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## McLaren nurse manager earns Donation Champion award

*Gift of Life Michigan honors Charlevoix woman for work with donor families*

Petoskey, MI – Kathi St. Pierre does everything in her power to make sure organ and tissue donors are treated with the respect and honor they deserve and their families have plenty of keepsakes to remember these heroes.

St. Pierre, a clinical nurse manager who works at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, has shown she cares deeply for donors and their families through the policies she's helped enact at the hospital and her interactions with patients. She is one of 15 individuals and three hospitals to be honored with a 2020 Do-



Kathi St. Pierre is one of 15 individuals and three hospitals to be honored with a 2020 Donation Champion Award from Gift of Life Michigan.

nation Champion Award from Gift of Life Michigan.

"I do have a very strong passion for Gift of Life. It

helped me reconnect with why I do what I do," said St. Pierre, who has been a nurse since 1988. "For me it was being able to offer a tiny bit of hope in a tragic situation that you could sometimes offer to a family, or you can give a family a small bit of hope that there could be something good that could come from a horrible situation."

St. Pierre heads a team of SWAT nurses who respond to every critical case in the hospital and the emergency department. They are trained to handle any kind of emergency, from heart attacks to strokes to traumatic injuries – SWAT, in this instance, stands for Skilled With All Things. They also work with and console families if their attempts to save a patient is unsuccessful.

Last year, St. Pierre and

Michelle Rushing, manager of the Intensive Care Unit at McLaren Northern, developed an Honor Walk policy to honor donors; during an Honor Walk, staff members line the hallways while a donor is taken to the operating room where their organs and tissue will be recovered. It's a sign of respect for their ultimate gift, and it helps both the family and staff.

She also creates memory boxes for donor families. These may contain a Gift of Life flag, which is first flown outside to honor the donor, black and white photos of patients' hands entwined with family members' hands, Petoskey stones, locks of hair, tiny glass bottle with a copy of heart rhythm strip printed on it – so they can take their loved one's heartbeat home – and other things that reflect what staff

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## Charlevoix County Transit received Heros In Motion Award

On November 10th, Charlevoix County Transit's Director Jill Drury and several staff members accepted the Heros In Motion Award from the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) and Toyota USA. The award was presented to four transit agencies for their innovation and dedication to community during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Upon accepting the award, Drury stated, "We are honored to be recognized for the service we provide to our communities. Like many transit agencies, Charlevoix County Transit adapted quickly and began providing non-traditional transit services such as food and prescription deliveries to our county residents."

Drury thanked CTAA for their work on behalf of rural and small urban transit agencies and Toyota USA for their support of public transit. "So many



On November 10th, Charlevoix County Transit's Director Jill Drury and several staff members accepted the Heros In Motion Award from the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) and Toyota USA. Transit has provided passenger transportation services to Charlevoix County residents since 1980. Courtesy photo Courtesy Photos

transit agencies across our country are working hard during this pandemic and we thank you for being chosen for this award."

During the award introduction it was noted that Charlevoix County Transit officials noticed that grocery delivery was not being utilized due to consumers having to use a web-based program or app to order



groceries. That observation spearheaded discussions between Transit and Commission on Aging and culminated in a new Grocery Ordering and Delivery Service which will begin in early December. Initially the service will be available to anyone in the community and once we're in a post-pandemic climate, there will likely be eligibil-

ity criteria established for the service.

Charlevoix County Transit has provided passenger transportation services to Charlevoix County residents since 1980. For more information about transit's services, call 231.582.6900 or email info@cctransit.org.

## Unemployment Benefits Scam Alert

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel today issued an important alert advising residents to be aware of a current scam taking advantage of claimants who are collecting unemployment benefits.

Claimants are receiving an email from a Gmail account that appears to be from the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) asking for personal information. The scammer is also attaching what looks like an actual communication from

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## weather forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HIGH: 37 LOW: 31	HIGH: 37 LOW: 28	HIGH: 40 LOW: 30	HIGH: 36 LOW: 26

## snowfall

2019-20	AMT"	CITY	2020-21	AMT"	CITY
12/2/19	6.5	ATLANTA	11/30/20	1.2	ATLANTA
12/2/19	5	BOYNE FALLS	11/30/20	1	BOYNE FALLS
12/2/19	11.6	CHARLEVOIX	11/30/20	0.3	CHARLEVOIX
12/2/19	9.4	CHEBOYGAN	11/30/20	1.1	CHEBOYGAN
12/2/19	22.1	EAST JORDAN	11/30/20	2.2	EAST JORDAN
12/2/19	35.4	GAYLORD	11/30/20	13.4	GAYLORD
12/2/19	37.9	KALKASKA	11/30/20	12.5	KALKASKA
12/2/19	13.5	LEWISTON	11/30/20	0.1	LEWISTON
12/2/19	15.3	MIO	11/30/20	3.5	MIO
12/2/19	13.1	ONAWAY	11/30/20	2.6	ONAWAY
12/2/19	19.2	PETOSKEY	11/30/20	4.9	PETOSKEY

## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 3	23°	37°	-1° (1976)	64° (1982)
DEC 4	23°	37°	-2° (1966)	60° (1951)
DEC 5	23°	37°	-10° (1964)	62° (2001)
DEC 6	22°	36°	-14° (1964)	64° (2001)
DEC 7	22°	36°	-4° (1954)	51° (1988)
DEC 8	22°	36°	-2° (1977)	53° (1990)
DEC 9	21°	35°	-3° (1962)	52° (1952)
DEC 10	21°	35°	-2° (1977)	51° (1971)
DEC 11	21°	35°	-2° (1995)	55° (1971)
DEC 12	20°	34°	-13° (1989)	56° (1949)

## OBITUARIES

### Janet Marie Harris, 82

(APRIL 18, 1938 - NOV. 26, 2020)

Janet Marie Harris of Boyne City died peacefully November 26, 2020 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.



Janet was born April 18, 1938, in Charlevoix to Alfred and Sadie Allison. A lifelong resident of Boyne City, Janet loved the Ramblers and her Detroit Tigers. She enjoyed bowling, gardening, canning and summer backyard barbecues with all of her family.

Janet leaves behind her sons Mark (Cindy Belford-Lamacchia) Harris of Boyne City and Mike (Gena) Harris of Bittsburg, Germany; her sister Shirlene Tripp of Charlevoix.

She was a proud grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Janet was preceded in death by her husband John, and her daughter Marcia.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Charlevoix Count Humane Society.

### Ralph Edward Towne, 82

(AUG. 2, 1938 - NOV. 23, 2020)

Ralph Towne of Boyne Falls passed away on November 23rd. Born on August 2, 1938. The oldest of five children to the late Jim and Sophie (Krchak) Towne.

He is survived by his wife Geneva of 60 years. Together they had three children, Debbie (Neal) Wilson of East Jordan, Tom (Sarah) Towne of Boyne Falls, and Sandy (Scott) Beal of East Jordan, eleven grandchildren Denzil (Cheltzi) Wilson, Chad (Amy) Wilson, Coleman Wilson, Aron (Heather) Stackus, Tracy Towne, Haley Towne, Grace Beal, Max Beal, nine great-grandchildren; his sister Kathy Leist, brother Bill (Michelle) Towne, brother-in-law John (late Patricia) Elzinga, Pat (late John) Jarema; many nieces and nephews. Along with several close cousins.

His family was everything to him. Celebrating holidays, birthdays and family reunions. He had a love for school sports, watching his grandchildren play various sports, along with watching local high schools sports. A loyal U of M and Detroit Tiger fan. He loved having coffee with the old gang from Robert's. He played several years of fast pitch softball making many great friendships and memories. He also loved playing golf and hunting with his son Tom.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, his infant brother Shirley Emil, and younger sister Patricia.

A celebration of life will be held in the Spring of 2021.

A private viewing was held for immediate family members earlier this week.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Ralph are encouraged to do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

### Bonnie Jean Johnson, 73

(JAN. 19, 1947 - NOV. 22, 2020)

Bonnie Jean Johnson passed away in the evening on Sunday November 22, 2020

after her long battle against Parkinson's, which is over at last.

Bonnie was born on January 19, 1947 in Waverly, Pennsylvania and grew up in Elmira, New York.

She is survived by two loving children: Patricia Johnson of Payson, Arizona, and Charles Johnson Jr. of Charlevoix, and her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bonnie will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but draw comfort knowing that she is at rest in her heavenly home.

At this time funeral arrangements are pending. Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home.

### Clifford Baker, III, 25

(NOV. 28, 1995 - NOV. 28, 2020)

Clifford Baker III of Boyne City died November 28th unexpectedly at home.



He was born November 28, 1995 in Petoskey, the son of Clifford Jr and Sue (Sevenski) Baker.

He attended Boyne Falls High School and graduated in 2014. Clifford worked at Robert's Restaurant, Charlevoix County Road Commission and Drost Landscaping.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, 4 wheeling and his dog Daisy.

Clifford is survived by his parents Clifford Jr and Sue Baker. He also leaves his grandparents Clifford and Maryann Baker, also of Boyne City; Grandfather Jack Sevenski and wife Diane of Elmira; two brothers Chris & Steven and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Preceded in death by his Grandmother LulaBell Sevenski and Uncle, John Sevenski of Elmira.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, December 4th with viewing at 10:00 am and the service beginning at 11:00 am at Walloon Lake Community Church in Walloon Lake. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Funerary Home of East Jordan.

### Ardeeth Wieland, 92

(JUNE 29, 1928 - NOV. 30, 2020)

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. Life is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."



George Bernard Shaw -

Ardeeth M. (Howe) Wieland of Charlevoix passed away at her home on November 30, 2020. Ardeeth was born June 29, 1928 and was the daughter of Leslie and Ida (Milton) Howe of Horton Bay. She attended the Undine and Boyne City Schools and graduated from Michigan State College in 1949 with a B.S. in Physical Education.

