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Nearly 100 graduating students receive Community Foundation scholarships

Nearly 100 graduating seniors from Charlevoix County high schools will receive a total of \$205,288 in scholarship funds to help them launch into college and post-secondary education and training programs. While 2020 is a strange year for graduating and moving on to college, these students were grateful for the assistance through the Community Foundation. Scholarship funds were established by local citizens or groups to honor family members, community leaders, educators, and others who value continuing education.

Students shared their excitement and gratitude with receiving funding, stating that this support will allow them to focus on their education and earning a degree instead of their financial burden. Some students said that feeling the community's support and recognition through their scholarship award meant a lot to them.

Each year the Community Foundation awards merit scholarships to outstanding local students entering the skilled trades, community colleges and 4-year colleges



Nearly 100 graduating seniors from Charlevoix County high schools will receive a total of \$205,288 in scholarship funds to help them launch into college and post-secondary education and training programs. Courtesy photo

and universities. These students have demonstrated their eagerness to succeed beyond high school and have shown promise in their work ethic and in their academic achievement. The following students received scholarship awards this year: Hunter Adams, [See Scholarships - Page 2A](#)

Multiple Break-ins being investigated

On July 20, 2020 Deputies and Detectives from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to the Mt. McSaubia ski hill/ summer camp for a report of a breaking and entering complaint where an ATV among other items were stolen. The ATV is an Arctic Cat TBX 700 with a dump style box on the back.

While Detectives were processing this scene, a second report of a breaking and entering complaint was called into 911 from the AmericInn Lodge and Suites where someone had cut some window screens and entered a main floor room where it appears they stayed the night.

Detectives were able to track the ATV down an adjacent bike path towards Boyne City Road. Evidence was recovered from the AmericInn linking the two breaking and enterings. Further evidence was recovered and sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab for processing.

Community members have come together to offer a \$3,000 award for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible.

For any information, please contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at 231-547-4461.

New apartments coming at site of former East Jordan COOP

BY JIM AKANS

The building on the former site of the East Jordan COOP have been torn down and will be replaced with an apartment/retail building that will be developed over the next couple of years.

The site is owned KJD Properties. Donna Doctor of KJD Properties, owner of the COOP site, stated, "Our plan is to construct a new building, replicating the look of the old COOP building, in next 2 for 4 years. The top floor will be apartments, the main floor will be retail and/or offices and basement usage is undetermined at this time. There will be an atrium on top of the building for the renters to use, providing a place to relax or picnic. Each apartment will also have a balcony facing Lake Charlevoix."



Doctor and her husband, Ken, purchased the property in 2016 and her husband passed away in 2017. Their son, Matt, manages the East Jordan Marathon facility.

The East Jordan Farmer's COOP was established in 1918 to help farmers better merchandise their crops, especially potatoes, and in later also housed a hardware store.

Doctor notes, "When we bought property the building was vacant. The building was over 100 years old and was worn down. There are still three more buildings to be torn down on the site." Future plans also include the opportunity to buy engraved bricks in honor or memory of individuals.

Photos by Karen Walker

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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting two new confirmed cases on August 11 with a primary residence in Emmet county. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared once it is available.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for six previously confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following information is from case investigations completed between August 8th - August 10th. All six cases were reported in our jurisdiction. The information known at this time is below:

- Six of the six cases are pri-

mary residents

Age:

- 0-19 years - 3 cases
- 50-59 years - 1 case
- 70-79 years - 2 cases

Symptomatic: 4 cases; Asymptomatic: 2 cases

One case was linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation

Over 25 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

During case investigations, the following public locations were identified as potential low-risk, public exposure sites.

- Jordan River Church on August 2nd

- Angel Nail Salon, Charlevoix on August 4th at 1:30 pm
- Northern Lights Bowling Alley, Harbor Springs on August 4th from 8 - 9:30 pm
- Challenge Mountain Resale, Boyne City on August 4th at 10:00 am
- Hobby Lobby, Petoskey on August 4th from 3 - 5 pm
- Pier One Imports, Petoskey on August 4th from 3 - 5 pm
- Charlevoix Health and Fitness on August 6th from 12:30 - 1:30 pm
- Siren Hall, Elk Rapids on the evening of August 6th
- Traverse City Cherry Capital Airport, Allegiant Air Flight 871 on August 8th

All locations have been contacted and are working with the health department to ensure their employees and customers are safe. If you have questions about testing or about your potential exposure, please call the health department at 1-800-432-4121.

