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McDonnell finishing year as president of Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police



Courtesy Photo

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan's Chief of Police Terry McDonnell is wrapping up his year as president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. His photo, taken near the East Jordan marina, graces the cover of the Michigan Police Chiefs summer newsletter. In his comments at a recent East Jordan City Commission meeting, Commissioner Paul Timmons remarked, "As long as I can remember, I consider him the best chief we've ever had."

Ending his year as president in the midst of a global pandemic, Chief McDonnell, like all police officers, has faced a new set of challenges in an effort to keep his staff, and the public, healthy and safe.

McDonnell said many minor incidents can be handled over the phone, reducing person to person contact as much as possible, while still maintaining good service. He pointed out that a lot of people thought the cops were just sitting on the side-

lines not doing anything. He explained that wasn't true, "we just changed the way we did things."

In addition to wearing face masks, officers are now disinfecting their vehicles frequently for the safety of the officers as well as the public. To help with the task, the East Jordan Police Department acquired an ultraviolet light instrument for disinfecting their cars through a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

With most everyone effected in some way by the pandemic, Chief McDonnell said the number of calls the department has responded to hasn't really changed much. But in conversations with police chiefs throughout the state, McDonnell said there were other areas that saw a slight uptick in domestic violence cases, probably the result of people being "cooped up" together during the stay at home order.

With Michigan relaxing restrictions on travel and business, McDonnell hopes people will continue the practice of social distancing and be smart about situations that may put them in contact with the COVID-19 virus. He said, "Use your head, exercise caution, and do the right things to keep everyone as healthy as possible."

BC HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2020 HONOR STUDENTS

Boyne City High School is proud to announce the Senior Honor Awards for the Class of 2020. Valedictorian Reagan May and Salutatorian Haley Carlson addressed their classmates, family and friends at graduation on Friday, June 19, 2020.



Reagan May, Valedictorian. Final Cumulative GPA: 4.103. Parents: Drew and Carrie May. School Group Involvement: Pride Team, Bowling, Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Track and Student Mentor. Future plans: In the Fall, Reagan looks forward to attending Michigan Tech University where she will study Engineering.



Haley Carlson, Salutatorian. Final Cumulative GPA: 4.096. Parents: Bradley and Teresa Carlson. School Group Involvement: National Honor Society, Pride Team, Student Council and Soccer. Future plans: Haley will be attending North Central Michigan College in Petoskey to finish her last year of the NCMC/BCHS Early College program to earn



Nicholas Aown. Final Cumulative GPA: 4.076. Parents: Al and Tina Aown.



Logan Zipp. Final Cumulative GPA: 4.076. Parents: Randall and Lisa Zipp.



Megan Hope. Final Cumulative GPA: 4.063. Parents: LeMarr and Tina Hope.



Avery Stadt. Final Cumulative GPA: 4.027. Parents: Brandon and Wendi Stadt.



Jacob Alger. Final Cumulative GPA: 4.000. Parents: Dean and Sharon Alger.



Katelyn Gabos. Final Cumulative GPA: 4.000. Parents: Jeffrey and Patti Gabos.



Portside Art Fair making a comeback

BY KAREN WALKER

East Jordan's Portside Arts Fair is making a comeback, despite the challenges of a global pandemic. Organizers of this popular, annual fine arts exhibit are reviving the fair for its 57th run after taking a year off to regroup and recruit new volunteers. This year's event will be a bit smaller than previous years to allow for proper distancing and other safety measures.

Always the first weekend of August, this year's art fair will once again be held at the City of East Jordan's historic Elm Pointe Park on Lake Charlevoix, just north of East Jordan on M-66. The East Jordan Historical Society Museum is also on site and will be open for self-guided tours. The museum features artifacts from the lumbering era as well as the East Jordan & Southern railway. Visitors may also view the collection of previous art fair purchase prize art displayed in the Cygred Riley Gallery.

The juried fair features original fine art in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, photography, pottery, jewelry and more. The two day event will be held Saturday, August 1st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, August 2nd, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, donations are welcome. A few vendor booths are still available. For more information, contact Chris Wilhelm at 231-675-4841.

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Governor announces next steps for fall school re-openings

Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that Michigan schools may resume in-person learning in phase 4 of the MI Safe Start plan, with strict safety measures in place. The governor also announced that on June 30th, she will release an executive order and a robust document called "Michigan's Return to School Roadmap" that will provide details on what will be required and what will be recommended for schools. The governor also highlighted the need for support and flexibility from the federal government to help ensure resources for students and educators.

"Our students and educators have made incredible sacrifices these past few months to protect themselves and their families from the spread of COVID-19," said Governor Whitmer. "Thanks to our aggressive action against this virus, those who



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

have done their part to flatten the curve, and the heroes on the front lines, I am optimistic that we will return to in-person learning in the fall. Schools must make sure to enact strict safety measures to continue protecting educators, students, and their families. I will continue working closely with the Return to Learn Advisory Council and leaders in health care to en-

sure we get this right, but we also need more flexibility and support from the federal government. This crisis has had serious implications on our budget, and we need federal support if we're going to get this right for our kids."

