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Boyne Area Community Christmas distributes Christmas packages since 1954

BY DOM SANTINA

BOYNE CITY - Even in the midst of a pandemic, that did not stop the Boyne Area Community Christmas from fulfilling its mission. A program that started in 1954 on a basis of making sure "No kid shall go without Christmas" continued on strong over the weekend. As they helped out 240 different fam-

ilies and made sure 600 kids did in fact have a Christmas.

The community gathered together once again as many people donated items such as needed supplies, like hats, gloves, socks, food and unwrapped gifts. Numerous nearby businesses helped by contributing a money or toy donation or help with the delivery process itself. The toys were compiled from 20 different Toys for Tots locations in

the area. Along with 2338 total items collected by the Boyne City Elementary School for the Community Christmas program.

The program was once again headquartered in the Early Childhood Center's gymnasium. As they sorted and planned how they would execute the delivery process. The process started before Thanksgiving as the applications for families in need



Community volunteers and members of the Boyne City Fire Department helped load delivery trucks of the Christmas packages headed to 240 families in the Boyne area.



Volunteers sorting and packaging are too numerous to count! Just a community coming together to make sure no family has to suffer from no gifts under the tree or lack a Christmas dinner on the table.

were passed out on November 19. The bins for Toys for Tots were put out just after Thanksgiving. The Community Christmas program started taking donations on December 1 at the Early Childhood building. Volunteers would work throughout the next couple of weeks to make sure each family was going to be supplied with the items they would need based on family size and age of kids. The goal of the program is that families will re-

ceive a basket with non-perishable food so each family will have food to have a Christmas dinner. Then younger children receive 2-3 bigger toys and older children will receive games, notebooks, pencils and books.

In a year of a lot of uncertainty, there was one thing that remained constant, Boyne Area Community Christmas was there for the people who needed them most.

MDHHS begins cautious re-opening of High Schools and Indoor Entertainment

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated its epidemic order today to allow indoor activities where Michiganders can remain masked, as this has been scientifically shown to slow the virus. This includes in-person learning at high schools and indoor entertainment venues. Casinos, bowling centers and movie theatres will be allowed to reopen with total capacity capped at 100; food and drink concessions closed; and social distancing requirements in place. The new order is effective Monday, Dec. 21 and will last until Friday, Jan. 15.

"These past few weeks, Michiganders across the state stepped up and did their part to slow the spread of COVID-19, and because of our collective hard work, we are now able to begin the steps to carefully lift some of the protocols we have in place," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "I am encouraged

COVID-19 DEC. 18 ORDER: GATHERING GUIDELINES

Open

- Two-household gathering (high precautions)
- Small outdoor gatherings (25 people)
- Retail
- Preschool through 12th grade (local district choice)
- Childcare
- Manufacturing, construction, other work that is impossible to do remotely, including technical education
- Public transit
- Hair salons, barber shops, other personal services
- Gyms, pools, roller and ice rinks (for individual exercise)
- Restaurants and bars (outdoor dining, takeout, and delivery)
- Professional sports**
- Parks and outdoor recreation
- Funerals (25 people)
- Health care
- Theaters, movie theaters, stadiums, arenas
- Bowling centers
- Bingo halls, casinos, arcades
- Outdoor group fitness classes and non-contact sports

Not open

- Workplaces, when work can be done from home
- Restaurants and bars (indoor dining)
- Night clubs
- Indoor sports & contact sports, except professional sports
- Trampoline parks, water parks
- Indoor group fitness classes

For more information about the order, visit [michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus). Questions or concerns can be emailed to COVID19@michigan.gov.

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by the progress we have made since early November, and will continue to monitor the data closely during and after the holidays. One of the most important things Michiganders can do right now is make a plan to get

the safe and effective vaccine as soon as it's available to you. And as always: mask up, practice safe social distancing, and avoid indoor gatherings where COVID-19 can easily spread from person to person. We will eradi-

cate this virus together." "We have made some progress in our fight against this pandemic, and this was a historical week as we started to distribute life-saving vaccines," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. "It is important that everyone continues to do their part. Start planning for when you will get a vaccine when it is available to you, and let's avoid a surge in cases after the holidays by avoiding gatherings, wearing our masks, and continuing to socially distance."

Previously, MDHHS had identified stabilization or declines in three metrics as critical for relaxing protocols. Michigan saw improvements across all three following the "pause" implemented in mid-November: -Hospital capacity dedicated to COVID-19 patients: 13-day decline;

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MDHHS updates priority group information for vaccination; launches dashboard

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has updated information in its priority groups for vaccination administration document and launched a COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard to help Michiganders track information about the vaccine across the state.

MDHHS expanded its guidance to allow Michiganders 16 years of age and older to receive the vaccine and also provided updated information on pregnant women and the vaccine. While there is not currently data on the safety and efficacy of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine in pregnant women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that pregnant women may be offered the vaccine within the priority groups upon consultation with their medical provider.

"The arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine is an important step toward reducing the toll the virus is taking on our state," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "As we receive further guidance from our federal partners, these prioritizations may change. While we roll these vaccines out across the state, it is important everyone continues to do their part in fighting this pandemic

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snowfall

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12/22/19	.11.8	.ATLANTA	12/21/20	.2.2	.ATLANTA
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12/22/19	.20.7	.CHARLEVOIX	12/21/20	.3.4	.CHARLEVOIX
12/22/19	.23.4	.CHEBOYGAN	12/21/20	.6.1	.CHEBOYGAN
12/22/19	.45.2	.EAST JORDAN	12/21/20	.7.3	.EAST JORDAN
12/22/19	.51.2	.GAYLORD	12/21/20	.26.1	.GAYLORD
12/22/19	.59.7	.KALKASKA	12/21/20	.23.3	.KALKASKA
12/22/19	.19.5	.LEWISTON	12/21/20	.0.5	.LEWISTON
12/22/19	.17.8	.MIO	12/21/20	.13	.MIO
12/22/19	.25.6	.ONAWAY	12/21/20	.4.2	.ONAWAY
12/22/19	.39.5	.PETOSKEY	12/21/20	.12.3	.PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 24	..17°	...31°	...-14° (1969)	..52° (1994)
DEC 25	..17°	...31°	...-15° (1958)	..58° (1982)
DEC 26	..16°	...31°	...-9° (1993)	..49° (1982)
DEC 27	..16°	...31°	...-18° (2004)	..50° (1994)
DEC 28	..16°	...30°	...-31° (1976)	..57° (1984)
DEC 29	..16°	...30°	...-21° (1976)	..56° (1984)
DEC 30	..15°	...30°	...-24° (1976)	..46° (2004)
DEC 31	..15°	...30°	...-14° (1948)	..58° (1965)
JAN 1	...15°	...30°	...-9° (1968)	..48° (1952)
JAN 2	...15°	...30°	...-7° (1999)	..49° (1998)

Christmas trees date back many years

Christians first used evergreen trees as a symbol of Christ's birth in 1500s

BY MIKE DUNN

While no one can say with authority just when the tradition of Christmas trees began, there is no question that the origin of decorated evergreens can be traced to the ancient Druids who populated present day England thousands of years ago.

The Celtic Druids saw evergreens as a manifestation of deity because the evergreens did not die as other trees, but remained green and alive through the harshest of winters. The superstitious Druids decorated the trees with fruit, coins and charms, believing that adorning the tree with symbols of prosperity would assure such things as fertile fields and a bountiful harvest in the year

ahead.

The practice of decorating trees was not limited to the Druids, however. The citizens of ancient Rome decorated trees during the Saturnalia Festival in late December, believing it would bring good fortune in the New Year. The Saxons, who dwelt in what is present-day Germany, placed lighted candles in evergreen trees. The Saxons, along with other tribes of Nordic descent, brought the lighted trees indoors.

