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PREVIEW OF AUGUST 4TH ELECTION BALLOT



COMPILED BY JIM AKANS

On Tuesday, August 4, voters in Charlevoix County will face decisions on a variety of millage proposals. Following is a preview of many of the contested race candidates and ballot proposals. For additional information and to view your ballot, visit the Michigan Voter Information Center <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot>.

Candidates COUNTYWIDE

US SENATOR

John James - Republican
Gary Peters - Democrat

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - 1ST DISTRICT

Dana Ferguson - Democratic
Linda O'Dell - Democratic
Jack Bergman - Republican

REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE - 105TH DISTRICT

Ken Borton - Republican
Tony Cutler - Republican
Jimmy Schmidt - Republican
Jonathan Burke - Democrat

COUNTYWIDE (cont.)

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Diane M. Gustin - Republican
Dennis Jason - Republican

TOWNSHIPS

BAY, HAYES, MELROSE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 1ST DISTRICT

Kathleen T. Donahue - Republican
Robert J. Jess - Republican

CHARLEVOIX CITY, CHARLEVOIX TWP

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

6TH DISTRICT
Richard C. Spring - Democratic
Shirley Roloff - Republican

EVELINE, MARION, NORWOOD, PEAINE, ST JAMES

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 5TH DISTRICT

Nancy Ferguson - Republican
Scott Hankins - Republican

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Tommy Tropic will attempt to break the Guinness Record for "Farthest distance traveled on inline skates whilst juggling three objects" on the Boyne Valley Bike Path. Courtesy photo

Tommy Tropic Guinness World Record attempt

On Friday, August 7 at 6:30 pm, Tommy Tropic will attempt to break the Guinness Record for "Farthest distance traveled on inline skates whilst juggling three objects" on the Boyne Valley Bike Path, starting near Dam Road and finishing at Boyne Mountain. One mile will break the record, but he will try for 2.

The attempt is part of a fund-raising event for a 501c3 non-profit called ACT Katwe. ACT, or Acrobatics Circus Troupe, fights poverty with acrobatics and juggling. They currently work with around 200 kids in Katwe, the largest slum in Kampala, Uganda. They teach far more than circus arts. They feed, mentor and sponsor kids for school and keep them out of gangs. They instill pride in these children and give them a sense of hope. They have stepped up their porridge program in these hard times of covid lockdowns. This, along with the cost of school supplies and uniforms, has been a struggle for them and we hope to be able to help them out. <https://www.actkatwe.org/>

The event starts at 5 pm with a cocktail hour on the lawn of the Mountain Grand Hotel at Boyne Mountain Resort with Master of Ceremonies Scott MacKenzie. Strict COVID 19 guidelines will be in place and tickets limited to 150. We ask all attendees to wear masks and social distance. There will be plenty of room to do so. There will be a silent auction with cool items including some Rolling Stones memorabilia. Also great entertainment with Tommy Tropic, Clark Lewis, and Twisted-Style Freerunning.

At 6 Tommy and his team will head out to the starting point near Dam Road. There is a trail head parking lot there for those wishing to see the start of the record attempt at 6:30 pm. The one-mile mark, and the point at which Tommy will have achieved a record, is near the Boyne Falls School and that parking lot. Tommy will attempt to continue across M-75 to Boyne Mountain Resort, finishing in front of the Mountain Grand Hotel, a total distance of two miles.

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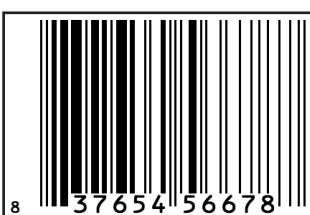
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ELECTION FROM PG. 1A

CHARLEVOIX TWP

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Charles D. Center – Republican
Timothy Kochanny – Republican

CLERK

Richard Bogart – Republican
Sandra Witherspoon - Democratic

COUNTY PROPOSALS

- Recycling Millage:

This proposal will permit the County to renew the current levy of .15 mill for recycling purchases and programs. The electors previously approved a similar millage in 2016, which expired in 2019.

Shall the tax limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, be increased by .15 mills (15 cents \$.15) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of capital purchases and recycling programs? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .15 mill would raise an estimated \$332,014 for the County when first levied in 2020.

- Senior Citizen Millage:

This proposal will permit the County to renew the current levy of .65 mills for senior citizen programs. The electors previously approved .65 mills senior millage in 2016, which expired in 2019.

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix County imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for Charlevoix County Commission on Aging by .65 mills or \$0.65 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of supporting existing and implementing additional Senior Citizen programs? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .65 (65/100) mill would raise an estimated \$1,438,727 for the County when first levied in 2020.

TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

Boyne Valley

- Proposal For Ambulance Millage:

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 1 mill for the purpose of providing funds for equipping, operating, and maintaining an ambulance service within the township.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for equipping, operating, and maintaining an ambulance service within the township, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$155,278 for the Township in 2020.

Chandler

- Proposal to Renew Fire Millage and provide Emergency Medical Services:

This proposal will permit the Township to renew the Township's 1 mill for fire department operations and for the purchase of fire department equipment previously approved by the electors and now expired.

This proposal will also provide funding of ¼ mill for Emergency Medical Services.

Shall the limitations on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Chandler, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to one and one

quarter (1-1/4) mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire department operations, purchase of fire department equipment, and for Emergency Medical Services, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$18,415.00 for the Township when first levied in 2020.

East Jordan City

- Proposal To Renew Ambulance Operating Millage:

This proposal will permit the Authority to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of providing funds for operating and maintaining ambulance services within the territorial limits of the Authority in the years 2020-2023, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property within the territorial limits of the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority, which is composed of Banks Township, Echo Township, and Jordan Township, Antrim County, Michigan, and the City of East Jordan and South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, be increased by up to fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (.5 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property within the territorial limits of the Authority for four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating and maintaining ambulance services within the territorial limits of the Authority, and shall the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority Board be authorized to levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .5 mills would raise an estimated \$161,571 for the Authority when first levied in 2020.

- Proposal For Fire Millage:

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to .75 mills for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .75 mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$78,162 for the Township when first levied in 2020.

Evangeline

- Proposal For Fire And Ambulance Millage:

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to .8 mills for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection and ambulance services. The electors previously approved .8 mills for fire protection, which expired after the December, 2019 levy. Specifically, the proposal expands the use of the tax revenue collected to both fire protection and ambulance services.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .8 mills (\$.80 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection services, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$65,377 for the Township in 2020.

