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# FOOTBALL IS BACK!

BY BOB DELONG

Less than one month after the MHSAA cancelled all high school football in the state of Michigan, in a surprising decision Governor Whitmer has cleared a path for the season to begin September 18. With all Michigan college football shut down this year and pro games requiring limited attendance, the news is more than a relief for its athletes, coaches and fans in the entire state. Football was going to be moved to the spring and spring sports were going to be played into the summer in what some called almost impossible due to the fact that the UP and most of Northern Michigan is covered with snow and experiencing sub



freezing temperatures in March when the football practices were projected to begin. Those questions and concerns have been put aside forever. There are still some limitations on attendance and new rules in play due to Covid-19 this football season. Practices can begin back on September 8th with no



pads Pads will be permitted on September 10th First varsity games will be permitted on the weekend of September 18th The first game will be WEEK 4 of the prior schedules Only 6 regular season games will be played Depending on what ZONE



your school lies in: a limit of 500 fans will be limited for games or in the worst case scenario in harder hit areas, only 2 fans per player will be allowed to watch games. (Most of Northern Michigan will be allowed 500 spectators with proper social distancing). The playoffs will begin the weekend of October 30th

EVERY TEAM will be play-off eligible meaning that all schools will play at 7 games The extra week of playoffs means that 8-Man playoffs will last 5 weeks. The 11 Man playoffs will last 6 weeks The 8-Man finals will be played the last weekend in November and 11-Man the first week of December. No games will be played indoors. Meaning that Ford Field and the Superior Dome will be out of play This year's 8-Man finals will be played at NMU and Midland Community Field. More news including game times and locations of area schools to come in next week's edition of the Charlevoix County News.

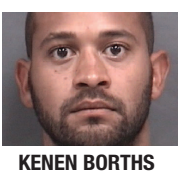


**2020 VOLLEYBALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY**  
 Rambler junior, Grace Dawson (6) blocks a kill attempt by a Cedarville player. READ THE FULL STORY & MORE THIS WEEK IN SPORTS STARTING ON PG.8

(Photo by Chris Fiel)

### Charlevoix Man Charged With Attempted Murder

KeNen Michael-Damian Borths, 24, Charlevoix, has been charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder and one count of sending an explosive with intent to damage or destroy property. The arrest arises from an Aug. 8 incident during which a "Molotov cocktail" was thrown through the window of a residence in the City of Charlevoix. According to a police affidavit filed in the matter, the explosive device was thrown into a bedroom window where two residents were present. Police responded and found a broken rum bottle with a partially burned towel in the neck and a strong smell of gasoline in the home. Police later received a tip that Borths may have been the perpetrator and that the motivation for the crime may have been anger related to a domestic situation. City of Charlevoix Police followed up on the tip with assistance from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the FBI. "I would like to thank all of the agencies who assisted in this investigation, including the Michigan State Police and the Secret Service, as well as Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the FBI," City of Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan said. A search warrant was obtained for Borths' cell phone records including cell tower locations. These records indicated that he was in the May Street area at the time of the incident. A witness initially supplied an alibi for Borths, but the witness later changed his story and admitted that he drove Borths to May Street and dropped him off. When leaving the vehicle, with a rum bottle smelling of gasoline in his hand,



**KENEN BORTHS**

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# Michigan Trails Week Challenge is Sept. 20-27

## Every mile counts on non-motorized trails



Are you up for a challenge? During Michigan Trails Week (Sept. 20-27), the Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance invite Michiganders to pay tribute to trails and collectively walk, run, ride, hike, bike or paddle 100,000 miles.

Michigan is home to 13,000-plus miles of diverse, state-managed trails, plus thousands of miles of local, county and federally managed trails and pathways. Trail veterans and newcomers can help make every mile count by tracking mileage spent on any nonmotorized trail in the state during these eight days.

Michigan Trails Week is the perfect time to get out and explore Michigan's amazing network of trails," said Ron Olson, chief of the DNR Parks and Recreation Division. "Whether it's on your first trail, your favorite trail or one brand new to you, the Michigan Trails Week Challenge is for anyone and everyone who wants to get out of the house and connect with nature.

"Explore Michigan and report your mileage; it's that easy. Participants earn badges for completing miles – any distance counts. Every badge earned is another entry in a drawing for cool outdoor gear and Michigan branded prizes."

You earn a badge when you register for the event and log at least 1 mile, and then every time you:

- Horseback ride for 5 miles.
- Walk, run or hike for 5 miles.
- Bike for 10 miles.
- Paddle for 2 miles.

There is no limit to the number of badges that can be earned. The more mileage you log, the more badges you earn, and that boosts your chances to win and helps the DNR and Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance reach the 100,000-mile goal.

During this past year, trails have provided me with endless peace of mind," said Andreea LaFontaine, executive director of the Michigan Trails and Greenway Al-



During the Trails Week Challenge, you can earn a badge by registering and biking for 10 miles. (courtesy of DNR)

liance. "Now, more than ever, we are seeing the importance of trails to our personal well-being and to our communities. I encourage you to invite a friend, recruit a family member and sign up for the event. I look forward to hitting the trails with you, virtually!"

The Michigan Trails Week Challenge is also an opportunity for people to support trails by donating to projects in need of help. The Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance will act as fiduciary, ensuring that all monies raised for specific trail projects will go directly to those projects. In that spirit, the DNR will continue expanding, developing and maintaining the state's vast trails system for the benefit of all Michigan residents.

The DNR manages one of the largest interconnected trail systems in the country, and many of those trails are accessible to people of all abilities; accessible kayak launches and track chairs also are available. There are many accessible recreation resources at community parks, too; check with local recreation authorities to see what's available.

The challenge is a good way to socially distance during this time, but make sure to bring a mask and hand sanitizer with you and keep 6 feet apart from other people on the trails. Check the DNR's COVID-19 response page for FAQs and updates.

For more information on Michigan Trails Week and to sign up for the challenge, visit Michigan.gov/TrailsWeek.



Kayakers can earn a badge for their time on the water during the Michigan Trails Week Challenge. (courtesy of DNR)



During the Trails Week Challenge, you can earn a badge by registering and biking for 10 miles. (courtesy of DNR)

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## Free Webinar on Basics of Selling to the Government

Tip of the Mitt SCORE and NCMC Corporate and Community Education are partnering to bring a free webinar to the business community on the basics of selling to the Federal Government and the State of Michigan.

The webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 22 from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Register in advance for this meeting by going to our website, [tipofthemitt.score.org](http://tipofthemitt.score.org) and click on Take a Workshop. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Presenter: Coury Carland

is a procurement counselor at the Northwest Michigan Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC). Before joining the PTAC in 2019, Coury served as a county commissioner in Benzie County. He holds a Master of Arts in Political Science from Central Michigan University and an Associate Certificate in Contract Management from The George Washington University.