In June of 1955 she married Thomas Wieland of Charlevoix. Ardeeth grew up on a farm on the shores of Lake Charlevoix. She worked with her in-laws and her

brother in law's family on Wieland Dairy Farms and Wieland Coldway Farms in Ellsworth and Charlevoix from 1955 to 2005. Ardeeth was a lifelong member of the Michigan Farm Bureau where she served in a variety of capacities to support agriculture and farm families. She was a member of the Barnard Community Action group and was proud of her activism to help assure that women had equal standing in the organization.

Ardeeth's mother, before her untimely death, instilled a value that would shape her young daughter's life. She told her, "Your good education can never be taken away from you." It was Ardeeth's respect and love for her mother that lead her to become a teacher, just as her mother had been. From 1949-1957 Ardeeth taught in Indian River, Boyne City and Petoskey schools. Later she occasionally served as a substitute teacher and in 1970 she "retired" to her other full time jobs of farmwife and mother.

Starting in 1974, for the next 32 years, Ardeeth served on the Charlevoix School Board and had the privilege of handing diplomas to hundreds of students, including each of her own 4 children. Over the years she enjoyed many treasured friendships with teachers, administrators, and fellow board members. She shared that she considered her school board service to be the most rewarding experience of her life.

Ardeeth was a member of the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and Charlevoix Pool Committees and a member of the Barnard United Methodist Church. She cherished her neighbors and friends in the Barnard Community who continued to enrich her life until she passed.

She is survived by her 4 children: Tammy (Bob) Leake of Roy, Utah; Wendy (Alan Walls) Wieland of Charlevoix & Sault St. Marie, Ontario; Janna Wieland (Tom Bradley) of Charlevoix; & Tim (Amy) Wieland of Charlevoix, by her sister Arvilla Bates of Williamsville, NY, by her brother-in-law Richard Wieland of Englewood, FL and her nieces and nephews, Kathy Ruis, Joni, Lyndon and Sue Wieland, Christopher and Leslie Bates.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tom, her son-in-law Bruce Novak, her sisters Elinor Speigl, and Vonda McConnell, and her brothers-in-law Larry Speigl, Terry McConnell, and William Bates.

The family would like to thank her numerous dedicated caregivers including, Lisa, Brenda, Anneke, Danielle, Sally, Sue, Patricia, Alisa, Ashley, and Diane and her medical staff.

Mortensen Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling arrangements and tributes can be added at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com) A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to the "Rayder Endowment Fund" (providing funding for Charlevoix schools special activities), at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, PO Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727,

<https://www.c3f.org/all-about-giving/online-donation-form.html> or by calling 231-536-2440.

### Denise Lorraine Shooks, 68

(MARCH 18, 1952 - NOV. 28, 2020)

Denise Lorraine Shooks of Central Lake passed away November 28, 2020 at Munson. She was born March 18, 1952 in Detroit the daughter of Robert and Marilyn (Grabe) Cary.



She graduated from Redford High School in 1970 and worked at S. S. Kresge. She also worked at Antrim County Community Mental Health, Central Lake Public Schools and Belltower Reformed Church.

Denise was very involved in the community. She was a member of the Central Lake Lioness, Central Lake Historical Society and Eastern Star. She volunteered with the Girl Scouts, the Cub/Boy Scouts, the Genealogy Club at school, and Rainbow Girls. Denise enjoyed making wedding and birthday cakes with Darla and Cheri Shooks.

In retirement, Denise liked to travel to see her friends and family. She would often drive her friends and family to appointments. She loved to go shopping and amassed quite the collection of cherry themed items.

Denise was a longtime, proud member of the Belltower Reformed Church where she and her husband Cal Shooks were married 43 years ago.

Surviving are her sons Matthew (Stephanie) Shooks of Columbus, OH and Daniel Shooks of Ft. Worth, TX, grandchildren Luke, Jacob, and Abigail Shooks, brother Dean (Pam Matson) Cary and sister Sharon (Jerry Tornga) Earle, brother in law Bryan (Barb) Shooks, sister in law Cindy (Randy) Ruis, nieces and nephews Conor Cary, Kevin (Alison) Cary, Adam Cary, Nicole (Ron) Johnson, Andrea Earle, Scott (Julie) Papineau, Amanda (Jeff) Skeel, Beth (John) Tutor, Brad Ruis, and several great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Cal.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 3rd from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Private funeral services will be held at the Belltower Reformed Church and interment will be in Southern Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be given to the Good Samaritan Family Services, Moms and Tots, PO BOX 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

### Barbara Dowty, 88

(MARCH 10, 1932 - NOV. 26, 2020)

Barbara Anne Jean Dowty (Anderson), loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother, passed away on November 26, 2020.



Barbara was born on March 10, 1932 to parents Joseph and Una Anderson in Detroit, MI. She grew up alongside her older brother, Robert Anderson, in Detroit and attended Mackenzie High

School. Barbara married her high school sweetheart, Lavern Dowty, on September 6, 1952 and together they had three children; Janis, Paul, and Allen. Barbara was a devoted wife and mother, spending much of her life as a homemaker in Grosse Ile, MI. After their children were grown, Lavern and Barbara relocated to their vacation home in Charlevoix in 1990. Lavern preceded her in death on May 4, 1996.

Barbara was very musically gifted. She sang in numerous church and community choirs throughout her life. She loved to use her gift of song in worship and her Christian faith was very important in her life. Barbara had a compassionate heart for service. She was a dedicated volunteer in numerous church positions, schools as a reading aid, and passionate about supporting our troops. She had a deep love for family pets, even going so far as to bring the cat and dogs on their sailboat trips in Lake Huron. Barbara was an impeccable hostess who loved to throw parties and celebrate with her family and friends. She will be remembered for her cheerful smile and always having a homemade treat to serve anyone who entered her house.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Janis (Jim) Victor of Arizona; sons, Paul Dowty of Nevada and Allen (Julie) Dowty of Boyne City; grandchildren, Justin (Maisie) Dowty of Spring Lake and Jessica (Alexander) Fountain of Marquette; great grandchildren, Liam Wester of Spring Lake and Hazyl Marshall of Spring Lake; and nieces Kathy and Judy. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, and husband.

A private graveside ceremony with close family will be held on December 4, 2020 through Mortensen's Funeral Home. A public memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Donations to honor her life may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardley St, Boyne City, MI 49712.

### Joseph E. McCleese Jr., 54

(OCT. 31, 1966 - NOV. 25, 2020)

Joseph E. McCleese Jr. of Bellaire, formerly of Boyne City, passed away on November 25, 2020 at home.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

### Deanne Balch, 78

(JUNE 20, 1942 - NOV. 22, 2020)

Deanne Bartlett Balch passed away on November 22, 2020 at Mid-Michigan Midland Hospital. She was born in Charlevoix, Michigan on June 20, 1942, to Luella "Tut" (Cunningham) and Gordon Bartlett.

On April 15, 1961, Deanne married Ronald "Bud" Balch. They continued to make Charlevoix their home throughout their fifty-three years of married life and passed their love of Charlevoix on to their two daughters, Bambi Lynn

(Butch) Potter and Stephanie Ann Balch-Kelly (Dan).

Deanne was a 1960 graduate of Charlevoix High School and briefly attended Davenport Business School in Grand Rapids. She worked in the business arena throughout her life including various positions at area banks and several years in the Charlevoix City Clerk's office. Following her retirement from Charlevoix State Bank in 2005, Deanne and Bud enjoyed traveling and liked to spend some time each winter in the South.

At various times throughout her life, Deanne enjoyed playing golf and tennis, camping, playing cards and games and loved listening to music and watching old movies. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Charlevoix Elks and the Charlevoix Historical Society. In earlier years, she assisted in creating a Charlevoix Co-Op Nursery School, was an officer of the Charlevoix Women's Club and a Red Cross volunteer.

Deanne is survived by her daughters and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-three years and her parents.

The family would like to give special thanks to those who helped out during Deanne's last months: Jan Olach, Janet Beattie, Jeanne Davis, Birdie Whitley, Georgia Boyer, Fred and Helen Allen, and Don Heise. Your friendship and compassion truly meant the world to us all.

A memorial service for Deanne will be held in the Spring of 2021.

The family suggests that memorial contributions in Deanne's honor be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardley St., Boyne City, MI 49712 or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

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# Connections Program Awarded Certification

The Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation (CHIR) Community Connections program was certified by the Pathways Community HUB Institute following a rigorous review of program services, policies and procedures, and evaluation methods.

Community Connections is key to the CHIR's goal to remove barriers to basic needs like healthy food, affordable housing, transportation options, and health insurance and medical referral, among many others. "We help residents find—and use—resources in the community,"



said Jenifer Murray who directs the program, operated in partnership with four local health departments across 21 counties. "These 'social determinants of health' are as important to good health as routine medical care." There is no charge to participate in Community Connections and all are eligible regardless of income or insurance status. The program uses evi-



dence-based "Pathways" or a step-by-step process for each need families are experiencing. For example, to close the Behavioral Health Pathway, clients must make and keep at least three appointments with a mental health provider because research shows they are likely to continue treatment. Sometimes a Pathway cannot be closed because the needed resource

is not available in the community. "That is important information for community groups in the CHIR working to address social determinants of health at the sector or system level," Murray said.

A University of Michigan evaluation of Community Connections earlier this year reported that families find staff persistent, dedicated, friendly, and accepting. Furthermore, the vast majority of clients felt their experience working with Community Connections had a positive impact on their future, such as their ability to

secure community services themselves and to support their own health.

About 1,200 use Community Connections each year. "It's more important than ever", said Jane Sundmacher, the CHIR's Executive Director. "Since the pandemic began, we've seen marked increase in resident needs for healthy food, health insurance, and financial assistance. Many new clients have never used social services before."

For more information about the CHIR, please visit [www.northernmichiganchir.org](http://www.northernmichiganchir.org). To schedule an

appointment with a navigator, call the Community Connections HUB for your county of residence.