- Proposal To Renew Road Millage:

This proposal reestablishes the 2 mill road millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2019 levy. Specifically, the proposal renews the previously levied 1.9790 mills and restores the .0210 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$163,444 for the Township in 2020.

Hayes

- Proposal To Renew Road Millage:

This proposal renews the 1 mill road millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2019 levy.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the township be increased by up to one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road repair and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$203,693.00 for the Township in 2020.

Marion

-Road Millage:

This proposal will allow the Marion Township to continue to levy 1.5 mills for road construction and maintenance. This is a renewal of a millage approved by the electors on August 2, 2016, and expired December 31, 2019.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by 1.5 mills, (one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of the taxable value), on all taxable property in the Township for three (3) years, 2020 through 2022 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for construction and maintenance of Township roads? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1.5 mills would raise an estimated \$133,360.00 for the Township's Road Fund when first levied in 2020.

Melrose

- Proposal To Renew Road Millage:

This proposal reestablishes the 1 mill road millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2019 levy. Specifically, the proposal renews the current .9715 mills that was last levied and restores the .0285 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$173,362 for the Township in 2020.

- Proposal To Renew Ambulance Millage:

This proposal reestablishes the .25 mill ambulance millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2019 levy. Specifically, the proposal renews the current .2427 mills that was last levied and restores the .0073 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for ambulance services, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$43,340 for the Township in 2020.

Peaine

- Airport Millage Renewal:

This proposal will permit Peaine Township to renew the .75 mills for airport operations and maintenance previously approved by the electors, which expired after the December 2019 levy, for a period of three (3) years.

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Peaine Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of up to .75 mill (\$.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be renewed and shall the Township be authorized to levy up to .75 mill (\$.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for three (3) years, beginning in 2020 through 2022 inclusive, on all taxable property in Peaine Township, the revenues of which will be disbursed by Peaine Township to the Beaver Island Airport Commission to be used for the purpose of airport operations and maintenance?

If approved and levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$53,194 in 2020,

which will be disbursed to Peaine Township and the Beaver Island Airport Commission as approved by Peaine Township.

- Road Millage Renewal :

This proposal will permit Peaine Township to renew the Township's 1 mill for road construction and maintenance previously approved by the electors, which expired after the December 2019 levy, for a period of three (3) years.

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Peaine Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be renewed and shall the Township be authorized to levy up to 1 mill

(\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for three (3) years, beginning in 2020 through 2022 inclusive, on all taxable property in Peaine Township, the revenues of which will be disbursed to Peaine Township for the purpose of road construction and maintenance?

If approved and levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$70,926 when first levied in 2020

- Emergency Medical Services Millage:

This proposal will permit Peaine Township to renew the previously authorized 3.0 mills, which expired after the December 2019 levy, for Emergency Medical Services to contribute funds for emergency medical services to the Beaver Island Emergency Services Authority, an emergency services authority created by St.

James Township and Peaine Township to provide emergency services in both townships. The proposal is to renew the millage at 3 mills for a period of three (3) years.

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Peaine Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, for the purpose of emergency medical services be renewed and the Township be authorized to levy up to 3 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for three (3) years, beginning in 2020 through 2022 inclusive, on all taxable property in Peaine Township, the revenues of which will be disbursed by Peaine Township to the Beaver Island Emergency Services Authority to be used for all emergency services authority purposes authorized by law?

If approved and levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$212,777 when first levied in 2020 to be disbursed to Peaine Township and the Beaver Island Emergency Services Authority.

- Operating Millage Renewal Proposal:

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy its authorized millage rate on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 15.7908 mills (\$15.7908 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Beaver Island Community School, Charlevoix County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2021 to 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2021 is approximately \$1,415,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy)?

South Arm

- Proposal To Renew Ambulance Operating Millage:

This proposal will permit the Authority to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of providing funds for operating and maintaining ambulance services within the territorial limits of the Authority in the years 2020-2023, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property within the territorial limits of the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority, which is composed of Banks Township, Echo Township, and Jordan Township, Antrim County, Michigan, and the City of East Jordan and South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, be increased by up to fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (.5 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property within the territorial limits of the Authority for four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating and maintaining ambulance services within the territorial limits of the Authority, and shall the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority Board be authorized to levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .5 mills would raise an estimated \$161,571 for the Authority when first levied in 2020.

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ELECTION

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South Arm

- Proposal For Fire Millage:

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to .75 mills for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .75 mills (\$.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$78,162 for the Township when first levied in 2020.

St James

- Proposal To Renew Operations Millage:

This proposal renews the 3.25 mills operations millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2019 levy.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of St. James, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to three dollars twenty-five cents (\$3.25) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (3.25 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for general operations of the township, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$156,074 for the Township in 2020.

- Proposal To Renew Airport Millage:

This proposal renews the 1 mill airport millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2019 levy.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of St. James, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to one dollar (\$1.00) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (1 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for airport operations and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$48,023 for the Township in 2020.

- Proposal To Renew Landfill And Transfer Station Millage:

This proposal renews the 1.75 mills landfill and transfer station millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2019 levy.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of St. James, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to one dollar seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (1.75 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of the landfill and transfer station, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$84,040 for the Township in 2020.

- Proposal For EMS Millage:

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 3 mills for the purpose of providing funds for Advance Life Support services and general operations of emergency medical services. The voters previously approved 2 mills and 1 mill in separate proposals for emergency medical services. This proposal combines the previously approved millage into a single proposal.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of St. James, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 3 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for Advance Life Support services and general operations of emergency medical services, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$144,069 for the Township in 2020.

- Proposal To Renew Historical Society Millage:

This proposal renews the .25 mills Historical Society millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2019 levy.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of St. James, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the Beaver Island Historical Society, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$12,005 for the Township in 2020.



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tirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$12,005 for the Township in 2020.

- Operating Millage Renewal Proposal:

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy its authorized millage rate on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 15.7908 mills (\$15.7908 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Beaver Island Community School, Charlevoix County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2021 to 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2021 is approximately \$1,415,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy)?

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Countywide

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COUNTY WIDE PROPOSALS

- Conservation District Millage Renewal Proposal:

This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will allow Antrim County to continue to levy 0.10 mills (\$.010 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operations of the Antrim Conservation District.

