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Inside Face Covering guidance during COVID-19

Governor Whitmer's extended Stay Home, Stay Safe executive order states that any individual able to medically tolerate a face covering must wear a covering over his or her nose and mouth—such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief-when in any enclosed public space.

With this new requirement, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) reminds everyone that we must continue to follow the guidelines set in place to keep the public safe, including the use of face coverings in public.

"When wearing a mask in



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public, keep in mind, it's not about you, it's about ensuring the people around you remain safe. People need to

be minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in as many ways as possible, including this one," said Kevin Hughes,

Health Officer for DHD#10. In addition to regularly washing your hands and practicing social distancing, follow this guidance for face

- Wear a face covering whenever you are in a public setting, especially when vou may be near people, are caring for others, or are sick vourself.

- Face coverings should be worn by everyone except children under age 2, and anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious or otherwise unable to remove the mask without help.

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Mom; A Child's Greatest Gift

BY JIM AKANS

This Sunday we celebrate, recognize, and honor a very special person in our lives; mom. She is there from the start, and while we bring her joy, concern, pride and challenges as we grow, her love remains unfaltering, unconditional, and unending. As anyone who has lost a mother knows, the bond between mother and child lasts well beyond her lifetime. Whether a biological or foster mother, she is the one we turn to help celebrate our victories, comfort our setbacks and encourage our



Those who have aged long enough to remain on this earth after our mom's time has passed still recognize that special glow in our hearts when recalling a mother's warming smile. Miss you mom. Photo courtesy of Jim Akans

One of the most surprising things about Mother's Day is that it took so long to get around to set aside a celebratory day just for mom each year. In 1870, Julia Ward Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclama-

tion," urging that a "general congress of women without limit of nationality" be appointed to "promote the alliance of the different nationalities." Howe's proclamation recognized women's role and responsibility in shaping the direction of society, but the idea of an actual Mother's Day was another four decades in arriving.

In May of 1908, Philadelphian, Anna Jarvis, came up with the concept and even trademarked the phrase "Mother's Day." She was adamant about including the apostrophe so that the term was a singular possessive - inspiring every family to honor their own mother rather than inferring a general celebration of motherhood. A few years later, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson had the good sense to proclaim Mother's Day a national holiday, designated as the second Sunday in May..

Some interesting Mother's Day trivia:

- According to BabyCenter.com, the five most popular baby names (so far) for boys in 2020 are: Liam, Noah, Elijah and Oliver. The top five girl names: Olivia, Emma, Ava, Isabella

- The oldest woman to deliver a child on record is Satyabhama Mahapatra, who gave birth to a baby



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boy on April 9, 2003, when she was 65 years old.

- The Guinness work record for most babies delivered at one time goes to Southern Californian Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to octuplets, six boys and two girls on January 26, 2009.

- Longest span between two children is 41 years, 185 days. The mother, Elizabeth Ann Buttle, gave birth to her first child, Belinda on May 19, 1956 and her last child, Joseph, on November 20, 1997.

The centuries old nod for most children goes to

Russian Feodor Vassilyev's first wife (oddly, his wife's name doesn't seem to have been recorded), who between 1725 and 1765 gave birth to 69 children, including 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets. Hand me downs must have tumbled through many sets of hands.

Statistics from Census.gov reveal that:

- Between the ages of 15 and 50; Forty-four percent of women have no children, seventeen percent have one



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Boyne City road construction to begin May 11

The North Lake Street / West Michigan Avenue road construction project is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 11th and be completed on Saturday, June 13th. Payne and Dolan is the project contractor. The project involves milling off and replacing the pavement on these two roads on the north side of Boyne City.

'These streets have probably the worst payement condition of any paved streets in Boyne City and are also some of our busiest, being on the route to Young State Park, US-131 and Charlevoix.' stated Boyne City Manager Michael Cain. "This project continues the road work we did on North Lake Street last year and will provide much smoother access to the heart of Boyne City from the north."

Cain continued. "Pretty much anyway you come into Boyne City after this project

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Boyne City begins yard waste collections

Starting on Monday, May 4, the Boyne City Public Works Department crews will begin curbside pick-up of leaves in Boyne City. This service occurs each Monday and Friday and will continue for four (4) weeks through Friday, May 29. After these dates, Boyne City property owners will be responsible for bringing their leaves to the North Bovne Compost Site on Robinson Street, or mulching the leaves on their property.

Please place your bagged leaves at the curbside in clearly marked biodegradable paper yard waste bags. Do not place brush or other yard waste at the curbside. Boyne City property owners may bring their brush to the North Boyne Compost Site.

Paper Yard Waste bags are available locally at the Boyne Ace Hardware store and the Boyne Co-op store, or can be purchased elsewhere. Please only place leaves in the yard waste bags, as these bags are not designed to hold sticks, roots, sand, soil, or stones and will break when handled.

Under City of Boyne City Ordinance you may not deposit loose piles of leaves, or other yard waste, onto the streets. Loose material may wash into the city storm sewers causing flooding & pollution of Lake Charlevoix and/or the Boyne River. If you feel your pick-up was missed during this service period, please contact the Boyne City City Hall at 582-

As a reminder, the City of Boyne City Spring Rubbish Collection will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2020. This year there will be only one collection day in the Spring, not three as in past years.

For more information on this release, please contact Tim Faas, Boyne City Director of Public Works at 582-

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THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY

LOW: 29

HIGH: 37 HIGH: 43 LOW: 28

SUNDAY

HIGH: 44

LOW: 29

MONDAY



HIGH: 43 LOW: 28

TUESDAY



HIGH: 46 LOW: 33

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OBITUARIES

William G. McKay, 75

(AUG. 10, 1944 - MAY 2, 2020)

William G. McKay of Charlevoix passed away on May 2, 2020 at his home.

No services are planned at this time, and a full obituary will be posted in the near future.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Jessica Lynn French, 50

(JAN. 5, 1970 - APRIL 26, 2020)



Jessica Lynn French of East Jordan passed away at home on Sunday, April 26, 2020.

Born in Charlevoix and raised in East Jordan, Jessica was the daughter of Varice and Ruth (Simons) Bourdo.

Jessica loved spending time with her family and friends, especially the light of her life and her strength, her granddaughter, Ahzylei; she lived for this little girl the past four years. She enjoyed going to the casino, bonfires, shopping and the beach. With a love for sunflowers and butterflies, she also enjoyed collecting lighthouses and purses. She could never have

too many of either. Jessica is survived by

her husband, Rick French, whom she married on June 20, 2003; her parents, Varice and Ruth Bourdo of East Jordan; her children, Nickolas (Tiffany) Bourdo of East Jordan and Daniel (Katelyn) Zipp of Charlevoix; stepchildren, Brandon French, Chris French and Megan French all of Saginaw; grandchildren, Warryck Sedelmaier, Blaiyzz Sedelmaier, Alairyk Mosier and Ahzylei Bourdo all of East Jordan and Jayla Baldwin, Jordan Baldwin, Savaya Martin and Shiloh Sanders all of