District Health Department #10, Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana and Wexford. 1-888-217-3904, (select option 3).

Northwest Michigan HUB, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego. 1-800-432-4121.

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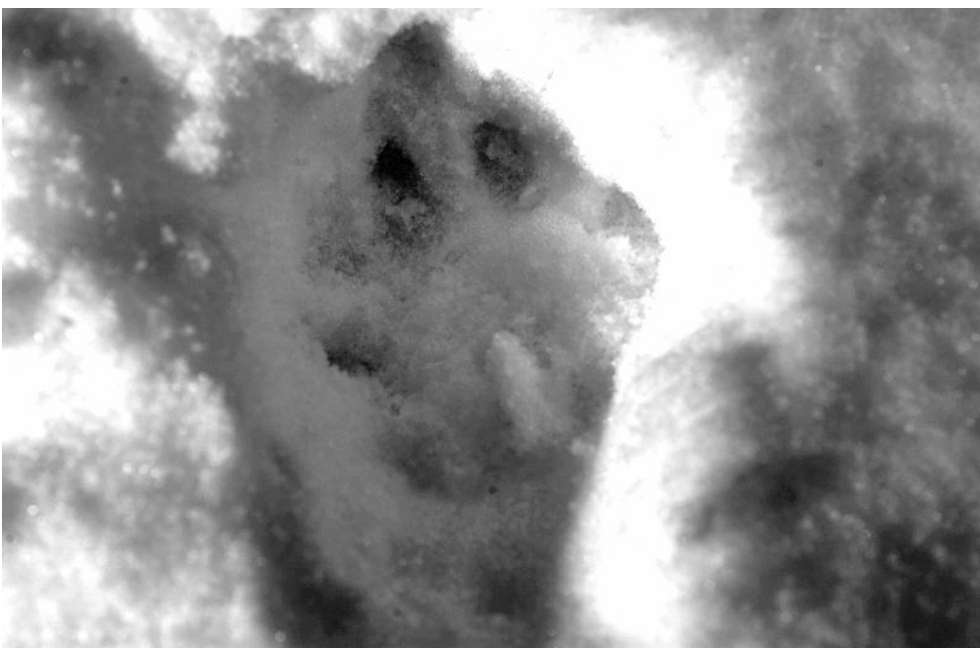
## Following tracks in snow is winter challenge

Everything looks a little different with a blanket of freshly fallen snow, and some things – like animal tracks – become even easier to see. It might be challenging to spot Michigan's more elusive critters, but many do leave clues behind. That's one reason winter is a fun time to get out and explore different habitats.

Tracking wildlife can be done at any time of the year, but snow makes a great backdrop for animal tracks. If there's no snow, wet sand, soil or mud works well, too.

"Figuring out which species produced the tracks you find is like solving a puzzle and can be done readily with the right book or tracks chart," said Hannah Schauer, a wildlife communications and education coordinator with the DNR Wildlife Division. She pointed to some sketches of animal tracks available online to get started.

"Key in on the overall shape and size of the track, if you can, and try to distinguish the number of toes the animal has," Schauer said. "Raccoons show 'fingers' not unlike our own. Beavers have webbed feet. Deer have a familiar two-hooved print, while most



Animal tracks are easier to spot in fresh snow. Here is a paw print from a bobcat. (courtesy of DNR)

birds have three toes pointing forward and one facing backward."

Hopping and walking patterns can help, too. Looking for claw marks also can help you determine whether you're looking at cat tracks (such as bobcat), which lack the claw marks shown by dogs (like fox and coyote).

Other tips:  
• Take a journal and camera to document tracks and other observations, like

where tracks start or stop.  
• A ruler can help track measurements, which can point to species.

No matter where you search for tracks – there are plenty of wildlife watching opportunities at state wildlife/game areas, in recreation areas or in local communities – grab your skis, snowshoes or muck boots and get out there!



Bird tracks and other animal footprints are easier to spot against freshly fallen snow. (courtesy of DNR)

## Charlevoix County Transit adds Senior and Emergency Grocery Service

Charlevoix County Transit announced today that a Senior and Emergency Grocery Ordering/Delivery Service is being added to the services offered by the County's Transit.

"While delivery of items such as food pantry boxes, prescriptions and senior meals was well received, the grocery delivery was not widely used during the early months of the pandemic", stated Transit Director Jill Drury. One of the drawbacks that transit officials noticed was that for curbside pickup available for groceries an individual needed to place their order via a smartphone or web-based application. During the height of the shutdown, the website and app ordering was time consuming and problematic for many and therefore transit didn't see many requests grocery delivery.

The expansion of the Transit's delivery program will provided assistance to those needing help with ordering their groceries. County residents who would like to use the Grocery Ordering/Delivery Program can call Program Coordinator at 231.497.1430 on designated shopping days to place their grocery order. The program coordinator will then input the order with the caller, take payment information (credit/debit card) and then

place the order as well as scheduling the grocery delivery in transit's scheduling system. This program is currently limited to in-county grocery stores utilizing the store shopping app.

Designated days/times for orders to be placed:

Monday	1:30-3:00pm
Tuesday	9:00-10:00am and 1:30-3:00pm
Wednesday	1:30-3:00pm
Thursday	9:00-10:00am and 1:30-2:30pm

While this program initially focused on helping our county's aging population, with a surge in COVID cases and the flu season upon us, transit officials felt this was a worthwhile community service that should be offered to anyone who is in need of help or worried about going into stores. Charlevoix County's Commission on Aging will assist the Charlevoix County Transit with getting information about this program out to the county's aging population as well as continue to assist those over 60 years old with transit fares for in-county rides as well as out-of-county medical appointments.

For more information about Transit rides or the free delivery services offered, please call 231.582.6900 between 7:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

**Monday, November 9, 2020**  
0849 Report of lost wallet over weekend  
1019 Assist EMS in the 500 block of N Lake St  
1558 Health and safety concern at the corner of Lincoln and Park  
1729 Abandoned vehicle in the 1300 block of Pleasant Ave.  
1729 Intoxicated subject in the Avalanche Parking Lot  
1801 Report of a skateboarder being reckless at S. Lake St and Main St.  
1838 Arrested subject for QUID in the 400 block of N Park St  
1958 Citation issued for no Insurance on Boyne City

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**  
0805 Suspicious situation in the 300 block of E Division St  
**Wednesday, November 11, 2020**  
0951 Stalking complaint in the 700 block of Vogel. Trespass warning issued.  
1402 Civil dispute in the 400 block of N East St.  
1425 Parking complaint on Ray St.  
1442 Report of lost wallet  
1730 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St  
2101 Could hear yelling in Veterans Park.

**Thursday, November 12, 2020**  
0819 Citation issued for speed on Boyne Ave in front of the school.  
1258 Arrested subject for retail fraud in the 400 block of N Lake St.  
1349 Arrested subject for Driving while license revoked on N. Park near North St.  
1417 Retail Fraud in the 100 block of E Water St.  
1504 Report of new phone fraud. Company claiming to be Boyne City Medical Alarms, offering to send free alarm  
2052 Suspicious situation

**Friday, November 13, 2020**  
0825 Citation issued for Speed at Brockway St. and Beardsley St.  
1146 Report of missing 18 year old  
1206 Assist Sheriff Dept. in the 300 block of E division St.  
1616 Investigation of previous domestic violence incident on Voice St  
1825 Larceny of signs in the 900 block of Wilson St.  
2214 Report of intoxicated subjects in the roadway at Boyne Ave and Lincoln. Located subjects who had already made it

**Saturday, November 14, 2020**  
0833 Report of dead deer on Cozy Nook Ln.  
0944 Welfare check requested on E. Lincoln St  
1243 Private property damage crash on North St  
1300 Assist citizen at the football game  
1815 Threats complaint in the 800 block of Thompson St.  
1822 Civil dispute on Pleasant Av  
2246 Intoxicated subject

**Sunday, November 15, 2020**  
1511 Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St.  
1635 Report of someone spitting on cars in the 300 block of E Division St.  
1645 Tree down in the roadway at Jefferson and Collings  
2111 Health and safety issue at the west end of North St.  
2152 Attempt suicide in the 400 block of Vogel.

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## Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan extends no-cost COVID-19 treatment through March 31

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network will continue to waive cost sharing for members who are diagnosed and treated for COVID-19 through March 31, 2021. This extension of a temporary benefit, originally set to expire on Dec. 31, ensures members will not pay out-of-pocket costs – copays, deductibles or coinsurance – for the medical care associated with COVID-19. The temporary waiver ap-

plies to all commercial and Medicare Advantage plans offered by Blue Cross and Blue Care Network. Members have not had to pay cost sharing for COVID-19 treatment since March 2020 when the first cases of COVID-19 were announced in Michigan. BCBSM has paid more than \$25 million to support these cost-share waivers. More than 55,000 members have had their COVID-19 treatment cost share waived through Sep-

tember 30, 2020, and the number continues to grow. "Since the early days of the public health emergency, Blue Cross has stood behind our members, removing barriers in access to care and making sure their health care is affordable," said BCBSM president and CEO Daniel J. Loepp. As an enterprise, BCBSM has put more than \$1.3 billion behind a multifaceted response to the COVID-19 crisis, including more than

\$230 million behind COVID treatment. The company is posting information on its blog – [www.MIBluesPerspectives.com](http://www.MIBluesPerspectives.com) – and website – [www.bcbsm.com/coronavirus](http://www.bcbsm.com/coronavirus) – to inform customers and members of the latest on the national impact of coronavirus and provide counsel on what to do and where to seek care if members come down with symptoms.

