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Governor Whitmer rescinds Safer at Home Order

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-110, rescinding her Safer at Home order and moving the entire state to phase four of the MI Safe Start Plan. The governor's order will allow retailers to reopen on June 4 and restaurants to reopen on June 8, both subject to capacity limits. Day camps for children will likewise be permitted to open on June 8. Effective immediately, groups of 100 or less will be allowed gather outdoors with social distancing. Office work that is not capable of being performed remotely can re-

sume. And in-home services, including housecleaning services, can resume operations.

"The data has shown that we are ready to carefully move our state into the next phase of the MI Safe Start Plan, but we owe it to our brave frontline heroes to get this right," said Governor Whitmer. "While Michiganders are no longer required to stay home, we must all continue to be smart and practice social distancing, and encourage those who meet the criteria to get tested for COVID-19. If we all do our

part, our goal is to announce a shift to phase five for the entire state prior to the fourth of July. Stay smart, stay safe, and let's all do our part."

Michiganders must continue to wear facial coverings when in enclosed public spaces and should continue to take all reasonable precautions to protect themselves, their loved ones, and the community. And they should continue to work from home to the maximum extent possible.

"The governor and I, along with a team of experts, have

determined that our state is ready to move into the next phase of the MI Safe Start Plan. Hospitalization numbers are down, our frontline workers have PPE to last them several weeks, and the number of positive cases and deaths are declining," said MDHHS Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "We will continue to monitor the data and work closely with local health departments to ensure Michiganders practice safe social distancing. On behalf of our health care professionals and

first responders on the front lines, we must all be smart and be safe."

"As the hardest-hit region in the state, Wayne County and its residents are ready to safely return to greater activity and commerce," said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans. "We continue to vigilantly monitor the spread of COVID-19 and will do so to make sure the number of daily cases continues to decline. It's been an extremely difficult three months for all of us, but the

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This week we highlight the names of graduating seniors from Boyne Falls Public School. Courtesy photo

BY JIM AKANS

2020 has been a year without traditional senior events, such as proms, gymnasium graduation ceremonies and celebrations...even senior skip day. Over the last few weeks there have been many

parades and virtual graduation ceremonies that have celebrated the creativity and resilience of living in these unique times. The class of 2020 can take pride as they become the anchor of a new generation in our society

and world.

Following are the graduating seniors at Boyne Falls Public School:

- Morriah Clark-Connin
- Kevin DeNise
- Jordyn Gellis, Salutatorian

- Erienne Goodrich, Valedictorian

- Ryleigh Richardson
- Nicoma Sayles
- Alicia Whennen

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Bottle deposit returns to phase back in

The Treasury issued a Notice Regarding Phased Reestablishment of Michigan's Bottle Deposit Return Program. Beginning June 15, some retailers must reopen their bottle return facilities and resume the collection of returnable beverage containers and refund of customer bottle deposits. This applies to retailers with bottle return facilities located at the front of the store or housed in a separate area and serviced exclusively by reverse vending machines requiring min-

imal or no person-to-person contact.

Retailers reopening their bottle return facilities must ensure those facilities comply with all state-mandated safety protocols and restrictions, including the most recent state-mandated safeguards to protect workers.

In addition, retailers may take any or all of the following steps:

- Limit the number of beverage containers that may be returned by a single individual per day to a deposit re-

fund amount of \$25, pursuant to MCL 445.572(10).

- Establish special or limited hours of operation for bottle return facilities.

- Limit the number of available and operating reverse vending machines.

- Periodically close bottle deposit facilities as needed for cleaning and supply management.

- Implement such other procedures or restrictions as each retailer may determine are necessary or advisable to promote safety and/or efficiency.

- During this initial phase, retailers must limit the volume of weekly returned beverage containers to no more than 140 percent of their average weekly collection volume for the period April and May 2019.

Consumers have the option of recycling their returnable beverage containers if they choose not to return them to a bottle deposit redemption facility.

Treasury will issue further guidance regarding ad-

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Boyne City Farmers Market open for the summer season

With the days becoming warmer, that means more veggies, fruit, and all the BC Market goods you have come to love. The market will be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon now until mid-October.