Saginaw. Also surviving are her siblings, Steve (Becky) Bourdo, Sarah (Fred) Segraves, Dennis Wood Jr and Joni (Corey) Purvis; Rick's siblings, Deb (Chuck) Moreau, Ken (Amy) Sloboda, Randy (Kathy) Sloboda, Brian Sloboda and Kathy French; her longtime friend to the end, Kim Hazel; her father-in-law, Gerald Sloboda; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Blaine and Polly (Hadix) Simons, Henry and Gracie (Mcwatters) Bourdo; her aunt, Roxanna (Simons) Wood; an uncle, Blaine Simons Jr; her father-inlaw, Robert French; her mother-in-law, Marjorie Kozak and brothers-in-law, Jerry Sloboda and Kim Sloboda.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to Rick French, 909 Vance St, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory awareness notice

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is excited to report that operations at the Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory have shifted to support and prioritize COVID-19 testing. Increased testing capacity and expanding testing criteria will provide us with more information and the ability to better understand where COVID-19 is and how it could be spreading in our communi-

The Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory was established in 2004, after the events of 9/11 and identification of other national terrorist threats or acts. This lab was originally established as part of Michigan's Regional Lab Network to conduct proficiency testing for biological threat agents. As funding for the program decreased, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan shifted laboratory resources to address the regional need for water quality testing. Additionally, the lab provided testing of surface water for public beach programs in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. These changes were initiated in

2006 and water quality as well as surface water testing continues today, conducting over 10,000 tests annually.

Despite the changing operations of the lab through the years, the qualified and certified staff have remained, and all equipment has been maintained, upgraded, and certified appropriately. As the coronavirus pandemic unfolded and COVID-19 made its way to Northern Michigan, leadership at the health department began to explore the option of utilizing this regional lab to run COVID-19 tests with the intent of increasing testing capacity in Northern Michigan.

Thanks to the ongoing partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Bureau of Laboratories and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), the Health Department of Northwest Michigan was able to reestablish the appropriate level of lab certification and obtain the necessary supplies and equipment to begin running tests for COVID-19 allowing for increased capacity for testing

in northern Michigan.

"It is incredible that we identified the need for rapid testing in our area and quickly acknowledged our capabilities to stand our lab up as a COVID-19 lab. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan continually put its full effort toward the project," said Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health Services. "Now, just weeks later, we have a tremendous resource in Northern Michigan to quickly test and promptly take appropriate public health actions to isolate infected individuals and reduce the spread of the disease. We are grateful for the

The combination of rapid and high-volume testing technology provided through the support of MDHHS and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan will eventually allow the regional lab the capability to run nearly 70 tests daily. Although supplies such as reagents, swabs, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) continue to be con-

support of MDHHS and the ex-

pertise of our lab staff which

has really made this possible!"

strained, we know that once these items are fully available our capabilities will increase to this potential. Utilizing the rapid testing device nearly 20 tests a day can be reported out within minutes, and the highvolume unit will allow for another 48 to be reported out in less than 24 hours.

"Having access to rapid test results allows us to intervene quickly when timing is critical, such as a potential case in a congregate living setting," says Amanda Thompson, Director of Family Health Services at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has begun working with partner health departments in the region to develop a plan for the best use of these testing capabilities to prioritize testing of high risk groups such as those living in congregate settings and critical infrastructure workers that are directly supporting vulnerable populations.

May is Trauma Awareness Month

May is National Trauma Awareness Month. McLaren Northern Michigan urges the public to practice safety when enjoying northern Michigan activities allowed under the

"During this COVID-19 pandemic we need to do things that are beneficial for our mental health. We want the public to do the activities that they love to do," stated Michael Martin, MD, Trauma Medical Director at McLaren Northern Michigan. "The important thing is to make sure that you are following safety practices while enjoying the activities that northern Michigan has to offer."

As a verified Level II Trauma Center, McLaren Northern Michigan sees an average of

950 traumas each year. The following tips and guidelines will help our community to stay

- Wear a Helmet
- Bicycle
- Rollerblades / Rollerskates - ATV

WATER / BOATING SAFETY

- Wear a life jacket if you
- can't swim or while on a boat - Don't swim or boat during a
- Avoid diving into water,

- Don't drink alcohol or use recreational drugs when swimming or boating

SUN SAFETY

- Remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Wrap. Slip on a shirt, Slop on Sunscreen, Slap on a hart, and Wrap on sunglasses.

- Avoid high sun times, check

UV index

- Seek shade

VEHICLE / DRIVING SAFETY

- seats based on their age and weight
- Never drive while tired

driving - Reduce your speed while

driving through a construction

HOME SAFETY

monoxide batteries

- Lock your doors to avoid unwanted entry

- Avoid using a ladder or

power tools while home alone

- Remove clutter or items that pose a fall risk

- Have an emergency plan in

the case of a fire

FACE MASKS

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ering to one person; avoid sharing your mask with others in the family.

- Before placing your face covering on your face, carefully wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a minimum of 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- When placing your face covering on your face, grasp it by the

- Be sure to cover your mouth and nose.

- Avoid touching your mask while wearing it as it is now considered contaminated - if you do touch vour face or mask. wash your hands or use hand sanitizer immedi-

- Avoid hanging your face covering from your

it is considered contaminated.

covering, do not grab the covering itself; instead lean forward and grasp the elastic loops, bands, or ties to carefully remove it.

is disposable.

face covering in your washing machine using detergent in hot water and dry it in your dryer before wearing again. You can also wash it by hand using soap and water and let it air dry for two days prior to wearing it again. You can iron your cloth face covering but should not

safe: - Motorcycle Stay Home Executive Order.

- Skateboard - Scooter

- Dirt Bike

- Never swim alone - Swim in a safe area with a lifeguard

- Don't enter cold water

storm jump in feet first Stay hydrated

- Wear your seatbelt · Don't drink and drive, or use recreational drugs and

Children should be in car

- Do not text or eat while

- Pay attention to road signs and markings

- Check your fire and carbon

- Lock your medications and cleaning supplies

- Only one person at a time on a trampoline

- Assign one face cov-

loops, bands, or ties and secure it properly.

- Be sure there are no gaps between your face and the covering.

neck or one ear because

To remove your face

- After removing your face covering, isolate it from others and treat it like a biohazard because it is contaminated - consider putting it in a paper bag or washing it right away, or throw away if it

- Wash your reusable

bleach it. For more information about COVID-19, go to: www.dhd10.org. www.michigan.gov/coronavirus, or www.cdc.com/coronavirus

ON-LINE AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

During this time of sheltering at home, many churches are broadcasting their service

Following is list of area

churches that are broadcast-

ing their service video or

audio.

BOYNE CITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF THE NATIVITY Meets on Facebook Live at

10am each Sunday The connecting link is: www.facebook.com/EpiscopalBovne

11am each Sunday www.facebook.com/first-

baptistboynecity/

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Meets on Facebook Live at

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Here is a link to our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCNWU82TtGL9GOpPjh-

and Here is a link to our

website sermons section: www.clcboyne.org/sermons

CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY REFORMED

CHURCH Sunday Service via Facebook Live at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Prayer meeting at 11:00 a.m. each Wednesday. Links to these can be found

here: http://communityreformed.net/

CENTER POINT ASSEMBLY Meets on Facebook Live at 10:30am each Sunday www.facebook.com/center-

pointassembly We also post all of our sermons on-line in an audio format on our church website, www.centerpointassembly.co

m/on-line-sermons **BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Watch our live stream online at http://bbcministry.com/

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

https://stmarycharlevoix.c

om/live-stream-schedule/

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Our church uploads our weekly service early Sunday morning to http://chxucc.org/category/s

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

LIGHTHOUSE MISSIONARY **CHURCH**

Service Times: 10AM Sunday Mornings Links to access services in-

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https://www.lighthousemc.org/

Then click on the "worship" tab

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News

Boyne City Stroll the Streets postponed until July 17

Boyne City Main Street's 17th Annual Stroll the Streets event series will postpone its start date until July 17 this year, due to concerns for the health and safety of the community. Stroll the Streets takes place each Friday evening mid-June through Labor Day weekend from 6-9 p.m. in downtown Boyne City.

