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Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant

The Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant was held on June 26. It was a beautiful night. There were guests scattered throughout Memorial Park.

This year's pageant was titled "All That Jazz". It started with the ladies in their flapper dresses with a 1920's themed opening number. The group of talented young women shared their gifts of music, comedy, writing, and magic. In

their prepared speeches they spoke of women that they aspire to. There was a concern about rain, but it held off.

After the pageant, the board planned to escort the contestants back to the school on the float. Just as they made it back to the parking lot it started to rain.

This year's awards went to:
Miss East Jordan - Lil-

- lian Ziebarth
- 1st Runner Up - Amber Cetnarowski
- 2nd Runner Up - Jayden Weber
- People's Choice - Drue Daley
- Miss Congeniality - Margaret Stevenson
- Prepared Speech - Amber Cetnarowski
- Creative & Performing Arts - Lillian Ziebarth

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Miss East Jordan and award winners. Courtesy photo

CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY IN THE NORTH!

BY JIM AKANS

It's time for the 4th in the north! While things are a bit different this year as we minimize the risk of spreading COVID 19, there's still plenty of way to enjoy our country's national celebration across northern Lower Michigan.

Parades and community picnics are on hold this year, but there are several places where fireworks displays and other activities will take place. Those include:

EAST JORDAN - Members of the South Arm Yacht Club (SAYC, a social club) have pooled their resources to provide a spectacular fireworks show which is scheduled for Saturday July 4th at dusk over the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix, weather permitting. The display will include numerous high-alti-



Displays of fireworks, such as these over the Washington Monument in 1986, take place across the United States on Independence Day. Wikipedia Public Domain file

tude fireworks which should provide very good visibility from many resi-

dential and open space locations in and around East Jordan as well as from the water on the south arm of the lake.

The fireworks will be launched from a barge approximately 1 mile north of the East Jordan Memorial Bridge. The SAYC urges everyone who will be enjoying the show to be safe and follow social distancing guidelines. This effort was put together with the strong desire to celebrate Independence Day, and provide a community event, while still respecting the difficult decisions made all across Michigan to cancel so many festivals and events.

ELLSWORTH - On July 3rd at dusk, The EllClair Committee has organized an amazing fireworks display over beautiful St. Clair Lake in the Village of Ellsworth.

BOYNE CITY - The annual 4th of July Duck Race fundraiser and celebration will be held on July 4th, hosted by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. The race will be held at 2pm at Avalanche Bay Indoor Waterpark at Boyne Mountain Resort. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Boyne Area Chamber office Monday through Friday and outside the Boyne City Hall on Saturdays between 8am 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. Tickets will also be available at these fine establishments: Red Mesa Grill, Cafe Sante, Lake Street Pub and Sunny Side-Hustle.

MACKINAW CITY - July 4. Fireworks display gets underway at dusk. Celebrate an all American 4th of July in Mackinaw City. As of press time, the schedule of events also includes children's games on the Ma-

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Summer Salon at Charlevoix Circle of Arts



After being closed since mid-March due to COVID-19, Charlevoix Circle of Arts will re-open its doors beginning July 4th to feature the latest exhibit: Summer Salon. Summer Salon opens softly on Saturday, July 4th, 11am to 3pm, and will remain up through August 15th. As work sells, artists will be restocking with new work—making this a show to visit more than once.

"The exhibit gallery turns sales gallery for summer 2020, with what we hope to be an annual sale showcasing an array of local northern Michigan artists," said Larissa Flynn, Exhibit Coordinator.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts is a nonprofit community arts organization, open to the public, and admission is free. The Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton St., in downtown Charlevoix and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3p.m., with additional hours for vulnerable populations Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or by appointment. Masks are required inside the building, and capacity is limited to 25 guests.

For more information about the exhibit or the Charlevoix Circle of Arts please call (231) 547-3554 or visit our website: www.charlevoixcircle.org.



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JUL 3	...53°	...81°	..37° (1968)	..96° (1966)
JUL 4	...53°	...81°	..36° (1961)	..92° (1966)
JUL 5	...53°	...81°	..37° (1972)	..95° (1993)
JUL 6	...53°	...81°	..33° (1965)	..95° (1993)
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JUL 9	...54°	...81°	..38° (1961)	..97° (1988)
JUL 10	...54°	...81°	..38° (1963)	..95° (1988)
JUL 11	...54°	...82°	..37° (1978)	..93° (2005)

OBITUARIES

Betty Arlene Blissett, 88

(MAY 31, 1932 - JUNE 21, 2020)



Betty Arlene Blissett of Charlevoix died June 21, 2020 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix. She was born May 31, 1932 in Boyne City the daughter of Earl and Edna (Crooks) Barkley. Betty married Bill Blissett on January 21, 1961 and they were married for 26 years before his death.

Betty was a kind, compassionate mother, grandmother and friend. She worked at Dr. Rick's Chiropractic office for many years and was a nurse's aide at Grandvue Medical Care Facility. She volunteered her time at the Charlevoix Area Hospital and with the local Girl Scout Troops. Betty loved to spend time with her family, espe-

cially cooking for them around the holidays.

Left to cherish her memory her son Terry (Arlene) Blissett and their children Tricia (Tim) Petrosky, Travis Blissett, Becky (Patrick) Mallon; and her daughter Kathryn (David) Plumm and their son Forrest (Rene) Plumm; her grandchildren Jacob, Lizzie, and Taylor Petrosky, and Kendall, Ryan, and Avery Mallon. Also surviving are her brother Alvin (Lois) Barkley, nieces Nancy Wynn, Judy (Chris) Armstrong, and Mary Westbrook.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill, her sisters Bertha (Clare) Brown, Marion (William) Westbrook and her mother in law Marie Blissett.

Private family services will be held and she will be laid to rest next to her husband in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be directed to St. Mary Catholic School, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements have been

handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Jamie Rene (Sobleski) McDougall, 43

(SEPT. 9, 1976 - JUNE 21, 2020)



Jamie (Matthews) McDougall passed away on June 21, 2020. Janie was 43.

Jamie was born on Sep-

tember 9 1976 to Cathy (Sobleski) and David Matthews.

Jamie was a very proud mom to Bailee (Clayton), Rylee and Maddox. She was Gramma to twin grand babies Freya Malekai.

Jamie is survived by her mom, Cathy (Sobleski) Farrell and her step dad Tom Farrell. Many aunts, uncles and cousins who will forever miss her.

A celebration of Jamie's life will be held Sunday, July 12 at the Eagles in Boyne City from 1-4.

Fly with the angels our beautiful daughter, mom, Gramma, niece, cousin and friend. A piece of our hearts went to heaven with you.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Health Dept. of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting four new cases today in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (1), and Emmet (2). We cannot stress enough that COVID-19 is still present in our communities, and we must all do our part to stop the spread. When coupled together, hand washing, wearing a mask, and keeping a distance from those outside your household are the best protection that we have right now against COVID-19. Every time we follow these precautionary steps we are actively choosing to support the continued progression of re-opening in our region and state.