"Considering the potential for wide-reaching impact simply means that we have to carefully consider where and how we spend our time," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "For example, if through a case investigation, a person testing positive reports they had close contact, within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more, with 20 people in the 48 hours prior to

their positive test, there are 20 additional interviews to be conducted. It also means that 20 more people have to be quarantined, and 20 more people could develop the virus and therefore spread it on to others. With more activities being allowed, we should all be considering how we can make these interactions safer through masking, distancing, practicing hand hygiene, and staying home when we don't feel well."

As of 4pm on August 11, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim - 38, Charlevoix - 46, Emmet -

- 57, Otsego - 115
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim - 25, Charlevoix - 29, Emmet - 25, Otsego - 98
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix - 2, Emmet - 2, Otsego - 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 88,756 cases and 6,264 deaths.

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

Great Lakes Energy celebrates apprentice lineman graduation

The Joint Michigan Apprentice Program (JMAP) recently celebrated its 2020 class of apprentices becoming journeymen electrical lineworkers at the Wolverine Power Cooperative Training Center.

The class celebrated the graduation of 17 apprentice linemen from 11 Michigan utilities that collectively span Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Among those who completed the program were Great Lakes Energy lineworkers Jarrett Anderson, John Bischoff, Nick Kuz, and Neil Osantowski.

"These linemen have devoted thousands of hours to becoming a master in their field," said Bill Scott, President & CEO, Great Lakes Energy. "We are proud of their commitment and dedication to provide reliable power and a vital service to the families in our community."

Upon graduation from JMAP, these lineworkers will continue their work alongside 83 journeymen and apprentice lineworkers

at Great Lakes Energy who provide the essential service of power line maintenance and first-response in the event of outages and emergencies.

The JMAP is a U.S. Department of Labor-certified program committed to producing safe, high-quality journeymen through exceptional, state-of-the-art apprenticeship training. The program is a partnership between Wolverine Power Cooperative, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 876 (IBEW), and Northwest Lineman College—an industry-leading educational institution that provides pre-apprentice, apprentice, and journey-level training for hundreds of companies throughout the United States and internationally.

The JMAP program, founded in 2017, provides training for apprentice linemen from nearly 40 utilities across Michigan. For more information about Great Lakes Energy visit glakes.com.

AUGUST 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

CONTESTED RACES

REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE

105TH DISTRICT



KEN BORTON

REPUBLICAN

Ken Borton
Charlevoix County - 1,578
Antrim County - 2,992
Otsego County - 3,303
Montmorency County - 1,370
Oscoda County - 1,307
TOTAL - 10,550

Tony Cutler
Charlevoix County - 2,863
Antrim County - 2,180
Otsego County - 1,122
Montmorency County - 388
Oscoda County - 403
TOTAL - 6,956

Jimmy Schmidt
Charlevoix County - 323
Antrim County - 648
Otsego County - 324
Montmorency County - 221
Oscoda County - 189
TOTAL - 1,705

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONER
1ST DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN
Kathleen T. Donahue 334
Robert J. Jess 496

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
REPUBLICAN
Diane M. Gustin 1,468
Dennis Jason 2,855

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONER
5TH DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN
Nancy Ferguson 439
Scott Hankins 658

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PROPOSALS
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Recycling Millage:
YES: 6,021
NO: 1,427

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Senior Citizen Millage:
YES: 6,042
NO: 1,388

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
J.V.E.M.S.A. Ambulance Operating Millage Proposal:
YES: 865
NO: 228

J.V.E.M.S.A. Emergency Vehicle Purchase Proposal
YES: 736
NO: 293

ANTRIM COUNTY

ANTRIM COUNTY SHERIFF
Republican
Daniel Bean - 4,401
Triston Cole - 2,294

BANKS TOWNSHIP
ANTRIM COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 1ST DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN
Jarris Rubingh 420
Brian H. Vey 344