"The most important thing we can do when developing a return to school plan is closely examine the data and remain vigilant in our steps to fight this virus," said MDHHS Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "I will continue to work closely with Governor Whitmer and the Return to Learn Advisory Council to ensure we continue to put the health and safety of our students and educators first. This is a big step, and we will remain flexible to protect everyone who steps foot in a Michigan school."

The Return to School plan will align closely with the MI

Safe Start Plan. The governor will consider the six phases of the MI Safe Start Plan and the Michigan Economic Recover Council's 8 regions of the state to determine when, where, and how face-to-face instruction can resume. Districts, students, staff, and families must be nimble and be prepared to move backwards if there is evidence of community spread of the virus.

The Roadmap will set the minimum health and safety requirements, although districts may choose to enact more aggressive ones in consultation with local public health officials. These minimum requirements will apply to all schools, including traditional public, charter, private, and parochial schools.

"Our number one goal on this advisory council is the health and safety of our students and educators," said

Tonya Allen, President and CEO of the Skillman Foundation and Chair of the Return to Learn Advisory Council. "We will remain vigilant and flexible and closely examine the data as we continue to make recommendations to the governor. This is a crisis unlike any we've seen before, and we are committed working closely together to ensure we get this right."

On May 15, 2020, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order No. 2020-88 creating the COVID-19 Return to School Advisory Council. The Advisory Council was created to identify the critical issues that must be addressed, provide valuable input to inform the process of returning to school, and to ensure a smooth and safe transition back to school. The Council will act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the COVID-19 Task Force on Education, and will de-

velop and submit recommendations to the COVID-19 Task Force on Education regarding the safe, equitable, and efficient K-12 return to school in the Fall.

On June 3, the governor announced a group of 25 leaders in health care and education to serve on the COVID-19 return to learn advisory council. The council is chaired by Tonya Allen, and includes community members, educators, parents, and students who will work closely with the governor as she continues to put the health and safety of our students and educators first.

SchoolReopeningPlan-Photo; Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that Michigan schools may resume in-person learning in phase 4 of the MI Safe Start plan, with strict safety measures in place. Courtesy photo

Central Lake man accused of sexually assaulting Charlevoix County woman

A Central Lake man is behind bars, accused of attempting to sexually assault a woman in Charlevoix.

According to court documents, Landon Barrett, 23, of Central Lake attacked a Charlevoix area woman early Wednesday morning when she gave him a ride.

When she went to let him out, he began attacking her.

The woman said she fled from the vehicle and Barrett caught her. She told police she was able to break free from Barrett and ran to her vehicle.

Barrett is the son of Central Lake Police Department Police Chief Scott Barrett. Chief Barrett helped lead investigators to arrest his son in connection with the at-

tempted sexual assault reported last week.

At his arraignment, Landon Barrett, 23, bond was set at \$100,000 cash or surety. A preliminary examination in the case is set for 3 p.m. July 7. If convicted, Barrett could spend up to ten years in prison.



LANDON BARRETT, 23

DNR seeks help for forest cleanup challenge

It is well known that regularly spending time in the woods does a body good. A strengthened immune system, reduced blood pressure, increased energy, boosted moods and greater focus – all thanks to trees. Wouldn't it be great if there was a way to say thanks? This summer, you can.

Now through Sept. 22, the DNR challenges nature lovers to spend some quality time among the trees and clean up 100 state forest sites in 100 days. It's all part of celebrating 100 years of the National Association of State Foresters and that group's work to ensure thriving forests for generations to come.

This cleanup effort is hosted by Michigan's Adopt-a-Forest program, which tracks sites on public land where trash has been dumped and connects with volunteers to help restore the land. An interactive map shows the locations and type of trash that needs to be cleaned up at

more than 600 known sites. If a site has a large amount of debris or items that require special disposal, volunteers can request the assistance of program managers who will coordinate placement of appropriate trash bins.

How to join in:
1. Visit CleanForests.org to find a dump site, learn about cleanup safety and sign the volunteer waiver.

2. Gather your crew, get started and do some good!

3. When you're done, report the site as clean and spread the word on social media with #trashtag and #100in100 forest cleanup challenge to inspire others.

Contact Conor Haenni at 989-429-5542 with questions and for assistance in coordinating a cleanup.

When getting together for a cleanup, be sure to practice social distancing to help slow the spread of COVID-19.



Many people love spending time in Michigan's state forests, but there are some, unfortunately, who use these public lands as a dumping ground for garbage and other debris. Here, people are helping to clean a dump site in Grand Traverse County. If you would like to help clean up these dumping sites, join the #100in100 challenge to clean up 100 state forest sites in 100 days. Visit CleanForests.org to see a map of locations. (courtesy of DNR)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Social Injustice in Health Care Access



BY CHRISTINE GEBHARD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

I've given a lot of thought lately to the ideal of social justice, given the civil unrest in our country over the death of George Floyd and countless others who experience social injustice.