This workshop covers the basics of selling to the Federal Government and the State of Michigan. It is for the newcomer to the government marketplace and a worthwhile refresher for

those who are already selling to the government. In this workshop, we will discuss the basics of government contracting, differences between government and commercial selling, tips to being a successful government supplier, and where to go for assistance.

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## BOYNE CITY

## 2ND ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

September 10, noon-7pm, Boyne Mountain Monument Course. We will begin with lunch at noon, a shotgun start at 1pm, followed by dinner and awards at 6pm. 50/50 raffle, goodie bags, door prizes and more. 72 person Best Ball Scramble, only 18 teams. Single registration \$110 Team of four \$400 - includes green fees, cart rental, lunch, dinner and prizes. Single and team registrations are welcome. To register contact Kim Akin at 231-582-6222.

## CHARLEVOIX HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

September 10; noon-5pm, September 11; noon-8pm, September 12; 9am-1pm. Make reservation by calling 231-547-7221 between 8am and 4pm. Location will be given out when scheduling your reservation. For information regarding accepted items visit [www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling).

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NATIVE PLANT SALE PICK UP AND BROWSE-N-BUY

September 12, 9am-noon, Charlevoix Conservation District, 303 North Street, Boyne City. The Charlevoix Conservation District is hosting a Fall Native Plant Sale fundraiser. Pre-orders are due by September 1st, if possible. Order pick-up and Browse-n-Buy from extra inventory on September 12th at the District Barn, located at 303 North Street in Boyne City. Afterward, view the new Native Plant Demonstration Garden, started by donation, to learn more about planting with native plants. We are seeking volunteers to assist with planting the new garden. Plant Sale order forms can be found on the District website home page at [www.charlevoixcd.org](http://www.charlevoixcd.org), at the district office, or by request via email or postal mail. Call 231-582-6193 to have one sent to you, or email District Manager, Alison Adams at [alison.adams@macd.org](mailto:alison.adams@macd.org) to have a PDF emailed to you.

## CHARLEVOIX VIRTUAL STATE OF THE

## COMMUNITY SERIES

September 15 & 16. Sessions include: Economic Impact & COVID Recovery, with Matt McCauley, CEO of Networks Northwest- Tuesday, Sept 15th: 8:30AM and 2:00PM and Wednesday, Sept 16th: 10:00AM. Healthcare and Psychology Update, with Joanne Schroeder, CEO, and Dr. Michael Lucido, Psychologist, of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital-Tuesday, Sept 15th: 11:30AM & Wednesday, Sept 16th: 9:00AM and 11:00AM. United We Win: Community Stability through COVID, with Rebeca Otto, Director of Community Engagement with Char-Em United Way-Tuesday, Sept 15th: 10:00AM and 3:00PM & Wednesday, Sept 16th: 1:00PM. Main Street Insights, with Lindsey Dotson, Director of Charlevoix Main Street, DDA-Tuesday, Sept 15th: 1:00PM & Wednesday, Sept 16th: 8:00AM and 2:00PM. \$10 for one topic/session, or \$30 for all four topics/sessions. Register and info at [www.charlevoix.org](http://www.charlevoix.org) or call 231-547-2101.

## ELLSWORTH

## UPPER CHAIN OF LAKES WOMEN CLUB MEETING

September 17, 7pm, Ellsworth Community Park Pavilion. The Ellsworth Lionsess Club has served the community with distinction for many years. Now it begins a new chapter as the Upper Chain of Lakes Women's Club. The purpose of the Club is to support community activities and needs as well as to offer social activities for women of the Upper Chain of Lakes area.

## BOYNE CITY

## CHAMBER "OFF THE CLOCK"

September 17, 5:30-7:30pm. Charlevoix County Humane Society along with Stiggs Brewery & Kitchen will host the Boyne Area Chamber's "Off The Clock" business networking social. Start with a tour of the Humane Society where you will receive a special coupon to finish the night at Stiggs. Off The Clock is the new name for Business After Hours, the chamber's monthly business networking event held at member businesses. Chamber members and the public are invited to attend. There is no charge for admission or refreshments, although there will be a cash bar.

# Catch a glimpse of mighty Michigan elk

The fall breeding season is the most popular time to view Michigan's wild elk herd. This month and next, elk are more active and can be found in open, grassy areas during dawn and dusk.

Elk viewing areas can be accessed by roads throughout the Pigeon River Country State Forest near Gaylord. These designated areas have been managed for elk habitat, providing visitors with an excellent opportunity to observe the herd or hear the beautiful, unmistakable bugle of a bull elk.

Use the elk viewing guide to plan your route and remember to bring your binoculars, spotting scope and camera.

Michigan's native elk disappeared around 1875. Today's elk herd dates back to 1918, when seven western animals were released near Wolverine. From that reintroduction, the number of animals grew steadily to about 1,500 elk in the early 1960s. They reached the point where limited hunting was possible in 1964 and 1965.

During the late 1960s, several factors kept the elk herd below its biological potential for population growth, including reduced habitat quality. The herd also was hard hit by poaching. There were about only 200 elk in the winter of 1975.



We're coming into prime season for elk viewing opportunities up north. If you've never seen these magnificent animals or heard their bugling call, it is worth the trip. (courtesy of DNR)

In the late 1970s, renewed public interest in the elk herd was spurred by oil exploration in the Pigeon River area of the elk range. Reduced poaching losses, habitat improvement and successful management of hydrocarbon development resulted in an increase in elk numbers to 850 by 1984.

As the herd grew, problems also increased with forest and agricultural damage. To bring the herd in better balance with its natural food supplies and with the needs of landowners, elk hunting resumed in 1984.

## EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

September 19, 7pm, Light-house Church on Rogers Road. 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.

## CHARLEVOIX SHRED-IT EVENT AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

September 19, 10am-2pm. Do you have a mountain of papers, old receipts, and sensitive documents you discovered during your stay home order spring cleaning? Let the Shred-It team dispose of it safely, easily, and quickly for you. Drive up in the Charlevoix Public Library Parking Lot located at 220 W. Clinton St. on Saturday September 19, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, to participate in this shredding event. This event is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library. For more information please visit the library website at [www.charlevoixlibrary.org](http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org) or contact the library at (231)237-7340.

## BOYNE CITY SUNSET SCRAMBLE

September 25. Join the Boyne Area Chamber for a Sunset Scramble at Ye Nine Olde Hollies. 18 teams will begin with a shotgun start at 5:30 pm. \$50 entrance fee includes golf, cart, a take out style dinner, and prizes. Registration and sponsorship opportunities at [www.boynechamber.com](http://www.boynechamber.com).