"We are faced with many hard decisions right now regarding summer events, but the health and safety of our community are our first priority," said Karen Guzniczak, Stroll the Streets volunteer coordinator. "We are very sad to have to do this, but look forward to welcoming everyone back downtown for Stroll as soon as possible.'

Stroll the Streets is a one of Boyne City Main Street's signature events. Each Friday evening, local bands, of all musical varieties, are placed on the sidewalks throughout downtown for folks to enjoy while they shop, eat, stroll and enjoy beautiful Northern Michigan summer evenings.

Safety guidelines and group gathering protocols will be carefully monitored as July draws closer.

ROAD CON-STRUCTION

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is complete you will find smooth pavement." In addition the project will involve upgrades to intersection sidewalk ramps and some shoulder widening. Plans for the project are available for review on the City's website, www.boynecity.com

There will be temporary lane closures in the construction area during the project. No detours are anticipated.

The \$311,400 project is being funded using \$135,000 Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP), \$100,000 MDOT Economic Development Category D funds with the remainder being paid for by the City. There will be no additional charges to abutting property owners for the project.

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Executive Order provisions for K-12 Learning and Early Childhood Programs

Governor Gretchen Whitmer today signed Executive Order 2020-65 to extend and clarify Executive Order 2020-35, which ordered all K-12 school buildings to close for instructional purposes to students for the remainder of the school year, and provided continuity of learning infrastructure by setting guidelines for remote learning. In addition to continuing the actions taken in the previous executive order, Executive Order 2020-65 also suspends in-person instruction of both the Great Start Readiness Program and early childhood programs for the reminder of the 2019-2020 school year. GSRP is Michigan's state-funded preschool program.

A few weeks ago I made the difficult choice to close our school facilities for the remainder of the school vear. I understand the tremendous impact this has placed on families, teachers, staff and students. It was not a decision I took lightly," said Governor Whitmer. "I am so thankful for the tireless work of our frontline school employees who are working every day to ensure the continued education of Michigan's kids. Already, I have seen amazing stories of teachers doing their part and working hard to make sure their students have the resources they need. This order builds upon my previous order to ensure schools have the clear guidance they need to give Michigan students the best, most equitable education possible from the safety of their homes.'

Under the re-issued EO,

school districts that run Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) must also detail a plan on how the GSRP teaching team will engage with enrolled children and families as well as provide children and their families plans for the transition from GSRP to kindergarten. This outreach must include a virtual confer ence with the family. Schools must begin implementation of GSRP plans by May 7, 2020.

Executive Order 2020-65 suspends certain requirements for teacher evaluations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally the order clarifies that some teachers with individualized development plans will need to be provided an annual vear-end performance evaluation, but that administrators

must only use data available prior to the school closures, in recognition of some limitations posed by COVID-19. The order also temporarily suspends certain requirements that districts will not be able to fulfill due to the closure of school buildings for instructional purposes, like mandatory fire, lockdown, and tornado drills. It also waives compulsory attendance requirements and truancy enforcement measures for the remainder of 2019-2020 school year.

Like her previous order, all districts must ensure their plans are appropriate, equitable and accessible for students and families. Although each district's plan will be different and represent what is best for their students, the Continued Learning Plan (CoL) outlined in the order requires schools to:

- Include a description of the methods used to provide alternative modes of instruction as well as a summary of materials, a description of methods to keep students at the center of education activities, a plan to deliver content in multiple ways to ensure access for all students, and a plan to manage and monitor learning.

- Include a budget outline estimating additional expenditures associated with the CoL Plan and sources of revenue to pay for those expenditures.

Provide a description of methods the district will use to notify pupils and parents or guardians of the CoL Plan.

Provide or arrange for continuation of food distribution to eligible pupils.

- Continue to pay school employees while redeploying staff to provide meaningful work in the context -Provide for evaluation of participation in the CoL Plan by pupils.

- Provide mental health supports to pupils affected by a state of emergency or state of disaster prompted by COVID-19. - nclude a plan for early

childhood services, including Great Start Readiness Program, compliant with guidance issued by the Department.

Additionally, each district must have its plan approved by their regional intermediate school district before being implemented. Public school academies must have their plans approved by their authorizer. Districts can also partner

with one another to create joint plans.

School districts will have the flexibility to adopt a balanced calendar for the 2019-2020 school year and/or to begin the 2020-2021 school year before Labor Day without having to seek additional approval. Teachers and school employees will be paid for the remainder of the school year. Student teachers will still be able to get a temporary certification and current teachers will still be able to get their certifications renewed, even if they can't meet all the requirements due to COVID-19.

All Michigan high school seniors will be given the opportunity to graduate this year so that they may make a successful postsecondary transition. Additionally, all standardized tests previously scheduled for the remainder of the school year, including the M-STEP and the SAT, will be canceled. There will be a date in October for rising high school seniors to take the SAT and for other high school students to take the PSAT.

Robert Banner running for 90th District Court Judge



Boyne City Attorney Robert Banner announces his candidacy for the 90th District Court Judge posi-

"I am excited to take on this challenge. The positive response to my decision to run is humbling. It will be my pleasure to meet the voters of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties over the months to come. I look forward to earning the trust and respect of the voters to serve as District Court Judge," said Banner.

Banner is a trial lawyer and has extensive jury and bench trial experience. Over the last 29 years he has tried many cases in district, circuit, probate, and tribal

Boyne City Attorney Robert Banner announces his candidacy for the 90th District Court Judge position. Courtesy photo

courts. He has litigated matters involving: drinking and driving; landlord/tenant; land contract forfeiture; misdemeanor and felony criminal matters: general civil litigation in district and circuit courts; juvenile delinquency; and abuse and neglect cases. He handles probate estates, trust estates, assists clients creating estate plans, and he has litigated both contested probate and trust estates.

Outside of his work responsibilities, Robert (Bob) Banner is a 27- year member of the Rotary Club of Boyne City. He is a past president, past board member and current scholarship chairman for the club. Banner is the current President of the Board of Directors of Northern Community Mediation in Petoskey. He is on the Advisory Council to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. In 2017 he was appointed by then Michi-

gan Attorney General Bill Schuette to the position of Public Administrator for Charlevoix County. This appointment requires him to represent the State of Michigan in Charlevoix County probate matters involving deceased persons without

Bob and his wife Cindy of 29 years, have two children, Katelyn, age 22, who is in graduate school at Western Michigan University, and Phillip, a sophomore at Boyne City High School. They are long-time members of Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City.

"I have earned the trust and respect of my colleagues. I am uniquely qualified for this position as I possess the experience and proper temperament to succeed as judge. It would be my honor to continue serving Charlevoix and Emmet Counties as District Court Judge.'

DTE Electric to provide bill relief during peak summer usage

DTE Energy today announced that it is passing along between \$30 to \$40 million in bill relief to its electric utility customers for the months of June and July. DTE has leveraged its efficiency and lower fuel prices to significantly reduce the amount of money it spends on generation costs and is passing these savings on to its customers.

