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Boyne City and Charlevoix school districts millage requests on May 5 ballot

BY KAREN WALKER

Area school districts are seeking voter approval for a variety of millage requests in the Tuesday, May 5th election. Boyne City Public School is asking voters to renew 3.14 mills to finance a \$26,745,800 project that includes a field house and improvements to existing buildings. The project addresses a variety of improvements to facilities, technology, and equipment. The school hopes to revitalize and refresh the existing facilities and equipment as well as develop new spaces for students and the community.

If approved, property owners will not see the expected decrease in their tax bill due to the old bond debt being paid off. Rather, taxes will remain steady at the current 3.14 rate, if the new millage passes.

Charlevoix Public School District voters are being



Boyne City High School

asked to consider a non-homestead operating millage for a period of four years. If approved, this proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy 18 mills on all non-homestead property within the district including business property, most commercial and industrial property, as well as vacation and rental properties. The proposed tax will not be

levied on a homeowner's principal residence.

Also on the ballot for the Charlevoix School District is a \$4 million bond proposal. The bond would pay for remodeling, equipping, and furnishing school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology equipment; purchasing school buses; and equipping, developing and improving



Charlevoix High School

athletic facilities. The 0.49 mill requested to fund the bond proposal is a 0.2 mill decrease from the prior year's levy.

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District is asking voters to renew a long-standing special education millage. The proposed 1.4958 mills would generate \$8.7 million for special education operations. The mill-

age was originally approved in 1981 and has since been renewed every 4 years.

Voters who have not already mailed their absentee ballot may drop it off at their City or Township Clerk's office before 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 5th. You may also vote in person on Election Day but expect protocols to differ from previous years to protect election workers' health.

Business is Blooming



Mary and Chris Helstrom of Bridge Street Blooms, located at 1403 Bridge Street in Charlevoix are happy to get the 'Go ahead' from Governor Whitmer Thursday afternoon and promptly opened their doors the next morning. They put in place precautionary measures to comply with Covid19 guidelines and are willing to help customers that would prefer to place orders by phone at 231-675-5192. Bridge Street Blooms is open seven days a week, specifically Monday through Saturday 9AM - 6PM and Sunday 10AM - 4PM. Photos by M. Chriss Leese.



Carolyn Klooster of Charlevoix, an avid gardener and previous Charlevoix garden club member drove by for a month hoping to see Blooms open. "I live nearby and was so happy to see them open, I pulled right in", says Klooster. "The place is so full of life, I look forward to browsing around every spring." Photos by M. Chriss Leese.

Extended "Stay Home, Stay Safe" lifts restrictions on some outdoor activities

On April 24, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed executive order 2020-59, extending her "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order through May 15. The new order will require people to wear homemade face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces. It will also lift some restrictions on outdoor activities and allow some workers who perform previously suspended activities to go back to work.

"Data shows that most Michiganders are doing their part by staying home and staying safe. That's good, but we must keep it up. Social distancing is our best weapon to defeat this enemy," said Governor Whitmer. "With new COVID-19 cases leveling off, however, we are lifting some of the restrictions put in place in the previous order. I want to be crystal clear: the overarching message today is still the same. We must all do our part by staying home and staying safe as much as possible."

"The numbers we've seen in the past week have shown a plateau in positive cases, but Michiganders must continue doing their part to fight this virus and protect their families," said MDHHS Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "The governor has taken a number of critical steps to protect Michigan families, and this order today will allow that work to continue. We will keep monitoring the data closely and work with our partners across state government to mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

The order will require people to wear homemade, non-medical grade face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces. It will also require employers to provide at least

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FRIDAY



**HIGH: 58
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SATURDAY



**HIGH: 64
LOW: 43**

SUNDAY



**HIGH: 56
LOW: 35**

MONDAY



**HIGH: 46
LOW: 32**

TUESDAY



**HIGH: 51
LOW: 33**

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
APR 30	...35°	...62°	...19° (1956)	...87° (1970)
MAY 1	...36°	...63°	...22° (1963)	...85° (1951)
MAY 2	...36°	...63°	...21° (1990)	...83° (1951)
MAY 3	...36°	...64°	...21° (1967)	...87° (1955)
MAY 4	...36°	...64°	...21° (1967)	...87° (1955)
MAY 5	...37°	...65°	...22° (1958)	...86° (2000)
MAY 6	...37°	...65°	...18° (1968)	...86° (2000)
MAY 7	...37°	...66°	...20° (1968)	...87° (1986)
MAY 8	...38°	...66°	...21° (1950)	...84° (1965)
MAY 9	...38°	...67°	...23° (1955)	...90° (1993)

OBITUARIES

JESSICA LYNN FRENCH, 50

(JAN. 5, 1970 - APRIL 26, 2020)
Jessica Lynn French of East Jordan passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at home with her family. Additional information is pending and will follow soon.