## EAST JORDAN

September 26. Pick up your "goodie bags" at Royal Farms in Atwood and end your cruise at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls. 26 Miles of scenic rural splendor splashed with natures beautiful fall colors. We own the Fall in Northern Michigan! For more information contact the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce 231-536-7351 or [info@ejchamber.org](mailto:info@ejchamber.org)

## BOYNE CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

September 26. Boyne City's Harvest Festival, set to take place on Saturday, September 26, has been canceled this year due to COVID-19 precautions. The regular Boyne City Farmers Market will still be held in Veteran's Park from 8 a.m. - noon and free pumpkins for children will be handed out at Country Now & Then beginning at 10 a.m. until they are gone. Harvest Festival is typically

a full day of family fun that includes music, crafts, children's activities, food and fall produce in the downtown area.

## 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](mailto: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.

## ELLSWORTH FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays from 9am to noon at Ellsworth's Community Square.

## 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, Mis-

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

## 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](mailto: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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## Charlevoix Chamber hosts Virtual State of the Community Series

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 2020 Virtual State of the Community-now a two-day virtual series. This is your first-hand access to relevant updates, initiatives, and insightful business news from community leaders.

Sessions are offered multiple times throughout the two-day event, so that as an attendee, you can choose with session

fits best with your schedule! Sessions will last approximately 30 minutes each, allowing time for questions and discussion with the speaker after their presentation.

Session Topics, Speakers and Presentation Times: - Economic Impact & COVID Recovery, with Matt McCauley, CEO of Networks Northwest. Tuesday Septem-

ber 15th: 8:30am and 2:00pm. Wednesday, September 16th: 10:00am

Healthcare and Psychology Update, with Joanne Schroeder, CEO, and Dr. Michael Lucido, Psychologist, of Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital - Tuesday, September 15th: 11:30am. Wednesday, September 16th: 9:00am and 11:00am

Community Stability through COVID, with Rebeca Otto, Director of Community Engagement with Char-Em United Way - Tuesday, September 15th: 10:00am and 3:00pm. Wednesday: September 16th: 1:00pm

Main Street Insights, with Lindsey Dotson, Director of Charlevoix Main Street, DDA - Tuesday, September 15th: 1:00pm. Wednesday Septem-

ber 16th: 8:00am and 2:00pm \$10 for one topic/session or \$30 for all four topics/sessions.

The general public is encouraged to attend. Please make your reservation today at [www.charlevoix.org](http://www.charlevoix.org), by calling the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-547-2101, or by e-mail at [info@charlevoix.org](mailto:info@charlevoix.org).

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nity is sponsored by: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, The City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix State Bank, Harbor View Café, Bay Shore Food Market, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital and McLaren Northern Michigan.

## Shred-It Event!

Do you have a mountain of papers, old receipts, and sensitive documents you discovered during your stay home order spring cleaning? Let the Shred-It team dispose of it safely, easily, and quickly for you. Drive up in the Charlevoix Public Library Parking Lot located at 220 W. Clinton St. on Saturday September 19, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, to participate in this shredding event.

The shredders are built to handle items that are often attached to documents such as paper clips, staples, or binder clips, so there is no need to remove these in advance. Additionally, all shredded paper is 100% recycled. Security and

confidentiality are priority, and cross-cut shredding technology ensures that the data cannot be reassembled.

Please note that following items cannot be placed in the shredder: batteries, metal devices, electronics, syringes, food, glass, cans, cardboard tubes, ink cartridges and toners, hanging folders, electrical items, hard drives, office supplies, etc.

This event is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library. For more information please visit the library website at [www.charlevoixlibrary.org](http://www.charlevoixlibrary.org) or contact the library at (231)237-7340.

## State of Emergency extended to continue the fight against COVID-19

Governor Gretchen Whitmer took further action to protect the health and safety of Michiganders by extending the State of Emergency until October 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Executive Order 2020-177 will allow the state to continue to mobilize resources and take the reasonable and necessary steps to protect Michiganders and their families.

“Last week, Michigan surpassed 100,000 cases and families continue to lose loved ones to COVID-19. With over 6,500 deaths, the virus continues to threaten the lives of Michiganders every day. COVID-19 is a novel virus with many unknowns, but we do know that it is widespread, it is easily transmitted, and its effects can be fatal. We must continue to take this seriously and do everything we can to protect ourselves and all Michiganders from COVID-19,” said Governor Whitmer.

She added, “By extending the state of emergency, we can continue the crucial work needed to save lives. Since March, I have been committed to using every tool at my disposal to protect families, frontline workers, and our economy from the threat of COVID-19. I urge Michiganders to do their part by wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing and staying safe and smart.”

In early August, every re-

gion in Michigan saw an uptick in new cases which recently put Michigan past the 100,000 COVID-19 cases mark. The state’s percent positivity remains below the national average: in Michigan, 3.3% of all COVID-19 tests administered were positive, whereas nationally it was 6.1%. Additionally, Michigan has a considerably lower percent positivity than surrounding states.

The science continues to show that this virus can affect everyone, including children. In fact, in an alarming trend, both nationwide and here in Michigan, younger people have constituted a growing share of new cases. In order to protect public health, everyone must continue to do their part to fight COVID-19 by wearing a mask, staying physically distant and limiting large social gatherings under the governor’s orders.

COVID-19 is widespread, easily transmitted by airborne particles, and potentially fatal. That lethal combination, combined with ongoing uncertainty about how to defeat it, means that the health, economic, and social harms of the COVID-19 pandemic remain severe and affect every corner of this state. The COVID-19 pandemic therefore constitutes a statewide emergency and disaster.

## Updated Construction Restriction Bulletin List

#248-2020 - Permitted loads are restricted to 10 feet in width on US-31 from Heise Road to Barnard Road in the city of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County (EFF 09/08/2020)

#249-2020 - Permitted loads are restricted to 12 feet in width on I-75 from Marlette Road (Exit 270) north to I-75BL (Exit 279) in the city of Gaylord, Otsego County (EFF 09/08/2020)

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Petoskey, Emmet County (EFF 09/08/2020)

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Active Permit Restrictions: <http://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/APSWB/APBHome.htm?bulletin=active>

### HEALTH NEWS

## Governor proclaims September “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”

Governor Whitmer proclaimed September 2020 as Childhood Cancer Awareness month in Michigan to recognize the determination and bravery of children who battle cancer, and to bring awareness to the emotional and financial hardship that pediatric patients and their families face.

“My heart goes out to the brave children who are battling cancer and their supportive families,” said Governor Whitmer. “Children with cancer show outstanding courage and determina-

tion at such a young age. We owe it to them and their families to make healthcare more affordable and accessible. During this month and throughout the year, I encourage everyone to educate themselves on childhood cancer and do their part to help a friend, loved one or neighbor who might be facing it.”