BANKS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
REPUBLICAN
Alex Busman 358
Matt Heeres 232

BANKS TOWNSHIP CLERK
REPUBLICANS
Julie Chellis 204
Donna L. Heeres 389

JORDAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
REPUBLICANS
Timothy D. Morris 137
Philip J. Nemecek 70

JORDAN TOWNSHIP TREASURER
REPUBLICANS
Jessica Morris 98
Patricia Nemecek 111

JORDAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
(vote for 2)
Lee Hardourt-Thomas 81
Steven Houtman 101
Darla Pawson 110

ANTRIM COUNTY PROPOSALS
ANTRIM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MILLAGE
YES 6,379
NO 2,026

ANTRIM COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MILLAGE
YES 6,927
NO 1,473

ANTRIM COUNTY RECYCLING MILLAGE
YES 6,752
NO 1,647

ANTRIM COUNTY SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS
YES 6,053
NO 2,087

ANTRIM COUNTY J.V.E.M.S.A. Ambulance Operating Millage Proposal:
YES: 1,022
NO: 248

J.V.E.M.S.A. Emergency Vehicle Purchase Proposal
YES: 924
NO: 344

TOWNSHIPS
Banks Township
Proposal to Renew Road Millage:
YES: 504
NO: 167

Echo Township
Proposal To Renew Fire And Ambulance Millage:
YES: 265
NO: 50

Proposal To Renew Road Millage:
YES: 249
NO: 66

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS
Chandler Township
Proposal to Renew Fire Millage and provide Emergency Medical Services:
YES: 52
NO: 12

Boyer Valley Township
Proposal For Ambulance Millage:
YES: 288
NO: 66

Evangeline Township
Proposal For Fire And Ambulance Millage:
YES: 238
NO: 32

Proposal To Renew Road Millage:
YES: 192
NO: 62

Beaver Island Community School Operating Millage:
YES: 219
NO: 90

St James Township
Proposal To Renew Airport Millage:
YES: 111
NO: 36

Proposal To Renew Landfill And Transfer Station Millage:
YES: 133
NO: 15

Proposal For EMS Millage:
YES: 119
NO: 24

Proposal To Renew Historical Society Millage:
YES: 111
NO: 31

Operating Millage Renewal Proposal:
YES: 117
NO: 27

Marion Township
Road Millage:
YES: 383
NO: 99

Peaine Township
Trustee For Peaine Township (REP) (Vote for 2)
Ernest Martin 68
Travis L. Martin 68
Paul Welke 65

Airport Millage Renewal:
YES: 116
NO: 37

Road Construction Millage Renewal:
YES: 134
NO: 28

Emergency Medical Services Millage:
YES: 133
NO: 29

South Arm Township
Proposal For Fire Millage:
YES: 421
NO: 145

Melrose Township
Proposal To Renew Road Millage:
YES: 236
NO: 106

Proposal To Renew Ambulance Millage:
YES: 276
NO: 62

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
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Hayes Township
Proposal To Renew Road Millage:
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NO: 138

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Aerial patrols of transmission lines begin in North Michigan

ITC will be conducting aerial patrols of the high-voltage transmission towers and lines in north Michigan from approximately August 10-14, weather permitting. The helicopter patrols are conducted to provide an overall status of the overhead transmission system that is operated by ITC's Michigan operating entities, ITC Transmission and Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC).

The aerial inspections will cover the northern part of the state, including all or

parts of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford Counties.

These patrols are a North American Electrical Reliability Corporation (NERC) requirement for ITC's vegetation management pro-

gram, support proactive maintenance objectives, and are in line with the company's model for operational excellence. They include inspections of steel towers, wood poles, conductors (wires), insulators and other equipment. Crews check for damaged or worn equipment and vegetation hazards.

The inspection flights are often conducted at low altitudes to allow accurate visual inspection of equipment for lightning damage, wear or other potential problems.

This is normal procedure, so there is no cause for alarm if a low-flying helicopter is sighted near transmission lines. The flights will begin in north Michigan on August 10 and will cover nearly all of the Lower Peninsula, concluding in southeast Michigan approximately September 11.