This proposal being a renewal, for the sole purpose of funding Antrim County Conservation District programs including assisting land owners in their efforts to protect, enhance and restore natural resources within the boundaries of Antrim County, shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Antrim imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased by up to one-tenth (1/10) of (1) mill, (\$.010 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of four (4) years, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 inclusive? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$201,239 when first levied in 2021.

To the extent required by law, a portion of this millage may be captured by and retained by the Downtown Development Authority/Tax Increment Finance Authority.

- Commission On Aging Millage Renewal Proposal:

This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will allow Antrim County to continue to levy 0.40 mills (\$.040 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operations of the Commission on Aging.

This proposal being a renewal, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the County of Antrim, Michigan against all property within Antrim County be four-tenths (4/10) of 1 mill (\$.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of four (4) years, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 inclusive, to provide operation funding for the Antrim County Commission on Aging? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$804,956 for the County in 2021.

To the extent required by law, a portion of this millage may be captured by and retained by the Downtown Development Authority/Tax Increment Finance Authority.

- Recycling Millage Renewal:

This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will allow the County to continue to levy up to 25/100 of one mill (\$.25 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of a county-wide recycling program.

This proposal being a renewal, shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the County of Antrim, Michigan, against all taxable property in the County be increased by up to 25/100 of one mill (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of such property for a period of four (4) years, 2021 through 2024, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of a county-wide recycling program, and shall the Antrim County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$503,098 for Antrim County in 2021.

To the extent required by law, a portion of this millage may be captured by and retained by the Downtown Development Authority/Tax Increment Finance Authority.

- Separate Tax Limitations Renewal:

This proposal being a renewal, shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of four (4) years, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, or until altered by the voters of the county, for the County of Antrim, and the Townships and Intermediate School Districts within the County, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 6.67 mills, as follows:

County of Antrim 5.40 mills
Townships 1.00
Intermediate School Districts 0.27
TOTAL 6.67 mills

TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

Banks Twp,
Echo, Jordan**- Proposal To Renew Ambulance Operating Millage:**

This proposal will permit the Authority to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of providing funds for operating and maintaining ambulance services within the territorial limits of the Authority in the years 2020-2023, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property within the territorial limits of the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority, which is composed of Banks Township, Echo Township, and Jordan Township, Antrim County, Michigan, and the City of East Jordan and South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, be increased by up to fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (.5 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property within the territorial limits of the Authority for four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating and maintaining ambulance

services within the territorial limits of the Authority, and shall the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority Board be authorized to levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .5 mills would raise an estimated \$161,571 for the Authority when first levied in 2020.

Proposal For Fire Millage

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to .75 mills for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .75 mills (\$.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$78,162 for the Township when first levied in 2020.

Banks Twp

- Proposal to Renew Road Millage: This proposal reestablishes the 1 mill road millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2019 levy. Specifically, the proposal renews the previously authorized .9909 mills and restores the .0091 mills rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Banks, Antrim County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$102,207 for the Township in 2020.

Echo, Jordan

- Proposal for Fire Millage: This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to .75 mills for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to .75 mills (\$.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection, and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$78,162 for the Township when first levied in 2020.

Echo

- Proposal To Renew Fire And Ambulance Millage:

This proposal will permit the Township to restore the Township's ½ mill for fire protection and ambulance services previously approved by the electors and now expired. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced this millage to .4994 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing .4994 mills and restores the .0006 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Echo, Antrim County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to ½ mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection and ambulance services, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$17,889 for the Township in 2020.

- Proposal To Renew Road Millage:

This proposal will permit the Township to restore the Township's 1 mill for road construction and maintenance previously approved by the electors and now expired. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced this millage to .9988 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing .9988 mills and restores the .0012 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Echo, Antrim County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$35,779 for the Township in 2020.

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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/UEwjq99Bi1RtPjJrN8> Momentum 2020 Pledge Form Link: <https://forms.gle/qfWde4jzUA>, 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 having you join and to get "moving" on raising funds for Momentum 2020!! For additional information call 231.588.2200.

EAST JORDAN FLOWER SHOW

July 25, noon-4pm, Friends of the Jordan River pavilion, 101 Union Street. The East Jordan Garden Club will be holding their annual non-standard flower show. Members will be displaying arrangements in single stem, miniatures, herbs, dried, and fruit/vegetable categories. Visitors will vote for the winners in each group. Admission is free. Please wear a face covering. For more information call 231-536-3282.

CHARLEVOIX ELKS BLOOD DRIVE

July 27, 1-7pm. Join the Charlevoix Elks for a community blood drive. All healthy donors are encouraged to attend. Appointments are encouraged and walk-ins

welcome. For an appointment, please call Versiti at 1-866-642-5663 or sign up at <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org>. Please wear a face mask if you have one! All the blood collected is used at local hospitals and the need is great.

BOYNE CITY 20TH ANNUAL APPRECIATION DAY OPEN HOUSE & POKER RUN

August 1, 9am-3pm, Classic Instruments, 826 Moll Drive. Bring your hot rod, classic car, motorcycle, or other cool rides to our annual NSRA Appreciation Day open house for a day of entertainment and good company. We will present specialty awards for cars on display, hold raffle drawings for great prizes, BC Pizza will be available, and entertainment provided by the band Full Circle. We will also be awarding the Jack McLeod Memorial Award. This year all proceeds will benefit the Boyne City Police Department for needed equipment and training. All are welcome to attend. Also, make plans to visit us at the 51st NSRA Street Rod Nationals in Louisville, KY the following weekend.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

August 1, 7pm, 951 Mill Street (Senior Center). The Open Door Christian Coffee will host Doyleene Jenkins. Refreshments are available: free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water. We have lots of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact (231) 675-4152.

