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Governor reopens retail, restaurants, and offices in northern MI counties and the U.P.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-92, allowing for the re-opening, in two regions, of retail businesses, office work that cannot be done remotely, and restaurants and bars with limited seating. The two regions are both in

the northern part of the state—specifically, MERC regions 6 and 8, as detailed in the governor's MI Safe Start Plan to re-engage Michigan's economy. The partial reopening will take effect on Friday, May 22. Cities, villages, and town-

ships may choose to take a more cautious course if they wish: the order does not abridge their authority to restrict the operations of restaurants or bars, including limiting such establishments to outdoor seating. "This is a big step, but we

must all remember to continue doing our part to protect ourselves and our families from the spread of COVID-19," said Governor Whitmer. "It's crucial that all businesses do everything in their power to protect their workers, customers, and

their families. And as we approach Memorial Day weekend, I encourage everyone to be smart and be safe. My team and I will continue to work around the clock to protect the people of Michigan. See **Reopen** - Page 5A



HONORING AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

BY JIM AKANS
2020 has certainly been a challenging year. For those graduating from high school it has been without the "pomp and circumstance" typical of a senior year. Senior proms, graduation

ceremonies and celebrations...even senior skip day have all been missing this year, or pursued by creative alternatives. The class of 2020, however, can take pride and celebrate their uniqueness, as they become the anchor of a new genera-

tion in our society and world. This year, we are expanding our annual Valedictorian/Salutatorian editions of the Charlevoix County News to include the names of all of the graduating seniors in our readership area.

Due to the shut down we may not have been able to make contact with your school. This will be a two-part article, so if you do not see your school in this week's edition please check back next week.

Congratulations to the class of 2020!

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Jacob Alger, Kayleigh Alger, Keagan Anderson, Nicholas Aown, Emma Ayers, Ethan Barkley, Miles Bates, Josee Behling, Emily Bergman, Matilde Betti, Carter Binkley, Joad Blaauw-Hara, Nicholas Bollman, Laurel Book, Jaden Booze, Tyler Bouters, Erin Brodie, Brady Butka, Jillian Cain, Peter Calcaterra, Haley Carlson, Anastasia Carpenter, Saylor Caverly, Endi Cecci, Chelsey Coleman, Monica Cook, Zachary Davison, Sydney Dickinson, Christopher Downey, Gregory Dyer, Sara Evans, Brooklyn Fitzpatrick, Leona Follette, Ellie Fortune, Katelyn Gabos, Mackenzie Gray, Timothy Gutscher, Devon Hayden, Isabella Helsey, Sophia Hemming, Brittany Hocquard, Megan Hope, Nathaniel Howard, Jordan Hutterer, Claire Ivie, Chandler Jackson, Anna Johnson, Trevor Jones, Cameron Knight, Olivia Knitter, Zoe Koch, Kielar Kuhs, Connor Lannen, Gabriel Leist, Krystal March, Jazmine Matleski, Reagan May, Taryn Ann McBee, Chloe McBee, Heather McClure, Mollie McHugh, Ryan McKenzie, Harry Moody, Gabrielle Musser, Tacoray Newman, Phong Nguyen, Stephen Organ, Emma Payton, Reiley Peplinski, Caden Rajkovich, Daniella Reed, Tearsa Ritch, Neels Ronnau, Esmond Santiago, Annabelle Seelye, Ashlynn Segraves, Dicie Siska, Erin Smith, Blair Smith, Adison South, Avery Stadt, Jakob Steinhoff, Lauren Stokes, Tia Sulak, Olivia Toorman, Alexis Toorman, Elizabeth Turnbull, Jenna Urman, Max Vondra, Raeanna Watkins, Dominik Weaver-Weidlich, Adam Weiss, Marlena Wermuth, Ivey Whisker, Lucas Whittet, Jack Wicker, Rylie Woodall, Lauren Yang and Logan Zipp.

BOYNE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Erienne Goodrich, Valedictorian, Jordin Gellis, Salutatorian, Morriah Clark-Connin, Kevin DeNise, Ryleigh Richardson, Nicoma Sayles and Alicia Whennen.

CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL

Eric Agami, Grace Balasz, Aria Blackford, Kian Bondie, Sean Bradley, Emma Buday, Makayla Clees, Caeden Collins, Jake Conway, Abigail Cunningham, Jason Dong, Krista Dorst, Margaret Drost, Giovanni Ferucci, Maxy Fuchs, Ella Gaffney, Emily Habel, Helen Hanchin, Abigail Hilligan, Anthony Illenden, Chloe Jenson, Alexander Kwapisz, Gavriel LaCroix, Emma Lemerand, Benjamin Lentz, Robin Lynskey, Caitrin Martin, Alexander Matter, Logan McArthur, Ariell McClellan, Olivia McLenon, Corinne Meicher, Seth Migda, Addie, Nagel, Tyler Ostrum, Mary Outrequin-Palmer, Isaac Pacetti, Abigail Paramo, Emmaline Peterson, Elisabeth Petrosky, Charles Pop, Lindsey Pop, Hayden Prevo, Lily Prevo, Wyatt Putman, Tyler Quast, Alan Ritter, Seth Roeth, Riley Russell, Joseph Scaffidi, Megan Scholten, Catherine Seger, Michael Serour III, Riley Smith, Blaise Snabes, Jacov Snyder, Cheyenne Sprague, Grayce Sprecksell, Chase Stieglitz, Elise Stuck, Lucas Stuck, Raymond Swidorski, Chasyn Vrondran, Micayle Vrondran, Emma Wachler, Kirsten Wagner, Owen Wilkinson, Cole Wright, Aidan Zahner and Taylor Zoemer.

City Council modify parking spaces downtown to allow more pedestrian walkway

BY KAREN WALKER
Starting this Friday, May 22nd, Parking along portions of Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix will be converted to pedestrian space in an effort to give shoppers and diners more room to socially distance. At last Monday's regular Charlevoix City Council meeting, Council members agreed to temporarily modify parking areas along the street, allowing pedestrians to use some of the parking areas as expanded walkways. The temporary ordinance bans parking in front of businesses along the west side of Bridge Street from the bascule bridge to Antrim Street, and along the east side of Bridge Street from Park Street to Antrim Street during weekends from Friday morning until Monday morning, as well as Memorial Day. Most parking spaces will be converted to pedestrian use, allowing for outdoor dining, shopping, and walking with more room for social distancing. Starting the last weekend in June, the changes will be effective seven days a week. Businesses in the designated area will be allowed to display merchandise within the first five feet of the sidewalk in front of their stores. City Council directed City staff to designate strategic locations for businesses to provide curbside pickup service. In his presentation to Council members, Mayor Luther Kurtz explained this approach would allow traffic to flow normally with some parking but would also create expanded pedestrian areas. Kurtz said "hopefully, we'll see folks want to enjoy some semblance of normal again soon but this will likely include a greater use of outdoor dining where patrons can more easily be spaced. Additionally, we should think of how to give pedestrians more space to socially distance as they walk down the sidewalks". Council members agreed the directive should remain flexible as the summer shopping season unfolds.

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Senate approves funding to ensure safety of front-line workers, assist families during COVID-19

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Senate on Wednesday approved \$524 million in available COVID-19 federal funds to help families in need of financial assistance, deliver much-needed supplies to front-line workers and support critical state infrastructure.

