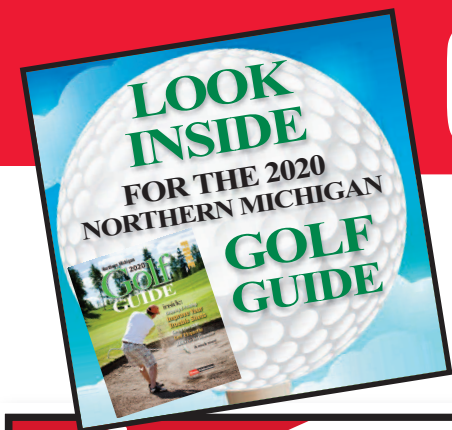


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North Country Community Mental Health reopened offices June 15



North Country Community Mental Health reopened its offices. A number of safety modifications, including modified the check-in and check-out windows, were made in anticipation of reopening. Courtesy photo

North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) reopened its offices for services on Monday, June 15 after weeks of serving people primarily through virtual means such as telephone and telehealth video-conferencing as well as in community settings.

"North Country aligned its plan for resuming in-person services with the Governor's MI Safe Start Plan. With Region 6 being designated at Stage 5 (containing) and with the flattening of new COVID cases in our service area, we're reopening our offices and gradually resuming in-person services," says Christine Gebhard, North Country CEO.

Gebhard says a number of safety modifications were made in anticipation of reopening: "In preparation for resuming limited in-person services at our clinics, we made a number of safety modifications to help protect the health of our staff and clients. Each outpatient clinic and clubhouse has a respiratory hygiene station placed at the entrance. It contains hand sanitizer, face masks, and tissues. Staff and clients will complete a health screening when they enter. We also modified the check-in and check-out windows in reception areas with a pass-through so windows can remain closed."

Other safety measures in-

clude requirements for face coverings for both clients and staff, chairs spaced and floors marked for physical distancing, and new disinfecting protocols implemented, with frequent sanitizing of touch points during the day and deep cleaning at night.

"We will limit the number of appointments and staff in the office each day, prioritizing clients with highest need. We will gradually resume in-person operations and will continue to maximize telehealth to the extent that we are allowed in order to keep people safe. Clients have appreciated the telehealth op-

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You done good Dad

BY JIM AKANS

This Sunday it Father's Day. Father's Day, much like dear old dad himself, tends to be a somewhat low profile holiday. Barring the plethora of ads for tools, shirts and ties that fill the tabloids and television screen as the middle of June approaches, it is an annual event without a lot of hoopla, often celebrated with a simple backyard family BBQ, and phone calls from sons or daughters who have flown the nest.

Dads tend to keep an awful lot to themselves. It's something that seems to come with the territory. As the traditional "disciplinarian," the male role model requires a bit of mystery to be effective. After all, would mom's stern warning of "wait until your father gets home" have as much impact if junior knew dear old dad



My dad and granddaughter (my daughter Sarah). Photo by Jim Akans

most likely pulled similar misdeeds during his

younger years?

However, dads must also be careful not to let too much go unspoken. Children learn from their parents accomplishments, mistakes and dreams, and a glimpse a child can catch of his father's world may have a much more enduring impact than scores of scoldings or dinnertime sentences...punishments dad most likely didn't want to give out anyway.

It wasn't until my own father was nearing the end of his life that he alluded to his participation in one of the greatest military battles undertaken by what has been described as America's

"Greatest Generation."

It took place in the closing days of World War II, on the small Pacific island of Okinawa. My dad was a member of the esteemed Marine Sixth Division, an outfit that assembled on Guadalcanal in September 1944 under command of WWI veteran, General Lemuel Shepard. It was composed of a core of battle hardened veterans and newly arrived replacement troops, and my father served as a radio-man (a primary target for enemy snipers I was later to learn).

The landing on Okinawa occurred on Easter Sunday,

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Father's Day, much like dear old dad himself, tends to be a somewhat low profile holiday. A donut, coffee and card are all that's needed to let dad know he is loved. File photo



The summer solstice officially takes place at 5:44pm on June 20th. Photo by Jim Akans

2020 nears the 50 yard line

BY JIM AKANS

An English translation of a Chinese curse warns; "May you live in interesting times." This year has certainly put that curse to the test. With the approach of the summer solstice, officially taking place at 5:44pm on June 20th, there is some solace in knowing we are halfway across the football field in our journey toward the 2020 end zone.

The year began with tensions in the MidEast, followed by an impeachment trial. Soon the Corona Virus, renamed COVID-19, rapidly crept across the globe bringing fear, "Stay at Home," quarantine, social distancing, economic mayhem and polarization of opinion. There has been employment and stock market instability, and the long overdue issues of racial inequality have been brought to worldwide attention. That's a lot for one planet of people to manage in just six months. To top it off, we can look forward to thousands of political ads in the next five months.

Halfway points are excellent opportunities to pause, reflect upon and dream forward. In the Northern Hemisphere, the summer solstice marks the halfway point in the Earth's orbit, where the poles have maximum tilt toward the sun. That means after June 20 the daylight hours here in northern Lower Michigan will gradually become shorter. It's a great reminder to get out and enjoy summer activities during the next few months.