The evergreen is first noted as a Christian symbol of Christ's birth in Germany in the 1500s. The custom of having decorated trees indoors at Christmas was popular in Germany for a few hundred years before spreading much beyond its borders. That began to change in the 1800s when Prince Albert, the German-born husband of Britain's Queen Victoria, brought a Christmas tree to Windsor Castle in 1841. The custom quickly caught on in England after that.

German immigrants to America also brought the

custom there as well. The first time a Christmas tree is mentioned in the U.S. is in the diary of Matthew Zahm of Lancaster, Pa. in 1821.

By the 1890s, the tradition of brightly decorated Christmas trees in U.S. homes was widespread. With the advent of electricity, Christmas trees began to appear in town squares across America and the traditional "lighting of the tree" quickly became the official symbols of the beginning of the holiday season.

Lancaster is among a number of cities that claim to be the first place in the U.S. where a Christmas tree was erected. According to legend, a Hessian soldier erected a tree in Windsor Locks, Conn. in 1777 while he was imprisoned at the Noden-Reed House. It is also reported that German immigrants erected a Christmas tree in Easton, Pa. in 1816.

A man named August Imgard, a German immigrant living in Wooster, Ohio, is the first to popularize the practice of decorating a tree. In 1847, Imgard cut a blue

spruce tree from woods outside town, had the Wooster village tinsmith construct a star, and placed the tree in his house, decorating it with paper ornaments and candy canes. Imgard is believed to be the first person to put candy canes on a Christmas tree. (The candy canes of the day were all white with no red stripes.)

Did you know it takes seven to 10 years of cultivating to produce a Christmas tree that is ready for sale? (That's no surprise to the folks in northern Michigan, which is famous for its abundance of Christmas tree farms.)

Did you know that Christmas trees grow in all 50 states? Yes, even Hawaii grows Christmas trees.



German immigrants brought the custom of decorated Christmas trees to this country in the 1800s. Today, the Christmas tree is a standard part of the American holiday. (photo by Mike Dunn)

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Eta Nu's "Dress for Chill" project

Another winter is upon us and, thanks to Eta Nu's Dress for Chill program, 167 children from Boyne City Elementary, the Early Learners and Head Start programs have new winter clothing and boots to keep them warm in the frigid months ahead.

This annual project, now in its thirteenth year, is organized and executed by many volunteers from Eta Nu. Members shop, store, organize and ultimately "dress" the children with all new jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. Charlotte Battjes ably chaired this committee again this year. She and her volunteers faced several new challenges in 2020: securing a new facility to store

and sort the clothing; the closing of J C Penney in Petoskey, one of the group's main sources of affordable clothing; pandemic protocols that affected how the group of women were able to work together; new COVID-related procedures for actually "dressing" the children; and of course, the greater need in our community due to the economic downturn affecting so many.

Dress for Chill is truly a community-wide project. Funds for this huge undertaking come solely from local donations. All monies donated go directly toward the clothing purchases. Although we were unable to engage in a few fundraising procedures that

were available to us in the past – specifically donation canisters in downtown stores and collections at the Farmers' Market and Harvest Festival – we were once again blessed with the support of so many local organizations, businesses, and individuals. We recognize and thank the following for their very generous donations:
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We also thank the people in our community who donated individually to the project.

Eta Nu is proud to be able to help our children in need. Dress for Chill is our biggest undertaking and we could not accomplish this important project with out the help of the staff at Boyne City Elementary School and Early Learners program, the generous donations from our local organizations and individuals, and the support of our entire community. THANK YOU!

OBITUARIES

MaeZella Potter, 90

(MAY 9, 1930 - DEC. 16, 2020)



MaeZella Potter, a woman of gentle sweetness and golden heart, passed away on December 16, 2020. Mazie was born May 9, 1930 to Albert and Bernice Shaw in Charlevoix, Michigan in their fieldstone home. She grew up roaming the countryside with her siblings, Mary, George, and twin sister Marcella. Encircled by faith and family, she attended the Nowland country school and gradu-

ated from Charlevoix High School.

In 1952, she married her sweetheart, Robert Potter, and together they raised six daughters on the farm and celebrated their 68th anniversary in February. Mazie cherished her family. She was the golden thread that wove us into a tapestry that warmly covered every member.

Mazie was the ultimate model of a selfless wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. With boundless love and energy, she wrapped us in that tapestry of care. Her children's memories include fresh sticky buns when arriving home from school and getting cozy under her crocheted afghans. Whether whipping up feasts from her garden, driving her daughters to countless activities, or helping out on the farm, she captured the good times and was an endless source of comfort throughout her life.

As the family grew to 70 members plus 2 gladly awaited baby boys, Mazie proudly shared all the family highlights and declared she

loved her six sons-in-law as her true sons. She memorized all the birthdays and we eagerly awaited our card with the enclosed crisp \$2 bill. Grandchildren remember her card games, compassionate ear, and a little helpful sass. We benefited from her support during the rough times, such as when Grandma moved in during tricky pregnancies or grandchildren's injuries, always with a meal on the table and even a pie, stitching us back together with the golden thread. Then she would wash our windows or clean our basement.

Balancing motherhood, church, and attending the family's thousands of athletic games, concerts, plays, birthday parties, graduations and weddings, Mazie's golden thread embroidered a rich life for us all. She and Bob traveled with family to many countries around the world, plus she even generously initiated a trip to Alaska with her daughters in her late eighties.

She leaves a legacy of love and is deeply missed. May

she walk the golden streets with Dad this Christmas, listening to her favorite hymns sung by the angels.

She is preceded in death by her husband Robert, parents, brother George Shaw, twin sister Marcy (and husbands Marvin Lautner and Norman Balthaser) and sister Mary (survived by husband Edwin Gregory).

Mazie is survived by daughters and 'sons' Gail and Eric Cherry, Judy and Bud Boss, Christie and Joseph Vogelheim, Susan and Richard Miller, Paula and Gary Strange, and Amy and Steven Kovach, 19 grandchildren plus their spouses, 25 great-grandchildren plus 2 on the way, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A celebration of Mazie's life will be planned during a safer season as we honor how she cared for others.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Community Reformed Church's Memorial Fund.

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Wreaths and stockings have a rich history

Christmas traditions point to the true meaning of the season

Some longstanding Christmas traditions, such as Christmas wreaths and hanging the stockings by the fire, point to the true meaning of the season.

The wreath decoration has been part of Christmas for many centuries and the tra-

dition of hanging the wreath dates back all the way to the Roman Empire, when Romans would hang wreaths on the door as a sign of victory and of their status in society.

When Christianity spread in the Roman world, it was natural to make the transference of the wreath to a Christian symbol of eternal life offered by Jesus.

Christmas wreaths are made by twisting or bending evergreen branches into a large circle, which are then decorated with pine cones and a red bow. The circle shape of the wreath represents Christ's eternal love, his strength, and the creation of new life. Evergreens are commonly used in the con-

CHRISTMAS FUN FACTS

struction of the wreath due to their heartiness throughout harsh winters and that they are symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus.

Another great Christmas tradition, the hanging Christmas stockings by the fireplace, actually began with the original Saint Nicholas, a Fourth Century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (present day Turkey). As one would expect, he was a man noted for his charity and good will and he was particularly kind to children, often giving away treats and small gifts.

According to legend, there was a widower in Myra who had three daughters for whom he could not provide a dowry. The story goes that Saint Nicholas threw three bags of gold into the fireplace chimney and the gold landed into the stockings drying by the fire. This began the tradition of putting Christmas presents into Christmas stockings.