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EAST JORDAN 23RD ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

August 14, Mallard Golf Club and Driving Range. \$60 per person or \$240 per team by July 31. After July 31; \$265 per team. Entry fee includes green fees for 9 holes, box lunch and afternoon snack, one cart per team, golfer gift, prizes, games and networking. Prizes for Closest to Pin, Longest Drive. Registration at (231) 536-7351, email info@ejchamber.org or visit www.ejchamber.org.

BOYNE FALLS 8TH ANNUAL KIERSTEN'S RIDE FUNDRAISER

August 15, starting at 10am, Chandler Hills Campground. Kiersten's Ride is a fundraiser for suicide prevention programs in Northern Lower Michigan. Event includes a 10-mile horseback trail ride (starting at 10am), Trail Bike Ride (starting at 11am), a 1.3 mile Walk (starting at noon) and a 30-40 mile ORV Ride (starting at 2pm). Participant lunch from noon-2pm. Prizes and Raffle awards at 1:30pm. \$15 pre-registration, \$10 for ages 12 and under and \$25 for all after 8/7/20. Register by emailing KierstensRide@outlook.com, download from Facebook. For info visit www.KierstensRide.org or call (231) 675-5047.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

August 15, 7pm, Lighthouse Church on Rogers Road. 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.

CHARLEVOIX COVID-19 TESTING

August 17 & 19, 10am-noon, old Charlevoix Elementary, 13513 Division. By appointment only. To make an appointment for these dates at this location or inquire about other testing locations please contact: 1-800-432-4121.

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COVID-19 TESTING

August 24 & 26, 10am-noon, old Charlevoix Elementary, 13513 Division. By appointment only. To make an appointment for these dates at this location or inquire about other testing locations please contact: 1-800-432-4121.

EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

September 5, 7pm, Lighthouse Church on Rogers Road. 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, Lighthouse Church on Rogers Road. The Open Door Christian Coffee will host Jim Quailes. 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, Lighthouse Church on Rogers Road. 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, Lighthouse Church on Rogers Road. 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.

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EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

November 6, 7pm, Lighthouse Church on Rogers Road. 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

November 21, 7pm, Lighthouse Church on Rogers Road. 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, Lighthouse Church on Rogers Road. 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 co-operating 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: jravguest, password: jravguest, East Jordan Public Schools - High School & Elementary School parking lots, JRAC To fulfill a request from the East Jordan Schools the Jordan River Art Center has made it's patio a free WI-FI hotspot. Anyone can sit on the patio and access the internet. The username is: jravguest and the password is: jravguest. Feel free to sit there and enjoy spring.

CHARLEVOIX CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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ent(s) name, mailing address, phone number, previous preschool attended. You will be contacted with further information. To view the full flyer visit www.rayder.net

BOYNE CITY KINDER CLOSET

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

CHARLEVOIX WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

- Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. 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.

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

BOYNE CITY BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.
- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week
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DNR officer rescues two off Drummond Island

Chicago men were stranded in rough waters

Two stranded men from Chicago repeatedly expressed their gratitude to Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Todd Sumbera after he rescued them from rough water near Drummond Island Friday afternoon.

Sumbera was conducting marine patrol offshore in

Chippewa County, north of Drummond Island, west of Harbor Island, at approximately 1:43 p.m. when he saw two people in the water clinging to an overturned personal watercraft.

As Sumbera approached, he identified himself as a conservation officer there to help. The younger of the two, a 41-year-old man who didn't know how to swim, was panicked and exhausted, saying, "Thank God." Both men were improperly wearing torn life jackets and had been in the water for about 10 minutes.

"I'm happy that Sumbera

safely returned the men to shore in what could have been a much worse situation had the men not been wearing life jackets," said Chief Gary Hagler, DNR Law Enforcement Division. "This is an example of how wearing a life jacket can save a life."

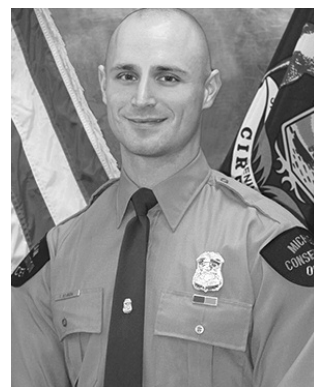
After Sumbera helped the men onto his patrol vessel, he determined both to be in stable condition.