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## EAST JORDAN OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

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

## CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX LADIES NIGHT

December 9, 10am-8pm. Hosted by Downtown Charlevoix, Cherry Republic of Charlevoix and Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. The holidays look different this year and shopping local is more important than ever before! This year's event will last all day and various shops will be offering specials. Part of the fun is to fill out a wish list at your favorite stores to make gift giving easy for your loved ones! This is also your chance to participate in the Gift Local Holiday Shopping Contest - you could win up to \$500 in downtown dollars. Visit [downtown-charlevoix.com](http://downtown-charlevoix.com) for more info.

## 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](mailto:farmersmarket@boynecity.com)

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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

## EAST JORDAN WIFI LOCATIONS

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

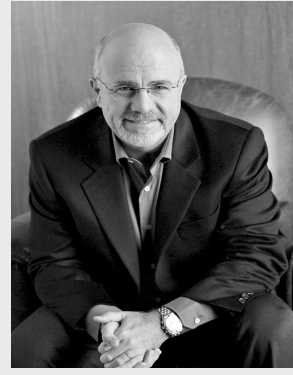
Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/re-

# DAVE Says

(Patience, determination... and time)

Dear Dave,  
One of my resolutions this year was to start living on a budget, and gain control of my money. I never realized how easy it would be to get discouraged early on. Can you give me some encouragement to help make my financial resolutions stick in 2021?

Collin  
Dear Collin,  
The secret to making a goal into a reality is getting started. It's really that simple. You also have to be realistic and accept the fact that nothing—especially things you've never done before—works out perfectly



Dave Ramsey

the first time around. That leads to the next step, which is patience. Most people think about losing 20 pounds, and immediately feel it needs to happen in the next month or so. It doesn't. And mostly likely, it won't. Like almost everything else worth doing, it's something that requires sacrifice and focus each day over an extended period of time. Crash courses are usually painful and rarely work out well. But once you've done something a few times, it becomes an easier and easier part of your daily routine. Pretty soon, it's not a chore or something you're afraid of.

Making a budget and gaining control of your finances works the same way. When you first create a money plan, it probably won't work out exactly as you hoped. That's okay. It will barely work the second

month, but it won't be as scary, because you've already done it once. By the third month, you'll have a much better feel for it, and your stress levels will go way down because you already know the basics. It just takes determination, patience, and intensity to get through the rough patches that go along with starting anything new.

A new year is just around the corner, Collin. Don't fall into the same old trap. Give yourself a little grace, but keep your eyes on the prize. Start preparing yourself now. You've got plenty of time to begin laying out a plan, and have a solid budget ready when January 1st arrives. It may feel like things are beginning slowly, but you can make this happen if you'll just stick with it!

—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. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

## How to Fund Your Dreams in 2021

BY RACHEL CRUZE

We all had big dreams as little kids. Maybe your dream was to be an astronaut, a musician, or even a mermaid! But when you got a little older, and a little wiser, real life set in and you realized—for one reason or another—that wasn't going to happen.

Adults have dreams, too. Maybe you're dreaming of going back to school to pursue that degree and job you're passionate about. Or perhaps you really want to get out of the suburbs, and live on a big piece of land. Maybe you just want to have enough cash to comfortably take your family on a nice vacation each year.

Dreams are crucial to your financial life, because they help you see what you value and motivate you to save for the long haul. If you aren't actively saving, it's a warning sign you're disconnected from your dreams. If you're unfocused—saving a little here and there—you need to tap into your dreams to see real progress with your money. When you really, truly want something, no one can stop you from saving for it

and working hard to make it happen. So, what's stopping you?

I see two types of dream-killers all the time: the daily grind and the naysayers. Let's start with the daily grind. We all go through seasons when we get stuck in the same ol', same ol' routine of our busy lives. We let time get away from us and before we know it, two years have passed, and we aren't any closer to our dreams. The daily grind and its busy pace can be a distraction from your big picture. Don't let this happen to you! You don't want to look up in two years—or even worse, 10 years—and realize you haven't been saving.

And oh, the naysayers. Even if we're staying focused on the big picture, many of us are told our dreams aren't possible. It could come from a parent, teacher, friend, or just someone we look up to. They usually mean well, but their words can stop us dead in our tracks. We want to save, take a risk, and try something new. Still, the doubts of others can destroy our courage to keep going. But your dreams are too important. When we dream, we're digging into our very purpose for living. Be alert, stay focused, and ig-

nore the naysayers. There's too much at stake to take them seriously.

I know money can be a speed bump on the path to achieving your dreams, but it doesn't have to be. I can't make you a mermaid, but I can promise that you have the power to use your dream to fuel your savings account—and to use your savings account to fund your dreams. It's up to you. If you want to unlock the secret to staying motivated throughout your entire money journey, check out my article on understanding your money mindset.

\* Rachel Cruze is a two-time #1 national best-selling author, financial expert and host of The Rachel Cruze Show. She has appeared on Good Morning America, TODAY Show and Live! With Kelly & Ryan, among others. Since 2010, Rachel has served at Ramsey Solutions, where she teaches people to avoid debt, save money, budget and how to win with money at any stage in life. Follow Rachel on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube or online at [rachelcruze.com](http://rachelcruze.com).

ferrals. 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](http://www.wrcnm.org) or call (231) 347-0067.

## BOYNE CITY BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Toddler Tales & Tunes every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required.

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

- Tai Chi every Wednesday, 9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session

- The Boyne District Library Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at [www.boynelibrary.org](http://www.boynelibrary.org).



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EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 2020

# City moves forward on park expansion

BY DOM SANTINA

East Jordan - The City Commission started their meeting off by approving a motion for the Parks and Recreation Department to continue forward with the American Legion on working on expanding GAR Park. The City had done some research about the expansion of the park and who owned the land where the park would be expanded. After

looking through deeds and some research was completed, it was found that the land was a part of Williams Street. The width of the road was 66 feet. When you travel towards Main Street, the street gets as wide as 93 feet. The recent findings allow more leeway for plans going forward. City Administrator Tom Cannon, informed everyone that there was a meeting with

C2A about estimates for repairs to the Civic Center. The company provided an estimate at this point for \$125,000 for roof repairs for the whole building. Cannon informed everyone that there would be a report presented sometime in January. Cannon also presented during his administrative report that the city was awarded \$14,000 as a part of the CARES ACT to help with

pandemic reimbursement costs. There was money left over, some of which went to buy extra sanitation supplies. However, it was found that City Hall needed some technological improvements. These improvements would allow staff members to be able to access information from home. The staff has not been able to access any information on their computers when they have had to work

from home during the pandemic. The Commission approved the motion to use the funds to help upgrade some of the technology, so this would be available. Cannon informed the Commission that a community group has been meeting with the Jordan River Arts Council about a possible Art Walk throughout downtown. The walk would incorporate a few different areas including

some parks. The project is in the early stages but members of the committee will present ideas and ask for support in upcoming Commission meetings. The East Jordan City Commission will meet again virtually on December 15, 2020, on Zoom.

# Charlevoix Circle of Arts receives MCACA Matching Grant

Charlevoix Circle of Arts has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of nearly 600 applications to compete for MCACA fiscal

year 2021 funding. "This grant is so important because it provides support for operational costs that are essential to maintaining the programs and services of Charlevoix Circle of Arts," explained Sarah Matye, Executive Director. "We are so grateful for the state's support of arts and culture opportunities that

help to enhance the quality of life for those in our community," said Matye. Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars. Local contributions to the Charlevoix Circle of Arts received from individuals, members, businesses and foundations will

help to meet the matching grant requirements. For more information or to make a donation to the Charlevoix Circle of Arts please call (231) 547-3554, or visit the website [www.charlevoixcircle.org](http://www.charlevoixcircle.org).



## Township Supervisor Retires

Thomas Mann, long time public servant for Banks Township, recently retired. Tom was appointed Trustee in September 2003 to fill a vacancy. In September 2005, following the death of Supervisor Daniel Wieland, he was appointed Supervisor, a position he held until November 20, 2020. Tom's skills & enthusiasm guided Banks Township through several major projects during his tenure. He will be missed!

## Boyerne Area Community Christmas Update

We continue to work closely with Boyne City Public Schools and the local health department for guidance as we develop a safe plan for packing and delivery. Last year we served over 200 families/600 children. We anticipate the need to be greater than ever this year!

- Volunteers - Packing and distribution will happen on Dec. 17 and 18. Call Lisa at Boyne Area Chamber to reserve your day and time 231-582-6222.
- Donations of new, unwrapped toys, games and books can be dropped off at Toys for Tots locations. Boyne Area Community Christmas is the recipient of all toys collected in the Boyne area. Drop off locations in the Boyne Area:

livered to families this year. This will require more volunteers that have a vehicle. All delivery drivers will be paired with another volunteer. Call Lisa at Boyne Area Chamber to volunteer 231-582-6222. -New mailing address!! Monetary donations can be mailed to Boyne Area Community Christmas, PO Box 886, Boyne City, MI 49712. Donations needed: 24 pack crayons, coloring books, sketch pads, colored pencils, adult coloring books, youth size hats, water resistant mittens and gloves of all sizes and socks of all sizes. Please watch as we update donation needs via the chamber newsletter and social media. Facebook click here. Sign up forms for families have been distributed to ALL students that attend Boyne City and Boyne Falls Public Schools and Concord Boyne. Please look for forms in your child's weekly folder. Forms will also be available at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and WIC. For further information, please contact Heather at 231-459-5588.

- Barrel Back, Walloon General Store, The Brook Ind. Liv- ing, Boyne City Auto, Boyne City Hall, Boyne City Hardware, Boyne City True Value Co-op, Boyne Mountain, Charlevoix County Transport, Berkshire Hathaway, Dollar General, Edward Jones, Eagles Club, Family Fare, Huntington Bank, Korthase/Flinn, Mathers Ford, Summer Tree Residential, Coldwell Banker Real Estate and Tractor Supply

Beginning Dec. 1, donations can also be dropped off at the BCPS Administration Building. Look for the drop off sign on Pine St.- Monday thru Thursday, 10am to 2pm. If you have a large amount to drop off please call ahead to schedule a time 231-459-5588. -All food and toys will be de-

If you are in need and your child is attending a Boyne Area school online, please call Heather at 231-459-5588. From the Boyne Area Community Christmas committee and the many grateful families of our community, thank you for your generosity and continued support! Since 1954 - No child in the Boyne Area will be without a Christmas!