“Front-line workers have stood tall in the face of this pandemic and taken on extreme burdens to save lives and ensure we have what we need to take care of our families,” said Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City. “Michigan has received \$3

billion from the federal government and my colleagues and I are looking at ways to provide additional support to those in need.”

Senate Bill 690 would provide \$100 million in support pay for first responders such as police officers, firefighters and EMS workers, \$50 million for additional testing supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) for front-line workers in hospitals and other settings, \$125 million to reduce child care costs for essential workers, and \$178 million to increase pay by \$3 an hour for direct

care workers, including those who provide care for seniors in nursing homes, disabled individuals and individuals with mental illnesses.

The legislation includes language to provide \$11 million to immediately hire an additional 300 temporary workers to the Unemployment Insurance Agency, \$12 million for agriculture processors for testing, facility needs and PPE supplies, \$30 million for at-home learning and assessment support for schools, \$15 million for summer schools and \$2.5 million in assistance to hospitality

workers who may not be eligible for unemployment benefits.

“Michigan workers who have remained on the job deserve all of the resources they need. They have given so much for us and they should be afforded the proper equipment to keep themselves safe and decrease the risk of bringing anything home to their families,” Schmidt said. “At the same time, those who have been forced out of a job because of a government mandate deserve every dollar that was promised to them.

“Some families are going on seven-plus weeks now without even hearing back from the state’s unemployment agency — we should certainly be doing better than that. Hiring additional temporary employees to help facilitate claims will help clear the backlog and ensure people get the money that’s owed to them.”

Schmidt said this funding will be especially helpful in his district, which heavily relies on the hospitality industry — one of the industries hardest hit by the governor’s stay-home orders.

“Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula receive a tremendous economic boost from folks heading north to enjoy Michigan’s beautiful natural resources,” Schmidt said. “I know many businesses in my district have been incredibly hurt by this outbreak, and we want to try to provide as much relief to people as we can.”

SB 690 now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.

ON-LINE AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

During this time of sheltering at home, many churches are broadcasting their service on-line.

Following is list of area churches that are broadcasting 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/EpiscopalBoyne

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Here is a link to our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCNWU82TtGL9GOp-PjhLAXy5A
and Here is a link to our website sermons section: www.clcboyne.org/sermons

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The pastor sends out a link weekly to anyone that would like to be included, we meet on ZOOM. Send me an email to bcsda228@gmail.com to receive the weekly link.

CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Watch our live stream on-line at http://bbcmistry.com/

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

EAST JORDAN 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

LIGHTHOUSE MISSIONARY CHURCH

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https://www.facebook.com/EJlighthousemc/
https://www.lighthousemc.org/

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The history of “Taps”

BY JIM AKANS

This Memorial Day, services traditionally held across the Nation have been cancelled or are taking a more limited form due to Covid-19 restrictions. In past years, and for those limited or virtual Memorial Day ceremonies this year, the nearly always conclude with a lone bugle sounding the heartfelt refrains of Taps. It is a melody that is all too familiar, and continues to comfort and remind us all of the sacrifices so many have made to ensure our American freedoms.

While there are several stories that have passed through the generations regarding the origin of this national musical treasure, it is generally agreed that the songs humble beginnings can be traced to the Civil War.

Some claim the call was created when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe responded to the moans of a dying soldier near Harrison’s Landing in Virginia. Ellicombe discovered the mortally wounded soul was his son, who had enlisted in the Confederate Army, and the grieving father was granted a request to have a lone bugler play a medley that was discovered in the departed soldier’s pocket.

While this eloquently captures the timeframe, location and sentiment of the song’s origin, the most accepted birth of the time-honored Taps melody is attributed to the Peninsular Campaign of 1862.

Union Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield was dissatisfied with the traditional military bugle call for “Extinguish Lights” at the end of the day. With the assistance of the brigade’s bugler, Oliver Willcox Norton, Taps was composed (or perhaps revised from an earlier bugle call) to honor the men in camp at Harrison’s Landing, Virginia, following the Seven Day’s battle. Though Norton was a Union Army bugler, the mesmerizing call not only spread to other Union Army units, it was soon being used by Confederates



Bugler Jari Villanueva sounds Taps at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery.

as well.

The name Taps was most likely borrowed from a drummer’s beat. During the Civil War, after the Extinguish Lights bugle call, three single drum strokes were sounded. This was commonly referred to as “Drum Taps,” (usually shortened to “Taps” by the soldiers). When the new bugle call was created to replace the former, it continued to be referred to as “Taps.”

While there are no official words to Taps, the most popular verses are;

Day is done, gone the sun.
From the hills, from the lake,
From the sky,
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.

Fades the light, and afar
Goeth day, and the stars,
shineth bright
Fare thee well, day is gone
Night is on

Thanks and praise, for our days
‘neath the sun, ‘neath the stars,
‘neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh



Union Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, May 4, 2020

- 1059 Illegal dumping complaint in the 500 block of Front St
- 1157 H&R traffic crash at Michigan Av and BC-Charlevoix Rd. Driver located and citation issued for operating without license.
- 1912 Road hazard at Boyne Ave. and Division St.
- 2153 Motorist assist at Water St. and S. Park St.
- 2300 Assist EMS in the 400 block of Boyne Ave.
- 2305 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Horton Bay.

TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020

- 0212 Suspicious situation in

- the 100 block of Water St.
- 1438 Assist motorist at Second St and Front St.
- 1651 Towed vehicle for No Insurance and confiscated the improper plate at Vogel St. and N. Lake St.
- 2234 Report of a missing child from the 300 block of N Park St.
- 2247 Health and safety complaint at E. Main St. and Boyne Ave.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

- 0013 Suspicious subject reported at Fall Park Rd. and Boyne Ave.
- 0950 Welfare check requested in the 300 block of E Di-

- vision St.
- 1600 Assist Fire Dept. with birthday parade out on Pleasant Valley
- 1815 Parade at Boyne City Schools
- 2140 Assisted Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls.

Thursday, May 7, 2020

- 1024 Found wallet. Owner contacted.
- 1304 Report of new phishing scam from the 400 block of W Michigan. Subject claiming to be from Amazon called to “confirm” \$700. purchase.
- 1335 Report of kids playing at the wooden playground. Gone on arrival.

- 1529 Health & safety complaint from the 1100 block of Boyne Av
- 1555 Report of vehicles flying down Vogel St.

Friday, May 8, 2020

- 1343 911 hang up call in the 100 block of Water St.
- 1440 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1501 Report of vehicles speeding on Vogel St.
- 1528 Parking complaint in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1558 Found wallet in the 200 block of Water St. Was returned to owner.
- 1614 Driving complaint coming in to town on 75 N from

- South Shore Dr.
- 1635 Driving complaint coming in to town on 75 N from South Shore Dr.

Saturday, May 9, 2020

- 0848 Alarm in the 500 block of N. Lake St.
- 1058 Birthday parade on Franklin St.
- 1457 Birthday parade on W. Morgan St.
- 1620 Citation issued for Speed at S. Lake St. and Morgan St.
- 1633 Report of subject in the road at Boyne City Rd. and W. Court St.
- 1831 Assist Animal control on N Addis.
- 1854 Request for welfare

- check on LacVue Dr.
- 2001 Suspicious situation in the 700 block of Wenonah.
- 2001 Assist Fire Dept. and Sheriff Dept. on Cedar Crest Bay Dr.
- 2155 Harassment complaint reported at Avalanche.
- 2234 OUID traffic stop at lake and Ann St.