On April 29, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-64, to reaffirm the state's commitment to equitable access to health care in the event demands

for critical health care resources exceed availability. The order affirms the right to receive medical care without discrimination based on stereotypes, assessments of quality of life, or judgments about a person's relative "worth" based on the presence of disabilities or other factors.

That this Executive Order was made is commendable; that it HAD to be made is shameful.

It is an injustice that the 40 million Americans with disabilities can have very different experiences with the healthcare system than people without disabilities; often being treated dismissively or denied needed care and equipment. Historically, in this country, inequities in healthcare have included eugenics, institutionalization, medical experimentation, abuse and neglect, based solely on myths, stereotypes and the premise that people with disabilities are of less value.

Currently, this is manifesting in states' crisis care policies as criteria for alloca-

tion of resources in the event of scarcity for treating COVID-19. Some policies explicitly include rationing care at the expense of people with loss of physical ability and cognitive limitations who would be relegated to outpatient, palliative care. Some policies even propose removing ventilators from people using them for chronic conditions to give to others who better meet the criteria for recovery from COVID-19. This is a chilling reminder of the slippery slope when faced with deciding who lives and dies and a good reminder why we enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Affordable Care Act to protect the civil rights of people with disabilities. These laws are being cited in complaints filed against these same states' crisis of care policies that have placed people at the end of the line simply because of their disability.

Life or death decisions cannot be based on bias and stereotype, defined category,

or other demographics. Access to care and limited resources must be ethical decisions based on the foundational principle of the equality of all human life. Access should be a clinical decision done on a case-by-case basis, regardless of race, nationality, gender, disability, or other personal details. Only then do we reflect our human values of dignity and respect for all people.

North Country Community Mental Health is dedicated to fostering mental health, recovery, and healing. This is not possible for us to achieve without acknowledging the pain, strife and social inequities so evident in our country today. As an organization, and as people dedicated to social justice, we must strive to maximize the voices of those who are oppressed or who cannot speak for themselves. We know, too well, the chronic and generational effects of trauma on the individual, a family, a community. We should not, we cannot remain silent.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, June 8, 2020
0552 Noise complaint in the 300 block of State St.
0613 Assist Sheriff Dept. with in Walloon
0817 Assist EMS and Sheriff Dept. on Glenwood Beach.
0934 Credit card left in drop box at PD. Was returned to owner.
1034 2 vehicle Property damage crash on E Main near East St.
1126 Harassment complaint reported from the 500 block of N Lake St
1214 suspicious situation on Jefferson St.
1225 Report of lost wallet

1626 Civil complaint on Wenonah St
2026 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St

Tuesday, June 9, 2020
0820 Suspicious situation on Lake Park Dr.
1307 Suspicious situation at Collings and Jefferson.
1332 Assist EMS on Groveland St.
1440 Report of attempted grandchild scam on Charlevoix St
1440 Driving complaint on Charlevoix St.
1453 Assist EMS in the 500 block of Clark St.

2322 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

Wednesday, June 10, 2020
0544 Tree over road at Division and Second St.
0709 Tree over road on Lexamar Dr.
1043 Report of a boat about to come off its mooring in front of Open Space. Made contact with neighbor of owner.
1044 Suspicious situation on Lake Park Dr.
1132 Alarm on W Water St.
1556 2 vehicle Property damage crash at Lake and Division
1652 Domestic Assault in

the 500 block of Jersey St.
2105 Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St

Thursday, June 11, 2020
0744 Civil complaint on Lakeshore Dr.
0855 Burn permit issued on Maple St.
1550 Report of lost glasses.
2036 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Fair Rd.

Friday, June 12, 2020
0104 Disturbance in the 200 block of W Cedar.
0839 Harassment complaint in the 800 block of S Park St.

1622 Suspicious situation in the 100 block of E. Court St.
2159 Assist Sheriff Dept. and EMS on Addis Rd.

SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2020
1036 Animal Complaint in the 500 block of S. Park St.
1348 Health & safety complaint at Front and Pine
1616 Citation issued for speed at N. park St. and Meadow Ln.
1915 Water main break on E Michigan.
1954 Fireworks complaint from North St
2055 Fireworks complaint from North St

2148 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Boyne City Rd.

SUNDAY JUNE 14, 2020
0741 Suspicious vehicle near n Park St and Water St.
1016 Assist Sheriff Dept. with vehicle in the ditch on Anderson near Thunder Rd.
1209 Animal complaint on W Water St
1609 Assist EMS on the corner of Jefferson and Vogel.
1725 Driving complaint in the 300 block of E Division St.
2020 Disturbance on Groveland St.