# Trade up now for a new MacPass windshield sticker

The old MacPass toll cards are about to be retired but account holders still have a month to trade up for the new windshield-mounted stickers and keep rolling with the quickest and easiest toll payment. The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) is urging MacPass account holders to get the new stickers before the end of the year, as the old cards will no longer work after Dec. 31. The MBA has been reminding account holders of the impending switch, but several have not yet upgraded to stickers. "We really encourage account holders not to wait until the last minute to get their stickers," said MBA Executive Secretary Kim Nowack. "We've heard that a few thought they'd need to use up existing account funds before switching but upgrading to a sticker won't affect your account

balance. There's no reason to wait." The stickers, which are automatically scanned when drivers pull up to the toll booth, were introduced in September 2019 as part of the MBA's new toll software system. MacPass account holders along with new customers have been rapidly switching from the MacPass cards to the new stickers, and more customers are paying with the stickers now than cards. The stickers, which can be linked to a single account for multiple vehicles, cost \$1 each. Existing customers do not need to open a new account; they can add a sticker tag to their existing MacPass account. Customers can obtain the sticker tags in the MBA administration building at the north end of the bridge around the clock, seven days a week. They will need to provide the license

plate number, make, model, color, and year of each vehicle that will be linked to the account, though new vehicles can be added later. MacPass account holders can also order new sticker tags online by logging into their account at <https://MacPass.MackinacBridge.org> (instructions at [www.MackinacBridge.org/MacPass](http://www.MackinacBridge.org/MacPass)). New passenger vehicle MacPass accounts require an initial deposit of \$80 and a \$7 one-time set-up fee; commercial accounts require a \$200 deposit and the same \$7 one-time set-up fee. MacPass customers can use toll lanes designated for MacPass by the overhead signs, or any open lane. Drivers should still watch for toll collectors and customers walking across lanes. Though the MacPass is

not exclusively for commuter customers, MacPass holders with passenger vehicles can still qualify for the commuter discount toll if they make both a northbound and southbound trip within 36 hours. The toll will be \$4 for the first trip but customers will not be charged for the return trip if completed within 36 hours. MacPass is the only tolling transponder currently in use at the Mackinac Bridge; I-Pass, E-ZPass, SunPass, etc., though similar, are not accepted. Surveys have shown that few Mackinac Bridge customers currently use other tolling transponders. The MBA still accepts cash, credit and debit cards for tolls. Other payment types on phones, including Google Pay and Apple Pay, also are accepted.

# County road agencies balance salt use with environmental, budgetary considerations

Just as it's important to add the correct amount of salt to cookie dough, it's essential that county road agencies apply the right amount of salt to roads. Use the right amount of salt, and it's a recipe for success, including safe winter roads. But it's not always easy for road agencies. It's a balancing act they face every winter. "We use as little salt as we can to protect the budget and the environment and make the roads as safe as possible," Craig Bryson, APR, senior manager of communications and public information at Road Commission for Oakland County, said. "We walk a fine line between

those two competing needs of road safety and salt usage. We can't eliminate salt use. Human life is part of this equation as well." County road agencies use a variety of methods to change salt use, including applying liquid calcium chloride for anti-icing, pre-treating roads with brine, calibrating vehicles and using innovative technology. Additionally, several other factors play into salt application, including timing and weather. According to Mark Christensen, superintendent-manager of Road Commission for Montcalm County, monitoring these factors is crucial to maintaining roads. "We try to salt when the

weather allows us the best value for your dollar," Christensen said. "We really look at environmental factors when we make the decision to salt - what the road temperature's doing, if it's going to be sunny later, etc. It helps us determine the optimal time to salt, so we can do it when it makes sense. Bottom line: Let the environmental factors help you determine when to apply road salt." Overall, county road agencies have the motoring public in mind. By balancing road salt use with environmental and budgetary considerations, they work to provide the safest experience for drivers. "We consider ourselves good stewards of the envi-

ronment and the road," Bryson said. "We are conscious and aware of the impact we have on the environment. We're also stewards of public money, so we want to reduce the cost of what we do without reducing efficiency, and we want to maintain the safety of roads with less salt." Learn more about road salt application in the latest issue of Crossroads magazine, the quarterly journal of the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan, which can be viewed digitally or downloaded at <https://micountyroads.org/newsroom/crossroads/>.

# AWARD FROM PG. 1

learned about the family. "We try to personalize those for everybody," said St. Pierre, 58, a Charlevoix resident. "Those kinds of pieces not only give the family a little bit of closure, a little glimmer of hope, but they also support the staff that there was some good for others that came out of the effort they put into the resuscitation." At McLaren Northern, families are almost as in-

involved during that critical treatment as the care team. Family members can be present during the resuscitation process with a staff member on hand to explain everything that is happening, and why. "We decided as an organization, that the patient isn't the only 'customer.' The family of the patient also needs to be treated at the same time in those critical situations," St. Pierre said. "You need to connect with them and be open with everything you're doing to help save them so that they recognize when you get to the point of having that con-

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# SCAM FROM PG. 1

the UIA in an apparent effort to strengthen the credibility of the email. "There is no government agency, state or federal, that uses Gmail for official purposes," Nessel said, noting the scammer's email address. "Michigan residents should always examine the full email address if the sender is requesting their personal information." If you received this email,

do not respond. UIA would never ask you to reply to an email with your personal information. Responses to ID verification requests from UIA should only be uploaded through your secure Michigan Web Account Manager (MiWAM) account online at the UIA's website, where you can also learn more about protecting yourself from identity theft. Anyone who has fallen for this scam should immediately report Fraud or Identity Theft with the UIA. They should also monitor their banking and account information each time they certify for benefits.

"Bad actors are increasingly sophisticated in their efforts to deceive people into giving away personal information," said Nessel. "This is one of the cruelest scams I've ever seen because it targets vulnerable residents who are desperate to receive their UIA benefits - so desperate that they may not inspect the email address to confirm its validity."



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# 2020 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Charlevoix's Zoe Brodin is Player of the Year • Coach of the Year is Rayders Audra Randall

BY CHRIS FIEL

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY -- Another year in the books. In a year where there was a lot of uncertainty, one thing that was for sure, the quality of volleyball players in Northern Michigan continued to be strong.

There were leaders and role players that came in many different forms. If you had the opportunity to attend a Lake Michigan Conference match that featured either Boyne City, Charlevoix or East Jordan, you were treated to good volleyball.

With the season wrapping up a few weeks ago, it is that time of year to recognize some of those standout athletes on the annual Charlevoix County News All-Area Volleyball team.

This fall, Charlevoix had a season to remember, raking high all season long in their respective division with squad full of talented individuals, but one that stood out was four-year varsity member Zoe Brodin. The talented senior has earned Player of the Year honors, while Coach of the Year honors went to their coach Audra Randall.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Zoe Brodin,**  
Charlevoix

The senior setter was a four-year varsity player for the Rayders. This



Charlevoix Rayder All-Area Volleyball selections.

season, she recorded 876 assists, 152 kills, 255 digs, 23 blocks and 55 aces.

"(Zoe) has really given everything to her teammates and left everything on the court match in and match out," Charlevoix coach Audra Randall said. "She is our leader on the team and the girls give her that respect and really listen to her. She is crafty, explosive and smart. She does a great job of spreading the ball around and takes advantage when she can attack."

"She can do it all and her four

years on varsity is showing itself in our team success this year."

Joining Zoe on the 2020 Charlevoix County News All-Area Volleyball team are Rayder teammates; Avery Zipp, Grace Lentz, Claire Scholten; Boyne City's Grace Dawson, Morgan Deming, Ava Tarsi and Maggee Behling; and East Jordan's Kylie Skrocki, Haley Gibson and Evelyn Diller.

## Avery Zipp,

Charlevoix

A three-year varsity player as an outside hitter that was also a full rotation player.

During the 2020 season, Avery had 278 kills, seven blocks at the net to go with 499 digs, and 312 good serve receptions. She served at a 90 percent clip with 91 aces.

"(Avery) is a player that needs to be on the court all the time," coach Randall noted. "She is explosive at the net."

"Claire is such a great defender and makes defense sometimes look easy," coach Audra Randall said. "She also is our back up setter and gives Zoe a lot of those opportunities to attack the ball."

Scholten finished with 375 digs, 332 good serve receptions at 98% efficiency with 62 aces serving at 90 percent. She also netted 150 kills.

## Taylor Petrosky,

Charlevoix

A junior middle hitter for the Rayders in her third year as a varsity full rotation player 413 digs and 313 good serve receptions at 89 percent serve reception.

"Taylor does a great job in the back row on defense and serve receive," coach Randall said. "She also is very reliable at the serving line and her slide attack at the net."

Petrosky also served with a 98% accuracy and added 34 aces.

## Grace Dawson,

Boyne City

A junior outside hitter for the Ramblers in her first season on the varsity finished with a team high 212 kills and had a hitting percentage of 86.

Grace was also consistent on defense, recording 357 digs, 269 serve receptions and had 11 blocks and assisted on 34 more.

She had 38 aces and served at 93 percent.

## Grace Lentz,

Charlevoix

The junior outside hitter, in her third season on the varsity had a great campaign for the Rayders is year, finishing with 335 kills and 157 digs while grabbing 41 blocks on the season

She had earned 335 kills and 157 digs while grabbing 41 blocks on the season.

"She is a great teammate and loves this game, we wouldn't be where we are at without her big attacks," coach Randall said. "Grace really works hard on her knowledge of the game and her opponents. She is big at the net and you know she is in the front row attacking the ball."