Here are some interesting trivia and fun facts about Christmas:

- The first commercial Christmas card sold was designed by London artist John Calcott Horsley in December of 1842. He was hired by Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy British businessman, to design a card that showed people feeding and clothing the poor with another picture of a Christmas party. The first Christmas card said, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." Of the original 1,000 cards he printed for Sir Henry Cole, only one exists today.
- An average household in America will mail out 28 Christmas cards each year



The Christmas wreath is rich with Christian symbolism. The evergreen branch is formed into a circle, representing Christ's eternal love and the creation of new life. The evergreen itself denotes strength and immortality. (photo by Mike Dunn)

and see 28 eight cards return in their place.

- Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing – toasting neighbors to a long and healthy life.
- Some famous people who were born on Christmas day: Sir Isaac Newton (1642); Humphrey Bogart (1899); Rod Serling (1924); Little Richard (1932); Ken Stabler (1945); Jimmy Buffet (1946); Larry Csonka (1946); Sissy Spacek (1949); Ricky Henderson (1958).
- No surprise here. Michigan is among the top Christmas tree producing states in the country. Michigan joins California, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and North Carolina as the top Christmas tree producing

states. Oregon is still the leading producer of Christmas trees, typically between 7 and 8 million each year.

- During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5,500 times every minute in the U.S., and in 2020 that figure has no doubt been driven up by more virtual exchanges during the pandemic.
- What is the best-selling Christmas tree? If you guessed Scotch pine, you're right. The best selling trees are Scotch pine, followed by Douglas fir, Noble fir, Fraser fir, Virginia pine, balsam fir and white pine.
- If you love Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," you'll find this interesting. Before settling on the name

of Tiny Tim for his character, three other alliterative names were considered by the author: Little Larry, Puny Pete, and Small Sam.

• Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.

• During the Christmas/Hanukkah season, more than 1.76 billion candy canes will be made.

• The tradition of Christmas lights dates back to when Christians were persecute for saying Mass. A simple candle in the window meant tht Mass would be celebrated there that night.

• The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ; and gold represents light as well as the wealth and royalty of Christ the King. The "two turtle-doves" represent the Old and New Testaments.

• The word Christmas is from Old English, a contraction of Christ's Mass

• The first president to have a Christmas tree in the White House was Franklin Pierce.

• Rudolph" was actually created by Montgomery Ward in the late 1930s for a holiday promotion. The rest is history.

• Jingle Bells" was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas songs.



Boyne Falls Public Schools STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Christopher McMasters

Grade: 1st

Parent's Name(s): Chris and Jordan McMasters

What do you want to be when you grow up?: He wants to take care of animals when he grows up.

Favorite Book: All of the Pete the Cat Books especially Pete the Cat and the 4 Groovy Buttons.

Hobbies and Interests: Christopher likes to jump on the trampoline and he loves Dragons. He likes to play tag with his friends on the playground. He takes care of his cat and his pet bearded dragon.

School Activities: Christopher loves listening to stories and playing with his friends.

Staff Comments: Christopher has done a wonderful job engaging with his school work and his friends this year. He loves to be the teacher's helper. He is a friend by speaking up when his friends need help. It is always great to see Christopher's smile in our classroom.

Submitted By: Jody Cosier

Charlevoix Circle of Arts announces all media open call to Michigan artists

Charlevoix Circle of Arts announces an open call to Michigan visual artists age 18 and over working in all media (including 2-D, 3-D, functional art, fine craft, photography, and installation) to submit to: re | ART: reject, reflect, refine, remark, a juried fine arts exhibit. We invite artists to comment visually to the many shifts taking place in our current experience, as change opens a path to rethink, revisit, reunite, recharge, reevaluate, redefine, etc. Juror will award cash prizes.

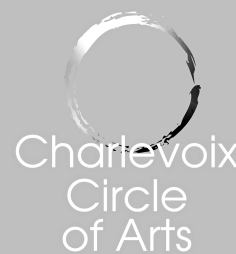
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fee is reduced to \$15 in response to current economic conditions. Visit www.charlevoixcircle.org/juried-exhibit for details, or call or email Larissa Flynn, Exhibit Coordinator at (213) 547-3554 or Larissa@charlevoixcircle.org.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3p.m. For more information about the exhibit or other programs at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts please call (231) 547-3554 or visit www.charlevoixcircle.org.

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Charlevoix Circle of Arts announces an open call to Michigan visual artists age 18 and over working in all media. Courtesy image

RE-OPENING

FROM PG. 1

current capacity is at 17.3% for beds with COVID-19 patients. Peaked at 20.1% on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

-Overall case rates: 27-day decline; currently at 439 cases per million. Peaked at 739 cases per million on Saturday, Nov. 14.

-Positivity rate: 11-day decline; currently at 10.6% positive tests. Recently peaked at 14.3% on Friday, Dec. 4.

"Michiganders should be proud: we have made incredible progress over the last month. But we could easily lose that progress and endanger our hospitals again over the next two weeks," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "At Thanksgiving, most Michiganders sacrificed and avoided family get-togethers. We need to do the same thing this holiday season. Then we can re-engage more activities sooner and more safely."

Indoor residential gatherings remain limited to 10 people and two households. MDHHS continues to urge families to avoid indoor gatherings or to pick a single other household to interact with consistent with guidance already released by the department. Families are encouraged to stay home this holiday season to maintain the positive momentum that has developed and to protect

loved ones. Families are also encouraged to Mask Up, Mask Right, using new guidance for what masks to wear and how to wear them.

The epidemic order continues to temporarily pause indoor dining in bars and restaurants, but they can continue to offer outdoor dining, carry-out, and delivery. Colleges and universities will be able to have students return to campus for the winter semester, with a voluntary commitment to wait until Jan. 18 to restart in-person courses.

Gyms remain open for individual exercise with strict safety measures in place. Outdoor group fitness and outdoor non-contact sports will again be allowed, including running, downhill and cross-country skiing.

Under this new order, re-opened indoor entertainment venues will not be required to collect names and contact information. With the amount of community spread that currently exists across the state and the heavy burden on contact tracing teams to keep up with these cases, it has become too challenging to meaningfully use this data for timely follow up. As case counts fall and contact tracing becomes able to keep up with the volume again, MDHHS expects to reinstate this information-gathering requirement.

As before, employees who work in jobs that cannot be

performed from home can continue to go to work, while employees who can work from home should continue to do so. Individualized activities with distancing and face masks are still allowed: retail shopping; public transit; restaurant takeout; personal-care services such as haircuts, by appointment; and individualized exercise at a gym, with extra spacing between machines.

"As we continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of our employees and patrons remains a top priority," said Joel Kincaid, vice president of opera-

tions with MJR Digital Cinemas. "We are grateful for MDHHS's partnership and are prepared to reopen with strict safety measures in place. We look forward to working with the governor and her entire administration as we combat this virus together."

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

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine.

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Enjoy the outdoors this winter but be safe

Where there is snow and ice, snowmobilers are on the trails and anglers are on the ice.

It's safe to say that winter has arrived in many parts of Michigan. Winter offers plenty of great opportunities to continue recreating outside.

"This is the time of year when conservation officers see many people eager to kick-off the snowmobiling season, ice fishing and other outdoor winter activities," said Lt. Tom Wanless of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division. "These are great activities that encourage social distancing, but please keep safety in mind. Dress for the weather, check the forecast before you go out and if you're snowmobiling, please ride sober and at a safe speed."

Regardless of your favorite winter activity, here are some tips to help prepare for heading outdoors:

- Wear light layers that can easily be added or removed – it is possible to overheat even during the winter.