JOHN GUY BURR, 72

(OCT. 23, 1947 - APRIL 21, 2020)



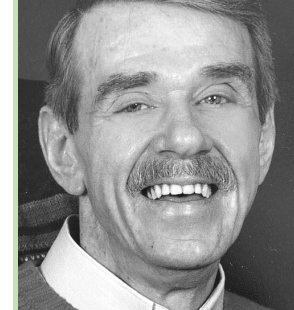
John Guy Burr of Walloon Lake had 9 lives, unfortunately he used his 13th life on 4/21/2020 at home surrounded by his wife, children, granddaughter and puppy dog "Ms. Buttons". John was born on 10/23/1947, in Petoskey, the son of Guy & Lila Burr. In 1974, John married his wife Shelley Argetsinger. They have been married for 45 years. John worked hard his entire life, as a heavy machine operator. He spent many years playing as hard as he worked and expected the same from all of those around him! Tough on the outside &

soft on the inside, John was the most giving man you would ever meet, and never asked or expected anything in return. John was a man of few words, but as animated as they come. If you do not have a memory of a "Johnism" to share, then you were not paying attention! He was full of brilliant one liner's that those close to him will get good use out of for many years to come! John could be found over the years working on cars, collecting treasures, having coffee at the store, bonfires & camping with great friends, hunting, fishing or carving a work of art out of wood! John was a great role model to his son's Rob & Brad, his favorite daughter-in-law Amy, his granddaughter Mya (Roy) and his many nieces & nephews, who were all lucky to walk away with many great stories and tons of memories! John was considered a great friend to many. John is survived by his wife, Shelley Burr; children, Rob Eichler (Amy) and Brad Cooper; granddaughter, Mya Eichler, Siblings Sal Biallas (Willard), Carol Kepler and Peg Usher; many sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws; many nieces and nephews; and extended family. Proceeded in death by his mother & father, Guy & Lila Burr. This really could go on and on, many stories to tell and memories to share. At a future date there will be a Celebration of Life for John,

please stay tuned for more information. In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make donations to the Charlevoix County Humane Society or the Food Pantry in Boyne City.

MARTIN ALBERT REBEC, 84

(OCT. 27, 1935 - APRIL 21, 2020)



Martin Albert Rebec died Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at his home in East Jordan. He was born on October 7, 1935, in East Jordan, the son of William "Bill" and Vera (Batterbee) Rebec. On May 12, 1962, in Lansing, he married Barbara Kay Jeffery. He had served in the United States Army in South Korea during the Vietnam. Martin was proud to work as a supervisor for the East Jordan Iron Works, now known as EJ, USA. He retired in July of 1998. He then went to work at Burnette Foods and retired from there on May 21, 2012. He was a member of the American Legion Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 in East Jordan and the United

Methodist Church. Martin enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, playing cards and gaming. He was an awesome pool player. He loved all sports but was an avid fan of Michigan football and the Detroit Tigers. He enjoyed deer camp with the "boys" and always had some big story to tell. Martin was always playing jokes on everyone and was very good at playing the spoon and doing the Ham-bone for all the kids. He always loved all of his family and thought the world of them. His niece and nephews would always laugh at how funny he was with his jokes and other stories. He is survived by his wife, Barbara K. Rebec of East Jordan; daughter, Shirley Tarvis of Ypsilanti; two grandchildren, Abigail Elizabeth Tarvis and Trevor Joseph Tarvis, both of Ypsilanti; three brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ted and Toni Jeffery, Kim & Cal Diller and Robert Sherman; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Billy Rebec; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Theo and Anna (Derenzy) Jeffery; a sister-in-law, Susan Sherman; and a nephew, Teddy Jeffery. No services are scheduled at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations are directed to the East Jordan Ambulance Association, PO Box 223, East Jordan MI

49727. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

KIM ROBERT KELLEY, 66

(DEC. 29, 1953 - APRIL 21, 2020)

Kim Robert Kelley of East Jordan died April 21, 2020 at McLaren Northern Michigan. He was born December 29, 1953 in Bay City the son of Robert and Dorothea (Taylor) Kelley. Kim proudly served in the United States Navy. He loved learning about Michigan history and was especially interested in the Great Lakes and their surrounding Forts. Kim could often be found volunteering his time and working at the Rainbow Shoppe in Charlevoix. Surviving Kim are his children Justin (Kristy) Kelley of East Jordan, Melissa Kelley of Bay City, Sean Kelley of Bay City, grandson William Kelley, and close cousin Sherri Meil and her children Eric and Christine. Graveside services with military honors will be held in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix later this spring. Memorial contributions can be directed to the Rainbow Shoppe, 06480 Old US South, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Arrangements have been handled by Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

MARY ANN (CUDD) STEPHAN, 89

(JAN. 13, 1931 - APRIL 25, 2020)



Mary Ann (Cudd) Stephan of Charlevoix went home to her Lord, to sing with the angels on April 25, 2020. There will be a Memorial Mass at a later date, when there will be a celebration of her life at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. A full obituary will run when the date is decided. As she would say, grieve not or speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk of me as though I were beside you. I loved you all so much. It was heaven here with you. Donations may be made to her beloved parish of St. Mary's of Charlevoix, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or Hospice of Michigan of Gaylord, 830 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI 49735-1776, who saw her through her difficult time. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Boyne Thunder Poker Run announces 2020 cancellation