Although the state and our local communities are in the preliminary phases of re-opening, we must all continue to be cautious when gathering with

friends, family, and neighbors. We have seen the example from an East Lansing bar of what can happen when safety precautions are not followed in public spaces. This is a clear reminder of how important it is for all of us to follow the necessary precautions when going out in public. Businesses are required to follow certain safety measures, but it is on each individual person to also do their part to protect our communities.

"Over the last week we have seen an uptick in new cases in our region. As we are heading into our busiest time of the year, and our population rises with seasonal residents and guests, it is extremely important to remain vigilant," shares Dr. Meyerson, Med-

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Positive Covid cases at Grandvue Medical Care Facility

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported six new cases of COVID-19 yesterday, in Antrim County (2), and Charlevoix (4). These cases are associated with testing at Grandvue Medical Care Facility conducted last week by the National Guard. Case investigations and contact tracing for the six newly reported cases have been completed and all 53 close contacts have been identified, notified and quarantined. Long term care facilities report positive cases to the State of Michigan and this information can be found here.

“We were notified today that we have several staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19,” said Joseph Taylor, Director of Nursing at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. “We immediately notified our Medical Director and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, and we will be working closely with them to help contain the spread of the virus. We prepared for the possibility of positive cases in our facility so our outstanding staff could quickly and properly enact our COVID response plan to keep all of our residents and staff safe, and care for their physical and emotional needs.”

“We continue to work closely with the community, including congregate living facilities, to ensure everyone is able to provide their patients and staff with the best protection and care,” said Dr Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. “This work has been most effective when community partners work together, demonstrated by the swift response and collaboration between facilities with exposure to new COVID-19 cases, and the health department quickly addressing steps for isolation and the necessary support for additional testing. Our

local facilities, along with many long-term care providers throughout the nation, are working hard to battle the COVID-19 pandemic and we continue to support them in providing the best care for their residents.” This is a reminder that COVID-19 is still present in our community and that people may spread it without having symptoms. “It is important that all of us take the required and recommended precautions to protect ourselves, our coworkers, our families and our community,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. “The use of facial

coverings, maintaining social distance, staying home when we are sick, and complying with the limits on gatherings are all protective measures that work together to keep us safe.” Any individual can and should get tested for COVID-19. Testing is also available for anyone who feels they need a test for other reasons. Please contact your primary care physician or call the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 1-800-432-4121 to request a test. If you need support during this time, call 211 for information regarding local resources.

4TH OF JULY

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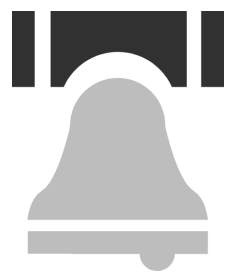
rina Lawn, and an evening concert at Conkling Heritage Park. Visit mackinac-city.com for updates.

PETOSKEY - “Christmas in July” will take place at Oleson’s Food Store on July 3. The day off at Oleson’s Food Store, Petoskey at 10am with some yummy cookies and refreshments provided by Oleson’s Food Store. Give at other Red Kettle sites; Oleson’s Food Stores- Petoskey and Charlevoix, Louie’s Fresh Market-Petoskey and Boyne City, JC Penny- Petoskey, IGA- Harbor Springs, and The Village Market- Elk Rapids.

PETOSKEY - There will be a huge Antique Show at the Petoskey Fairgrounds from 9am-5pm on July 4 and from 10am to 4pm on July 5. Admission is \$5 per person with ages 15 and under admitted for free. Food is available on site for purchase. Organizers note that due to insurance policy requirements, no pets are allowed, but they have plenty of shade by the gate and the workers can keep an eye on your pet for you. Masks are required for vendors and encourage for attendees, follow social distance guidelines and there will be limits to the amount of people admitted to the fairgrounds.

While these events are scheduled as of press time, cancellations or postponements may occur due to COVID-19 or weather delays.

And of course the 4th is a time of family gatherings, backyard BBQ’s, trips to the lake and simply enjoying a mid summer holiday. It is also a time to be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy here in the good ole USA. Our forefathers (and foremothers) fought long and hard for the independence we have as individual citizens of this country. Those rights require ongoing vigilance to protect, maintain, expand and refine as we move forward in an increasingly complex world. The celebration of the 4th of July holiday is an excellent time to stop and reflect on our past, where we are, and where we are going. Enjoy a fabulous, and safe, 4th of July in beautiful northern Michigan!



4th of July trivia

Did you know that three U.S. Presidents died on the Fourth of July? John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe were three of America’s leading men who left us on this day. In fact, Adams and Jefferson both died on the same day in 1836! Two other Presidents, Zachary Taylor and James Garfield died due to food poisoning and a gunshot around the same time.

Did you know that only two Presidents actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th? The reading of the Declaration of Independence wasn’t until the 8th of July in 1776 and most of the signers actually signed the document on August 2nd, 1776. The oldest signatory of the Declaration of Independence was Ben Franklin at age 70 and the youngest Edward Rutledge at just 26 years old. Rutledge owned 50 slaves and became the governor of South California. The last signatory of the document was Thomas McKean in January of 1777.

Independence Day became a paid legal federal holiday in 1941, although the bill was actually passed three years sooner in 1938. It became an unpaid federal holiday in 1870. Do you know of Nathan’s Fourth of July Hot Dog contest? It began as a dispute between four immigrants over who was the

most patriotic!

MORE INTERESTING TRIVIA:

-Dwight D. Eisenhower was famous for playing golf every Fourth of July.

-First Lady Jackie Kennedy wore a bejeweled American Flag in her lapel on every Fourth of July.