SUNDAY MAY 10, 2020

- 1010 Civil complaint in the 300 block of E Division St. Subject arrested for probation violation.
- 1200 Found tube bladder along the shoreline of Sunset Park.

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COLLECTING MICHIGAN'S CORONAVIRUS STORY

BY CASEY WARNER
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Face masks and hand sanitizer. College campuses and schools empty of students. Store shelves empty of toilet paper and disinfectant. Seeing coworkers, friends and family only on a computer screen. No sporting events, concerts or proms.

These are just a few of the ways life in Michigan, and around the country, has changed with the advent of the coronavirus.

It's an extraordinary, unprecedented time in our state's history, but not the first time Michigan has faced a major pandemic.

In October 1918, a deadly

strain of influenza circulating around the United States and Europe arrived in Michigan. The disease killed many more Americans than those who died in World War I.

That influenza was sometimes referred to as the "Spanish flu," but that's a misnomer according to Jillian Reese, curator with the Michigan History Museum.

In an article in Chronicle magazine, published by the Historical Society of Michigan, the late Richard Adler (a longtime professor of biology and microbiology at the University of Michigan-Dearborn) explained the origins of the inaccurate name:

"Because of censorship associated with the Great War in Europe, the extent of influenza among both the Cen-

tral Powers as well as the Allies was rarely reported. Spain, being neutral in the conflict, was not subjected to the same degree of restriction, which resulted in the illness, known as the 'grippe,' often being referred to as the Spanish Flu. ... The Spanish blamed the French as the source. In reality, though, the disease likely originated at Camp Funston, Kansas, which is now Fort Riley."

Reflecting on what happened in the state during that pandemic a century ago to gain perspective on the state's current situation, Michigan History Center staff members found accounts of how state and local government officials responded to the outbreak.

"Looking back into history helps us understand how to handle today's public health emergency," Reese said.

LAGGING RESPONSE

She explained that, when military personnel in Detroit, Bay City and at Camp Custer started getting sick, containment efforts were sluggish. People insisted that the flu had been around forever and had high recovery rates.

Michigan's Gov. Albert Sleeper issued an order banning large congregations of people weeks after Michigan's first flu deaths.

Counties and cities had to individually request further closures from the governor. Many officials waited to make these requests until the area's hospitals were overrun and the flu had been circulating for months.

Some communities underreported infection numbers to keep businesses open. Some people protested that these restrictions were too harsh.

More than 15,000 people died of either influenza or pneumonia in Michigan between October 1918 and April 1919 – the equivalent of 50,000 people in today's population. Michigan had 554 influenza deaths in 1917. In 1918, 6,336 died of influenza between October and December alone.

Some places in Michigan, such as Oscoda, Roscommon and Kalamazoo counties, saw more than a 90% increase in deaths from 1917 to 1918, and most counties saw a 20%-50% increase in deaths.

"Lax containment practices made Michigan's influenza pandemic worse," Reese said, explaining that hospital workers continued to go to theaters and dance halls and families with sick members welcomed guests to their homes. The state saw spikes in infection after large community gatherings, including WWI victory parades and Thanksgiving parades in November 1918.

In all, Michigan had four influenza outbreaks. The last large community outbreak occurred in 1920, more than two years after the initial introduction of the disease.

SCANT RECORD

Researching the 1918 pandemic, Michigan History Center staff members found little information in the Archives of Michigan revealing details about the flu's impact on Michiganders' lives. They don't want that to be



Megan H. submitted this photo of her son getting a medical exam and explained, "Being a mom is always hard. Being a mom during a pandemic is a whole new ballgame. ... It was my job to handle the situation in a way that didn't create unnecessary fear or worry in him while also teaching him how important it is to be careful right now. It is my job to teach him how to cope during the unimaginable." (courtesy of DNR)



Precautions taken in Seattle during the 1918 influenza epidemic would not permit anyone to ride on the street cars without wearing a mask – 260,000 of these masks were made by local Red Cross workers in three days. (photo courtesy of Library of Congress)



Boyne Falls Public Schools
STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Maddison McVannel

Grade: 3rd

Parent's Name(s): Samuel and Alexandria McVannel

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Maddison wants to be a teacher when she grows up to teach other people new things like math, science, and reading.

Favorite Book: She loves to read June B. Jones and the Dork Diary Series.

Hobbies and Interests: She is a very talented artist and loves to draw. She enjoys playing with her LOL and building with Legos.

School Activities: Maddison enjoys reading and writing. She also loves science, so she can explore and try new things.

Staff Comments: Maddison is an incredible learner! When in the classroom, she was always so eager to learn new things and participate in all activities. Now that we are on our "New Learning Adventure" from home, Maddison continues to make me proud. She is working through all of her lessons and going above and beyond using additional online resources. She joins us in all our Zoom sessions with a smile and ready to take on whatever we are doing. We loved meeting her dogs on "Introduce your pet day". She has made me so incredibly proud and truly defines our mission at Boyne Falls Public School to create confident, life-long learners. Thank you, Maddi, for your kindness and motivation to learn more every day! You inspire me!

Submitted By: Mrs. Meier

the case for those looking back on the current pandemic.

As a result, the Michigan History Center recently launched Collecting COVID-19, an initiative that gives state residents the opportunity to share stories that reflect their experiences during the coronavirus pandemic for the benefit of future generations.

"When we look back at what the state collected during the 1918 flu epidemic, we find government records, but few glimpses into what the crisis meant on a personal level," Michigan History Center Director Sandra Clark said. "Our goal is to collect the stories of diverse Michiganders from across the state, and our hope is that the record we preserve in 2020 will help future generations understand what it felt like to live through this time."

The COVID-19 pandemic is a critical moment in history, and the Michigan History Center is committed to documenting – through objects, archival materials, stories and experiences – how the coronavirus is affecting Michigan residents in the workplace, at home, in communities and in many other settings.

"Archives and museums preserve and share the real stuff of the past, but we also have an obligation to collect and preserve the documents, images and objects that will help future residents understand our present," Clark said.

STAGES

The first phase of the three-phase collecting initiative is active right now. It offers a web-based platform for people to share and donate photos, videos and audio files that document their lives during this emergency – all of which will be considered for preservation in the Archives of Michigan's collections.

The site includes an image gallery that allows others to see what people are posting, in real time.

Stories that have been submitted so far include:

- "Being a mom is always hard. Being a mom during a pandemic is a whole new ballgame. Experiencing a global trauma

comes with its own symptoms. As a mom, I have to attempt to either quickly process those symptoms or avoid them in order to stay in a good state of mind for my babies. This photo is the perfect example of that. I have a series of photos from this experience that show my son's worry, confusion and curiosity around this brand new, yet now normal, experience. It was my job to handle the situation in a way that didn't create unnecessary fear or worry in him while also teaching him how important it is to be careful right now. It is my job to teach him how to cope during the unimaginable." (Submitted by Megan H.)

- "We started taking long hikes in the woods with our dog every day. It was emotionally healing to be in the woods and connected with nature." (Submitted by Sarai S.)