The Boyne Thunder Poker Run planning committee, together with the Boyne City Main Street board, announce the cancellation of the 2020 event set to take place July 10 & 11, due to COVID-19 concerns. Safety and security are the number one priority in the planning of the event. Due to concerns for the wellness of participants, spectators, the large crowds that gather to enjoy the event, and the Northern Michigan communities involved in the event, the decision was made to cancel. "It is with a heavy heart that the 17th Annual Boyne

Thunder Poker Run announces cancellation," said Bob Alger, Committee Chair. "While it is our great pleasure to bring speed and excitement to Boyne City and Northern Michigan each July, the decision needed to be made to protect all involved and look forward to the 2021 event." Organizers hope that the boaters who have enjoyed Boyne City, Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan in past years can find a way to safely do so this summer. The 2021 Boyne Thunder Poker Run will take place July 9 & 10.



The Boyne Thunder Poker Run planning committee, together with the Boyne City Main Street board, announce the cancellation of the 2020 event set to take place July 10 & 11, due to COVID-19 concerns. Courtesy photo

Spring seasonal tick awareness notice

Due to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order (EO 2020-42), the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is issuing an early tick awareness notice. Under Executive Order 2020-42, residents are allowed to engage in outdoor activities like walking, hiking, running, and cycling while continuing to follow physical distancing measures. As more residents head outside during the order, the risk of human-tick interactions also increases. "In the next few weeks, we tend to see a sharp increase in tick activity," said Scott Kendzierski, Environmental Health Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "It is very important when engaging in outdoor recreation that you wear protective clothing and conduct thorough tick checks when coming inside, including your pets. The nymph stage of the blacklegged tick is very small and may not be noticed in a casual detection."

- Wearing clothing that has been treated with permethrin.
- Looking for ticks on your body and on any pet(s) after spending time outside.
- Putting your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 60 minutes to kill any remaining ticks.
- Taking a shower as soon as you can after coming indoors.
- Questions regarding ticks in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties should be directed to the Health Department of Northwest Michigan Environmental Health Division at 231-547-6523. Health related questions should be directed to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-648-6942. Additional information regarding ticks and Lyme disease can be found at the State of Michigan website and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website.

Town Hall meeting with State Senator Wayne Schmidt

The Bellaire, East Jordan, Elk Rapids Area, and Mancelona Chambers of Commerce will be hosting a town hall meeting on Friday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m with Michigan State Senator Wayne Schmidt. Sen. Schmidt will brief chamber members on the current Stay at Home executive order as well as address the efforts underway to

restart the Michigan economy. The Senator will also take questions from chamber members. To participate in the town hall meeting just click on the link below: Meeting ID: 203 829 1385 Password: 725111 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kB8jB8A6w> Sen. Wayne Schmidt is a

native of Traverse City. He graduated from Traverse City Central High School in 1985 and attended the University of Chicago where he majored in economics and public policy. Schmidt is also a graduate of the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University.

In 2014, Schmidt was elected to represent the 37th Senate District, which includes the Lower Peninsula counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Grand Traverse, as well as Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce counties in the Upper Peninsula. Schmidt currently serves as chair of the K-12 and Michigan Department of Education Appropriations and Transportation subcommittees. As an avid sportsman, he is a member of the National Rifle Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, Ruffed Grouse Society, and Trout Unlimited. Schmidt currently lives in Traverse City with his wife, Kathleen, and their two boys, Ryan and Danny.

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Following is list of area churches that are broadcasting their service video or audio.

BOYNE CITY

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Meets on Facebook Live at 10am each Sunday
The connecting link is:
www.facebook.com/Episcopal-Boyne

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Meets on Facebook Live at 11am each Sunday
www.facebook.com/firstbaptistboynecity/

CHARLEVOIX

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

Meets on Facebook Live at 9am each Sunday
www.facebook.com/chxrc/

CENTER POINT ASSEMBLY

Meets on Facebook Live at 10:30am each Sunday
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We also post all of our ser-

mons on-line in an audio format on our church website, www.centerpointassembly.com/on-line-sermons

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Watch our live stream on-line at
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ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

<https://stmarycharlevoix.com/live-stream-schedule/>

EAST JORDAN

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

We will be posting sermons and videos on this site to encourage people while we traverse this time together.
www.bbcej.org

If your church is in Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan or Ellsworth and has an on-line service and is not listed here, please email information to Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com

Include town, name of church, time of service and website, facebook or YouTube address where to find the broadcast.

There is no cost for this listing.

County Transit provides free transit and meal delivery

BY KAREN WALKER

Charlevoix County Transit is helping to lighten the load during the COVID-19 health crisis by providing free passenger and meal delivery service.

When Gov. Whitmer's Stay at Home order effectively shut down schools and many area businesses, Charlevoix County Transit (CCT) was quick to respond by suspending fares and offering free meal delivery service to those in need. Transit Director Jill Drury said she knew right away when schools and businesses started to close that the community was going to struggle financially. Drury said, "paying a fare is one less thing to worry about."