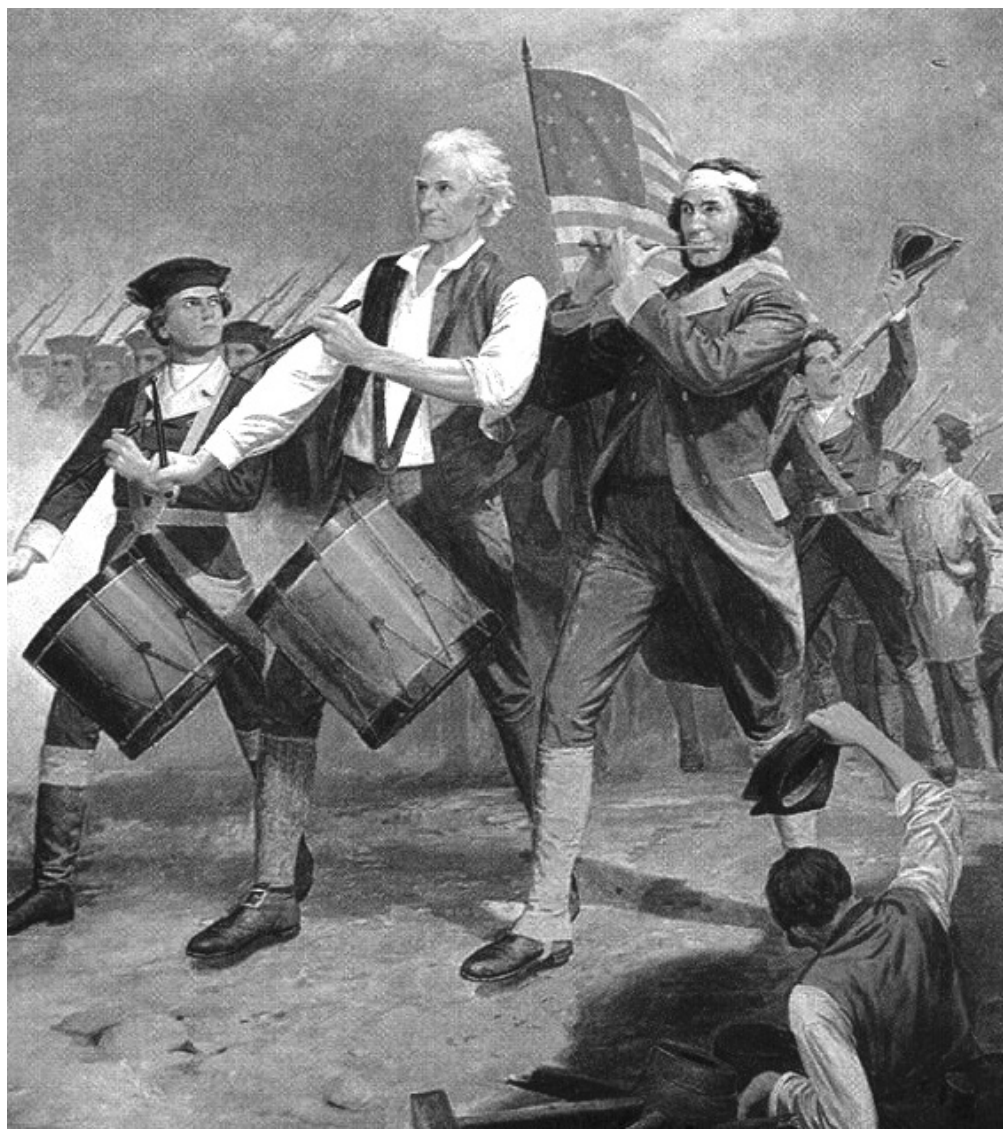
-In 1983, Dave Righetti of the NY Yankees threw a no hitter on July 4th. Furthermore, one of the wildest games ever played happened on July 4th between the Atlanta Braves and the New York Mets. It lasted 19 innings and ended at nearly 4 in the morning. Mets won 16-13.

-Betsy Ross sewed the first American Flag in May or June of 1776.

-Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. The Liberty Bell sounded from the tower of Independence Hall, where citizens gathered for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon.

-The word patriotism comes from the Latin patria, meaning homeland.

-Before cars ruled the roads, horses were tormented by all the noise and by kids who threw firecrackers at them....horses, dogs and other animals still fear firecrackers...please don’t overdo it!



Originally entitled Yankee Doodle, this is one of several versions of a scene painted by A. M. Willard that came to be known as The Spirit of '76. Often imitated or parodied, it is a familiar symbol of American patriotism. Wikipedia image

DNR begins updating strategy for managing more than 4 million acres

What do mountain biking, bird watching, snowmobiling and hunting have in common? Besides being hobbies many Michigan residents and visitors love, these opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors are available across the state thanks to the careful, thoughtful way the Department of Natural Resources takes care of the state’s public lands.

The DNR is responsible for nearly 4.6 million acres of public lands owned by Michigan residents. When these lands – state parks, trails, game and wildlife areas, forests and other resources – are well managed, they contribute significantly to the health of Michigan’s residents, environment and economy.

The condition and availability of these outdoor spaces close to home are now more critical than ever, with more people out enjoying Michigan’s natural resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Part of the land managed by the Department of Natural Resources is Stewart Creek in the Pigeon River State Forest.



The DNR is responsible for 4.6 million acres of public land in Michigan, including the Porcupine Wilderness State Park in the U.P. (courtesy of DNR)

“Hiking a wooded trail, fishing a trout stream, paddling a lazy river – the comfort provided by these outdoor activities underscores the value of Michigan’s public lands and the need to manage them carefully,” said DNR Director Dan Eichinger. “That’s where

our public land strategy comes in.” The strategy, originally created in 2013, provides a framework for the conservation and management of public lands to ensure their best use for the benefit of Michigan residents, visitors and the state’s natural resources.

“We set the stage with the original strategy seven years ago, and now we are revisiting it to see how far we’ve come and what adjustments need to be made for the next six years,” said Scott Whitcomb, DNR senior adviser for wildlife and public lands. An updated public land

strategy, which must be submitted to the Michigan Legislature for consideration and approval by July 1, 2021, will explain why a public land base is so important and provide goals, strategies and measurable objectives to guide the DNR in:

- Protecting and pre-

serving Michigan’s natural and cultural resources.

- Providing spaces for quality outdoor recreation opportunities.

- Promoting natural resources management.

“There’s also a brief, three-question survey where we want people to tell us why public lands matter,” Whitcomb said. “We really want to know what access to these lands means to them and to their family and friends, because their candid answers will assist us in developing the updated strategy.”

Additionally, the DNR will accept public input about the strategy update process via email at DNR-LandStrategy@Michigan.gov. More information about the strategy can be found at Michigan.gov/PublicLands. Drafts and components available for public review and comment will be posted to the website throughout the update process.

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DNR offers tips for safe, responsible Fourth of July

Warmer weather is calling, but things look a little different this year due to COVID-19. We're providing information to keep you and Michigan's natural resources safe, along with options for staying local and socially distant, while enjoying your favorite outdoor spaces over the July Fourth weekend.

We are committed to providing visitors with safe, clean outdoor spaces and memory-making experiences. Just this past Monday, we reopened state park campgrounds with new health and safety protocols in place. While we do our best behind the scenes, please do your part to protect yourselves and others while enjoying the outdoors:

- Go out only if you're feeling healthy.
- Stay at least 6 feet from people who aren't from your household, and wear a face covering when in enclosed indoor spaces.
- Follow operational and sanitation guidelines. Some processes, like checking in and using bathroom facilities at DNR-managed sites, may vary by location. For example, visitors are encouraged to pay by debit or credit card to decrease the exchange of money.