It is opening with the understanding that shopping in the market will look slightly different this season but our vendors and their goods will be better than ever. They 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

They do ask that if you are able to please place orders with vendors ahead of time. Many of the vendors will be happy to assist you with this and will make your pick-up that much easier. This will help with congestion on market day. Programming is postponed until further notice. Organizers look forward to a safe market experience for everyone!

Food Assistance Programs Accepted

The Boyne City Farmers Market participates in several food programs including SNAP (Bridge Card), Double Up Food Bucks, Senior Market Fresh, and WIC Project Fresh. Visit the market manager booth for more information, and to receive your tokens to spend with the farmers. Double Up Food Bucks matches what is spent from a Bridge Card, so if you run your card for \$20 in tokens, you will receive \$40 to spend. Typically, this program is limited at a \$20 match however the cap has been suspended due to COVID-19 so any amount can be matched!

The mission is simple: to provide local food and products by local farmers and small businesses in a safe environment. This is an opportunity for our local market and community to shine.

Check out Main Street's Facebook for weekly market layout.

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PLEIN AIR PAINTING GATHERING

June 4, starting at 9:30am, Norwood Beach Park. You will need to bring your own disinfectant spray, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper and hand sanitizer. As there is no maintenance being done on restrooms in parks, the ones that will open for us to use, with a special variance where possible, would like them to be left clean and sanitized for the protection of others. Plenty of space for social distancing and of course we ask that you bring your mask for use when closer than 6 feet to another. Everyone is welcome to paint on Thursday's, this is an open group.

EAST JORDAN

ELLSWORTH FIREWORKS 11TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

June 13, Mallard Golf Club. Join us to raise funds for the Ellsworth Fireworks. Nine holes, teams of four. Sign-in at 9am, Tee-off at 10am. Shotgun start. Luncheon immediately after at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth. Entrance fee; \$50 per person. Limited to 60 players. Pre-registration highly recommended. Call Eric at 231-676-2051 or check us out on Facebook.

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

BOYNE CITY 4TH OF JULY CANCELLED

After careful (and painful) consideration, the Boyne City 4th of July board has decided to cancel 2020's in-person festival events including fireworks. With that being said, we have been working on an exciting virtual experience with more details to follow. If you would like to be involved in the first ever Boyne City 4th of July virtual parade, this

East Jordan schools navigate new territory with no road map

BY KAREN WALKER

As graduation day draws near for East Jordan High School seniors, Superintendent Matt Stevenson says he and school officials are trying to determine how to end this school year in a brand new way, with brand new rules, and at the same time trying to plan for next year.

Stevenson says, "It feels like we went away for spring break as usual and we haven't come back yet." Despite being busy transitioning to a remote learning environment and trying to establish a budget with so many economic uncertainties, Stevenson says time has seemed to stand still. "Every Monday I go back to work and I keep thinking the buses will drop off the kids any minute and life will proceed."

Since the pandemic took hold in March, schools throughout Northern Michigan have been compelled to navigate new territory with no road map to guide them. Stevenson said schools are trying to find answers to questions that have never been dealt with before.



Stevenson remarked, "The last ten weeks have really shown me how much our community depends on our schools and on the flip side, how much our school depends on our community." He added, "I have been more than impressed with our staff as they made a transition to support kids, given such changing conditions and I am completely blown away by how our students have transitioned." Stevenson expressed his gratitude to the student's parents,

saying they have been "the true rockstars" during the last two and a half months. He pointed out that parents have provided much needed support and guidance to make the best of the unusual situation.

Area schools have been working to provide unique experiences for their graduating seniors. This weekend, East Jordan will hold a virtual commencement program that will be broadcast on ABC TV 29&8 Saturday, June 6th from 5:30 to 6:00

p.m. It will be rebroadcast on NBC TV 7&4 Sunday, June 7th from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. The show will also stream live on UpNorthLive.com, Sunday, starting at 12:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, a car parade of graduates led by East Jordan Fire, EMS, and Police will commence at Community Park. The parade will travel Rogers Road to M-66 and M-32 before making its way to Main Street. Community members are invited to line the parade route and help celebrate the Class of 2020. Due to limited parking, the school requests only graduates and their families join the car parade and subsequent gathering at the Middle/High School campus.

