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Boyne City opens enhanced pavilion in Veterans Park

BY DAVE BARAGREY

The City of Boyne City had a re-dedication ceremony for formally open its expanded and enhanced Pavilion in Veterans Park just south of the Boyne City Hall at 319 North Lake Street on Friday, July 10. The celebration marked the completion of this major multi-phased, multi-year project. Started about a decade ago with multiple public input sessions and design concepts the resulting projects have completely transformed the original 1970's vintage building into a larger year-round facility boasting five top quality public rest-



The new Pavilion will be able to be used all year around and in all types of weather.

rooms, an unobstructed main floor, heating and cooling systems, glass overhead doors, a commercial kitchen and pantry, new stor-

age areas and two new covered shelters on the east side of the building. The redesigned Pavilion now beautifully complements the recently constructed City Hall building immediately to the north. The cop-

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Cutting the ribbon are Bob Kroondyk and Becky Harris.

EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRES MASK USE IN ALL INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed executive order 2020-147, which reiterates that individuals are required to wear a face covering whenever they are in an indoor public space. It also requires the use of face coverings in crowded outdoor spaces. Most significantly, the order requires any business that is open to the public to refuse entry or service to people who refuse to wear a face covering, with limited exceptions. Governors in the states of Kansas, Maine, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Washington have imposed similar requirements on businesses.

Governor Whitmer signed this executive order in response to rising COVID-19 cases in Michigan and across the country. Executive Order 2020-147 reinforces and expands upon the governor's previous executive orders on safely restarting Michigan's economy and ensuring workplace safety. "The heroes on the front lines of this crisis have gone hours without taking their masks off every day - doctors, nurses, child care workers, grocery store workers. We owe it to them to wear our masks when we're on a trip to the grocery store or pharmacy," said Governor Whitmer. "Masks can reduce the chance of spreading COVID-19 by about 70 percent. By wearing masks, we can save lives and protect our family, friends, and neighbors from the spread of COVID-19. And by wearing masks now, we can put

our state in a stronger position so our kids can return to school safely in the fall. For the sake of your loved ones, let's all mask up, Michigan."

Over the past week, every region in Michigan has seen an uptick in new cases, and daily case counts now exceed 20 cases per million in the Grand Rapids, Detroit, and Lansing regions. Research confirms that a big part of the reason is spotty compliance with the governor's requirement, issued in prior orders, that individuals wear face coverings in public spaces.

Studies have shown that wearing a mask can save lives and significantly lower an individual's chance of spreading COVID-19. A study on different regions in Germany, for example, suggests that the adoption of mandatory mask ordinances decreased the daily growth rate of COVID-19 infections by 40%. Modeling from the University of Washington similarly indicates that more than 40,000 lives would be spared nationwide if 95% of the population wore a mask while in public. Furthermore, a study conducted by Goldman Sachs concluded that a federal mask mandate could save the U.S. economy from taking a 5% hit to our GDP.

"Michigan's fight against COVID-19 is nowhere near over, which is why it's so important that we all do our part and wear masks when we're out in public," said Chief Medical Executive and



Cloth masks are an alternative to paper masks. Shown here, Rhode Island National Guardsmen assigned to the 56th Quartermaster Rigger Support Team sew face masks. Army National Guard Photo by PFC David Connors, Wikipedia public domain photo



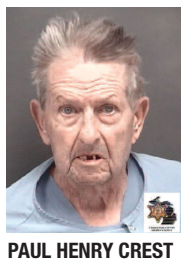
Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed executive order 2020-147, which reiterates that individuals are required to wear a face covering whenever they are in an indoor public space. Shown here are the face masks often used to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. They are not designed to protect the wearer from inhaling airborne bacteria or virus particles and are less effective than respirators, such as N95 or FFP masks. Wikipedia photo

DHHS Chief Deputy for Health Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "Wearing a mask or face covering can significantly decrease the chance of spreading COVID-19 and

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Man Charged With Murder Found Not Competent to Stand Trial

The criminal charges against Paul Henry Crest, 83, Bay Township have been dismissed as Crest was found not competent to stand trial.



PAUL HENRY CREST

According to an affidavit filed with the district court, on March 15, 2020, police were called to a home in Bay Township where they found a woman with five apparent gun shot wounds and another with two gun shot wounds. The first was pronounced dead at the scene and the second taken to an area hospital for treatment.

Crest was arrested and charged with open murder, assault with intent to murder and using a firearm during the commission of a felony. Following a request by Crest's defense counsel, the court ordered that he be evaluated relative to competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility (insanity).

At a competency hearing held on April 28, 2020, the district court received a report from the Center for Forensic Psychiatry indicating that Crest was not competent to stand trial and not capable of being restored to competency within 18 months, the legal limit to keep a criminal case pending under such circumstances.

As such, the court ruled Crest to be incompetent and directed Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof to file a petition for mental health treatment, a procedure where the probate court may order a person to be hospi-

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Possible COVID-19 public exposure at Torch Lake Sandbar July 4

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan was notified by another health department in Michigan of several individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 this week after attending the festivities at the Torch Lake sandbar over the Fourth of July holiday. The health department staff relayed that during the case investigations of those residing in their jurisdiction, it was determined that numerous individuals may have been exposed to COVID-19. The positive cases were not able to offer identifying information for all potential contacts and therefore we want to make the public aware that those who attended could be at risk for exposure and additional cases could be seen in the coming days.

If you were at the Torch Lake Sandbar party over 4th of July weekend, you should monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and seek testing if symptoms should develop or if you were at high risk for exposure due to being in close proximity with others or not wearing a cloth facial covering. People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild to severe. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone that is self-monitoring as a result of a potential exposure to COVID-19 should keep away from others as much as possible and limit travel. Anyone who has tested positive should not travel until they are released from isolation by the local health department.