After starting the year being cooped up by winter and COVID, getting out and enjoying the warmth and long daylight hours of summer is a relief to all. Our region offers countless trails to

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June is National Men's Health Month

Father's Day is quickly approaching and now is the perfect time to encourage the men in your life to take care of themselves by eating right, exercising and seeking regular medical care so they may live long and healthy lives.

The month of June is National Men's Health Month and District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) urges all boys and men to stay healthy by seeking regular medical checkups.

"The purpose of Men's Health Month is to increase

awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of diseases in boys and men," said Kevin Hughes, DHD#10 Health Officer for DHD#10.

Men's health is not just a 'man's issue' it is a family issue. Men's health can impact everyone around them: wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters.

So, what can men do to be healthier? It's simple. Take action!

- Eat healthy- add more fruits and vegetable into

your diet and try to limit eating foods that are high in calories, sugar, salt and fat.

- Get moving- make a personal goal to reach 2 ½ hours of physical activity per week. Participating in activities you enjoy will help you to stay motivated.

- Quit tobacco- tobacco smoking is the number one preventable cause of death in the U.S. and the primary cause of COPD and lung cancer.

- Make prevention a priority- schedule yearly checkups and regular health

screenings with your doctor or local health department

Monthly testicular self-exams are important for the early detection of testicular cancer. June 27th is National HIV Testing Day and everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 should get tested for HIV at least once as part of their routine health care. Those who are at a higher risk for HIV should be tested more often. For free HIV testing, contact your local Health Department.

- Set an example- consistently pull the above healthy

habits together and be a role model for those who may be watching you.

DHD#10 offers several services for men including HIV testing, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) testing, treatment and prevention, sexual health exams, tobacco cessation programs, diabetes prevention programs, immunizations, and more.

To learn more about the programs offered for men or to schedule a service, call 888-217-3904. For more information, visit www.dhd10.org.

The game warden and the Yellow Drake

Onaway native Clarence Roberts and his fly-fishing legacy

BY RYAN SOULARD

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It was a rainy, cool, spring day a few years ago, when my wife and I hit the water with fishing guide Ed McCoy on the Manistee River.

Still in my infancy stage of learning which bugs hatch when, and what flies to match them with, I was eager to soak up everything I could.

My wife, the trooper she always is, had a smile on her face despite the dreary weather. As the old saying goes, "A bad day of fishing, beats a good day at work."

So off we went.

Soon into the float, it became very apparent that fly fishing in the rain wasn't a bad thing after all. It seemed like wherever we placed our fly, with the careful guidance of Ed's rowing skills, brook trout and brown trout were crushing our flies with reckless abandon.

"What fly is this?" I asked Ed.

"Roberts' Yellow Drake."

It soon became clear to me that this fly was something I needed to have in my arsenal when I am hitting the waters of northern Michigan. It also occurred to me that these tiny yellow bugs must taste like the finest meal you've ever had to a fish, just judging by the constant attention these daytime trout were giving them.

As the days passed following that trip, my mind wandered back to just how great it was.

We don't own a drift boat, so it was nice to experience the river with a first-class guide leading the way, sharing all his knowledge with us – from insects to casting.

As we stopped for lunch that day and the rain really picked up, I remember holding a small container of pasta salad Ed brought and watching it fill with water as I held it.

I still can taste that little tub of pasta salad and how delicious it was, watered down, probably having some residue off the cedar tree we were parked under, and who knows, maybe even a mayfly or two.

It doesn't matter what you eat while out fishing, it just tastes 20 times better. Look it up, it's got to be a rule somewhere.

On that fishing excursion, we had prolific insect hatches of Ephemera, or sulfurs as they most commonly are known.

One mystery still evaded me as I looked back on this great trip: "Who was Roberts and why does his sulfur imitation work so wonderfully?"

After some internet sleuthing, I was delighted to find a couple of great articles written about Clarence Roberts and his Yellow Drake. What made it even more special to me was finding out that he and I were kindred souls in our career paths.

Roberts had been a game warden (before they were called conservation officers) for the Michigan Department of Conservation (the precursor to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources) and he was obviously a fishing fanatic. As a wildlife biologist for the Michigan DNR, it absolutely made my day to read this.

He was born in 1916 in the little town of Onaway in the northern Lower Peninsula. As the lore surrounding Clarence goes, his "trout madness" all started when his brother Cliff purchased several items from the Herter's catalog in the 30s and began tying flies.

When Cliff joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942, he needed someone to pass his materials along to, and his brother Clarence was the perfect candidate, living in a halcyon trout fishing area around Grayling and working in the outdoors.

You could say that Clarence dove in head over heels because by 1949, he was commercially tying flies and



Onaway native, famed fly-fisherman, and longtime game warden Clarence Roberts is shown in a historic photo with one of his many trout catches. (courtesy of DNR)



Yellow Drake flies sit on the cover of a copy of author Robert Traver's classic "Trout Madness." (courtesy of DNR)



A photo shows a drift boat ready for floating along the Upper Manistee River. (courtesy of DNR)

selling to bait shops, gas stations, hardware stores and canoe liveries.

