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# Inside Coronavirus panic buys that just waste your money

Here are some things you might think you need to hoard but please stop.

Toilet Paper - Few things make you feel more vulnerable than running out of toilet paper. Maybe that's why TP, of all things, has been rolling off the shelves for weeks on end. A paltry 12-pack will last a family of four the entire length of a two-week quaran-

Surgical and N95 masks -You'll see plenty of people wearing homemade masks out on the street, and that's fine. But surgical masks and especially N95s are in short supply. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently recommended the use of homemade cloth masks, which everyone can wear outside. They may help slow the spread of the virus by keeping people from coughing or sneezing on others.

Latex gloves - The key is not your hands but your face. Try not to touch your face, and don't eat without washing your hands first.

Don't buy food you won't eat - Plan a meal schedule and a shopping list before you go out so you don't succumb to all the panic buying in the store.

Alcohol-free hand sanitizer - The CDC warns that sanitizers that don't contain at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol might not kill the coronavirus on surfaces. Be-

fore you buy a bottle, read the label. If you see benzalkonium chloride -a popular alternative -instead of alcohol as the active ingredient, keep shopping. Before you buy a bottle, read the label. If you see benzalkonium chloride a popular alternative - instead of alcohol as the active ingredient, keep shopping.

Vitamins - Save your money. Focus on hygiene and overall wellness, including a proper diet and exercise.

Liquor - Save your whiskey or vodka for cocktails. Don't waste it trying to make your own hand sanitizer, because liquor doesn't contain enough alcohol.

Antibiotics - The WHO is very clear: Antibiotics will

not kill the coronavirus. Antibiotics kill bacteria, not viruses.

Household cleaners - You don't need to purchase specialized household cleaners to battle the coronavirus. Keep it simple. "One of the nice things about this virus, if there's anything nice about it at all, is that soap actually kills it. It doesn't just escort the virus off you and down the drain," says Dr. John Swartzberg, professor of infectious diseases at the University of California,

Magic wipes for your phone - Both Apple and Samsung recommend simply wiping your phone with a common household disinfec-

Berkeley.

tant wipe.

Air Purifier - The coronavirus doesn't travel long distances in the air. It's mainly spread by heavy droplets. Air purifiers - even those with germicidal UV-C light filters won't capture and destroy coronavirus in your home.

Water Purifier - The EPA says it's safe to drink tap water as usual. The EPA quotes the World Health Organization as saying the presence of the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies and based on current evidence the risk to water supplies is

Bottled water - The water

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GasBuddy

Six States

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# Red, White & Blue popping up all over Charlevoix

#### **BY KAREN WALKER** Downtown

Charlevoix is demon-

American flags along

strating its sense of

community with

the street and red. white, and blue themed displays in husiness windows The idea originated with the owner of The Lake House, a gift and home decor shop on Bridge Street. The owner of the shop, Darsi Lee, was looking for something the merchants could do to let the town know they are all in this current situation together. Lee explained, "I thought what better way to say it then having all our storefront windows decorated with red, white, and



This has been an effort to show that we are all united during this time.

blue but especially American Flags.

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Lee recruited Lindsey Dotson, Executive Director spread the word. Dotson re-

of Charlevoix Main Street and Downtown Development Authority, to help

marked, "Before we knew it, red, white, and blue started popping up all over the place!"

Lee noted most of the merchants were responsive and excited to participate. The city street department helped by hanging American flags on the Bridge Street light poles. Dotson stated, "This has been an effort to show that we are all united during this time, despite being socially distant. Our sense of community is strong and we are all very much

working together as much as possible."

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Wisconsin, Kentucky,

Michigan, Oklahoma, see

the travel and navigation app that is used by millions of drivers to save money on gas, reports that six states have surpassed their lowest average gas prices in over a decade, while five of those states are seeing the lowest prices since the early 2000's. In the case of Wisconsin, gas prices haven't been this low in 6,621 days.

STATES WITH LOWEST AVERAGE PRICES IN OVER A DECADE

Michigan; Avg Price -\$1.45/gal. Lowest since 12/24/2003

Wisconsin; Avg Price -\$1.30/gal. Lowest since 3/3/2002

Kentucky; Avg Price -\$1.45/gal. Lowest since 11/14/2003

Oklahoma; Avg Price -\$1.36/gal. Lowest since 12/31/2003

Minnesota; Avg Price -\$1.56/gal. Lowest since 1/31/2004

Illinois; Avg Price -\$1.77/gal. Lowest since 11/29/2008

Examining millions of fuel transactions from the company's Pay with Gas-Buddy program, gasoline demand plummeted in Q1 as Americans across the country were ordered to

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#### **THURSDAY**

**HIGH: 48** LOW: 31

**HIGH: 52** 

LOW: 33

**FRIDAY** 

HIGH: 54

LOW: 35

**SATURDAY** 

**SUNDAY** 

2018-19

**OBITUARIES** 

AMT" CITY 4/22/19 . . . 66.7 . . ATLANTA 4/22/19 . . . 117 . . BOYNE FALLS

4/22/19 . . . 90.2 . . CHARLEVOIX

4/22/19 . . .82.4 . .CHEBOYGAN

4/22/19 . . . 136.8 . EAST JORDAN 4/22/19 . . .160.1 .GAYLORD 4/22/19 . . .123.8 .KALKASKA

4/22/19 . . . 77.5 . . LEWISTON

4/22/19 . . .93.8 . .ONAWAY 4/22/19 . . . 147.3 . PETOSKEY

4/22/19 . . .73.9 . .MIO

**HIGH: 50** LOW: 35

#### snowfall

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4/20/20 .	61.9 .	.CHARLEVOIX
4/20/20 .	61.4 .	.CHEBOYGAN
4/20/20 .	105.1	.EAST JORDAN
4/20/20 .	134.1	.GAYLORD
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#### **Sherman Daniel** Thomas, 86

(MARCH 10, 1934 - APRIL 16, 2020) Sherman Daniel Thomas of East Jordan died Monday,

April 13, 2020. No services

scheduled at this time. Arrangements by Penzien Funeral Home of East Jordan.

#### James Edward Weisler, 84

(JAN. 20, 1936 - APRIL 13, 2020)



This is the story of James Edward Weisler. Jim was the youngest of 4 children born to Oscar and Eleanor Weisler on January 20th, 1936. Jim (my dad) grew up in East Jordan, he was an East Jordan Red Devil's football player, and was proud to have been coached by Dan Devine. After graduation he married Shelby Disbrow of Central Lake and they had a daughter Mary "Missy". A few years later Jim re-married Lou Ann McGuire of Central Lake and had his second daughter Marcia. His final marriage to Ivah Hetherington of Central Lake was the love of his life. There was something about them Central Lake women that kept him entertained, and he was the "Don Juan" of the day. All three wife's preceded Jim in death, as

well as his daughter Mary. My dad was a German decedent and his stubbornness was proof. If you were blessed to know my dad you experienced his stubbornness. But, my dad also had many other sides that made him the wonderful man he was, and the best Daddy

Many could give him labels that I am sure he lived up to, to the fullest. He was a jokester, he loved to keep you laughing and if nothing else smile. He was quick with his comebacks and loved a good conversation. Seriousness, was never one of his strong traits. He was a believe it or not a patient man in my tender years, but that trait faded as the years went by. He was set in his ways, and things had a right way and a wrong way. And if it was "not" done his way it was the wrong way, period.

He was a hard worker and never shied away from work. He took on a challenges without hesitation and his wife Ivah right beside him.

They were equally matched. My dad was a masonry/builder in his younger years and was proud that he had helped build some of the larger structures still standing today. Original McLaren hospital being one of them. This is where my dad departed this earthly realm in the morning hours of April 13th, to start his next chapter in the Heavens.

Later in life he was the

Head custodian of the Ellsworth High School, this is where he found much joy in his day to day activities. He could joke with the students and pull pranks on the staff. It was an endless sup ply of people for him to make laugh. It was during this time that my dad was probably the most active, working full time, renovating his old farm house and living life on his terms.

Later after retirement he slowed down, never stopped making people laugh, but just spent more time enjoying family. With the three marriages my dad had acquired not only his two daughters, but 11 other step children that he helped raise. The added responsibility was never seen as a challenge but an opportunity. My dad loved to have people around. My family expanded my dad's to include a son-inlaw (Pat Gibbard Sr.), three grandchildren (Patrick Gibbard Jr./Brooke)and their children Andrew, Addison and Nora. (Alicia Lansing/Joseph) and their son's Logan and Jonah. His name sake (Jamie Simon/Neil) and their children Blake and Kaylee.

My dad also had the Grandvue Family that he spent his final chapter with here on earth. For Six years he had a new audience and he wore new hats. He was best known as Jim "AKA Trouble" and he wore his pin daily with pride. He was known as the "Morning Greeter" he would spend his mornings greeting each staff that came to work in hopes of putting a smile on their face or perhaps pulling a joke. He was known as the "Candy Man" in recent years as he choose to hoard up candy and distribute thru out the year to staff, children and Amish singers that would come into the facility

He had a heart for many and showed it in the way he knew best. Making them smile and treats. My dad to me was a strong man, with great patience. He entertained me, but we butted heads just as often. I spend a great deal of time with my dad in the past couple years and learned to just love him on his terms and where he was at, all while watching the light of who he was slowly fade

In his final week my dad engaged in a Zoom video chat with his family and enjoyed it a great deal. He was able to wish everyone a Happy Easter and express his love. His last act of kindness was making up bags of Easter Candy for the Grandvue staff so they would find them Monday morning when they came to work. I am sure he was watching from heaven as they were finding their treats.