The Health Department of Northwest Michigan was notified by another health department in Michigan of several individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 this week after attending the festivities at the Torch Lake sandbar over the Fourth of July holiday. Photo courtesy of Datema Media

If you do choose to be tested, you should wait at least 5 days after exposure to do so,

and self-isolate until results have returned. If you have questions about testing or

about your potential exposure, please call the health department at 1-800-432-4121. Self-Monitoring includes: - Monitoring for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 which include fever, cough, shortness of breath but also may include other symptoms such as fatigue, loss of taste and smell, and diarrhea. - If you are self-monitoring and develop symptoms, you should call your primary care physician first for testing. If you do not have a primary care physician, please call the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 1-800-432-4121. Lisa Peacock, Health Officer shared, "This situation reminds us of how important it is to take precautions such as avoiding large gatherings whenever possible especially

without social distancing and masking. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated event and leaves our community at risk when close contacts are not able to be identified and alerted to quarantine. We can't stress enough how that it is imperative that we each do our part to stay safe and stay open." Any individual with mild symptoms of COVID-19 can and should get tested. Testing is also available for anyone who feels they need a test for other reasons. Please contact your primary care physician or call 1-800-432-4121 to request a test. If you need support during this time, call 211 for information regarding local resources.

Michigan's "Heritage Trail" showcases vehicle manufacturers from the past

BY JIM AKANS

With so many festivals, fairs and event postponed this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, many vacationers and week-end travelers are search for unique, interesting places to visit this summer. The recently organized "Northern Michigan Heritage Trail" is a fascinating way to enjoy a look into several vehicles that were manufactured in this area in the 20th Century.

While the Detroit region may be known as the "Motor City", it is lesser know that many cars and trucks were also made in northern Michigan. The newly created Heritage Trail showcases nine northern lower Michigan communities that were once home to automobile manufacturers.

These vehicles were primarily made in the early 1900's, a time before Chrysler, Ford and GM became established at the "Big Three." Communities saw the potential in joining the early automotive boom as people across the nation began switching from horse powered transportation to the new wave of gas and electric propelled vehicles. While many of these enterprising efforts lasted but a few years, the legacy of these classic cars and trucks have endured.

Extensive research and site visits to each community where cars and trucks were manufactured have been conducted by Gerry Clark of Saginaw. In addition to the Heritage Trail, Clark shares amazing photos and a wealth of background information on his web site listed at the end of this article.

Clark states, "It is important to recognize and remember the entirety of our automotive history which includes many independent companies and innovators who were friends with and revered by titans like Henry Ford and R.E. Olds."

Manufactures/Vehicles highlighted on the Heritage Trail include:

- The Alpena Motor Car Company. Maker of several different models.
- Gaylord Motor Car Company. Maker of the Gaylord 30 touring and Gaylord 20 utility cars
- The Elmer F. Johnson Cycle Works (Kalkaska). Maker of the steam powered Elmer and the Clone touring car.
- Bump & McCabe Auto

- The Napoleon Motor Car Company (Traverse City). Built approximately 210 cars and 2,000 truck.
- The Manistee Motor Car Company. Maker of the Autotette/Wolverine.
- The Acme Motor Truck Company (Cadillac). Made several different models.
- The Elston (Charlevoix)
- The Flagler Cycle Car Company (Cheboygan).
- Klingensmith (Cheboygan).

Phil Alexander, organizer of the "History Matters" team at the Otsego County Historical Society, states, "Automobiles changed our lives in many ways. Understanding and appreciating how those profound impacts from our past shape our present and future is why history matters. The Heritage Trail connects our local history to important elements of state and national history. Some of these ventures were a guy tinkering in his garage with hopes of creating a novelty driving machine. Other endeavors required financial investment by local citizens who were trying to create desperately needed jobs for their community."

Check out WheelsWaterEngines.com for a plethora of background information, amazing photographs, as well as addresses to location to visit to learn more about these vintage enterprises. Then, jump in your vehicle and go on a summer advent cover this impo our history.

The recently organized "Northern Michigan Heritage Trail" is a fascinating way to enjoy a look into several vehicles that were manufactured in this area in the 20th Century. Courtesy image



One of the few remaining vintage vehicle models is this Gaylord 30 car, on display at the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce located at 319 West Main Street in downtown Gaylord. Photo by Jim Akans



Charlevoix Farmer's Market guidelines

SUBMITTED BY BETH ANZELL, CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET MANAGER

Greetings Market Patrons,

Most of you have probably heard that the Charlevoix City Council has acted to end any public events to be hosted in City public spaces until Labor Day. This includes the City Band ensembles, Live on the Lake Concert Series, and anything else that may be contemplated in this time period. The Farmer's Market may continue for now, though it is essential vendors, staff and patrons wear masks. The booths will be spread out, and other precautions are followed per state guidance.

The Michigan Farmers Market Association has posted the updated State mandates and recommendations. You may find that document here. I encourage you read read these new COVID guidelines, as they pertain to our Market.

That said, please be aware that I am required to return to spacing our booths 6' apart beginning with tomorrow's Market. Some of our Vendors will be placed on the lawn in East Park to accommodate the spacing. Please be sure to visit their booths!

The following Vendors will be placed on the lawn until further notice: Renee's Bouquets, Walloon Lake Winery, My TCBD, Charlevoix Lavender, Hammond's Pure Honey, Flowers Up North, Bee Hive North, Cookies and Cravings and Sweetwater Catering. Please visit these vendors on the lawn tomorrow!!! They all need your support.

It is important that we, as a Farmers Market, remain open, so I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation moving forward. Please wear a face covering while attending Market. And, take advantage of our hand sanitizing stations.

The flow of traffic will start at Clinton Street and run toward Antrim Street. Please practice social distancing while in line at Vendor booths.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding. We truly are all in this together, so let's help one another get through it and stay safe!

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Toolkit to help workplaces stay safe

To further protect workers and the community, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-147 reiterates that businesses who are open to the public must refuse entry and service to individuals who fail to comply with wearing a face covering. The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) stands at the ready to provide the tools necessary for business to protect their workers and remain safely open.

Under the governor's order, businesses must post signs at all entrances instructing customers of their legal obligation to wear a face covering while inside – to assist employers with this

requirement, a print-ready poster that businesses may use is available online. LEO and the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) have a set of online resources at Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety that provides guidelines, posters for employees and customers, fact-sheets, educational videos and a reopening checklist to keep workplaces safe.

"By requiring everyone in their establishment to mask up, Michigan businesses can help keep their employees, workplaces and customers safe," said LEO Director Jeff Donofrio. "Employers who violate the Governor's Exec-

utive Orders, CDC guidance and OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19 create additional hazards for workers and put the public at risk. We all must do our part to prevent the spread of this virus."