EAST JORDAN PORTSIDE ARTS FAIR

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

PETOSKEY BLOOD DRIVE

August 5, 9am-3pm, Odawa Casino, Huron Room. Social Distance Guidelines and additional sanitizing processes

in place. Please wear a mask to ensure donor and team safety at all times. Sign up online or contact Marty Van De Car at 866-642-5663 or visit versiti.org/miblood.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

August 15, 7pm, 951 Mill Street (Senior Center). The Open Door Christian Coffee will host The Walkers. Refreshments are available: free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water. We have lots of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact (231) 675-4152.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

September 5, 7pm, 951 Mill Street (Senior Center). The Open Door Christian Coffee will host Northern Edge. Refreshments are available: free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water. We have lots of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact (231) 675-4152.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

September 19, 7pm, 951 Mill Street (Senior Center). The Open Door Christian Coffee will host Jim Quales. Refreshments are available: free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water. We have lots of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact (231) 675-4152.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

October 3, 7pm, 951 Mill Street (Senior Center). The Open Door Christian Coffee will host Jeff and Brenda Glasko. Refreshments are available: free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water. We have lots of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact (231) 675-4152.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

October 17, 7pm, 951 Mill Street (Senior Center). The Open Door Christian Coffee will host Ed Lane. Refreshments are available: free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water. We have lots of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact (231) 675-4152.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

November 6, 7pm, 951 Mill Street (Senior Center). The Open Door Christian Coffee will host The Foresters. Refreshments are available: free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water. We have lots of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact (231) 675-4152.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

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November 21, 7pm, 951 Mill Street (Senior Center). The Open Door Christian Coffee will host Mary Ann Garza. Refreshments are available: free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water. We have lots of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact (231) 675-4152.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

December 5, 7pm, 951 Mill Street (Senior Center). The Open Door Christian Coffee will host Jim Visser. Refreshments are available: free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water. We have lots of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship. Everyone is welcome. For questions contact (231) 675-4152.

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. 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. 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.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Have you experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis? Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) has funding from the federal CARES Act to assist with various needs (utility help, car repairs, housing costs, diapers, baby formula, phone bills, etc). You may be eligible for assistance if you meet income guidelines and live in NMCAA's service area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon, and Wexford Counties) To apply for help, please contact our CARES Intake Specialist at 800-632-7334.

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: jrquest, password: jrquest, East Jordan Public Schools - High School & Elementary School parking lots, JRAC To fulfill a request from the East Jordan Schools from the Jordan River Art Center has made it's patio a free WIFI hotspot. Anyone can sit on the patio and access the internet. The username is: jrquest and the password is: jrquest. 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 par-

ent 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. Health 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.



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East Jordan School district prepares for classes in the fall

Expect a million dollars less in State funding

BY KAREN WALKER

At their regular monthly board meeting last Monday, the East Jordan School Board reviewed the State's recommendations and mandates for bringing students back to school this fall. School Superintendent Matt Stevenson presented an update on the school's COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan. He said the school is planning for three different scenarios based on phase 3, 4, and 5 of Governor Whitmer's Safe Start Plan which outlines how we will re-engage while continuing to keep our communities safe. Northern Michigan is currently in phase 5, although Stevenson

noted the area has recently taken a few steps backward with an increase of COVID-19 cases locally.

Mr. Stevenson explained that if the district is in phase 3 of the Safe Start Plan, the school would be looking at remote learning, with all instruction held online. He said the state has a large number of mandates in place for schools that are in phase 4 including face coverings and keeping groups of students separated. Phase 5 includes fewer mandates and more strong recommendations for school safety protocols. Stevenson noted that the social/emotional well-being of students plays a large part in

the plan. The plan will have to be approved by both the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and the State. Stevenson noted that students and parents can expect to see East Jordan School's plan the first week of August.

Stevenson informed the Board that East Jordan School district is looking at a million dollars less in State funding for the 2020/2021 school year then they had last year. He said they have been working really hard the past years to improve the school's finances, and the school's fund balance in particular and have made some necessary tough decisions for

the welfare of the district. Stevenson said they don't want to lose any staff but since 85% of the budget is spent on people, a lot of the cuts have to come from staff. Ultimately, the Board approved placing three full time teachers and one bus driver on layoff. Stevenson noted that even with the layoffs, the school is working to maintain opportunities for students.

East Jordan School's Business Manager, Brian Olszewski pointed out that currently the State is estimating nearly a billion dollars less in school funding to be available statewide for the coming school year. Stevenson said he expects to have

firm numbers from the State by mid-September this year, but current projections are for an estimated decrease of \$650 per pupil, versus the possible \$225 per pupil increase the school was anticipating before the pandemic. East Jordan School currently receives \$811 per pupil in State funding.

The Board also approved a ten cent increase in school lunch prices. The new lunch charge will be \$3.05 for elementary students and \$3.15 for middle/high school. School officials are concerned about an anticipated increase of food costs in the coming months as well as the need for individual packaging

when serving some food items. Mr. Olszewski noted that even with the increase, he feels it is still a good price for the quality of meal provided.

Last Monday was also the Board's annual organizational meeting. Officers elected to serve this coming year are: Ted Sherman, President; Dan Harris, Vice President; Charlotte Diller, Secretary; Sarah Malpass, Treasurer; Dawn Burks was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy left by Laura Snyder who is stepping down to coach varsity volleyball.

Energy efficiency & costs-saving tips

In the wake of the ongoing heat wave sweeping across the Midwest and Michigan, DTE Energy is issuing guidance to its electric customers on how they can save money on their energy bills during this period of extreme heat.

Temperatures are expected to exceed 90-degrees this weekend in sections of Southeastern Michigan. So far this summer, Detroit has had three times as many 90-degree weather days than it experienced at this point last year. As the outdoor temperatures climb, so does the average customer's energy use which often leads to an increase in their energy bills.

DTE Energy offers these tips to help customers save money on their energy bills and stay cool during hot weather periods:

- Use a microwave or outdoor grill to cook instead of your oven, which adds extra heat into your home especially in the afternoon when outdoor temperatures hit their peak. If you do have to cook in the kitchen, turn on your exhaust fan to move the hot air outside.

- Postpone doing laundry, washing your dishes or running the dishwasher until the evening when outdoor temperatures have cooled down a bit.

- Let your dishes air dry in the dishwasher instead of using the heated drying feature, which can leak heat into your kitchen, raising indoor temperatures and humidity levels.

- Take quicker showers at a cooler temperature than normal. Steaming hot showers fill up your bathroom with hot humid air which can cause your air conditioner to work harder to cool the room back down.

- Use shading devices – blinds, curtains, window film and solar screens – on west and south-facing windows to block heat caused by sunlight in the summer.

- Check heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) filters monthly, especially during the summer. A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder to keep you cool, wasting energy.

- DTE gives cash back rebates on air conditioner replacements and diagnostic tune ups.

Coaches team up to urge Michiganders to mask up

University of Michigan and Michigan State University men's and women's basketball coaches joined Governor Whitmer and Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist to call on Michiganders to wear a mask while they're out in public. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services also released a new television ad featuring MSU football coach Mel Tucker, MSU men's basketball coach Tom Izzo, MSU women's basketball coach Suzy Merchant, U-M football coach Jim Harbaugh, U-M men's basketball coach Juwan Howard, and U-M women's basketball coach Kim Barnes Arico. In the ad that will air on local television stations across the state, the rival coaches join together to promote the importance of wearing masks to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to keep Michigan moving forward, not backward.