Rest in Peace Dad and may your audience in Heaven have a sense of humor.

Love and miss vou Please share a memory of mv dad and how he joked you, because I know he did.

#### Virginia "Diane" Penfold, 69

(FEB. 12, 1951 - APRIL 18, 2020) Virginia "Diane" Penfold

of Banks Township passed away on April 18, 2020 at her home.

Diane was born on Febru-

ary 12, 1951, in Memphis, TN, the daughter of James and Francis (Curbow) Bouler.

Diane liked music and dancing, as well as cooking from one of her large collection of cook books. She was also an avid Jeopardy fan and loved to argue the answers with anyone in the

On July 11, 1968, in Memphis, she married Jacob E. Penfold who survives. Also surviving are a son Edwin "Casey" Penfold of Central Lake, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Amy Shandell McCaslin, a sister Barbara as well as her parents.

Private services will take place at the Hastings Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Burial will take place in the Antrim City Cemetery, Banks Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Traverse Area Right to Life, 2240 W. South Airport Rd., Traverse City, MI, 49684.

Arrangements are being handled by the Hastings Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Online guestbook

www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

#### Larry R. Spence, 83

(MAY 27, 1936 - APRIL 13, 2020)



Larry Raymond Spence was born on May 27, 1936, in Echo Township, Michigan to Raymond Spence and Leonia (Free) Spence. He had one sister (Orpha) and two brothers (Lee and James).

He married the love of his life, Patricia Guenther, on May 6, 1961. They were married for almost 59 years. They had four children: Scott Spence (Linda Reynolds), Sheryl Valdez (Joe DeFranciscis), Todd Spence (Kalpana Gupta), and Renee Gerritsen (John Gerritsen). He had five grandchildren: Ashley Englert, Jessica Spence, Sheresse Spence, Madelynn Gerritsen, and Meghan Gerritsen. Larry's family meant everything to him and he was so

proud of them. Larry was always an achiever and had a brilliant mind. After serving in the Army for four years and working as a builder, he attended Michigan State University in Petoskey to become a manufacturing engineer. In addition, Larry worked as a volunteer firefighter and diver for the East Jordan Fire Department. Larry worked at Allied Signal/Honeywell as an engineer and loved it for many years. As many know, he was always busy with different projects. He loved creating stained glass art, woodworking, gardening, playing guitar, listening to music, and making wine. He was also an incredible cook. Additionally, he loved learning and continued to learn about history, chemistry and engineering throughout his

His greatest loves were his family and his Lord Jesus Christ. Larry loved to talk and share stories about the Lord. He belonged to the East Jordan Presbyterian Church. Larry went to be with his Savior on April 13, 2020. Larry will be greatly missed by all.

Larry's family will be planning a celebration of life for later in the summer.

#### **Lester John** Essenberg, 73

(OCT. 6, 1946 - APRIL 18, 2020)



Lester John Essenberg, 73, went to be with his Lord and Savior, on Saturday, April 18th, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Les was an amazing husband, father, sibling, friend, and grandfather. He was born October 6, 1946 in Charlevoix, Michigan to John and Edna (Boss) Essenberg. Les grew up in Atwood, the son of entrepreneurs, and spent much of his young life working on the farm. This led to his impeccable work ethic, humble disposition, loving

his jack of all trades skills. Les met Cheryl, the love of his life on a blind date. They were married in 1972 and Lake, and then they moved to Ellsworth, where they've resided for the past 40 years. They were blessed with

three beautiful daughters.

and caring personality, and

The oldest of 7 children, he was a protective big brother. They all loved music and often sang at special events while their mother played the piano. He learned his lifelong love for the Lord at a young age and carried that love throughout his life. Life on the farm was full of adventures. From Christmas Trees to grain to cherries to dairy he learned discipline and detail that he would carry into the rest of his life. Les graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1964. After graduating, he attended a drafting school in Detroit, always drawing pictures of semi-trucks, but knew he'd rather drive them than draw them. Les loved things with motors and would often race dirt bikes and snowmobiles in his younger years. Tractors, trucks, heavy equipment, boats, and muscle cars would catch his eye throughout his life. Les drove his Dad's semi when his health declined. As a loyal employee, he worked for JC Smith, DeForest & Bloom, Howes & Howes, Alpine Oil Company, with the last 30 years at MDC Contracting of Charlevoix. Les drove truck #1 for a reason because he was the best. After his parents passed away, he and his brother Mark not only worked their full-time jobs, but took on the responsibili-

ties of the fruit orchard, including cherries, peaches and apples.

Les loved with all his heart. He put everyone's needs in front of his own. He was a protector to the very end and was devoted to his family. He cherished every moment he could spend with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed. Left to cherish his mem-

ory are his wife Cheryl, 3 daughters: Shelly & Mike Fay of Petoskey, Lisa & Dan Nagy of Ellsworth, Julie and Casey Meadows of Charlevoix, 6 beloved grandchildren: Emma, Rachel, Grant, Madelyn, Julia and Charlotte, his siblings Carla (Dave) Trulson-Essenberg of Issaquah, WA, Monna Essenberg of Grand Rapids, MI, Mark (Sheila) Essenberg of Ellsworth, MI, Scott (Debbie) Essenberg of Vanderbilt, MI, Todd (Tammy) Essenberg of Ellsworth, MI and many nieces and nephews. Les was preceded in death by his parents, John and Edna (Boss) Essenberg, and his brother Steve Essenberg.

A memorial service to celebrate Les's life will be scheduled at a later date. Interment will take place in Atwood Cemetery, Banks Township.

A special thank you to Emma and the entire staff at Spectrum Health Hospice.

Arrangements have been handled by the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be given to Spectrum Health Hospice, 750 Fuller Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

#### **Shirley Mae** Mottor, 68

(OCT. 9, 1951 - APRIL 18, 2020) Shirley Mae Mottor of Charlevoix died Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

No services are planned at this time.

#### Russell "Rusty" A. Barnes, 70

(JULY 27, 1949 - APRIL 14, 2020)



On Tuesday night, April 14, 2020 Russell (Rusty) Albert Barnes, age 70 passed away. He was a loving husband, father of two sons (Casey and Kyle) and grandfather of 3 granddaughters. His wife was at his side when he died after having a heart attack at home.

Rusty was born to Bryce and Caroline (VanSice) Barnes in Charlevoix, MI on July 27, 1949. Rusty was born, raised and lived his 71years in Eastport, never moving more than a half

mile from where he grew up.

Rusty spent most of his youth at the Central Lake schools but graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1967. Most of his adult years were spent working in the excavating field. Rusty served in the Army Reserves for 6 years. On February 22, 1975 he married Sandra (Northup) Barnes and they have been married for 45 years. When he retired in 2014 he started up a small firewood business which kept getting bigger and bigger each year. It kept him busy and fit year round for the past 6 years.

Rusty has always loved things that go fast. In his vouth he raced snowmobiles. Later in life he raced modified race cars in Elmira. However, in his more senior years he loved his Corvettes. With the cars came a local car club, in which came some of his best friends. In recent years he enjoyed taking his 1965 Corvette to car shows where he was usually awarded a trophy. His cars were his passion and he was meticulous at keeping them perfect inside and out. Rusty was one of the hardest working people around and he could build or fix just about anything. He taught his son's the skills to do just about anything they put their minds to.

His three granddaughters were the joy in his life. Being technologically challenged, he did learn to Facetime and called one of his sons or granddaughters every night.

Rusty is survived by his wife Sandy, his oldest son Casey (Fort Collins, CO) and his other son, Kyle (West Olive, MI) as well as Casey's wife, Jennifer and Kyle's wife, Danielle. His granddaughters Kendall, Cara, and Quinn will dearly miss him. Surviving is his brother Shellie (Cindy) of East Jordan and his sister Mary Lynn (Carl) Haffenraffer of Key West, FL, brother in law John Northup of Charlevoix, sister and brother in law Sue (Joe) Farrell of Johns Creek, GA. Also surviving are many cousins, a niece and 2 nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and a nephew.

Because of the Coronavirus no funeral is planned until this summer. He will be buried at the Lakeview Cemetery next to his parents in Eastport. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be sent to The Magic Yarn Project, PO BOX 34, Eastport, MI 49627 or the charity of your choice.

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## News

#### New initiative will support affordable year-round housing in Charlevoix

Housing North is launching a new program to maintain and expand affordable, year-round housing oppor-

"Communities with large seasonal populations have unique housing challenges," noted Sarah Lucas, executive director of Housing North. "There can be a strong financial incentive for property owners to focus on seasonal residents, while year-round residents struggle to find permanent affordable housing. We can see this situation in many of our northern Michigan communities, which is why finding a solution to this problem has been one of our top priorities at Housing North."

The new program provides incentives for property owners to voluntarily record a deed restriction on an existing or newly purchased residential property. The approach is similar to

those commonly used at land conservancies. A deed restriction can permanently require year-round occupancy in the home, either by homeowners or long-term renters. Once recorded, the deed restriction stays with the title and would transfer to new owners in the future. The exact amount of incentive will vary and be based on the property's appraised value.

