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CHARLEVOIX CITY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 21, 2020

## Dog Park may be in the near future for Charlevoix



A space between the Carpenter Street ball fields and the airport property fence is the desirable area for the dog park development. The area will be around 1.5 acres. COURTESY IMAGE

**BY: DOM SANTINA**

CHARLEVOIX - The City Council started their meeting by having the Waterways Commission present the options available for the city to handle the slips. The Presentation was presented by Linnae Dawson of the Waterways Commission. Dawson went over some of the questions that were brought up by the commission such as when and why the cities

partner with the Waterways Commission, some of the rules and regulations and what the Commission does. The meeting gave the Council some ideas of what to do with boat slips and how to handle it going forward.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The Council approved a public hearing for January 4, 2021, either by Zoom or in-person depending on how the council is meeting at that time.

The hearing will be on the Zoning Ordinance amendments that are corrections, clarifications, or minor in nature. These changes will help keep consistency between ordinances. The ordinance will cover building height, accessory buildings and uses, renting of residential properties, and building appearances. The Planning Commission already held December 14, 2020. The Commission has passed these amendments to the

Council with a recommendation for adaptation. The public hearing is the next step to approve the changes before the Council can approve them.

**HISTORICAL SIGNAGE**  
 The Earl Young Local Historic District contains 11 homes also known as the "Mushroom Houses". The houses have started to draw a lot of attention over the last decade.

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## For Auld Lang Syne

BY JIM AKANS



FILE PHOTO

One of the best-known songs in English speaking countries, particularly as New Year's Eve rolls around, is the hearty refrains of Auld Lang Syne. Its surfacing is brief, typically just after the stroke of midnight on December 31st and then it is safely tucked away amid the noisemakers and party hats for the next 364 days, 23 hours and 50-odd minutes. But it's presence during those celebrated moments as the year changes faces is HUGE...it seems that everyone instinctively knows the words and melody.

Well, some of it anyway. Actually, there are five stanzas to the poem penned by Scotland's Robert Burns back in 1788. Typically, crowds gathering on New Year's Eve sing verse one and the chorus, and while venturesome spirits sing a shortened version of the full song comprised of verse one, five and the chorus. Seldom do the other verses resound with voices.

There is some serious contention to the claim of Mr. Burns having been the originator of the piece. A letter written by Burns to an acquaintance named Mrs. Agnes Dunlop suggests that he restored the piece based on fragments of an old ballad dating back to

the 15th or 16th century. It is generally agreed that at least two of the verses, (3 & 4), are directly attributed to Burns writing style. The melody for Auld Lang Syne (which translates to "old long since") is commonly credited to composer William Shield who originally used it in his 1783 opera; Rosina. The tune, with Burns words, quickly became popular as the last song sung as evening gatherings broke up. A ritual developed where the group stood in a circle, each person crossing his arms in front of his chest and clapping his neighbors' hands, and all arms swung forward and back in time with the music as the song was sung.

Give that a try when the clock strikes twelve this New Year's Eve.

### Auld Lang Syne - Robert Burns

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
 and never brought to mind?  
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
 and days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
 For auld lang syne,  
 We'll take a cup o' kindness yet  
 For auld lang syne

We twa hae run about the braes  
 And pou'd the gowans fine;  
 we've wander'd mony a weary foot  
 Sin' auld lang syne

We two hae paidled i' the burn,  
 Frae mornin' sun till dine;  
 But seas between us braid hae roar'd  
 Sin' auld lang syne

And here's a hand, my trusty friend,  
 And gie's a hand o' thine;  
 We'll take a cup o' kindness yet  
 For auld lang syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
 and never brought to mind?  
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
 and days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
 For auld lang syne,  
 We'll take a cup o' kindness yet  
 For auld lang syne

## New Year Fun Facts!

Dropping the ball is American tradition

No spectators on New Year's Eve in Times Square this year

BY MIKE DUNN

A tradition Americans have grown up with - especially those of us who live in the Eastern Standard Time zone - is the dropping of the ball in Times Square. That tradition doesn't date back quite as far back as the Babylonians who started celebrating the new year about 4,000 years ago, but it is more than 100 years old.

And, yes, the ball will drop at 11:59 p.m. on New Year's Eve in Times Square to bring in the New Year of 2021 but, for the first time ever, there will be no spectators. We can thank the COVID-19 virus for that precaution. Hopefully, there won't be a need for the precautions next year.

This year's edition of the Times Square ball features a new "Gift of Happiness" design represented by a sunburst of bright cuts radiating outward. Performances at the event will be designed for TV audiences watching from home.

The first time the ball was dropped in Times Square was 1907. Actually, the idea of dropping the ball as a signal of the passing of time was taken from the English Royal Observatory at Greenwich, which started that particular tradition in 1833.