- Carry the appropriate equipment for your activity, such as a flashlight, rope, ice picks or ice claws.

- Have spare equipment available in case something breaks.

- Stay hydrated and fueled – bring water and snacks.

- Recreate with a buddy.

- Inform others about where you will be and how long you plan to be gone and schedule check-in times.

- Carry a two-way communication device that receives service in remote areas.

- Be mindful of your health

- if you're not feeling well, don't go out.

In Michigan, all snowmobile operators between ages 12

and 16 are required to obtain a Michigan-approved snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on any trail or public land. Riders can earn a snowmobile safety certificate online at Michigan.gov/Snowmobiling.

The DNR's Ride Right snowmobile trail safety campaign emphasizes the importance of riding sober, at a safe speed and on the right side of the trail.

If snowmobiling off-trail, stay on public lands, avoiding private property, active logging operations and sensitive areas like forest plantations; use stock exhausts only; know where you are going before you go.

Snowmobiling is a fun activity that can be done safely, however, riders should remember that excessive speed is the main cause of fatal and serious injury snowmobile accidents.

During winter 2019-20, there were 14 fatal snowmobile accidents in Michigan, with one fatality recorded so far during the 2020-21 season.

If you plan to head onto the ice to fish or ride, conservation officers warn that there is no reliable inch thickness test to determine if ice is safe. Ice thickness can be checked with a spud or auger.

"Anyone going onto the ice should use extreme caution," Wanless said. "Avoid ice that is covered by snow. Snow acts as an insulator and may weaken the ice."

Ice is often unstable at river mouths or other areas where there are currents present or creeks and streams feeding into lakes.

For more ice safety tips including what to do if you fall through the ice, go to Michigan.gov/IceSafety.

Super Santa!

BY JIM AKANS

Santa Claus is truly an amazing fellow. Visiting an estimated 400 million eager children across the globe who celebrate the Christmas holiday, Santa has his work cut out for him during the eve of the big day. Yet for centuries Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas, Father Christmas or simply, Santa Claus, has successfully filled the stockings and stuffed presents under the trees of all good girls and boys during one very long night.

Here are some "fascinating facts" about just how incredible Santa's Christmas Eve journey is. While these are estimated guesses, you'll get the idea:

- With about 2 billion children in the world, and estimating 15-percent of those celebrating Christmas, Santa visits nearly 380 million children, or, at about 3.5 kids per household; over 100 million homes.

- His approximately 31 hour trip (time zone changes extend his work hours a bit), there are about 900 visits per second. This works out to one-thousandth of a second per household. No wonder children who stay up late never seem to catch him visiting their house.



Visiting an estimated 400 million eager children across the globe who celebrate the Christmas holiday, Santa has his work cut out for him during the eve of the big day. Wikimedia photo.

- Santa's sleigh moves very quickly. Using some very rough math (even the experts don't know exactly how Santa does this) the journey covers around 75 million miles. That puts that reindeer propelled craft at a whopping speed of 650 miles

per second. Rock on Rudolph!

- Let's talk cargo. Putting each gift at an average of two pounds (what the heck), we are looking at 380 tons of gleaming, glittering toys and stocking stuffers packed for the trip. Mary Poppins'

magic travel bag has nothing on this!

And of course there is the milk and cookie diet Santa craves. Let's go back to that 900 visits per second estimate. Santa never seems to drink all the milk or eat all of the cookies at each home...he really doesn't have the time. We'll give him two ounces of milk and one-quarter of a cookie at each stop. My calculation puts his milk consumption at around 28 gallons per second. We'll just call it a LOT of cookies.

As I mentioned above, the arithmetic is all relative here. There are years when there are more good children to visit, seasons when the popular gift weighs a bit more or less, pit stops along the way (don't forget he drinks tons of milk)...but the bottom line is clear; Santa is a super duper kind of guy.

Santa is, after all, a part of Christmas...the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus. Perhaps Santa's amazing gift, just like the gift of love, brotherhood and the promise of eternal life heralded by the birth of God's son, isn't that difficult to understand at all. Anything is possible at Christmas if we simply believe.

News Briefs

BOYNE CITY INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 9am – Noon, Pavilion, 207 N. Lake Street. Our indoor season home in the pavilion is ready for you all. We hope to have a great season and look forward to a lot of fun. Over 20 vendors with a variety of produce, baked goods, crafts, coffee and more. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

EAST JORDAN WIFI LOCATIONS

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

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

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

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.

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- Yoga with Reb Andrews 9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week

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‘Christmas Star’ makes rare appearance this year

When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

--Matthew 2:10

BY MIKE DUNN

What the wise men from the east saw in the skies all those years ago is described as a star.

But was it literally a star? Or did it appear to be a star to the ancient astronomers from the land of Persia? Could it have been an unusual conjunction of planets, such as was visible in the northern skies (and in the skies everywhere else) this

Christmas season?

It's certainly possible that God used the alignment of planets to create the sign in the sky that the Magi perceived to be a star, though Bible scholars are divided on the issue.

Whatever it was in the sky, though, it was unusual enough to get the attention of the Magi and for them to recognize that this was a sign from God pointing to the birth of the King of the Jews, the much-anticipated coming of Messiah written about in the Hebrew scriptures, including the book of Daniel the prophet.

We all know the story of how the Magi, these Chaldean priests and astronomers of ancient Persia,

were looking for a sign of the birth of the Messiah as Daniel had written would happen and also provided a timeline by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Magi were so certain that this bright light in the sky was a true sign from God that they traveled hundreds of miles in a caravan at great expense bringing their gifts to acknowledge the newborn King and to worship Him.

Astronomers today are excited about a rare phenomenon that appeared this week in the night skies. It is only natural to call this phenomenon a "Christmas star" even though it is not a star but actually the conjunction of the planets Saturn and Jupiter that has not occurred in this

same way since March 4 of the year 1226, nearly 800 years ago.

There is an alignment of Saturn and Jupiter, the two biggest planets in the Milky Way solar system, that occurs every 20 years or so but a conjunction of the kind that was visible on December 21 is very rare because of how close the planets appeared above the earth in their orbits. The conjunction formed a "super bright" point of light that indeed looked like a star.

Perhaps we Christians today can derive a sense of hope from the appearance of this phenomenon in the sky, as the wise men of Persia did when they saw the star.

Interestingly, the wise men

were directed by Herod and by the Jewish priests to Bethlehem, where it had been declared by a prophet named Micah that the Messiah was to be born. As the wise men headed in their caravan away from Jerusalem and toward Bethlehem, it says the star reappeared in the sky and pointed them directly to the house where Jesus was with His parents Mary and Joseph. And when they saw the star appear again in the sky, it confirmed their convictions that God was guiding their way and they rejoiced exceedingly.

They found the young Jesus and worshiped Him, the gospel of Matthew informs us, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and

myrrh.

Perhaps God in His providence is using this rare conjunction of the planets Saturn and Jupiter to remind us again that the sign He placed in the sky for the Magi points directly to Jesus. In this troubled year of 2020, it's good to remember that Jesus came to save His people – those who choose to put their trust in Him – from their sins. It's good to remember that God became flesh and dwelt among us. It's good to remember that we all need a Savior and the Savior has indeed come.

As Linus would say to Charlie Brown, it's truly what Christmas is all about.

Expanded Medicaid program helps low-income residents afford coverage

The Healthy Michigan Plan is now providing health care coverage to more than 850,000 low-income residents for the first time, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced today. There are now 853,211 people enrolled in the Healthy Michigan Plan, the state's expanded Medicaid program.

