with, it's not theft or fire taking the contents of the apartment that you're worried about. It's the liability portion of the coverage that makes it worth every penny of what you'd be paying. That alone makes it worth \$10 to \$12 a month just to make sure a slip-and-fall doesn't mess with your life!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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What Do Home Buyers Want?

The must-have amenities in a new home

What do home buyers want in a new home? Some of the must-have amenities in a new house are home offices and green features.

Home buyers are willing to give up devoted space to home theaters and other specialized media rooms in order to have a home office. In fact, they'd be willing to forego a formal dining room altogether in order to have a home office or study.

And they want energy-efficiency in their appliances, windows and insulation.

Other desirable features

are large kitchens with an island, though granite countertops aren't necessarily important to all buyers.

Must features also include a main-floor master suite; an outdoor living room – considered more popular than an outdoor cooking area; ceiling fans; master suite soaker tubs and oversize showers with seating areas; stone and brick exteriors; community landscaping with walking paths and playgrounds; and two or more car garages.

NEWS BRIEFS

CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

Central professor of anthropology and sociology, recently joined community college faculty from around the U.S. to explore the problems of urban sustainability in India's overcrowded cities. She will take us on a tour of the north (Jaipur) and south (Mysore and Bangalore) to discuss the biggest sustainability issues and steps being taken to address them. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

PETOSKEY LUNCHEON LECTURE; CONSPIRACY THEORIES, FAKE NEWS, MEDIA AND POLITICS

December 6, NCMC Library Conference Room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon. Scott LaDeur, Ph.D., North Central professor of political science, examines why so many people believe claims about a faked moon landing, the rigging of voting machines, the "truth" about 9/11, and President Obama's birthplace. He will look at conspiratorial thinking and the power of "fake news" to create new realities for voters. Reservations are required. You must call 231-348-6600 or email luncheonlectures@ncmich.edu to reserve your place for each presentation. Cost is \$12.

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 farmersmarket@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.

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, prospective 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

Real Estate Feature Property

SPACIOUS HOME WITH TORCH LAKE ACCESS



BY JIM AKANS

Situated on a beautiful wooded site less than the length of a football field from shared and deeded Torch Lake access, this spacious home that includes a newly remodeled owners apartment is a terrific value.

This five bedroom, three-and-a-half bath home has approximately 2,950 square feet of space on three levels. Interior highlights include

a large and open living, dining and kitchen area, with a beautiful stone fireplace in the living area and gorgeous views of the wooded back yard and access to the rear deck. The lower level rec room also features a fireplace, has a game area, and offers access to a cement patio area. The newly remodeled owners apartment features a kitchenette, full bath and large studio type area for the living room and bedroom.

The nearby shared and deeded Torch Lake access is a slice of paradise. The access offers a beautiful spot for swimming as well as a dock area. What a fantastic "bang for your buck" with not only a wonderful, spacious home, but access to a beautiful northern Lower Michigan lake as well.

This spacious home with Torch Lake access is located at 12599 Shiffman Court in Kewadin, south of Eastport, and is listed at

\$269,500. 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@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com



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 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 Sun-

day 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 communi-

ties. For current playgroup locations/times, visit 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.

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