Childhood Cancer Awareness month honors the approximate 11,050 children who are diagnosed with cancer each year and the 1,190 children

who die each year from cancer. Two-thirds of childhood cancer survivors will face chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment, and many families face financial hardship as a result of expensive treatment. Organizations like the American Childhood Cancer Organization help children and their families cope with emotional, educational and financial support.

## MDHHS reminds of resources available during Suicide Prevention Week

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention and national and local suicide prevention organizations have been working tirelessly to halt the growth of suicide rates in Michigan. As part of the effort, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has declared Sept. 6-12 Suicide Prevention Week.

“Michiganders may be experiencing increased levels of emotional distress due to the pandemic and, therefore, it’s critical for people to know there are resources available and help raise awareness about suicide prevention,” said Dr. Debra Pinals, MDHHS Medical Director for Behavioral Health.

Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in both Michigan and the nation, and a top five leading cause among individuals who are 10-54 years old.

Michigan has higher rates of suicide

among people who are 10-19 and 25-44 years of age compared to the nation as a whole. Michiganders can help lower these rates by knowing the warning signs of suicide, encouraging those at risk to seek help, and having open and honest conversations about suicide.

“Suicide is a major public health concern across Michigan,” said Dr. Brian Ahmedani, Chair of the Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission. “On behalf of the Suicide Prevention Commission, we applaud Governor Whitmer’s declaration to support suicide prevention week. Our Commission is working hard with leaders and partners from across our great state to gain a better understanding of this problem as well as determine the best ways to leverage key opportunities and resources to prevent suicide across Michigan.”

Warning signs for those at risk of suicide include:

- Feelings of hopelessness.
- Threatening to or talking about wanting to hurt oneself.
- Loss of interest in activities.
- Withdrawal from friends and family.
- Change in eating and sleeping habits.

If you are in a crisis, or know someone who needs help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255) or visit the MDHHS Suicide Prevention website for more information.

Additional emotional-support services for those who are feeling emotional distress during the COVID-19 pandemic are available at [Michigan.gov/StayWell](http://Michigan.gov/StayWell) or by calling Michigan Stay Well Counseling via the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 and pressing “8” to talk to a counselor 24/7.

## MDHHS launches streamlined COVID-19 benefits renewal forms

The benefits renewal process is now simpler for roughly two million food, health care, child care and cash assistance clients with the rollout of new, streamlined benefits renewal forms, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced today. Now, Michigan is the first state to have this kind of streamlined application and renewal in print and online.

Project Re:New, a collaboration between MDHHS and Detroit-based Civilla, began in 2018 and spans the department’s four largest assistance programs. The changes will help MDHHS serve Michigan residents and families better and faster during the COVID-19 pandemic – a crisis that has left federal agencies and some state governments struggling to reduce application or renewal backlogs, and handle more hotline traffic across assistance programs that are a temporary lifeline for many residents.

“Life today is more stressful and complicated than ever. That’s why it’s as urgent as ever to simplify the way we deliver benefits - to treat people with dignity, meet them where they are, and take as little as possible of their time,” said Robert Gordon, director of MDHHS.

Project Re:New follows the 2018 launch of a simplified application that

was also completed in collaboration with Civilla through an effort called Project Re:Form. Like the updated application, the new renewal forms feature human-centered design to emphasize urgent information and outline clear steps, deliver directions in plain language and, importantly, incorporate feedback from clients and caseworkers on their experiences completing or processing forms.

Instead of using a renewal form that includes questions that may not apply to an individual’s assistance program, clients will complete one core redetermination form, and a one- to two-page supplemental form specific to each of their assistance programs.

Project Re:New also led to the simplification of the six-month review form, annual review form and online renewal option in MI Bridges, the state’s online assistance application and case management portal. Changes follow all existing eligibility and program requirements. The new renewal was piloted in MDHHS’ Madison Heights and Monroe offices. It resulted in:

- 50 percent fewer office visits, an important reduction that puts clients and MDHHS field office employees at lower risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- A 96 percent completion rate, up from 73 percent.

-60 percent fewer errors, reducing delays in processing time and generating a higher renewal rate.

“In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, this work demonstrates MDHHS’ ongoing commitment to improving benefit delivery and designing services that better meet people’s needs,” said Lena Selzer, design director at Civilla. “The work was guided by the expertise of hundreds of Michigan residents and MDHHS field staff. It would not have been possible without them.”

Rollout began this month by mail, in person and online. It will continue gradually through next year as clients are due for renewal of benefits. Clients will receive forms and a reminder to renew sooner than usual to give them time to submit forms before their interview with field staff—another change aimed at further reducing processing delays.

Project Re:Form was recognized by Harvard University as one of the 2018 Innovations in American Government Award’s Top 25 Programs. It took one of the longest benefits applications in the nation and transformed it, cutting the amount of time clients spent filling out the form, reducing error rates and helping caseworkers process applications in less time.

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# athletes of the week



**GRACE DAWSON,  
BOYNE CITY**

The Rambler junior continued her hot start to the season. Grace recorded 22 kills, 35 digs and 7 aces for the week in the two Boyne quad meets.

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**ZOE BRODIN,  
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The Rayder senior is about as reliable as they come, Zoe had another monster week for Charlevoix, totallying 100 assists, 26 digs and three blocks.



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## Rayders earning early season success



BY CHRIS FIEL

CHARLEVOIX —

### Finally!

The Charlevoix girls volleyball team got to enjoy their first taste of home this season as they welcomed Pellston to the hardwood on September 3, coming out of the match with another victory to remain unbeaten on the season at 10-0.

"I knew coming off a tri-meet on Tuesday (September 1) and a quad-meet yesterday (September 2), that this might be a lot of volleyball in a row, but even if the girls were getting themselves conditioned for a lot of volleyball they came out on the winning side all week, and tonight they took a win in four sets," Rayder coach Audra Randall said.

Charlevoix won by scores of 25-21, 25-17, 21-25 and 25-19.

In the first set the Rayders played well, but their passing on serve receive was not as sharp as it had been earlier in the week, but to their credit, the Hornets have always been traditionally tough servers.

Coach Randall noted that Grace Lentz (16 kills) and Avery Zipp (15 kills) were the big hitters on the night and that both girls are "really ramping up and getting good opportunities at the net."

Also for Charlevoix, Claire Scholten and Taylor Petrosky added four kills each and Anna Haf had three. Zoe Brodin was all over the court, setting her hitters up with 42 assists.

Lentz was big at the net, totalling five blocks (four solo) to add to her net play, while Zipp early in the match was on fire with serving, recording four aces, with Petrosky and Patria Muriel adding two apiece.