Studies have shown that wearing a mask can save lives and significantly lower an individual's chance of spreading COVID-19. A study on different regions in Germany, for example, suggests that the adoption of mandatory mask ordinances decreased the daily growth rate of COVID-19 infections by 40. Modeling from the University of Washington similarly indicates that more than 40,000

lives would be spared nationwide if 95% of the population wore a mask while in public. Furthermore, a study conducted by Goldman Sachs concluded that a federal mask mandate could save the U.S. economy from taking a 5% hit to our GDP. "We will remain vigilant to equip employers and their staff with proper guidance and tools needed to keep Michigan workplaces safe," said COVID-19 Workplace Safety Director Sean Egan. "Our priority is protecting workers and this Executive Order allows us to do that effectively."

Best practices that employees should follow to proactively protect themselves

from exposure to coronavirus:

- Wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water,
- Limit contact with others by remaining six feet apart,
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and tools routinely,
- Stay home if you or someone in your household is sick,
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, and
- Practice self-screenings to check for any abnormal/new symptoms.

Anyone with questions regarding workplace safety and health may contact MIOSHA using the new hotline at 855-SAFE-C19 (855-723-3219).

Learn more about MIOSHA's efforts to protect Michigan's workforce during the pandemic and for information on the latest workplace safety guidance at Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety. Learn more about protecting the public and protecting workers at Michigan.gov/MaskUpMichigan.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at michigan.gov/coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

Discover the North Country Trail

BY DAKOTA HEWLETT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

The North Country National Scenic Trail, or North Country Trail for short, is the longest trail in the National Trail System, stretching more than 4,600 miles between North Dakota and New York.

In Michigan, the trail covers 1,150 miles and connects some of our most scenic and beloved destinations, including Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Tahquamenon Falls State Park and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, along with many small towns and communities whose residents embrace the trail and welcome those who hike it.

The website for the trail beckons visitors to "Come to the North Country."

"Trek the hills and valleys. Stand on the shores of lakes and streams from glaciers 10,000 years before. Clear-flowing water, red/gold of autumn, a fair-land of snow, open prairies and distant horizons paint the land," the website reads. "Historic sites along the way tell how America settled and grew as a nation. From North Dakota to New York (and soon Vermont), adventure is never far away."

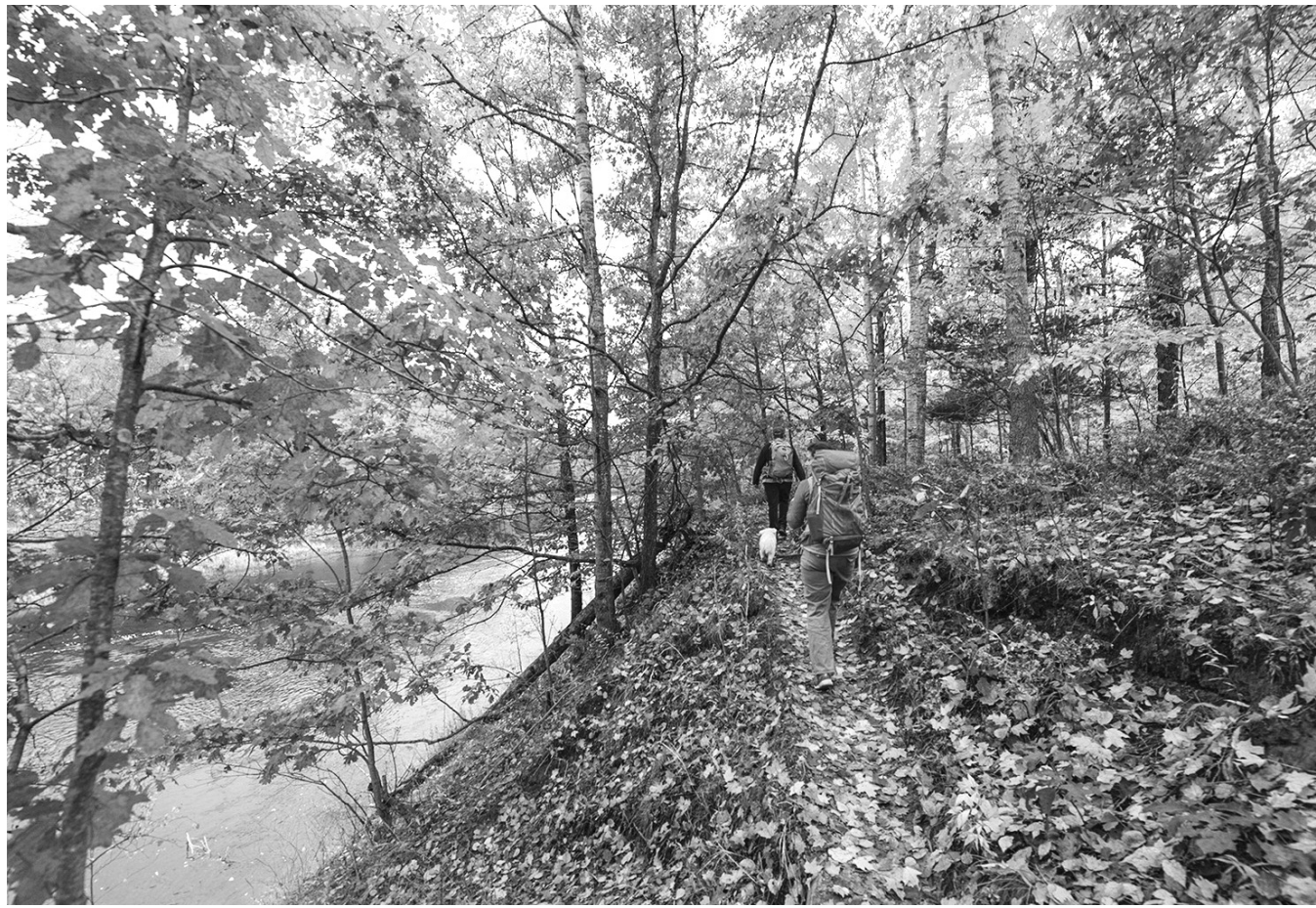
Spawned from the National Trails System Act of 1968, the North Country Trail has grown from a grand idea to a destination for hikers and backpackers looking to experience some of the best small towns and scenic places in the United States.