At the height of his enterprise, Clarence was commercially tying over 5,000 flies a year. He raised his own roosters to use their hackles for fly tying, and he scavenged a road-killed animal or two in his game warden duties for fur to tie with.

Roberts made a big impact regionally and around the Au Sable River, both as a game warden and for his innovations in fly tying.

He is credited as one of the first people to ever tie flies with deer hair parallel to the hook to add buoyancy and help the fly ride better in the water, which is a tenet of fly tying born in Michigan that has since spread globally.

To think that on the backside of World War II, there were people tying flies and making more money than their work salaries!

Enter George Mason and George Griffith.

According to the book "America's 100 Best Trout Streams" by John Ross, "The idea for Trout Unlimited was hatched at a chance meeting in 1950 of George Griffith, a hosiery salesman, and George Mason, president of American Motors, as both men were waiting to launch their Au Sable riverboats at Burton's Landing."

Mason was a Ducks Unlimited member who suggested a similar organization for trout be started.

After Mason died in 1954, Griffith – a member of the Michigan Conservation Commission – and others picked up the flyrod and kept moving the idea forward.

Griffith went on to hold a landmark meeting on the banks of the Au Sable with the likes of Fred Bear, Mort Neff, Art Neuman and several others that led to the creation of Trout Unlimited in 1959, which grew into the international organization we know today.

It is said that somewhere between 1957 and 1959, Clarence Roberts and George Griffith were fishing together when Griffith hooked a log with a streamer fly pattern, tugging it, causing it to rocket loose, injuring his eye and leading to subsequent vision issues.

After that, Roberts began tying the Roberts Yellow Drake with the large white parachute post so that Griffith could more easily see the fly on the water.

I would have loved to be a fly on the water back in the 40s and 50s and listen to the conversations among anglers and what they were brainstorming.

Here they were coming out of some of the darkest moments in history, the Great Depression of the 1930s, then World War II in the 40s and the Cold War of the 1950s.

Yet somehow, these great giants of conservation were able not only to keep a level head but to devise plans on how to save and enhance cold-water fisheries in northern Michigan.

Those foundations have spread globally and have made lasting positive impacts.

I guess I should not be surprised by the resiliency of someone from the Greatest Generation who also served Michigan as a game warden.

One of my greatest joys at work is that as a wildlife biologist I regularly have interactions with conservation officers from across the state.

Some people may see a conservation officer with their badge and gun and assume "they are just an officer," but I can tell you from experience it goes far beyond that.

Michigan conservation officers' more than 130-year history is one of outstanding service to the state's people and natural resources.

They act as the first line of defense in many emergency situations, are involved in their communities and exemplify what it means to be a law enforcement officer.

Outside of their work, I can't begin to tell you the number of unique personalities I have met from the ranks of conservation officers: artists, musicians, trappers, hunters, anglers, foster parents, mentors and so many other examples.

Looking at the great men and women who wear the conservation officer badge each day in this state, I guess it should be no surprise to me that, way back when, Clarence Roberts designed a fly that is still in rotation today.

His Yellow Drake is one of the "must have" patterns for spring and summer trout fishing in Michigan, let alone other places around the globe – tied in various other ways based on region.

You can tie it from a small, size-16 sulfur, all the way up to the biggest hexagenia pattern. It is really a "do-all" pattern, that has stood the test of time.

I'd bet Roberts would find it incredible to know that his fly has been in tens of thousands of fly boxes – resulting in some of the finest brook and brown trout catches, creating countless memories for first-timers to seasoned anglers.

I'm sure, like many of the other Michigan conservation officers I have had the good fortune of meeting across the state, he would be the last person to pat himself on the back and instead probably would give credit to those around him.

A health condition forced Roberts to retire from the DNR in 1971, after just under 30 years of service as a game warden. He later moved to Florida, where he fished and tied flies for enjoyment.

He returned to Michigan a decade or so later. He died in 1984 at age 68. He is buried in Grayling in Crawford County.

Thinking about Roberts and his Yellow Drake, while stocking my fly boxes for the upcoming fly angler's magical time of year, really got me thinking about this current COVID-19 situation that we find ourselves in and how much of an anxious and uncertain time it has been and will continue to be for a while.

I think of all the conservationists back in the 1930s, 40s and 50s and the many milestones they reached in the face of adversity and uncertain times.

How will I go forward in what my generation may consider our darkest hour and ensure natural resources are being taken care of?

How will I keep my mind right?

One day at a time and this too shall pass.

Find a river, take a few yellow bugs and think about what you can do to make sure clean, cold water and good habitat are there for generations to come. What part might you have in this?

Sit on a riverbank, read a book, slide into the water and cast a fly, get lost on a two-track road for a few hours this summer.

Cross that songbird off your bird-watching life list, go after that fish you've been wanting to catch, reset those gears and look toward the future of good days to come.