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NCMC breaks ground on renovation/addition project

North Central Michigan College will hold a groundbreaking ceremony outside its Main Classroom Building (AD/CL Building) on the Petoskey campus on Monday, June 22, at 11 a.m. The ceremony, held in the Harris Gardens near the site of a 150-person Student Commons addition, celebrates the start of the college's \$7.4 million Building Tomorrow Together construction project.

Planning and quiet fundraising for the project has been ongoing for more than a year. The renovation and addition to the AD/CL Building, which was approved for a \$3.4 million capital outlay from the State of Michigan, marks the first major change to the 60-year-old building that is used by nearly all students on campus.

Phase I, which includes the addition of five high-tech classrooms and renovated corridors, is slated for completion by September 8, when students return to campus for the beginning of the Fall 2020 semester. Phase II, which includes the Student Services First Stop, Business Office Suite, and Foundation Office Suite, will be completed a month later. The addition of a 3,000 sq. ft. Student Commons and three of the five new high-tech classrooms is slated for completion in Spring 2021.

Because of current restrictions to large gatherings, attendance at the groundbreaking is by invitation only, and proper social distancing and safety measures will be observed.

"This project symbolizes our efforts to build community and create a sense of belonging for all via the Building Tomorrow Together campaign," said North Central President David Roland Finley, Ph.D. "We are creating new formal, informal, and digital learning spaces to enable today's students to achieve their dreams. This campaign is vital to meeting our mission of providing exceptional, accessible, and relevant higher education for years to come."

NCMC Foundation Executive Director Chelsea Platte said the groundbreaking is symbolic of the work the college and its partners are doing to change lives and communities for the better.

"The Building Tomorrow Together project will strengthen our community and our regional economy by



Rendering of Student Commons addition as seen from Harris Gardens. Courtesy photo



Student Commons interior. Courtesy photo

providing learners with ongoing access to the latest educational resources, job training, and student supports so that they can unlock

their potential and build a better future right here in Northern Michigan," Platte said.

Additional information

about the renovation project — including livestream cameras that track the construction progress — is available on North Central's website

[<https://www.ncmich.edu/community-events/building-renovation/>].

Protect trees and forests; don't move firewood

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is reminding the public about the risk of accidentally spreading invasive species while moving firewood. New infestations of invasive pests or diseases can be devastating and pose a serious threat to Michigan's agriculture, forests and the environment.

"It is nearly impossible to detect diseases — like thousand cankers disease, which affects walnut trees, or oak wilt in oak trees — just by looking at the wood," said Mike Philip, director of MDARD's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division. "Never assume wood appearing uninfested is safe to move."

Jason Fleming, chief of resource protection and promotion in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division, said awareness of these tree pests and diseases and a commitment to not move firewood are especially important at Michigan's state parks, where many trees and forested areas have been devastated.

"As camping resumes this year, we urge all campers to look to purchase firewood at the state park campgrounds, rather than bring wood with you," Fleming said. "Typically, the firewood sold at state parks is affordable, locally sourced or heat-treated to eliminate pests and diseases."

One way MDARD safeguards Michigan's natural resources against harmful insects and diseases is through plant pest quarantines, which limit the movement of certain plant material within, into or out of the state.

"Over the last hundred years, invasive pests have killed tens of millions of trees in forests, cities and communities across the country," added Philip. "Quarantines can help limit the movement of potentially infested wood, but everyone has to do their part to stop or slow the spread of invasive species."

To limit the spread of invasive species, leave firewood at home and:

- Use firewood certified as heat-treated.
- Buy firewood at your destination.
- Burn all wood on-site, and do not take any home or to a new location.

Did you know that the popsicle, a ubiquitous summer treat, was accidentally invented by an 11-year-old boy named Frank Epperson in San Francisco in 1905? Young Frank mixed some sugary soda powder with water and let it sit outside all night. San Francisco nights can get pretty cold, of course, and by the next morning the soda had frozen. Frank discovered, much to his delight, that the "ice pop" was sweet and tasty. He originally called it the "Epsicle," combining his own name with icicle.

The industrious young man started making and selling his treats locally and they were quite popular. In the early 1920s, he expanded his market, selling the "Epsicle" at nearby Neptune Beach Amusement Park, which ironically is also the place where the snow cone made its premier. Frank, now a young father and entrepreneur, applied for a patent for his Epsicle and received one. He changed the name, though, to "popsicle" because that's what his children called the treats, literally "pop's sicle." In the U.S., cherry reigns as the No. 1 popsicle flavor.

Another very popular summer treat is watermelon. Watermelon is part of the cucumber, pumpkin, and squash family and consists of 92% water. On average, Americans consume 15 pounds of watermelon annually, with the bulk of that being consumed during the summer months.

This will be no surprise to most people, but the most popular summer vacation is still going to the beach or to

the ocean. Other popular summer vacations include visiting a famous city, touring or camping at national parks, escaping to a lake, or going to a resort.

In the United States, more than 650 million long-distance summer trips are made annually.