As a National Scenic Trail, the trail is administered by the National Park Service with assistance from the North Country Trail Association, a nonprofit organization comprised of thousands of members and volunteers who work on building, maintaining, planning and promoting the trail.

The association, headquartered in Lowell in Kent County, has 37 local chapters and affiliates whose members not only help build and maintain the entirety of the trail, but also lead hikes and events promoting the trail.

Michigan hosts more miles of the North Country Trail than any of the other seven states the trail traverses.

The trail also provides the backbone of the hiking portion of Michigan's signature Iron Belle Trail, which stretches from Ironwood in



Michigan's Iron Belle Trail follows the existing North Country National Scenic Trail for most of its length in Michigan, including through the Manistee National Forest (shown here). (Photo courtesy of the North Country Trail Association)

the far western Upper Peninsula, to Belle Isle in Detroit.

"The North Country Trail is a magnificent asset to the nation, the state of Michigan and the Iron Belle Trail," said Paul Yauk, state trail coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Division. "Without the North Country Trail, the dream of creating the Iron Belle Trail might never have been realized."

In 2013, then-Gov. Rick Snyder, who declared Michigan "The Trails State," wanted to showcase Michigan by creating a trail from Detroit to Ironwood. The idea later evolved into one trail with two routes – one for hiking and one for bicycling.

The hiking route of the Iron Belle Trail is 1,273 miles long, sharing 1,033 miles with the North Country National Scenic Trail as it travels through 48 of the state's 83 counties, across the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

The Michigan DNR oversees the trail.

Today, the Iron Belle Trail is 71% complete, with many projects underway over both the hiking and bicycling routes to connect the gaps remaining along the trail between Michigan's great natural resources, towns and

cities, and endless recreational opportunities.

Some hiking highlights along the North Country Trail's Iron Belle Trail sections in the Upper Peninsula include the spectacular Pictured Rocks cliffs east of Munising, hills and ridges, waterfalls and rivers of state-managed forest lands, five state parks and the Hiawatha and Ottawa national forests.

After shuttling across the Mackinac Bridge, the trail continues south along the western side of the Lower Peninsula, where more state parks, the Jordan River Valley, the Manistee National Forest, Yankee Springs State Recreation Area and the North Country Trail Association's headquarters in Lowell await.

Jane Norton, president of the association's Chief Noontday Chapter in southwest Michigan, has been involved with the organization for eight years. She joined the association as a new hiker, but quickly became involved as she made friends with others in the chapter.

"Now I have something to do all the time – hiking is a year-round activity," Norton said. "I've met a lot of great people."

In 2017, she hiked the entire length of the North Country Trail in the Lower Peninsula, a distance rambling more than 500 miles.

"It was section hiking; I'd take three or four days at a time and drive up to hike the next section. The fun part was being in small towns that I had never been to," Norton said.

She completed her hike of the Lower Peninsula in 34 days, an adventure that started out as a way to celebrate her birthday and ended up becoming a trek across the state.

Norton said Michigan has changing terrain and diverse beauty as the North Country Trail traverses the state.

"Southern Michigan has the most beautiful farmland, unique barns and the most



Jane Norton, president of the North Country Trail Association's Chief Noontday Chapter in southwest Michigan, takes a break along the trail. Norton has been involved with the organization for eight years. She joined the association as a new hiker, but quickly became involved as she made friends with others in the chapter. (Photo courtesy of Jane Norton)

wildflowers I've ever seen in my life," she said.

Recently, as the president of her local NCTA chapter, Norton has seen a very large increase in hiking due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is great to see so many people of all ages outside, so many new people. I hope they continue hiking and become members and volunteers," she said.

Thousands of volunteers along the North Country Trail plan workdays, conduct regular maintenance and, like Norton, devote their own time to the trail they love.

"I'm impressed by the volunteers who come out to work, building bridges, puncheon (boardwalk), trimming brush and trees," Norton said. "I greatly ap-

preciate the time that they put in."

Whether you are hiking all the way through from Vermont to North Dakota, walking the length of Michigan, or just out for a short stroll, the North Country National Scenic Trail will connect you to Michigan's natural resources and provide a premier recreation experience.

With so many unique and scenic destinations to offer hikers along the way, and with its hundreds of volunteers and supporters, the North Country National Scenic Trail – and by association, the Iron Belle Trail – is just one of the many great reasons why Michigan is likely to maintain its status as "The Trails State."

MASKS

FROM PG. 1A

save lives. It's important that all Michiganders wear masks properly – not down around the neck, not only over the mouth, but correctly over the mouth and nose. Please everyone stay patient, and remain vigilant."

Under the governor's order, businesses that are open to the public must refuse entry and service to individuals who fail to comply, and must post signs at all entrances instructing customers of their legal obligation to wear a face covering while inside. Those who are exempt from wearing a mask in Michigan businesses include people younger than five years old, those who cannot medically tolerate a face covering, and those who are eating or drinking while seated at a food service establishment.

The executive order took effect at 12:01am on Monday, July 13. A willful violation of the order is a misdemeanor subject to a \$500 criminal penalty, but no term of confinement may be imposed on individuals who violate the mask requirement. No individual is subject to penalty under the order for removing a mask while engaging in religious worship at a house of religious worship, although consistent with guidance from the CDC, congregants are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings during religious services.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

To residents of County District 5,

I am writing to ask for your support of Commissioner Nancy Ferguson in the coming election. She has served us well for the past six years and would like the opportunity to continue to serve.

Nancy is a 45 year resident of Charlevoix County and truly cherishes and respects the resources we are all lucky to enjoy. She has always worked diligently to protect our surroundings and keep them available for all of us.

She currently is a Board Member on the following: Health Dept. of Northwest MI, Fair Board, Transportation Authority (Ironwood Ferry) and the Sanitation Board of Appeals. She is a Liaison to The Commission on Aging and The Charlevoix Area Humane Society. She also chairs the Building and Grounds Committee.

I have known Nancy for 20 years as a neighbor and friend and I know that she takes her position as Commissioner seriously. She carefully weighs each of the decisions that come before her to make sure they are best for the County now and into the future.

I ask that you vote for Nancy to remain County Commissioner.

Let's vote for her experience, expertise and enthusiasm. I know that she will continue to work for all of us.