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bike, hike and explore, inland lakes and the Great Lakes for boating, fishing, swimming and sunbathing, beautiful parks for camping and picnicking, and charming towns filled with shops, restaurants, museums and more (just keep distancing in mind during these "interesting times").

While the first six months of 2020 have been challenging, those challenges have opened new perspectives.

The world has been forced to slow down and re-prioritize. As individuals, families, cultures and nations we have been given a chance to take time and look inward.

It's halftime in the 2020. In football, players head to the locker room and the coach analyzes the game and inspires the team to ready for the second half. Perhaps the second half of 2020 will be an opportunity to take advantage of what we have learned, make changes, and look forward to where we would like to be on New Year's Day 2021.

"May you live in interesting times" might just be a blessing.

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FROM PG. 1A

April 1st, at 8:30 am. During the ensuing eighty-two day "Final Battle of WWII," over 250,000 people lost their lives, the United States Navy sustained the largest loss of life and vessels in a single battle, with over 5,000 Navy personnel killed, thirty-four ships lost and 368 damaged. The fight was fierce and enormous, with the Allies deploying approximately 183,000 troops, greater than the estimated 156,000 troops directed toward Normandy during the D-Day invasion approximately a year earlier.

With more combat experience than any other Marine division during the initial assault, The Sixth "took" the majority of the island of Okinawa. As the US Navy "softened" the island in the days prior to the invasion, a Japanese newspaper warned "This 6th Marine Division is a fresh unit. Among the badly mauled enemy it is a tiger cub and their morale is high." It further advised that defeating the Sixth would be a key to Japanese victory, which history now knows did not happen.

Some of the most savage fighting in Marine Corp history occurred during the week of May 12th through the 18th, in particular because Japanese soldiers had constructed a network of tunnels that made their movements unpredictable. The final fight for the Sixth Division on Okinawa occurred at Mezado Ridge, on June 17th. By the battles end, 8,277 Marine 6th Division personnel had been killed or wounded.

Thankfully, my father wasn't one of them.

Famous war correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed during the Battle of Okinawa. He had followed some of the Marines during the battle and said he found them; "confident but neither cocky or smart-alecky." He also noted, "They want to go home as badly as any soldier I've ever met...yet they are sentimental, compassionate, regularly bowing to Okinawan civilians on the road." He concluded; "Marines do not thirst for battle...but I have no doubts whatever about the things they can do when they have to."

That sounds like the dad I grew up admiring. I wish I had heard more about his brave and patriotic achievements in his own words, so I could have seen them through his eyes.

This Father's Day...tell your children something they don't know about you. I'll bet that's something they will remember for the rest of their lives.

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Health Department of Northwest MI Public Health Advisory

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in collaboration with the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMPHA), issues the following advisory to protect the health of the public in the 31-county NMPHA region:

On June 5th, 2020, the Governor signed Executive Order 2020-114 and 2020-115 which includes temporary restrictions on certain events, gatherings, and businesses, and safeguards to protect Michigan workers. These actions allow for Michigan Economic Recovery Council Regions 6 & 8 to move to phase 5 of the MI Safe Start Plan on June 10th, allowing additional businesses to open across the state, no longer requires Michigan residents to stay

home, and allows for indoor social gatherings of up to 50 people and outdoor social gatherings of up to 250 people.

During summer, many individuals make plans with family and friends to travel to the beautiful coastlines of Michigan or to northern Michigan. While we understand that many travelers, seasonal, and full-time residents enjoy the beautiful scenery and activities that northern Michigan has to offer, we encourage everyone to keep in mind that we are moving carefully through the phases of re-opening our state. It is important that everyone continues to follow best practices and safety precaution as additional busi-

nesses and travel are phased back in.

The increased population to the northern Michigan area places a substantial strain on the local communities, including local health-care systems. Increased movement in and about local business establishments presents additional risk to employees and community members. In order to protect our residents, visitors, and employees, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in addition to the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance, is advising that you abide by the following guidelines:

1. If you are sick, stay at home. Do not leave your residence and do not go to work.

2. If you have symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider or local health department for assistance and to seek testing as soon as possible.

3. If you have been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed COVID-19 infection, self-quarantine for 14 days from your last contact with them.

4. All individuals traveling to northern Michigan for vacation, to stay in seasonal homes or are returning from travel out of the area should carefully consider their risk of exposure during travel (ie: attended a large gathering or event, traveled via public transportation such as plane, train, or bus, traveled to an area with a rising rate of

cases of COVID-19). If travel is considered higher risk then they are advised to stay at home for 14 days upon arrival to your destination. If they must leave their home, they are advised to wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and frequently wash their hands.

5. All residents, whether full-time or seasonal, and visitors should adhere to the required safety precautions while in business establishments such as stores, bars, and restaurants including face coverings, social distancing, and capacity limits posted at business entrances.

6. Maintain 6-feet of social distance with those outside your household, and avoid crowding on outdoor trails

and in recreational areas such as beaches.