Lucas notes that the new approach will help address the shortage of year-round housing by utilizing the existing supply of homes and land in conjunction with encouraging new construction rather than focusing solely on new construction.

'When Housing North was first established in 2018, we looked around the country at other seasonal communities to find the most effective and successful housing policies," explained Lucas. "The InDeed program in Vail Colorado stood out as a voluntary approach that used incentives to solve the year-round housing shortage by taking a land conservancy style approach and applying it to housing."

The first implementation of the new program will take place in Charlevoix, with the rezoning and purchase of a former church. Using funds provided by a local donor through the Charlevoix Community Foundation, Housing North purchased a deed restriction as part of the real estate transaction.

Charlevoix mayor, Luther Kurtz, was involved in the effort and expressed optimism about the new approach. "In Charlevoix, like so many other northern Michigan communities, housing for the workforce has been a constant challenge. It's exciting to have another tool in our toolbox to help our year-round residents afford to live and work in our community."

Two additional units may be added to the property, demonstrating the potential for the program to incentivize the creation of new long-term housing units. Housing North will hold the deed restriction and administer the program but will continue to work closely with the City of Charlevoix.

"The 'Housing Conservancy' approach brings exciting new tools to address our region's housing shortages," said Lucas. "Housing North will continue to work with the City of Charlevoix and other communities in our region to expand the program to meet diverse housing needs specific to each community, using this and, potentially, additional emerging conservancybased models.'

### NCMC plans virtual commencement ceremony

As statewide efforts to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19) continue, North Central Michigan College announced that it will honor its 2020 graduates with a virtual Commencement ceremony on May 8. The celebration will occur via a Facebook Watch Party at 7:30 pm. Following the virtual ceremony, the video will be posted on the college's YouTube channel.

"The decision to reconsider Commencement was extremely difficult," said Dr. David Roland Finley, president of North Central. "However, given that such uncertainty exists around the safety of large gatherings, both in the near term and several months from now, we have decided that a virtual celebration is the most appropriate option. I believe we can make this a meaningful celebration of our graduates'

tremendous accomplishments while ensuring the safety of our campus community."

On April 14, North Central announced that all classes scheduled for Summer 2020 will be delivered via remote instructional delivery. The college is communicating directly with students to ensure a smooth transition to online classes and remains committed to delivering an exceptional educational experience while ensuring the health and safety of students, faculty and

To streamline communications, the North Central website remains the vehicle for all Coronavirus (Covid-19) updates. The college will keep the public informed as this issue evolves, working to respond in ways that ensure the health, safety and well-being of our campus community.

#### DNR: Leave young wildlife as you find them



It's common to see baby animals like this in the woods, seemingly alone. Don't worry, the mother is almost certainly

Baby bunnies are nestled in their nests, fawns will soon find their way through the forest, and songbird and waterfowl nests are popping up all over. In fact, last week we shared tips on what to do if you find a duck or goose nesting in your yard.

Remember that it's not unusual to come across baby wildlife in springtime. Many wild mothers leave babies unattended and hidden to protect them from predators, but return periodically to care for their young when they feel it's safe. Even most young birds found on the ground are under the watchful eyes of parents.

"The best thing you can do to help young wildlife is to simply leave them alone," said Hannah Schauer, DNR wildlife communications coordinator. "Many wildlife, such as deer and rabbits, will leave young unattended as a survival strategy. Even though it may appear that a rabbit's nest or a fawn is abandoned, they rarely are."

Your best decision is to leave a young animal in the wild where the mother can care for it and teach it how to survive.

On the rare occasion you come across an animal that is injured or truly abandoned. keep in mind that, in Michigan, it's illegal to keep the animal unless vou're a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Under the current "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order, some wildlife rehabilitators may have had to suspend services: call ahead to see whether they are able to assist at this

Additional information on what to do if you find a baby animals is available at Michigan.gov/Wildlife.

# Mancelona Bass Festival canceled until 2021

It's with heavy hearts, that the organizers of the 65th Annual Mancelona Bass Festival announce the cancellation of the Festival for 2020 due to COVID-19. The Festival was scheduled to run from May 28-31, 2020.

According to Ken Mattei, President of the Bass Festival Committee, the Committee, along with local leaders and our partners met last Friday, April 17th to discuss the status of the Festival. This is the first time in the 65 year history of the Festival that it had to be canceled.

The safety of the community, volunteers and guests visiting the Mancelona area is at the top of our priority list. The Festival Committee held off postponing till the last possible minute, as we knew how much everyone looks forward to the Festival each year. The organizers discussed the possibility of holding a smaller community festival either in late summer or early fall, but any planning would have to be put on hold until we receive clarification on future guidelines, and social distancing direction from state and local officials.



The 65th Annual Mancelona Bass Festival announce the cancellation of the Festival for 2020 due to COVID-19. The Festival was scheduled to run from May 28-31, 2020. Photo by Joanie Moore

The Committee would like to thank our community, vendors, sponsors and partners for their support over the years. Without this support, the Mancelona Bass Festival would not be possible. COVID 19 is causing unprecedented effects that are

being felt by both businesses and residents of Mancelona and throughout the State of Michigan.

Please continue to follow the Mancelona Bass Festival on our Facebook page and our website where you will find the most up-to-date information regarding additional events the Mancelona Bass Festival committee plans throughout the year, as well as frequently asked

#### **BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT**

Monday, March 30, 2020 Received tip that a miss ing person was staying on N East St. Threats & PPO violation reported in the 300 block of Silver

Report of MDOP on 1051 Robinson St 1358 Call from subject gues-

tioning validity of essential work by employer. Report of suspicious activity on Vogel St.

Assisted Sheriff Dept. on Glennwood Beach 2323 Report of possible bond violation on Jersey St

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

0837 Call from tree service wanting to know if they can work Report of construction taking place against the Executive Order on Lakeshore Dr Report of essential busi-

ness not providing protective gear for employees 1325 Trespass complaint on Roosevelt St

Disturbance reported in 1325 the 300 block of E Division St Subject calling with questions about opening yard cleaning business for the summer.

Report of Landscape Company violating the Executive Order near Elm and Front St. Subject calling to find out why downstate construction crew

was told they could not work on residence on Lakeshore Dr.

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1055 Report of construction taking place on Lower Lake St in violation of the Executive Order

Vehicle unlock in the 1300 block of Pleasant Av Health and safety issue reported on S Park St

Subject called to determine if yard maintenance business was allowed right now. 1359 Happy Birthday parade

on Terrace St. 1506 Suspicious situation in the 200 block of Vogel St Harassment complaint from the 700 block of Wenonah St.

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Suspicious situation in the 600 block of S East St. Harassment complaint from Wilson St. Water main break on Vogel St between Jefferson and Jer-

sey. Vogel St shut down. Suspicious situation in the 200 block of Vogel St Subject burning leaves in the area of North St. and East St. Dog running at large in

the area of the Marina. Friday, April 3, 2020 0500 Assist Sheriff Dept. on M

MDOP to driveway reflector in the 500 block of Jefferson

1305 Anonymous caller watching the webcam and can see construction taking place in the 200 block of E Water St.

1518 Harassment complaint from Pleasant Av Suspicious situation on 1730 Ann St. near Lake St.

Salvage vehicle inspec-Driving complaint near

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Wenonah and Harris

0810 Abandoned vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St. 0951 Suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of E Water St. Business operating in violation of the Executive Order in the 100 block of E. Water St.

Citizen assist in the 300 block of N Lake St. Civil dispute on Wilson 2136 St.

Sunday, April 5, 2020 1358 Subjects disregarding the closed sign in the playground at Veterans Park.

Juvenile skateboarding in road at Water and East. Lodged 2 stray dogs at the shelter Vehicle unlock in the 700 1905

block of Lake Park Dr.

**MONDAY APRIL 6, 2020** 

0426 dustrial Park 0950 Report of found bike in the 300 block of N Lake St. Suspicious vehicle in the 2134

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1149 Spoke to lawn care busi-

800 block of Brockway

ness operating outside executive Report of dirt bike doing wheelies down Vogel St. 1536

Fatal house fire on Line 1905 Report of lost handicap placard

Assist Sheriff Dept. at Sil-2040 ver St and Robinson St.

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 0051 Suspicious situation in

the 700 block of Wenonah St 0130 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Charlevoix St Report of audible alarm 0536

from the 200 block of Vogel St. 0955 Report of lost wallet 0958 Water cover reported missing from the bottom of Charlevoix St.

Report of the dirt bike from yesterday observed in the 400 block of N Lake St Arrested subject for suspended driver's license at M-75 S

Division Assist Sheriff Dept. and 2318 East Jordan PD at Wilson Rd and Behling Rd.

Thursday, March 9. 2020 0820 Trash dumped at Ava-

lanche. Complaint regarding 0920 business being open in the 100 block of Water St that caller did not

Report of 16 year old missing from the 600 block of N East St. Returned home on own 1238 Citizen assist in the 100 block of Water St

Report of lost debit card 1529 1203 Suspicious situation on First St.