Scholten, Petrosky, Muriel, and Cam Turkleson all added 12 good serve receives each and Zipp made 20 digs while Petrosky had 18 digs, Scholten 12, Turkleson and Brodin 10 digs each. Muriel chipped in with seven and Lentz had five, and Isabelle Kenwabikise



Charlevoix senior, Zoe Brodin (9) tips over a point for the Rayders in their home opener against Pellston. (Photo courtesy of Doretta Brodin)

added four digs.

"With our leadership of Zipp, Brodin and Lentz, they are working on building a team with great chemistry so they can stick together through the tougher matches and our younger girls gaining experience," Randall added. "These girls are leaving it all on the court and want a fantastic season this year."

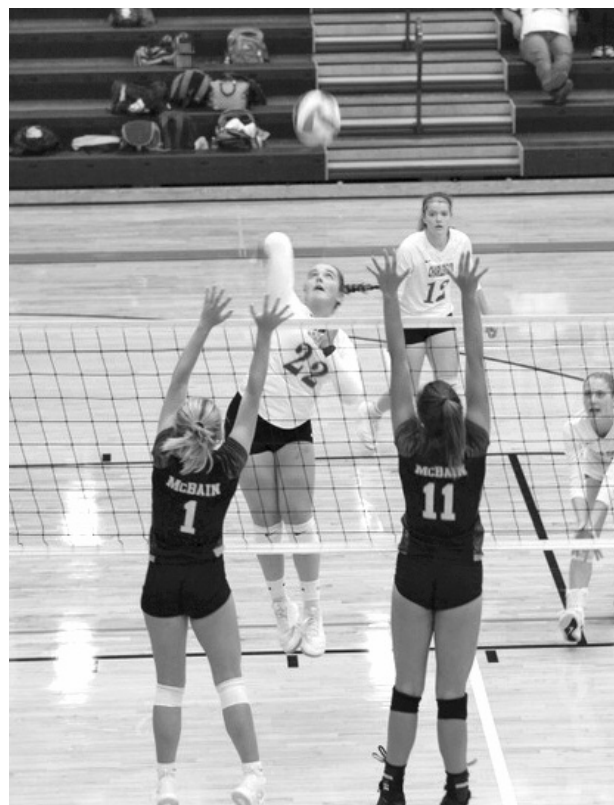
### Charlevoix travels to Kingsley

KINGSLEY — And they

keep on rolling. The Charlevoix girls volleyball team just keeps playing and winning. The Rayders continued their hot start to the season, moving to 9-0 on the year, as they downed Kingsley, McBain and Muskegon Christian at the Kingsley quad meet on September 2.

The Rayders defeated the Stags in the opening match 25-21, 12-25 and 19-17, before disposing of the Ramblers by scores of 25-20, 25-14 and 15-17. Against a big MC team, Charlevoix took the match 25-22, 25-23 and 9-15.

"We played our hearts out, we were down (to Muskegon Christian) then



Grace Lentz (22) of Charlevoix hammers down this kill shot against McBain at the Kingsley Quad meet. (Photo courtesy of Doretta Brodin)

winning, then tied, but able to come out on top the first two sets," coach Audra Randall said. "This was a deciding match for who was going home with a big three wins."

Grace Lentz recorded 34 kills, 16 digs and two blocks on the night, while Taylor Petrosky added 38 digs, was 28-of-31 on serve receive, with 100 percent serving and two blocks and Zoe Brodin added 58 assists, 16 digs and three blocks.

Also for the Rayders, Avery Zipp had 25 kills, 38 digs and three blocks; Claire Scholten 10 kills, 27 digs, 35-of-41 on serve receive; Patria Muriel six

aces, 26 digs, 21-of-24 on serve receive; Cam Turkleson added 17 digs, four aces and was 30-of-33 on serve receive; Anna Haf 20 digs and four kills; and Isabelle Kenwabikise chipped in with nine digs and was 4-of-5 on serve receive.

"Very proud of the girls, they stayed composed when behind, believed in each other and came out winning," coach Randall added.



Avery Zipp records a kill for the Rayders. (Photo courtesy of Doretta Brodin)



Charlevoix celebrates a point during play at Kingsley. (Photo courtesy of Doretta Brodin)

### CROSS COUNTRY

## Ramblers, Rayders, Red Devils kickoff start to 2020 Cross Country season

BY CHRIS FIEL

EAST JORDAN — What a way to start off the season.

In a gathering of league competitors, the Lake Michigan Conference gathered for a jamboree meet at East Jordan on September 2.

The Boyne City girls team captured first place with 30 points, Charlevoix was second with 32 and East Jordan was third with 61, while in the boys race, the Rayders cruised to the win with 42 points, the Ramblers came in third with 80 points and the Red Devils tallied 94 points for fifth place.

In the boys race, Evan Beane of Charlevoix was the top area finisher, earning second with a time of 17:03.2, while teammate Sam Peterson was fifth in 17:46.9. Gavin Carson was Boyne's top finisher, taking sixth in 17:51.9. East Jordan's top runner was Phillip Nemeck, 13th in 18:44.6.

Also for Charlevoix: Dominic Schwein (12th) 18:41.4; John Sauer (15th) 18:30.1; James Descamps (21st) 19:46.4; Trenton Speer (22nd) 19:47.5; Thomas Arnold (28th) 20:37.4; Ian Clapp, 22:13; Cole Humble, 22:56; and Trevor Bonar, 25:03.

For Boyne City: Kolton Stadt (9th) 18:29; Will Maginity (10th) 18:32; Jack Neer (24th) 20:03; Liam Dart, 21:14; Jeffrey Kerr, 22:15; Colin Boyer, 23:13; Corbin Smith, 23:19; and Paxton Giem, 23:53.

For East Jordan: Caleb Ziebarth (14th) 18:49.6; Granger Kitson (16th) 18:51.2; Isaac Black (27th) 20:33.9; Mason Malpass (30th) 20:43.6; Hayden Peck, 21:47; Preston Malpass, 22:17.1; and Carter Sherman, 23:11.

"Senior Gavin Carson had an outstanding race and led the team, running a career personal best," Boyne coach Chelsey Herrmann said. "He put in a ton of mileage this summer and has been giving 100 percent effort at every practice. It was so awesome to see his hard work pay off, and he learned a lot about race strategy that I know he will build on."

In the girls race, Ava Maginity of Boyne City took top honors with a time of 20:38.4, leading four top 10 finishers as Reagan Woodall (5th) 22:42.9; Taylor Noble (7th) 22:59.0; and Lydia Frasz (8th) 23:14.6; and Rachel Clausen (9th) 23:47.5 helped pace the Ramblers.