7. Comply with limits on gatherings of no more than 50 in an indoor space and no more than 250 in an outdoor space. By following these simple guidelines, the risk for spreading COVID-19 lowers significantly, protecting everyone who lives, works, and plays in beautiful northern Michigan.

This Advisory replaces the previous Public Health Advisory issued on March 31, 2020 and will remain in place until lifted.

Gypsy moth caterpillars are eating leaves; here's what to do

Michigan Department of Natural Resources forest health experts are getting reports of oak, aspen and maple trees losing leaves to gypsy moths in the southwestern and northeastern parts of the Lower Peninsula.

The gypsy moth is an invasive species that caused widespread defoliation in the state from the mid-1980s to the early 1990s. This year, defoliation is likely to become visible within the next few weeks in localized outbreak areas and persist through mid-July.

"Gypsy moths are a nuisance but rarely kill trees," said Scott Lint, forest health expert with the DNR's Forest Resources Division.

Keep defoliated trees healthy by making sure they get water; avoid damaging tree roots and bark. Trees should begin to develop new leaves in July to replace those that were eaten.

Deborah McCullough, Michigan State University, Departments of Entomology and Forestry, recently released; "2020 Gypsy moth caterpillars are out and about." The article stated that oaks and many other trees are likely to be defoliated by gypsy moth this summer in many areas of Lower Michigan.

Gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar* L.) caterpillars feed on the leaves of oaks, aspen,

crabapple and 300 other species trees from late May to early or mid-July. When outbreaks occur in oak or aspen forests, more than one million caterpillars per acre can be feeding on tree leaves. Furthermore, each caterpillar can consume up to 9 square feet of leaf area during the six to seven weeks of feeding. This means trees in landscapes as well as forests can be entirely defoliated by late June. Fortunately, most hardwood trees are able to produce new leaves two to three weeks later, after the caterpillars have finished their feeding.

Outbreaks of gypsy moth are not frequent, but when they occur, it can be unpleasant to live, work or recreate in a neighborhood, campground or other affected areas. Several locations in Lower Michigan experienced gypsy moth outbreaks during the past year and populations may be high in some areas again this summer.

Gypsy moth eggs hatch between mid- to late May across much of Lower Michigan. Young, small caterpillars are rarely noticed and cause little defoliation. As they feed, however, the caterpillars grow and consume more and more leaf tissue (see the gypsy moth life cycle.)

Information to help you recognize and know what to expect from gypsy moth,

along with options to protect trees on your property, can be found at the new Gypsy Moth page at Michigan State University's Integrated Pest Management website.

You can also use the MSU Enviroweather Gypsy Moth Treatment Map and the MSU Enviroweather Gypsy Moth Egg Hatch Prediction to help track and manage gypsy moth populations.

This insect, which is native to Europe and parts of Asia, arrived in the northeastern U.S. in the mid-1860s and has been spreading ever since. Populations of gypsy moth have been in Michigan since the 1980s and the first big outbreaks occurred across much of Lower Michigan in the 1990s. During the past 20 years, gypsy moth populations have occasionally reached high levels in some locations in Michigan, but it can be anywhere from five to 15 years between outbreaks. Gypsy moth density usually stays high for two to three years in an area before disease and other natural enemies drive the population back to low levels. Read more about that at A Virus and a Fungal Disease Cause Gypsy Moth Outbreaks to Collapse from MSU.

This article was published by Michigan State University Extension. For more information, visit <https://extension.msu.edu>.

MDOT to host telephone town hall meetings on state long-range transportation plan

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be hosting two telephone town halls at 7 p.m. June 16 and 10 a.m. June 17 to give Michigan residents an opportunity to have input on the state long-range transportation plan (SLRTP), known as Michigan Mobility 2045 (MM2045).

Although registered voter lists are used to ensure residents in every part of the state receive calls, anyone living in Michigan who wants to participate can opt in by completing an online registration form. The telephone town halls will begin with a brief overview of the transportation planning process. During the calls, the public will have an opportunity to comment and provide ideas about Michigan's transportation strategies.

A unique virtual forum, telephone town hall meetings are particularly beneficial for residents who would not typically have the time to attend a regular public meeting or who cannot participate online. Residents will be called at random through an auto-

mated system and invited to take part in the telephone forums. Those who choose to join the call will have the chance to ask questions and share their thoughts about the future of transportation. Michiganders are encouraged to join the conversation.

To ensure that the most people possible are engaged, text messages will be sent to a randomly selected group of Michigan mobile phone users throughout the state. The messages will provide information on how to take part in the telephone town hall meetings, as well as how to opt out of future text messages.

MDOT is seeking the opinions of a large and diverse group of Michigan residents and stakeholders representing groups with an interest or concern for the state's transportation decision-making process. This includes best practices for targeting and providing attention to environmental justice populations, marginalized communities and tribal governments.

Accommodations can be

made for persons with disabilities or limited English-speaking ability. Large print materials, auxiliary aids or the services of interpreters, signers, and readers are available upon request. Please call 517-241-7462 to make a request at least seven days before the meeting date.