"We know that many Michiganders are experiencing hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Trevor Lauer, president of the electric company at DTE Energy. "That's why we feel

it is important to apply some relief for upcoming June and July bills to help ease some of the financial burdens being experienced by our customers and the communities we serve."

This \$30 to \$40 million bill relief initiative will complement DTE's recently announced Personalized Service Protection program to help customers experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19. The service protection program helps ensure impacted customers can retain the energy service they need during this ongoing crisis. Some of the customized protections available to eligible customers include deposit waivers, payment extensions and flexible repayment options.

This bill relief effort and Personalized Service Protection program are the latest in a series of recent actions DTE has taken to help its customers during the COVID-19 crisis. Other actions include:

- Extending coverage through June 1, 2020 for customers enrolled in its low-income and senior shutoff protection programs

- Extending its 30-day medical hold policy to help lowincome customers who are physically exposed, infected or quarantined by the COVID-19 virus (including influenza)

- Providing business customers with guidance on resources available to them through state and federal agencies via its COVID-19 business support site

- Providing energy efficiency guidance to customers spending more time at home, with easy, low- or no-cost steps that can immediately reduce usage and costs

- Encouraging customers to download the free DTE In-

Saturday, April 25, 2020

Boyne City Rd and Sumner Rd.

Assist Sheriff Dept. at

sight app which helps monitor energy use and take actions to reduce usage, and thereby lower bills

- Stressing the benefits of its safe and convenient ways to manage accounts - such as eBill, AutoPay, mobile pay-

ment and other programs More information on the Personalized Service Protection program, as well as DTE's other initiatives in response to COVID-19 can be

found at dteenergy.com/covid19.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, April 20, 2020 Report of tree on lines in the 600 block of Jeffer-

Suspicious vehicles reported in the 200 block of Vogel

Cedar. 1751 Report of dogs running at large in the area of

Vogel and East St.

1548

Tree on house on E

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

1214 Question regarding home repair and the Executive Order from Poplar St. Civil complaint in the 500 block of State St

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 Report of lost wallet from the 500 block of N Lake

0936 Threats complaint from the 500 block of N Lake

Call regarding the Ex-

ecutive Order Car der crash at 1200 Vogel and East St. 1954 Assist MSP with lodging a dog at the shelter.

Thursday, April 23, 2020 Vehicle unlock in the 200 block of Vogel St. Illegal dumping complaint in the Industrial Park. 1501 Citizen assist in the

Alarm activation on

100 block of Water St

2100

S. Lake.

Friday, April 24, 2020 0945 Report of Executive Order violation on Pearl St. 1030 Report of attempted grandchild scam.

Call for clarification on Executive Order 1323 Call for clarification on Executive Order Lost set of keys re-1546 ported.

Questions regarding Executive Order in the 500 block of Jefferson St. Animal complaint in the 100 block of S. Lake St.

Vehicle stopped at State St. and N. East St. No Insurance and DWLS.

Sunday April 26, 2020 Water pipe leak in

the 800 block of N Lake St. 1341 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Addis Rd.

1519 Assist Fire and EMS at Avalanche Mt for bicycle crash. 1720 Animal complaint

from Robinson St 1809 Report of subject stopping traffic at Boyne City Rd and Michigan Av



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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 compiled 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.

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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 PROVI-SIONS - 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

RESTAURANT & RETAIL SERVICES & HOURS

During the Coronavirus shutdown in Charlevoix County

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. 231-582-8800.

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) 497-6488.

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 9pm. Delivery will be available 5-9pm. All curbside pickups will be extended a 20% discount on orders over \$20. Delivery will have a minimum order of \$40. 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. ONLINE OR-DERING now available! (231) 582-0049. Accept credit card payment over the phone - no cash payments call ahead 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 encourag-

ing 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, thelakehouse-charlevoix@gmail.com

The Clothing Company 231.547.6361, info@myclothingco.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: Take-out & online ordering, 4pm-8pm 231-437-3466

Charlevoix Pizza Company: Curbside pick-up. Wed-Sat 11-8pm | student special Mon-Fri- personal 3 topping pizza & drink for \$5 | 231-437-6300 or order online include make, model, & color of vehicle

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

Friske's Farm Market: Mon-Thurs 9-5pm & Fri-Sat 9-6pm. take-out. call 231-599-2604 for pick up or curbside service

Dairy Grille: 11am- 9pm daily | take-out | 231-547-9771

Bier's Inwood Brewery: Take-out | (order ahead) 4-6pm Wed, Fri & Sat. Call/text 231-675-7632 to arrange a time convenient for you to pickup your beer

Harwood Gold: products and frozen meat pies available to order online. harwoodgold.com. 231-437-3900

Royal Farms: Curbside pick-up 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

Smoke On The Water. Limited take-out & delivery menu. 7-7pm Thursday - Monday. Dinner specials available from 4-7pm. 231-237-9604

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, 231-588-2208

East Jordan True Value

T & R Yamaha

EJ Laundry Station

Family Fare Save-A-Lot

East Jordan Marathon

Korthase Flinn - Drop off or by phone

4Front Credit Union - Drive Thru

Charlevoix State Bank -Drive Thru Huntington Bank - Drive Thru

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 $questions.\ Jamie\ 231\text{-}350\text{-}0873$

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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Food assistance for low-income college students enrolled in career and technical education programs

Close to 90,000 low-income college students in Michigan who are enrolled in career or technical education programs are eligible to receive food assistance benefits through a new State of Michigan initiative effective this

The Michigan departments of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) announced the change to combat rising food insecurity among students, exacerbated by COVID-19.

"Hunger was a problem for students before COVID-19, and it is a far greater challenge today," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "Because of this policy change, thousands of students will no longer need to choose between dropping out of school and getting critical food aid. The change will help Michigan students put food on the table in today's crisis, it will help Michigan be more competitive economically as the economy recovers."

Until now, college students enrolled in qualifying Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs who attended school at least half-time could not qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), even if they met income eligibility requirements, unless they fell into certain categories such as working at least 20 hours per week, caring for a child, or being unable to work. Due to

COVID-19, many students have lost their jobs, and as a result, they have lost their SNAP eligibility through no fault of their own.

With the change this week, college students will be eligible for SNAP if they meet income and other program requirements and are enrolled at least half-time in an occupational program that leads to employment under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the Twenty-First Century Act of 2018 known as Perkins V.

Currently, the Perkins Postsecondary CTE Program provides funding to 28 community colleges, three public universities and one tribal college to support pathways to high-wage, high-skilled and in-demand careers that require less than a bachelor's degree.

Those institutions offer more than 3,600 qualifying programs, offering a certificate or associates degree to careers in fields such as information technology, health care, hospitality and manufacturing. There are 88,458 students enrolled in these programs in Michigan. Some of those students may already be receiving food assistance benefits, while others will become eligible for this new opportunity.

"Supporting CTE students, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, not only helps them upskill for in-demand jobs, it also helps Michigan employers fill critical job openings that support our economic future," said LEO Director Jeff Donofrio.

In order to qualify, students must meet all requirements of the Food Assistance Program, which Michigan administers to distribute federal SNAP benefits.

For anyone currently enrolled in a Perkins program with an existing food assistance case who has experienced a loss of income, their MDHHS caseworker will determine Perkins program status to ensure the benefits are correct.