Charlevoix was close behind as they took second, third and fourth, led by Megan Bush, 21:31.5; Laina Sladic, 22:06.5 and Rachel Descamps, 22:32.3.

East Jordan was paced by Taylor Sheridan (6th) 22:46.2 and Christina Koolstra (10th) in 23:56.1.

The Ramblers also got key contributions from Jaelyn Jarema (12th) 24:05; Megan Harmeling (22nd) 27:02; Kari Day (25th) 28:24; Emilee Fisher (26th) 29:37; and Madi Mathers, 36:26.

Also finishing strong for the Rayders, Lauren Shepard (13th) 24:10.0 and Rachel Pott (14th) in 24:13.5.

The Red Devils rounded out their race with Christine Whitaker (11th) 24:00.7; Hannah Jibson (15th) 24:49.7; Emily Zmilky, 26:25 and Jennahka Moses, in 31:08.

Rambler coach Herrmann noted that the girls had great races, getting big contributions from new and veteran runners, "It was awesome to see groups of runners work together to move up and finish strong. This was an exciting start to the season, and we are just grateful to be able to have a season at this point. We learned a lot today and have some things to build on moving forward. Each race is a gift this year, and we plan to make the most of each one."



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# Ramblers host back to back Quad meets



BY CHRIS FIEL

BOYNE CITY— For the second straight night, the Ramblers took to the hardwood, welcoming in another trio of teams from Ellsworth, Cedarville and Johannesburg-Lewiston.

When the night of competition was over, Boyne saw their season record improve to 11-4 headed into the Labor Day weekend.

In their first matchup of the night, the Ramblers took on Ellsworth and the Division 4 Lancers were unable to stop the Boyne offense, and could rarely find a hole in the Rambler defense, as Boyne took the first set 25-6 and then with a totally different lineup, the Ramblers won the second set 25-10.

Next up for Boyne was Cedarville, and the Trojans came out strong against the Ramblers before Bc was able to adjust and take set one 25-14, and with some more adjustments and a lineup change in the second set, the ramblers against were able to come out victorious, winning, 25-20.

The last match of the evening was against JoBurg, and after seeing the Cardinals the week prior, Boyne was



The Boyne City volleyball team celebrates a point against Ellsworth in a home quad event. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

able to overcome them once again, taking both sets 25-17 and 25-21.

“Tonight we saw some different competition which was

awesome, so we were able to try a few new things with our line up.” Boyne coach Mallory Slate said. “Fine-tuning is still what we need to work on. Unfortunately right when we get back from break we face Cheboygan on Tuesday, which is an early season loss that the girls would like back.”

“I am excited to see what the girls can put together on the court in hopes that we will be able to rebound from that four set loss we encountered versus them in Pellston.”

On the night, Grace Dawson finished with 10 kills, 15 digs and four aces, while Maggee Behling added seven kills and 10 digs and Sarah Sterling added 10 kills for the Ramblers.

Also for Boyne freshman setter, Ava Tarsi had 31 assists and went 20-for-20 from the serve line, Libero Bella Crosier added 19 digs, 17 serve-receptions and was 24-for-25 serving and Morgan Deming had eight kills.

BOYNE CITY — On September 2, the Ramblers welcomed TC Christian, Inland Lakes and Mancelona in a volleyball quad on Boyne’s home floor, with BC coming out of the night with a 2-1 showing to improve to 8-4 on the young season.

In the first match of the night, Boyne took on TC Christian and the Sabres were a formidable foe as they took down the Ramblers 25-21, before Boyne responded

with a 25-20 win in set two, but in set three, BC was unable to maintain any momentum, falling 8-15. In the two losses, the Ramblers struggled on defense and serve receive, finding it difficult to set up the Boyne power hitters at the net.

Against the Sabres, Grace Dawson led the way with six kills, while Maggee Behling, Morgan Deming, Keni Ciesielski and Kylie Joles all chipped in with two kills each. Setter Ava Tarsi recorded 10 assists in the three sets.

Against Mancelona the Ramblers managed to pull out 25-21 and 25-11 victories; and against Inland Lakes,

Boyne disposed of the Bulldogs 25-14 and 25-16.

“Our biggest problem right now is figuring how to pull out these tight matches against teams who are comparable in competition level for us,” BC coach Mallory Slate noted. “Onaway, Cheboygan and TC Christian are all teams that we took to extra sets but were not able to buckle down and pull out the win. I think that is really where I am looking for players like Maggee, Grace and Sarah Sterling to step up and lead these younger players, our inexperience shows when it comes time to really pull things together.”

“Unfortunately that is not

something that you can really coach or practice it is something the girls are going to have to figure out, hopefully sooner than later as we are about ready to head into the meat of our schedule and meet some pretty tough conference teams.”

On the night, Behling finished with eight kills, 16 digs and 15 serve receptions; Dawson added 12 kills, three aces and 20 digs; while Tarsi had 35 assists.

Also for Boyne, Ciesielski, Sterling and Deming each added seven kills and libero, Bella Cosier had 37 digs and five aces.



The Lancers had plenty of opportunities to be on the defense as Boyne City attacked early and often. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Freshman setter Ava Tarsi (2) passes to a teammate. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



The Ellsworth volleyball team had a few good moments against a strong Rambler squad. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Boyne City senior, Kylie Joles (5) prepares for a dig against Ellsworth. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

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### East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundellus

**EAST JORDAN**—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message away with after hearing four key-note speakers discuss the status of the city, schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

Harvey Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

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

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 98%

capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings of the harbor next to the bridge intended to stop silt from filling the harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house already up and running, the now open 24/7 recycling center and the \$12,000 kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Enhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Faculet, East Jordan Mayor Russell Peck and Ellsworth Superintendent Matt Steinhilber addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

See State of the Community—11A

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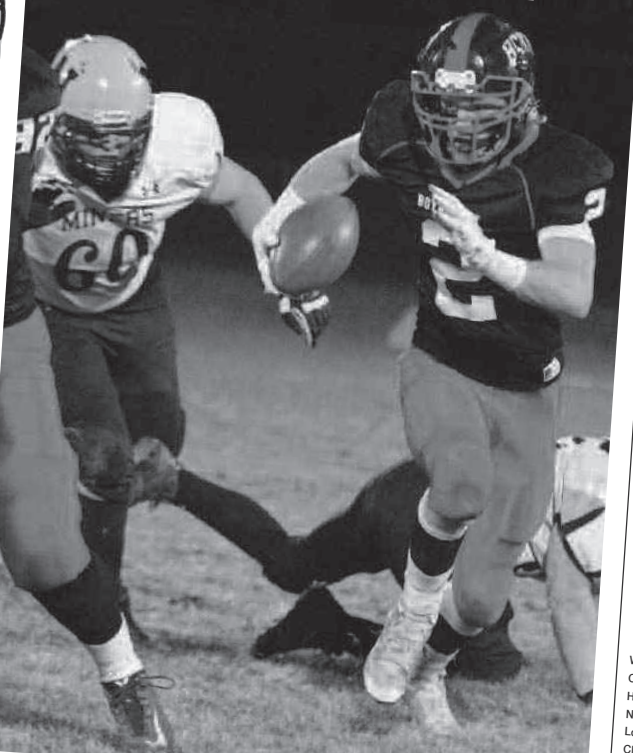
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Boyne City's Luke Sage (2) follows an opening for another big gain. Sage finished with 63 yards on nine carries and a touchdown. Full Story in Sports. (PHOTO BY CHLOE SHUMAKER)

### Boyne Area Community Christmas

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Over the last 60 years your generous donations ensured thousands of Boyne area children had a merrier Christmas.