The public can view the public and stakeholder participation plan, provide comments on MM2045, and get information about the telephone town halls and scheduled in-person meetings at www.MichiganMobility.org.

Public comments also can be sent to MDOT-Michigan-Mobility@Michigan.gov, or shared with MDOT social media sites at www.facebook.com/MichiganDOT or www.twitter.com/MichiganDOT. Comments also can be sent via U.S. Mail to: Monica Monsma, Michigan Mobility 2045, Michigan Department of Transportation Van Wagener Transportation Building, 425 West Ottawa St. P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909

Women's Giving Circle to award grants

Due to this COVID pandemic so many organizations are finding themselves in great need. Hestia Women's Giving Circle is thrilled to be awarding \$70,000 to help 14 of them provide services to women and girls in our area.

Hestia is a nonprofit organization that began in 2005 when a handful of women joined forces with a mission of promoting the economic self-sufficiency and well-being for women and girls in Emmet and Charlevoix counties. It is now comprised of over 90 women who are committed to donating \$1,000 (full membership) or \$500 (shared membership) each year. The name Hestia is taken from a

Greek goddess who was known for her warmth, generosity and kindness to others.

The first grants were given in 2007 in the amount of \$20,378. Including this year's grants, Hestia has given a total of \$540,000 since inception.

Each and every year Planned Parenthood of Michigan and Women's Resource Center are major grantees. This year's recipients also include Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northwest Michigan, Emmanuel Episcopal Church's youth pantries, Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan, First Tee of Northern Michigan, Flowers For Friends, Good Neighbors

Food Pantry, Groundwork Center, Harbor Springs Public Schools Child Care scholarship fund, Junior Main Street, Manna Food Project, Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, and YMCA of Northern Michigan.

Hestia Women's Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund under the umbrella of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. New members are always welcome! If you are interested in truly impacting the lives of women and girls in Emmet and Charlevoix counties, please visit our website www.hestiacircle.org or on Facebook.

Health Department COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to remind those tested at the Odawa Casino on 6/6 and 6/7 that results can be accessed online by visiting www.bioreference.com/patientportal. We are continuing to work with our local hospitals and providers toward a smooth process and increased access to testing.

As travel to our region continues to increase with warmer weather, we want to reassure and remind residents of a few important items.

If an individual visits one of our four counties and tests positive for COVID-19, their local health department would conduct a case investigation to identify close contacts.

Standard contact tracing helps determine where the individual was during the symptomatic period. During that process, if close contacts within our region were identified, the local health department would contact those affected as well as the Health

Department of Northwest Michigan.

If a visitor were to become ill with COVID-19 while in our jurisdiction, we ask that the hospital or provider contact us in addition to the local health department of the county of residence.

If a seasonal resident is obtaining a test while residing in our region, we ask that they use their local address for testing.

This situation has not occurred in our health department jurisdiction, however, should this occur and cause the public to be at an increased risk of COVID-19 exposure, that information would be shared.

Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director, shares, "as we have more visitors to our area from many different places it is still important to wear a mask and practice social distancing when in public spaces, and regularly wash hands or use hand sanitizer. These health and safety precautions coupled together provide each of us with the

best protection from the virus."

As of 4pm on June 16, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 13, Charlevoix – 17, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 102

Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties:

Antrim – 11, Charlevoix – 13, Emmet – 19, Otsego – 90

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

The State of Michigan has reported 60,189 cases and 5,790 deaths; and as of June 12, cumulative recovered cases: 44,964.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department jurisdiction by liking and following our Facebook page and visiting our COVID-19 Data Dashboard. To locate a testing facility, visit the Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website.

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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



Krista Dorst
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS

Krista was a great contributor to the track team. The fact that she balanced a rigorous schedule, dual sporting with softball, to make as many track meets and practices as possible, shows true dedication and drive. State Qualifier on the 4x200 relay team in 2018.
GPA - 3.881

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Blaise Snabes
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS

Senior Athlete
Blaise joined track late in his junior year but contributed right away, helping the team finish second in the conference. Second Team All-conference in 2019 for the 4x200 relay.
GPA - 3.318

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Parker Cesaro
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

JV Boys Basketball
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2018-19 • 2019-20
JV Baseball
2016-17 • 2017-18
2017-18 Most Valuable Offensive Player
Varsity Baseball
2018-19
Parents:
Jim and Debbie Cesaro

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Kylie O'Neill
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

Fall Varsity
Sideline Cheerleading
2018-19 • 2019-20
Track and Field
2017-18 • 2018-19
League Scholar Athlete
2018-19 • 2019-20
Parents:
Pat and Amy O'Neill

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Jack Wicker
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS

Senior Athlete
BASEBALL
Favorite memory:
Freshman year walk-off against Traverse City St. Francis
GPA: 3.7
Stats: .250 BA
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Crystal Mountain Plans Special Housing Rates, Precautions for Michigan PGA Women's Open

THOMPSONVILLE – Sponsoring host Crystal Mountain Resort is offering a special 50-percent reduced lodging rate for players, and tournament play and spectator precautions have been put in place in light of COVID-19 concerns for the 27th Michigan PGA Women's Open Championship scheduled for June 29-July 1.