Any Perkins student who wants to apply for food assistance should provide documentation from their school that outlines their major and program or course of study eligibility for SNAP. Examples could include a proof of registration and a document showing their major, program, or course of study. A caseworker will use that information to determine eligibility.

Students interested in ap-

to assist in determining their

plying for food assistance can go to

www.michigan.gov/MIBridges. Verification of enrollment in a Perkins program must be provided by the student or may be requested from the postsecondary institution. Learn more about the Perkins Postsecondary CTE Program at

Program at Michigan.gov/LEO-Perkins.

News

Organizations receive almost \$117,000 in People Fund grants

Eighteen grants were awarded to local community non-profits thanks to Great Lakes Energy members who support the cooperative's People Fund program. Since the program's inception in 1999, organizations have received over \$3.8 million in People Fund grants.

The People Fund Board of Directors awarded \$50,374.70 in grants to eighteen northern Michigan organizations listed below, with a total of over \$116,819 for all organizations throughout the cooperative's 26-county service area in 2020

Otsego County Economic Alliance, Inc., Gaylord: \$3,000 for 2 computers, equipment, and software. Blissfest Music Organization, Petoskey: \$2,043.04 for four computer monitors for virtual programming.

Women's Resource Center for the Grand Traverse Area, Traverse City: \$5,000 for safe shelters from domestic violence.

Northern Michigan Equine Therapy, Boyne City: \$2,533.66 for care for therapy horses (while business is suspended due to pandemic).

SEEDS Ecology and Education Centers, Traverse City: \$2,000 for renovating sugar shack building and to purchase new equipment and signs.

Harbor Springs Festival of the Book, Harbor Springs: \$3,000 to purchase books in relation to author visits in schools.

The Salvation Army, Petoskey: \$4,600 for new computers to replace outdated models

The King House Association, Good Hart: \$2,500 for constructing interior wall panels for the King's House.

East Jordan Fire Department, East Jordan: \$2,050 for new water rescue equipment – vests and helmets. Contingent on raising the rest of the funding needed.

Crooked Tree Arts Center, Petoskey: \$3,300 for necessary video streaming equipment for virtual programming during the pandemic.

TART Trails, Traverse

City: \$5,000 to complete Vasa pathway skill-building loops.

Otsego - Antrim Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Gaylord: \$2,568 for a computer with RECON multi-location synch engine.

Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$3,000 for a new vehicle for the Meals on Wheels pro-

Harbor Area Recreation & Entertainment, Inc., Harbor Springs: \$1,000 for a timing system for feedback for swimming event participants.

Otsego County Library, Gaylord: \$1,280 for establishing a Makerspace, a place where children can learn and create

Elk Rapids Area Historical

Society, Elk Rapids: \$2,000 to repair cracks in walls and repaint.

Otsego Conservation District, Gaylord: \$2,500 for installing handicap parking to garden and educational center.

Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Bellaire: \$3,000 for the production and printing of interpretive signage for trail.

The People Fund is supported by the voluntary contributions of Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. It averages 50 cents a month.

"Cooperatives have a unique opportunity to have a significant impact in the communities they serve," says President/CEO Bill Scott. "By allowing members to round up their bill, Great Lakes Energy serves as the conduit between them and their communities to have a positive and lasting impact."

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Great Lakes Energy members can enroll in the People Fund by calling 1-888-485-2537 or visiting gtlakes.com. All funds collected from members go toward grants.

Nonprofit organizations in the Great Lakes Energy service area can request a grant application online at https://www.gtlakes.com/pe ople-fund/. The next grant application deadline is October 15, 2020.

Raven Hill Discovery Center in hibernation until 2021

The danger of COVID-19 remains foremost in the minds of the Raven Hill Discovery Center Board of Directors. After much discussion, the Raven Hill Board has made the difficult decision to "hibernate" for 12 months, so that everyone can stay removed from one another and the Center can safely open a year from now.

Opening for this 2020 spring and summer season would be difficult in this time of "social distancing". Opening this coming fall or winter doesn't make sense, because it is Raven Hill's hardest time financially.

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tween the ages of 20 and 24.

Opening in the spring of 2021 in time for spring field trips, discovery camps and summer visitors, seems to be the best option for the Center. The Center's staff is working behind the scenes and Raven Hill's Board will continue to reassess the situation as future Executive Orders for Michigan are released.

If you have any questions or need more information, please email me or call me on my cell: 231.675.6025. I will be sharing updates on a weekly basis. If you are not interested in receiving them, let me know and I will remove you from the list. miravenhill.org

'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 ac-

cess to our extensive library of blog posts and timeline histories

tories.

"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."



Fuelwood gathering Michigan residents now can apply online for a free permit to cut fuelwood from dead and downed trees in approved areas of Michigan's state forests. Courtesy photo

Fuelwood permits are free in 2020; apply online now

Fuelwood gathering Michigan residents now can apply online for a free permit to cut fuelwood from dead and downed trees in approved areas of Michigan's state forests. Fuelwood season will begin May 1, a month later than usual, because of statewide Department of Natural Resources office closures due to the COVID-19 virus.

DNR staff recommends that you visit the site where you plan to cut before applying for a permit. The quality and quantity of dead wood varies by location. Current maps of areas where cutting will be allowed are available online. The permit form is at Michigan.gov/Fuelwood. Print it, complete it, and carry it with you when you are cutting wood. If you have already submitted an application and payment, your check will be returned to you along with your permit. Permits are good for 90 days after they're issued; all permits expire Dec. 31 regardless of issue date.

Check fuelwood maps to make sure the area where you plan to cut is open for fuelwood. Permits are for use on designated state forest land in the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula. Permits allow for collection of up to five standard cords of wood per household. Wood is for personal use only and cannot be resold or traded. Wood must be dead and down within 200 feet of a road. No off-road use of vehicles is permitted to gather wood.

Permits normally cost \$20 each; 2020 permits are free due to the effect of the COVID-19 virus on DNR staff availability. The DNR will assess the situation for 2021 after this fuelwood season has ended. Local DNR customer service centers and management unit offices are currently closed due to statewide measures against COVID-19. Staff is available by telephone.

If you have additional questions specifically regarding fuelwood permits, contact Doug Heym at 517-284-5867.

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HEALTH NEWS:

Don't wait to seek emergency care

McLaren Northern Michigan is reminding individuals to continue to seek care for medical emergencies. Physicians are concerned that many individuals who should have sought medical care for non-COVID related concerns have put off treatment that may be endangering your health and life.

"One of the tragic aspects of the COVID-19 outbreak in New York is that people were afraid of going to the Emergency Department for fear of getting COVID. That has resulted in an increase of unnecessary deaths at home in New York. We don't want that to happen here," said Andrew Mcdonagh, MD, Chief Medical Officer at McLaren Northern Michigan

McLaren Northern Michigan has taken multiple steps to ensure that all patients are safe. In addition to following the governor's mandated orders for screening and visitation, McLaren



McLaren Northern Michigan is reminding individuals to continue to seek care for medical emergencies. Courtesy photo

Northern Michigan triages patients upon arrival at the emergency department.

There are designated respiratory recovery areas in both the Emergency Department and in the hospital to keep you safe.