## Claire Scholten,

Charlevoix

The sophomore right side hitter completed her second season on the varsity as a full rotation player.

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Boyne City Rambler All-Area Volleyball selections.

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## PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Zoe Brodin

Charlevoix



Grace Lentz

Charlevoix



Avery Zipp

Charlevoix



Maggee Behling

Boyne City



Taylor Petrosky

Charlevoix



Claire Scholten

Charlevoix



Morgan Deming

Boyne City



Evelyn Diller

East Jordan



Ava Tarsi

Boyne City



Haley Gibson

East Jordan



Grace Dawson

Boyne City



Kylie Skrocki

East Jordan



## COACH OF THE YEAR

Audra Randall

Charlevoix



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## ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

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### Ava Tarsi, Boyne City

Ava started and finished the season as the teams setter. The Rambler freshmen had a team high 629 assists in was successful in 2565 attempts, averaging 6.52 assists per set for Boyne.

She also served at 97 percent and recorded 43 aces, while chipping in with 41 kills.

On defense, Ave also added 226 digs.

### Morgan Deming, Boyne City

The sophomore middle hitter picked up steam as the season went on, contributing more each time out on the hardwood.

Morgan finished with 137 kills and recorded a team-high 18 blocks and assisted on 61 more, while also picking up 57 digs.

### Maggee Behling, Boyne City

The lone returnee this sea-

son, the senior outside hitter had a great year in leading the Ramblers.

Maggee had 143 kills and served at 90 percent and recorded 28 aces.

She also had 328 digs and 247 serve receptions and was an Academic All-State selection.

### Kylie Skrocki, East Jordan

In her junior season, Kylie had an all-around great year, finishing with 66 aces, 223 kills and 54 assists on offense.

"Kylie is the overall strongest and most versatile player on my team this year," Red Devil coach Laura Snyder said. "She is a great server and led the team in kills. She can set (and did some at the start of the year) and has really progressed in her passing as well. She always works hard at practice and has shown great leader-

ship on the court and off. She is always early to practice and ready to go. She is a quiet leader, but her fellow teammates respect her and her consistency a great deal."

Kylie also added 196 digs, 146 serve receptions and 18 blocks.

### Haley Gibson, East Jordan

The senior setter led the team with 574 assists this season.

Haley also totaled 52 aces, 40 kills, 350 digs and 92 serve receptions.

"As one of only two seniors, she brought a lot of maturity and a sense of calm to the team," coach Snyder said. "She is a fantastic passer-she reads the ball well, is consistent with passes and is really quick. She always put in full effort at practices and hustled hard. She is a great team player and is a quiet leader

who earned a lot of respect from her teammates."

### Evelyn Diller, East Jordan

The junior was another effective offensive player for the Red Devils. The hard-hitting Diller was second on the team with 173 kills.

Evelyn also chipped in 41 aces, three assists, while adding 58 digs and 20 blocks.

"Evelyn has a lot of spunk and brings a lot of fun to the team," coach Snyder noted. "She works a lot on her strength and athleticism off the court and has a great vertical leap. She loves hitting with power but has been willing to work on varying her hitting style this year so that she can bring even more value to the team. When she puts her mind to something, there is no stopping her. Evelyn played as a strong side hitter most of the season, but

she can be used as a middle hitter as well, which makes her that much more valuable."

## COACH OF THE YEAR

### Audra Randall, Charlevoix

The veteran Rayder coach led another successful team this season as Charlevoix finished with a 30-6 record and along the way, added another Lake Michigan Conference championship and captured a Division District Title.

## Northern Lakes Conference 2020 Volleyball All-Conference Teams

The Northern Lakes Conference has announced its 2020 volleyball all-conference and academic all-conference teams.

### First Team

Marlie Postula, Mackinaw City  
Cheyanne Sayles, Boyne Falls  
Madison Smith, Mackinaw City  
Maggie Nelson, Wolverine  
Alexis Danforth, Ellsworth  
Delaney Duran, Harbor Light

### Second Team

Larissa Huffman, Mackinaw City  
Aubrie Sparks, Boyne Falls  
Alaina Roush, Harbor Light  
Lillian Fenske, Boyne Falls  
Bahley Glynn, Ellsworth  
Alivia Doss, Wolverine

### Honorable Mention

Kalisto Groesser, Alba

Ava Kenwabikise, Alanson  
Academic All-Conference  
Kaylynn Costello, Alanson  
AnnMarie Sherwood, Alanson  
Sierra Swenor, Alanson  
Jasmine Washburn, Alanson  
Kayden O'Neil, Boyne Falls  
Aubrie Sparks, Boyne Falls  
Alaina Roush, Harbor Light  
SunYoung You, Harbor Light  
Delaney Duran, Harbor Light  
Zoe Russell, Harbor Light  
Claire Ledingham, Harbor Light  
Piona Ledingham, Harbor Light  
Jenna Wiertalla, Mackinaw City  
Ella House, Mackinaw City  
Cecelia Scheffler, Wolverine  
Maggie Nelson, Wolverine

## NMSL 2020 All-Conference Teams

The Northern Michigan Soccer League has released its 2020 boys soccer all-conference teams.

### All-Conference

Joseph Gardei, Big Rapids Crossroads  
Lukas Fisher, Pine River  
Mason Poet, Clare  
Elijah Meddles, Clare  
Treyton Seigert, Gladwin  
Jackson Raymond, Gladwin  
Justin Horrocks, Cheboygan  
Noah Demers, Cheboygan  
Blaine Baldwin, Cheboygan  
Jack Juarez, Ogemaw Heights  
Wyatt Veltman, Ogemaw Heights  
Lucas Courtemanche, Ogemaw Heights  
Trevor Brown, Ogemaw Heights  
Mekhi Harris, McBain Northern Michigan

Christian Trevin Winkle, McBain Northern Michigan  
Christian Seth VanHaitsma, McBain Northern Michigan  
Christian Jonas Lanser, McBain Northern Michigan  
Christian Blake DeZeeuw, McBain Northern Michigan  
Christian Mac Schultz, Roscommon  
Christian Jackson Strickler, Roscommon  
Ethan Winegardner, Roscommon

### Honorable Mention

Javyd Sawyer-Ocasio, Big Rapids Crossroads  
Jordan Hower, Big Rapids Crossroads  
Nathan Marks, Pine River  
Cornesha Holmes, Pine River  
Ben Wood, Clare  
Ethan Cook, Clare

Nathan Schwan, Gladwin  
Austin Wagnitz, Gladwin  
Connor Gibbons, Cheboygan  
Sam Easter, Cheboygan  
Jake Bonus, Ogemaw Heights  
Trevor Munson, Ogemaw Heights  
Carter Quist, McBain Northern Michigan  
Christian Logan Roper, McBain Northern Michigan  
Christian Logan Roth, Roscommon  
Luke Verbeke, Roscommon  
Senior Academic Award  
Mac Schultz, Roscommon  
Nick Heuker, McBain Northern Michigan  
Christian Landon Shuff, Ogemaw Heights  
Justin Johnson, Gladwin  
Joseph Gardei, Big Rapids Crossroads  
Riley Hayer, Clare

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOP 25

1	GONZAGA	2-0	14	N. CAROLINA	1-0	OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES
2	BAYLOR	2-0	15	VIRGINIA	1-1	MICHIGAN (90) 2-0; SAN DIEGO STATE (86) 2-0;
3	IOWA	2-0	16	VA. TECH	3-0	SAINT LOUIS (69) 2-0; LOUISVILLE (55) 3-0; AL-
4	WISCONSIN	2-0	17	TEXAS	1-0	ABAMA (52) 1-0; FLORIDA (45) 0-0; INDIANA
5	ILLINOIS	3-0	17	TEXAS TECH	2-1	(38) 1-0; UCLA (14) 1-1; MARYLAND (9) 3-0;
6	DUKE	1-0	19	RICHMOND	2-0	PROVIDENCE (7) 1-0; STANFORD (7) 0-0; CON-
7	KANSAS	1-1	20	KENTUCKY	1-1	NECTICUT (6) 2-0; CLEMSON (4) 2-0; LSU (3) 1-
8	MICHIGAN ST.	2-0	21	OREGON	0-0	1; ARKANSAS (2) 2-0; COLORADO (1) 2-0;
9	CREIGHTON	1-0	22	FLORIDA ST.	0-0	LOYOLA-CHICAGO (1) 0-0; BRIGHAM YOUNG (1)
10	HOUSTON	3-0	23	OHIO ST.	2-0	3-0; TCU (1) 3-0;
11	W. VIRGINIA	3-0	24	RUTGERS	3-0	
12	VILLANOVA	2-1	25	ARIZONA ST.	2-1	
13	TENNESSEE	0-0				

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25

1	ALABAMA (62)	1,550	1	8-0	14	COASTAL CAROLINA	694	16	9-0
2	NOTRE DAME	1,481	2	9-0	15	MARSHALL	600	17	7-0
3	OHIO STATE	1,403	3	4-0	16	NORTHWESTERN	577	11	5-1
4	CLEMSON	1,392	4	8-1	17	SOUTHERN CAL	540	19	3-0
5	TEXAS A&M	1,262	5	6-1	18	WISCONSIN	531	18	2-1
6	FLORIDA	1,226	6	7-1	19	OKLAHOMA STATE	426	21	6-2
7	CINCINNATI	1,204	7	8-0	20	LOUISIANA	352	23	8-1
8	BYU	1,113	8	9-0	21	OREGON	326	9	3-1
9	MIAMI (FLA.)	991	10	7-1	22	TULSA	244	24	5-1
10	INDIANA	984	12	5-1	23	WASHINGTON	218	NR	3-0
11	GEORGIA	919	13	6-2	24	IOWA	119	NR	4-2
12	IOWA STATE	873	15	7-2	25	LIBERTY	67	NR	9-1
13	OKLAHOMA	815	14	6-2					