Sincerely,
Susan L. Parks
Charlevoix County, District 5



A signpost for the North Country National Scenic Trail is shown near the Big Lake State Forest Campground in Baraga County. This part of the trail is also the Iron Belle Trail. (courtesy of DNR)

Michigan's Amazing Animals

Busy Beavers

"The beaver has a major image problem. Being a chubby rodent with goofy buck teeth and a tail that looks like it was run over by a tractor tire, it's no wonder beavers prefer to work under the cover of darkness!"

~~Frances Backhouse

BY PATRICK BEVIER

In Michigan, the largest members of the rodent family possess an enviable work ethic and exemplary engineering skills. Here are some fabulously fun facts about those busy builders, the beavers:

The Name Game: The beaver's scientific name is *Castor canadensis*. The genus derives from the important castor oil-producing glands the animals possess and the species *canadensis* acknowledges the area of the world in which it was first described. More properly dubbed the North American beaver it has been introduced to other regions including Patagonia and Finland. Its closest relative, and only other member of the genus *Castor*, is the Eurasian beaver (*Castor fiber*). Other common names include American beaver and Canadian beaver. Beaver boosters take pride in that they are the official national animal of Canada and the state mammal of Oregon and New York.

Rotund Rodents: Beavers are the largest members of the mammalian order Rodentia in North America and rank second worldwide only to the capybara of South America. Found in 1921, the heaviest beaver ever recorded in North America was from a county that borders our Upper Peninsula. Astonishingly, the Iron County, Wisconsin specimen burdened the scale at 110 pounds! In the Mitten State there are records of beavers up to 90 pounds in weight. Adult beavers normally weigh between 30 and 60 pounds and can grow from 35 to 45 inches long including a flattened 12- to 18-inch tail. Beavers live up to 20 years in the wild. Their size protects them from most predators but a beaver's lifespan can be cut short by humans, wolves, bobcats, and coyotes.



A busy mid-Michigan beaver shows off its enlarged incisor teeth that help it cut wood for food, and dam and lodge building materials

Anatomical Aspects: Beavers sport dense reddish brown or blackish brown hair that protects them from the cold and wetness. *Castor canadensis* have small, round, brown ears, and powerful back legs for swimming. Their hind feet are huge and contain five lengthy, webbed toes, while their front feet are small and nimble, which allows them to hold on to objects while working or munching.

Tail Tales: The beaver's most distinctive feature is their large, flat tail, which is covered with leathery black scales. It serves as a kickstand when sitting upright, a rudder when swimming, and a storehouse of fat for the winter. They use this appendage to loudly slap the surface of the water as a warning sign to other beavers. Anal glands and castor sacs are located under the animal's body near the tail and secrete musk-like oils which the beavers use to preen and to mark their territory.

Toothy Traits: An orthodontist's dream come true beavers have a pair of very large incisor teeth on the top and bottom of their jaws. Each incisor can be up to one-third inch wide and an inch long. The animals can drop very large trees with these specially adapted teeth, powerful jaw muscles, and enlarged skull bones. Beaver teeth never stop growing and are self-sharpening because of the hard orange enamel on the front of the tooth and the softer dentin on the back. As they chew wood the dentin wears faster, creating a chisel-like cutting surface that's responsible for their

unrivaled lumberjack skills.

Tight Lips: To adapt to their aquatic habitat, as well as their busy lifestyle, beavers possess a veritable plethora of adaptations. These include the ability to completely close off their ears, nostrils, and eyes (via clear eyelids) to become watertight as they swim. Remarkably, the beaver's lips are located behind their incisors to prevent the furry fellows from getting water down their throat when hauling tree limbs in the water!

It's Raining Beavers! In 1948 the Idaho Fish and Game Agency came up with a unique solution for relocating nuisance beavers from a resort area. They decided to populate backcountry regions with the furry friends by flying them to a location and having them parachuted to the ground! They used a guinea pig, so to speak, named Geronimo for the test-drop. After several successful jumps, it became the mode of operation to move 75 other members of Geronimo's clan. The initiative was filmed and dubbed, "Fur for the Future" and has had over 600,000 views on YouTube!

Mating Matters: Beavers reach sexual maturity at three years and are monogamous. The family unit is called a colony and most colonies include six to eight individuals consisting of dad, mom, and youngsters. Young beavers, known as kits, usually remain with the family until their second year of life and are driven away right before the new litter is born. In the Great Lakes State beavers mate in January or February and have a gestation period of three months.

Litter sizes are usually three or four. The kits are born fully furred, with their eyes open, and possess the innate knowledge of how to gnaw wood for food.

Food Facts: Beavers are strict herbivores, subsisting solely on aquatic and woody vegetation. They prefer fresh leaves, twigs, stems, and bark of species including alder, aspen, birch, maple, and willow. Their aquatic cuisine features cattails, water lilies, sedges and rushes. The tubers of cattails and lilies are favorites. Using their nimble fingers beavers may roll lily pads up like tasty green canoli's to eat them. Logs and twigs are often stored underwater for winter feeding. Beavers do not hibernate but rather snuggle with their families all winter!

Why, Dam-It? Beavers are specialized and strategic builders. To lessen predator accessibility, as well as to create adequate water depth for their homes, beavers dam up streams with logs, branches, mud and stones. They can then construct their homes, known as lodges, in shallow areas of the "beaver pond" that is created. Beavers are primarily nocturnal and will travel good distances from their homes to find food.

Excellent Engineers: Along with humans, beavers are the only animal known to significantly alter the areas in which they exist. Beaver dam designs are dictated by the speed of water flow. In slower waters the dam is built with a straight face, but in speedier currents the facing is cleverly curved. The resourceful rodents also construct canals connecting food sources to

their lodge. Each beaver colony will usually establish one large pond in which to build their lodge and will construct smaller dams over a half-mile length of a stream.

Happy Hatters: Beaver pelts are quite unique to other mammals in that one square inch of their hide possesses an astonishing 100,000 hairs! In the 1800's their pelts were extremely desirable to clothiers, especially those heady haberdashers. They were so valuable that beaver pelts were once known as, "brown gold!"

Beaver's at the Brink: North American beaver populations were once more than 60 million animals. Unfortunately, by about 1900, the animals were almost gone from many of their original habitats. This population decline was the result of extensive hunting and trapping for fur, for glands used as medicine and perfume, and because the beavers' harvesting of trees and flooding of waterways may interfere with other land uses. Pollution and habitat loss have also affected beaver survival. In the last century, however, human ecological practices including beaver harvest limits, habitat preservation, and successful reintroduction programs have resulted in dramatic population increases. Fortunately, an estimated 12 million *Castor canadensis* now swim, chew, and waddle in North American habitats.