Mr. Stevenson says he feels there is a larger plan for this group of kids and he cannot wait to see what they accomplish in their lives, noting, "I cannot wait to see the pride they bring to our community."

is your opportunity! Round up your photos and videos of parades past and we will let you know where to send them.

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

EVENINGS AT THE GAZEBO

The Boyne Area Chamber will postpone its start date until July 15 this year, due to concerns for the health and safety of the community. Evenings at the Gazebo

updated schedule will be available soon, and we are excited to offer an extended season with 10 concerts this summer. The 2020 series is presented by Black Diamond Broadcasting with concerts held in Old City Park on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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 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 on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

CHARLEVOIX

FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8am-1pm, East Park. Many varieties of tables line the Bridge Street sidewalk downtown Charlevoix in full view of the sun rising over Round

Lake at East Park. The Market is full of life, flavors, happy people, activity - and the view is staggering. Shop local. Eat fresh.

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

EAST JORDAN

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- 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.



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Rep. Bergman, Colleagues Urge Gov. Whitmer to Use Federal Dollars to Help Local Governments

Washington - Today, Rep. Jack Bergman led Members of the Michigan Congressional delegation in a letter to Governor Gretchen Whitmer regarding the State's use of the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund. A recent study by the National League of Cities found that thirty-two states, including Michigan, are withholding Coronavirus Relief Fund resources from most local governments.

The Members are concerned that Michigan's use of funds provided through federal dollars aren't being appropriately distributed to the county and municipal governments across the State helping to fight coronavirus. For example, the Members noted that the State has provided hazard pay to state police, but the local law enforcement officers have not been allowed this same opportunity.

The letter said in part, "We write to request information on how the State of Michigan has allocated federal resources through the Coronavirus Relief Fund established in the Coronavirus

Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"). As the federal government continues to work with Michigan on efforts to address the impact of the coronavirus, we are interested to know how and where these funds have been deployed throughout the State."

The Members continued, "Aside from the five Michigan localities that were eligible for direct funding, it is our understanding that Michigan has access to \$3.08 billion in Coronavirus Relief Fund resources. The full allocation to the State, including the five large localities totals \$3.8 billion. With these considerations in mind, we ask that you provide an outline of your plan to use the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

"In many parts of the State, our county and municipal governments have taken on a significant role in confronting the spread of the coronavirus. This has led to increased and unplanned costs for governments already operating on thin margins, and are now seeing a substantial decrease in revenue. Additional transfers of Coronavirus Relief Funds by the State to our local governments could be used to cover unforeseen expenses, like hazard pay for local law officers. While we are thankful Michigan has provided state police with hazard pay; county sheriffs, correctional officers in county jails, and other local law enforcement have not been afforded this same assistance from the State. We request that you provide an explanation for why the State has not facilitated hazard pay, such as through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, for these police and their families."

DAVE Says

(Combine finances?)

Dear Dave,

Is it okay to combine finances with someone and start working on a budget before you marry them? I just got engaged, and we've been talking about the idea of getting a head start on our finances together.

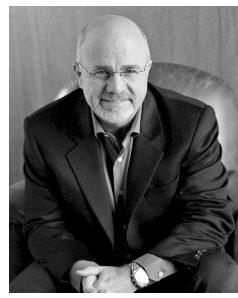
Autumn

Dear Autumn,

First, congratulations! I hope you two will have long and happy lives together. Now comes the hard part. But you asked for my opinion, so here goes.

No, it's not a good idea to combine finances with anyone you're not married to. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad you two are thinking about your finances and your future—and I'd never wish anything bad for you—but all kinds of things can happen before you become husband and wife. What if you spend time paying off his debt, or vice versa, then the relationship doesn't work out?