The first ball that was dropped in New York in 1907 was made of iron and wood and decorated with one hundred 25-watt light bulbs. It was 5 feet in diameter and weighed about 700 pounds. The ball has been replaced seven times through the years, most recently in 2008. The new ball weighs nearly 12,000 pounds and is a 12-foot geodesic sphere covered in 2,668 Waterford crystals.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HIGH: 31 LOW: 19	HIGH: 34 LOW: 29	HIGH: 32 LOW: 21	HIGH: 33 LOW: 27

## snowfall

2019-20	AMT"	CITY	2020-21	AMT"	CITY
12/29/19	.11.8	.ATLANTA	12/27/20	.2.2	.ATLANTA
12/29/19	.20.5	.BOYNE FALLS	12/27/20	.21	.BOYNE FALLS
12/29/19	.20.7	.CHARLEVOIX	12/27/20	.9.9	.CHARLEVOIX
12/29/19	.23.4	.CHEBOYGAN	12/27/20	.6.6	.CHEBOYGAN
12/29/19	.45.2	.EAST JORDAN	12/27/20	.18.7	.EAST JORDAN
12/29/19	.51.2	.GAYLORD	12/27/20	.35.6	.GAYLORD
12/29/19	.59.7	.KALKASKA	12/27/20	.30.1	.KALKASKA
12/29/19	.19.5	.LEWISTON	12/27/20	.2	.LEWISTON
12/29/19	.17.8	.MIO	12/27/20	.15.5	.MIO
12/29/19	.25.6	.ONAWAY	12/27/20	.5.5	.ONAWAY
12/29/19	.39.5	.PETOSKEY	12/27/20	.21.3	.PETOSKEY

## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
DEC 31	.15°	...30°	...-14° (1948)	.58° (1965)
JAN 1	...15°	...30°	...-9° (1968)	.48° (1952)
JAN 2	...15°	...30°	...-7° (1999)	.49° (1998)
AN 3	...16°	...31°	...-16° (1996)	.51° (1998)
JAN 4	...15°	...31°	...-36° (1981)	.49° (2007)
JAN 5	...15°	...30°	...-2° (1968)	.50° (2007)
JAN 6	...15°	...30°	...-12° (1973)	.50° (2008)
JAN 7	...15°	...30°	...-12° (1973)	.52° (2008)
JAN 8	...15°	...30°	...-17° (1981)	.49° (2008)
JAN 9	...14°	...30°	...-25° (1977)	.49° (2003)

## OBITUARIES

### Nina Marie Symons, 71

(MARCH 29, 1949 - DEC. 23, 2020)



Nina M. Symons of East Jordan passed away on December 23, 2020 at Munson Charlevoix Area Hospital. Nina was born on March 29, 1949, in Wayne County, MI the daughter of Jack and Edith (Koch) Gensman. She loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and camping. She was a Gladwin resident for many years prior to moving to East Jordan 20 years ago. Nina is survived by a son Daniel Symons of East Jordan, 5 grandchildren,

Daniel Jr, Patrick II, Skyler, Christopher and William, 3 brothers, Guy Gensman of East Jordan, William (Tammy) Gensman of Gladwin, MI, Fred Gensman of Skidway Lake, MI, 2 sisters, Ruth (Lyle) Hoard of AL, Janet Hamilton of Gladwin, MI and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son Patrick Symons, a brother Daniel Gensman, sister Jane Nashatka and her parents.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

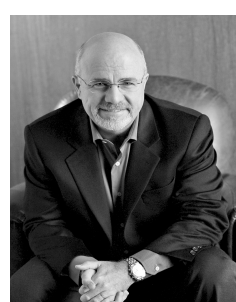
Funeral services will follow on Wednesday, December 30 at 12 noon also at the funeral home with Rev. Bart Adams officiating.

Interment will follow in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

# DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

## Push the pause button

Dear Dave, I've been following your plan, but recently I experienced a medical emergency. I'm about halfway through Baby Step 2 and paying off my debts using the debt snowball system. Considering the circumstances, should I stop doing the debt snowball for now?

Brooke

Dear Brooke, That's exactly what you should do. But make sure

you're only pressing the pause button on paying off debt. I'm talking about temporarily stopping the debt snowball, and making only minimum payments on all non-mortgage debt for now.

Cash is your umbrella when it rains, and you never know just how long the rain will last. Even if you have great health insurance, you might end up paying a chunk out of pocket. That's why it's important to save up and have plenty on hand.

Things like this are often just a bump in the road, so don't get discouraged. They can be expensive, and they're part of life, but taking care of these kinds of issues doesn't have to mean giving up on getting control of your finances. Emergency issues, especially a medical emergency, come first. Then, go back when things are better and pick up where you left off knocking out debt using the debt snow-

ball system. You can do this, Brooke. God bless you! —Dave

## You're just not ready

Dear Dave, My husband and I just bought a small business with cash. My sister let us live with her while we saved up the money for it, but things are starting to get a little cramped for everyone. The other day, my sister offered to co-sign on a house for us. Do you think this is a good idea? Cari

Dear Cari, Ok, so you just bought a business. I love your entrepreneurial spirit and the fact you saved up and paid for it with cash. But at this point, you don't know if the business is going to be successful or not. On top of that, you told me you'd need a co-signer for a home. If you need a co-signer for anything, it means you're not financially ready for that purchase.

I know you don't want to hear this, but you guys need to just forget about buying a house for a while. If I were in your shoes, I'd find a decent, inexpensive place to rent, and spend two or three years getting the business up and running. Pay off any debt you have, while saving as much money as you can in the process.

I want you and your husband to have a nice house someday. But right now, it would be a burden instead of a blessing.

—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.

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## Popular TV show 'Wardens' back on the air

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources continues its partnership with the Outdoor Channel on production of the 2021 season of its television series "Wardens."