Population Parameters: Current beaver numbers in the Great Lakes State appear to be stable based on MDNR population estimates and

trapping statistics. Indeed, beavers are currently classified as a Least Concern animal on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) scale.

No Respect: Beavers are the Rodney Dangerfield's of the animal Kingdom as they are afforded little respect and are often maligned as nuisance animals. Yet their activities are highly beneficial to aquatic ecosystems. For example, beaver dams create ponds that provide ideal habitat for scores of other animals. Their dams also maintain the water table at an appropriate level which in turn helps to control flooding and erosion. Anglers also benefit as beaver ponds often provide excellent fishing opportunities.

For a Fish Fry? Astonishingly, Medieval church leaders considered the beaver's tail to be acceptable table fare during Lent! I love all kinds of seafood, but I think I'd pass on that dish!

Amazing Ice Age Animals: Giant beavers, who were present during the last ice age, were about 8-feet in length and weighed up to 250 pounds! They could also do some serious chain-sawing. Indeed, pieces of wood that were gnawed by these bygone behemoths have been mistaken for human-made artifacts. Extrapolating, giant beaver lodges were probably the size of a 2,000 square-foot modern ranch-style home!

Living Lodge: Beaver lodges are usually made of sticks, grass, moss, and mud. They are built either a short way back from the edge of the bank, partly hanging over it, or on an island. There are at least two below water entrances to the lodge and one main room with its floor above water. The room may be 8-feet wide and up to 3-feet high. Lodges are very strong and well insulated as temperatures remain above freezing even in the harshest of winters. The floor of the lodge is covered in bark, grass, and wood chips.

GREAT READ:

I highly recommend the book, "Once They Were Hats-In Search of the Mighty Beaver" by Frances Backhouse. It's an engaging read regarding the natural history, and close relationship to humans, of those buck-toothed beauties. As a matter of fact, some of the most fascinating fodder for this article came from Backhouse's book.

Those are a few of the fantastic facts about those fabulous, flat-tailed furbearers known as beavers. I'm hoping you'll have the good fortune of happening across an active beaver lodge in your wanderings in the woods and waters of the Wolverine State!

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Monday, June 29, 2020
0021 Assisted Sheriff Dept. on Fall Park Rd.
0903 Report of lost I-Phone
1402 Threats complaint in the 600 block of Jefferson St.
1751 Report of subject who appeared to be intoxicated and still drinking while driving. Arrested subject on S. East near Cedar for OWI.
1905 Suspicious situation on Nordic Dr.
1958 Report of a dog in a car in the 400 block of N Lake St.
2233 Fireworks complaint on Hannah St.

TUESDAY JUNE 30, 2020
0836 Civil complaint in the 300 block of E Division St
1010 Report of lost cell phone
1100 Report of police scam letter at the PD.
1410 Assist citizen at Peninsula Beach.
1450 Subject at PD to report private property damage crash.

1510 Property damage crash on Lower Lake and W Michigan caused by skateboarder who left scene.
1550 Larceny reported in the 100 block of N East St. Wind had blown it into neighbor's yard.
2201 Fireworks complaint in the area of E Main St and Boyne Ave.

Wednesday, July 1, 2020
0107 Suspicious situation in the 100 block of W. Court St.
1257 Larceny of meds reported in the 300 block of E Division St
1325 Report of 3 dogs at Peninsula Beach
1358 Report of 2 dogs locked in vehicle in the 200 block of S Lake St.
1555 Report of drone flying near airport
1557 Suspicious subject on N East.
1818 Driving complaint reported from the 100 block of W. Division drive.
1841 Arrested subject for Retail Fraud in the 400 block of N Lake St

2106 Lodged a stray dog at the shelter

Thursday, July 2, 2020
408 Assisted Sheriff Dept. with alarm on M-75 S
0845 Report of found weed wacker
1346 Citizen at PD to report Identity Theft.
1350 Report of possible violation of no contact order in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
1457 Report of dog left in truck in the 500 block of N Lake St.
1518 Citation issued for speed at N. Park St. and Meadow Ln.
1536 Report of found large floating mat in Lake Charlevoix
1610 Private property damage crash in the 300 block of Boyne Av.
1618 Arrested subject for Retail Fraud in the 400 block of N Lake St.
1730 Found set of keys turned in to PD.
1743 Driving complaint reported on Lake St.
1830 Dog bite in the 700 block of Wenonah St.

1943 Citation issued for speed on N. Lake St. at Grove-land St.
2135 EMS assist at river mouth.
2251 EMS assist in the 500 block of S East St.
2300 Subpoena service in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.

Friday, July 3, 2020
1124 Dog bite occurred on W Main St.
1319 Animal Complaint at Old City Park.
1452 Assist EMS in the 700 block of Vogel St.
1611 Citation issued for speed at pleasant and Division St.
1827 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Greenwood Beach
2000 Arrested subject on a warrant in the 400 block of N Lake St
2018 Driving complaint reported on M75 S from Topolinski Rd
2256 Alarm on W Water St.
2346 Disturbance on W Main St.

Saturday, July 4, 2020
0220 Fireworks complaint at State St and Park St.
0227 Suspicious vehicle at Clark St and Jefferson St
1006 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E. Main St.
1104 Animal complaint by the Little League Field.
1347 Private property damage crash in the 200 block of S. Lake St.
1430 Fireworks complaint on Marshall Rd.
1500 Driving complaint on Pleasant Ave.
1545 Lodged a stray dog that was found on Six Mile Lake Rd.
1552 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls.
1559 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Fall Park Rd. and Deer Lake Rd.
1929 Property damage crash in the 300 block of Hannah St.
2128 Assist EMS in the 200 block of Hannah St.
2221 Arrested subject for OWI, Transport Open Intoxicants and DWLS at lake and North St.