With senior centers forced to close, Drury explained that about half of CCT's runs are now for meal delivery to senior citizens. In less than a month, CCT has made over 400 meal deliveries, becoming vital for area seniors who depend on meals provided by the Commission on Aging. CCT also provides pickup and delivery service from pharmacies, food pantries and local restaurants.



Charlevoix County Transit driver Sandy Bean delivering meals. Courtesy photo

As one of the first transit services in the state to begin offering free trips, CCT captured national attention in a social media post by the Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) and was featured in the Community Transportation Association of America's COVID-19 Transit Blog. CCT was also featured in a webinar and in social media posts by software provider, Routematch.

Drury says, "We're proud to partner with Commission on Aging, food pantries and businesses to get food and essentials to individuals and families in Charlevoix County".

CCT has suspended all non-essential passenger rides but will still accommodate trips for grocery shopping, work or medical needs. For everyone's health and safety, buses will only take a maximum of four passengers. Riders must continue to observe social distancing rules and wear a mask while on the bus.

To schedule a delivery or a ride, contact the dispatch office at 231-582-6900. Rides may also be scheduled through transit's web portal on the County's website, charlevoixcounty.org. There is no eligibility criteria for the passenger rides and delivery of essentials, other than being a resident of Charlevoix County.

Drury says, "We're proud to partner with Commission on Aging, food pantries and businesses to get food and essentials to individuals and families in Charlevoix County".

Health Dept. identifies COVID-19 testing priorities

As testing increases in Northeast Michigan, DHD4 wants to make residents aware of some important information when considering getting tested. As it currently stands, there are four priority areas for testing laid out by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. These include:

- Priority 1: Hospitalized patients and healthcare facility workers with symptoms.
- Priority 2: Patients in congregate living facilities with symptoms, patients over age 65 with symptoms, patients with underlying conditions with symptoms and first responders with symptoms.
- Priority 3: Essential workers with symptoms, individuals who do not meet any of the above criteria with symptoms, asymptomatic healthcare facility workers and first responders, individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations.
- Priority 4: Essential workers whether they have symptoms or not.

In addition, some facilities are only testing priorities 1 or 2 based on supply availability. This is a testing facility decision and may be adjusted as more supplies become available. DHD4 recommends individuals call testing sites to see which priorities they are testing. Go to <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98189--,00.html> to find local testing site information.

Also, please be aware that some testing sites are requiring a doctor's order to do testing. This also is a testing facility decision. If you do not have a primary care provider or insurance, call the testing site and they will work with you to determine if a test is needed and provide a doctor's order.



Local student a U.S. Presidential Scholars competition semifinalist

Emma Buday was recently notified that she has been selected as a semifinalist and is advancing to the final round of the 2020 U.S. Presidential

Scholars competition. From nearly 3.6 million graduating high school seniors, over 5,600 students were identified as candidates in the pro-

gram, and 621 semifinalists have been selected from across the country. These semifinalists form the pool from which the 2020 U.S. Presidential

Scholars will be chosen. Congratulations and good luck, Emma! From Charlevoix Schools Facebook

Traffic signal upgrade in downtown Charlevoix begins

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced they are upgrading the traffic signal in on US 31 downtown Charlevoix next to Central Drug Store beginning April 29.

This work requires intermittent lane, sidewalk and ramp closures. Pedestrians may need to use the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street at times, as two corners of the intersection will be closed at a time.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing about \$256,000 to replace the traf-



fic signal on US-31(Bridge Street) at Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix. The project also includes upgrading the sidewalk ramps

at the intersection to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. This project will maintain safety at this intersection by regulat-

ing traffic for all users. The project is scheduled to be completed by July 6, 2020.

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FROM PG. 1A

cloth face coverings to their employees. People won't have to wear face coverings when they're taking a walk in the neighborhood, but when they go to the grocery store, they should be wearing one. Under the order, however, no one will be subject to criminal penalty for going without a mask.

The new executive order will also allow some workers who perform previously suspended activities to go back on the job. Landscapers, lawn-service companies, and nurseries can return to work, subject to strict social distancing. Retailers that do not sell necessary supplies may reopen for curbside pickup and for delivery. Big box stores can reopen "closed areas," like garden centers. And bike repair and maintenance can come back online.

At the same time, the order will ease up on some restrictions on members of the public. It will, for example, allow motorized boating and golf (but no golf carts), consistent with sound social distancing. It will also permit individuals to travel between their residences, though such travel during the epidemic is strongly discouraged. And it will clarify that state parks remain open, as they have been throughout the emergency.