New episodes began on Monday of this week and air on the Outdoor Channel every Monday at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday at 2:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The show also continues to be available on Negaunee-based station WLUC Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Focusing on ice fishing, bear hunting, opening day of firearm deer hunting season and more, the episodes will showcase the law enforcement work of DNR conservation officers, as well as the science behind the DNR's natural resources management efforts.

"Since the show began film-

ing in Michigan in 2017, 39 episodes have aired and viewership is over 28 million!" said David Haupt, analyst in the DNR's Gladwin Field Office who helps coordinate production. "We're excited to continue offering people a closer look at what the DNR does to take care of Michigan's natural and cultural resources."

Michigan-based Wolf Creek Productions is filming episodes at locations around the state with conservation officers and staff members from other DNR divisions who will be featured throughout the season.

On the air since 2011, "Wardens" chronicles the lives of conservation officers in America. To learn more about the show, visit [OutdoorChannel.com/Wardens](http://OutdoorChannel.com/Wardens).



Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Anna Viau observes possible violations of natural resources regulations. (courtesy of DNR)



Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Joe Deppen patrols Lake St. Clair after severe storms caused a number of accidents and injuries. (courtesy of DNR)

## Bergman Brief

### WEEK IN REVIEW

Americans across the Nation continue to struggle in the wake of the pandemic and related lockdowns. In recent weeks, our Governor has enacted stricter closures and guidelines on our small businesses. The restaurant and hospitality industries have experienced some of the most dire economic impacts. I've met with and heard from small business across the First District regarding the potential harmful impacts of the IRS and Treasury, Aôs decisions to tax expenditures made by small business with forgiven Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) dollars. Con-

gress established and small businesses participated in the PPP with the clear intent that the resource would be fully forgiven if used to keep paying employees during the pandemic.

As the federal government works to crack down on instances of fraud where appropriate, there are many good-faith actors who used the PPP and should not be set back once again by a higher tax bill they did not anticipate when seeking to do the right thing for their small business and employees. To resolve this issue, I've cosigned a letter to the Treasury urging them to overturn their policy. I've cosponsored H.R.6821 - the Small Business Expense Protection Act of 2020 to legislatively guarantee forgiven PPP expenses are not taxed, and I've also cosigned a letter to House leadership requesting they

include this policy in the next pandemic relief package. We don't have time to wait and we don't have time for political games - our small businesses are crumbling, which is why I will continue fighting to pressure House Democrat leadership to reopen the PPP. It's time to get this done for the people of our Nation.

This week, the House passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). I voted in support of this critical legislation - which included some major wins for the First District of Michigan. While a bill this size is never perfect - this year's NDAA provides a pay raise for our troops, better supports Veterans with toxic exposure to burn pits, and increases mental health services for Veterans. As a Member of Congress, our foremost responsibility is providing for the common defense of our

country and this bill will provide our troops with the resources needed to do just that.

Lastly, the House passed the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) this week. I was proud to support this critical legislation that built on our progress made for the Great Lakes over the past four years. One of the major achievements in this legislation was funding for the Brandon Road Lock and Dam project to stop Asian carp from entering our Great Lakes. I'll cover more about the accomplishments in the "legislative corner" below.

Thank you for reading this week's Bergman Brief. I appreciate you taking the time to follow along with the work we are doing.

Respectfully,  
Jack Bergman



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## MDHHS partnership with Michigan restaurants to provide hot meals to food assistance recipients

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is launching a new program that will give eligible food assistance recipients the opportunity to use their benefits to purchase restaurant meals.

Older adults over 60, people with a disability including those who receive Social Security Income (SSI) or other disability program benefits, and people experiencing homelessness are among those who are eligible.

"No Michigander should worry about how to put food on the table for themselves and their families, especially during a pandemic," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

"This partnership with our restaurants will ensure people across the state have the support they need this winter. I am grateful for the restaurants that participate in this program and will continue to work around the clock to ensure support for every family. Remember, Michiganders: mask up, practice social distancing, and wash your hands frequently. We will get through this together."

The goal of the Restaurant Meal Program (RMP) is to serve residents who face difficulty preparing their own food due to disability, age, or lack of kitchen access. MDHHS is opening the pro-

gram for restaurants to enroll with the aim of providing diverse and affordable options for eligible participants across the state.

Restaurants can enroll beginning Dec. 22. MDHHS will announce at a later date when eligible food assistant recipients can start redeeming their benefits at participating restaurants.

Across Michigan, more than 180,000 seniors, 134,000 residents with disabilities and 1,200 residents experiencing homelessness will soon be able to use their Bridge Card to buy discounted meals at participating restaurants.

"MDHHS is always work-

ing to make it easier for residents to put food on the table for themselves and their families," said Director Robert Gordon. "The Restaurant Meal Program provides an option for Michiganders who – for no fault of their own – find it difficult to prepare hot meals."

Restaurants must first enroll in the program and be approved before eligible participants can make purchases. MDHHS will publish a list of participating restaurants on its website and encourages restaurants to advertise this benefit to their patrons directly.

Restaurants interested in partnering with MDHHS in

this program are asked to visit the MDHHS website, where they can learn more about program requirements and how to enroll. Participating restaurants must offer meals at concessional prices.