Interestingly, the most popular summer vacation activity is not swimming, even though the most popular vacation is going to the beach. The most popular summer activity is actually shopping! The second most popular summer activity is not visiting the mall, like you might suspect, but visiting historical sites. Swimming or water sports only comes in third on the list.

The most popular summer food has to be hot dogs. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans eat over 7 billion hot dogs. That's 818 dogs eaten every second! Wow! Pass the ketchup and mustard and don't forget the relish and onions. Americans eat enough hot dogs on July 4 alone to extend from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles five times!

According to Rolling Stone magazine, the top 10 summer songs of all time are 1)

"Dancing in the Street," Martha & The Vandellas; 2) "Summertime Blues," Eddie Cochran; 3) "School's Out," Alice Cooper; 4) "California Girls," The Beach Boys; 5) "Rockaway Beach," The Ramones; 6) "Hot Fun in the Summertime," Sly & the Family Stone; 7) "Summer in the City," Lovin' Spoonful; 8) "Vacation," The Go-Gos; 9) "Summertime," DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince; and 10) "Cruel Summer," Bananarama

Here are some other interesting summer fun facts:

—Contrary to popular belief, crime rates do not increase during the summer. However, the types of crimes change as the seasons change. For example, during the summer, bike thefts and items stolen from cars increase. During the winter, criminals are more likely to steal cars and Christmas presents left in cars.

—According to Facebook studies, across age groups, couples are more likely to break up earlier rather than later in the summer, though summer is less popular than winter or spring for breakups. December is the most popular month overall to break up, as are Mondays.

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[<https://www.ncmich.edu/community-events/building-renovation/>].

Summer Fun Facts

Popsicle was invented by 11-year-old boy!

Americans consume on average about 15 pounds of watermelon annually



Watermelon is a very popular summer treat. Americans eat about 15 pounds of watermelon annually, a lot of it during watermelon eating contests like the one shown here, and most of that is ingested during the summer months. (photo by Mike Dunn)

—According to Forbes, the top 9 most hazardous summer injuries are caused by 1) playground equipment; 2) skateboards; 3) trampolines; 4) lawn mowers; 5) amusement attractions; 6) non-powder guns, BBs pellets; 7) beach, picnic, camping equipment; 8) barbecue grills, stoves, equipment; and 9) trimmers, small garden

tools.[19]

—Studies reveal that most American babies are born in the late summer (September 12, 18, 25, and 26), while the least are delivered on major holidays.

—At the summer solstice, the days are longest and the nights are shortest, with day-length decreasing as the season progresses after the

solstice.

—The first day of summer 2020 in the Northern Hemisphere was Saturday, June 20. The last day of summer 2020 will be Monday, September 21.

—Did you know that the month of June is named after the Roman goddess Juno? Now you do.

—The "dog days of summer" refer to the weeks between July 3 and August 11 and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the Canis Major constellation. The ancient Greeks blamed Sirius for the hot temperatures, drought, discomfort, and sickness that occurred during the summer.

—Marc Antony named the month of July, in honor of Julius Caesar.

—The month of August was named for Julius Caesar's adopted nephew Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus, who held the title "Augustus." He named the month after himself.

—The month September is from the Latin word septem, meaning "seven."

—The Eiffel Tower actually grows in summer. This historic structure is made of iron. Metal expands with heat. As a result, the Eiffel Tower can grow more than 15 centimeters (6 inches) in hot weather.

—July is national ice cream month and also national blueberry month.

—The first National Spelling Bee was held on June 17, 1825.

—More thunderstorms occur during summer than any other time of year.

—Compiled by Mike Dunn

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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



Ella Gaffney
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS

Senior Athlete

Ella was a dedicated three year Track and Field athlete at Charlevoix HS. Ella's continual work ethic and dedication to improvement makes her a consummate team member. Ella would help out the Track team in any way possible. GPA - 3.943

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Logan McArthur
CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS

Logan worked hard to get better each day at practice. It really showed during meets where his times improved with each competition.

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Ben Hardy
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

Senior Athlete

Varsity Boys Cross Country
2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
Track and Field
2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19
Cross Country
2017-18 • Regional Team Champion Member
• All Region
• State Qualifier
• Academic All State Team Member
2018-19 • Regional Team Champion Member
• All Region
• State Qualifier
• All State - 19th Place
2019-20 • Regional Team Champion Team Member
• All Region
• State Qualifier
• Individual Academic All State
• Team Academic All State Member
Track and Field
2016-17 • All Region
2017-18 • All Conference Honorable Mention
• All Region
2018-19 • All Region,
• State Qualifier
League Scholar Athlete
• 2018-19, 2019-20
Parents: Andy and Carolyn Hardy

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Ellie Skrocki
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

Senior Athlete

JV Volleyball
2016-17, 2017-18
Varsity Fall Sideline Cheerleading
2017-18
Varsity Volleyball
2019-20
JV Basketball
2017-18
Varsity Basketball
2018-19
JV Softball
2016-17, 2017-18
Varsity Softball
2018-19
Varsity Volleyball
2019-20 All State Academic Team
Varsity Softball
2018-19 • Most Valuable Player
• All Conference
• All District 2nd Base
• All Region 2nd Base
League Scholar Athlete
• 2019-20
Parents: Dennis Skrocki, Nikki Skrocki

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Brady Butka
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS

Senior Athlete

BASEBALL

Best memory:
Winning districts and making as far as Regionals
GPA of 3.4
Stats: .258 BA,
1.000 fielding %

Brady will do anything you ask and always puts in 100% effort. Brady always seemed to get a hit at a key moment to score a run.