- "We understand Governor's policy of social distancing, but we cannot let social distancing distance our friendship. Love and friendship is what will get us through the crisis." (Submitted by Fengyi C.)

- "My 80-year-old mom died from Covid-19 after living in a Nursing Home. Please stay home and stay safe. This virus is not a hoax or a joke. She was healthy, just old. After contracting the virus, she struggled to breathe and spent a week in the hospital where they suctioned her lungs because she was too weak to sit up and cough. Her family could not visit her or be by her side during this time because of the precautions needed so that we would not contract the virus. The nursing home was on self-quarantine for several weeks before she contracted the virus so we could not see her for more than a month and then she died alone with only strangers in haz mat suits around her. This is why non-essential travel has been limited. It's not a civil rights issue it's a public health issue. No one has immunity from this disease." (Submitted by Jeannie K.)

- "My kids and I wanted to do something to encourage other people in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood is normally very close-knit and its been hard not to interact like we normally would, especially

as the weather gets warmer. We decided to make this sidewalk chalk message because we have so much hope that this too shall pass, and we will all be spending time together in each other's backyards again in the near future!" (Submitted by Angela R.)

- "My wife and I are both compromised by pre-existing conditions and age. We have followed all the rules set by our Governor and are so far, we are fine. We are confident the our scientists will have a vaccine for Covid, but this is not the end. We will face something similar again. Our nation was woefully unprepared for this. We learned that we are not special. We are part of a much larger community. I am thankful for our Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, for doing everything in her power to stop the spread." (Submitted by Jon H.)

The second phase of the project is collecting three-dimensional objects and documents related to the coronavirus emergency for the Michigan History Museum system's collections. In keeping with the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order, this phase will begin with a call to the public to help identify items and move to physically gathering them once it is safe to do so.

The third phase involves long-term collecting of stories, through oral history and StoryCorps interviews, memoirs and other materials created during the reflection period after an immediate crisis. These materials will be preserved in both the museum and archival collections.

Learn more about the Collecting COVID-19 initiative at Michigan.gov/MHCStories.

In time of crisis, there is comfort in knowing that we are not alone and that we are not the first to experience the unimaginable. Looking back, we can see changes in science and knowledge and some similarities in human behavior.

The Michigan History Center hopes its Collecting COVID-19 project not only will document what is happening now, but also will help us and future generations understand the varied affects a pandemic can have on people and the diverse ways they cope and respond.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by e-mail to office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

LASATER TO RETIRE AT END OF YEAR

To the Charlevoix County Commission Chairman, Chris Christensen

Please accept this correspondence as a letter for my retirement from the county board of commissioners. After serving the citizens of Charlevoix County for over 50 years in various positions I have decided to retire. The positions I have held are as follows:

- Boyne City Elementary School teacher.
- Boyne City JV Football coach.
- Intermediate School District school counselor. These three positions held for 10 years.
- Charlevoix County

Sheriff's office marine deputy for 6 years.

- Charlevoix County Sheriff's office part time deputy sheriff for 2 years.

- Charlevoix County Sheriff for 32 years.

- Charlevoix County Commissioner for 6 years.

Totalling 56 years of service to the citizens of Charlevoix County.

I will never regret serving the citizens of Charlevoix County and meeting the challenges especially as Sheriff dealing with crimes and emergencies. I personally tried hard to protect and serve the citizens of Charlevoix County from helping children who were victims of crimes, such as sexual assaults, to accepting the responsibility of notifying

families personally who lost members of their family in a tragic accident or emergency. This was the hardest responsibility and I had to notify over 100 families of the death of a member of their family.

I will never regret serving the citizens of Charlevoix County and was honored to meet the challenges while serving as Sheriff and County Commissioner.

I feel that I am not currently meeting the challenges and needs as a County Commissioner and it is time for me to retire as a representative of the citizens of Charlevoix County.

On the positive outlook I'll be leaving family members to carry on the Lasater name: George Robert, Thomas George, Amil Elizabeth, Luke

Thomas Jillian and Nickolas.

In summary of my letter of retirement I have to be totally honest and recognize that I would not have been successful for the 50 plus years without the support of citizens and officers of the Sheriff's office such as Byron Stockwell, Mike Wheat, Debbie Storm, Bill Cousineau, Roger Moses, Chuck Vondra, Corrine Russell, Marci Murdick, Pat and Sirri Avery, Dick Gallant, Rick Baker, Rex Behling, David Kurchinski, Rick Vanloo, David Burris, Chief Talboys, Michelle Oom, Regina Ellenberger, David Beyer, Bob Tripp, Oral Sutliff, Shari Hoffbauer and Joe Hammond.

Submitted respectfully,
George Thomas Lasater

2020-2021 EJPS Young Fives/ Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten and Young Fives is a new and exciting time for your child. The goal of East Jordan Public Schools is to build on that excitement and create a positive atmosphere for lifelong learning. Based on the current Stay Home, Stay Safe Order we have created different options to support your efforts to enroll your child at East Jordan Elementary School! Options to

enroll your child in Young 5's/Kindergarten: Curbside Registration on May 22 from 11:00-5:00 pm
 This will be an opportunity to complete all necessary paperwork for the registration process without leaving your car. You will also receive a welcome gift for your child. Simply pull into a parking space in front of the Elementary School Office on Garfield Street. A

school representative will meet you at your car with a registration packet. Turn your lights on when your paperwork is complete and we will collect the documents.
 Due to the Stay Home, Stay Safe Order, we are asking that only parents/guardians come and please stay in your car. We can't wait to see you!
 Please bring the following items:

- Student's Birth Certificate (Original County or State Certified)
- Student's Immunization or Exemption Paperwork
- Proof of Residency (Driver's License, Utility Bill, etc)
- At Home Delivery of Registration Paperwork

If you prefer to have your registration paperwork delivered to your home, please visit ejps.org.

To register for Kindergarten/Young Fives, children must be 5 on or before December 1, 2020. Young Fives is offered to students who have a birthday that falls between July 1, 2020-December 1, 2020. The format of our Young 5's Program will be based on enrollment.
 Please expect communication from me in the upcoming months on Kindergarten

Orientation and the Open House. Should you have any questions or need any support with registration, please call me at (231) 536-7564 or cvrondran@ejps.org
 With E.J. Pride!
 Carla Vrondran
 Principal, East Jordan Elementary School

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gan."
 "The data shows that these regions in Michigan are seeing consistent encouraging trends when it comes to the number of cases, deaths, and the percent of tests that are positive for COVID-19," said MDHHS Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "It's important to note that these businesses must take special precautions to protect Michiganders. I also encourage everyone to continue to wear a mask in public, maintain a 6 foot distance from others, and to remain vigilant in washing their hands often. This will help prevent a second surge in cases in our state."

All businesses that will reopen in regions 6 and 8 must adopt the safety measures outlined in Executive Order 2020-91. That means they must, among other things, provide COVID-19 training to workers that covers, at a minimum, workplace infection-control practices, the proper use of PPE, steps workers must take to notify the business or operation of any symptoms of COVID-19 or a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, and how to report unsafe working conditions. Restaurants and bars will also have to limit capacity to 50% of their normal seating, to keep groups at least six feet from one another, to require their servers to wear face coverings, and to follow rigorous disinfection protocols.