Eligible participants can buy meals at participating restaurants with their Bridge Card in a manner similar to purchasing groceries. As restaurants enroll in the program and are approved to provide this service, more information about food assistance recipient eligibility will be forthcoming. If a food assistance recipient feels they meet the criteria of being disabled or homeless, MDHHS encourages them to contact

their local MDHHS office.

RMP expands the list of options available to eligible participants who need hot prepared meals. MDHHS offers several options for providers to service prepared meals to food assistance recipients such as Meals on Wheels, meals at senior citizen centers/residential settings, drug/alcohol treatment programs, shelters for battered women and children, communal dining facilities (for the elderly and disabled only), group living arrangements, and homeless meal providers.

## Mackinac Bridge painting project wins fourth award

The Mackinac Bridge tower painting project has won yet another national award, this time from the National Council of Structural Engineers (NCSEA).

Ruby+Associates of Bingham Farms was named the Outstanding Project Winner in the Other Structures category of the NCSEA's Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards. The firm designed the movable painting platforms being used in the Mackinac Bridge's back-to-back two-year tower painting projects.

"The judges were impressed by the solutions provided for the unique challenges on this project," said Carrie Johnson, chair of the NCSEA Awards Committee. "The engineers were tasked with creating a painting platform. This was a two-story, movable steel and aluminum structure capable of sustaining 100 mph winds. The solution eliminated the need for almost 400 feet of scaffolding."

Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) Executive Secretary Kim Nowack congratulated Ruby+Associates on the latest award.

"These multiple awards recognize the engineering knowledge and problem-solving creativity of the firms involved, evident from the excellent job they've done repainting the Mackinac Bridge towers," she said.

Back in March, Ruby+Associates received one of five Engineering Honorable Conceptor Awards from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC/M) at the association's annual Engineering and Surveying Excellence Awards Gala.

Earlier this year, representatives of Seaway

Painting of Livonia, the contractor performing the work on the bridge, accepted the E. Crone Knoy Award from the Society for Protective Coatings, an industry group focused on protecting and preserving concrete, steel, and other industrial and marine structures. The E. Crone Knoy Award "recognizes an outstanding achievement in industrial or commercial coatings work that demonstrates innovation, excellence in craftsmanship, or the use of state-of-the-art techniques or products to creatively solve problems or provide long-term service."

Last summer at the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois 2019 Excellence in Structural Engineering Annual Awards, Ruby+Associates took home the Best Neighboring State Project Award for the bridge painting platforms used in the painting project. The movable scaffold system was designed by Ruby+Associates, fabricated by Moran Iron Works of Onaway, and used by Seaway Painting.

The south tower contract is for just less than \$6.5 million, and work is expected to be completed in early 2021. The contract to repaint the north tower was just less than \$6.3 million. Installation and removal of the platforms has required brief closures during the overnight and early morning hours on several occasions.

The original paint is lead-based and Seaway is required to contain 100 percent of the paint as it is removed and ship it to an appropriate landfill facility. The new paint, which is zinc-based, is expected to last at least 35 years, with periodic maintenance.

## A bit of New Year's trivia

BY JIM AKANS

As the clock ticks down to midnight on New Year's Eve, all thoughts focus on the promise of the future. Following is a bit of New Year's trivia to share during evening hours counting down toward the "giant leap" from this year to next.

Celebrating the New Year dates back to around 2000 B.C. when Mesopotamia welcomed the beginning of the spring season (at the vernal equinox) with festivals heralding a new year. According to the web site, celebrations.com, those trend-setting Babylonians even established the tradition of making resolutions, with a typical one at the time being the return of farming equipment that had been borrowed.

Today's resolutions tend to focus on getting our lives in better order in some fashion. Goskills.com found the top 10 New Year's resolutions are;

- Exercise more
- Lose weight
- Get organized
- Learn a new skill or hobby
- Live life to the fullest
- Save more money / spend less money
- Quit smoking
- Spend more time with family and friends
- Travel more
- Read more

According to statista.com about a third of respondents stated their resolution was to not make resolutions.

That might not be a bad



Have a safe celebration this New Year's Eve and may the coming year bring good fortune and joy to you and yours! Wikimedia image

idea. A University of Scranton research paper found that only 8-percent of the approximately 40-percent of American's making New Year's resolutions actually achieve them. The success rate is probably much higher for those who don't make them.

Most view New Year's as a symbol of renewed hope and a revitalization of achieving our dreams. It's also a chance for having a celebratory evening before a day full of football.

The first New Year's ball was dropped in New York's Times Square in 1907. That ball weighed 700 pounds and was decorated with 100 bulbs. Today, that ball weighs nearly six tons and is decorated with over 2,600 Waterford crystals.

The establishment of the Julian calendar in 45 B.C. set the date of celebrating New Year's on January 1. (Spring still seems more appropriate to me).

The month of January was named after the Roman god of doors and gates - Janus. Janus was portrayed with a face looking forward and a face looking backward...symbolism that is apt to the start of a new year.

The Chinese New Year occurs on the new moon between January 21 and February 20

The Thrillist web site states that those New Year's kisses have been happening since the Middle Ages, stemming from a belief that the first person you encounter in the New Year will establish

the karma of the coming year. It's a good omen if that person is someone you want to lock lips with.

Auld Lang Syne lyrics, a Scottish phrase that means "times gone by," are derived from a 1788 poem by Scotsman Robert Burns.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau reports that New Year's Day hold the distinction of having the highest stolen vehicle rate of any national holiday. Could have something to do with grabbing the wrong keys after a long night of partying.