2324 Fireworks complaint in the 500 block of S Park St.

SUNDAY JULY 5, 2020
0004 Fireworks complaint at Second St and Ann St.
0011 Fireworks complaint on Maple St and W Lincoln St.
0027 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Clarion. Arrested subject on an outstanding warrant.
1217 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St.
1249 Vehicle unlock on Water St. near Park St.
1326 Driving complaint reported from the 100 block of W Division St.
1619 Report of an intoxicated subject in the 500 block of N Lake St. Returned to campsite.
2208 Found subject drinking liquor in Old City Park
2220 Fireworks complaint at Lincoln St and Pleasant St.
2244 Found subject sleeping on park bench after closing in Old City Park. Returned to campsite.

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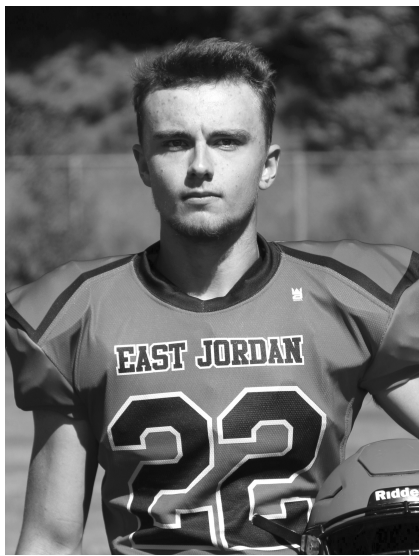
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Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth. We have emailed the Athletic Director at each school. Feel free to contact the athletic di-

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

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



JV Football
2016-17, 2017-18

Varsity Football
2018-19, 2019-20

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Parents:
Dave and Amy LaBute

Daniel LaBute
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



JV Volleyball
2016-17, 2017-18

Varsity Volleyball
2018-19, 2019-20

Track and Field
2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

HONORS:
Varsity Volleyball
2018-19 Academic All State
2019-20 Individual Academic All State
2019-20 Academic All State Team
Track and Field
2016-17 All Region
2017-18 All Conference Honorable Mention
2017-18 All Region
2018-19 All Conference Honorable Mention
2018-19 All Region
League Scholar Athlete 2018-19, 2019-20

Parents:
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Tegan Swanson
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



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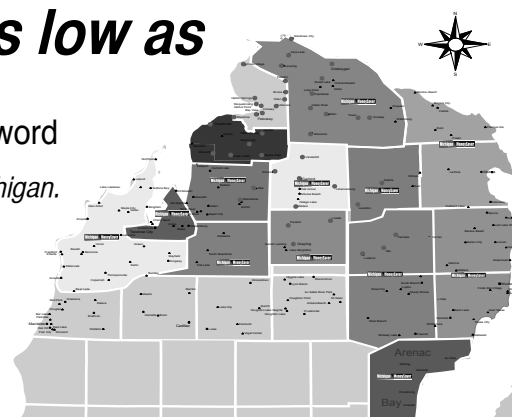
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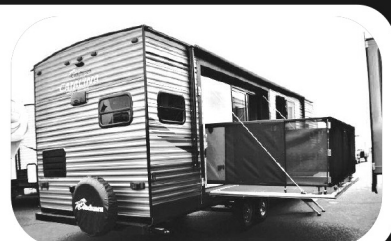
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Small Business Restart Program dollars for COVID-19 recovery efforts

Through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), more than \$4.5 million in Michigan Small Business Restart Program dollars will be available to support Northwest Michigan small businesses as they work to recover from the impacts of COVID-19. All grants will be between \$10,000-\$20,000 each and can be used as working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, utility expenses, or other similar expenses. The application period for the competitive grant program will run from July 15 through August 5. Networks Northwest will administer grants in the 10-county region in close partnership with area economic development agencies. Local eco-

economic development professionals will review all applications received and distribute the grants to ensure industry diversity and impact in every county across the region. Grants will be awarded in mid-September.

"Too many small businesses have been faced with significant economic hardship over the last few months, including challenges with cash flow and resources to support working families in the region," said Networks Northwest CEO Matt McCauley. "I am proud of Northwest Michigan's resiliency thus far and fully anticipate our economy getting back to growth and investment in large part because of

the direct, in the community, assistance provided by The Alliance for Economic Success, Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce, MEDC, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Northwest Michigan Works!, Northwest Small Business Development Center, and Traverse Connect."

Lisa Leedy, Executive Director of The Alliance for Economic Success, said, "As the backbone of our communities, small businesses in northern Michigan create prosperity, so we at AES are proud to be part of a team supporting the program to help them through these unprecedented times."

To qualify for grant support, businesses must meet the following criteria, based

on statutory requirements for the program:

- A business or nonprofit that can demonstrate it is affected by the COVID-19 emergency

- Needs working capital to support eligible expenses

- Demonstrates an income loss as a result of the COVID-19 emergency

- Has not received a grant through the Michigan Strategic Fund's Michigan Small Business Relief Program previously

Andy Hayes, President of The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance said, "The NLEA is excited about this opportunity to assist companies in our area. We appreciate the efforts from the MEDC, the Governor and our

legislators. These are tough times for sure, and these grants will help provide meaningful dollars to companies as we work through the challenges caused by COVID-19."

Stacie Bytwork, President of The Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "The Manistee area is excited to be able to participate in this process again. It was extremely important for our businesses in the first round and we want to thank the MEDC and legislators for another opportunity to have a greater impact."

Networks Northwest anticipates that approximately 300 businesses across the region will benefit from this program. Additionally, by

statute, at least 30 percent of the competitive grants awarded under the program must be to women-owned, minority-owned, or veteran-owned eligible businesses. Statewide, \$100 million in grants are being made available through the Michigan Small Business Restart Program, which is being funded through the federal CARES Act.

The Michigan Small Business Restart Program competitive grant application will begin Wednesday, July 15 at michiganbusiness.org/restart

Networks Northwest's member counties are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.

PAVILION

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per roofs of the new twin shelter areas also complement the roof of the adjacent Boyne City Municipal Marina Lighthouse. Now open to the public the Pavilion can be reserved for private functions.

City Manager, Michael Cain praised community members involved in the project to celebrate the conclusion of a very long and successful journey.

Cain said, "In some respects, the timing couldn't be better. This project is another positive shot in the arm like our new trail and roads projects, at a time when positive news is so needed. Also, this facility, if used properly, helps encourage and provides a first quality venue for safe outdoor interactions."