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

If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Witeniski at (231) 582-3152 or (231) 582-2797. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Hosmer at (231) 582-7246.

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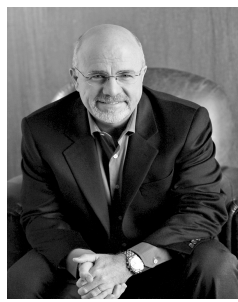
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## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

### (Simple steps)

Dear Dave,  
With COVID-19 and all the resulting economic problems, do you have any advice for what a young person can do to prepare for the future?

Kyle

Dear Kyle,  
Regardless of the coronavirus or any economic situation that might arise, there are always a few smart, simple things people can do to protect themselves financially. The number one thing is to live on a written, monthly budget. When you give every dollar a name, and write it down on paper, you're telling your money what to do, instead of scratching your head and wondering where it went.

Staying out of debt and saving as much money as possible are two other great ideas. Remember, your income is your biggest wealth building tool. If you're saddled with a bunch of debt, your money goes to creditors—not into your pocket. Saving prepares you for the future and all the unexpected things, both good and bad, life will throw at you.

Even though you're young, investing is a key component in creating a stable financial outlook for yourself. In your twenties, just \$100 a month invested properly in good growth stock mutual funds can make you a millionaire by the time you're ready to retire.

Like I said, these are all simple things. But they'll make a huge difference in your financial situation now and in the years to come!

—Dave

### (Pay that thing off!)

Dear Dave,  
My only debt right now is a car payment. I still owe \$12,000 on the vehicle, and currently I have \$25,000 in savings. I'm in a very stable line of work, but my income can vary somewhat from month to month. Should I hang on to my savings, or pay off the car?

Erik

Dear Erik,  
Debt is a bad thing to have in your life, especially when your income can vary

from paycheck to paycheck. You're in good shape, except for the car note, though. It's like a ball and chain around your neck.

You'd still have \$13,000 left if you paid off the car. And with the money you'd free up, you could rebuild your savings in no time. Pay off the car, dude!

—Dave

### (Christmas in . . . September?)

Dear Dave,  
I know it may be early to talk about Christmas, but do you have any advice on saving for the holiday season?

Carlie

Dear Carlie,  
It's never too early to talk about Christmas! I'm glad you're thinking about things ahead of time. A lot of people wait until December to buy gifts and make plans. That's fine if they've got the money set aside to handle things, but most of them don't. Then, they panic and turn to credit cards. You don't want to end up in a situation where you're still paying off Christmas in April.

If you don't have anything put aside yet, I'd suggest setting some spending goals now. Taking a close look at your income and expenses should be part of this. If you're not doing it already, what I'm talking about here is living on a written, monthly budget. Look at how much you can

afford to put toward Christmas each month, make a gift-giving goal amount, and stick to it. Along with this, you might consider opening a separate account just for your Christmas savings. Start looking for gift deals now, too. There are end-of-summer sales still going on, and you never know what you might find.

You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a wonderful Christmas or make the season special for others—even when it comes to giving. Thoughtful handmade items, meaningful photographs set in a frame, or special baked goods are great ways to show the folks in your life you're thinking about them and how much you care.

Now, let's talk about next year. There's absolutely nothing wrong with including a line just for Christmas in your budget each month. Christmas doesn't sneak up on you. It's on December 25th every single year. Putting a little money aside all year long might just take some of the stress out of your Yuletide planning.

Good question, Carlie!  
—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week.

## Bill to provide funding for Enhanced Federal Unemployment Benefits

Governor Whitmer signed Senate Bill 745, which appropriates \$2.8 billion in supplemental funding from federal revenues awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover a temporary \$300 per week enhanced federal payment for eligible Michiganders receiving unemployment benefits.

As part of the FEMA program, the additional \$300 per week in unemployment benefits will continue until the federal emergency disaster relief funding made available for this program has been exhausted. At this time, it is unknown how many weeks may be covered by existing funds.

"This is good news for the thousands of Michiganders who are still without work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it's still a short term band aid that falls short of what's needed," said Governor Whitmer. "We need the president, Mitch McConnell, and Congress to put partisanship aside and pass a bipartisan recovery package that will help us save lives and get people back on their feet. Michigan families, frontline workers, and small business owners are counting on the federal government to do the right thing and work together on their behalf."

At this time, eligible claimants do not have to take any action to receive the additional benefit amount provided by the program.

SB 745 also includes \$8 million in funding to facilitate the further development of the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Illinois, which will provide a

critical barrier to prevent invasive carp from entering Lake Michigan. In addition, the bill provides match funding for disaster flood cleanup in Midland and Gladwin counties, as well as funding to cover costs for flood response and mitigation efforts in the City of Detroit.

"I appreciate the good working relationship I have with our appropriations chairs, Sen. Jim Stamas and Rep. Shane Hernandez," said State Budget Director Chris Kolb. "This bill will provide important unemployment benefits for residents in our state and I look forward to continuing our work with the Legislature as we negotiate the Fiscal Year 2021 budget which begins on October 1."

"A little more than three months ago, communities in Gladwin and Midland counties saw tremendous flooding and the damage is still impossible to fully comprehend," said Senator Jim Stamas, R-Midland. "We are in this together, and this state funding will assist our communities recover and rebuild in the aftermath of unimaginable flooding."

"The crucial funding being sent to the Detroit supporting flood mitigation sets us on a path to save lives and protect our communities. These funds will allow us to create long-term solutions to prevent flooding in our neighborhoods throughout the city. I was proud to advocate for this funding on behalf of Detroiters everywhere, and am grateful that Governor Whitmer made it official today," said Representative Joe Tate, D-Detroit.

SB 745 was sponsored by Sen. Jim Stamas.