Have a safe celebration this New Year's Eve and may the coming year bring good fortune and joy to you and yours!

## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

**Monday, December 14, 2020**  
 0034 Request for welfare check on Hannah St.  
 1133 Private property damage crash in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.  
 1302 Complaint of political signs still being up around town.  
 1419 Property damage crash in the 400 block of High St.  
 1813 Assist Fire Dept. on Old State Rd.  
 2328 Citation issued for speed and No Proof of Insurance at Lake and Division St

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**  
 1124 Funeral escort.  
 1700 Citation issued for speed at Pleasant Ave and the City limits.  
 1923 Found debit card turned in to EMS.  
 2124 Civil property line dispute on River Ridge Ln.

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**  
 1327 Motorist assist at Boyne Av and R St.  
 1440 Motorist assist at Boyne Av and High  
 1620 Health and safety issue in the 100 block of W Pine St.  
 1737 Civil custody dispute.  
 2212 Assist Sheriff Dept. in Boyne Falls.

**Thursday, December 17, 2020**  
 1305 Welfare check requested in the 100 block of S Lake St.  
 1900 Suspicious situation in the 400 block of Front St  
 2124 Assist Sheriff Dept. at Boyne Falls EZ mart

**Friday December 18, 2020**  
 1400 Took 5 Boyne City student on Shop with a Hero to Meijer  
 1528 Report of domestic violence event that took place in

the 300 block of N Lake St earlier today.  
 1624 Assist fire Dept. on Lower Lake St.  
 1708 Arrested subject for the earlier Domestic on N Lake St  
 2153 Suspicious subject reported in the 200 block of S Lake St  
 2339 Civil dispute in the 300 block of E Division St.

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**  
 0914 Property damage crash at W. Michigan Ave. and Mechanic St.  
 1217 Citation issued for Speed at E. Division St. and Lewis Ave.  
 1500 Salvage vehicle inspection

**Sunday December 20, 2020**  
 0128 Suspicious vehicle at Avalanche.  
 1500 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of S Park St.  
 1725 Subject shoveled a large amount of snow into the roadway in the 600 block of Boyne Av.  
 1748 Vehicle unlock in the 700 block of E Lincoln Av.  
 2311 Threats complaint received from the 200 block of W. Cedar St.

**Monday, December 7, 2020**  
 0035 Death notification on Mc Kinley St.  
 0744 Report of vehicles not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalk at E. Division St. and S. Park St.  
 1045 Assist Sheriff Dept. at M-75 N and Old State Rd.  
 1134 Report of shoplifters in the 100 block of Water St. Occurred on Saturday.  
 1729 Assist EMS in the 500 block of S. Lake St.  
 1820 Stalking complaint

from the 1000 block of Second St.  
 2210 Assist Sheriff Dept. on M75 S.  
 2329 MDOP to vehicle in the 200 block of W Division St.  
 2355 Verbal dispute in the 700 block of Brockway.

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 2020**  
 1003 Report of lost wallet yesterday afternoon possible near Boyne Marathon  
 1547 Harassment complaint reported from Water St  
 1550 Citizen assist in the 100 block of Water St  
 1625 Report of intoxicated subject walking on State St.  
 1732 Retail fraud reported in the 400 block of N. Lake St.  
 1900 Report of an attempted fraud with Amazon

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**  
 1203 Tagged an abandoned camper at Boyne City boat launch.  
 1340 Citation issued for Speed on Pleasant Ave.  
 1627 Suspicious activity reported in the area of Vogel and Call.  
 1642 Vehicle unlock in the 1000 block of Boyne Av  
 1721 Civil complaint reported in the 300 block of E Division.  
 2342 Suspicious vehicle reported on Alice St.

**Thursday, December 10, 2020**  
 0910 Found MI Operator's License dropped off at PD  
 1050 Lower my electric bill scam calls reported  
 1341 Civil custody matter reported on Smith St  
 1404 Towed abandoned unregistered trailer from BC boat launch parking lot  
 1432 Scam reported in the 300 block of E Division St

1651 Subject trying to force another subject to stop and would not let them pass on the bike path.

1750 Skateboarders warned to stop skating on the sidewalk  
 2143 Assist EMS on Fall Park Rd.  
 2203 Phone Scam reported on Clark St.

2324 Welfare check in the 400 block of Hannah St.

**Friday, December 11, 2020**  
 1318 Abuse complaint reported from Earl St.  
 1645 Civil custody complaint at the PD  
 1920 Lodged a stray dog found around Alice St.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 12, 2020**  
 1142 Property damage crash at Charlevoix St. and W. Court St.

1206 MDOP to vehicle in the 300 block of E. Division St.  
 1632 Report of an injured deer in the 800 block of E Main St  
 2236 Arrested subject for domestic violence in the 700 block of E Lincoln St.

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**  
 0020 Assist Sheriff Dept. on Wenonah St.  
 0436 Towed vehicle for snow removal from the 100 block of S Lake St.  
 0847 Report of water pouring out well 2 behind the 1910 building.  
 0902 Vehicle unlock in the 100 block of N Park St  
 1128 Citation issued or speed at Front St. and Pleasant Ave.  
 1812 Arrested subject on warrant in the 400 block of Groveland St.