The hospital's in house

The hospital's in-house

lab is now capable of completing rapid COVID-19 testing for inpatients. "The fact that we can quickly assess whether a patient has COVID-19 or not is a game changer," said Karen Denbesten, MD, Medical Director of Infection Preven-

tion at McLaren Northern Michigan. "We can immediately isolate patients and ensure that our staff and other patients are effectively protected from transmission. We were already doing this by treating any patient with respiratory symptoms as if they had COVID-19, but now we have more assurance due to our testing capability."

While COVID is a public health emergency; heart attacks, strokes, and sepsis are far more deadly. If you are experiencing signs or symptoms of heart attack, stroke, or sepsis, seek medical attention immediately.

"We have created a safe environment here," expressed Dr. Denbesten. "We have implemented plans to safely provide care and treatment for all patients. Please don't put off your urgent medical needs and put your life at risk."

Health Department May 5 COVID-19 update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has been working diligently to meet the information and data requests of our residents. Today, we will begin reporting a few additional pieces of data on our COVID-19 Data Dashboard, including total number of recovered cases across our jurisdiction and by county, as well as two new map visualizations to display total number of confirmed and probable cases by zip code and by county.

Dr. Josh Meyerson, Health Department of Northwest Michigan Medical Director, shares, "information about recoveries from COVID-19 has been highly requested by residents. We are excited to be at a place where we can share recovered case counts and respond to these information requests. The number of recoveries across our four counties is evidence that staying home, and social distancing efforts are working to reduce the

spread of COVID-19, while ensuring our health care systems have the capacity to help residents safely recover."

Consistent with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), our health department is reporting recovered cases as the number of persons with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis who are alive 30 days post-onset of symptoms (or referral date if onset is not available). If an individual dies from a COVID-related cause more than 30 days from onset-date, they are removed from the number of persons recovered. Our health department team is reviewing vital records statistics to identify recovered

cases.
Confirmed and probable cases were previously reported on the dashboard in

a table by zip code.
We are now reporting confirmed and probable cases by zip code and county using two map visualizations to show the prevalence of COVID-19. Darker represent more cases

colors represent more cases for zip code and county COVID-19 data.

As of 4pm on May 5, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim - 10, Charlevoix - 13, Emmet - 21, Otsego - 94; confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix -1, Emmet -2, Otsego -8; and recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 8, Charlevoix - 11, Emmet - 19, Otsego -42. The State of Michigan has reported 44,397 cases and 4,179 deaths.

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.

Governor Whitmer Extends Executive Order limiting places of public accommodation

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-69 which extends her previous order that temporarily closes certain places of public accommodation such as theaters, bars, casinos, and more. In order to maintain social distancing the order also limits restaurants to carry-out and delivery orders.

"Although we are beginning to see the curve flatten, we are not out of the woods yet. We must all continue to be diligent, observe social distancing and limit in-person interactions and services to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Governor Whitmer. "Michigan now has more than 40,000 cases of COVID-19. The virus has killed more Michiganders than we lost during the Vietnam war. Extending this order is vital to the health and safety of every Michigander. If we work together and do our part, we can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and save lives."

This order does not restrict a place of business from offering food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drivethrough service, or drive-up service. Places of public accommodation are encouraged to offer food and beverage service in one or more of those ways and use precautions to mitigate potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing and wearing as face covering. Restaurants may allow five people inside at a time to pick up orders, so long as they stay six feet apart from each other.

six feet apart from each other.

These restrictions do not apply to the following locations: office buildings, grocery stores, markets, food pantries, pharmacies, drug stores, and providers of medical equipment and supplies, health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities, warehouse and distribution centers, and industrial and manufacturing facilities.

Executive Order 2020-69 is effective immediately and extends until May 28. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

News Briefs

BOYNE CITY

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER'S ANNUAL GATHERING

May 7. In light of the majority of feedback received from our area's Christian churches' Leaders combined with our Governor Whitmer's extension through May 15 of the Stay Home/Stay Safe/Save Lives Executive Order, our local, greater Boyne City area's involvement in this year's National, annual event will be virtual. You are very welcome to be involved (and encourage your family, friends, etc. to be involved also) in the National Observance Live Broadcast, Thursday, May 7, 8:00-10:00 pm EST by using one of the following options: www.nationaldayofprayer.org, God TV, Facebook Live, Daystar, Moody Radio, or Bott Radio. For information, see more www.nationaldayofprayer.org

EAST JORDAN

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

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

BOYNE CITY

YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS

May through May 29. This service occurs each Monday and Friday and will continue for four (4) weeks through Friday, May 29. After these dates, Boyne City property owners will be responsible for bringing their leaves to the North Boyne Compost Site on Robinson Street, or mulching the their on property.Please place your bagged leaves at the curbside in clearly marked biodegradable paper yard waste bags. Do not place brush or other yard waste at the curbside. Boyne City property owners may bring their brush to the North Boyne Compost Site. If you feel your pick-up was missed during this service period, please contact the Boyne City City Hall at 582-6579.

BOYNE CITY

SPRING RUBBISH COLLECTION

May 23. This year there will be only one collection day in the Spring, not three as in past years.

For more information on this release, please contact Tim Faas, Boyne City Director of Public Works at 582EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING. MAY 5, 2020

East Jordan adopts budget

BY KAREN WALKER

At their regular meeting held last Tuesday via Zoom, the East Jordan City Commission adopted the City budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2020. City Administrator Tom Cannon commented that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the City will be watching their revenues and expenses very closely. Cannon feels the focus should be on monitoring finances monthly to see how things are coming. He explained the City will see the biggest impact on money from State revenue sharing as well as

Act 51 gas tax money. Cannon noted the City will "tighten the belt" wherever possible. The property tax rate of 17.7953 mills will remain unchanged from last year.

In other business, Commissioners authorized the City Treasurer to accept partial payments of property taxes and special assessments for the 2020 tax year. Property owners will still need to pay any interest and penalties associated with the past due amounts.

Additionally, Commissioners introduced an ordinance to amend the City Zoning Code that regulates duplex dwellings in an effort to provide for relatively small and less expensive types of housing, as well as a broader range of housing choices. Zoning Administrator for the City, Jonathan Scheel informed the Commission that he is working on other amendments and potential rezonings for the City.

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and will again be held virtually via Zoom whereby social distance is maintained, but the public can still participate.

Munson

The class is taught by Lisa

Hepner is a licensed physi-

cal therapist assistant with

every Wednesday from 8am-

11am. Health screens in-

clude: Total Cholesterol,

HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glu-

cose Level, Body Mass Index

Score, Muscle and Fat Per-

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are fasting and LDL and

Triglyceride reading can

also be obtained. Cost for the

service is \$15. Hemoglobin

A1C Levels can also be done

for known or borderline dia-

betics for an additional \$10.

Participants will receive all

test results at the time of the

screening and a "Know Your

Numbers" log to track

progress. A Registered

Nurse will adapt health con-

sultation and educational

materials to individual re-

sults. Walk-ins only, no ap-

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 infor-

mation or email chx-well-

ness@mhc.net to have our

calendar emailed to you

Full Body Toning Exer-

pointment required.

Wellness Wednesday,

Charlevoix Hospital.

Healthcare

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 vou 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) 347-0067.

BOYNE CITY

PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.

- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week

- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session

- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

ELLSWORTH

ANNUAL PIG ROAST CANCELLED

It is with much regret that the Pig Roast Committee has chosen to cancel the 2020 Pig Roast due to Covid 19. Plans are underway celebrate the 40th anniversary on June 18th and 19th, 2021.