The governor's actions are in close alignment with other Midwest states. On April 16, Governor Whitmer announced that she and Governors Mike DeWine (OH), Tony Evers (WI), Tim Walz (MN), JB Pritzker (IL), Eric Holcomb (IN), and Andy Beshear (KY) will work in close coordination to reopen the economy in the Midwest region. The governor is committed to continuing to work closely with other governors to protect families and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The full executive order is available at www.Michigan.Gov/Coronavirus

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, April 13, 2020
0838 Alarm in the Industrial Park.
1106 Hit and run reported from the 400 block of N Lake St
1031 Stalking complaint reported from Jefferson St.
1400 Tree down on lines at Marshall and Anderson.
1401 Executive Order violation reported on Robinson St
1510 Assist citizen in the 300 block of E Division St
1612 Tree fell in the road on Jefferson St.
1803 Suspicious situation in

the 400 block of Front St.
2137 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Boyne Mountain.

Tuesday, April 14, 2020
0014 Assist citizen in the 800 block of S Park St.
0756 Assist Sheriff Dept. with single vehicle rollover on M-75 N.
1244 MDOP to residence in the 400 block of Vogel St.
1358 Birthday parade at Jacquay and Behling
1358 Welfare check in the 800 block of Maple St.

1414 Property damage crash at Park and Water.
1741 Property damage crash at State and Park
1806 Executive Order violation reported from the 600 block of S Park St.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2020
1225 Civil dispute in the 300 block of E Division St
1332 Report of EO violation on Ridge St.
1413 Disturbance reported in the 200 block of E Water St
2051 Assist Sheriff Dept.

with attempt suicide in Boyne Falls.

Thursday April 16, 2020
1040 Report of Executive Order violation in the 1000 block of E Main St.
1339 Assist citizen in the 300 block of E Division St
1503 Retail fraud complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St
1800 Welfare check in the 300 block of E Division St.

Friday April 17, 2020
1223 Report of Executive

Order violation in the 1000 block of E Main St.
1307 Salvage vehicle inspection
1700 Executive Order violation on Poplar St.
1839 Suspicious activity in the 200 block of Vogel.
2146 Report of Executive Order violation in the 300 block of E Division St.
2320 Suspicious situation in the Industrial Park.

Saturday, April 18, 2020
0122 Assist EMS in the 300

block of Front St.
1112 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
1545 Juvenile complaint in the 600 block of State St.
1614 MDOP reported on Earl St.

Sunday, April 19, 2020
1657 Juvenile complaint on the bike trail that is under construction near the sewer lagoons.

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Automotive suppliers manufacture and donate face shields

Due to the supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19, many hospitals across the country began looking at local manufacturers to help fill the void. McLaren Northern Michigan quickly realized the need to explore alternative sources for critical supplies in the fight against COVID-19.

Many businesses have stepped up to produce important protective supplies that were not available through the normal manufacturers. Automotive industry companies, TDM (Troy Design and Manufacturing, Inc.) based in Detroit and the Boyne City division of LexaMar have shifted their production to manufacture face shields for health care organizations.

When treating or in contact with patients experiencing certain symptoms, health care providers wear masks and face shields. Face shields protect the face and eyes.

"Having a face shield to wear over your mask provides

an additional layer of protection, and protects the mask itself," said Andrew Bielaczyc, MD, anesthesiologist at McLaren Northern Michigan. "It is not lost on our team that the community we serve is supporting us every step of the way, and we are grateful."

TDM and LexaMar have jointly donated over 3,500 protective face shields to McLaren Northern Michigan while also supporting other health care systems in need. McLaren Northern Michigan is eternally grateful to TDM and LexaMar for their support of our health care heroes.

TDM (Troy Design and Manufacturing, Inc.) based in Detroit and the Boyne City division of LexaMar have shifted their production to manufacture face shields for health care organizations. Courtesy photo



Char-Em United Way establishes Covid-19 Community Response Fund

In our region, forty-percent of households struggle to meet their basic needs. For many families, one small setback can lead to a major financial hardship. A prolonged crisis, such as the coronavirus, can be catastrophic. At Char-Em United Way, we are committed to improving lives in lasting and impactful ways by mobilizing the caring power of Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

The Char-Em COVID-19 Community Response Fund (CECCRF) has been established by Char-Em United Way with initial funding from Char-Em United Way, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Rotary Club of Petoskey.

These funds will be used to:

- Grant funds to local non-profit, governmental, and educational organizations that are providing

- vital services such as access to food and basic hygiene, supporting childcare, caring for senior citizens, supporting utility and rental assistance, and overall basic needs in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

- Help ensure operational support for nonprofit organizations across our two-county region working with the people and families who are most vulnerable and disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus and economic consequences of the outbreak in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

A simple application form for organizations seeking funding is available at www.ceuw.org/ceccrf.

Representatives from Char-Em United Way, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Bay Harbor Foundation will direct grants from the CECCRF. This team is closely monitoring communications from our local Health Department and local response teams to ensure that we are informed as things continue to evolve and that the CECCRF is used to most effectively support local needs and response.

If you would like to contribute to the fund, please visit www.ceuw.org. 100% of your gift to the CECCRF goes to help our community respond to the threat and mitigate the effects of COVID-19.