"Every Michigander deserves quality, affordable health care, especially during a pandemic. As Senate Democratic Leader, I was proud to work across the aisle with a Republican governor and legislature to expand health coverage for Michiganders through the Healthy Michigan plan," said Governor Whitmer. "Now, as we continue working to eradicate

COVID-19 and with the Affordable Care Act under constant attack in the courts, it's more important than ever that we protect the Healthy Michigan plan and ensure health care for Michiganders across the state. I will continue working with everyone who wants to protect and expand health care for Michiganders."

COVID-19 affected the finances and health of so many Michiganders that the number of Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries jumped from just under 682,000 in late March to more than 850,000 now. Michigan instituted policies to help families access affordable health care coverage such as deciding to avoid terminating Healthy

Michigan Plan coverage and freeze premiums for as long as the COVID-19 public health emergency exists. The state qualified for additional Medicaid funding from the federal government through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has also worked to streamline the application process over the past few years to ensure people eligible to receive benefits are able to access them without unnecessary burdensome requirements.

Gov. Whitmer and (MDHHS) have strongly supported the Healthy Michigan Plan. When she was State Senate Democratic leader,

Whitmer helped pass the bipartisan legislation that created the Healthy Michigan Plan, which was enacted in April 2014.

In March, Whitmer and MDHHS preserved Healthy Michigan Plan coverage for tens of thousands of people by supporting swift action on the legal challenge of work requirements that had been adopted by the Republican Legislature. Policies like work requirements that take away health insurance undermine the purpose of Medicaid which is to provide health care coverage to low income and vulnerable populations.

"MDHHS is committed to expanding access to health care coverage for Michiganders," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "I'm proud that Michigan has been able to provide this coverage to hundreds of thousands of our residents. Coverage has improved their health outcomes – and when people are healthier they are better able to take care of their families and our state is more productive."

Healthy Michigan Plan coverage is available to Michiganders ages 19-64 years old who have an income at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level – or \$16,971 annually for a single person – and meet other eligibility requirements, such as not qualifying for other Medicaid programs. Expanded Medicaid plans are

allowed under the federal Affordable Care Act if states decide to implement them.

According to 2017 research from the University of Michigan, the Healthy Michigan Plan more than doubled primary care usage, reduced enrollees' reliance on the emergency room by 58 percent, cut uncompensated care by nearly 50 percent, and added \$2.3 billion to our state's economy.

Apply for the Healthy Michigan Plan at www.michigan.gov/MIBridges or by calling the Michigan Health-Care Helpline at 855-789-5610. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/HealthyMiPlan.

VACCINE

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by wearing masks, washing hands, and avoiding gatherings."

The COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard includes data from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry on the number of providers enrolled to provide the vaccine, the amount of vaccine received and doses administered. The dashboard will be expanded over the coming weeks to include vaccination coverage rates by age and race.

MDHHS is following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for prioritization of distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines. CDC recommendations are based on input from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). ACIP is a federal advisory committee made up of medical and public health experts who develop recommendations on the use of vaccines in the United States. MDHHS has also obtained input from a stakeholder group of Michigan public health and health care leaders and reviewed correspondence from the public.

Phases are as follows: Phase 1A includes paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and are unable to work from home, as well as residents of long-term care facilities.

Phase 1B includes some workers in essential and critical industries, including workers with unique skill sets such as non-hospital or non-public health laboratories and mortuary services.

Phase 1C includes individuals age 16 years or older who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness due to underlying medical conditions, and people 65 years and older.

Phase 2 is a mass vaccination campaign for all individuals aged 16 years or older.

MDHHS has provided additional prioritization guidance within these categories. It is important to note that vaccination in one phase may not be complete before vaccination in another phase begins. Vaccination in these phases will likely overlap. The timing of the start of vaccination in a phase is dependent on guidance from CDC and ACIP, the supply of vaccine from the manufacturer, how vaccine is allocated from the federal level to Michigan and the capacity to administer the vaccine to populations.

Vaccine distribution will roll out over a series of weeks, and current estimates are that by late Spring 2021 enough vaccine will be available for everyone who is recommended to receive it. There will be no out-of-pocket costs to individuals for the vaccine, however, healthcare providers may bill insurance for administrative costs. The COVID-19 vaccine will require two doses, separated by three or four weeks depending on the manufacturer. Michiganders should receive both doses in order to have full protection from the virus. Individuals who receive the vaccine may experience mild side effects such as low-grade fever, sore arm and fatigue, which indicate that the vaccine is working. There is a robust state and national process for tracking vaccines and reporting side effects.

MDHHS stresses Michiganders should continue to wear masks, social distance from those not in their household and wash their hands often, even after receiving the vaccine.

Michigan residents seeking more information about the COVID-19 vaccine can visit Michigan.gov/COVID-vaccine. As additional information and resources become available, it will be posted to this site.

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

NORAD tracks Santa's Christmas Eve journey

BY JIM AKANS

Kids of all ages can enjoy the thrill of following Santa's Christmas Eve journey, and make sure to be safely tucked in before St. Nick reaches their home. This up close look at Santa's progress from the North Pole is made possible by the

high-tech tracking capabilities of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). NORAD is a United States and Canada bi-national organization charged with the mission of aerospace warning, aerospace control and maritime warning in the defense of North America.

Tracking Santa's Christ-



Children, (and curious adults), can take a peek at a special website; www.noradsanta.org, which features a look at Santa's North Pole Village and updates the progress of Santa and his team of reindeer on Christmas Eve. Logo courtesy of NORAD Public Affairs Office.



Enjoy the thrill of following Santa's Christmas Eve journey, and make sure to be safely tucked in before St. Nick reaches your home. File image

mas Eve journey started in 1955 when a local media advertisement directed children to call Santa direct – only the number was misprinted. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the Crew Commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center. Thus began the tradition, which NORAD carried on since it was created in 1958. As technology has developed, NORAD has used satellites, high-powered radar, jet fighters and special Santa cameras to track Santa Claus as he makes his journey around the world.

Today, excited children have a new and improved resource for monitoring Santa's journey to their chimney or doorstep. Children, (and curious adults), can take a peek at a special website; www.noradsanta.org, which features a look at Santa's North Pole Village and updates the progress of Santa and his team of reindeer on Christmas Eve.

The site is already active and features Santa's North Pole Village, which includes a holiday countdown,

games, activities, and more. Official NORAD Tracks Santa apps are also available in the Windows, Apple and Google Play stores, so parents and children can countdown the days until Santa's launch on their smart phones and tablets. Tracking opportunities are also offered on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Google+. Santa followers just need to type "@noradsanta" into each search engine to get started.

Now NORAD's main job is to monitor the airspace and maritime area covering the United States and Canada using some very powerful satellite and radar equipment. It's a big and very important responsibility, and NORAD helps to keep us safe on a 24/7 basis. At Christmas time, however, NORAD continues a 61-year tradition of letting us know how Santa is doing with his journey of bringing smiles to the faces of children across the world.

Have a very, merry Christmas!

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MHSAA Fall Playoffs, Skiing To Resume

BY GEOFF KIMMERLY
MJHSAA SECOND HALF EDITOR

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Dec. 18 - The three remaining Fall tournaments still to be completed this 2020 season by the Michigan High School Athletic Association will resume, with teams allowed to restart practice Monday, Dec. 21, according to an announcement today allowing those activities to resume by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and a plan approved by the MHSAA's Representative Council.

The MHSAA's Football, Girls Volleyball and Girls Swimming & Diving teams and individuals still participating in tournament play will be allowed to do so as part of an MDHHS pilot rapid testing program designed to gain insight and collect data on the spread of COVID-19 as the MDHHS

plans to provide expanded rapid testing availability to schools in January. It is anticipated that specifics and details of the Fall tournament pilot testing program will be coming from the MDHHS.