The older man, 64, told Sumbera that they had never operated a personal watercraft before and the high winds and rough water "swamped them extremely fast" when they put the wa-

tercraft in reverse.

Sumbera towed the waterlogged watercraft back to the Drummond Island Yacht Haven and returned the two men to shore. He advised the men to obtain and use properly fitting, well-maintained life jackets before their next adventure.

There have been several drownings and near-drownings in Michigan this summer. If your plans include time on the water, please refer to the DNR website for important tips on boating and Great Lakes beach safety.



DNR officer Todd Sumbera was in the right place at the right time to save two Chicago men from drowning off the coast of Drummond Island on Friday, Aug. 7. (courtesy of DNR)

DNR FISHING TIP

The basics of using downriggers

Are you familiar with using downriggers? This tool, which places a lure at the desired depth, is ideal when fishing the Great Lakes as it allows for controlled-depth fishing and targeting species suspended in the water column.

Three things to keep in mind if you're considering using a downrigger:

- Manual vs. electric: Making a choice between manual and electric depends on how much you want to spend, how often you fish and how big your boat is. Manual downriggers are less expensive than electric but require more work on the part of the angler.
- Cannonballs: This is the weight lowered by the downrigger that is attached to your lure. These weights usually range from 4 to 14 pounds, so make your selection based on how deep you intend to fish (the deeper you go, the more weight you need).
- Leads: This is the amount of line between your cannonball and your lure. It also determines how your lure acts in the water. The deeper you fish, the shorter the lead needs to be.

Check out our Roadmaps to Fishing the Great Lakes for even more information.

DNR tips for identifying Michigan snakes

If it rattles, it might be the eastern massasauga!

While you're enjoying the outdoors, don't be surprised to spot one of Michigan's resident snakes. They can be found in just about every habitat type: forests, grasslands, wetlands, farmlands and cities.

Snakes play an important role in ecosystem health by keeping rodent numbers in check and, in turn, feeding larger predators like hawks and owls.

Michigan is home to 18 different species of snakes, 17 of which are harmless to humans. While most snakes here aren't dangerous, there is one venomous species found in the state – the eastern massasauga rattlesnake, a threatened species that is rarely encountered.

As the name implies, the massasauga rattlesnake has a segmented rattle on its tail. Keep in mind that other snakes in Michigan (those without segmented rattles) also will buzz or vibrate their tails if approached.

If you do see a snake, it's best to leave it alone and give it the opportunity to slither away – you likely won't see that snake again.

Learn tips and features to look for to identify Michigan snake species with the DNR's "60-Second Snakes" video series or by visiting Michigan.gov/Wildlife.

You can help monitor reptile and amphibian populations in Michigan by reporting your sightings of snakes, turtles, lizards, salamanders, frogs and toads to our Herp Atlas database. Visit MiHerpAtlas.org to get started.

Questions? Contact the DNR Wildlife Division at 517-284-9453. If you have photos of a snake and would like identification assistance, please email your pictures to DNR-Wildlife@Michigan.gov.

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Sports & OUTDOORS

SPRING SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE PROFILES

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

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

week. In most cases we will try and feature a Senior athlete first. The Charlevoix County News covers Boyne City,

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

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

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

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Cross Country

- 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- 2017-18
- Most Improved Male Runner
- Regional Team Champions Member
- All Region • State Qualifier
- Academic All State Team Member
- 2018-19
- Regional Team Champions Member
- All Region • State Qualifier
- Academic All State Team
- 2019-20
- Red Devil Award • All Region
- Regional Team Champions Member
- State Qualifier, Academic All State

Track and Field

- 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19
- 2018-19 All Region

Mother: Megan Schlueter

Alex Schlueter
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



JV Football 2016-17

- Varsity Football**
- 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- 2018-19
- Most Outstanding Defensive Player Award
- All Conference Honorable Mention Linebacker
- 2019-20
- Most Outstanding Defensive Player Award
- All Conference Linebacker
- All State Honorable Mention

J.V. Basketball 2016-17

- Most Valuable Player
- Varsity Basketball**
- 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- 2017-18
- Chairman of the Boards Award
- Most Valuable Player
- All Conference
- 2018-19
- Chairman of the Board
- All Conference Honorable Mention
- 2019-20
- All Conference Honorable Mention