"If we all work together as a team and wear our masks now, we can put our state in a stronger position for kids to return to school safely in the fall," said Governor Whitmer. "Masks can reduce the chance of spreading COVID-19 by about 70 percent, and it's been proven that masking up can protect our small businesses and our economy. By wearing masks, we can save lives and protect our family, friends, and the heroes on the front lines from the spread of COVID-19. This is going to be a team effort, but I know Michigan is up to the challenge. Let's all mask up when we're out in public."

"As Michiganders, we will do anything to support our team. But right now, we need to come together as one to ensure that we 'Mask Up, Michigan,'" said Lt. Governor Gilchrist II. "If we all take appropriate and responsible actions now, we can slow the spread of this virus, save lives, and be in a better position to get back to the rivalries that we know and love."

"It's simple – wearing a mask saves lives," said Chief Medical Executive and DHHS Chief Deputy for



MSU men's basketball coach Tom Izzo. Courtesy photo

Health Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "As we continue working around the clock to fight this virus, it's crucial that all Michiganders step up and do their part by wearing a mask and practicing safe physical distancing. Let's all work together as a team and remain vigilant and flexible in this fight."

Last week, Governor 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.

"It doesn't matter who you root for or who you vote for, I am encouraging everyone to wear a mask," said MSU Men's Basketball Head Coach Tom Izzo. "It's simple, but we all have to commit to it to make it work. This is a decision about the health of each person and the health of our greater community. Wearing a mask will protect you and can help save lives."

"We are all in this together – as one team, whether that is Maize and Blue or Green and White," said U-M Men's Head Basketball Coach Juwan Howard. "Wearing a mask, practicing social distancing and washing your hands are easy steps to help us all succeed. Let's all do our part to be safe and stay healthy."

"We are all in this fight together, and one of the best ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 is to wear a mask," said MSU Head Women's Basketball Coach Suzy Merchant. "We all want to get back on the court, return to school and to get back to cheering on our favorite teams, so we all have to do our part. As a parent and a coach, I firmly believe that there is nothing more important than making sure that we keep our kids safe and healthy. We all have to make sure we mask up, Michigan!"

"As a parent and a coach, there is nothing more important to me than the health and safety of our children and community," said University of Michigan Head Women's Basketball Coach Kim Barnes Arico. "Whether you live in Ann Arbor, East Lansing or Northern Michigan, we are all on the same team in this fight. Together, we can mask up for Michigan and make a difference."

Daily COVID-19 case counts now exceed 20 cases

per million in the Detroit, Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Jackson and Upper Peninsula regions, and exceed 40 cases per million in the Grand Rapids region. 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.

Under the governor's executive order on masks, 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.

On Friday, the Governor issued a press release clarifying exceptions to the order. Although a face covering is strongly encouraged even for people who are not required to wear one, the requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to individuals who, among other things:

- Are younger than five years old;
- Cannot medically tolerate a face covering;
- Are eating or drinking while seated at a food service establishment;
- Are exercising when wearing a face covering would interfere in the activity; or
- Are at a polling place for purposes of voting in an election.

Over the past two weeks, every region in Michigan has seen an uptick in new cases, and daily case counts now exceed 20 cases per million in all but one region in the state. Research confirms that a big part of the reason is spotty compliance with the governor's requirement 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.

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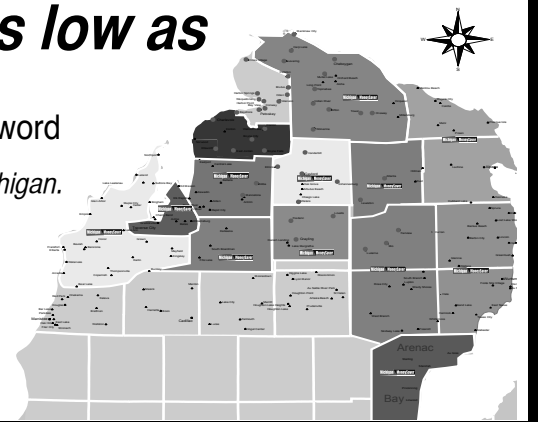
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MHSAA says Fall Sports to proceed

BY GEOFF KIMMERLY

Michigan High School Athletic Association member schools will begin the 2020-21 school year playing Fall sports as traditionally scheduled, but with contingency concepts for potential interruptions due to the spread of COVID-19.

The MHSAA Representative Council, the Association, the 19-member legislative body, met virtually with MHSAA staff Wednesday (July 15) to discuss a series of ideas for playing sports beginning in August. The Council will meet again July 29 for further discussion. Currently, high school football practices are scheduled to begin Aug. 10, with all other Fall sports to start practice Aug. 12.

The MHSAA is moving forward with a plan that first

calls for all Fall sports to be started and played as scheduled. However, if the situation deems it necessary, the start of some or all Fall sports practices or competitions could be delayed. The next step in the plan, the Association's progression calls for lower-risk Fall sports that can be played to be completed, with higher-risk Fall sports postponed until later in the school year. If all Fall sports must be suspended, they will be rescheduled during a reconfigured calendar that would see Winter sports begin in November followed by the conclusion of Fall and Spring seasons potentially extending into July 2021.

Additionally, the Council considered a concept that would swap traditional Fall and Spring sports, but determined that was not a feasible plan. Football, girls volleyball, girls swimming & diving



and boys soccer during the Fall are considered moderate or high-risk sports because they include athletes in close contact or are played indoors; they were considered the impetus for potentially switching all Fall sports to Spring. But traditional Spring sports, girls soccer and girls and boys lacrosse, carry similar risk, negating the value of making that full season switch. Moving only selected Spring sports, like all low-risk to Fall, was not considered sound because it would force student-athletes to pick between sports they've previously played.

Plans remain reliant on progression by schools and regions across the state according to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan's Safe Start Plan. Currently two regions are in Phase 5, which allow for limited indoor activity, while the rest are in Phase 4 and unable to host indoor training, practice or competition.

"Our student-athletes just want to play, and we've gone far too long without them playing. But doing so safely, of course, remains the priority," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "Our plan moving forward is Fall

in the Fall, starting on time. We're excited to continue moving forward to bring back sports safely. It's important for keeping students in our schools and keeping students in our sports programs.