## NFL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

NEW ORLEANS AT ATLANTA	1:00PM	FOX
DETROIT AT CHICAGO	1:00PM	FOX
INDIANAPOLIS AT HOUSTON	1:00PM	CBS
CINCINNATI AT MIAMI	1:00PM	CBS
JACKSONVILLE AT MINNESOTA	1:00PM	CBS
LAS VEGAS AT NY JETS	1:00PM	CBS
CLEVELAND AT TENNESSEE	1:00PM	CBS
LA RAMS AT ARIZONA	4:05PM	FOX
NY GIANTS AT SEATTLE	4:05PM	FOX

PHILADELPHIA AT GREEN BAY	4:25PM	CBS
NEW ENGLAND AT LA CHARGERS	4:25PM	CBS
DENVER AT KANSAS CITY	8:20PM	NBC

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

WASHINGTON AT PITTSBURGH	5:00PM	
BUFFALO AT SAN FRANCISCO	8:15PM	ESPN

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

DALLAS AT BALTIMORE	8:05PM	FOX/NFLN
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## NFL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

<b>AFC EAST</b> . . . . .W-L-T	<b>AFC SOUTH</b> . . . . .W-L-T	<b>NFC EAST</b> . . . . .W-L-T	<b>NFC SOUTH</b> . . . . .W-L-T
BILLS . . . . .8-3	TITANS . . . . .8-3	GIANTS . . . . .4-7	SAINTS . . . . .9-2
DOLPHINS . . . . .7-4	COLTS . . . . .7-4	WASHINGTON . . . . .4-7	BUCCANEERS . . . . .7-5
PATRIOTS . . . . .5-6	TEXANS . . . . .4-7	EAGLES . . . . .3-7-1	FALCONS . . . . .4-7
JETS . . . . .0-11	JAGUARS . . . . .1-10	COWBOYS . . . . .3-8	PANTHERS . . . . .4-8
<b>AFC NORTH</b> . . . . .W-L-T	<b>AFC WEST</b> . . . . .W-L-T	<b>NFC NORTH</b> . . . . .W-L-T	<b>NFC WEST</b> . . . . .W-L-T
STEELERS . . . . .10-0	CHIEFS . . . . .10-1	PACKERS . . . . .8-3	SEAHAWKS . . . . .8-3
BROWNS . . . . .8-3	RAIDERS . . . . .6-5	VIKINGS . . . . .5-6	RAMS . . . . .7-4
RAVENS . . . . .6-4	BRONCOS . . . . .4-7	BEARS . . . . .5-6	CARDINALS . . . . .6-5
BENGALS . . . . .2-8-1	CHARGERS . . . . .3-8	LIONS . . . . .4-7	49ERS . . . . .5-6

## Big North 2020 Boys Soccer All-Conference Teams

The Big North Conference has released its 2020 boys soccer all-conference teams.

### First Team

Gavin Michael, Sr., Traverse City West  
Hunter Hicks, Sr., Petoskey  
Colin Blackport, Jr., Traverse City West  
Tony Gallegos, Sr., Traverse City West  
Everest Noyes, Jr., Traverse City Central  
Finn Durbin, Sr., Traverse City West  
Dylan Aldridge, Petoskey  
Josh Hirschenberger, Jr., Traverse City West  
Parker Waskiewicz, Jr., Traverse City Central  
Kaden Ales, Sr., Traverse City West  
Max Werner, Sr., Traverse City Central  
Bryan Farley, Sr., Cadillac  
JJ Marshall, Jr., Petoskey  
George Abner, Sr., Traverse

City Central  
Garrett Duncan, Sr., Gaylord  
Marek Beckering, Jr., Petoskey  
Brady McLaurin, Sr., Cadillac  
Brett Namowicz, Sr., Alpena  
Cam Adams, Jr., Petoskey  
Michael Iverson, Sr., Petoskey  
Honorable Mention  
Payson Fraser, Sr., Traverse City Central  
Josiah Krommendyk, Sr., Traverse City Central  
Hayden Hansen, Jr., Traverse City Central  
Sawyer McClure, Sr., Cadillac  
Brendan McRoberts, Sr., Cadillac  
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## MHSFCA 2020 Division 5-6 All-Region Teams

NOVEMBER 24, 2020  
JOE BUCZEK

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

Division 5 All-Region Team  
 Dylan Knight, Offensive Lineman, Kingsley  
 Dylan Schebil, Offensive Lineman, Reed City  
 Layne Fernelius, Offensive Lineman, Ogemaw Heights  
 Owen Graves, Running Back, Kingsley  
 Noah Jones, Running Back, Reed City  
 Teddy Cross, Defensive Lineman, Reed City  
 Brady Harrard, Linebacker, Kingsley  
 Alex Wirgau, Linebacker, Reed City  
 Will Whims, Defensive Back, Kingsley  
 Seth Jackson, Defensive Back, Reed City  
 Zea Kartes, Defensive Back, Ogemaw Heights  
 Landen Tomaski, Defensive Back, Reed City  
 Jayden Inthison, Specialist, Kingsley  
 DJ Greenbay, Offensive Lineman, Big Rapids  
 Carl Whipple, Offensive Lineman, Chippewa Hills  
 Elliott Butchart, Tight End,

Grant Fisher Hill, Wide Receiver, Central Montcalm  
 Cam Friend, Wide Receiver, Tri County  
 Micah Johnson, Defensive Lineman, Central Montcalm  
 Carl Whipple, Defensive Lineman, Chippewa Hills  
 Brett Long, Linebacker, Grant  
 Orion Evens, Defensive Back, Tri County  
 Regional Coaches of the Year: Scott Shankel, Reed City  
 Division 6 All-Region Team  
 Sam Keys, Offensive Lineman, Glen Lake  
 Kaden Reynolds, Offensive Lineman, Boyne City  
 Grant Hackbarth, Offensive Lineman, Benzie Central  
 Nick Weaver, Offensive Lineman, Manistee  
 Jackson Kimes, Tight End, Mason County Central  
 Finn Hogan, Wide Receiver, Glen Lake  
 Bobby Hoth, Running Back, Boyne City  
 David Millikin, Running Back, Grayling  
 Connor Ciolek, Quarterback, Glen Lake  
 Jack Neer, Quarterback, Boyne City  
 Henry Lerchen, Defensive Lineman, Glen Lake  
 Beau Harriger, Defensive

Lineman, Glen Lake  
 Braden Ager, Defensive Lineman, Boyne City  
 Andrew Canary, Defensive Lineman, Grayling  
 Brady Mikula, Defensive Lineman, Manistee  
 Jacob Pleva, Linebacker, Glen Lake  
 Khole Hoffman, Linebacker, Mason County Central  
 David Millikin, Linebacker, Grayling  
 Justin Bonzelet, Defensive Back, Glen Lake  
 Finn Hogan, Defensive Back, Glen Lake  
 Chris Dunlop, Defensive Back, Benzie Central  
 Joey Kott, Defensive Back, Manistee  
 Landen Powers, Athlete, Manistee  
 Kaden Jewet, Specialist, Boyne City  
 Tyler Lewandowski, Offensive Lineman, Harrison  
 Dawson John, Wide Receiver, Clare  
 Isaac Aebig, Defensive Lineman, Shelby  
 Lucas Gillespie, Defensive Lineman, Harrison  
 Jon Bouchey, Linebacker, Clare  
 AJ Warner, Athlete, Clare  
 Regional Coaches of the Year: Dave Suttle, Boyne City; Troy Bytwork, Manistee; Kelly Luplow, Clare

## MHSFCA 2020 Division 7-8 All-Region Teams

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

Below is a listing of area athletes and coaches that received all-region honors.

Division 7 All-Region  
 Mack Bontekoe, Offensive Lineman, McBain  
 Zack Nickel, Offensive Lineman, Charlevoix  
 Quintin Alonzi, Offensive Lineman, Harbor Springs  
 Mitch Hall, Offensive Lineman, Beaverton  
 Cole Hopkins, Wide Receiver, Ewart  
 Evan Solomon, Wide Receiver, Charlevoix  
 Dan Rodenbaugh, Running Back, McBain  
 Brian Morgan, Running Back, Houghton Lake  
 Bryant Calderon, Running Back, Ewart  
 Trent Reed, Running Back, Beaverton  
 Danny Witbeck, Quarterback, Ewart  
 Jake Fischer, Quarterback, Beaverton  
 Jake Clafin, Defensive Lineman, Charlevoix  
 Kamrin Grein, Defensive Lineman, Ewart  
 Brant Bontekoe, Defensive Lineman, McBain

Mitch Hall, Linebacker, Beaverton  
 Luke Snyder, Linebacker, Charlevoix  
 Jake Hamp, Linebacker, Houghton Lake  
 Matt Utecht, Linebacker, McBain  
 Andrew Vandertuig, Linebacker, Lake City  
 Trent Reed, Defensive Back, Beaverton  
 Phillip Sterrett, Defensive Back, Charlevoix  
 Danny Witbeck, Defensive Back, Ewart  
 Kaiden McGillis, Defensive Back, McBain  
 Grant Richardson, Athlete, Harbor Springs  
 Omar Aguilar, Specialist, Pine River  
 Regional Coaches of the Year: Pat Maloney, McBain  
 Division 8 All-Region  
 Ethan Locke, Offensive Lineman, Beal City  
 Bryce Middleton, Offensive Lineman, Coleman  
 Tucker Hubbard, Offensive Lineman, Frankfort  
 Tommy Runyan, Offensive Lineman, Johannesburg-Lewiston  
 Matt Oswald, Tight End, Beal City  
 Sheldon Huff, Running Back, Johannesburg-Lewiston  
 Caleb Boyer, Defensive Lineman, East Jordan  
 Kennan O'Neil, Defensive

Lineman, East Jordan  
 Anthony Paull, Defensive Lineman, Rogers City  
 Logan May, Linebacker, Johannesburg-Lewiston  
 Konner Carbeno, Linebacker, Coleman  
 Conner Schrank, Defensive Back, Coleman  
 Isaac Hein, Defensive Back, Rogers City  
 Regional Coaches of the Year: Brad Gross, Beal City; Joe Smokeyvitch, Johannesburg-Lewiston

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## MHSFCA 2020 Division 3-4 All-Region Teams

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The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has released its 2020 Division 3-4 all-region teams.