"We are thankful to Governor Whitmer as today marks an important first step of reintegrating restaurants into the fabric of our daily lives," said Justin Winslow, President and CEO of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association. "Restaurants in the U.P. and northern Michigan understand that with their opportunity comes an extraordinary responsibility to operate in a manner that ensures the safety of their guests and their employees. I believe they are up to the challenge."

"Like Gov. Whitmer, Mayors in Michigan support the well-being of all our citizens," said Traverse City Mayor Jim Carruthers. "All regions of Michigan have been affected by COVID-19, and Up North, we want to support the Governor by cautiously opening up some of our economy resources. However, in doing so, we must be mindful that wearing masks and continuing to practice social distancing is a must to make this work. Stopping the spread of this virus is still key and if we can't, then we will have to close it down again."

"I support the shift to making decisions on a regional level when possible," said Marquette Mayor Jenna Smith. "As restrictions are slowly eased, it will be important for us to remain vigilant to stop the spread of the virus."

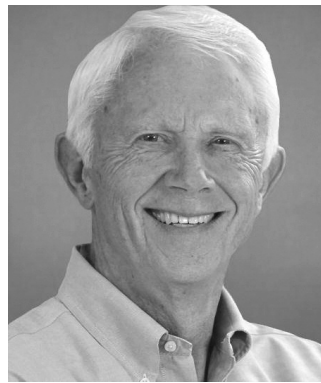
Region 6 in the governor's MI Safe Start Plan includes the following counties: Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, and Emmet.

Region 8 in the governor's MI Safe Start Plan includes the following counties: Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton, Keweenaw, Iron, Baraga, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, Delta, Alger, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa.

Bergman Opposes \$3 Trillion Partisan Bill

Washington - This week, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi introduced the \$3 trillion Heroes Act. This legislation was crafted without any bipartisan input and has no chance of ever becoming law. Rep. Bergman voted in opposition to this bill and issued the following statement:

"Since the beginning of the Coronavirus crisis, I've been working with my colleagues in Congress and the Administration to ensure support for our frontline workers, increase COVID-19 testing, increase PPP funding, and provide necessary



Rep. Bergman. Courtesy Photo.

support for my constituents. However, this nearly 2000-page bill became nothing

more than a socialist wish list. The First District sent me to Washington to limit the size of the federal government not grow it needlessly in the name of 'crisis relief.' While there are provisions in this bill that I do support, the entire premise of the legislation was rooted in government overreach and unrealistic progressive policies.

"At a time when First District constituents are facing unprecedented health and economic uncertainty, they deserve a government that is working to provide solutions to restore our nation, not

partisan grandstanding."
 Rep. Bergman noted that he opposed the Heroes Act because if enacted into law, it would:

- Increase taxes on small businesses;
- Provide a windfall to millionaires in high-tax states;
- Send relief payments to illegal immigrants;
- Allow taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion services through changes to the Paycheck Protection Program and to COBRA;
- Provide funding to matters unrelated to combatting COVID-19 including—

- o \$125M to National Science Foundation
- o \$50M to Legal Services Corporation
- o \$50M to the EPA for environmental justice grants
- o \$40M to U.S. Geological Survey
- o \$10M to National Endowment of the Arts
- o \$10M to National Endowment of the Humanities
- Federalize states' elections; and
- Eliminate voter I.D. Requirements across the country.

Former President Barack Obama speaks during Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020 on May 16, 2020.

Below is the full text of the speech delivered by former President Barack Obama during "Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020."

And, of course, I couldn't be prouder of all of you in the graduating Class of 2020 - as well as the teachers, and the coaches, and most of all, parents and family who guided have you along the way.

Now graduating is a big achievement under any circumstances. Some of you have had to overcome serious obstacles along the way, whether it was an illness, or a parent losing a job, or living in a neighborhood where people too often count you out. Along with the usual challenges of growing up, all of you have had to deal with the added pressures of social media, reports of school shootings, and the specter of climate change. And then, just as you're about to celebrate having made it through, just as you've been looking forward to proms and senior nights, graduation ceremonies -- and, let's face it, a whole bunch of parties -- the world is turned upside down by a global pandemic. And as much as I'm sure you love your parents, I'll bet that being stuck at home with them and playing board games or watching "Tiger King" on TV is not exactly how you envisioned the last few months of your senior year.

Now I'll be honest with you



Former President Barack Obama. Courtesy Photo.

-- the disappointments of missing a live graduation -- those will pass pretty quick. I don't remember much from my own high school graduation. I know that not having to sit there and listen to a commencement speaker isn't all that bad -- mine usually go on way too long. Also, not that many people look great in those caps, especially if you have big ears like me. And you'll have plenty of time to catch up with your friends once the immediate public health crisis is over.

But what remains true is that your graduation marks your passage into adulthood -- the time when you begin to take charge of your own life. It's when you get to decide what's important to you: The kind of career you want to pursue. Who you want to build a family with. The values you want to live by. And given the current state of the world, that may be kind of scary.

If you'd planned on going

away for college, getting dropped off at campus in the fall -- that's no longer a given. If you were planning to work while going to school, finding that first job is going to be tougher. Even families that are relatively well-off are dealing with massive uncertainty. Those who were struggling before -- they're hanging on by a thread.

All of which means that you're going to have to grow up faster than some generations. This pandemic has shaken up the status quo and laid bare a lot of our country's deep-seated problems -- from massive economic inequality to ongoing racial disparities to a lack of basic health care for people who need it. It's woken a lot of young people to the fact that the old ways of doing things just don't work; that it doesn't matter how much money you make if everyone around you is hungry and sick; and that our society and our democracy only work when we think not just about ourselves, but about each other.

It's also pulled the curtain back on another hard truth, something that we all have to eventually accept once our childhood comes to an end. And all those adults that you used to think were in charge and knew what they were doing? Turns out that they don't have all the answers. A lot of them aren't even asking the right questions. So, if the world's going to get better, it going to be up to you.

That realization may be kind of intimidating. But, I

hope it's also inspiring. With all the challenges this country faces right now, nobody can tell you "no, you're too young to understand" or "this is how it's always been done." Because with so much uncertainty, with everything suddenly up for grabs, this is your generation's world to shape.

Since I'm one of the old guys, I won't tell you what to do with this power that rests in your hands. But I'll leave you with three quick pieces of advice.

First, don't be afraid. America's gone through tough times before -- slavery and civil war, famine and disease, the Great Depression and 9/11. And each time we came out stronger, usually because a new generation, young people like you, learned from past mistakes and figured out how to make things better.

Second, do what you think is right. Doing what feels good, what's convenient, what's easy -- that's how little kids think. Unfortunately, a lot of so-called grown-ups, including some with fancy titles and important jobs, still think that way -- which is why things are so screwed up. I hope that instead, you decide to ground yourself in values that last, like honesty, hard work, responsibility, fairness, generosity, respect for others. You won't get it right every time, you'll make mistakes like we all do. But if you listen to the truth that's inside yourself, even when it's hard, even when its in-

convenient, people will notice. They'll gravitate towards you. And you'll be part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

And finally, build a community. No one does big things by themselves. Right now, when people are scared, it's easy to be cynical and say let me just look out for myself, or my family, or people who look or think or pray like me. But if we're going to get through these difficult times; if we're going to create a world where everybody has the opportunity to find a job and afford college; if we're going to save the environment and defeat future pandemics, then we're going to have to do it together. So be alive to one another's struggles. Stand up for one another's rights. Leave behind all the old ways of thinking that divide us -- sexism, racial prejudice, status, greed -- and set the world on a different path.