- Also, some amenities at a handful of DNR locations remain closed due to delayed construction projects. Get the latest closure updates from the DNR's COVID-19 response page.

Here is some additional information to ensure a fantastic Fourth:

- Be mindful of beach and boating safety warnings
- Know the rules for smoother trail treks
- Do your part to prevent wildfires
- Take easy steps to protect woods, water and wildlife

- Map your next fishing, hiking or boating adventure

Be mindful of beach and boating safety warnings

- Record-high water levels are causing increased river flows, submerged docks and piers, swimming and boating hazards and other concerns. Learn more about the effects of high water and how to stay safe at Michigan.gov/HighWaterSafety.
- The Great Lakes are large, powerful bodies of water that demand respect and caution from boaters, swimmers and paddlers. Have a great time in the Great Lakes, but visit Michigan.gov/BeachSafety for safety tips before head-

ing out.

- Be aware, too, that DNR conservation officers will have a larger presence on the water now until after the July Fourth holiday; it's all part of Operation Dry Water, a national campaign to promote sober boating.

Know the rules for smoother trail treks

Whether hiking, biking, on horseback or riding an ORV, trail courtesies and etiquette are easy if you know what to do. Here are some tips:

- Don't create your own trails or shortcuts; this can cause erosion and damage habitat.
- When meeting an equestrian, slow down and announce yourself so the horse recognizes you as human and not a predator. Stand back and let the horse pass; equestrian users have the right of way.
- Keep to the right side. When approaching others from behind, announce your approach. It's common to say "on your left" when passing.

Do your part to prevent wildfires

Dry weather means a higher risk of accidentally starting a wildfire. Never launch fireworks toward forests or fields; dry grass or leaves could ignite. Dis-

pose of used sparklers in a bucket of water.

Burn only wood in your campfire to avoid toxic fumes. When it's time to put out the fire, thoroughly douse it with water, stir the ashes and douse again. Get more fire prevention tips and, if you plan to burn yard debris at home, get permission first at Michigan.gov/BurnPermit.

Take easy steps to protect woods, water and wildlife

- Follow the laws to prevent the spread of invasive species in Michigan waters, and be sure to clean, drain and dry boats and trailers.

- Don't move firewood or bring it with you. Hauling firewood from one part of the state to another can transport insects and diseases that may kill native trees. Buy firewood locally and don't take home any leftovers.

- Remove plants, seeds and mud from boots, pets, vehicles and gear before leaving a recreation site, and take the PlayCleanGo message to heart as you spend more time outdoors this summer.

- Be cautious near islands and other shoreline areas. Loons, wood ducks, trumpeter swans and dozens of other nesting birds need

quiet water to maintain their nests and raise their young. Watch for signs and buoys that mark nesting areas or other spots that could be damaged by wakes or high-speed boat operation.

- Ducks, geese, eagles, loons, turtles and other animals can get tangled in fishing line, plastic can and bottle rings, and other litter. Help keep our water clean and wildlife safe by taking out any trash that you bring in with you.

Map your next fishing, hiking or boating adventure

Looking for something local or with more space to spread out? Check out Michigan.gov/YourLocalOutdoors - a "one-stop shopping" map where you can enter your address and find fishing, boating and trails nearby. You also can look at your city, county or local convention and visitors bureau websites for close-to-home options.

Things to know before you go:

- The Recreation Passport is needed for vehicle entry to state parks, state forest campgrounds and state-managed boating access

sites.

- Anyone 17 or older must have a valid Michigan fishing license to fish. If you're under 17 you can fish without a license, but still need to observe all fishing rules and regulations. An adult actively assisting a minor who does not have a license must have a fishing license.

- Before hitting the trails, purchase an ORV license or trail permit online.

- Think about what you'll need for your adventure, and grab the right gear (including hand sanitizer). To get you started, REI offers a checklist for day hiking and other helpful lists for a variety of outdoor activities.

- Many people like to swing by some state parks just to catch nearby evening fireworks displays. This year, however, the DNR will close state park day-use areas at 10 p.m. to help reduce crowds.

Finally, remember to pack your patience. Although many of your favorite outdoor spaces are reopening, some important restrictions (like wearing a face covering when inside enclosed indoor places and not congregating in large groups) are still in place for the safety and protection of visitors, volunteers and staff.

Boyne Valley Lions induct new club officers

The Boyne Valley Lions Club met last Wednesday and inducted their new club officers for the term beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. In a ceremony held at the Boyne City Pavilion and officiated by Lions District Governor Elect - Rod Leathers, the King lion title was passed from King Lion John Cool to King Lion Elect James Richman.

James has been a Lion for the past three years and most recently was the club's membership chairperson. Additionally, James continues to serve his community as a board member for the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Economic Vitality team, and a member of the Eagles Club.

Other Lions officers inducted: Lions Kim Akin-1st VP, Lisa Lubke -2nd VP, Larry Taylor - Secretary, Bob Prebble - Treasurer, Ralph Gillett - Asst. Treasurer, John Cool - Tail Twister, Jim Felton - Lion Tamer, 1 year directors - LeeAnn Lindahl and John Drury, 2 year directors - Yolanda Pethers and Mike Cain, Elise Freed/ Eleanor Sutliff - co-membership chairs.

The Lions are also known for:

- Diabetes education and free screening initiatives
- KidSight screening for early onset visual impairments
- White Cane fund-raising for the visually impaired



The Boyne Valley Lions Club met last Wednesday and inducted their new club officers. King lion title was passed from King Lion John Cool (at right) to King Lion Elect James Richman (at left). Courtesy photo

- Local school activities including Robotics Club, school trips, elementary field days, sports boosters, more

- Participate and serve volunteers in "Buff up Boyne"
- Serve hungry elementary school students at Field Days and school carnival

- Project WAVE Lions initiatives

- Financial support to Girl Scouts, PAWS with a Cause, Boyne District Library, Alzheimer's Fund, - Crop Hunger Walk, Humane Society, other

The Lions Club meets every Wednesday at the Boyne District Library at noon. For more information on becoming a Lion contact James Richman, Membership Chairman at mr.richman@gmail.com

NCMC Student and Community Resource Center to reopen September 8

North Central Michigan College will reopen its Student and Community Resource Center (SCRC) to the public on September 8, 2020, the first day of fall semester. Until then, SCRC team members will continue their preparations to ensure the health and safety of patrons. Such measures include visual cues for social distancing and mask wearing, multiple sanitation stations, limited capacity in the fitness rooms, and processes for staff cleaning of borrowed equipment.

In accordance with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order, college personnel have been working remotely since mid-March, but began a phased return to their offices in mid-May. North Central's Board of Trustees approved a formal return-to-work plan on June 23, which calls for all employees to return to campus by July 6.