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.

BOYNE CITY

STROLL THE STREETS

Boyne City Main Street's 17th Annual Stroll the Streets event series will postpone its start date until July 17 this year, due to concerns for the health and safety of the community. Stroll the Streets takes place each Frievening mid-June through Labor Day weekend from 6-9 p.m. in downtown Boyne City. Stroll the Streets is a one of Boyne City Main Street's signature events. Each Friday evening, local bands, of all musical varieties, are placed on the sidewalks throughout downtown for folks to enjoy while they shop, eat, stroll and enjoy beautiful Northern Michisummer Safety guidelines and group gathering protocols will be carefully monitored as July draws closer.

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

EAST JORDAN

WIFI LOCATIONS

In an effort to help our local students that need to access the internet for their school lessons, we are starting a list of places where wifi is available for them to use from outside. If you are a business owner and have wifi that is accessible from your parking lot and you are willing to let students use it please let us know. info@ejchamber.org

Wifi Locations: East Jordan DDA - First two blocks of Main Street, Downtown East Jordan - Harbor/Marina Parking Lot, City of East Jordan - East Jordan Tourist Park near the log building, EJ Laundry Station - 128 S. Lake Street, Jordan River Arts Council - Outside - username: jracguest, password: jracguest, East Jordan Public Schools - High School & Elementary School parking lots, JRAC To fulfill a request from the East Jordan Schools the Jordan River Art Center has made it's patio a free WI-FI hotspot. Anyone can sit on the patio and access the internet. The username is: jracguest and the password is: jracguest. Feel free to sit there and enjoy spring.

CHARLEVOIX

CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Experience Charlevoix Elementary. If your child turns 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2020, call (231) 547-3215 or email cesinfo@rayder.net with the following information: student name, date of birth, parent(s) name, mailing address, phone number, previous preschool attended. You will be contacted with further information. To view the full flyer visit www.rayder.net

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.

EAST JORDAN

OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

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

BOYNE CITY

KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 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 blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed.

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The

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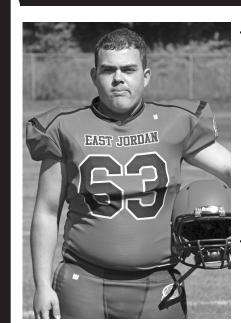
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VARSITY FOOTBALL

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 - 2019-20

PARENTS: Bart and Lynn Adams

ATHLETE PROFILE



Nick Aown

BASEBALL

Highlights: Pitching in the district Championship my freshman year, hitting a Home Run in the regional semis my sophomore year, going to regional finals my junior year.

Stats from last year:

.328 Avg. 1 HR, 61 IP, 1.07 ERA, 94 K's, 10 wins, 2 Losses

GPA: 4.063 SAT: 1540 ACT: 35

Coach's Comment - "Nick is a natural leader on the field. He is always looking to get better and put in the extra work to get it done. Dominant force on the mound and behind the plate."

Profile



Kara Feury

SPORTS:

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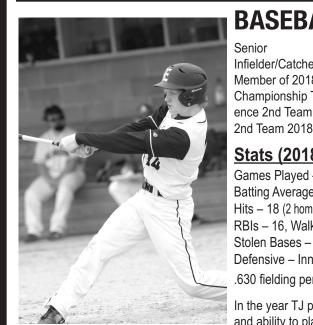
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TRACK FIELD

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Kathleen Bowden

HTHLETE PROFILE



T.J. Schultz

BASEBALL

Senior Infielder/Catcher Member of 2018 Northern Lakes Conference Championship Team; Northern Lake All Conference 2nd Team 2018, Antrim County All Area

Stats (2018)

Games Played - 19 Batting Average - .486 Hits – 18 (2 home runs, 1 triple, 4 doubles, 11 singles) RBIs - 16, Walks -14, Strikes Outs - 9 Stolen Bases – 3, Runs scored – 25 Defensive - Innings 77, .630 fielding percentage

In the year TJ played, his competitive nature and ability to play any position was a great asset and contributing factor in helping his team win a conference title. His strength and determination contributed to making him a very successful catcher and also helped at the plate where he always hit with power.

2020 Boys Soccer Division Classifications

The Michigan High School Athletic Association released its 2020 boys soccer division classifications.

Below is a listing of area boys soccer programs and their corresponding divisions.

Division 1 (1,171 or above)

Traverse City Central, 1,432 Traverse City West, 1,602

Division 2 (650-1,170)

Cadillac, 799 Gaylord, 913 Petoskey, 950

Division 3 (342-649)

Boyne City, 432 Cheboygan, 594 Elk Rapids, 384 Grayling, 431 Harbor Springs, 277 (opted up) Kalkaska, 586 Ogemaw Heights, 594

Division 4 (342 or below)

Beaver Island, 15 Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian, 115 Charlevoix, 280 Houghton Lake, 328 Roscommon, 288

Camp Daggett cancels Summer 2020 Camping Sessions

The Board of Trustees of Camp Daggett made the difficult decision to cancel all summer 2020 camping sessions at their board meeting on April 28. The board considered the situation currently facing Michigan, the United States and the world, that camp would be unable to serve their mission this summer to the standards that our camping families have come to expect. "It is with camper, staff,

and community safety in

mind that the Camp Daggett Board of Trustees has decided to cancel all summer 2020 camping sessions,' states Justin Weisler, chair of the Board of Trustees. "Please know that this decision was not arrived at lightly, the entire staff and board feel that current guidance on social distancing, mass gatherings, and personal protective equipment would not allow us to deliver high quality programming for this summer," Weisler

continues.

The Board of Trustees has established a full refund policy during these difficult times. All camping families have been notified by either email, phone call or mail. All have been given the option of a full refund, or moving their deposit to secure a 2021 camping registration. Camp will be in contact with all camping families to determine their wishes and refunds will be made quickly.

If you need additional in-

formation, a Frequently Asked Questions page will be maintained and updated on the website www.campdaggett.org.

In additional news, the search for a new executive director has been suspended for the moment. As soon as the Board has deemed the current environment stabilized and safer, a new calendar for Executive Director hiring should be established including interview schedule, procedures, job offer

and anticipated starting

The golf outing, scheduled for Thursday, June 4 has also been cancelled and will not be rescheduled in 2020. The outing will be scheduled for Thursday June 10, 2021 at the Walloon Lake Country

Any questions about camp can be directed to Nathan Fleshman, summer camp director, at Nathan.fleshman@campdaggett.org.

DNR allows open burning with permits

Just over a month since it suspended open burning across the state in response to COVID-19

concerns, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced that it will begin issuing burn

permits starting today. 'We're going to issue burn permits based on local fire risk and weather

conditions, just as we have always done," said Dan Laux, fire section supervisor for the DNR's Forest Resources Division. "We

expect people to practice social distancing and use good sense to prevent the possible transmission of

COVID-19 virus."

Laux said that firefight-

ers, now with a month of

experience during the COVID-19 emergency, have

better protocols in place to slow the spread of the

The DNR issues burn permits online at Michigan.gov/BurnPermit if

weather and fire danger conditions are favorable. In most of the southern Lower Peninsula, burn permits are issued by local

departments and local government offices. Make sure to check local regula-

tions before you burn. Open burning of yard debris and brush were suspended March 26 to make firefighters available for emergencies related to

COVID-19 and to protect

more favorable fuel condi-

first responders. With

occurring as Michigan moves toward the "greenup" of vegetation where plants and trees are leafing out

and filled with sap, fire potential can now be regulated based on local fire danger ratings. These ratings

are based on weather conditions, including anticipated wind and rain.