When you need help, Michelle and I have made it the mission of our foundation to give young people like you the skills and support to lead in your own communities, and to connect you with other young leaders around the country and around the globe.

But the truth is that you don't need us to tell you what to do.

Because in so many ways, you've already started to lead.

Congratulations, class of 2020. Keep making us proud."

Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to thank residents and community members for doing their part to flatten the curve. The collective actions of those in our region have saved lives, prevented strain on our health care systems, and supported the Governor's decision to lift specific restrictions in our region.

The Governor signed Executive Order 2020-92 this afternoon, allowing restaurants, bars, and retail businesses in our region to resume in-person work and offer onsite dining beginning Friday, May 22nd at 12:01 am. We are here to support these businesses as they navigate safely reopening their doors to employees and customers, and we will update our COVID-19 business resource page



with specific guidance as soon as possible.

"This is an exciting step for our region that we have all been anticipating, especially as we look forward to the upcoming holiday weekend," shared Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. "Although there is a risk to anyone when they are in a public space, the highest risk of infection occurs when someone is in close contact with an infectious person for a significant amount of time. This is why businesses, employ-

ees, and customers must continue taking all necessary precautions to protect one another from the transmission of COVID-19 as they enjoy these public spaces again."

It is extremely important that any individual with mild symptoms of COVID-19 contact their doctor in order to get tested. Individuals who are reporting to work in-person, with or without symptoms, can also get tested. If you are unable to speak to a doctor for any reason, please call

1-800-432-4121 for assistance. To locate a testing facility, visit the Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website.

As of 4pm on May 18, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim -- 11, Charlevoix -- 14, Emmet -- 21, Otsego -- 99

Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim -- 9, Charlevoix -- 12, Emmet -- 19, Otsego -- 72

Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix -- 10, Emmet -- 2, Otsego -- 1.

The State of Michigan has reported 51,915 cases and 4,915 deaths; and as of May 15, cumulative recovered cases: 28,234.

Stay up to date on the lat-

est information in the Health Department jurisdiction by liking and following our Facebook page and visiting our COVID-19 Data Dashboard.

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News Briefs

BOYNE CITY

YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS

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 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. 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 582-0375.

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.

EAST JORDAN

The East Jordan Rotary Club has made the very difficult decision to cancel the Brew Fest Beer Tent, scheduled for July 11, 2020. We look forward to holding the event in 2021.

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 Friday evening mid-June

Memorial Day history traced to Civil War

BY MIKE DUNN

The history of Memorial Day can be traced to the years after the Civil War (1860-65) when a specific date was set to annually remember the soldiers who had given their lives during the great conflict between the states. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization of Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 30.

The date, Logan declared, "is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."

It was originally known as Decoration Day and the date was chosen for two reasons, because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle and because by May 30 the flowers would be in bloom.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield, who would later serve as President, made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery before 5,000 attendees. Following the speech, the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington were decorated.

By 1890, all of the Northern states observed Decoration Day on May 30 as a state holiday. The Southern states did not have a uniform date to remember those who gave their lives during the Civil War but each state held its own ceremonies for the fallen soldiers on different dates.

Decoration Day continued to be observed on May 30 but it was expanded over time to include military personnel who gave their lives for the cause of freedom in all wars. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, establishing Memorial Day as the final Monday in May each year. This went into effect in 1971 and Memorial Day has been a federal holiday ever since.

Today, Memorial Day has been ex-



The Memorial Day observance can be traced back 1868, three years after the end of the Civil War between the states, to remember those who had given their lives to preserve the Union. It was originally called Decoration Day and was observed for many years on May 30. Since 1971, we have observed Memorial Day on the final Monday in May. (photo by Mike Dunn)

panded even more to remember all the deceased military veterans in all wars who served to preserve our freedoms. In many cemeteries, flags or wreaths are placed by volunteers at the gravesites of veterans as part of the Memorial Day observance.

The tradition of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day was inspired by the poem that Moina Michael wrote in 1915. Moina, who was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Field," wrote: We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields were valor led; It seems to signal to the skies that blood of heroes never dies.

Moina also came up with the idea of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to her friends and coworkers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need.

Some other interesting Memorial Day facts:

- The American flag remains at half-

- mast until noon on Memorial Day, then is raised to the top of the staff.

- "Taps" is often played at ceremonies on Memorial Day.

- Americans are encouraged to pause for a national Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time.

- New York was the first state to officially recognize Memorial Day.

- Flowers and flags are the two most popular items people use to remember soldiers.

- The federal government has also used the holiday to honor non-veterans - the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day of 1922.

- Cities and towns across the U.S. host Memorial Day parades and ceremonies each year, often including military personnel and members of veterans' organizations.

- People often take trips or have outdoor parties and barbecues during the three-day weekend, which unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

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 consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

- Full Body Toning Exercise Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, low-cost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division St.

CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers free playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool-age siblings. Playgroups help you learn about your child's developmental stages, learn new children's games/activities and share parenting concerns/experiences with other parents and the playgroup facilitator. Playgroups are held in various northern Michigan communities. For current playgroup locations/times, visit www.wrcnm.org or call (231) 347-0067.

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.
- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week
- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session
- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8am - Noon through mid-October. With the days

becoming warmer, we know that means more veggies, fruit, and all the BC Market goods you have come to love. We kindly ask that you think of it as an outdoor grocery store and ask that you help us by shopping responsibly and cooperating with the guidelines that are in place. Here's how: 1. Wear your mask. 2. Stay by your vehicle if lines are long. 3. One shopper per family. 4. Find your vendor. 5. Make your selection. 6. Head home and enjoy. We do ask that if you are able to please place orders with our vendors ahead of time. For more information at the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boyncity.com

CHARLEVOIX

FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park. Many varieties of tables line the Bridge Street sidewalk downtown Charlevoix in full view of the sun rising over Round Lake at East Park. The Market is full of life, flavors, happy people, activity - and the view is staggering. Shop local. Eat fresh.

EAST JORDAN

FARMERS MARKET

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

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: jrագuest, password: jrագuest, 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: jrագuest and the password is: jrագuest. 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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS AVAILABLE

Applications are now being accepted. This cycle will focus on requests from eligible nonprofit partners for county-wide projects, arts and culture, veterans, urgent needs, health and wellness, and substance abuse projects or programs. Applications are due by June 1 (extended from original due date - May 1). The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants anytime at 231-536-2440.

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Charlevoix's Lentz to run for Hope

CHARLEVOIX -- Good things come to those who wait.

After a great fall running cross country, capped with his fourth straight trip to the state finals, Charlevoix senior starting guard Ben Lentz had his basketball season halted just before the team was set to play for the Division 3 district title. Lentz, also a standout baseball player in the Lake Michigan Conference, never had the opportunity to step into the batter's box or take his position on defense during the spring season.

As most of the country had come to a halt, the senior had time to reflect on his sports and academic careers and how he came to the decision to commit to Hope College to continue his education as well as run both cross country and track for the Dutchmen.