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Gaylord alum named among state's elite

Krajniak-Parker makes McCabe's all-time hoops roster

BY MIKE DUNN

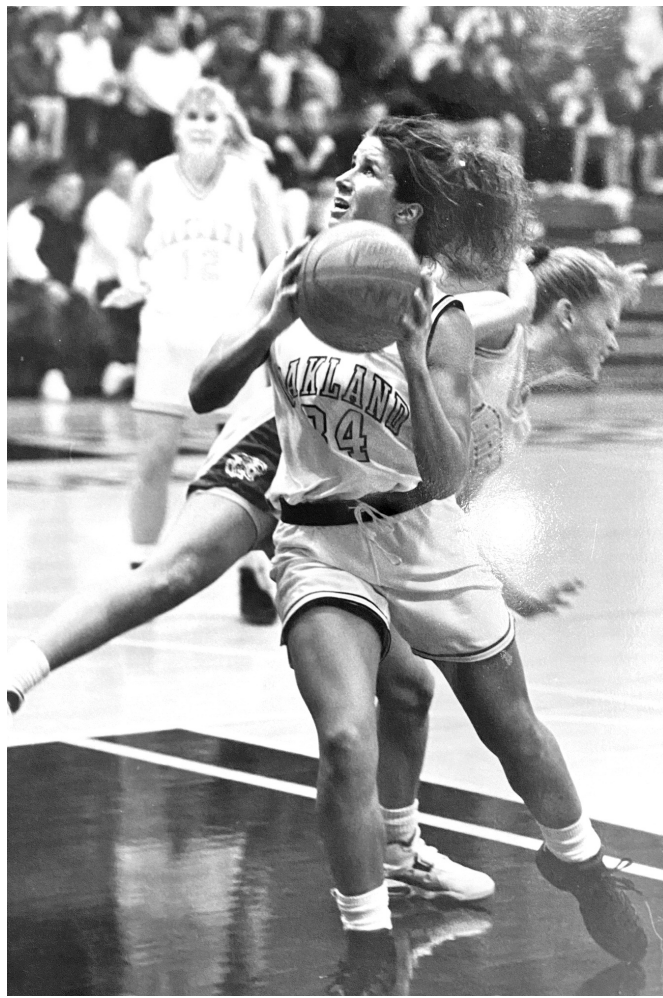
GAYLORD – Words frequently used to describe former Gaylord High School girls basketball standout Kelli Krajniak Parker are “driven” and “determined.”

And yes, those words are accurate but they only tell a part of the story.

Kelli Parker's outstanding success on the basketball court, achieved both during her high school years playing for the varsity Blue Devils of Coach Jim Mongeau in the fall of 1988, 1989 and 1990 (before the girls basketball season was moved to the winter) and subsequently playing for and starring for Oakland University in the early 1990s, can be attributed to a focused ferocity.

Nobody wanted to win more than Kelli did and that is what led to Kelli setting goals for herself from a young age, working like a spartan to achieve those goals, and developing a hardwood skill set that included ball handling, accurate passing, boxing out under the boards, and grace under pressure in addition to the one skill she's probably best known for: putting the ball through the nylon.

Kelli Parker's multiple achievements spoke loudly once again this spring when Mick McCabe, the Detroit Free Press legendary sportswriter, picked the state's top 50 female ball players and



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Kelli's name was included prominently on the list.

In Class B, the name Kelli Krajniak of Gaylord appears second on the second team. It's quite an honor to be among the top 50 in all classes, but especially considering that only a handful of girls from northern Michigan made the grade.

“It's really very humbling,” Kelli said in a phone interview this week. “When I see my name included with some of the ladies from that team, all I can say is huge hugs to Mick McCabe.”

She and husband Ronnie Parker have been living in Gaylord since 2008 and rais-

ing their two children. Son Drew Parker just graduated from Gaylord this year. Daughter Avery is a freshman now with plenty of court promise in her own right and plenty of the same kind of pop from the floor that her mom used to exhibit when she was the same age.

Kelli teaches biology at the high school and served a stint as the varsity girls coach a while back before putting it aside to devote more time to her kids when they were younger. She took back the reins of the Blue Devil program again prior to last season, though, and is optimistic about the future, particularly

with some solid talent coming through the ranks, including young Avery Parker.