"We will spend July and August carefully crafting the plan to safely welcome the public back to campus," said North Central President David Roland Finley, Ph.D. "We want to be certain to do so in a manner that protects the health of students, community members, and our faculty and staff."

Beginning July 13, community members may visit campus by appointment and North Central's Outreach Department will offer one-on-one and small group campus tours to interested prospective students. All student resources including

academic advising, counseling, and financial aid have occurred uninterrupted despite the campus closure.

On May 11, Finley announced that face-to-face instruction would resume on September 8 with proper safety precautions, including thorough cleaning and disinfecting of buildings and classrooms, the use of masks and social distancing, and physical barriers such as sneeze guards in close-contact areas.

Two contingency plans are being developed simultaneously and may be implemented should there be a resurgence of Covid-19 in Northern Michigan. One plan calls for hybrid learning (i.e., a class is taught on campus one week and then remotely the following week), and the other plan calls for wholly online instruction, should circumstances warrant.

"Regardless of which of these three levels is utilized, we will work in earnest to deliver a high-quality education to our collegiate learners," Finley said.

North Central is continually monitoring and evaluating college operations based on the latest information and recommendations from local, state and national health experts and officials regarding mitigating the spread of Covid-19. To streamline communications, the North Central website remains the vehicle for all Covid-19 updates.

MISS EAST JORDAN PAGEANT

FROM PG. 1A

Top Donations - Margaret Stevenson
Poise & Presentation - Lillian Ziebarth
Spontaneous Question - Amber Cetnarowski

Other Contestants:
Sharity Whitaker
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This year's pageant was titled "All That Jazz". Courtesy photo

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ELLSWORTH ELLSWORTH-ST. CLAIR LAKE FIREWORKS

July 3. WE ARE A GO! Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are unable to include the Community Boat Parade in this year's Schedule of Events but the DJ, Freedom Salute and Fireworks WILL take place! Our "Fundraising Thermometer" is now up! Check it out on your way through town and if possible, please consider a tax-deductible donation to this fun, free community event. Take care, be smart & stay safe - we look forward to seeing you on July 3rd.

CHARLEVOIX CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July 3. Provide financial relief to many neighbors struggling from COVID-19 closures by giving to The Salvation Army of Petoskey at Oleson's Food Store in Charlevoix. We are kicking the day off at Oleson's Food Store, Petoskey at 10am with Susan Melton of 102.9 Big Country and some yummy cookies and refreshments provided by Oleson's Food Store. Give at other Red Kettle sites; Oleson's Food Stores- Petoskey and Charlevoix, Louie's Fresh Market-Petoskey and Boyne City, JC Penny- Petoskey, IGA- Harbor Springs, and The Village Market- Elk Rapids.

EAST JORDAN SOUTH ARM YACHT CLUB FIREWORKS

July 4, dusk. Members of the South Arm Yacht Club (SAYC, a social club) have pooled their resources to provide a spectacular fireworks show which is scheduled for Saturday July 4th at dusk over the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix, weather permitting. The display will include numerous high-altitude fireworks which should provide very good visibility from many residential and open space locations in and around East Jordan as well as from the water on the south arm of the lake. The fireworks will be launched from a barge approximately 1 mile north of the East Jordan Memorial Bridge. The SAYC urges everyone who will be enjoying the show to be safe and follow social distancing guidelines.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE CITY 4TH OF JULY CANCELLED

After careful (and painful) consideration, the Boyne City 4th of July board has decided to cancel 2020's in-person festival events including fireworks. With that being said, we have been working on an exciting virtual experience with more details to follow. If you would like to be involved in the first ever Boyne City 4th of July virtual parade, this is your opportunity! Round up your photos and videos of parades past and we will let you know where to send them.

BOYNE CITY 4TH OF JULY DUCK RACE

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. Tickets will also be available at these fine establishments: Red Mesa Grill, Cafe Sante, Lake Street Pub and Sunny Side-Hus-tle.

EAST JORDAN

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

CHARLEVOIX PETITE CHARLEVOIX ARTS & CRAFTS STROLL

July 11, 10am – 6pm and July 12, 10am-4pm, East Park. The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is prepared to adjust and adapt our event planning to balance the economic impact

with the health and safety of our area. We plan to transform the Art & Craft Show into the Petite Art & Craft Stroll, scaling the show down significantly so that the recommended and required safety measures can be put in place (mirroring those required of retail and in-person establishments), while allowing for a positive summer event to take place for our residents, visitors, and businesses to enjoy. Vendors and Patrons are required to wear masks, Vendor booths will be placed on Bridge Street and East Park 10' apart (meaning a reduction in booth count by about two-thirds), Pedestrian traffic will be directed as one-way through aisles, Handwashing/hand-sanitizing stations will be available and Patrons are reminded to adhere to the 6' social distancing,

BOYNE CITY EVENINGS AT THE GAZEBO

The Boyne Area Chamber will postpone its start date until July 15 this year, due to concerns for the health and safety of the community. Evenings at the Gazebo updated schedule will be available soon, and we are excited to offer an extended season with 10 concerts this summer. The 2020 series is presented by Black Diamond Broadcasting with concerts held in Old City Park on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m.

BOYNE CITY STROLL THE STREETS

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

ELLSWORTH MOMS & TOTS MOMENTUM 2020 FUNDRAISER

July 25. A Virtual "Move-A-Thon". Each participant will be a part of it by securing pledges for walking, running, kayaking, biking, rolling, strolling, etc. 5 miles (or more) to raise money for Moms & Tots. The funds collected help moms, babies and their families in our Moms & Tots community. The event will be hosted LIVE by Gayle Kroon, Director of Moms & Tots, on the Moms & Tots Facebook page on July 25, 2020 at 9 a.m. Participants from ALL over are invited to join in virtually! Momentum 2020 participants will be eligible for 1 event T-shirt for every \$100 in pledges. Additional T-shirts can be purchased for \$15 each. Prizes will be awarded for the participant from furthest away, the most uniquely dressed, and for the greatest amount raised. Please click the link for the PLEDGE and ORDER forms; Momentum 2020 T-shirt Order Form Link: <https://forms.gle/UEwiq99Bi1RpJjrN8> Momentum 2020 Pledge Form Link: <https://forms.gle/94q3Dy5qfWde4jzUA>, download the forms found in the post below, pick them up at Moms & Tots location, or click the link at www.thegoodsam.org/family-center. We look forward to hav-

ing you join and to get "moving" on raising funds for Momentum 2020!! For additional information call 231.588.2200,

EAST JORDAN PORTSIDE ARTS FAIR

August 1 & 2, Elm Pointe. Visit our website for information and updates portsidearts-fair.org and also on Facebook Portside Arts Fair.