The field is being limited to the first 78 golfers entered to help manage safety for all involved, and the entry deadline is Monday, June 22 at 5 p.m. Players should go to the new Michigan Section PGA website at michiganpga.com for entry information.

The championship does not require Michigan residency. For years, including 17 consecutive years at Crystal Mountain, it has featured an international field including Michigan teaching professionals, LPGA, Symetra Tour, and mini-tour professionals as well as top amateurs representing multiple states.

The field will play 54 holes of stroke play over three days to determine a champion. With the limited field there will not be a 36-hole cut. All 78 golfers will play each of the three rounds and the professionals will play for a share of a purse yet to be determined. A pro-am event traditionally presented by Crystal Mountain before the championship has been cancelled for this year.

The championship, as in the past, will be administered by the Michigan Section of the PGA of America.

"Since COVID-19 precautions will not allow us to have residents of the Crystal Mountain community serve as housing hosts for the traveling tournament players like in the past, Crystal Mountain Resort has put together 50 percent off lodging rates for the players on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights of the championship," Justin Phillips, the PGA's tourna-



Defending champion Anika Dy of Traverse City in action on hole 18. Courtesy Photo

ment director, said.

"The resort has stepped up to make it possible for us to have the championship this year, and we have worked with them to develop plans to make it work safely and successfully for everyone."

Phillips said among the precautions put in place to comply with CDC, state and federal guidelines will be the use of individual carts for each of the players. Also, one volunteer at each hole will be assigned flagstick duties to limit shared touch points, and players will be asked to help via cellphone technology with live scoring to cut down on the number of volunteers involved.

Also, spectator carts will not be allowed during the championship, and the tour-

namment will not be providing spectator shuttle carts to various points on the course as it has in the past. Phillips said spectators will be allowed to walk with groups provided they practice social distancing.

"It's going to take some teamwork by everybody, and Crystal Mountain has demonstrated they want to work with us to make it a great championship," Phillips said. "Crystal Mountain wants to encourage players and families to come to the resort for the tournament and feel safe and secure at the same time."

Greg Babinec, the director of golf for Crystal Mountain Resort, said the resort is excited to host the Michigan PGA Women's Open for the 18th time on the Mountain

Ridge course amid a challenging year.

"While the course and setup will be similar to past events, there are a number of precautions in place that will keep both players and spectators safe while enjoying the tournament" he said. "We have added a number of procedures in our cleaning and disinfecting protocols, including using CDC approved cleaners on all carts before and after each cart is used."

Babinec said the practice range usage will be limited to 10 players at any one time and putting greens will have limits to allow for proper distancing. Carts have partitions and a bunker rake will be provided on each cart to prevent shared touch points.

"We look forward to another successful event and to

seeing all of the great play that occurs each year in determining a very deserving champion," he said.

Anika Dy of Traverse City, a Crystal Mountain cart lot attendant and University of Michigan golfer, has entered with plans to defend her championship. She posted a five-shot win last summer with a final round 4-under 68. She was just the second amateur in tournament history to win and was the youngest winner at age 17.

Crystal Mountain Resort was established in 1956, and is a family-owned, four-season resort that is nationally recognized for its skiing, golf, and award-winning spa.

Located in northwestern-Michigan, a short drive from Sleeping Bear Dunes

National Lakeshore, the resort features downhill and cross-country skiing, Michigan Legacy Art Park, 36 holes of championship golf, Michigan's only alpine slide, an outdoor water playground, a variety of lodging and dining options, countless year-round activities and kids programs, an IACC-approved conference center, weddings, real estate and Crystal Spa. See crystalmountain.com.

INFORMATION: Registration can be found at the new Michigan Section website michiganpga.com. Justin Phillips of the Michigan PGA is the tournament director and available at 517-641-7421 or JPhillips@michiganpga.com.

Real Estate Feature Property

EAST JORDAN HOME WITH AMAZING LAKE CHARLEVOIX VIEWS



BY JIM AKANS

Situated on a beautiful lot with amazing Lake Charlevoix views, this wonderful East Jordan home is a great northern Michigan getaway.

This two-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath, two-story home has approximately 1,652 square feet of space. It features an open concept design with wood floors in the entry, kitchen and dining areas. The kitchen has plenty of wood cabinetry storage, lots of countertop work space and a handy

snack bar. The large master bedroom features a huge walk-in closet, and the floor plan also features a convenient main level laundry/utility room. There is a detached two car garage to keep vehicles safe and provide additional storage.

A covered deck on the front of the home is an ideal spot to relax and take in the Lake Charlevoix views, enjoying lake life right out your front door. The spacious back yard

is ideal for BBQ's, gardening or family games. The Lake Charlevoix beach

is just steps away, and the many dining, entertainment and shopping offered is downtown East Jordan is also nearby.

This wonderful home with amazing Lake Charlevoix views is located at 303 Lake Street in East Jordan and it is listed at \$275,000. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtor, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 231 Water Street in Boyne City, at 231-582-6554 or email at jennifer.burr@cbgreatlakes.com.