Subject in the road on Michigan Av trying to collect toll from passing motorists. Gone on

Friday, April 10, 2020

1143 Driving complaint on Water St. 1147 Citizen assist in the 100 block of Water St.

Parking violation at Ava-1324 lanche Mountain Found key turned over to officer

Animal complaint in the 1549 300 bloc of E Division St Assist MSP on M-75 S. 2046 2340 Checked on road hazard

Saturday, April 11, 2020 0919 Report of a tree crew doing non-essential work in the 400 block of Jefferson St.

1145 Property damage crash and Road Rage on Boyne Av at High Driving complaint at 1304

Boyne Ave and Fall Park Rd Assist citizen in the 300 block of N Lake St 1549 Parking complaint at

Collings St. and N. East St. 1600 Found debit card found in the 200 block of Water St. Owner contacted.

Assist Sheriff Dept. on 1732 Lakeshore Rd. Sunday, April 12, 2020

Assist Sheriff Dept. on M-75 S Assist Sheriff Dept. in 0453

Boyne Falls. 1041 Animal complaint in the 500 block of N Lake St 1127 Suspicious vehicle in the Industrial Park.

1403 Suspicious situation on Boyne City-Charlevoix Rd. at Michigan Ave. Birthday parade with

BCFD, BCEMS and CXSH on Silver St. and Harris St. Harassment complaint from the 600 block of Front St. 2046 Assist Sheriff Dept. on

Camp Ten near Thumb Lake.



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# Restaurant and Retail services and hours during Coronavirus shutdown in Charlevoix County

Faced with a state-ordered moratorium on dine-in service, many local restaurants and food providers are offering enhanced take-out, curbside pickup and delivery options. Also, many retail businesses have limited hours and services. This list was complied from area businesses and chamber of commerce.

This list is updated each week. If a business needs info updated or be added to the list, email us at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

FAMILY FARE. Introducing reserved hours for older adults, pregnant women and immunocompromised store guests Effective Thursday, March 18, SpartanNash is setting aside time twice per week for store guests most at risk of contracting coronavirus (COVID-19), including older adults, pregnant women and immunocompromised individuals. Reserved hours will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

BARREL BACK - Open 7 days in Walloon Lake Village for curbside pick-up from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Prepaid curbside service is available. Please call ahead to place your order and call when you arrive. We are happy to bring your food out to you. Website with menu. 231-535-6000.

BC PIZZA has always had take-out, drive-through and delivery service - and that continues now that their dining room has closed. You can order by phone during their hours of 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 12 to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Pickup service is available from their location at 1191 Highway M75 South. (The downtown location on North Lake Street is closed for now.) Their name says "pizza," but their menu also includes pasta, subs, wraps, salads, appetizers, burritos, quesadillas and desserts. Menu. 231-582-2288. NEW PIZZA KIT - Looking for something fun to do with the kids while they are off school? Our \$9.99 Pizza Kit includes a dough ball for a 14" pizza, pizza sauce, mozzarella cheese and pepperoni.

BOYNE CITY BAKERY – Take-out available. Call about curbside service or delivery options if you cannot leave home, specials for schoolaged children, call about bulk orders for freezing at home. The back entrance to the bakery will be closed until further notice. 231.497.6060.

BOYNE CITY TAPROOM has a new Weekend Take-out Menu. Please place orders by 3pm on Friday or Saturday. Order pick-up is available between 5-6pm each day. Call (231) 675-3306 or message our Facebook Page to place your order. Dinner for 4 is only \$45 - choose one entrée per order, includes family-style garden or Caesar Salad and four double chocolate chip cookies. \$10 Growler fills and \$15 bottles of wine.

BOYNE COUNTRY PROVISIONS - All of our retail products and deli prepared food to go is available for normal retail purchase and carry-out. Both Provisions Wet Goods and Provisions Wine Market & Deli are open

for business as usual with normal operating hours. (The Wine Lounge is currently closed and the menu is not available for carry-out or delivery.) Announcing free home delivery to zip code 49712. Call in an order of \$50 or more, and we'll deliver it for free from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. There is a \$5 delivery charge for purchases below this amount. Delivery options include spirits, craft beer, wine, specialty foods, deli meals, etc. Customers purchasing age-restricted items will be required to show valid ID upon delivery. Chef Russell and our dedicated deli staff are working hard to ensure our "Grab & Go" food offerings are kept in stock. We will also begin offering Pepperoni & Cheese Take 'N Bake pizzas daily. Check Facebook for updates. 231-582-2151.

CAFE SANTE is now offering curbside pickup for meals from 3-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. We have rewritten our menu, reducing prices and bringing back some of your classic favorites. You can use our new online ordering system or call in your order and we will be happy to deliver to your car upon arrival. Also, are offering our \$5 pizzas for takeout on Mondays. Kicked to the Curbside Menu. 231-582-

HOPPY HOUND Coffee and Dog Bakery - Now offering curbside service and opening at 7am to fill your coffee needs. \$2 20-oz. coffee all month long. We are open 7am-5pm. Medical staff and first responders get 30% off your coffee this month, just show us your badge. (231) 497-6498

INDOCHINA GARDENS is open for take-out during their regular hours - 11 to 8 Mon-Fri, 12-8 Saturday. These hours may change as the restaurant adjusts to the closing of their dining room, so you may want to call to check. 231-582-4099.

LAKE STREET MARKET is offering curbside pickup for call-in orders. They are open their usual hours - Tuesday through Saturday from 11 to 7, and "we are doing everything we can to keep the store a safe place. Meanwhile, if you would like to call orders in and have us bring them out to your car, let us know!" 231-582-4450.

LAKE STREET PUB closed for a few days but they're back and be open for takeout and delivery from 4-8 pm. Restaurant takeout is considered essential to the community and we want to be here for you! Call us today to place your takeout order and we will give you 20% off your bill as a thank you. This discount is good toward our full menu, bottled beer, and bottles of wine. Just give us a call with your name, make, model & color of your car as well as your credit card information. One of our friendly staff members would be happy to run your meal out to your car when you pull in. We also offer our full menu, bottled beer, and bottles of wine for delivery orders of \$25 or more within a 5-mile radius. We are offering Lake Street Pub gift cards for 10% off. Use now or stock up for the summer. We would be happy to drop them in the mail to you free of charge. Hours: 6 days a week, 4pm -8pm Wednesday through Monday (closed Tuesdays). www.lakestreetpuboyne.com

RED MESA GRILL is offering curbside pickup for meals between the hours of 11am and 8pm Sunday thru Thursday, 11am-9pm Friday and Saturday. Delivery will be available between those hours as well. All curbside pickups will be extended a 20% discount on orders over \$20. Delivery will have a minimum order of \$25. Beer and wine will be offered for both pickup and delivery. When you call in your order, just let us know the make, model, and color of your vehicle. We will run your order out to you when you pull up on Water Street. Take-out service is available 7 days a week. ONLINE ORDERING now available! Download the Toast app and search for Red Mesa Grill or click here. (231) 582-0049.

STIGGS BREWERY & KITCHEN will have take-out available for curbside delivery or walk-in pick-up on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 4-8 p.m. Beer is available to go too - grab a growler of your favorite brew. Check out our website to see what is currently on draft. Menu. 231-497-6100.

SUNNYSIDE Breakfast, Lunch & Catering is open Wednesday through Sunday, 8am-2pm, for take-out and delivery. We will also be continuing our sack lunches and pancake mix for those families who need it. You can pay over the phone or in cash. We are happy to continue to serve you during this time. Menu . (231) 497-5050.

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BOYNE CITY HARDWARE open 8-5:30 every day and 9:30-2:00 Sundays. We are offering curbside pick-up and HOME DELIVERY within the limits of Boyne City and Boyne Falls. Call the store for additional details, 231.582.6532. We're encouraging the first hour of shopping to be dedicated to seniors and others at high-risk.

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Curbside pickup, shipping, delivery, and virtual shopping options:

Charlevoix Harbor Wear 231.547.4359, ragmerchant@charter.net

The Lake House 231.437.3425, thelakehousecharlevoix@gmail.com

The Clothing Company 231.547.6361, info@myclothingco.com

Thistle 231.437.3966, inbox@thistlestyle.com

Ga Ga for kids and women too! 231.547.1600, gagaforkids.com

The Taffy Barrel, 231.547.9258, thetaffybarrel.com

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CHARLEVOIX Restaurants Offering Take-Out/Delivery/Curbside Service:

Terry's: carry-out & delivery everyday 5-8pm 231-547-6925

Scovie's: carry-out & delivery 231-237-7827

Villager Pub: carry-out and delivery within the city limits, 11 am to 8 pm every day. 231-547-6925

That French Place: All the usual available curbside pickup 4:30-6Pm. (place order by 2pm). Will try to deliver to immune-compromised when possible. 231-437-6037

Pigs Eatin' Ribs: drivethru, delivery, and call ahead carry-out 11am-8pm every day. 231-547-PIGS (7447)

Bridge Street Taproom: carry-out 231-437-3466

Charlevoix Pizza Company: Curbside pick-up | Sun, Mon & Tues 4-8pm Wed-Sat 11-8pm | student special Mon-Fri: personal 3 topping pizza & drink for \$5 | 231-547-9771 or order online & include make, model & color of car

BC Pizza: carry-out and delivery every day 231-547-9999

Friske's Farm Market: 10-4pm Tues-Sat | still open and have take home options such as made-to-order pizza, homemade soup & chili | preorder baked goods etc. for a grab & go option. 231-599-2604