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8am – Noon through mid-October. With the days becoming warmer, we know that means more veggies, fruit, and all the BC Market goods you have come to love. We kindly ask that you think of it as an outdoor grocery store and ask that you help us by shopping responsibly and cooperating with the guidelines that are in place. Here's how: 1. Wear your mask. 2. Stay by your vehicle if lines are long. 3. One shopper per family. 4. Find your vendor. 5. Make your selection. 6. Head home and enjoy. We do ask that if you are able to please place orders with our vendors ahead of time. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

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

EAST JORDAN FARMERS MARKET

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

EAST JORDAN SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

East Jordan Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site listed below from July 6, 2020 through August 14, 2020: East Jordan Elementary School, 304 Fourth Street. At East Jordan Elementary School, breakfast and lunch will be served from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Neighborhood children are welcome to participate.

BOYNE FALLS SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Boyne Falls Public School announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program

for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. Adults may purchase lunch for \$5. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at BOYNE FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL, 01662 M-75 S, Boyne Falls. Breakfast served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, July 1 through August 31, 2020.

EAST JORDAN WIFI LOCATIONS

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

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

CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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

BOYNE CITY KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 month-old child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

CHARLEVOIX WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Held at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital.
- Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Wellness screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass

Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required.

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

BOYNE CITY FREE COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS

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

CHARLEVOIX

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

BOYNE CITY BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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



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Women’s Resource Center’s 100 Men Campaign

Women’s Resource Center of Northern Michigan started the 100 Men Campaign more than a decade ago to provide a way for men to take part in awareness-raising and prevention initiatives to help end domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse and child sexual assault. These are pervasive and ongoing issues that impact people in this community—family members, friends, co-workers, and

neighbors.

Over the past decade the agency has held focus groups, events, panel discussions, roundtables and other activities associated with the 100 Men Campaign. As a result, the WRCNM Violence Prevention Team found that local men are willing to stand up, get involved, and be positive role models for their children and other men.

Women’s Resource Center of Northern Michigan’s Ex-

ecutive Director Gail Kloss said the scores of men who have supported the campaign over the years reflect who we are as a community.

“We do not stand by when survivors are in crisis or when others are hurting. We stand up for survivors, to help them heal from the physical and emotional trauma they have experienced. We hold those who abuse accountable. We support and promote healthy re-

lationships based on equality, respect and reciprocity,” said Kloss.

Kloss said that although the nation has awakened to the depth and breadth of violence against women and children, much work remains and men involved as allies and role models is vital.

“Women’s Resource Center of Northern Michigan remains committed to providing counseling, advocacy, shelter and supportive serv-

ices to survivors at no cost, as we have for more than four decades. We will continue to educate community members on everyday actions we can all take to prevent adult and child sexual violence and abuse. We will also continue to invite local men to stand with us, because we know that is who we are as a community,” said Kloss.

According to Kloss, the 100 Men Campaign is about the

willingness to reshape the future and create a world that is safe, respectful and equitable for everyone.

To learn more about the 100 Men Campaign or to make a \$100 tax-deductible donation, call the WRCNM main office at (231) 347-0067 or visit wrcnm.org and click on 100 Men Campaign under “Get Involved” tab.

Sharing our space with surrounding wildlife

BY HANNAH SCHAUER
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NATURAL RESOURCES

The term wildlife might conjure up thoughts of large, exotic mammals in faraway places. Or perhaps some of the larger mammals we have in Michigan, such as a moose or a black bear, may come to mind.

But wildlife isn’t just the big, iconic animals we tend to think of – it includes smaller species like bumblebees and butterflies. Chances are, you have had first-hand experience with a wild animal no matter where you live.

Wildlife is all around us. We all share the same habitat and are connected as different parts of the same ecosystem.

Snakes, coyotes, hawks and owls all prey on smaller mammals, some of which people frequently view as pests, like mice and rats. Wildlife like turkey vultures could be considered a sort of clean-up crew as they scavenge and consume unsightly roadkill.

Because wild animals of all sizes can be found throughout Michigan, they provide benefit to whatever habitat they live in, from forests and wetlands to farmlands and cities.

Living with our wild neighbors

Amazingly, many species have adapted and figured out how to survive in human-altered landscapes.

Wild animals have been able to find a way to meet their needs even within our inner cities. Whether we intend to or not, people have changed the available habitat – we have created new habitat for ourselves and in the process created new habitat for wildlife.

Not all species have been able to adapt to these dramatic changes to their landscapes, but many have.

We cannot exist apart

from wildlife, so we should put in a little effort to coexist with our wild neighbors.

If you enjoy watching wildlife, there are a variety of steps you can take to improve your property for wild animals, even in urban areas.

Pollinators such as bees and monarch butterflies – whose populations have declined dramatically in recent decades, threatening the food sources they pollinate – need places to stop to get food. You can plant a variety of plants in pots that can be attractive to these species, making even a small



Coyotes have adapted to living in human-modified landscapes. (Shutterstock image)

balcony a wildlife refuge. Get started with tips and information for creating and maintaining wildlife habitat at Michigan.gov/Wildlife.

Conflicts with wildlife

As with any neighbor, you might not always get along with wildlife or approve of their behavior. Fortunately, there are some options to deal with an unwanted visitor to your area.

“If you wanted to attract wildlife to your property, you would consider what food or shelter you might be able to provide to them,” said Brian Roell, a DNR wildlife biologist from Marquette. “Discouraging wildlife follows a similar thought process, but instead of adding things like food or shelter for the wildlife, you would want to remove it.”

Making your area an unappealing habitat is a good first step to take to reduce the potential for conflicts.

Roell suggests removing potential food sources, especially bird feeders, and not leaving pet foods outside – you never know who might come around looking for a free meal.

You can also try some “hazing” methods, which include tactics like making loud noises, to make the wildlife view you as the unfriendly neighbor and seek a quieter neighborhood.

Check out our How to Haze a Nuisance Coyote video for hazing techniques and tips that can work on more than just coyotes.

Being a good neighbor to wildlife is as simple as being mindful about how your actions or property could be an attractive habitat. From there, you can make changes to either make your property more appealing to certain species or less so.

Tips and information on

how to handle conflicts with wildlife are available at Michigan.gov/Wildlife.

When habitat changes are not enough

There are always those situations where, no matter what you do, you cannot seem to discourage an animal from your area. Especially when it is one of Michigan’s well-adapted species like coyotes, deer, turkeys and geese, which seem to thrive in urban areas.

These animals may be well-suited for living in manmade habitats and hard to deter.

This is especially true of a species like coyotes, which are territorial and may be less keen on leaving “their” space to go elsewhere. Not only are coyotes found everywhere in Michigan, but they have healthy populations, so there probably are not many unoccupied territories left to choose from.

If you live in a more rural area where outdoor recreation activities like hunting and trapping are allowed, you can remedy some of these issues during the open season for the species causing the headache.