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WHO NEEDS TITLE INSURANCE

You do, but make sure you know your options

During the real estate transaction (especially if you're a first-time buyer), you're hit with so many foreign terms, fees and requirements your head spins. One of those strange and unfamiliar costs is title insurance. In most cases, borrowers have no option—either you get title insurance (among other requirements) or you don't get a loan.

The lender says you need it, you want the loan to go through, so you buy title insurance. Great. So what is title insurance?

When you buy a home you want to make sure that the people selling it actually have full and legal title. The party who conducts closing will check this out by going down to the local property records office to research the history of ownership.

But those records down at the property office may be official, but they may also be wrong. It's also possible that the person who does the title search can make a mistake and also that important information may simply not be recorded.

For instance, maybe a bill against the property was not recorded or some taxes were not been paid. Or, suppose that 40 years ago the property you want to purchase was owned by Smith. Let's also imagine that Smith was a bigamist with an extra spouse. Will this matter show up on the local property records? Not likely. Does the additional Smith spouse have an ownership claim against the property? That may only be clear after a lot of legal

wrangling—and if you lose, you could lose the house.

There may be other odd and bizarre claims as well. Was an owner an alcoholic? Insane? A drug user? Is there a contractor with a claim against the property? Such issues can "cloud" titles and neither lenders nor owners want clouds.

One form of title insurance, "lenders" coverage, is designed to protect (who else?) your lender in case of title problems. "Lenders" coverage is required and generally provides protection up to the original mortgage amount—if you buy a home for \$300,000 and get a \$250,000 mortgage, then \$250,000 is as much coverage as you can get with a lender's policy. If there's a claim, the title insurer will fight on your behalf and if there's a claim the policy will pay off the loan if necessary. This is good news for you because you won't owe the lender a dime if you lose in court.

But there are also some options.

For instance, you can also get "owners" coverage. This will protect your equity—that \$50,000 in the example above not covered by the lender's policy. And you can often get an "inflation rider" with an owner's policy—as the value of your home goes up, so does the value of your title coverage.

While title insurance is required by virtually all lenders, there is one big exception: Loans made in Iowa. In Iowa, the state says that attorneys and others who do title work must participate in a title guarantee program. If there's a title error, the state fund provides coverage.



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Jordan Valley District Library offers curbside service

We are happy to announce the Library will be open for curbside service! Curbside service is currently encouraged and launched as a service point to help with physical distancing. This service will be instituted and ready to roll out before the building is reopen to the public. Some Library staff are in the building preparing to add new items and sending back melcat items so we can get curbside service available for the week of June 15th on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours and services will expand as we get things situated for easier curbside access to our patrons.

What does curbside service look like for the Library? The following services will be available:

- Place items on hold to be checked out
- Return items in outdoor book drop
- Wifi in parking lot

HOW DOES CURBSIDE WORK?

- To place items on hold: Place a hold on the items that you would like to check out by:
- Jvdl.info website
 - Go to catalog search icon (on right hand side)
 - Log in with Library barcode number
 - Search for item and request it
- Jordan Valley District Library app (download from store on phone)
- Find item in Library Catalog

- Search item by title or author
- Click on request (place on hold)
- Call Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-W-F and request materials

The Library will check out materials to your Library barcode account

- Pick up your items from the parking spaces in front of the building.
- When you get to the Library call the Library, tell your name and Parking # on sign.
- DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR.
- Staff will bring your items to you in a plastic bag via an open window

The following services will

- NOT be currently available:
- Making copies, prints, scans and faxes
 - Ordering of MelCat materials
 - Public internet computer usage
 - Notary service

The Library will currently be closed to the public in order to continue the progress made in combating Covid-19 and to give staff time to learn new procedures. Staff readiness will continually be reevaluated as well as keeping a safe environment to determine moving forward with our reopening plans. Stay informed as we keep you up to date each week via the chamber newsletter, newspaper, Library website, and Library Facebook page.



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4th of July Duck Race Is a Go

The annual fundraiser and celebration of July 4th hosted by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will take place on July 4, 2020 and the race will be held at 2pm at Avalanche Bay Indoor Waterpark at Boyne Mountain Resort. Tickets will be \$10.00 each and can be purchased at the Boyne Area Chamber office Monday through Friday and outside the Boyne City Hall on Saturdays between 8:00am and Noon. Thank you Marty Moody of Lynda's Real Estate our 2020 Ticket Sponsor. New this year, 100 VIP duck tickets will be sold - exclusive on site viewing of the race while enjoying a cash bar. VIP tickets are \$25 each. A video of the race will be available for viewing on social media for regular ticket holders.

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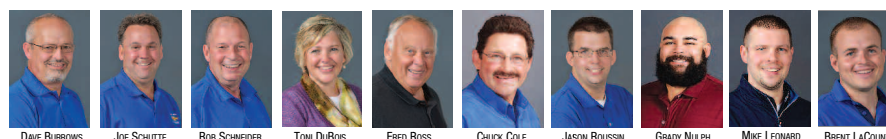
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