Varsity Baseball 2018-19

- .400 Club • All District Outfielder

Parents: Matt and Erin Stevenson

Cooper Stevenson
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



Fall Varsity Sideline Cheerleading

- 2018-19, 2019-20

Cross Country

- 2016-17, 2017-18

Varsity Competitive Cheer

- 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- 2018-19
- Regional Qualifying Team
- Team Academic All State Honorable Mention
- 1st Team All District
- 2nd Team All Region
- 2019-20
- Regional and State Finals Qualifying Team
- Team Academic All State Honorable Mention
- 1st Team All District
- 1st Team All Region
- 2nd Team All State

Tennis 2016-17

League Scholar Athlete
2018019, 2019-20

Parents: Dan and Sarah Ziebarth

Lilly Ziebarth
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE



JV Football

- 2016-17, 2017-18

Varsity Football

- 2018-19, 2019-20

Parents:

Jeremy and Jennifer Scott

Marshall Scott
EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

BY MARK UYL, MHSAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Since March 12, our world has been anything but normal. These times have tested most everything in life, and as summer turns toward fall, we find ourselves still with far more questions than answers. It has been said that an abnormal reaction to an abnormal situation is normal behavior.

Let me start with these abnormal times. I've had many conversations with administrators over the past month about the start of school and school sports. The one constant theme is these are anything but normal times. Many of these conversations have moved to the issue of schools starting the academic year virtually while considering whether or not to offer school sports opportunities this fall. Let me share the things that have been part of almost all conversations on this topic.

The loudest message I hear is kids are going to be playing sports this fall someplace. Period. If we believe that kids are going to take the fall off if school sports aren't offered, we haven't been paying much attention since May. Since that time, athletic activity has taken place in the club, travel, AAU and non-school space nearly every day. From first-hand experience, many of these events have implemented ZERO of the safety standards and protocols that businesses and schools have adopted for their plans of return. The non-school world generally has plowed ahead this summer with few-to-no rules, regulations, enforcement, oversight and accountability to anyone. If kids are going to be playing sports, our member schools are telling us that activity needs to be in the safest environment possible—which is with professional educators and trained coaches in our school sports world. Schools are quick to point

out that kids have been conditioning and training with school coaches in school-sponsored workouts most of the summer. We believe that the absence of virus outbreaks among our 749 high schools' summer activities, involving thousands of kids, has been because schools have been following the return-to-activity plans. Districts have told us they can continue doing what they've been doing safely since June by following all COVID guidance and regulations we have put in place with government's leadership and partnership. Schools starting the year virtually are telling us they will use the lessons learned from the start of sports for when students return to campus later in the fall. School administrators have shared this view privately as this has become a highly-charged topic among various groups within our school communities. Sports allow schools to bring students back to cam-

pus in small, consistent and defined groups with the same adults working with those students each day. In school sports, there is little mixing of students from one sport with those students in another—making it much easier to monitor, track and trace kids when needed than if all students were in the buildings, hallways and classrooms all day. We hear from administrators that valuable lessons can be learned with athletics in August and September for a successful school start-up with students back on campus in October. All of us share the fundamental belief that we must protect the health and safety of individuals first. This doesn't include only COVID prevention measures, but also the mental health of teenage students and adults as well. In districts that are starting the school year online, they see athletics being the one shred of normalcy students, and staff members who choose to coach, will

have during the fall. It's a chance to safely interact with peers and get needed physical activity that hasn't been happening for some kids since March. Health and safety has to include all facets of the individual, and more research is being shared each day about how mental health is becoming a critical issue. For many at-risk kids, sports is the one motivating factor to keep them in school and progressing toward graduation. Given the challenges of all online education for these at-risk kids, sports and the daily routine they bring perhaps would be more important for this group of students than ever before. With no school sports, the affluent communities and families can navigate online learning during the day and then afford the non-school athletic opportunities that kids and families in less-affluent areas simply cannot. In many communities, school sports can provide opportunities and open doors that

would not appear if kids become priced-out from participating and competing. The past five months have been the most abnormal in a century. School sports being the one pathway back to school for students in our state—the one norm for this fall—run by professional educators who put kids first, would be an incredible boost to the physical and mental health of all of us. We believe that school sports can be done safely and smartly, and the MHSAA has developed plans that do just that. While the optics of sports taking place while waiting for in-person education is not what any of us prefer, we believe we must react to these abnormal times by thinking differently and looking at these unique times through a unique lens. Trying to find one normal for our kids in these abnormal school days might just be the best thing we can do.