But getting back to Kelli Krajniak, as she was known in those days ... one big key to the success she enjoyed during her playing days for Gaylord and Oakland University was setting goals and then following through to try and achieve them.

“I tell the girls on my team now how important that is,” she said.

“When I was in the fifth grade, I remember setting goals for myself to play three years on the varsity for Gaylord, to play college basketball, and then to play basketball in the Olympics. It didn't all happen but that's not the point. What's important is to give yourself something to strive for and I did that.”

Kelli credits her parents Jere and Janice with instilling in her a strong work ethic from a young age. It helped too, of course, to be the only girls between two brothers, older Kurt and younger Andy, both of whom were pretty good athletes too. Kelli admits her competitive fires were ignited during her years growing up, especially with Andy.

And that served her well.

At Gaylord, Kelli was called up to varsity as a sophomore by coach Mongeau (just as she had hoped as a fifth-grader) and she blossomed pretty quickly. Kelli credits Mongeau with allowing her to develop her game without a lot of restrictions. He even showed her how to pass behind the back! Kelli played all five positions in the floor, often playing the post and out-rebounding her opponent because at 5-foot-7 she had to learn how to box out effectively. But Kelli also became an accomplished ball

handler and passer and could make the nets dance from 3-point range all game long.

Truthfully, though, it didn't matter to Kelli what her personal stats were as long as the team won. That's how she felt at Gaylord and also when she played at Oakland too.

Kelli's stat line was still quite impressive by the time she graduated. She earned All-State honors multiple times while helping the Blue Devils win multiple district titles. She graduated as Gaylord's all-time leading scorer with 1,037 career points but also as the school's all-time leader in assists too and that meant just as much to her as the scoring did. Oh, and she was also the school's all-time leader in steals and she finished fifth in the Miss Basketball polling for the entire state as a senior.

Kelli also shined on the softball diamond as a shortstop and was sought after by a number of colleges to play at the next level. Basketball was always her passion, though.

Kelli had plenty of schools to choose from, including a number of big-time programs like Kansas, Illinois, Ohio University and Western Michigan. In the end, though, she chose Oakland, partly because it was close enough that her family could come and watch her play home games and partly because of all the banners she saw hanging from the rafters of the gym during her official visit. Oakland was a national power in NCAA Division 2 at the time, often playing and beating bigger NCAA D-1 MAC schools. Prior to Kelli's arrival, Oakland had participated in the Final Four. With Kelli playing, Oakland made it all the way to the Elite Eight again.

Kelli scored 1,000 career points at Oakland, just as she had at Gaylord, earning All-America recognition two times in the process along with a truck load of other honors such as three-time All-GLIAC and MVP of the GLIAC Tournament. She scored 1,184 career points and graduated as Oakland's all-time leader in points, assists and steals, just as she had at Gaylord.

She was later named to the Oakland University Hall of Fame and was also among the first class of athletes ever inducted into the Otsego Hall of Fame. She played professionally for a time in Portugal but returned home to coach at the college level for six years before returning to Gaylord with husband Ronnie in 2008 to raise her family and began to teach and coach up here.

This is the information that was included for her Hall of Fame induction at Oakland University in 2004:

Kelli Krajniak Parker was recognized as one of the top women's basketball student-athletes in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in the early 90s for Oakland University. A two-time All-American selection, she helped lead Oakland to one of its best seasons in the history of the program when the team reached the Elite Eight in the NCAA Division II Tournament in 1994-95. Parker finished her career with 1,184 points, becoming the 11th player in OU history to reach the 1,000-point mark. A three-time All-GLIAC selection, Parker also was a top playmaker and defender for Oakland. She was twice named to the GLIAC All-Defensive team and finished her career among OU's all-time leaders in scoring, assists and steals.

Real Estate Feature Property

HOME ON 6 MILE LAKE WITH GREAT POTENTIAL



BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing offers fantastic “fixer upper” home situated on approximately 100 feet of 6 Mile Lake frontage near East Jordan.

This four bedroom, three bath home has approximately 2,000 square feet of well designed space on main and lower level walkout. The interior is ready and waiting for the handyman or con-

tractor to remodel to complete the finishes, bathroom and kitchen to meet the owners needs and desires. There is even space for an in-law suite above the garage.

A huge, wrap-around deck overlooks the gorgeous backyard and lake. The approximately 100 feet of 6 Mile Lake frontage, with swimming, boating and fishing, is just a few steps away. A new septic and drain-field have been

installed. The property also has a bonus garage/barn.

This ready to finish home on 6 Mile Lake is located at 05541 Miles Road near East Jordan is listed at \$169,900. 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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The neighborhood in which you live will heavily dictate your whole way of life—things like walking to a nearby park with your kids, knowing your kids are attending good schools, feeling safe when your children play outdoors, being close to restaurants and shopping, enjoying a short commute, and knowing your home will appreciate at a healthy rate.

Of course one way to get started in your neighborhood search is to get in your car and explore, especially if you're unfamiliar with the area. Get an idea about the neighborhoods by driving around and seeing which areas appeal to you. Walk around, explore, and talk to some of the residents.