Below is a listing of area athletes and coaches that received all-region honors.

Division 3 All-Region Team  
 Chase Preston, Offensive Lineman, Mt. Pleasant  
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 Josh Schell, Defensive Lineman, Mt. Pleasant  
 Anton Ricumstirct, Linebacker, Mt. Pleasant  
 Kory Davis, Linebacker, Mt.

Pleasant Grant Klepadlo, Defensive Back, Petoskey  
 Division 4 All-Region Team  
 Carson Raasio, Offensive Lineman, Cadillac  
 Jake Plamondon, Tight End, Ludington  
 Payton Mansfield, Quarterback, Fremont  
 Collin Johnston, Linebacker, Cadillac  
 Carter Harsh, Defensive Back, Cadillac  
 Dan Gray, Defensive Back, Cadillac  
 Aden Gurden, Athlete, Cadillac  
 Regional Coaches of the Year: Cody Mallory, Cadillac

## Big North 2020 Football All-Conference Teams

The Big North Conference has announced its 2020 football all-conference teams.

First Team Offense  
 Quarterback Josh Burnham, Jr., Traverse City Central  
 Tight End Everett Zann, Jr., Alpena  
 Wide Receiver Carson Hall, Sr., Traverse City Central  
 Patrick O'Connor, Sr., Traverse City West  
 Running Back Christian Boivin, Sr., Traverse City West  
 Austin Bills, Sr., Traverse City Central  
 Noah Cochrane, Sr., Cadillac  
 Offensive Line Carson Briggs, Sr., Traverse City Central  
 Blake Swiger, Jr., Cadillac  
 Danny Rosa, Jr., Traverse City West  
 Keegan Opper, Jr., Traverse City Central  
 Blake Buchanan, Jr., Petoskey  
 Kicker Finn Durbin, Sr., Traverse City West  
 Second Team Offense  
 Quarterback Aiden Gurden, Jr., Cadillac  
 Tight End Brady Pretzlaff, Fr., Gaylord  
 Wide Receiver Mel Frechette, Sr., Traverse City West  
 Mason Mumford, Jr., Alpena  
 Gavin Freeman, Jr., Gaylord  
 Running Back Gavin Wargel, Jr., Petoskey  
 Offensive Line Zach Konchek, Sr., Traverse City West  
 Carson Raasio, Jr., Cadillac  
 Gage Kaszubowski, Sr., Alpena  
 Kicker Collin Hess, Sr., Cadillac  
 First Team Defense  
 Defensive Backs Christian Boivin, Sr., Traverse City West  
 Carson Bourdo, Jr., Traverse City Central  
 Dan Gray, Sr., Cadillac  
 Linebacker Josh Burnham, Jr., Traverse City Central  
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 Michael Schermerhorn, Jr., Traverse City West

Rippin Vining, Jr., Petoskey  
 Kayden Budnick, Jr., Alpena  
 Defensive Line Michael Elliot, Sr., Traverse City West  
 Kadyon Warner, Jr., Traverse City Central  
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If you have any questions or concerns or would like additional information pertaining to this request, you can contact John Ferguson in writing at 8354 Mercer Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or you can call him at 231-547-6218 or 231-459-8141.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

### CITY OF EAST JORDAN PLANNING COMMISSION REZONING REQUEST

The City of East Jordan Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the proposed ZONING MAP district changes from WF (Waterfront) to CBD (Central Business District), R-1 (Single Family Residential) to RA (Single Family Residential), PO (Professional Office) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) and RA (Single Family Residential) to R-1 (Single Family Residential). Affected properties are enclosed and are in bold as well as a listing can be found on our website or at City Hall.

The Planning Commission will receive public comments on this proposed Zoning Map Rezoning on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM via Zoom. Individuals unable to attend the Public Hearing may submit written comments to: East Jordan Planning Commission, c/o City Clerk, POB 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The Public wishing to participate during the public hearings or public comment section of the meeting or view the meeting electronically, may call the toll-free call-in number: 877 853 5257 or use ZOOM and use Meeting ID: 882 3641 9316 and use passcode: 215010.

The draft rezoning map is available for review at City Hall during normal business hours.

Cheltzi M. Wilson, MMC/MIPMC  
City Clerk  
City of East Jordan  
201 Main Street, PO BOX 499  
East Jordan, MI 49727  
Cwilson@eastjordancity.org

## OFFICIAL NOTICE NORWOOD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

The Norwood Township Board will hold a Public Hearing during the regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 21, at 7:00pm at the Norwood Town Hall, Village of Norwood, or by Zoom Meeting (see website norwoodtwp.org for details) for the purpose of discussing and adopting by resolution the Ambulance Service Contract with Torch Lake Township.

Interested parties may comment in person at the meeting or comment in writing by noon the day of the hearing by email to trustee@norwoodtwp.org or mail to Norwood Clerk, PO Box 113, Charlevoix, MI 497



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2017 Chevy Colorado Ext. cab. LT. \$26,745. As low as \$419 a month. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

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2017 Chevy Silverado 1500 double cab. LT, 271, V-8. \$31,176. As low as \$488 a month. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

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This gorgeous 20-acre property is located on South Rogers Road between East Jordan and Boyne City, and it is listed at \$74,900. 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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Forgetting, for a moment, the interior improvements that set one home apart from another, there are exterior factors that also influence price. For instance, homes on primary ingress and egress streets-(that is, the main streets that lead in and out of a tract)-generally appreciate more slowly than those within the tract that are not on primary streets.

Primary ingress/egress streets generate more traffic and are therefore, generally less desirable. Thus, they

lower prices. have

Within a tract, a home on a cul-de-sac may generate a higher price for the same reason-less traffic. Cul-de-sacs are frequently like a maze and they discourage drive-throughs, which is, of course, a definite benefit to residential privacy.

Even properties on one side of a street can be worth more than a similar property across from it. Why? Certain communities, because of their name, are more prestigious than oth-

ers. Beverly Hills, California, of course, is one. It is known worldwide for its high-end shopping, expensive housing and impeccable name. In sections where Beverly Hills is divided from other cities and/or communities by a street, the homes on the Beverly Hills side of the avenue command a higher price than those in the non-Beverly Hills city across from it.

Existing homes may differ radically in price for another reason-one homeowner wants to sell, and the other has to sell. The motivation for each is quite different, and so may be the pricing strategies.

Some other factors that influence price: What commercial developments are adjacent to the tract? How (un)desirable are they? And, don't forget supply and demand.

The wise buyer checks one other thing-a community's master plan. This is a must, especially if a tract (or home) is surrounded by vacant land. Most communities have one. It is usually drawn up by planners within the city of county and approved by a local planning commission. Find out what is going to be built nearby and determine how it might impact the value of the tract. All this, of course, takes time and homework. But, it is well worth it, especially when you consider that the purchase of a home is usually going to be the largest, single financial investment most people make in a lifetime.

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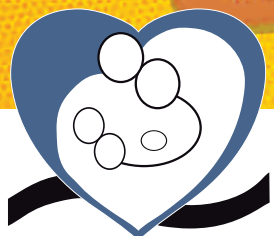
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## Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

On December 1 The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 54 new cases in Antrim (4), Charlevoix (24), Emmet (16), and Otsego (10) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Last week we released a new employer toolkit to support local businesses in addressing their needs and questions related to having a COVID-19 positive employee. This new toolkit outlines the requirements of the most recent MDHHS orders for gatherings, masking, facility operational requirements and capacity limits, as well as answers to your frequently asked questions, contact tracing and quarantine information for employers. Within the toolkit we provide the steps employers must take when notified of a positive employee, including a link to notify the health department of the positive employee and the link for the

employee to complete their electronic case investigation survey. These resources are intended to support employers in their efforts to protect their business and employees by preventing ongoing transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace.

"All residents and businesses are urged to follow the safety precautions in our recent public health advisory as we know that failure to do so will perpetuate the spread of COVID-19 and cause prolonged harm to people and businesses," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "The resources available on our website are intended to support schools and local businesses in taking all necessary steps to protect their employees, and how to handle a COVID-19 positive employee or exposure. Our hope is that by residents and local businesses continuing to follow the guidelines, and businesses following the proper steps to handle cases in their workforce, the risk for spreading COVID-19 lowers

significantly."

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 263 COVID-19 cases. The following information is from case investigations completed from November 25th- 30th.

- Age:
- 0-12 years – 9 cases
  - 13-19 years – 18 cases
  - 20-29 years – 34 cases
  - 30-39 years – 30 cases
  - 40-49 years – 41 cases
  - 50-59 years – 50 cases
  - 60-69 years – 49 cases
  - 70-79 years – 18 cases
  - 80-89 years – 8 cases
  - 90-99 years – 6 cases

-Symptomatic: 238 cases;  
Asymptomatic: 21 cases; Unknown at the time of this report: 4 cases

- 43 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation

-7 cases are currently or were hospitalized

Over 345 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

As of 4 pm on December 1, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

-Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties:  
Antrim – 443, Charlevoix – 619, Emmet – 992, Otsego – 779

-Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 177, Charlevoix – 237, Emmet – 387, Otsego – 301

- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim – 5, Charlevoix – 7, Emmet – 27, Otsego – 18

The State of Michigan is reporting 366,242 cases and 9,324 deaths.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department jurisdiction by liking and following our Facebook page and visiting our COVID-19 Data Dashboard. To locate a testing facility, visit the Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website. To track the risk levels of COVID-19 pandemic indicators, visit the MI Safe Start Map website.

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