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### TOP 10 HOME CLOSING CHECKLIST TIPS FOR SELLERS

It doesn't matter whether you are selling your home as a short sale or as a traditional seller, your checklist for home selling is identical. There are certain things on a home selling checklist that every responsible seller should do.

You would utilize your home closing checklist after all of your personal belongings and furniture has been moved. Although, not every seller is required to prior to or on the day of closing, most home sellers find that they can't begin to wrap up the process until everything is removed from the home.

#### Part 1 of 2

#### Closing Checklist Tip #1: Retain Executed Seller Disclosures, Purchase Contract and Addendums

Ideally, you will receive a complete closing package by your escrow officer or closing agent. But you could also find some of these documents scattered about in your car or at your office. Keep all of these documents in a safe place. It's conceivable you could need them again, especially if a bill was unpaid or the buyer challenges something and hires an attorney.

#### Closing Checklist Tip #2: Clean the House

If you don't have time to clean, hire a professional cleaning service. How clean to leave a house is often personal preference. It's not always necessary to shampoo the carpets, but that's a nice touch. This also means wipe down cabinets, inside and out. It doesn't hurt to make your last impression on the buyer a good one by polishing sink fixtures. Leave your home the way you, as a buyer, would like to find it.

#### Closing Checklist Tip #3: Turn Off Shut-Off Valves

If you have disconnected a washer, for example, make sure the shut-off valve is completely turned off because a small drip, drip, can eventually flood a home. Some sellers shut off the valves to all water sources such as sinks, toilets and dishwashers, too. Leave a note for the buyers so they won't call a plumber when the water won't turn on.

#### Closing Checklist Tip #4: Attend the Final Walk-Through

There are so many quirks that only a home seller knows, and you could pass on these tips to a new home buyer during the final walk-through. Things like which light switch operates the lights, whether a door sticks, or how to clean a swimming pool. I like to ask sellers what they always wanted to do for a home improvement project but never got around to doing.

#### Closing Checklist Tip #5: Cancel Your Insurance Policies

Wait until you know the deed has recorded or title transfer has formally occurred before you call your insurance agent. You should receive a refund from a prepaid premium for your homeowner's insurance.

Tips 6 - 10 next week

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### Real Estate Feature Property

## GORGEOUS RANCH HOME ON HALF ACRE NEAR GAYLORD



BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a gorgeous, custom built ranch home on an approximately one-half acre lot just a few miles from downtown Gaylord.

This three bedroom, two bath home has approximately 1,835 square feet of beautifully designed and appointed space on the main and partially finished basement levels. Highlights include an open concept kitchen/living/dining area with wood flooring, ideal for entertainment and family living. Features include a soaring cathedral ceiling in the living, dining and kitchen, beautiful fireplace in the living room, stunning white cabinetry in the kitchen contrasted by dark countertops, private

en-suite master with walk-in closet and two additional spacious bedrooms with shared bath access. The partially finished basement has a large family room with space for a home office. There is plenty of additional storage space as well.

The home also has an attached two-car garage to keep vehicles out of the elements and provide extra storage space. A covered deck on the back of the home is an excellent spot to relax and enjoy the views. The spacious yard offers plenty of room for outdoor fun and gardening.

This gorgeous, custom built ranch home on approximately one-half acre is located at 828 Krystal Meadow Lane south of downtown Gay-

lord and it is listed at \$244,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtor, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 231 Water Street in Boyne City, at 231-582-6554 or email at jennifer.burr@cb-greatlakes.com.



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# News

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## Rare steam locomotive to be restored

### Yankee headed east for \$200,000 rehabilitation

BY JOHN PEPIN  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Crewmen readied precious cargo recently at the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee for a 900-mile trip southeast to Pennsylvania.

The historical relic loaded onto a transport truck for the trip was a historic steam locomotive called the Yankee, a vertical boiler model manufactured by Alexander Chaplin and Co. of Glasgow, Scotland, between 1862 and 1868.

At 150 years old, the Yankee is thought to be one of only three surviving Chaplin locomotives in the world.

“With the help of generous grant funding, we’re sending the Yankee to Pennsylvania for restoration work,” said Barry James, historian with the museum. “Once the rehabilitation is complete, the locomotive will be brought back here to Marquette County to remain on permanent display at our museum.”

The restoration project – which is expected to take about a year to complete – will cost \$200,000, with funding provided from a Institute of Museum and Library Services grant and matching money from the Friends of the Michigan Iron Industry Museum.

According to B.R. Howard Conservation – the Pennsylvania company doing the rehabilitation work – the project will be combining the practices of conservation and selective restoration and replications to return the locomotive to an appearance where visitors can appreciate the construction technologies used in its



Workers set the Yankee into place on a truck for transport to Pennsylvania for restoration. (courtesy of DNR)

fabrication.

The Yankee is red in color, made from cast and wrought iron, steel and a mix of soft and hardwoods. It is just over 12 feet long, about 9 feet high, weighing an estimated 8,000 pounds.

With its steel rail supports it was sitting on, the total weight of the locomotive, when lifted by a crane onto a flatbed truck was just over 11,000 pounds.

The transfer from its display spot, under some white pines on the museum grounds, to the truck was flawless and took only a few minutes. Several media outlets were on hand to capture the event.

“The ‘Yankee’ steam locomotive is in poor and unstable condition having actively corroding iron, fungal decay of all wooden components, and actively flaking paint in areas which still retain paint,” according to a B.R. Howard Conservation report on the rare relic.

The locomotive had been amateurlly restored in the late 1930s by employees of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and exhibited outdoors, near the company offices, until being donated to the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in 1986.

“Until recently, the museum did not have climate-controlled exhibit space for the ‘Yankee’ which necessitated exhibition in an unprotected outdoor venue causing continued deterioration of the 1930s restoration and all remaining original components,” the report states.

James said the relatively small size of the locomotive belies its huge importance for the country.

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The Yankee and its twin, the John Bull, signaled the first major technological change for the Upper Penin-

sula iron mines – the coming of steam. Until the locomotives began hauling ore at the Jackson Mine in Negaunee around 1868, all the work was done by human or animal power. The locomotives made removing the ore more efficient.

The Yankee hauled six to 10 small, four-wheel ore cars, each capable of carrying 5 or 6 tons of ore, with a maximum speed of 10 miles an hour. The locomotive signified the coming of the industrial revolution to the Lake Superior iron mines that led the nation in production from the 1850s into the 1890s.

After being decommissioned, the Yankee resided outside of Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company offices in Ishpeming for decades.

Today, the Yankee is about 70% intact, and almost 60% of its parts are original. A recent historical report complete with conservation recommendations will guide restoration efforts.

“The Yankee is a rare artifact and is an integral part of the Michigan Iron Industry Museum’s collections, and its preservation has been on our project list for some time,” James said.

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