Dairy Grille: Carry-out 231-547-9771

Bier's Inwood Brewery: Take-out | 5-6pm nightly | fill growlers/howlers of beer & cider take and bake pizza's available | salsa available | bottles of wine to go | call/text 231-675-7632 to arrange a time convenient for you to pick up your beer

Harwood Gold: carry-out 231-437-3900

Royal Farms: Curbside pick-up | continue to offer our pies and pasties from their freezer for pick-up, as well as cider, wine and any of our other products | 231-599-3222

THE ARGONNE HOUSE is offering takeout orders on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5:30 to 8 pm. Beer and wine are available. Meals will be available for pickup at our restaurant or delivered to senior citizens in the City of

Charlevoix. Senior Citizen delivery menu, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Special takeout menu, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Call 231-547-9331

#### **EAST JORDAN**

LOCAL BUSINESS CURRENTLY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

East Jordan Family Health Center

Care & Share Food Pantry -Call ahead, 231-536-7423

Good Samaritan Food Pantry - Call ahead, 231-588-

East Jordan True Value

EJ Laundry Station

Family Fare

T & R Yamaha

Save-A-Lot East Jordan Marathon

Korthase Flinn - Drop off or by phone

4Front Credit Union - Drive Γhru

Charlevoix State Bank -Drive Thru

Huntington Bank - Drive

Jordan Valley Animal Clinic

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TRUE VALUE OF EAST JORDAN True Value is open. We are

currently keeping our regular business hours. The health and safety of our customers is our number one priority. If you are an "at risk" person, please call ahead and arrange for a carry-out/pick up. 231-536-3121

MURRAY'S BODY SHOP

With the whole covid19 epidemic around us, we have changed a few things, we will open on Wednesday April 22nd at 8am, if you need an

estimate I will be there to assist you, if you don't feel comfortable coming into the shop just pull up and beep your horn, or call my cell, I will be out as soon as possible and take care of the process, as always all estimates are always free and loaner cars are available during the repair process, we always work with all insurance companies, and as always, Only you have the right to choose your repair shop, feel free to contact me any time if you have any

#### questions. Jamie 231-350-0873 EJ LAUNDRY STATION

We want to provide at-risk and senior customers with the ability to do their laundry on Tuesday and Thursday from 7am to 10am to help them avoid busier and more crowded periods.

LOCAL MEMBER RESTAURANTS – TAKE OUT & CURBSIDE

BC Pizza: carry-out and delivery every day 231-536-5555

Foundry Bar + Grill To Go. Takeout and Delivery hours: Monday-Sunday: 11am-8pm. You can view our full menu at foundrybg.com. 101 Main St. Ste B. 231-649-0006

Las Maracas, 115 Main Street, East Jordan. 231-222-2092. Open Friday and Saturday, 3pm - 8pm. Pick up only.

Little Caesars Pizza - Take out - 231-536-3600

Subway of East Jordan. 205 Main St. 231-536-9855. Take out. South Arm Cafe - Take out

– Mon – Fri, 8am – 6pm. Sat. and Sun. 8am 2pm. 231-536-2801

Marty's Dairy Grill. Open 11am – 9pm every day.

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# Boyne Area organiza-tions work-ing together on summer 2020 event decisions

Boyne City Main Street and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce work together to promote all that we love about our Boyne Community. In response to the current Covid-19 situation, we continue this partnership of communication, with all other interested organizations, to make decisions about the viability of spring and summer events we typically enjoy each year.

At this time, cancellation of these various events, like Stroll the Streets, Evenings at the Gazebo, and Boyne Thunder, have not taken place. Both organizations, and others like the 4th of July, are carefully monitoring guidelines and safety protocols and these will be the first priority for all events and decisions. As you may know, the Morel Festival has been cancelled.

Understanding that information about safety protocols change weekly, specific event cancellation decisions will be made on an individual event basis and posted to that organization's social media, newsletter, and websites. Be sure to check those often as we get closer to event dates.

#### "Save Small Business Fund" available

Small businesses are the foundation of our communities and our economy. Employing nearly half the American workforce, they keep our neighborhoods running and make them feel like home. The impacts of the coronavirus pandemic have wrought unprecedented financial uncertainty. These businesses need resources and relief — and they need it now.

That's why the Save Small Business Fund, a grantmaking initiative funded by contributions from corporate and philanthropic partners, is providing \$5,000 in short-term relief to employers across the United States. These one-time supplemental cash grants are for businesses that have between three and 20 employees and operate in an economically vulnerable community.

The grant application will go live on April 20 at 3PM

Eligibility: To qualify, a business must:

- Employ between 3 and 20 people

- Be in an economically vulnerable community

- Have been harmed financially by the COVID-19 pan-

To learn more about the Save Small Business Fund and to apply for a grant go to https://savesmallbusiness.com

# McLaren seeks facemask donations



The Centers for Disease Control has issued new guidelines advising the public to wear cloth facemasks in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores and pharmacies.

Following the new CDC guidelines, McLaren Northern Michigan will provide homemade facemasks donated by community members to patients and their caregivers when they are discharged from the hospital, as well as to patients at outpatient clinics and McLaren Home Care & Hospice. Donated facemasks

In anticipation of a greater need for homemade facemasks, the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation is once again accepting donations of homemade facemasks. Courtesy photo will also be provided to staff for use in the community. The cloth facemasks do not replace surgical masks or N-95 respirators and will not be used by staff in patient care areas of the hospital. Facemasks will be commercially laundered before being distributed.

"We have received an incredible outpouring of support from the community and have already received more than 3,000 homemade facemasks," said Patrick Schulte, Vice President and Chief Development Officer, McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation. "We are grateful for the community's partnership as we continue to meet the needs of our patients and staff."

In anticipation of a greater need for homemade facemasks, the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation is once again accepting donations of homemade facemasks. Community members who are healthy, willing, and able to make and donate face masks are encouraged to use the CDC pattern available online at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html. McLaren Northern Michigan prefers cotton ties to elastic bands.

Due the hospital's visitor restrictions, community members are asked call ahead to schedule a dropoff time with the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation. Please call 231.487.3500.

Additional information about the CDC guidelines regarding cloth face-masks is available at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2 019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

## Mackinac Bridge painting project wins third award

The Mackinac Bridge tower painting project, now entering its fourth and final year, has won a third national award.

Ruby+Associates of Bingham
Farms received one of five Engineering Honorable Conceptor Awards from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC/M) at the association's annual Engineering and Surveying Excellence Awards Gala on March 7.
Ruby+Associates designed the movable painting scaffolding painting platforms being used in the Mackinac Bridge's back-to-back two-year tower painting projects.

"It's gratifying that the companies involved in repainting the Mackinac Bridge towers have now been recognized a third time for their excellence in design of equipment and execution of their work," said Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) Executive Secretary Kim Nowack. "As an engineer, it's exciting to witness the problem-solving creativity being applied to this project."

Earlier this year, representatives of Seaway Painting of Livonia, the contractor performing the work on the bridge, accepted the E. Crone Knoy Award from the Society for Protective Coatings, an industry group focused on protecting and preserving concrete, steel, and other industrial and marine structures. The E. Crone Knoy Award "recognizes an outstanding achievement in industrial or commercial coatings work that demonstrates innovation, excellence

in craftsmanship, or the use of stateof-the-art techniques or products to creatively solve problems or provide long-term service."

Last summer at the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois 2019
Excellence in Structural Engineering Annual Awards, Ruby+Associates took home the Best Neighboring
State Project Award for the bridge painting platforms used in the painting project. The movable scaffold system was designed by
Ruby+Associates, fabricated by
Moran Iron Works of Onaway, and

used by Seaway Painting.

The south tower contract is for just less than \$6.5 million, with Seaway required to complete the project by Dec. 31. The contract to repaint the north tower was just less than \$6.3 million. Installation and removal of the platforms has required brief closures during the overnight and early morning hours on several occasions.

The original paint is lead-based and Seaway is required to contain 100 percent of the paint as it is removed and ship it to an appropriate landfill facility. The new paint, which is zinc-based, is expected to last at least 35 years, with periodic maintenance.



The Mackinac Bridge tower painting project, now entering its fourth and final year, has won a third national award for the movable scaffold platforms designed by Ruby+Associates. Courtesy photo.

# Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update; 4/20/20

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has received questions from residents regarding the state of COVID-19 in Otsego County. Due to several contributing factors, the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Otsego County increased significantly. We continue to work collaboratively with multiple partners and conduct contract tracing in all four of our counties to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, states "We understand that a sudden increase in the number of reported cases can be disconcerting for our Otsego County communities. We want you to know that there are several contributing factors, including the availability of new and expanded testing methodologies, as well as an increase in cases within a congregate living setting. We



will likely see increased cases in all of our communities as access to testing continues to expand. We urge everyone to continue their vigilance in staying home and staying safe!"

We would like to also make residents aware of changes being made to our daily COVID-19 reporting procedures. At the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak in our fourcounty jurisdiction, we responded with daily updates to keep our residents informed. Since then, we have continued to adapt to meet the information needs of our residents, and we developed our COVID-19 Data Dashboard.