“Hunting and trapping seasons give landowners options for mitigating issues with wildlife, while still preserving them on the landscape,” said Adam Bump, the DNR’s furbearer specialist. “There are also some species that can be taken year-round.”

Bump says that coyotes, raccoons, woodchucks (groundhogs) and skunks can be killed at any time by landowners or their designees employing otherwise lawful methods if these animals are doing, or about to do, damage to private property.

Information on hunting in Michigan can be found at Michigan.gov/Hunting. Species that have open trapping seasons and associated regulations can be found at Michigan.gov/Trapping.

What about urban areas where hunting is not an option?

“The DNR issues permits to businesses that can provide wildlife removal services for certain species,” said Casey Reitz, wildlife permit specialist with the DNR. “This helps give landowners an option for



White-tailed deer are common throughout the state, including urban areas. (courtesy of DNR)

dealing with unwanted wildlife on their property, particularly in those areas where hunting is not allowed.

“Permittees use a variety of methods for removal that are safe in an urban or residential setting. They can help landowners with removal of species like coyote, fox, muskrats, opossums, squirrels, woodchucks and skunks, to name a few.”

The DNR also works closely with federal agencies to offer options for handling issues with Canada geese, a species protected by both federal and state laws, in urban areas. Specially permitted nuisance control companies can be hired to assist landowners with goose control programs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Wildlife Services also

offers removal assistance, such as nest destruction and relocation permits.

Aggressive animals

In those instances where there is an aggressive wild animal, particularly animals such as geese, swans, turkeys, deer and bears, landowners should get in touch with the nearest DNR Customer Service Center to let the local DNR staff know about the issue. As each situation is unique, staff will first assess the problem and then determine the appropriate action based on the species and location.

Landowners can contact one of the nuisance wildlife control permittees for assistance with removal of species such as coyotes, fox,

raccoons, opossums and skunks.

Additional tips

Additional tips and information on how to handle conflicts with a variety of wildlife species are available at Michigan.gov/Wildlife “Living with Wildlife.”

If you have found a baby animal in your yard, which is a common occurrence in the spring, it is best to leave it be. You can also get in touch with a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for assistance. Learn more about what to do if you find a baby animal at Michigan.gov/Wildlife, under Keep Wildlife in the Wild.



Wild turkeys often travel in flocks and can be seen in backyards throughout most of the state. (Shutterstock image)



Canada geese thrive in neighborhoods where there are ample water sources available. (courtesy of DNR)



Monarch butterflies and other pollinators need places to stop and get food. (courtesy of DNR)

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Take precautions with at-home fireworks

Boom! Sparkle! Pop! Flash! Glittering fireworks lighting up the night sky are a signature of the Independence Day holiday. And though beautiful, if handled without care they have the potential to ignite dangerous wildfires.

Fireworks cause nearly 18,500 fires a year in the U.S., burning structures and injuring people. Organizations like the National Safety Council recommend leaving fireworks in the hands of experts. No matter who is using fireworks, some simple swaps can help to keep the celebration fun and reduce risk. For example, sparklers are often given to young children but can burn up to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Glow sticks, bubbles and ribbon dancers are safer alternatives.

"If fireworks are part of your celebration, take precautions to prevent wildfires and keep friends and family safe from accidents," said DNR fire prevention specialist Paul Rogers. "Keeping an eye on the weather is important, too. Dry days with high winds are the riskiest."

Follow these tips to reduce risks with at-home fireworks:

--Toss hand-held fireworks such as sparklers into a bucket of water when finished.

--Keep a water source ready to spray embers from fireworks. Spray the entire area where you've been using fireworks with water when done.

--Don't try to re-ignite fireworks that won't go off.

--Don't launch fireworks into forests or fields. Dry



Although beautiful, without care fireworks potentially can ignite dangerous wildfires. Fireworks cause nearly 18,500 fires in the U.S. annually. This Fourth of July, celebrate responsibly and follow proper fire safety procedures. (courtesy of DNR)

grass or leaves could ignite.

--Always supervise kids and keep fireworks away from your face and eyes.

--Sky lanterns, also popular on holidays, can start wildfires, too. The wires they leave behind can also entangle wildlife.

Aerial fireworks such as Roman candles and all types of sky lanterns are prohibited in state parks. (An extra safety reminder: Though many people like to swing by state parks just to catch nearby evening fireworks displays, this year the DNR will close state park day-use areas at 10 p.m. to help reduce crowds.)

Planning to get some yard work done over the long weekend? Check Michigan.gov/BurnPermit to see if conditions are okay to burn brush and yard waste.

Remember to practice effective social distancing of at least 6 feet from people who don't live in your household.

Governor Whitmer Releases MI Safe Schools Roadmap, Directs School Districts to Develop Return to School Plans

Roadmap includes guidance on PPE, hygiene and cleaning protocols, athletics, and more

LANSING, Mich. --

Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer released the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap, a comprehensive document to help districts create local plans for in-person learning in the fall. The Roadmap outlines a number of safety protocols for schools to implement in each phase of the governor's MI Safe Start Plan. The governor also signed Executive Order 2020-142, which provides a structure to support all schools in Michigan as they plan for a return of PreK-12 education in the fall.

"Our students, parents, and educators have made incredible sacrifices during our battle with COVID-19," said Governor Whitmer. "Thanks to our aggressive action against this virus, the teachers who have found creative ways to reach their students, and the heroes on the front lines, I am optimistic that we will return to in-person learning in the fall. The MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap will help provide schools with the guidance they need as they 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 experts in epidemiology and public health to ensure we get this right, but we also need more flexibility and financial 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 as we prepare to reopen school buildings in the fall 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."

We will remain nimble to protect students, educators, and their families."

Executive Order 2020-142 requires school districts to adopt a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan laying out how they will protect students and educators across the various phases of the Michigan Safe Start Plan. The MI

Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap offers guidelines as to the types of safety protocols that will be required or recommended at each phase. In recognition that these protocols will cost money, the Governor also announced that she was allocating \$256 million to support the districts in implementing their local plans as part of the bipartisan budget agreement the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House, and the gov-

ernor announced yesterday.

The safety protocols detailed in the MI Safe Schools Roadmap includes guidance on the use of PPE, good hygiene, cleaning/disinfecting, spacing in classrooms, screening for symptoms, athletics, and more. The Roadmap also recognizes the impact COVID-19 has had on students' and educators' mental health, and offers guidance on how schools can address this issue. Governor Whitmer will continue to use the MI Safe Start Plan as the highest-level governing framework for determining if and when it is safe to resume in-person instruction.

"All of us on the Return to Learn Advisory Council share a commitment to marrying science and evidence, and practicality and local needs to ensure 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 are proud to have a leader in the governor's office who is committed to working with parents, teachers, and students to make sure we get this right. We will remain vigilant and flexible, helping ensure safety protocols are in place in every Michigan school."