The pavilion was first built in the 1970's to serve both the community as part



Boyne City Manager, Michael Cain praised the many people involved in the pavilion project.

of Veterans Park but also as shower and restroom facilities

for our municipal marina. Over the years the Pavilion has always served the community well, serving as host for many public and private functions, but almost only during the warm weather months.

A number of years ago our Main Street Program received a grant to study and get community input on our future needs and how the Pavilion fit into that future. The results of the study said they wanted a bigger, all season facility that could be open to the park and area around it but could be closed off when necessary. The study also revealed the facility should have the ability to handle multiple uses at once, better bathrooms, a better winter home for the farmers market, a commercial kitchen. Fortunately the consultants Environment Architects, designed, and redesigned, the redevelopment of the old Pavilion to meet all those needs at a price that seemed fea-



Bob Kroondyk of Bob Kroondyk Construction thanked vendors and community members that were involved in creating this multi-use facility.

sible.

The city connected with a local builder, Bob Kroondyk Construction

and his team of contractors and suppliers. The quality and attention to detail that Bob and his team

put into the project is truly amazing.

Every successful project needs someone that inspires everyone around them and visualizes the completed project. That driving force for the new pavilion project was Becky Harris. Without her vision and attitude this project would never have turned out as wonderful as it did. The community is grateful for her vision and drive.

Financial support for the project was provided by: MEDC, USDA, the City of Boyne City, the Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne City Farmers Market, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Charlevoix County Parks Grant funds, Evangeline Township, Great Lakes Energy, Consumers Energy and so many other businesses and individual donors.

Real Estate Feature Property

SPACIOUS, UPDATED HOME IN ELMIRA



BY JIM AKANS

Situated on nearly a third of an acre, this spacious, updated home offers charm and an excellent location close to Gaylord, Petoskey and Boyne City.

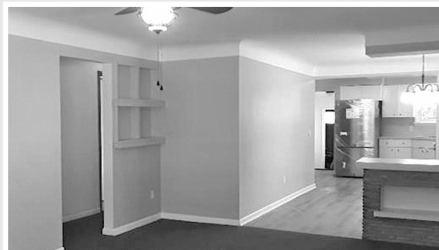
This three bedroom home offers just over 1,200 square feet of beautifully updated living space plus a full basement. Interior highlights include an open kitchen, dining and living room layout, lots of windows to bring in plenty of natural light, tons of modern

updates including flooring, lighting, kitchen with stainless steel appliances, updated bath, ceiling fans throughout to cool the home during warm summer weather and much more. An attached two-car garage keeps vehicles safe and out of the weather, and a full basement provides ample storage space.

Outdoors, the nearly one-third acre of property is nicely shaded with room for gardening, backyard games or simply relaxing on your lawn chair.

Downtown Elmira is within walking distance, and Gaylord, Petoskey and Boyne City are all just a short drive away.

This spacious, updated home is located at 8897 West M-32 Highway near Elmira is listed at \$164,900. 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 HollyUpNorth@gmail.com



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Brisk selling conditions in some parts of the country require more aggressive tactics.

Brett Furman, a broker in suburban Philadelphia, says the strong market dictates that homebuyers focus on buying first, and selling later.

"The housing market in the suburban Philadelphia market is moving very quickly," said Furman. "Normally we advise our buyers to sell their home first and buy second ... However with the faster moving market, we are advising many of our buyer clients to obtain a mortgage commitment that is not contingent upon selling their existing house."

In their book, *House Selling for Dummies* (Hungry Minds Inc., 1999), Eric Tyson and Ray Brown "strongly recommend" that you sell first.

"Even in good real estate markets, sales frequently drag on much longer than you expect," the authors say. "Selling in a weak market usually compounds the problem. Homeowners tend to overestimate their house's resale value and underestimate the length of the selling process -- a fiscally deadly one-two

punch."

The *Dummies* book says selling first eliminates financial risk -- no double mortgages and double payments for property taxes and insurance payments. And no worrying about how you'll come up with a down payment.

But selling first isn't the perfect solution. Some of the issues that may come up include: Being forced out of your house before you have a new place available. Where will you live? Where will your kids go to school?

Having to move twice. Do you want to go through the hassle? Where will you store your extra furniture while you live with family and friends or rent an apartment?

Not being able to find a house you like. How long are you willing to live in temporary quarters until you find a suitable house?

Whichever way you go, it always seems to work out in the end, at least in Gregor's experience.

"I've been in the business for 30 years," he said. "We've never had anyone out on the street and the vast majority of our clients that make double moves are those building new homes that had to have their property sold first."

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MURDER

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talized.

On June 1, 2020, Crest was evaluated by a doctor who found that he did not fit the statutory definition of a

person "requiring treatment" because though he suffers from dementia, he was not homicidal or suicidal on the day of the evaluation.

Based on this opinion, the request for medical treatment was denied. Another attempt by Telgenhof to have Crest admitted to a

psychiatric hospital was similarly denied because dementia does not meet the statutory criteria required for admission.

"This is a hole in our system to be sure," Telgenhof stated. "We have a person who has committed violent offenses but the law does

not require they be in prison or in a secure mental health facility."

"In this situation the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, working together with the family and their attorney, were able to find appropriate placement through appointment of a public

guardian (on July 9) in probate court but this is not how it should have to work, in my opinion."

"I want to give special thanks to Sheriff Chuck Vondra, Jail Administrator Derek Gaylord and the staff at the Charlevoix County Jail. They have had this defendant in their jail for three months and he is a person who requires special care and they have gone above and beyond while we tried to find an appropriate placement," Telgenhof said. Telgenhof said that he has written to area legislators and state legislative leaders asking that they consider changing the laws for these types of situations.

"A person who commits a violent act like this should be required to go to a secure state-run facility. To me that seems obvious," Telgenhof said. "In this situation, the family, attorney and the state were

left to try to persuade private places to take someone in who potentially presented a risk to others. Not surprisingly no private facilities would take him."

Only when Telgenhof indicated that he was going to dismiss the case which would result in Crest, immediate release from jail did high level meetings in Lansing result in a placement.

"Everyone was trying their best, within our laws, to figure things out but we kept running into dead ends. Finally, the upper management at the Department of Health and Human Services agreed to craft a solution even though they were not legally required to do so. I hope that the legislature can fix this to provide guidance and support to prosecutors, jails and DHHS."

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof, Prosecuting Attorney, Charlevoix County

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