At this time, we will begin sending formal COVID-19 updates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only. Additional press releases will be shared if a pertinent issue arises. Although we are reducing the frequency of formal COVID-19 updates, we want to remind residents to visit our COVID-19 Data Dashboard and our Facebook page for continued daily COVID-19

updates.
Below, we are now reporting the State of Michigan's reported cumulative recovered cases. The State of Michigan updates this number every Saturday. Recovered cases are de-

fined as persons with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis who are alive 30 days out from symptom onset.

As of 4pm on 4/20, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim - 9, Charlevoix -12, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 72; and confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix - 1, Emmet -2, Otsego – 6. The State of Michigan has reported 32,000 cases and 2,468 deaths; and as of April 17, cumulative recovered cases: 3,237.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department jurisdiction by liking and following our Facebook page and visiting our COVID-19 Data Dashboard.

#### National Work Zone Awareness Week begins April 20

Now, more than ever, the transport and delivery of essential items is crucial. Despite the delay of some projects due to the pandemic, there are many active work zones throughout the state. Roads must be maintained. Bridges need to be inspected. All available contractors have been briefed on the appropriate safety methods to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Next week is National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) to remind us all to pay extra attention as we drive past our neighbors, friends, relatives, and fellow Michiganders who are working hard to improve our roads and bridges. This year's theme: Safe work zones for all. Protect workers. Protect road users.

Traffic data from around the state show that volumes are down approximately 60 percent. To put that in perspective, last Friday there were approximately 1.7 million vehicles on Michigan roadways, while on that same day last year there were more than 4.5 million.

"It's tempting to drive faster when traffic is light," said MDOT Work Zone Delivery Engineer Chris Brookes. "But even with lower traffic volumes, it's so important to slow down through these work zones for the safety of everyone."

To show your support for the safety of road workers and everyone on the road, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and its statewide safety partners ask you to Go Orange next Wednesday, April 22. At home or in the field, show your support by sharing a photo on social media of you or your team wearing orange, including the hashtags #Orange4Safety and #NWZAW.

Know before you go. Check www.Michigan.gov/Drive for active work zones on state roads (US, M and I routes).

#### **PANIC BUYS**

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supply is safe. You don't need to be stockpiling bottled water

Prescription medicine - By limiting your prescription medicine purchases to 30 days' worth, you'll be doing your part to ensure prescription drugs are always available to those who need them, when they need them

Paper towels - They make up 2% of the trash in America's landfills. People are using them in place of scarcer toilet paper - and are clogging sewer systems.

Produce wash - You may have heard that scrubbing your fruits and vegetables with soap or a special "produce wash" is an effective way to disinfect them. But there's no evidence to suggest produce cleansers are any more effective than water, and using soap may do more harm than good. Most soaps are not approved by the FDA for use on food. Ingesting them can cause vomiting and diarrhea, The safest method to wash your produce is the old fashioned way: gently scrub it with your hand under some cool or lukewarm water. It's that simple.

Essential oils - If somebody tries to tell you essential oils can protect you from COVID-19, it's

Pet Food - If you overbuy for your pet, you could deprive others of key nutrition. And pet shelters across the country are still operating and need to feed displaced animals.

#### GAS PRICES

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stay home in light of COVID-19. The most recent data is even steeper, with transactions in April showing that gasoline demand has eroded by 50-70% over levels in late February and early March, with millions of Americans continuing to follow stay-at-home orders and not venturing out on the road.

In addition to some states seeing the lowest prices in over a decade,

GasBuddy counts over a dozen states that now have low prices under \$1 per gallon: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Virginia and Wisconsin. "To have thought at the begin-

ning of the year we'd be in the place we are would truly have been impossible, new and multi-year records continue to be written when it comes to gasoline prices," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "It's staggering to know that in five of these six states we haven't seen

these gasoline prices in over 15 years, and for many of us, we watch from the living room window, adhering to the orders to stay at home. But there is strong potential that we will see gas prices this summer far lower than our previous expectations, and I'm hopeful by then we're safely able to enjoy it."

Surpassing the low prices from the Great Recession

GasBuddy believes the chances are good that the national average may eventually drop under the 2008/2009 low as well. Today's average of \$1.79/gal would need to drop roughly 20 more cents per gallon to

best the low prices from that period

While the rest of states are currently near four year lows, there are signs too, that many more states will eventually test decade lows. "I fully expect that as many as half of the nation's states will ultimately see prices fall to at least decade lows, with perhaps most of them ultimately falling to lows not seen since the early 2000's," De Haan said.

For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com.

## **News Briefs**

**PETOSKEY** 

#### NORTHERN LAKE ECONOMIC **ALLIANCE ANNUAL LUNCH**

POSTPONED. Originally scheduled for April 24. **NLEA** home page; www.northernlakes.net.

**EAST JORDAN** 

#### 14TH ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB **VARIETY SHOW**

CANCELLED. Originally scheduled for April 24 & 25.

**BOYNE CITY** 

#### TASTE OF BOYNE/RESTAURANT WEEK

CANCELLED. Originally scheduled for April 24th through May 3rd.

**ELK RAPIDS** 

#### CONSTITUTION BOOT CAMP

CANCELLED. Originally scheduled for April 25.

**BOYNE CITY** 

#### **10TH ANNUAL PAINT THE TOWN RED FUNDRAISER**

May 2, Boyne Mountain Resort Civic Center. Your support of "Paint the Town Red" is vital to the success of our school programs. Proceeds from this community event will provide funding for programs and activities in the Arts, Athletics and Academics for the students of Boyne City Public Schools. Event tickets are \$60, available at Lynda's Real Estate Service, 27 S. Lake St., and State Farm Insurance, 219 S. Lake St.

EAST JORDAN

#### JORDAN VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND SPRING CONCERT

POSTPONED LATER DATE. Originally scheduled for May 3. Still planning the Concerts in the Park beginning in July on Thursdays at 7:30pm.

**EAST JORDAN** 

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

May 13, 6pm, Friends of the Jordan Watershed Center Building, south of Sportsman's Park.

**EAST JORDAN** 

#### MISS EAST JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

June 26, 2pm. Originally scheduled for April 18. Community Auditorium. Tickets will go on sale soon and can be purchased from any contestant or at the door if there are any left.





(THOSE CONVINCED AGAINST THEIR WILL...)

Dear Dave.

I'm debt-free except for my home, and it is all because I started following your plan four years ago. I'm even on track to pay off my mortgage in eight years. With all the scary economic news out there, I'd love to talk to my family about following your advice, too. Do you have any suggestions for doing this without sounding like a know-it-all or that I am bragging?

Lacey

Dear Lacev.

It's been my experience that when it comes to family, words don't always do the trick. There's an old saying that goes, "Those convinced against their will are of the same opinion still." Some people have been brainwashed into believing credit cards and debt are an unavoidable part of life. They're stuck in their ways, and nothing anyone can say or do is going to

I've been fortunate enough

to help millions of people change their lives, get out of debt, and take control of their finances. But there are millions more who will never listen. They'll just keep going deeper and deeper into debt, and never realize the real problem is the person they see in the mirror every morn-

The truth is, you can make irrefutable arguments against credit cards. People who use them spend more than those who use cash or debit cards. Research has proven this. You don't need one to rent a car, get a hotel room, or buy airline tickets. A debit card will do all those things without piling up debt. For an emergency fund, you can simply save up cash. It takes some discipline and hard work, but relying on credit when things go wrong is a really bad idea.

If they won't listen to all these truths, try telling them your story. Let them know you understand from experience how hard breaking old habits can be. Emphasize how amazing your life has been since you made the decision to actively control your

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money, instead allowing a lack of money to control you.

Congratulations, Lacey. I'm proud of you for working so hard and being disciplined. I hope you can be an influence on others in your family, and help lead them to a place of financial peace, too!

— Dave

#### **(EXAMINE YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS CAREFULLY)**

Dear Dave.

I own a small company, and we lease the building we operate from. As an entrepreneur, how do you know when it is time to stop leasing and buy a place of your own?

Peter Dear Peter,

You should only buy a building when you have solid track record of success, and a really good idea of what your building needs will be. A growing business is always a good thing, but you don't want to focus too much on real estate and not enough on generating revenue and managing that growth intelligently. You would also want to make sure you're going to be in anything you buy for a good, long

I'm a big fan of leasing the first few years after starting your own business. It's even better if you can work out of your home, but I understand that's not always practical. Down the road, you can choose to lease with an option to buy, or in the right situation, just buy a building.

Remember, make sure you

do it all with cash. Don't add debt to the equation! —Dave

(IS IT EVER TOO LATE?)

Dear Dave,

Life insurance is one of those things I always said I would get around to buying someday, but for various reasons I just haven't done it yet. Is there ever a time when it is too late to get life insurance? Angie

Dear Angie,

First of all, I only recommend level term life insurance. It's fairly easy to get until around age 70, depending on your overall health situation. Once you get into your seventies and beyond, however, it can be more difficult to find reasonably priced cover-

I recommend that most people have 10 to 12 times their annual income in term life insurance. To be honest. though, you really shouldn't need life insurance if you're 70 or older. At that point, if you've saved and invested wisely over the years, you can be self-insured. By this, I mean you've got enough money in savings and investments to cover funeral expenses-plus enough for a spouse to live on comfortably after you're gone.

Don't wait any longer, Angie. Take care of this today!

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11am. Health screens in-

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test results at the time of the

screening and a "Know Your

Numbers" log to track

Wellness Wednesday,

Charlevoix Hospital.