However, this doesn't mean you can't begin working together on budgets for the future, and planning and dreaming about the goals you have together. The thing to keep in mind is you'll both need to be operating in full transparency mode to make it happen. He should know all about your



Dave Ramsey

income and debts, and you should know all about his. Along the way, you two need to have serious, regular discussions about saving, spending, and debt to ensure you're completely on the same page with your finances before the big day.

There you go. My advice is both of you should pay only your own bills until after you're married. And remember, once that happens there's no yours and his anymore—it all becomes ours.

—Dave

(Self-insure?)

Dear Dave, I've been researching long-term care policies. Can you reach a point financially where you can self-insure long-term care needs, and not buy a long-term care insurance policy?

Paul

Dear Paul, It's possible, mathematically speaking, if you have the resources available to pay for the care you'd receive in a nursing home or similar facility for about 20 years. Not many folks have that kind of money, though. I think it's a large enough bill that it makes sense to

transfer the risk to a long-term care insurance policy.

Keep in mind, too, if you're married you have to think about your spouse, and make sure they have enough to live on comfortably at the same time. That's a lot of money. And that's why I advise virtually everyone to put good, long-term care coverage in place at age 59 or 60. It can mean the difference between living with dignity, or having to depend on the government!

—Dave

(Teachable moments are valuable at any age)

Dear Dave, A good friend of mine passed away recently. In his will, he left me a couple of items and some money, and I'd like to share the money with my son. He is 25, and a good kid, but he is still impulsive with his finances. Do you have any advice for handling this in a way that will do him the most good?

Frank

Dear Frank, It's tough enough losing a close friend without having to worry about a grown son with money issues. I'm sorry you're going through all this.

To be honest, I don't like the idea of just handing him money when you already know he's impulsive. I learned a long time ago that handing money to someone who's financially irrespon-

sible is not a good idea. Lots of people think other folks would be fine, and all their problems would be solved, if they just had more money. That's not generally the case. You need to ask yourself if giving this young man a bunch of cash would really, truly help him. More than likely, the answer is no.

You obviously love this kid, and you've got a generous heart. But under the circumstances, it might be a good idea to attach a few strings to any cash. Don't make him jump through a bunch of hoops for no reason, though. I'm talking about teachable moment-type things that will help train and educate him to handle his finances in a more responsible and productive way.

There are lots of paths you could take. You might require that he start living on a written, monthly budget, that the two of you go over together for the first few months. Sitting down with a good financial coach—one with the heart of a teacher—is something you might consider throwing out there, as well.

In my mind, this approach is fair to everyone involved. It allows you to help him help himself, instead of just handing him something that may or may not be a blessing.

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

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Real Estate Feature Property

CHARMING FARMHOUSE ON THREE ACRES NEAR BOYNE CITY



BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a charming, farmhouse style home located on approximately three beautiful acres between Boyne City and East Jordan.

This three bedroom home offers just under 1,500 square feet of living space plus a "Michigan" basement. Interior highlights include a large living room

with wood stove that opens to a spacious dining room, nicely sized bedrooms, separate family room and a main floor laundry room.

An open deck overlooks the picturesque grounds that are nicely wooded with mature trees. The property includes a 30x40 foot garage with plenty of space for outdoor toys and additional storage. This home is near Boyne City, East Jordan and Boyne Falls, offering easy access to a wide va-

riety of shopping, dining, entertainment and recreation.

This charming farmhouse style home on approximately three acres between Boyne City and East Jordan is listed at \$134,900. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty - 100 Main Street, Suite D, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollysUpNorth@gmail.com



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What You Should Look for When House Hunting

As you begin your search for the right home for you, it pays to keep in mind things you need to check carefully so that they don't cost you big bucks in the long run.

KITCHEN

Look carefully at the appliances, cabinetry, counters and floor. Those are the elements that cost more to replace. If possible, you want newer appliances to save money on repairs and energy costs; solid-wood cabinets; and solid-surface counters, such as granite, stainless steel, butcher block or engineered stone. Your floor choices include wood, cork, laminates and tile and it's a matter of what's comfortable and durable for your lifestyle.