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Charlevoix Participates in National Stepping Up Initiative

Charlevoix County is participating in the national Stepping Up initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in the jail and improve outcomes for the county's most vulnerable residents.

It is estimated that 2 million people with serious mental illnesses are booked into jail each year, with people with serious mental illness represented in jails at rates three to six times higher than for the general population. In Charlevoix County, the proportion of people with behavioral health issues in the jail could be as high as 25% at any given time and those with substance misuse could be as high as 60%.

Numerous issues face individuals with mental illnesses, particularly those who are involved in or at

risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system, with negative impacts for all those who are involved as well as society in general. Adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher rate of recidivism than people without these disorders. Without appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families.

Charlevoix County Commissioner Nancy Ferguson said, "The Charlevoix County Diversion Council's Stepping Up Program recognizes the need for ongoing evaluation and treatment for people with mental health and substance abuse issues. Low-end offenders currently

require too much time and space in our correction facilities. We need to address and correct the root issues causing these problems so people can remain in their homes. In order to lower recidivism rates, we need to divert them from jails and instead address their treatment, therapy, counseling, and housing needs."

To make this vision reality in Charlevoix County, the County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to join Stepping Up on September 23, 2015 and formed the Charlevoix County Diversion Council (CCDC). The CCDC brings together leaders from key entities in the community who work with individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders who have been, or are at risk of, or are currently in the Charlevoix

County jail. The full group and four subcommittees meet monthly and includes a broad group comprised of representatives from the courts, law enforcement, jail, Community Mental Health, Dispatch, EMS, hospitals, County Commissioners, and more.

Christine Gebhard, Chair of the CCDC Executive Committee, explained that the purpose is to identify and divert individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders from the criminal/legal system into appropriate treatment and/or services. "We do this by working together with law enforcement, county government, physical and mental health care providers and other community services," said Gebhard.

"Specifically, we have four desired outcomes which are

aligned with those of the national Stepping Up Initiative. These are to: 1) Decrease the number of people with mental illness or co-occurring disorder booked into the Charlevoix County jail; 2) Shorten the length of stay in jail for people with mental illness or co-occurring disorder; 3) Increase the number of people connected to treatment in the jail and in the community; and 4) Decrease recidivism rates of persons with mental illness or co-occurring disorder."

Other members of the Executive Committee include Judge Joe Hayes (District Court), Alan Telgenhof (Prosecutor), Nancy Ferguson (County Commissioner), and Sheriff Chuck Vondra. Allen Telgenhof, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, said, "I am excited about the work of the Charlevoix County Diversion Council and proud to be a part of it. A large percentage of the people in jails suffer from mental illness and substance abuse and jail is not the best place for them to address these issues. The Diversion Council is exploring ways to get people the help they need while keeping our community safe."

"Charlevoix County is proud of the progress we have been making toward implementing innovative solutions to the number of people with mental illnesses in our jail," said Sheriff Chuck Vondra. "Our CCDC Strategies Committee is currently looking at five promising practices which may be applied in Charlevoix County. Development of our work-plan is underway and will include individual planning and multiple pathways to ensure success."

Stepping Up is a national initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Led by the National Association of Counties, the American Psychiatric Association Founda-

tion and The Council of State Governments Justice Center, Stepping Up provides counties with a framework and tools for creating a collaborative, system-wide plan to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in the county jail in ways that not only improve public safety but promote positive outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses, their families and their communities.

More than 475 counties across the country have passed a resolution or proclamation to join Stepping Up.

"Charlevoix County joined Stepping Up to show its commitment to working collaboratively across systems to change the way law enforcement and other county agencies respond to people experiencing mental health crises," said Gebhard.

More information on the national Stepping Up initiative is available at: www.StepUpTogether.org

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