"The governor's MI Safe Schools Roadmap is a thoughtful, comprehensive plan that puts the health and safety of our students and educators first, balancing this priority with the importance of in-school education," said David Hecker, President of AFT Michigan. "Our teachers and support staff are eager

and ready to implement safety measures in our schools to ensure everyone who steps foot in them is protected from the spread of COVID-19. I applaud the governor's leadership and unwavering commitment to our students during this time, and look forward to working closely with her as we continue to protect Michiganders from this virus."

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 public health experts, a pediatrician, educators, school administrators, school board members, community leaders, parents, and students. The Council will continue to work closely with the governor as she continues to put the health and safety of our students and educators first. On June 17, 2020, Governor 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 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 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 continue to develop recommendations regarding the safe, equitable, and efficient K-12 return to school in the Fall

Real Estate Feature Property

BOYNE CITY HOME & COTTAGE WITH LAKE CHARLEVOIX



By Jim Akans

This is a truly unique real estate opportunity. Featuring both a large home and a one bedroom cottage with Lake Charlevoix frontage, the possibilities are nearly endless.

The home has five bedrooms and three baths, and the cottage alongside of the home has one bedroom and a bath. There is approximately 2,256 square feet of living space, with highlights that include cathedral ceilings, wood burning brick fireplace, beauti-

ful galley style kitchen, spectacular lake views and more.

There is approximately 125 feet of Lake Charlevoix frontage. The over one acre property is nicely treed and landscaped and has a trout pond fed by an artesian well. There is an outdoor movie screen installed on the home, and a large pole building with electric and heat for the ultimate in extra storage or workspace. The one bedroom cottage can be utilized as a rental, in-law accommodations or a convenient spot for out of town guests to stay

when they come for a visit.

This home and cottage with Lake Charlevoix frontage is located at 1237 Lakeshore Drive in Boyne City, and it is listed at \$474,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com



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HOW TO SCOUT OUT THE BEST PLACE TO CALL HOME

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Once you've become pre-qualified for a loan, you should be ready to put your house-hunting efforts into full gear. But don't skip the important step of scouting out neighborhoods before you start your search for the perfect house.

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.

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Remove food sources to prevent bear traffic

Bird feeders are a prime target for hungry bears

Bird feeders can attract a lot more than local winged friends or the errant squirrel. They also can draw much larger creatures – like Michigan's black bear – looking for a tasty treat. Black bears are omnivorous, opportunistic feeders, despite the abundance of available natural food sources, and bird feeders and garbage cans contain odors that can lure bears to backyards and camping areas in search of an easy meal.

To avoid potential conflicts with black bears, consider taking down bird feeders and removing other food sources like pet food, trash cans, grills and anything else that might contain food debris or odors. Protect honey bee hives with electric fencing.

Bears remember where to find food sources and will return if food is available. Bears that rely on these sources can en-

counter people, and that repeated exposure can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans.

"It's important that these creatures maintain their natural instincts and remain wild, because getting too close to humans can have dangerous consequences for them," said DNR wildlife outreach coordinator Rachel Leightner. "Those of us who live and recreate in Michigan's bear country share the responsibility of avoiding activities that create problem situations for bears."

To learn more about Michigan's black bear and how to be BearSMART, visit Michigan.gov/Bear. Additional tips and information on how to handle conflicts with wildlife are available at Michigan.gov/Wildlife.

Bird feeders can bring much more than winged friends to your yard. Human-provided food sources entice and attract bears in search of an easy meal to backyards and camping areas. Avoid black bear conflicts by removing potential food sources. (courtesy of DNR)



COVID

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ical Director. "Given that we are still learning about asymptomatic infection and how contagious these individuals are, we are reminded to take all safety precautions whenever we are out in public to protect ourselves and those around us."

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting: Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 18, Charlevoix – 23, Emmet – 24, Otsego – 104 Recovered COVID-19

cases in the following counties: Antrim – 12, Charlevoix – 14, Emmet – 19, Otsego – 91

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

The State of Michigan has reported 63,870 cases and 5,947 deaths; and as of June 26, cumulative recovered cases: 51,099.

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. <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>.

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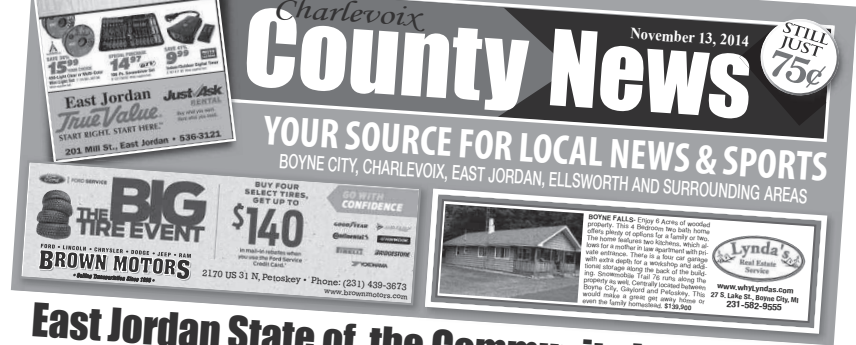
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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tim Soudner
EAST JORDAN—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright as the members of the community walked away with after hearing four key speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

Harvest Farm Hall as 20 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate future new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98% capacity, sidewalks, and new piling to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge intended to stop soil from filling the harbor construction to begin in December as projects that will enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (opened 2017) recycling center and the \$12.0m Knapik facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we envision for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.

See State of the Community-17A



District Champs!



Boysen City's Luke Sage (2) follows an opening for another big gain. Sage finished with 63 yards on nine carries and a touchdown. Full Story in Sports. (PHOTO BY CHRIS STRANDBERGER)

Boysen Area Community Christmas

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All donations can be dropped off at the Boysen City Recreation Center by using the Pine Street entrance. We will be accepting donations from November 19 until December 15, from 9am to 5pm.

If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Wronski at (231) 562-2122 or (231) 758-2397. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Brummer at (231) 982-7246.

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Fall Varsity Sideline Cheerleading
2018-19 2019-20

Varsity Competitive Cheer
2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20

JV Softball 2016-17 2017-18

Varsity Softball 2018-19

Varsity Competitive Cheer
2018-19

- Regional Team Qualifier
- All District 1st Team
- All Region 2nd Team
- Academic All State
- Honorable Mention Team 2019-20
- Regional and State Finals Team Qualifier
- All District Honorable Mention Academic
- All State Honorable Mention Team

Parents: Steve and Jeanne Snyder

Jaelyn Snyder
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



JV Football 2016-17

Varsity Football
2018-19 2019-20

Track and Field
2016-17

Parents:
John & Amanda Fehrlen
Travis and Shannon Johncheck

Logan Johncheck
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Senior Athlete
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