"We remain grateful to the Governor for the opportunity to build the schedule and policies for returning sports to schools. We will continue to support her directives and those of the state and local health departments as we work to create the safest environment for all involved in our activities."

The MHSAA staff is building COVID-related policies for all Fall sports and will make those guidelines and precautions available to member schools as the season approaches. Those policies will follow up what was presented to schools for summer offseason training, which began June 1 across

the state and has seen thousands of student-athletes participate.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.

SPRING SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE PROFILES

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

Our target is to feature one male athlete and one female athlete from each school in our distribution area each

week. In most cases we will try and feature a Senior athlete first.

The Charlevoix County News covers Boyne City,

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

rector or coaches for spring sports at your school to be sure they are sending photos and details for spring sports athletes to the Charlevoix

County News for publication. They can email Dave Baragrey at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



David LaBute



**EAST JORDAN
RED DEVILS**

JV Football
2016-17, 2017-18

Varsity Football
2018-19, 2019-20

JV Baseball
2016-17, 2017-18
2017-18 Red Devil Award

Varsity Baseball
2018-19

Parents:
Dave and Amy LaBute

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Jayden Weber



**EAST JORDAN
RED DEVILS**

JV Volleyball 2016-17, 2017-18

Varsity Volleyball 2018-19, 2019-20

2018-19 Academic All State Team Member
2019-20 All Conference
2019-20 Individual Academic All State
2019-20 Academic All State Team Member

Varsity Girls Basketball
2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20

2016-17 All Conference Honorable Mention
2017-18 Most Valuable Player, All Conference
2018-19 Most Valuable Player, All Conference
2019-20 Most Valuable Player, Second All Time Leading EJHS Scorer 1,223 points, All Conference, Academic All State Team, All State Honorable Mention

JV Softball 2017-18

League Scholar Athlete 2018-19, 2019-20

Parents: Darrin Weber, The late Doni Vaughn

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Aaron Nachazel



**EAST JORDAN
RED DEVILS**

Cross Country
2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20

2017-18 Red Devil Award, Regional Team Champions Team Member, All Region, Academic All State
2018-19 Regional Team Champions Team Member, All Region, State Qualifier, Academic All State
2019-20 All Conference Honorable Mention, Regional Team Champions Member, All Region, State Qualifier, Academic All State

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

2016-17 All Region
2017-18 Red Devil Award, All Conference Honorable Mention, All Region
2018-19 All Region State Qualifier

League Scholar Athlete
2018-19, 2019-20
Parents: Paul and Liz Nachazel

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Ethan Nachazel



**EAST JORDAN
RED DEVILS**

Cross Country
2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20

2017-18 All Conference Honorable Mention, Regional Team Champions Member, All Region, State Qualifier, Academic All State
2018-19 Red Devil Award, All Conference, Regional Team Champions Member, All Region, State Qualifier, All State, Academic All State
2019-20 All Conference, Regional Team Champions Member, All Region, State Qualifier, All State, Academic All State

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

2016-17 All Region
2017-18 All Conference Honorable Mention, All Region, State Qualifier
2018-19 All Conference Honorable Mention, All Region, Regional Champion 3200M Run, State Qualifier, All State

League Scholar Athlete
Parents: Paul and Liz Nachazel



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Dr. Fauci's Best Pieces Of Advice For Keeping Safe From Covid-19

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), has been one of the most trusted voices of reason during the coronavirus pandemic. In a recent poll published by The New York Times, at least two thirds of Americans expressed faith in his leadership throughout the COVID crisis. That's why, when Fauci offers advice on how to stay safe from coronavirus, the world would be wise to listen.

AVOID BARS

Fauci has been explicit in his advisory that people should stop frequenting bars. Not only do bars tend to be densely crowded, they're also often poorly ventilated—the perfect conditions for enabling superspreader events. "We need to really take seriously the issue of wearing masks all the time and not congregating in bars," Fauci explained in a recent interview with InStyle. "I think we can stop that by just closing [bars] because they are certainly an important mechanism of this spread." In other words, just because bars in your area are open, it doesn't necessarily mean they're safe.

WEAR A MASK

Fauci urged public officials to be "as forceful as possible" in regards to getting citizens to wear masks, CNN reports. "When you have crowds of people together and you have the lack of wearing a mask, that increases the risk of there being transmissibility. I have no doubt about that," he

explained in an interview for CNBC's Halftime Report. Though early on, Fauci advocated leaving masks to medical professionals, for the past several months he has been consistent in his messaging that mask-wearing is an essential line defense against the virus—and something we should all do every time we leave the house.

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE

Fauci has been very clear in stating the importance of social distancing in response to the pandemic. In an interview for ABC's Powerhouse Politics podcast, Fauci stated that the "best way that you can avoid either acquiring or transmitting infection is to avoid crowded places," in conjunction with wearing a mask.

Additionally, he recently told a Senate committee that new coronavirus cases "could go up to 100,000 a day" if people don't practice social distancing and consistent mask-wearing in public. In response to a question from Senator Elizabeth Warren about the cause for climbing case numbers, Fauci pointed to instances of large gatherings. "Look at some of the film clips you've seen, of people congregating, often without masks," he said. By avoiding these gatherings, you can keep yourself and others safe. Be prepared for situations beyond your control.

Fauci has suggested that people should be prepared to be in a crowd, even if they don't leave the house expect-

ing one. "It's become clear that even when you try to do with certain necessities of life—going out to get food, or going to a pharmacy to get medications—that you may inadvertently come into closer contact," he explained. For that reason, you should never leave the house without a mask and hand sanitizer.

RECOGNIZE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Fauci hasn't been shy about calling on the American people to recognize their own role in the spread of coronavirus. "You have an individual responsibility to yourself, but you [also] have a societal responsibility," Fauci explained during a recent White House coronavirus task force briefing. "We've got to realize that we are part of the process," he added. Seeing yourself as someone who can help or hinder the crisis will remind you to make safer choices.

REMEMBER THAT ASYMPTOMATIC PEOPLE ARE CONTAGIOUS

Fauci has frequently expressed his belief that the prevalence of asymptomatic cases is why so many people neglect to take the virus seriously, and why it subsequently spreads so easily from one person to the next. As Fauci explained in an interview for ABC Good Morning America, "25 percent [of] 45 percent of the totality of infected people likely are

without symptoms, and we know from epidemiological studies that they can transmit to someone who is uninfected even when they are without symptoms." The key is to act as though everyone has it, and take the necessary precautions.