BATHROOMS

Following kitchens, bathrooms are also expensive rooms to remodel at a 2009 national average of more than \$16,000 because of the fixtures and plumbing. Make sure you see no leaks or evidence of leaks in tubs, toilets and flooring. Sharing bathrooms can be one of those pain points for families so make sure you get what you need.

ROOF

A roof is a big-ticket item with an average 2009 replacement cost of more than \$19,000 although adding a second layer to a roof is not nearly as expensive as replacing the entire thing. Inside the house, you can check the attic, ceilings and skylights for signs of water damage, look for places where the roof deck is sagging, and see if you can detect any light coming through. If you do see light coming through, it is

likely not a problem if the roof is made of shake shingles. Outside, inspect for cracked, ripped, curling or missing shingles and damaged flashing. Also look for rotting, buckling, blistering or algae growth, which could also be signs of trouble.

HVAC

An old heater can be hard to repair and eats up energy at a pace faster than newer units. Furnaces can start at about \$5,000 to replace and if you buy a combined unit with the air conditioner, add on several thousand dollars. You may need to replace the heat pump or air conditioner if it's older than 10 years and a furnace or boiler if it's more than 15 years old.

BASEMENT

The extra room you gain may be a huge headache if the basement floods. Look for water marks and find out if the house has a system for removing water.

Other areas of concern that might cost money down the line are the driveways and sidewalks, chimneys, insulation and windows.

If you find a house and your offer is accepted, you'll be dealing with a home inspector who can fill in the gaps with a professional's eye. The thing is, if you really want the home, you don't have to let problems deter you. You are in position to negotiate a price reduction with the seller or insist repairs be made to the property before your offer is finalized.

If you can afford a house, you can afford the luxury of taking your time to find the right one for you.

Sports & OUTDOORS

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SPRING SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE PROFILES

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

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,

Boyne 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



Varsity Boys Basketball 2019-20

Parents: James and Tamara Elmer

Jorden Elmer



AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Fall Junior Varsity Sideline Cheerleading 2019-20

Fall Varsity Sideline Cheerleading 2017-18 2018-19

Girls Tennis 2017-18 Manager

Maggie Priest



Parents: David and Phyllis Priest

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Senior Athlete

Baseball – Pitcher
Member of the 2017 and 2018 Northern Lakes Conference Championship Team, and 2019 Northern Lake Conference Runner up; Northern Lakes All Conference 1st Team 2017 and 2018, 2nd Team 2019; Dream Team 2018, Antrim County All Area 2nd Team 2018 and 2019
Stats (2017, 2018, 2019)
Games Played – 69
Batting Average – .333
Hits – 60 (55 singles, 5 doubles)
RBIs – 17, Walks - 27, Strike Outs - 38
Stolen Bases – 23, Runs scored – 51
Pitching Stats – 13 wins 13 losses, ERA 1.987, games pitched 27, innings pitched 99.7; hits allowed 112, earned runs allowed 33, walks 85, strike outs 156

As a starting pitcher for three years, Kolby was an integral part of the success of our team. He worked hard developing a curve ball, which help him led the team with 13 wins. His consistency at the plate was also a great contribution to his team's success.

Kolby Krosnicki



AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Senior Athlete

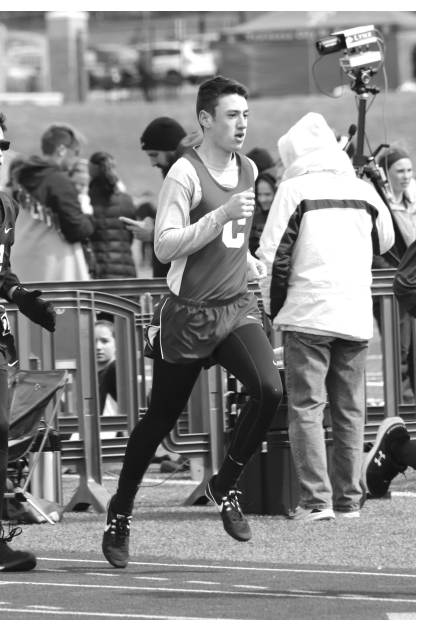
Track & Field 4 years.