The Football Playoffs will begin again Saturday, Jan. 2, with Regional Finals for 11-player teams and Semifinals for 8-player teams. The 8-player championship games in both divisions and all 11-player Semifinals will be played the following Saturday, Jan. 9. The football season will conclude with the 11-Player Finals in all divisions the weekend of Jan. 15-16. All Semifinals in both 11 and 8-player will be played at home sites. Sites for championship games will be finalized soon and posted to the MHSAA Website.

The Girls Volleyball Tournament will begin again with Quarterfinals on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Semifinals and Finals



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will be played Jan. 7-9 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The Girls Swimming & Diving Finals with return with its three Lower Peninsula Finals competed during

the weekend of Jan. 15-16 with one division at each of three locations. Diving would be completed Jan. 15, with swimming the following day.

All previous safety proto-

cols remain in place, and no spectators will be allowed at the Fall tournament events

All indoor Winter sports – which are not part of the pilot rapid testing program – remain on pause from the MDHHS until Jan. 16, although girls and boys alpine skiing season – competed outdoors and following safety protocols including all activity must be outdoors – will be allowed to begin practice Monday, Dec. 21. The Council will meet again Tuesday, Dec. 22, to discuss details for the

rest of Winter sports.

All Spring 2021 sports are expected to begin on time and play complete seasons concluding with their traditional MHSAA Tournament dates in May and June.

The Representative Council is the legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five members are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

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

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOP 25

1 GONZAGA (61)	4-0	1,597	13	CREIGHTON	6-2	.773	25	OREGON	6-1	.167	NR
2 BAYLOR (3)	5-0	1,538	14	MISSOURI	5-0	.768	16				
3 KANSAS	7-1	1,426	15	TEXAS TECH	6-2	.661	14	OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: SAN DIEGO STATE 146, RICHMOND 142, SAINT LOUIS 64, ARKANSAS 54, INDIANA 53, CLEMSON 28, FLORIDA 20, GEORGIA 19, COLORADO 13, BYU 9, PURDUE 9, LOUISVILLE 8, NORTHWESTERN 7, UCF 6, MINNESOTA 4, UCLA 3, OKLAHOMA STATE 3, LSU 2, WESTERN KENTUCKY 2, SMU 1			
4 IOWA	6-1	1,365	16	VIRGINIA	3-1	.510	17				
5 VILLANOVA	7-1	1,304	17	NORTH CAROLINA	5-2	.492	22				
6 HOUSTON	5-0	1,272	18	ILLINOIS	5-3	.468	13				
7 WEST VIRGINIA	7-1	1,225	19	MICHIGAN	6-0	.367	25				
8 TENNESSEE	4-0	1,109	20	DUKE	3-2	.352	21				
9 WISCONSIN	6-1	1,051	21	FLORIDA STATE	4-1	.335	15				
10 TEXAS	7-1	1,035	11	XAVIER	8-0	.249	NR				
11 RUTGERS	6-0	.878	19	OHIO STATE	6-1	.245	20				
12 MICHIGAN STATE	6-1	.839	4	VIRGINIA TECH	6-1	.181	NR				

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25

TEAM	RECORD	PTS	PREV.	12 IOWA STATE	845	.8	8-3	25 OREGON	126	NR	4-2
1 ALABAMA (62)	1,550	.1	11-0	13 BYU	779	.14	10-1	OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: OKLAHOMA STATE 115, ARMY 36, BUFFALO 15, UCF 14, MARSHALL 13, BALL STATE 11, WASHINGTON 7, UAB 5, TCU 4, MEMPHIS 2, COLORADO 1			
2 CLEMSON	1,482	.4	10-1	14 NORTH CAROLINA	685	.16	8-3				
3 OHIO STATE	1,424	.3	6-0	15 NORTHWESTERN	666	.15	6-2				
4 NOTRE DAME	1,338	.2	10-1	16 LOUISIANA	642	.17	9-1				
5 TEXAS A&M	1,297	.5	8-1	17 IOWA	556	.18	6-2				
6 CINCINNATI	1,262	.6	9-0	18 MIAMI (FLA.)	475	.19	8-2				
7 INDIANA	1,123	.7	6-1	19 SAN JOSE STATE	372	.25	7-0				
8 OKLAHOMA	1,088	.12	8-2	20 TEXAS	291	.21	6-3				
9 COASTAL CAROLINA	1,024	.9		21 SOUTHERN CAL	276	.13	5-1				
11-0				22 TULSA	274	.20	6-2				
10 FLORIDA	1,001	.11	8-3	23 LIBERTY	207	.22	9-1				
11 GEORGIA	959	.10	7-2	24 NC STATE	181	.24	8-3				

NFL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25				SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27			
MINNESOTA AT NEW ORLEANS	4:30PM	FOX/NFLN		CHICAGO AT JACKSONVILLE	1:00PM	CBS	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26				ATLANTA AT KANSAS CITY	1:00PM	FOX	
TAMPA BAY AT DETROIT	1:00PM	NFLN		INDIANAPOLIS AT PITTSBURGH	1:00PM	CBS	
SAN FRANCISCO AT ARIZONA	4:30PM	AMAZON		CAROLINA AT WASHINGTON	1:00PM	CBS	
MIAMI AT LAS VEGAS	8:15PM	NFLN		CLEVELAND AT NY JETS	1:00PM	CBS	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27				DENVER AT LA CHARGERS	4:05PM	CBS	
NY GIANTS AT BALTIMORE	1:00PM	FOX		LA RAMS AT SEATTLE	4:25PM	FOX	
CINCINNATI AT HOUSTON	1:00PM	FOX		PHILADELPHIA AT DALLAS	4:25PM	FOX	
				TENNESSEE AT GREEN BAY	8:20PM	NBC	

NFL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

AFC EASTW-L-T	AFC SOUTHW-L-T	NFC EASTW-L-T	NFC SOUTHW-L-T
BILLS11-3	TITANS10-4	WASHINGTON6-8	SAINTS10-4
DOLPHINS9-5	COLTS10-4	GIANTS5-9	BUCCANEERS9-5
PATRIOTS6-8	TEXANS4-10	COWBOYS5-9	FALCONS4-10
JETS1-13	JAGUARS1-13	EAGLES4-9-1	PANTHERS4-10
AFC NORTHW-L-T	AFC WESTW-L-T	NFC NORTHW-L-T	NFC WESTW-L-T
STEELERS11-2	CHIEFS13-1	PACKERS11-3	SEAHAWKS10-4
BROWNS10-4	RAIDERS7-7	BEARS7-7	RAMS10-4
RAVENS9-5	BRONCOS5-9	VIKINGS6-8	CARDINALS8-6
BENGALS2-10-1	CHARGERS5-9	LIONS5-9	49ERS5-9

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced that Football playoffs will resume in January.

REGIONAL FINALS

ARE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2ND.

STATE SEMI-FINALS

ARE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 9TH.

STATE FINALS FOR 8-PLAYER DIVISIONS 1 AND 2

ARE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 9TH.

STATE FINALS ARE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 15TH AND 16TH FOR DIVISIONS 1 THROUGH 8.

Here are local teams still in the state tournament.

JANUARY 2

DIVISION 6 REGIONALS

R1 Negaunee (6-3) 22.000 at Grayling (6-3) 26.667 @ Grayling High School - Ferguson Field

JANUARY 2

DIVISION 8 REGIONALS

R1 Johannesburg-Lewiston (9-0) 34.333 at Iron Mountain (8-1) 36.933 @ Mountaineer Stadium - Iron Mountain

JANUARY 2

8-PLAYER DIVISION 1 SEMIFINALS

SF1 Indian River Inland Lakes (8-1) 25.933 at Suttons Bay (9-0) 33.500 @ Suttons Bay High School



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2020 MSHFCA Football Division 5-6 All-State

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has released its 2020 Division 5-6 all-state teams.