GET THE VACCINE WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE

After reviewing data from Phase One of coronavirus vaccine trials, Fauci declared the results "very good news." "It's understandable, but unjustified," Fauci said in response to the skepticism. "We're not compromising safety; we're not compromising scientific integrity." In an interview with CNN, he expressed concern that we would fail to reach herd immunity if enough people decided against getting the vaccine. Instead, Fauci advises that once it's available, we should all get vaccinated.

GET TESTED IF YOU FEEL SICK

As far as Fauci is concerned, testing is a key part of the puzzle when it comes to slowing coronavirus. For that reason, he has advocated "flooding the system with testing, so you really get a good handle about what is going on in the community." If you feel symptoms and suspect you might have COVID-19, get tested as soon as possible, and begin isolating even before getting your results. This will stop you from spreading it to your family members and others.

TRUST RESPECTED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

"Republican, Democrat, anybody else, we are all in this together," Fauci said in a recent virtual forum at Georgetown University. "I believe for the most part you can trust respected medical authorities. I believe I'm one of them, so I think you can trust me ... [and other experts] who have a track record of telling the truth." In other words, resist the urge to see the pandemic as a partisan issue, and focus on the facts from trusted medical professionals.

TAKE YOUR UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS SERIOUSLY

"This will be a recommendation," Fauci said in an interview on Meet the Press. "If you're a person with an underlying condition and you are particularly an elderly person with an underlying condition, you need to think twice about getting on a plane, on a long trip. And not only think twice. Just don't get on a cruise ship." If you have diabetes, hypertension, cancer, or any other co-morbidities, you should plan on exercising extreme caution until the pandemic is under control.

EXPECT PROGRESS TO BE GRADUAL

"We've got to have a delicate balance of carefully and prudently going towards nor-

mality," Fauci said on Friday, talking to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation in Washington. He has previously warned that having unrealistic expectations could lead people to get discouraged, but throwing up our hands and discontinuing necessary safety measures is simply not an option.

ONLY ALLOW CHILDREN TO PLAY IN GROUPS OF 5 TO 10

Fauci has encouraged people to be "realistic" about social distancing with children during these summer months. "A complete lockdown of children is going to be impossible as the summer months come," Fauci acknowledged. "I don't think it's going to be reasonable outside when kids are running around, playing baseball, that they're going to be wearing masks and staying [6 feet apart]." That's why he advocates limiting group gatherings for children to between five and 10 at a time. This is a concrete way to limit potential spread, while still accounting for children's needs.

LET YOUR GROCERIES SIT FOR A DAY

"I go shopping for groceries, or to drugstores," he began. "I don't disinfect the bags. In general, I will take the materials out of the bags, then wash my hands with soap and water, and then use hand sanitizer, and let everything sit for a day."

Governor extends declaration of emergency amid rising COVID-19 cases

After every region in Michigan saw an uptick in new COVID-19 cases over the past three weeks, Governor Gretchen Whitmer took swift action by signing a new executive order to save lives. Executive Order 2020-151 extends the governor's emergency and disaster declaration until August 11, 2020 at 11:59pm.

"COVID-19 has now killed more than 6,000 people in Michigan. That's more than 6,000 of our parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors. And the rising numbers we've seen over the past few weeks prove that this virus is still a very real threat in our state," said Governor Whitmer. "Today, I signed new emergency and disaster declarations using independent sources of statutory authority to continue saving lives and ensure that the brave men and women on the front lines of this crisis have the tools they need."

"Throughout this crisis, the vast majority of Michiganders have done their part, but we must remain vigilant and continue to do everything we can to protect our loved ones," said Whitmer. "That means wearing a mask over your mouth and nose and practicing safe physical distancing when going out in public. If we all do our part now, there is a greater chance that schools can resume in-person learning in the fall. Be smart, be safe, and mask up."

Daily COVID-19 case counts now exceed 20 cases per million in the Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Kalamazoo regions. Positiv-

ity rates are creeping upward. The increase in cases reflects a national trend: COVID-19 cases are growing in 39 states and in some are surging uncontrollably. Two days ago, for example, Florida recorded 15,300 new cases in a single day, the highest one-day total for any state so far during the pandemic.

"COVID-19 still poses a threat to families across Michigan, and it's crucial that Governor Whitmer continue to take swift action to save lives," said Chief Medical Executive and MDHHS Chief Deputy for Health Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "Michiganders should all continue to do their part by wearing a mask and practicing safe physical distancing. We will get through this when we work together."

The severe economic toll of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to mount. During this crisis, Michigan has often processed more unemployment claims in a single day than in the most painful week of the Great Recession, and the state already saw its highest unemployment rate since the Great Depression. The Michigan Department of Treasury predicts that this year the state will lose between \$1 and \$3 billion in revenue. At the same time, continued federal support is by no means assured. Unless it is renewed, for example, Congress's emergency infusion of money into the unemployment system will cease at the end of this month. Without that money, many families in Michigan will struggle to pay their bills or even put food on the table.

The health, economic, and social harms of the COVID-19 pandemic remain widespread and severe, and they continue to constitute a statewide emergency and disaster. Though local health departments have some limited capacity to respond to cases as they arise within their jurisdictions, state emergency operations are necessary to bring this pandemic under control in Michigan and to build and maintain infrastructure to stop the spread of COVID-19, trace infections, and quickly direct additional resources to hot-spots as they emerge.

Business face mask tips to comply with Federal and State Disability Laws

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights today cautioned Michigan businesses and other public accommodations to make sure they follow state and federal law when enforcing rules on wearing a mask or face covering in their facilities.

"It is important to remember that along with Executive Orders and specific store policies, businesses and other public spaces must continue to follow the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Michigan's Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act (PWDCRA) during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mary Engelman, Interim Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. "We must ensure that people with disabilities are able to access the same goods and services that we all enjoy."

- Executive Order No. 2020-153 mandates businesses:
- Post notice of the requirement to wear a face covering where all can see;
 - Enforce this face covering requirement; and

- Provide for exceptions, including the exception for those who cannot medically tolerate wearing one.
- May not assume that an unmasked customer cannot medically tolerate a face covering, though they may accept a customer's verbal representation to that effect.