Healthcare

-Dave

Munson

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 WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

#### NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

#### **BOYNE CITY**

347-0067.

#### **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 Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

#### **BOYNE CITY**

#### **FARMERS MARKET**

CANCELLED. Saturdays, 8am - Noon. The market has moved indoors to the lobby of Boyne City Hall. Packed full of beautiful produce, greens, homemade goodies and so much more. The Market is also working with the support of Blissfest and Grain Train to continue to provide talented local musicians for your listening pleasure as you shop. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN

#### **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand announced that USDA is accepting Fiscal Year 2020 applications for grants to help strengthen the rural economy. USDA is making grants available under the Rural Community Development Initiative program for qualified intermediaries to provide assistance to help improve housing community facilities, and to implement community and economic development projects in rural areas. Electronic applications must be submitted to grants.gov by May 13, 2020, at midnight EST. Paper applications must be submitted to the applicant's USDA Rural Development state office by May 18, 2020 at 4pm local time. Additional information is available on page 12761 of the March 4, 2020, Federal Register.

CHARLEVOIX/EMMET COUNTIES **HESTIA WOMEN'S GIVING** 

#### **CIRCLE GRANTS** The Hestia Women's Giv-

ing Circle is welcoming applications for its annual grant cycle. Application deadline is May 1, 2020. Grants will be announced by May 31 and awarded in mid-June. The Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (c3f). Organizations applying for grants must have 501(c)3 non-profit status, be a school or government agency, or have a fiscal agent with nonprofit status. Potential applicants should go to www.hestiacircle.org, then the Grants page where they can access the online application.

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#### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION **GRANTS AVAILABLE**

Applications are now being accepted. This cycle will focus on requests from eligible nonprofit partners for county-wide projects, arts and culture, veterans, urgent needs, health and wellness, and substance abuse projects or programs. Applications are due by Friday, May 1, 2020. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants anytime at 231-536-

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

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 monthold-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

#### CHARLEVOIX **WELLNESS WORKSHOPS**

Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or

#### progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required. - Full Body Toning Exer-

cise 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

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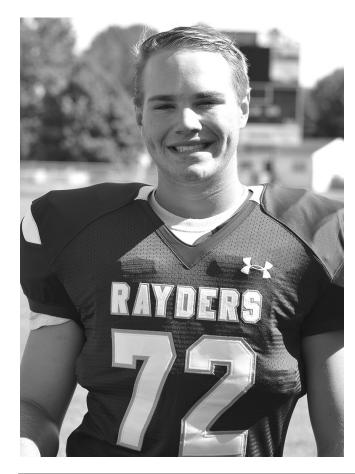
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Rayder defensive lineman Luke Stuck (72) makes a stop on a rival East Jordan's Levi Pepin (20) during play last season. Stuck will suit up for Hope College this upcoming fall. (CCNews/file photo)

# Charlevoix's Luke Stuck moving on to Hope College



CHARLEVOIX -- Another Northern Michigan talent is taking both their athletic and academic skills to the colle-

Rayder senior, Luke Stuck will be furthering his education as well as putting on the pads for Hope College next

Stuck, a three sport athlete for the Rayders, had already earned All-Area "Dream Team" status for the County News in both football and basketball, before the MHSAA made the tough decision to shutdown spring sports across the state.

During his senior season for Charlevoix, he made 42 tackles, forced two fumbles, recovered one and recorded eight sacks on defense.

Luke will be turning in his Rayder Maroon and White for Orange and Blue as he enters the fall for the NCAA Division III — MIAA (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) member Dutchmen.

A short three hour drive to

Holland, Michigan earlier this spring was all it took for the senior to make his decision.

When asked how he came to the decision that this was the right place for him to further both his athletic and academic career, he responded, "I went on a visit this spring and loved it. I spent a lot of time with the team, coaches and professors to get a feel for what life on campus would be like.'

"Everyone that's a part of Hope College works together to make life as simple as possible for student-athletes. Their facilities are beautiful and Hope has very successful academic and athletic pro-

grams." At this point, the coaches at Hope are looking for Luke to play various positions this upcoming fall, so in the meantime, he is keeping in shape by running and putting time in the weight room and is fortunate to be able to do so at home, during these trying times in Michigan with the

"stay-at-home" lockdown in

"Luckily, I have a full weight room in my basement, so I can stay on track with my lifting program," he noted. "I have also been following a speed workout to improve my footwork for this upcoming season.

Looking back, Stuck realized early on that playing sports at the collegiate level could come true.

"I realized it was a possibility for me to play at the next level at a very young age," Luck said. "My parents and coaches have always pushed me as hard as possible because they believed it was very possible. I've never had anyone close to me tell me that I won't make it."

'Coach (Don) Jess and coach (Jim) Alger have really helped me the past few years," he added. "They have taught me the game inside and out. I am very thankful they transformed the Rayder Football community the last

As he prepares for football, Stuck has a plan for his future as well.

"I am going into Hope's premedicine program," he said. "I am still unsure on which medical pathway I will take."

Stuck also knows that being from a small Northern Michigan community comes with a lot of support from those close to home as well as the regulars that fill the stands in any playing arena.

"I would like to thank my family, teammates and coaches for allowing me to achieve this dream of mine. I would never be in the position I am today without them, thank you for an incredible senior football season and "Thank You" to the Charlevoix fan base for supporting my teammates and I for the past four years, through our ups and our downs.'

Congratulations Luke, good luck at the next level.

## Turtle Creek Casino Michigan Open Championship Postponed

#### Turtle Creek Casino & **Hotel and Michigan** Section PGA working to reschedule

TRAVERSE CITY - The Turtle Creek Casino Michigan Open Championship has been postponed until later in the summer and new dates are being determined.

It was previously scheduled for June 8-11 on The Bear course at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

"In the best interest of the tournament we have made the decision to officially postpone the Turtle Creek Casino Michigan Open Championship," Justin Phillips, tournament director for the Michigan Section PGA, said.

"With the ongoing uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation and in the best interest of the safety of everyone involved we feel this is the best course of action at this time. We are working with the staff

at Grand Traverse Resort as it is our goal to reschedule the championship for some time yet this year. We are excited about our new sponsor in Turtle Creek Casino and what that brings to the championship and we are optimistic we can hold the event this year."

In March it was announced that the best golfers from Michigan would play for the Michigan Open Championship's largest purse ever this June thanks to a new

sponsorship agreement reached with Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel. The 103rd edition of the state championship will have a purse of over \$115,000.

A pro-am, previously planned for two days prior to the championship, is also postponed and Phillips said the hope is to still have that event in conjunction with the championship this year.

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## Sports & Outdoors

# 2020-21 School Year Classifications Announced

EAST LANSING, Mich. -Classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and postseason tournaments for the 2020-21 school vear have been announced ,Äì including football divisions determined preseason for the first time since 1998, Äì and with enrollment breaks for postseason tournaments posted to each sport,Äôs page on the MHSAA Website.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which for MHSAA purposes was Feb. 12. The enrollment figure submitted for athletic classification purposes may be different from the count submitted for school aid purposes, as it does not include students ineligible for athletic competition because they reached their 19th birthday prior to September 1 of the current school year and will not include alternative education students if none are allowed athletic eligibility by the local school district.

All sports, Äô tournaments are conducted with schools assigned to equal or nearly equal divisions, with lines dependent on how many schools participate in those respective sports.

For 2020-21, there are 752 tournament-qualified member schools. Schools recently were notified of their classification, and sport-by-sport divisions were posted to the MHSAA Website today (April 20). MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said schools may not subsequently lower

their enrollment figure. However, if revised enrollment figures are higher and indicate that a school should be playing in a higher division, that school would be moved

Football will undergo a significant classification change for the 2020 season, with teams in both 11 and 8-player assigned their divisions before the season for the first time since 1998; from 1999-2019, divisions for the 256team 11-player field (and later the 8-player tournament) were determined after the regular season. A hard enrollment limit also will take effect this fall for teams to be eligible for the 8-player tournament .Äì all schools with 215 or fewer students are eligible for the 8-player playoffs if they play that format during the regular season. Two 11-player football

champions will play in different divisions in 2020 than those they won a year ago. Grand Rapids Catholic Central will move to Division 5 after winning the Division 4 championship last season. while reigning Division 6 champion Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central will play in Division 7 this upcoming season. Also, 2019 Division 2 runner-up Detroit Martin Luther King will play in Division 3 this fall. In 8-player football, the reigning champions will trade divisions ,Äì 2019 Division 1 winner Colon moving into Division 2, and Division 2 champ Pickford moving into Division 1 for this fall.

A number of 2019-20 champions will be playing in different divisions in 2020-21. **Grand Rapids Forest Hills** Northern, Äôs boys soccer team will move into Division 1 after winning the Division 2 title in 2019. The East Grand Rapids girls swimming & diving team will move back into Lower Peninsula Division 2 Äì, which it won in 2017, Äì after earning the last two championships in Division 3. Bridgman, Äôs girls cross country team will move into Lower Peninsula Division 3 after winning Division 4 last fall, and Grass Lake, Äôs boys bowling team will move into Division 3 after winning the Division 4 title this winter. The Allegan boys tennis team will move into Lower Peninsula Division 3 after sharing the Division 4 title in the fall, while the Ishpeming Westwood girls tennis team will move into Upper Peninsula Division 1 after winning the Division 2 title the last four seasons. (NOTE: MHSAA Finals in five Winter sports and all Spring sports were canceled in 2019-20 due to

Visit the respective sport pages on the MHSAA Web-

COVID-19.)

https://www.mhsaa.com/spo rts to review the divisional alignments for all MHSAAsponsored tournament sports.