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## Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

On December 28, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has reported the following COVID-19 case information from December 24th - December 28th. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Thursday, December 24th - 17 new cases in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (6), and Otsego (4) counties, and 1 COVID-19 associated death in Antrim county.

Friday, December 25th - 8 new cases in Antrim (4), Emmet (3), and Otsego (1) counties.

Saturday, December 26th - 15 new cases in Antrim (6), Charlevoix (1), Emmet (1), and Otsego (7) counties.

Sunday, December 27th - 15 new cases in Antrim (6), Emmet (3), and Otsego (6) counties.

Monday, December 28th - 7 new cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (3), and Otsego (1) counties.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's COVID-19 vaccine clinics are underway for individuals in the 1A priority group, which includes Emergency Medical Providers, medical first re-

sponders and healthcare workers who are not being vaccinated through a hospital or other organizations.

Health Department vaccination clinics are scheduled weekly, available by appointment only, and will be expanding beyond medical first responders and EMS personnel to other health care workers as we finish those initial groups. The hospitals will be vaccinating their own healthcare workers with their allotted vaccine allocations, and long-term care facilities along with the adult foster care homes and assisted livings will be serviced by local pharmacies, the associated hospital, or the health department.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is asking healthcare agencies and healthcare workers who identify themselves as part of phase 1A to complete this vaccination information form as soon as possible. We can then follow up with each organization once vaccine is available and once we are ready to schedule appointments. The administration of the vaccine will take time and patience by everyone as we move through the healthcare workers and first responder

priorities. Essential workers will soon follow this group which will be a significant number of people in our jurisdiction. As we progress through priority groups, our daily press releases and Facebook continue to be the best source of information for COVID-19 vaccine announcements.

"When we are deeply involved in planning and implementation, as we are now with vaccine administration planning, it is sometimes difficult to keep everyone up to date and informed in a timely way. We hope that our communities know that we will always try our best for you - we will always keep the health of our communities as our number one goal and will prioritize our activities to that end," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "We will be scheduling clinics throughout our communities for priority groups as we progress through them. Information is rapid and changing but the public should continue to watch our website, social media sites, and daily/weekly updates to stay informed!"

As of 4 pm on December 18, the Health Department of

Northwest Michigan is reporting:

Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim - 606, Charlevoix - 842, Emmet - 1,203, Otsego - 1,021

Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim - 435, Charlevoix - 595, Emmet - 881, Otsego - 709

Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim - 8, Charlevoix - 9, Emmet - 32, Otsego - 21

The State of Michigan is reporting 480,508 cases and 12,089 deaths; and as of December 23rd, cumulative recovered cases: 318,319.

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. For more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, visit the MDHHS vaccine website or the CDC vaccine website.

## FUN FACTS

FROM PG. 1

The Ball has dropped every year since 1907 except for two: 1942 and 1943, during World War II. About 1 million people turn out in Times Square for the New Year's Eve celebration each year. Roughly a fifth of them will be visiting from another country.

More than 100 million Americans usually watch the New York City bash on TV and that figure may grow this year because of COVID. In total, about 56 percent of people in the U.S. will see the Times Square event. The Ball Drop will appear on TV sets outside North America, as well. Broadcasters in Spain, China, Germany, Japan, Portugal, Venezuela and other countries will show the event, according to its website.

The late Dick Clark was associated with New Year's Eve and hosting the dropping of the ball on TV for 30 years, from 1973 to 2003. Before Dick Clark, the name most associ-

ated with New Year's Eve in the U.S. was probably Guy Lombardo, whose band ushered in the New Year in New York for decades.

The date of January 1 for the New Year goes back to Julius Caesar, the Roman emperor who ruled a generation before Jesus was born. His calendar, authorized in 46 B.C., used the 365-day solar calendar as its basis and became known as the Julian Calendar.

The song most associated with New Year's is "Auld Lang Syne." It was written by the Scottish poet Robert Burns in 1741 and first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Burns put words to a melody that was already popular in Scotland and it has become the standard for bringing in the New Year. "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago" or, in modern English, "the good old days."

The top 10 resolutions are usually to lose weight, eat more healthily, exercise more, stop smoking, stick to a budget, save money, get more organized, be more patient,

find a better job and to just be a better person over all.

Using a baby to signify the New Year began in ancient Greece around 600 B.C.

If you've made a New Year's resolution to lose weight and you're looking for something to munch on at the New Year's Eve party, try celery. It actually has negative calories, meaning it takes more calories to eat the celery than the celery has in the first place. Apples are the same way.

Americans drink around 360 million glasses of sparkling wine on New Year's. Corks can fly out of the bottle at a speed of 25 miles per hour, so it's best to open bottles at a 45-degree angle (away from yourself and others).

In Italy, people wear red underwear on New Year's Day to bring good luck all year long. The tradition dates back to medieval times.

Many parts of the United States observe the tradition of eating pork and black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck.

The island nation of Kiri-

bati in the central Pacific, also known as Christmas Island, rings in the new year before anyone else.

There is a New Year's Eve event held each year on the island of Anarctica (where they are just entering the summer season but it is still frigid!). The annual IceStock music festival is held at McMurdo Station where the local population balloons to over 1,200 people during their summer months.