DIVISION 5

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Ethan Schmid, Offensive Lineman, Belding
 Cole Wiese, Offensive Lineman, Freeland
 Bo Poljan, Offensive Lineman, Lansing Catholic Central
 Drew Priddy, Offensive Lineman, Olivet
 Logan Horn, Offensive Lineman, Hillsdale
 Kyle Main, Offensive Lineman, Frankenmuth
 Ben Wellnitz, Tight End, Freeland
 Zach Person, Wide Receiver, Kingsford
 Jace Williams, Wide Receiver, Grand Rapids Catholic Central
 Nolan Vanover, Wide Receiver, Monroe Jefferson
 Owen Graves, Running Back, Kingley
 Noah Jones, Running Back, Reed City
 Corey Vanderputte, Running Back, Muskegon Oakridge
 Joey Siveri, Quarterback, Grand Rapids Catholic Central
 Davin Raif, Quarterback, Frankenmuth

2020 MSHFCA Football Division 7-8 All-State

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has released its 2020 Division 7-8 all-state teams.

DIVISION 7

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Blake Smithers, Offensive Lineman, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker
 Toby MacPhee, Offensive Lineman, Bad Axe
 Connor Webb, Offensive Lineman, Schoolcraft
 Dalton Hart, Offensive Lineman, Jackson Lumen Christi
 Tyler Arwood, Offensive Lineman, Burton Bendle
 Zach Patterson, Offensive Lineman, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central
 Lowyind Pullen, Tight End, Homer
 Kenyetta McKeever, Wide Receiver, Detroit Central
 Zach Poff, Wide Receiver, Ithaca
 Josh Sherwood, Wide Receiver, Grass Lake
 Alex Perry, Running Back, Cass City
 Brian Morgan, Running Back, Houghton Lake
 Zach Franzel, Running Back, Sandusky
 Alex Thole, Quarterback, Schoolcraft
 Brady Hessbrook, Quarterback, Ithaca

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Derrick Harmon, Defensive Lineman, Detroit Loyola
 Cam Orr, Defensive Lineman, New Lothrop
 Matt Mahilic, Defensive Lineman, Cass City
 Evan Stephayn, Defensive Lineman, Lawton
 Corey Schafer, Defensive Lineman, Pewamo-Westphalia
 Brody Dalton, Linebacker, Jackson Lumen Christi
 Luke Snyder, Linebacker, Charlevoix
 Jeremy Valesquez, Linebacker, Cass City
 Derek Draher, Linebacker, Ithaca
 Logan Wertman, Linebacker, Pewamo-Westphalia
 Colin Schotts, Defensive Back, North Muskegon
 Dylan Lagrow, Defensive Back, Hemlock
 Connor DeVries, Defensive Back, Lawton
 Trent Reed, Defensive Back, Beaverton
 Danny Witbeck, Defensive Back, Ewart
 Jus, Aôtzy Tuggle, Athlete, Detroit Central
 Jimmy Downs, Athlete, Schoolcraft
 Gabe Rahig, Specialist, North Muskegon

DIVISION 8

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Noah Bauman, Offensive Lineman, Ottawa Lake Whiteford
 Jackson Marsh, Offensive Lineman, Sand Creek
 Devin Runnels, Offensive Lineman, Flint Beecher
 Bryce Middleton, Offensive Lineman, Coleman
 Tommy Runyan, Offensive Lineman, Johannesburg-Lewiston
 Ethan Locke, Offensive Lineman, Beal City
 Kobe Farrow, Tight End, Addison
 Charles Niehaus, Tight End, Royal Oak Shrine Catholic
 Alex Armenio, Wide Receiver, Royal Oak Shrine Catholic
 Dilon Denison, Wide Receiver, Reading
 Will Alexander, Running Back, Sand Creek
 Carson Heleski, Running Back, Uby
 Sheldon Huff, Running Back, Johannesburg-Lewiston
 Porter Mauk, Quarterback, Reading
 Jack Kujawa, Quarterback, Saginaw Nouvel

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Darron Chinery, Defensive Lineman, Saginaw Nouvel
 Brogan Wiler, Defensive Lineman, Reading
 Tommy Beckman, Defensive Lineman, Saugatuck
 John Suran, Defensive Lineman, Clarkston Everest Collegiate
 Ugo Ike, Defensive Lineman, Royal Oak Shrine Catholic
 Garrett Fitzgerald, Linebacker, Breckenridge
 Nicholas Trumble, Linebacker, Addison
 Ethan Eyler, Linebacker, Petersburg-Summerfield
 Dominic Horak, Linebacker, Fowler
 Cole Stone, Linebacker, Carson City-Crystal
 Gabe Rife, Defensive Back, Reading
 Isaac Hein, Defensive Back, Rogers City
 Nicolas Johnson, Defensive Back, Britton Deerfield
 Deonte Redwine, Defensive Back, Flint Beecher
 Dylan Smith, Defensive Back, Hudson
 Riley Hawkins, Athlete, Dansville
 Carson Voss, Specialist, Dansville

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Graham Arndt, Defensive Lineman, Saginaw Swan Valley
 Carl Whipple, Defensive Lineman, Chippewa Hills
 Alex VanSumeren, Defensive Lineman, Essexville Garber
 Ty Schroeder, Defensive Lineman, Dundee
 Mason Shroad, Defensive Lineman, Olivet
 Ben Fordney, Linebacker, Saginaw Swan Valley
 Brady Harrand, Linebacker, Kingsley
 Jacob Danicek, Linebacker, Muskegon Oakridge
 Chandler Murton, Linebacker, Portland
 Ethan Jacobs, Linebacker, Frankenmuth
 Zea Kartes, Defensive Back, Ogemaw Heights
 Nolan Ziegler, Defensive Back, Grand Rapids Catholic Central
 DJ Voltz, Defensive Back, Carrollton
 Alex Watters, Defensive Back, Lansing Catholic Central
 Brock Woodward, Defensive Back, Hillsdale
 Colin Weber, Athlete, Hopkins
 Joey Pizzo, Specialist, Grosse Ile

DIVISION 6

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Tyler Bowles, Offensive Lineman, Clinton
 Walker Martin, Offensive Lineman, Montague
 Cameron Keller, Offensive Lineman, Jonesville
 Jaden Johnson, Offensive Lineman, Muskegon Catholic Central
 Chris Kessler, Offensive Lineman, Montague
 Will Felts, Offensive Lineman, Clinton

Eli Luokkala, Tight End, Negaunee
 Finn Hogan, Wide Receiver, Glen Lake
 Zack Horky, Wide Receiver, Blissfield
 Brayden Clark, Running Back, Constantine
 David Millikin, Running Back, Grayling
 Dylan Everett, Running Back, Montague
 Drew Collins, Quarterback, Montague
 Bobby Skinner, Quarterback, Montrose

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Cameron Roetherford, Defensive Lineman, Warren Michigan Collegiate
 Hunter Potier, Defensive Lineman, Gladstone
 Lucas Gillespie, Defensive Lineman, Harrison
 Boe Eckman, Defensive Lineman, Constantine
 Andrew Kanary, Defensive Lineman, Grayling
 Jon Bouchey, Linebacker, Clare
 Isaac Hall, Linebacker, Constantine
 Gavin Fazi, Linebacker, Buchanan
 Garrett Mann, Linebacker, Ishpeming Westwood
 Brayden Randolph, Linebacker, Clinton
 Gabe Gouin, Defensive Back, Niles Brandywine
 Brendan Callahan, Defensive Back, Millington
 Owen Emmendorfer, Defensive Back, Montrose
 Tommy Kartes, Defensive Back, Muskegon Catholic Central
 Davey Campbell, Defensive Back, Clinton
 Brock Holek, Specialist, Durand
 Andrew Kooi, Athlete, Montague

Real Estate Feature Property

SPACIOUS HOME ON THREE ACRES BETWEEN BOYNE CITY AND EAST JORDAN



BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing offers northern country living at its best with a charming and spacious home on three acres of property just a few miles from both Boyne City and East Jordan.