Traditional classes (A, B, C, D) ,Äì formerly used to establish tournament classifications, Äì are used only for MHSAA elections. To determine traditional classifications, after all counts are submitted, tournament-qualified member schools are

ranked according to enrollment and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2020-21, there are 188 member schools in each class.

Effective with the 2020-21 school year, schools with 831 or more students are in Class A. The enrollment limits for Class B are 392-830. Class C is 182-391, and schools with enrollments of 181 and fewer are Class D. The break between Classes A and B decreased 32 students from 2019-20, the break between Classes B and C decreased three students, and the break between Classes C and D is seven students fewer than the 2019-20 school year

The new classification breaks will see 18 schools move up in Class for 2020-21 while 15 schools will move down:

#### **MOVING UP FROM CLASS B TO CLASS A**

Fowlerville Harper Woods Ionia

#### **MOVING DOWN FROM CLASS A TO CLASS B**

Battle Creek Harper Creek Eastpointe

#### **MOVING UP FROM CLASS C TO CLASS B**

Blissfield Canton Prep Dearborn Riverside Academy West

**Detroit Pershing** Detroit Edison

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#### **MOVING DOWN FROM CLASS B TO CLASS C**

Adrian Madison Detroit Jalen Rose Leadership Academy Grand Rapids Wellspring

Prep Menominee Otisville-LakeVille Memorial Perry Pinconning

#### **MOVING UP FROM** CLASS D TO CLASS C

Birmingham Roeper Detroit Academy of the Americas

Detroit Southeastern Detroit The School at Marygrove

Eau Claire Genesee New Buffalo Painesdale Jeffers

#### **MOVING UP FROM** CLASS D TO CLASS B

Detroit Cornerstone Lincoln King Academy

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#### **ENROLLMENT BREAKS BY CLASSES, 2020-21**

(Number of schools in parentheses)

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Class C: 182, Äì 391 (188) Class D: 181 and below (188)

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# Let's Get Outdoors, Northern Michigan

#### BY PATRICK BEVIER

Not long after the snow melts a procession of peeps, trills, chuckles, chortles, snores, and bellows begins in the northern Michigan outdoors. These are not the sounds of humans recovering from serious cabin fever, but the succession of special love songs uttered by various frog species as they emerge from their own long winter's nap.

It's fascinating to learn how to identify the unique calls of each frog species during their respective mating season. The timing when the males of each species begin serenading the females is closely correlated to both water and air temperatures.

In our northern Michigan environs eight of Michigan's 14 frog and toad species are relatively common. If they were marching-more like hopping—in a parade, here's the general order of species that we would hear first, second, and so on.

The first frogs to begin singing are two of Michigan's most diminutive, the grayish Western Chorus Frog and the light brown Spring Peeper. Of these, Chorus Frogs tend to be more plentiful in the Mitten State. Individually, the call of these inch-long frogs resembles the sound made by a finger strumming down the teeth of a stiff comb. More commonly hundreds call together in a high-pitched chorus. To me, Chorus Frogs are special because from the moment they start calling I know that spring has sprung!

As Chorus Frogs and Spring Peepers near the end of their breeding season two other frogs lend their voices to the choir. In early to mid-April, Wood Frogs and Northern Leopard Frogs migrate to their breeding habitats.

Wood Frogs are mediumsized brown frogs with a dis-



**Gray Tree Frog** 

tinctive black "bandit" eye stripe and a call that mimics a low-pitched duck-like chuckle.

Northern Leopard Frogs are the most plentiful anuran species in Michigan and come in two color morphsgreen and brown. Both varieties sport many black spots which explain their moniker. Leopard Frog calls are reminiscent of a 3-5 second low

In early May the frog with the most bird-like call emerges. Gray Tree Frogs, the only truly arboreal species in Michigan, head to the edges of small bodies of water to utter their short, high-pitched musical trill. Later in summer these gray to light green frogs with black markings are often discovered sticking to windows or walls with their fat finger

Around the time tree frogs are closing out their mating rituals American Toads show up. This species has the longest call with continuous trills that can last up to 30

seconds! When many toads are calling together it creates quite the din. They're the slowest of Michigan's amphibians and the easiest to catch. But beware, while they don't give you warts toads often use the defense mechanism of "tinkling" on their captor!

Northern Michigan's two largest frog species show up at the end of the parade. Green Frogs, an extremely plentiful species in many aquatic ecosystems, begin calling first. They're call is said to resemble the "plunk" of a loose banjo string. They begin courting in late May and have one of the longest mating seasons.

Not arriving on the scene until the warmer nights of June are the goliaths of Michigan frog species, the Bull Frogs. Their unmistakable utterance is a deep "brrrr-rum" that vaguely resembles that of a steer. Sometimes reaching 8-inches in length, these Olympians of the amphibian class can be tough to catch. A stealthy approach and long-handled net are essential.

I should mention, however, that several frog species may call at the same time. On a recent mountain bike ride I heard hundreds of Spring Peepers, Western Chorus Frogs, and Wood Frogs all vying to be the loudest instrument in the band in a vernal pond.

Because some species have experienced an alarming decrease in numbers the Michigan DNR depends on data from volunteer Frog and Toad Surveys. These are perfect outdoor activities for scout troops, school groups, or other kid's clubs. Go to Michigan.gov/dnr/frog survey for well-organized information.

It's enjoyable to catch frogs so kids can match them with their sounds. After a short lesson release the frog gently and I guarantee the kids will never be hoppier!

Frog Fun Facts: Little loud mouths: Only male frogs make sounds, hoping to attract the completely mute females. Like reptiles, female amphibians are often larger than their male counterparts. Males have bigger "ears" which are the distinctive round membranes located behind the eye of some

species. Of Michigan's 13 species of frogs and toads not a single one of them says, "ribbit." As a matter of fact my hunch is that, "ribbit" is a sound invented by the inventive Walt Disney!

Gray Tree Frogs and Western Chorus Frogs replace most of the water in their cells with ethylene glycol (antifreeze) to survive the harsh Michigan winters.

Probably the six rarest frog species in the Wolverine State are the Cope's Gray Tree Frog, Blanchard's Cricket Frog, Fowler's Toad, Mink Frog, Pickerel Frog, and Boreal Chorus Frog. The latter is extremely unique and found only on Isle Royale.

Photo cutlines: Photos 1 and 2: "Two mid-Michigan frogs that begin calling at the beginning and middle of the spring breeding seasons are the Northern Spring Peeper (1) and Gray Tree Frog, respectively.' (photos Patrick Bevier)

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The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met remotely via zoom on April 8, 2020 at 9:43 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Absent: George T.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented. Motion approved Resolution #20-035 Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved to set the public hearing for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust

Fund Grant for Phase 3 of the non-motorized trail for Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the regular Board meeting.

Motion approved to set the public hearing for the changes to the Animal Control Ordinance for Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the regular Board

Motion approved to allow all the recommendations for 2020 Parks Millage Applications except for 2 that requested in excess of \$10,000 for their project.

Motion approved Resolution #20-036. Establishing Procedures to Allow Telephonic Attendance by Members of All Charlevoix County Public Bodies and Members of the Public at All Such Meeting Due to Coronavirus Pandemic. Motion approved Resolution #20-037, Analysis for Equal-

ization Report. Motion approved Resolution #20-038, Purchase of Delin-

quent Taxes.

Kevin Shepard gave his administrator's report. Sheriff Vondra presented his report.

Board members presented their liaison reports.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 10:57 a.m. Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website: www.charlevoixcounty.org.

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Use energy-efficient models to replace your leaky and old windows to boost the efficiency of your windows. Consider putting up storm windows or weather stripping. You will be able to save from 7 to 24 percent of your air-conditioning and heating costs when you replace old windows.

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Turn your hot water system to the warm setting to improve efficiency. Insulate the hot water lines so they will not cool off easily. Use low-flow showers in your baths.

It would be preferable to schedule an energy audit on your home so you can get expert advice from energy auditors and raters. They use special tools and skills to evaluate your home and recommend the most cost-effective measure to enhance the efficiency and comfort of your home.

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# Real Estate Feature Property WONDERFUL LOG HOME AND SETTING



#### BY JIM AKANS

A warm and welcoming "up north" getaway or year round home, this week's feature listing is ideally located between Boyne City and Boyne Falls.

This two bedroom, two bath log home has approximately 1,100 square feet of beautifully updated and designed living space. Interior highlights include wood flooring, tongue and groove as well as log walls, an open and spacious kitchen, a gorgeous stone fireplace in the living area, a sunroom and more. While the interior is updated the spaces retain an inviting décor that feels right at home in northern Michigan. There is a two car detached garage that keeps vehicles secure and out of the weather all year

round.

Outdoors, an outbuilding on the property offers plenty of space for extra storage and for setting up a workshop area. The location is fantastic, close to the Boyne River, Boyne Mountain, Boyne City and Boyne Falls.

The wonderful log home in a great setting is located at 01002 M-75 South, between Boyne Falls and

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