Year after year, burning yard debris is the top cause of wildfires in Michigan. People who

want to burn are still expected to check in at Michigan.gov/BurnPermit to make sure fires are al-

lowed on the day they want to burn.



"Bobcat tracks in the snow. Tell me, Mister Bobcat, where is it that you go?"

~Old Crow Medicine Show

Michigan's Amazing Animals

Beautiful Bobcats

BY PATRICK W. C. BEVIER

The smallest wild cats in the Mitten State are enigmatic and elusive animals. Here are some amazingly awesome attributes of those beautiful, bob-tailed bandits, the bobcats:

The Name Game: The bobcats scientific name is Lynx rufus. The genus Lynx originates from an Indo-European term meaning "light" and was bestowed on bobcats and other members of the lynx family because of their reflective, luminescent eyes. The Latin rufus means red and refers to the cat's reddish-brown fur. They were first described by German naturalist, Johann Schreber, in 1777. The origin of the common name is undoubtedly the cat's stubby, bobbed tail. Other monikers around the U.S. include red lynx, bay lynx, bobtailed cat, and wildcat.

Sizing Them Up: Of the three wild cat species found in Michigan - the others being cougars and Canadian lynx - bobcats are by far the most common. They're also more diminutive, and on average are about twice the size of a house cat. Adult Lynx rufus range from 30-50 inches long, with 6-inch bobbed tails, and tip the scales at up to 30 pounds. Males are larger than their female counterparts by an average of 10 pounds.

Eclectic Eaters: Where a northern bobcat population lives - in Michigan or further north in Canada - dictates what their main food source will be. Cottontail



Bobcats, like this beautiful male, are rarely seen during the daylight in Michigan. They are the Mitten State's most common feline species. Photo © Anne-Marie Mee.

raphits or snowshoe hares are the main cuisine in cats found in the Mitten State, or in the land of Tim Horton's and hockey, respectively. Other food items bobcats devour include birds, small rodents, squirrels, and insects. In true David versus Goliath

proportions these cats are also extremely adept at killing white-tailed deer. Although they generally hunt fawns, a single bobcat has been known to take down a deer weighing 200 pounds!

Population Parameters:. According to MDNR wildlife biologist, Adam Bump, accurately estimating bobcat numbers in Michigan is a difficult task. He did say that furbearer statistics suggest the number of these cats is stable and added that, "One thing most Michiganders don't realize is that bobcats are found in every county of our state!" Indeed, the bobcat is classified as a Least Concern animal on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) scale.

Fabulous Feets: Amazingly, bobcats have been observed to jump as high as 12-feet. In a Superman comparison, if an adult male human had that capability, he'd be able to launch himself to the top of a 6-story building in a single bound! Bobcats can also motor at up to 35 miles per hour. That's needed acceleration when you're in the business of running down rabbits.

Mating Matters: In Michigan, bobcats breed from winter into spring, with most of the mating taking place in February and March. Litter size ranges from one to six with two to four being most common. The gestation period is 60 days. The female raises the kittens alone which are blind at birth and each weigh only as much as a can of beer. The young, sometimes called bobkittens, wean at about two months. They grow quickly and are able to hunt on their own by autumn and in most

cases disperse soon after. In Michigan, however, the bobkittens have been known to hang with their protective mother until the next spring.

Plenty of Pads: Bobcats have one main den in their territory and prefer that to be a cave or deep crevice under a rock. This is their "natal den" which they fill with dead plants for bedding in preparation for the birth of the young. Several additional abodes are constructed and are spread out through the territory and may include hollow logs, rock formations, and clumped bushes. For females, the extra shelters are especially helpful. To throw predators off the little ones' scent, mother bobcats move their bob-kittens from one den to the next on a regular basis.

Predation on the young is common with those wily coyotes being the biggest culprits. Cannibalism also occurs when wandering adult bobcats, usually males, prey on the helpless infants. Fully-grown bobcats have few natural predators. However, cougars are known to kill bobcats that tread on their territory.

Tuff and Ruff Relatives: While bobcats are members of the lynx family, that common name is more generally associated with the Canadian lynx. On the surface, these two felines look somewhat alike as both are midsized cats with stumpy tails and hairy tuffs at the tips of their pointed ears. A distinctive feature of both species is a fluffy "ruff" of fur that protrudes from either side of the face. Differences between the two include the Canadian lynx being slightly

bigger with longer limbs,

larger feet, and longer ear tuffs. Another distinct discrepancy is that bobcats have short, reddish-brown coats with well-defined spots while lynx are grayer, shaggier, and have faded spots. Their posteriors also differ as the bobcat displays black bands on its tail whereas a lynx's tail sports only a solid, black tip. Because they're found further north, Canadian lynx have enlarged paws that act like snowshoes, enabling them to hunt more stealthily in the

Happy Hybrids: Bobcats and lynx are genetically very similar. Over the past several years a handful of confirmed hybrids have turned up in the northern U.S. The result is an animal with the bobcat's general build, a combination of colors from both species, and the larger ear tuffs of a lynx. Using the now popular portmanteaux names bestowed on hybrid animals it's dubbed a blynx!

Crepuscular Creatures: Known as the, "cats of the shadows" bobcats are rarely seen during daylight and are much more active at dawn and dusk. In ecological terms animals who favor these low-light conditions are called crepuscular. Bobcats usually wake up three hours before sunset and then go back to sleep around midnight; they rise again roughly an hour before dawn. In the early morning, the felines return to their slumber. When food gets scarcer in our cold northern winters, however, bobcats tend to change their schedules and spend more time tracking down prey in broad daylight. They're persistent in this quest and have been known to travel as far as eight miles while hunting.

Nine Lives? Afraid Not: Life in Northern Michigan forests can be hard as the average bobcat only survives to be six or seven years old. Specimens reaching 12 years in the wild are documented as are cats surviving to a quarter century in captivity.

Ranging Rascals: Graceful and stealthy, bobcats are extraordinary hunters who can survive in many habitats. In Michigan the bobcat is an adaptable predator that inhabits wooded areas, forest edges, and swampland environments. Like most cats, they're largely solitary and territorial. Territory sizes vary greatly from 1 to 20 square-miles in size with boundaries that the cats mark with deposits of urine and feces. Males rule over the largest home ranges while the fiercest territorial battles occur between adjacent females.

Climbing Characters: Bobcats will often scurry for the safety of a nearby tree if threatened by a larger animal. These frisky felines have also been known to pounce onto unwary prey from overhanging tree limbs.

Caching Cats: Bobcats can't always consume their victims in one meal. In these cases, they'll bury portions and will return periodically to dig up their leftovers. This behavior is known as "caching," Unfortunately, burying a corpse won't assure that it won't be discovered by other carnivores. Crows, eagles, coyotes, bears, and cougars will gladly raid a bobcat's stash if the opportunity arises!

Feisty Felines: In captivity bobcats tend to be much more aggressive than the larger lynx. In fact, some zookeepers call them the "spitfires of the animal kingdom!" None of our Michigan zoos currently house bobcats. Our buckeyeloving friends to the south, however, feature these felines at the Columbus and Cincinnati zoos.

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