Take note of the general appearance of the homes. Are they well maintained? Are they nicely landscaped? If you have children, you might be looking for a neighborhood with plenty of children around, as opposed to neighborhoods that attract more seniors or young singles.

Other factors you'll want to consider are the schools, crime, your family's specific needs, and appreciation - as in how much the value of the home is likely to increase.

A good Realtor will be very familiar with all the neighborhoods in the area and should be able to tell you about the strengths and weaknesses of the specific neighborhoods you're eyeing.

The school district Even if you don't have school-aged children, buying a home in a district with good schools will be in your best interest. When and if you sell the home at some point in the future, future buyers with children will likely consider good schools their top priority. And neighborhoods with good schools typically attract more buyers.

There are several sites on the Web in which school reports are just a few mouse clicks away. Basically all you do is enter a geographical area or zip code and it will display ratings for the school system.

ALSO:

Ask your Realtor about information on schools in the area.

Talk to people in the neighborhood, especially people with children.

Standardized test scores are also available on the Internet.

Visit the schools and take a tour if you have children. It's important that your decision isn't based purely through facts gathered online. Get a true feeling for what the school is like.

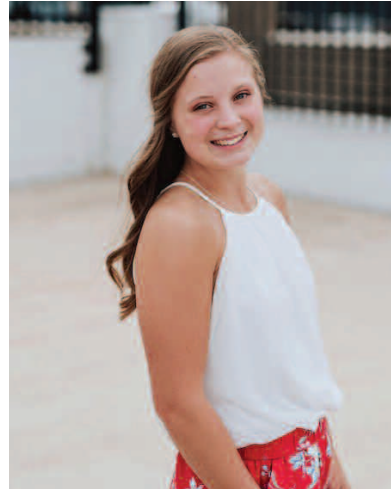
News

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Water Wonderland Board of Realtors awards three college scholarships to area Graduates



A \$1000 Scholarship was awarded to James Rizzardi (shown here), son of Jeannie Rizzardi. James will be attending his second year at Central Michigan University where he is pursuing a degree in Real Estate Finance. Courtesy photo



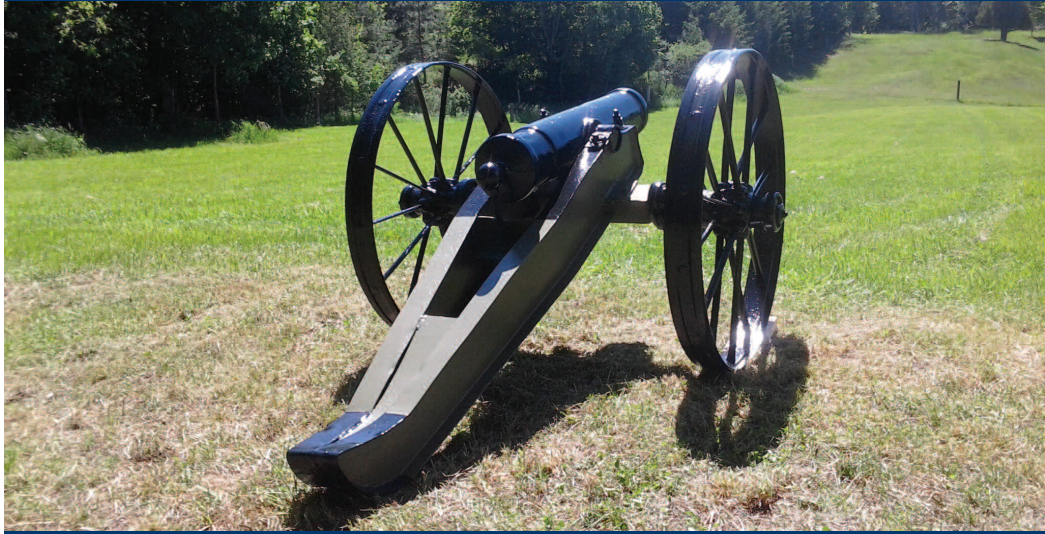
A \$500 Scholarship was awarded to Jordan Larson. Jordan is the daughter of Kristy Larson of EXP Realty. Jordan graduated from Onaway High School this year and will be attending Central Michigan University where she will be pursuing a degree in Business Entrepreneurship. Courtesy photo



A \$500 Scholarship was awarded to Brianna Matson. Brianna is the daughter of Rachael Matson of Century 21 Northeast. Brianna graduated from Johannesburg-Lewiston High School this year and will be attending Western Michigan University where she will be pursuing a degree in the field of Science. Courtesy photo

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Nancy Ferguson

County Commissioner

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- Health Department of Northwest Michigan - Board Member
- Fair Board - Board Member
- Charlevoix Area Humane Society - Liaison
- Transportation Authority Board - Board Member (Ironton Ferry)
- Sanitary Board of Appeals - Board Member

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