If you are in need of assistance, please call 211 (available 24/7). Rebeca Otto, Director of Community Engagement, Char-Em United Way, community@ceuw.org, 231.881.2591 (cell)

Mackinac State Historic Parks debuts 'Explore at Home' online resources

The mission of Mackinac State Historic Parks is simple and encompassing – we protect, preserve and present Mackinac's rich historic and natural resources to provide outstanding educational and recreational experiences for the public. With that in mind, MSHP is excited to announce its "Explore at Home" collection of online resources. Included are online exhibits and demonstrations, movies detailing the histories of Fort Mackinac, Colonial Michilimackinac, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, activities for kids like coloring books, online puzzles and activities, and easy access to our extensive library of blog posts and timeline histories.



"We hope these resources will be helpful to those unable to visit us now, but at least provide a glimpse into what our sites have to offer," said Steve Brisson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Deputy Director. "There is a great sampling of material available taken directly from the sites. Other items have been carefully crafted for the website."

The online collection can be found at mackinacparks.com/exploreathome. Content will be

updated regularly, and everything on the "Explore at Home" tab is free.

Curator of History Craig Wilson and Exhibit Designer Keeney Swearer were driving forces in getting a lot of the content created and ready for publication. Marketing Manager Dominick Miller and

Brisson assisted with review, ideas, and publication. The team thanks staff past and present for contributions to the content.

"Our 'Explore at Home' pages give us a chance to share stories from our museums and historic sites with people who might not be able to physically visit us in person," Wilson said. "I hope people get a little extra taste of Mackinac at home."

BOYNE CITY BUDGET HEARING, APRIL 28, 2020

Budget approved but city will need to watch expenses and revenues very closely

BY KAREN WALKER

The Boyne City Commission held a public hearing on their proposed 2020-21 fiscal year budget at their regular meeting April 28th. City Manager Mike Cain presented an overview of the proposed budget of just under \$15 million for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021. Cain noted there are no proposed rate increases this year other than rental rates for the City Marina, which had already been approved earlier this year.

Cain expressed his concern for the probable impact of reduced state shared revenues and also for taxable values of property within the City. Cain stated, "We'll have to watch our revenues coming in very closely," he continued, "We'll also be looking at our expenditures very closely." Cain reported the City is in sound financial shape but cautioned the Commission that this may be the year the City dips into its rainy day fund.

Boyne City's current General Operating Millage rate of 15.51 as well as the 2.20 City Facilities Debt Service millage rate will remain unchanged in the new budget. The City had previously considered a one percent increase in water and sewer rates but ultimately chose to keep those rates unchanged, as well.

The only citizen to comment during the public hearing portion of the meeting was Boyne City resident Barbara Malpass Young, who praised the City for keeping the rates unchanged for the coming year.

Commissioners unanimously approved the budget as it was originally presented to Commissioners for review at their March 17, 2020 meeting. The budget is available to view on the city's website, cityofboynecity.com. The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Five Welcome Center restroom facilities to close

Restrooms at five additional Michigan Welcome Centers will be closed from Saturday, April 25, through Sunday, May 10, as the result of the layoff of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) employees who clean and sanitize those facilities.

The restrooms at MDOT's Sault Ste. Marie, Monroe, Coldwater, New Buffalo, and Detroit Welcome Centers will be closed for the two-week period. During the facility closures the ramps and

parking lots will be closed as well (due to security and sanitary concerns), with the exception of the Detroit Welcome Center, which has a shared parking lot. The restrooms at these Welcome Centers are currently expected to reopen on Monday, May 11.

Restrooms at the Marquette, Ironwood, St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Dundee, Clare, and Port Huron Welcome Centers will remain open. Restroom maintenance in those facilities is provided

by private contractors. Two other Welcome Center facility restrooms had already been closed: Menominee, due to no separation between the restrooms and the information lobby, and Iron Mountain because it shares space in a closed facility.

Most of the state's other 63 rest areas remain open at this time, with the exception of five that are closed seasonally (St. Ignace, Topinabee, Hebron, Ludington, and Hart) and one that is closed due to drainage issues

(Chelsea). MDOT's roadside parks, which are closed seasonally, remain closed at this time.

In accordance with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' recommendations designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), MDOT closed the information lobbies of all Michigan Welcome Centers as of March 13 until further notice. The state is taking proactive steps to mitigate

the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in reducing the coronavirus risk to Michigan residents.

For current and up-to-date information regarding the coronavirus, visit <http://www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus> or <http://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus>.

Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update - 4-27

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has re-issued our Public Health Emergency Order through May 15th at 11:59 pm to align with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-59. Please find the new Public Health Emergency Order 2020-3 on our website and replace all copies of 2020-2 with this updated document.

We have received questions from concerned residents regarding travel and visitors to our region. Executive Order 2020-59 allows individuals to travel in the following circumstances, to return to a home or place of residence from outside this state, to leave this state for a home or residence elsewhere, or between two residences in this state, including moving to a new



HEALTH DEPARTMENT of Northwest Michigan

residence. All other travel is prohibited, including travel to vacation rentals.