With or without a mandate, a business must make choices about how to implement its 'no mask, no service' policy. It must enforce the policy for everyone, while also remaining in compliance with the ADA and PWDCRA. It can do so by doing one of three things:

- Provide anyone who does not wear a face covering, for whatever reason, an alternative to entering without a face covering (examples might include having staff shop for them, providing carryout service, etc.);
- Engage in a dialogue with each individual who is not wearing a face covering to determine if, due to a disability, the business can provide a reasonable accommodation/modification of the policy for this individual (this might include allowing a face shield, or any of the examples above); or
- Allow entry to anyone who indicates they cannot medically tolerate a face covering, while excluding others whose reasons for not wearing one are not covered in the EO or are not covered under the ADA or PWDCRA.

It is important to remember that under the ADA, if a reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability is available, the business must provide one. If a business or public space offers a reasonable accommodation and the individual rejects it, or if an accommodation is not possible, the business may deny entry to that individual.

"Michigan businesses are facing unprecedented challenges in providing essential goods and services while protecting the health and well-being of both their employees and their customers," said Engelman. "This guidance is designed

to give business owners a simple decision matrix to help them remain in compliance with the Executive Order and all applicable civil rights laws."

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission was created by the Michigan Constitution to safeguard constitutional and legal guarantees against discrimination. The Commission is charged with investigating alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color or national origin, genetic information, sex, age, marital status, height, weight, arrest record, and physical and mental disability. The Michigan Department of Civil Rights serves as the operational arm of the Commission.

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

TO THE EDITOR,

I would venture to guess that most people are aware that elections are coming up. We see ad after ad on TV, see yard signs on lawns and along roadsides, and hear endorsements on radio. This letter, however, is to introduce you to a friend of mine

Nancy Ferguson is running for the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners where she is presently representing the 5th District and hopes to return to that seat.

I know Nancy has done good work for the Ironton Ferry, services to Beaver Island, senior citizen issues, etc. but I would like you to know the Nancy that I know.

I have known her for over 40 years and taught in high school right down the hall from her for 20. I know her to be a hard worker giving 100% plus when she has a task to do. I know her to be organized and diligent when

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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working on a problem and usually comes up with a common sense solution. I know she is careful with the citizens' money when pondering a financial issue. I know she is one of the most non-judgmental people I have ever met, accepting everyone no matter their social standing or race. I know she is a person of integrity. I know I would want someone like Nancy to represent me, if possible.

Now I confess I do not live in the 5th District so I cannot cast a vote for her, but if you do live in the 5th, I hope you will consider giving her your vote. She will do good work on your behalf.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Delaney Horton
Charlevoix, Michigan

DEAR EDITOR:

I wholeheartedly support the candidacy of Donna Heeres for clerk of Banks Township. I have worked with Donna in my role as a school leader as well as a village trustee. We have served on regional and local committees together. Donna has worked tirelessly and with distinction to maintain and improve our community. The list of her accomplishments is lengthy.

Donna is not only incredibly experienced and competent but she is passionate about Ellsworth, Atwood and Banks Township. I know of no one who has done more in her thirty-six years in office to ensure that our township continues to

thrive and improve.

The job of a government clerk is a demanding one, full of legal requirements and expectations. It is far more complex than one might imagine. Donna continues to navigate the time-consuming, exacting and ever-changing role while providing leadership to all those who are fortunate enough to work with her.

Donna is an excellent communicator and values integrity above all. She always goes far "above and beyond" to ensure that her responsibilities are performed well. She takes on many tasks that are not "in her job description" including grant writing and tireless community service. No one is more deserving to be re-elected.

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Real Estate Feature Property

SPACIOUS HOME IN FANTASTIC BOYNE CITY LOCATION



BY JIM AKANS

Situated on a large lot just a few blocks from downtown Boyne City, the spacious, two-story home offers a fantastic location.

This four bedroom, two bath home has approximately 1,428 square feet of living space on two levels plus is has a partial basement. Highlights include large kitchen with plenty of counter-top and cabinet storage space, which adjoins the living room. The bedrooms

are all good sized, and there is a detached three-plus car garage to keep vehicles out of the weather with lots of extra storage space.

A large deck overlooks the back yard, which is open with plenty of space for gardening, family games and more. Downtown Boyne City is just three blocks away, and the Open Space Park as well as the City Boat Launch are each only two blocks away. That means shopping, dining, hiking, biking or fun at the lake are all within easy

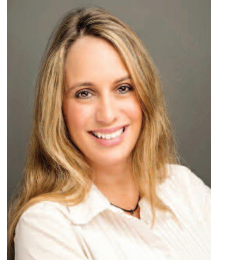
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This spacious home in a fantastic location is at 422 North East Street in Boyne City, and it is listed at \$159,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at 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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Paint Brighter - A little brightness is always needed, when you want to decorate your home! Don't adopt the neutral one paint approach; rather paint little things to the brightest hues to bring that touch of life. So pick up your paint spray and do it with love.

Family Photos also do the magic - Instead of buying expensive wall hangings, print some cool family photos and get them ready in simple wooden frames. You can hang them all around the corridor for a royal look.

Say it with Nature - Nature is the best thing, when it comes decorating your home frugally. So bring in some shade loving plants and nurture them in beautiful self-painted cases. You can also use pebbles, rocks and shells around them to create a beautiful look indoors.

Mirrors on the Wall - So what if your home is a little small, you can create a wide spacious effect by using mirrors. Yes, mirrors are great to make your home look spacious. So use mirrors all around your

home. **Sweet Little Things** - Vases look charming, with or without flowers, and the best vases that you can place are your antique perfume bottles! Why go to market to spend dollars on vases. Just grab those empty perfume bottles, you've been hiding in drawers for years and use them.

Pretty Fabrics & Frills - Frills are the best thing to give your home a soft and romantic effect. So use lots of soft pillows with frills. Buy bed sheets in soft colors and frills to create an effeminate look.

Creative Handmade crafts - Believe me, there is nothing more powerfully appealing than handmade crafts. If you have that artist eye, you can create creative hand crafts, if not, use the internet and books to spice you up with ideas. You can use cute little button on cushions. Grab large pieces of checkered or polka dot clothes to create cute handcrafted items.

Sparkle it up with Candles - Candles are the best thing to decorate your home. You can reserve a special shelf for candles and fill it up with different colored candles for a tranquil soothing environment.

Be yourself - Well, decorating a home is all about you and how you do it! Just don't copy other's ideas, instead get inspiration and also add sparks of your own personal taste to decorate your home frugally.

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