And just to throw in another fun fact that has nothing at all to do with New Year's but that you might find interesting and useful: chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

And here's one more fact that probably isn't useful at all but is fun to know. The name "Wendy" comes from the popular children's book Peter Pan. Before Peter Pan and Wendy and Captain Hook and the Lost Boys were introduced to the world by the Scottish author J.M. Barrie in the early 1900s, the name Wendy apparently did not exist.

Happy New Year to all.

## 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

#### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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

### EAST JORDAN

### WIFI LOCATIONS

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

Wifi Locations: East Jordan DDA - First two blocks of Main Street, Downtown East Jordan - Harbor/Marina Parking Lot, City of East Jordan - East Jordan Tourist Park near the log building, EJ Laundry Station - 128 S. Lake Street, Jordan River Arts Council - Outside - username: 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 WR-CNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN


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

### BOYNE CITY

#### BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

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## NCMC Winter hours effective Jan. 4, 2021

North Central Michigan College announces winter semester hours effective January 4, 2021, for all departments and offices.

The Administrative and Business offices, as well as Learning Support Services, will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

### OTHER DEPARTMENT HOURS INCLUDE:

Student Services, Financial Aid, Advising, and Veteran Services hours are:

Monday – Thursday.....8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Friday.....9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### THE COLLEGE STORE HOURS\* ARE:

Monday – Thursday.....8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Friday.....8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

\*Holiday hours vary. Please call 231-348-6606.

### THE LIBRARY HOURS ARE:

Monday - Thursday.....8 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Friday .....8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

### THE STUDENT AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER – GYM AND FITNESS CENTER HOURS\* ARE:

Monday – Thursday.....6 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Friday.....6 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday.....10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

\*Holiday hours vary. Hours are subject to change depending on MDHHS mandates and status of phases under the MI Safe Start Reopening Plan. Visit [www.ncmich.edu](http://www.ncmich.edu) or call 231-439-6370 for more information.

The Iron Horse Café will reopen to the public on Monday, January 11, for takeout only. Dine-in availability will be determined by MDHHS order. Place an order online and pick up at your convenience by visiting <https://ordering.app/ironhorsecafencmc/>. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday.....8 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Friday - Saturday.....10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Closed Sunday

Updated information on hours and events is available at [www.ncmich.edu](http://www.ncmich.edu).

## Tobacco users at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19

District Health Department #10 is encouraging current cigarette and e-cigarette users to set a 2021 New Year's resolution to quit smoking or vaping!

Cigarette smoking compromises the immune system and is linked to lung inflammation that puts people at greater risk for pulmonary infections, such as flu, pneumonia, bronchitis, and COVID-19. Smoking also harms the cells that line our airways which are the lungs' essential defenders against viruses. Adults and youth that smoke or are former smokers are at an increased risk for severe complications of infection, including severe illness from COVID-19.

Although there is no firm link between e-cigarette use and severe risk due to COVID-19, there are other harms that remain. Nicotine, commonly found

in e-cigarettes, can cause inflammation in lung tissue. E-cigarettes also contain a pesticide called, acrolein, which can cause acute lung injury and COPD and may cause asthma and lung cancer. All four of these are potential risk factors for developing severe COVID-19 symptoms.

It is important that we do all we can to keep our lungs healthy to avoid the worst effects of COVID-19. Smoking and vaping harms the lungs, making lung tissue inflamed and susceptible to infection. There has never been a better time to quit all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes!

For resources to help quitting visit: <https://www.dhd10.org/public-health-matters/can-quit-smoking-course/>.

## Stay safe this New Year's Weekend: Don't Drive Impaired

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month and Oceana LEADS and District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) want to remind community members to stay off Santa's naughty list this year by not driving impaired!

The holidays are often a time of celebration when people give themselves permission to indulge in their favorite holiday treats. However, these festivities often include alcohol and other impairing substances, making the holidays one of the most dangerous times on the already difficult Michigan roads.

Alcohol and drugs, including marijuana, affect the way people drive—putting drivers, passengers, and other vehicles on the road at risk. Drugs can alter perceptions, attention, balance, coordination, reaction time, and other

skills necessary to remain safe and alert on the road. Like drunk driving, it is nationally illegal to drive under the influence of drugs, legally or illegally obtained—no exceptions. If a person is feeling high, buzzed, stoned, wasted, or drunk, they are impaired and should not be behind the wheel.

Oceana LEADS and DHD#10 encourage people to celebrate responsibly this holiday season. If indulging in substances, have a backup plan for travel and/or designate a sober individual to drive or keep vehicle keys until individuals are no longer impaired and can safely drive. Drunk and drugged driving deaths are preventable, and drivers must remember that driving impaired by any substance—drugs or alcohol—is deadly, illegal, and selfish behavior.

## DOG PARK

FROM PG. 1

The interest has included a few documentaries. While the attention has been great for the city, it has caused some challenges for the people who reside in the mushroom houses. The Charlevoix Historic District Commission and the Charlevoix Historical Society are working on putting up signs at all three entrance points to the district. This also would help the people visiting to remind them that the houses are private property. The signage will help to eliminate visitors from taking pictures on the porch or looking in the windows of the home. The signs would not only provide protection for the homeowners but also provide historical context to the houses as well. The two groups already mailed out letters to the homeowners with a mock-up of the sign and explaining what the groups were going to do with them. The signs were

positively received from the homeowners and the groups have already received private donations for the signs. The Council would unanimously approve the motion to support the installation of the three signs.