Dr. Josh Meyerson, Health Department of Northwest Michigan Medical Director shared, "we understand that with warmer temperatures many of our seasonal neighbors will want to return to Northern Michigan. We con-

tinue to ask that all of our residents adhere to the Executive Order and our local Public Health Emergency Order in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

As outlined in the local Public Health Advisory, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in addition to the Northern Michi-

gan Public Health Alliance, advises that additional precautions are necessary if you choose to travel between residences. This includes self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in northern Michigan. There are many community resources available to assist our residents in staying comfortable at home.

Please call 211 or our Public Health Information Line at 1-800-386-5959 for assistance.

As of 4pm on April 27 the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 9, Charlevoix – 13, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 87; and confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 8. The State of Michigan has reported 38,210 cases and 3,407 deaths; and as of April 24, cumulative recovered cases: 8,342.

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.

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Boyne City's Redman stepping away from coaching role

BOYNE CITY — Stepping away from what you love and enjoy is never an easy decision.

On Monday, April 27, Boyne City varsity boys basketball coach Nick Redman did just that, retiring from the position he had held for the previous 11 seasons, noting that spending time with his family was a motivating factor.

While at the helm for the Ramblers, he not only turned a program that had previously struggled to get through the regular season with even a small amount of victories, they had not won a district title in the decade prior to him taking over.

Under the guidance of Redman, the Ramblers captured seven district crowns, two regional championships and a Final Four berth in 2014-15 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

All-in-all, he led the Ramblers to 161 victories, and had earned the right to play for another district title (their 10th championship game in 11 seasons) when the MHSAA suspended and ultimately cancelled the season amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Looking back, Redman noted that he believed that the teams he coached played the right way and gave their all until the final buzzer sounded.

"I would hope we would be remembered as teams that played REALLY hard and

played together with great enthusiasm; where everyone cared about each other and had pride in our program and our school," he said. "How we turned the programs culture around, where we were competitive and people were supportive and bought in to what we were doing.

"Everyone trusted the process and that I was honest with my players and loyal to my coaches. That has always been important to me. The consistency we had was important to our success."

Highlights and memories that stand out for him are:

"First year winning district and beating Charlevoix for the first time in 10 years after losing 18 straight games," said Redman. "The way those kids kept working and improving throughout that season and did something that hasn't been done in a long time. That was huge for our program."

"In 2012, having our first, good ranked team in a long time, we won 17 games," he added. "2014 undefeated Conference champs that won 17 straight games and had a 20 win season."

The 2015 season was the best in school history, winning the Lake Michigan Conference, District, Regional and quarterfinal, advancing to the Semi Finals at the Breslin, defeating top ranked McBain along the way in front of a packed, standing room only gymnasium in



FILE PHOTO

Gaylord. 2016 Winning District against two State top ranked teams; 2017 Coming from down 17 to win at TC St. Francis; 2018 First Class B District and Regional Championship in school history against tough competition that year, winning district at Gladstone, coming back from Down 19 in first half against Ludington to win Regional game and beating our rival Charlevoix 14 out of the last 17 games.

Redman, a 1986 Boyne City High School graduate, spent 19 years coaching within the

program, from grade school to junior varsity and eventually the varsity.

Since becoming the varsity coach, he has been recognized as the Regional Coach of the Year from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan and State Coach of the Year recognition from the Associated Press in previous seasons.

Redman has quite a list of those he wanted to thank over his career, from the administrators that hired him and believed in his philosophy, to the coaches, parents, community and custodians.

"Everyone in the community that supported our program and school," Redman said. "All of our Previous Athletic Directors, our custodians, especially Brian Hosmer, they are great and are very important to coaches."

"Tim Smith was a knowledgeable Varsity coach I learned under as I coached middle school," he added. "All my Coaches starting with Jeff Halstead and Mark Carson for what they did with youth basketball early on. Those guys don't get the credit they deserve."

"Randy Calcaterra for taking youth over and making it bigger by splitting teams and better by organizing our league they play in now. Dave Willson, Mark Carson and Chris Fiel for coaching M.S. through the years, Dale Thomason for coaching our Freshmen."

"Chuck Day, for everything he did to help build our program through the first nine years. coaching JV and assisting varsity, putting in tons of time in open gyms etc. through the first seven years. He deserves a lot of credit where our program is today."

"Tyler Daniels and Tim Hardy, for all the time he put in coaching Freshmen and assisting varsity through the years. Randy Calcaterra for making the youth program better and coaching JV for four years. He has done a lot behind the scenes in the last few years to put himself in

position to take over the program."

He also wanted to recognize the Rambler Rowdies student section for all their support making the games/atmosphere exciting through the years. His family, wife Julie, sons TJ, Jay and Corey for all the time he has put in over the past 19 years, along with all of the former players for giving it everything they had and having pride in the program.

"Coaching at our school, where I grew up and played, was the best and most important thing in my life besides my family," he said. "It meant everything to me and I am very proud of everything we have done. We have a very healthy program that should have success for years to come. Our school and the basketball program has been a second family to me."