Dedicated and willing to work hard to accomplish his goals are standout characteristics of Adam.

Adam Weiss



AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Senior Athlete

Sean had a great attitude and his laid back demeanor kept things loose and positive.

GPA - 3.985

Sean Bradley



AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Senior Athlete

As a freshman, Elise made an instant impact in track, qualifying for states in the hurdles, placing 6th in the high jump, and breaking our school high jump record in the process. She fought through injuries her junior year to return to the podium, placing 4th in the state. All-State in High Jump: 6th in 2017, 4th in 2019. School Record holder in high jump with a jump of 5'3". Elise will play basketball at the University of Michigan. Her GPA - 3.892

Elise Stuck



Snowbird star earns his wings

Brady Hunter earns his commercial pilot license

BY BOB DELONG

In less than one year after earning his “visual flight rules” (VFR), pilots license, (June 12, 2019), Brady Hunter passed both his oral and flight exams to earn his single engine commercial pilot license last week (May 23rd), making the most of his time off from school due to the Covid-19 pandemic. But it was not as easy a path as one might think.

Once a pilot earns his VFR, a lot of “hours” in the air are required to first earn your “instrument flight Condi-

tions” (IFC) license. A single engine commercial rating license takes a minimum of 250 hours to be exact. In Northern Michigan, not only does the weather sometimes not accommodate flying, but Hunter was also occupied as a full-time student at Gaylord St. Mary earning many academic and athletic accolades. Additionally, Hunter was named the 2020 St. Mary salutatorian for his work in the classroom and was the area’s most decorated athlete earning all state honors in 3 sports, (football, basketball and baseball); playing quar-

terback, point guard and centerfield respectively.

When Brady announced that he was attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (a D2 University) earlier this year in Daytona Beach, Florida, one might have thought that Hunter might be playing one of their 19 varsity sports—they do not have a football program, but they do play basketball and baseball there, but Hunter had other plans of becoming a commercial airline pilot like his father Jeff.

Brady certainly would have done well in furthering his sports career, such as basketball at the next level, and with all of his recent success in baseball and football (including being named the Weekly Choice Player of the Year in both Football and Baseball), coaches from the next level had to be calling. However, in the end, his heart was set on becoming a pilot.

Hunter earned the Presidential Scholarship at St. Mary and is continuing his “online” classes at North Central Michigan College while also taking classes remotely at ERAU from Florida in order to earn his Bachelors Degree, while at the same time flying locally here in Gaylord. Brady is scheduled to take his “Multi-Engine Commercial” test June 13th. If he passes, not only can he fly multi-engine aircraft, he will also earn an extra bonus, a position with North Country Aviation here in Gaylord.

Brady’s dad Jeff said that coaching Brady in sports is a lot like teaching him to fly, “You give him your knowledge, and by practicing that knowledge you get better and



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Making the most of his time off from school during the pandemic, Brady Hunter earned his pilot’s license.

better every day. You may not ever need to use what you learned on that particular day, but everything adds up to help you become a better athlete, and/or a pilot.” Jeff Hunter said that Brady spent a lot of time in the family’s 2 seat Cessna 150 since his first flight toward his license on August 8, 2018, and a few things were certainly different than playing sports. For example, Jeff explained, “From the moment that you are in the air, you have to be thinking ahead, for example: if the engine has problems or stalls in a single engine plane, what is your plan to get to spot that you can land”. Jeff also explained, “While it

is fun to be a dad and son while flying, it is also very important to be an instructor and pilot.”

“Just like sports you have to be disciplined and focused and you have to put in your practice time,” continued Jeff Hunter, “Brady has to log a total of 1200 hours in the 2nd in command seat before he can sit in the Captain’s seat.”

Brady has flown all over Michigan to get his hours, including Frankfort, Traverse City, Grand Rapids and one of his favorite destinations, Mackinac Island. Some of his out of state destinations include Indiana, Ohio, Iowa and Colorado. Hunter is 2 years ahead of when his fa-

ther earned his pilot’s license, but the elder Hunter went on to play college sports prior to receiving his.