This three bedroom, one-and-a-half bath home has approximately 2,100 square feet of nicely designed space on the main floor and walkout basement level. The floor plan features an open living, dining and kitchen layout ideal for family living as well as entertain-

ing. The living room has a beautiful brick fireplace and all of the bedrooms are generously sized. A family room with tongue and groove wood walls on the basement level is a great spot for a media center, game room or for the kids to play. This home was recently upgraded to an efficient and comfortable force air natural gas furnace system.

Outdoors, the gorgeous grounds offer breathtaking views of the northern countryside. In addition to the attached two-car garage there is a large pole building on the property to ac-

commodate lots of extra storage needs. A wonderful bonus is an outdoor gazebo/dining area and a very cool play structure both just a few steps away from the home.

This spacious home on three acres is located at 2562 Healey between Boyne City and East Jordan, and it is listed at \$239,900. 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@cbgreatlakes.com.



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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

The Official Zoning Map as described in Section 48-182 of Article III of the East Jordan Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to provide that the following properties be rezoned from C-1 (Local Commercial) to R-1 (Single Family Residential). The legal description of the rezoned property is fully described on the tax rolls for the following parcel numbers:

15-053-629-004-00
15-053-628-012-00
15-053-628-013-00
15-053-628-008-00
15-053-628-006-00
15-053-628-014-00
15-053-628-010-00
15-053-629-003-00
15-053-023-080-10

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: REID, PECK, SHERMAN, TIMMONS, JOHNSON, HAWLEY, AND PENZIEN

Nays: NONE
Abstain: NONE
Absent: NONE

Introduced: DECEMBER 1, 2020
Adopted: DECEMBER 15, 2020
Published: DECEMBER 24, 2020
Effective: DECEMBER 31, 2020

Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MiPMC
City Clerk

Offered by: Johnson
Supported by: Reid

ORDINANCE # 143-X

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

The Official Zoning Map as described in Section 48-182 of Article III of the East Jordan Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to provide that the following properties be rezoned from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Multiple Family). The legal description of the rezoned property is fully described on the tax rolls for the following parcel numbers:

15-053-026-017-00
15-053-026-014-20
15-053-026-011-15
15-053-026-022-50
15-053-026-005-10
15-053-026-021-50
15-053-026-023-15
15-053-026-019-15
15-053-026-019-10
15-053-023-086-00
15-053-023-081-00
15-053-026-001-00
15-053-026-002-00
15-053-026-003-00
15-053-026-004-00
15-053-998-001-00
15-053-026-009-00
15-053-026-014-15
15-053-026-010-00

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: PECK, TIMMONS, JOHNSON, HAWLEY, SHERMAN, REID, AND PENZIEN

Nays: NONE
Abstain: NONE
Absent: NONE

Introduced: DECEMBER 1, 2020
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Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MiPMC
City Clerk

Offered by: Hawley
Supported by: Johnson

ORDINANCE # 143-W

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

The Official Zoning Map as described in Section 48-182 of Article III of the East Jordan Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to provide that the following properties be rezoned from R-3 (Multiple Family) to R-1 (Single Family Residential). The legal description of the rezoned property is fully described on the tax rolls for the following parcel numbers:

15-053-022-005-10
15-053-022-018-00
15-053-022-014-10
15-053-022-013-00
15-053-022-012-00
15-053-700-001-50

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: JOHNSON, PECK, REID, SHERMAN, TIMMONS, HAWLEY, AND PENZIEN

Nays: NONE
Abstain: NONE
Absent: NONE

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2010 Dodge Journey R/T AWD, tow pkg. Sale Price \$7,995. As low as \$229 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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Charlevoix County Commissioners Synopsis ~ December 9, 2020

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met on December 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Absent: George T. Lasater.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #20-117, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved to accept Michael Buttigieg, Planning Commission, resignation.

Board acted on various committee appointments.

Board of Commissioners Organizational meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion approved Resolution #20-118, Employee Co-Insurance.

Motion approved Resolution #20-119, Adopt the Annual Exemption Option as Set Forth in 2011 Public Act 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

Motion approved Resolution #20-120, Boiler Repairs.

Motion approved Resolution #20-121, Re-monumentation Grant Application for 2021.

Motion approved Resolution #20-122, Agreement for Extension Services.

Motion approved Resolution #20-123, Veterans Affairs Travel and Reimbursement Policy.

Motion approved Resolution #20-124, Veterans Affairs Emergency Fund.

Motion approved Resolution #20-125, Senior Center Steam Table Replacement.

Motion approved Resolution #20-126, Senior Center Convection Oven Replacement.

Motion approved to waive the rules to address entering into an Interlocal Designated Assessor Agreement.

Motion approved the Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #20-127, Designated Assessor Fee Schedule.

Motion approved Resolution #20-128, EGLE Construction Permit Application for Whiting Park.

Motion approved Resolution #20-129, Increasing the Number of Reservable Campsites at Whiting Park.

Motion approved Resolution #20-130, Beaver Island Recycling.

Motion approved Resolution #20-131, Project Authorization Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners FY2018 Section 5311 Capital Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program and Surface Transportation Program.

Motion approved Resolution #20-132, Declaring and Approving a Local State of Emergency within Charlevoix County.

Motion approved Resolution #20-133, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Board members presented their liaison reports. The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 12:07 p.m. Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website: www.charlevoix-county.org.

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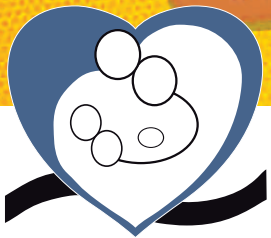
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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

On December 21, The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 70 new cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (20), Emmet (13), and Otsego (36) counties for Saturday, December 19th through Monday, December 21st. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Over the weekend the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted in favor of recommendations for the remainder of Phase 1 vaccinations, establishing Phases 1b and 1c.

Phase 1b - Adults age 75 and older, and frontline workers key to societal functioning such as teachers, police officers, fire fighters, prison officers and grocery store workers, should be prioritized. This stage may start in January 2021.

Phase 1c - Adults 65 and older, people with underlying medical conditions that put them at higher risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19, and other essential non-frontline workers including those who work in construction, waste, trucking and food service. This stage may start in February 2021.

These estimates are based on anticipated vaccine availability, and the CDC phased allocation estimates. We will continue to provide updates on vaccine availability and distribution as the information becomes available.

"We are excited to have begun vaccinating those in our first priority group 1a in our counties," stated Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "Getting through the tiers is going to take time and we are asking the community members and business to have patience. We are not ready to schedule appointments outside of this specific process yet. The public should continue to watch our website, social media sites, and daily/weekly updates to stay informed!"

As of 4 pm on December 21, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim - 578, Charlevoix - 830, Emmet - 1,182, Otsego - 990

Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim - 355, Charlevoix - 493, Emmet - 773, Otsego - 628

Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim - 7, Charlevoix - 9, Emmet - 32, Otsego - 20

The State of Michigan is reporting 463,403 cases and 11,532 deaths; and as of December 18th, cumulative recovered cases: 284,731.

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