Also during Redman's tenure, there have been nine Ramblers that have earned All-State honors and eight athletes who have played or will be playing at the collegiate level, including sons, Jay (Lawrence Tech) and Corey (Central Michigan University).

"It was awesome to see our culture turn into something everyone bought into and built tradition and pride where it meant a lot to everyone," added Redman.

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Madeline Diller
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

JV VOLLEYBALL

2016-17, 2017-18

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

2018-19

VARSITY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

2019-20

JV SOFTBALL

2016-17, 2017-18

VARSITY SOFTBALL

2018-19

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

2018-19 Academic All State Team Member

CROSS COUNTRY

2019-20 Regional Team Champion Member, State Qualifier, Individual Academic All State Member, Team Academic All State Member

LEAGUE SCHOLAR ATHLETE

2018-19, 2019-20

PARENTS:

Scott and Charlotte Diller

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Harry Moody
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS

GOLF

A current senior student-athlete at Boyne City High School, has decided to sign to play Golf at Menlo College in Atherton, California. Menlo College is an NAIA school located in Atherton and has an enrollment of approximately 750 students and competes in the Golden State Athletic Association. while offering 16 Varsity Sports. Below are some accomplishments for Harry:

- All Conference Honorable Mention as a Freshman.
- All Conference both his Sophomore and Junior Years.
- All State qualifier as a Junior.
- Led BC team in scoring his Sophomore and Junior Years.
- Team Medalist in the team win at the Cardinal Invitational Junior Year.
- Podium finish at TC Central-Tee off Classic 2018. Horrendous weather, snowing, wind howling, temps below freezing.
- Player of the year (age 13-15) Traverse City Junior Golf Association (TCJGA).
- Varsity Boys Basketball (11,12)
- Varsity Boys Tennis (9,10,11)
- #2 Singles in Tennis all 3 years

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Jack Cross
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

JV FOOTBALL

2016-17

VARSITY FOOTBALL

2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

2016-17

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20

VARSITY FOOTBALL

2018-19 All Conference Lineman

PARENTS:

John Cross, Sandy Chambers

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Mckenzie Essenberg
ELLSWORTH LANCERS

Mckenzie was a team captain and the starting pitcher for the lancers. She also played 3rd base, 1st base, and SS.

Mckenzie showed true grit through the 5 years I coached her. She started out on varsity as the starting 3rd baseman as an 8th grader. She had the position down by the end of her first year. She in my opinion, was one of the very best 3rd baseman in northern Michigan. But as small schools go, players need to be very flexible. We then had to play her at 1st, Ss, and pitcher.

This was gonna be her big year on the mound as she had worked very hard over the last 2 years on her pitching.

Mckenzie was named to the Charlevoix County News All-Area Dream Team in 2019.

She was a great overall ball player for Ellsworth.

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Yet, you really want to buy a home. You know that few purchases will provide you the quality of life that a home of your own does. There are plenty of advantages, as well - tax breaks, rising real estate values, a stable environment for the family, to name only a few. So you stifle your worries and keep looking for homes. You just can't find the one that's just right for you.

It might be time to back this train up and examine what is causing the conflict between wanting to buy and being unable to make a decision. There is a cause, and its name is money. The question is, which aspect of money is stopping you from moving forward?

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If you've been pre-qualified, you are already looking at bigger, better, more beautiful homes at the top of your range. But something isn't quite right. Even though you may feel that your income is stable, a feeling is telling you that if you buy in this range, you won't have enough in reserves should something happen. Those are your instincts talking, and you should listen, because your desires have been doing the talking up to now. Your instincts are telling you desires to scale back a little.

That means backtracking. Talk to your Realtor and ask her to show you less expensive homes. You can't go wrong buying slightly under your ability. In fact, many financial advisors tell their clients to budget about 25% of their income for housing in order to position them to build reserves for savings, investments, home improvements, emergencies and dozens of other reasons. That's almost six percent less than lenders will allow you to borrow. Just think what else you can do with six percent of your income. You'll still have your house, you'll just have more to do other things with.

Real Estate Feature Property RANCH HOME ON 20 BEAUTIFUL ACRES NEAR BOYNE FALLS



BY JIM AKANS

A northern lower Michigan paradise, this spacious ranch style home is located on 20 beautiful acres near Boyne Falls, Boyne City and Gaylord.

This three bedroom, two bath home has over 2,900 square feet of space on the main floor and finished basement level. The interior offers an open kitchen, dining and living area design, great for both family living and entertaining family and friends. The finished full basement includes a recreation/play room complete with pool table and a bar. The home also has an attached two-and-a-half car garage.

The property is absolutely beautiful, featuring rolling terrain, lots of wildlife and spectacular views. There is a large barn plus an additional garage, so there is plenty of space to store, vehicles, tools and toys. While the setting is pure northern Michigan countryside, Boyne Falls, Boyne City and Gaylord are all just short drives away.

This ranch home on 20 beautiful acres is located at 02515 Camp Ten Road, less than five miles from Boyne

Falls, and it is listed at \$249,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com



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