Jeff Hunter flew for a regional airline, one reason while he and his family discovered Gaylord, Michigan before he started flying for Southwest Airlines at the age of 31. Jeff is currently commuting and flying out of Southwest’s Chicago hub.

One day in the near future, you may find yourself on a plane and hear over the speaker, “This is your captain Brady Hunter speaking, welcome aboard and enjoy your flight!”

MHSAA Updates on Summer Activity & Re-Opening Guidance

The Michigan High School Athletic Association issued guidelines last week on when and how Michigan schools may resume as a guide to return to sports activities. The guidelines were issued by Mark Uyl, Executive Director of MHSAA.

We have two updates regarding summer activity that can be put into categories of “when” and “how.” The “when” question continues to be fluid based on direction from state government leadership, but we do have an updated timeline to share. The “how” activity can be reopened is outlined in the guidance document. Even though this guidance cannot be implemented until after June 12 at the earliest under the current “Safer-at-Home” order, we wanted schools to have this information so that local discussion, communication and planning can occur now for future activity.

THE “WHEN” UPDATE:

The state’s current “Safer-at-Home” order runs through Friday, June 12. There can be no use of any school facilities (indoor and outdoor) and there can be no organized on-site athletic activity, including conditioning or competition, until the current stay-at-home order expires or is lifted by Governor Whitmer. When the stay-at-home order expires or is lifted (or other government action takes place in the meantime), the return-to-activity recommendations may be implemented locally by school district leadership, provided the district declares its facilities open to students and staff and the 2019-20 school year has ended for that district (based on its last originally scheduled school day). Again, under the current order, activity cannot take place until expiration of that order on June 12.

At the present time, the only activity allowed continues to be individual, outdoor recreational activity including walking, hiking, running, etc. (as announced in Executive Order 2020-96). If this type of individual conditioning activity takes place with more than one person present, it must be in groups of fewer than 10 people with social distancing followed, and the activity cannot involve school coaches or be school-sponsored, nor can it occur at any school facility (indoor or outdoor) until at least June 12. For example, a coach could remotely provide a conditioning workout plan to a student to complete on his or her own, but a coach cannot be onsite directing or supervising any activity until the current order expires on June 12.

Voluntary, virtual (not in-person or onsite) communication and instruction from coaches to any number of students is permitted under MHSAA rules in all sports during the summer. Many coaches are conducting virtual team meetings to teach team strategies, offensive & defensive concepts and sharing video; this type of communication can continue with unlimited numbers of students through the summer.

As state government continues to announce changes, dates and plans for re-opening parts of our state, we will continue to communicate with you as these actions impact school sports. Our plan is to provide further updates to member schools on important dates and timelines during these fluid, changing times.

THE “HOW” UPDATE:

The following MHSAA/NFHS Guidance for Re-Opening School Sports” document is based on

direction provided by the MHSAA and National Federation of State High School Associations’ (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committees, in addition to reopening plans provided by the Michigan and federal governments and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Concepts from the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee were also consulted.

The MHSAA/NFHS plan recommends a three step process to returning to full athletic participation, and each step outlines actions to be taken in five major areas: pre-workout/contest screening of athletes and coaches for sickness, limitations on the number of participants who may be involved in a gathering, proper cleaning of facilities, the use of equipment during activity, and best practices for keeping participants safely hydrated. The plan also places sports into categories based on risk for transmitting the virus (low/moderate/high), with adjusted return-to-activity steps based on that level of risk. This is an initial roadmap for schools to use when we are able to return to activity. Know that schools will be allowed to move from step to step based on the size of groups allowed locally by government and health department officials. Step 1 begins with a limit of 10 people, and schools will possibly move to the next steps as those limits are increased. Again, we remind you that this guidance cannot be implemented until after June 12 at the earliest under the current “Safer-at-Home” order.

The one thing we have learned over the past 10 weeks is that change is constant, and we will continue to communicate with you as things continue to develop over the coming weeks.

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