"Hope's amazing academic

programs as well as the ability to being able to run at Hope drew me to make this decision," Lentz said. "Additionally, I love how beautiful the campus and facilities, and how awesome the city of Holland and the surrounding areas are."

The Rayder senior was a standout amongst other state runners, picking up a pair of top 10 finishes at the Division 3 regionals and this past season he raced to a number seven finish in the LMC.

His experience in track varies from running the mile and two-mile races, to any of the 100, 200, 400 or 800, giving him options at the collegiate level.

He was asked what he considered a key moment over his high school career (which season) that he knew competing at the college level would be a possibility.

"I would say I've always

known that competing at the college level would be possible for me, I just didn't know how high of a level it would be," Ben replied. "But if I had to point to a specific moment, it would be when Coach (Doug) Drenth told me what he thought I could do and become."

He also noted that coach Drenth played a big role in getting him to where he is today as an athlete.

"My coach, Mr. Drenth has been a major influence on me through my athletic career as well as the other coaches that have coached me throughout middle school and high school."

Ben also noted that some of his biggest accomplishments from high school that he is most proud of are, setting his personal record (at the time) his sophomore year at states, winning the two home 2-mile meets during his junior year, and com-

ing one point away from a runner-up at states this past season for cross country, while as a track athlete, he noted that finishing 5th in the state (All-state) in the 4x400m relay and winning regionals in the 4x200m relay were some of his biggest moments.

Currently, Ben plans on studying for a degree in engineering. "I do not know specifically what discipline of engineering yet, but I'm leaning towards civil, environmental, or mechanical engineering."

Lentz also wanted to recognize his parents. "For always being there supporting me and pushing me to become better. I would like to thank all of my teammates who have worked beside me, and the coaches who have helped me develop and set me up for success."



Ben Lentz. File photo.

AREA SPRING SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE FEATURE PROFILES

During the spring and summer we are featuring spring sports athletes from area schools since the spring sports seasons were can-

celled.

Our target is to feature one male athlete and one female athlete from each school in our distribution area each

week. In most cases we will try and feature a Senior athlete first.

The Charlevoix County News covers Boyne City,

Boyer Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth. We have emailed the Athletic Director at each school. Feel free to contact the athletic di-

rector or coaches for spring sports at your school to be sure they are sending photos and details for spring sports athletes to the Charlevoix

County News for publication. They can email Dave Baragrey at Office@Charlevoix-CountyNews.com

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Jesse Eagle



Senior Athlete

Varsity Football

- 2018-19
- 2019-20

Varsity Boys Golf

- 2018-19

Parents: Todd and Dana Buckmaster

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Molly Kitson

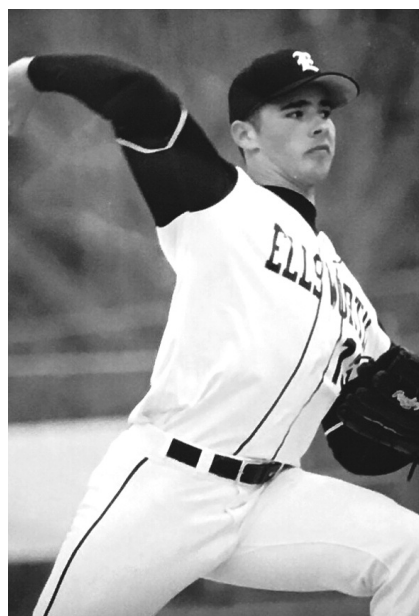


Senior Athlete

- Varsity Girls Cross Country
- 2016-17 • 2017-18
- 2018-19 • 2019-20
- JV Girls Basketball
- 2016-17 • 2017-28
- Varsity Girls Basketball
- 2018-19 • 2019-20
- Track and Field
- 2016-17 • 2017-18
- 2018-19
- JV Softball
- 2016-17 • 2017-18
- Varsity Softball
- 2018-19
- Cross Country Honors
- 2016-17
- All Region
- State Qualifier
- 2017-18
- Regional Team Champions Member
- All Region
- State Qualifier
- Academic All State
- 2019-20
- Regional Team Champions Member

- Cross Country Honor (Continued)
- All Region • State Qualifier
- Academic All State
- Girls Basketball Honors
- 2018-19
- All Conference Honorable Mention
- 2019-20
- All Conference Honorable Mention
- BCAM Outstanding Senior Athlete Award
- Softball Honors
- 2018-19
- All District Outfielder
- Track and Field Honors
- 2016-17
- All Conference Honorable Mention
- All Conference • All Region
- Regional Champion 800M Relay
- State Qualifier
- 2017-18
- All Conference Honorable Mention
- All Region
- State Qualifier
- 2018-19
- All Conference Honorable Mention
- All Conference
- All Region
- Regional Champion in 400M Relay, 1600M Relay
- State Qualifier • All State
- League Scholar Athlete
- 2018-19 • 2019-20
- Parents: Greg and Meg Kitson

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Bill Stevens



Senior Athlete

Baseball – Pitcher

Member of the 2017 and 2018 Northern Lakes Conference Championship Team, 2019 Northern Lake Conference Runner up Team; Northern Lakes All Conference 1st Team 2017, 2019; Dream Team 2017, 2019; Antrim County All Area Team 2017, 2019

Stats (2017, 2018, 2019)
(due to injury played only 11 game in 2018)
Games Played - 60
Batting Average - .419, Hits - 62
(45 singles, 13 doubles, 1 triple, 3 home runs)
RBIs - 35, Walks -18, Strike Outs - 16,
Stolen Bases - 26, Runs scored - 38
Pitching Stats - 9 wins 9 losses, ERA 0.446, games pitched 23, innings pitched 80.7; hits allowed 53, earned runs allowed 6, walks 71, strike outs 170

Bill was one of our top pitchers and hitters. On the mound he could dominate a game with his strength and velocity. Bill's fastball was regularly 82 to 85 mph. That strength carried over behind the plate, where he was also one of our leading hitters.

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Carter Binkley



Senior Athlete

Baseball

Highlight:
Beating Saint Francis with John Cena by our side

2019 Stats:
.255 BA, 12 Stolen bases

Carter is an excellent team player, always putting the team first. He is the guy who brings that fun atmosphere to the team and will always keep the dugout lively.

Sports

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Boyne City High School Appoints Calcaterra, Stefanski to Lead Basketball Programs

Boyne City High School is pleased to announce the hiring of two current Ramblers as the new

head coaches for the school's boys and girls Basketball Programs. Randy Calcaterra, current Visual Imaging teacher and creator of the Rambler Sports Network at Boyne City High School, will take the lead as the new Varsity Boys Basketball coach, while Adam Stefanski (Athletic Director) will fill the Varsity Girls Basketball coaching duties.

After taking over the Boyne City youth basketball program in 2010 and growing it tremendously

over the course of four years, Randy Calcaterra then moved on to coach at the middle school level for two years, and ultimately the junior varsity program in 2016, while also assisting the long-time and highly successful Nick Redman. During his time with the Rambler program, Randy Calcaterra has built a reputation of always putting the players first with a high focus on program culture, which is an extension of the philosophy that Redman has established. A former graduate of Livonia Churchill and standout athlete at Wayne State University, Randy Calcaterra brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the Rambler boys basketball program. During his time at

Wayne State, Calcaterra was the leading scorer and rebounder during his senior year and helped their program to multiple GLLAC titles, 3 NCAA tournament berths, and a Final Four in 1993. Having led the junior varsity team to an impressive 17-2 record this past

season, the future is bright for the Ramblers. Along with a highly successful track record in coaching, Calcaterra has built the Rambler Sports Network (RSN) into a well-known and innovative program that has yet to be matched. Even with Calcaterra on the bench coaching, RSN will continue to provide the same valued service it has come to be known for.

Currently serving in his first year as the district's Athletic Director, Adam Stefanski previously coached the girls basketball program in Mackinaw City from 2009 through 2019. During that tenure, Stefanski led the Comet program to five league titles, four district titles, and a program record 23 wins during his final season. Adam Stefanski also served as the Athletic Director for 10 years in Mackinaw City prior to becoming a Rambler, while also coaching middle school boys basketball for 6 years and junior varsity boys basketball for 2 years.

Area Boys Basketball Players Named BCAM Academic All-State

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan has announced its 2019-20 boys basketball individual academic all-state teams.

Below is a listing of area players who earned all-state honors.

Sr Ethan Tornga Ellsworth 3.94

Sr Chase Ingersoll Fife Lake Forest Area 3.92

Sr David Harrell Harbor Springs 4.00

Sr Nathaniel Wandrie Indian River Inland Lakes 4.00

Sr Blake Cassidy Pellston 3.96

Area Girls Basketball Players Named BCAM Academic All-State

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan has announced its 2019-20 girls basketball individual academic all-state teams.

Below is a listing of area players who earned all-state honors.

Libby Derrer, Sr., Bellaire 3.87

Addie Nagel, Sr., Charlevoix 3.99

Jayden Weber, Sr., East Jordan 3.83

Margaret Stosio, Sr., Kalkaska 4.13

Emmalee Hart, Jr., St. Ignace 4.00

Hallie Marshall, Jr., St. Ignace 4.00

Tessa Shepard, Sr., St. Ignace 3.99

Real Estate Feature Property

HOME ON THREE ACRES NEAR BOYNE CITY HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



BY JIM AKANS

This wonderful home on approximately three acres just outside of Boyne City has something for everyone.

This four bedroom, two bath home has over 3,700 square feet of space to enjoy on the main and walkout lower level. Interior highlights abound, including a fabulous family/rec room on the lower level beautifully finished in tongue and groove wood on the walls and ceiling, an open addition that could make a fantastic home office, media room, in-law or guest space. A gorgeous kitchen opens to a dining room and the adjacent large living room area, also finished in tongue and groove wood.

The property is wonderfully landscaped. It includes a 32x40 finished garage and

two additional large out-buildings. As a bonus, the amazing Avalanche Park is just 300 feet from your door, with over 300 acres of hiking, biking and many other recreation options.

This extraordinary home on three acres is located at 816 Pleasant Valley near Boyne City, and it is listed at \$219,900. 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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New House or an Old One?

CONSIDER THE PROS AND CONS TO EACH

As you embark on your venture to buy a home, one of the first decisions to make is whether to buy new or purchase an existing home. Each choice has its advantages, and there is no single answer that works for everyone.

You may be drawn to the shiny new, energy-efficient appliances, the great room, and the beautiful master suite offered in a new home. But you may also like the charm, the canopy of trees that drape over the sleepy neighborhood streets, and the increasing value of an existing home you've been eyeing.

Here are some things you'll want to ponder as you decide which route to take.

Existing homes
Existing homes offer many considerations for potential homebuyers, including:

The neighborhood. Many people are drawn to developed neighborhoods that has sense of community that has been established. The mature landscaping and developed trees are often a considering factor.

Maintenance and repair. If you're considering an existing home, be sure you have a good handle on the working status of all major systems. Hire a professional home inspector to check out the house. As appliances and systems age they naturally require repair and replacement, something which may be reflected in a purchase price.

Home improvement. If you enjoy small repairs and home improvement projects around the house, then an existing home would be your cup of tea.

Existing features. When you buy an existing home, you typically don't have to worry about buying the extras, such as blinds for the window, a security system, or a landscaped back yard.

Land. In most metro centers, new homes may have less land than newer properties. Why? Because of changes in land-use patterns.

Location. Existing homes are often found in older, more convenient metro core areas rather than outlying suburbs.

The opportunity to remodel. In some cases buyers may prefer an older home in a particular location which can be modernized or expanded. In effect, use the existing home as a base to build a unique property.

Price. In general terms, existing homes tend to be less expensive than new properties. As well, existing homes are likely to come complete with items which may represent new home extras—blinds, landscaping, built-ins, etc.

Track record. When you purchase an existing home, you know how much the property has appreciated over the years -- in effect, you have an index of sorts which measures the community's marketplace appeal. At the same time, like stocks and bonds, you know that past results do not guarantee future marketplace performance.

Taxes. Depending on your state, you will likely have lower property tax rates. Also, many older households aren't required to pay for local bonds associated with new development, such as schools, parks, or road or transportation improvements.

Traditional layout. If you like the formal living and dining rooms, an existing home will likely satisfy you.

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Farmer Markets are open

BY KAREN WALKER

Area Farmers Markets are launching into the summer season with enthusiastic customers and new precautions. Jordan Peck, Manager of the Boyne City Farmers Market explained area market managers all have a similar approach to handling COVID-19 related safety precautions. To improve social distancing, Peck said the layout for Boyne City's market has changed from previous years. Vendors are now facing the sidewalk and placed six feet apart with space around their booths, allowing customers and vendors to maintain a safe distance.

Peck reported that Boyne's first outdoor market of the year last Saturday saw a great response from the community and he had good feedback from community members



Boyerne City's market has changed from previous years allowing customers and vendors to maintain a safe distance.

who felt comfortable with the new layout. Peck noted he saw a lot of the vendor's tables empty by closing time. Boyne City's farmers market is held every Wednesday and Saturday morning, 8 a.m. to noon

in Veterans Park.

At Charlevoix's Thursday morning Farmers Market, vendor booths were also spaced six to ten feet apart along Bridge Street and in East Park. Charlevoix's Mar-

ket staff will be directing the flow of traffic and there will be no product sampling. Customers are asked to wear masks, minimize touching products, and limit shoppers to one person per family.

East Jordan's Market Manager Natalya Aho reported vendors at East Jordan's first market of the year last Thursday were happy with the turnout and volume of sales despite the rainy weather. She remarked that one of her longtime vendors actually had record breaking sales. Aho said customers told her they were there to show their support for the market. Aho pointed out, "I think people are starting to value our local food system more since the Coronavirus pandemic." The East Jordan farmers market is held Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Memorial Park.



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Friday - Sunday	\$30	\$55

Middle Season (May 22 to June 25 & August 31 to October 4)

	9 holes	18 holes
Monday - Thursday	\$40	\$69
After 12:00	\$35	\$59
After 3:00	\$30	\$54
Friday - Sunday	\$45	\$79
After 12:00	\$40	\$69
After 3:00	\$35	\$59

Peak Season (June 26 to August 30)

	9 holes	18 holes
Monday - Thursday	\$40	\$74
After 12:00	\$35	\$64
After 3:00	\$30	\$59
Friday - Sunday	\$45	\$84
After 12:00	\$40	\$74
After 3:00	\$35	\$64

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