### DOG PARK

When evaluating the current Recreation Master Plan, the fourth most important thing the residents would like to see added or developed was a dog park. The Recreation Advisory Committee had been looking at the idea of adding a dog park for the last few years. Recently, the RAC had created a sub-committee to study the idea more. The goal of this committee is to evaluate what determines a successful dog park including finding the right location, having the right amenities and finding adequate space. The struggle was to find the ideal piece of city-owned property suitable for a dog park. A space between the Carpenter Street ball fields and the airport property fence is the desirable area for park de-

velopment. The area will be around 1.5 acres.

This location was chosen because the area can already utilize parking, restroom and fencing. The land is already designed for park usage. The ball fields and the airports would provide a good buffer from residential areas. The area is walkable for many in the city. These reasons will help make the location an easier choice and help reduce costs for the park. The Council was asked to approve the Recreation Department to be able to continue to move forward with planning and the next steps to help a possible 2021 opening. The Council unanimously approved the motion. With the support of the Council, the Recreation Department plans on returning to the Council to present the final cost of the project with all funding options available.

This was the final City Commission meeting for 2020. The Council will hold its next meeting on January 4, 2021, at six o'clock on zoom.



Proposed Signage. COURTESY IMAGE

# WINTER FUN FACTS

Where is world's snowiest city located?

Where was world-record snowman built?

If you've ever wondered on what lucky group of people the most snow falls each year, we have the answer and it will probably surprise. No, the city is not in Montana or Colorado or anywhere in the U.S. And it's not in Russia or China either.

The city where the most snow falls each year is actually in ... Japan! Aomori City in northern Japan receives more snowfall than any major city on the planet. Each year citizens are pummeled with 312 inches, or about 26 feet of snow on average.

I guess being in northern Michigan in the winter isn't so bad after all. Here in the U.S., the most snow ever recorded in a 24-hour period was at Silver Lake, Colorado way back in 1921. A whopping 76 inches fell! You might say it was a golden day for skiers in Silver Lake. The second-heaviest snowfall in a 24-hour period was also recorded in Colorado, at Georgetown on Dec. 4, 1913. On that day, 63 inches of the white stuff fell on the city.

A single snow storm can drop up to 39 million tons of snow. I guess if you do any plowing, you're probably not surprised at that total.

The city of Bismarck, North Dakota is well-acquainted with winter snow. On Feb. 17, 2007, the students of Bismarck schools set a record when they joined forces to create 8,962 snow angels at the same time. Here are some other inter-



If you think northern Michigan is among the places in the world where the most snow falls, think again! (photo by Mike Dunn)

esting facts about winter:

During winter, the earth in its orbit is actually closer to the sun, not farther away. The seasonal drop in temperatures has nothing to do with the distance of the sun. It is the earth's tilting axis that causes the seasons. That is why the Southern Hemisphere is experiencing three months of summer at the same time we in the Northern Hemisphere are experiencing three months of winter. (Longer, of course, if you're a citizen of northern Michigan!)

More than 22 millions tons of salt are used on U.S. roads each winter, amounting to about 137 pounds of salt per person!

Did you know there's a difference between freezing rain and sleet? They form in different ways, though both create hazardous road conditions. They both form when precipitation Both types of precipitation occur

when rain formed in warm air in the sky passes through a layer of cold air near the ground. Thicker layers of cold air create sleet, a slushy form of water that's semi-frozen by the time it reaches the Earth. Thinner layers don't give rain enough time to freeze until it hits the surface of the ground—it then forms a thin coat of ice wherever it lands.

Wet snow is best for building a snowman, but you probably already knew that. Scientists say the best snow is a snow-to-water ratio of 5-to-1. The Southern Hemisphere typically has milder winters than the Northern Hemisphere. This is because the Southern Hemisphere has less land and a more maritime climate.

According to the Guinness World Records, on January 28, 1887, a snowflake 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick fell in Fort Keogh, Mon-

tana, making it the largest snowflake ever observed.

The largest recorded snowman ever built was in Bethel, Maine, in February 1999. The 113-foot, 7-inch snowman broke the previous record held by Yamagata, Japan, at 96 feet and 7 inches.

Average snowflake falls at about 3 mph. All snowflakes have six sides.

Millions of monarch butterflies fly to Mexico for the winter. They are the only insect that migrates to a warmer climate that is 2,500 miles away each year. Additionally, they like to hibernate in the same trees every year.

The coldest winter on Earth occurs at the Polar Plateau in Antarctica. The average mean annual temperature is -72.9° Fahrenheit. That's a lot colder than Lake City or McBain!

There is an average of 105 snow-producing storms in the United States in a typical year. An average storm will last 2-5 days and carry snow to several states.

Couples are more than twice as likely to think about splitting up between the year-end holidays and Valentine's Day. The two major reasons are that 1) the holidays are stressful and 2) energy levels are lower during cold weather and people tend to be moodier.

The word "solstice" means "sun stands still."

The most common birthday in the United States is September 16, which means that most babies are conceived during the early winter holiday season. August has the lowest amount of conceptions.

The Disney movie Frozen (2013) is the highest-grossing animated musical film of all time and the 9th highest-grossing film of all time with a worldwide box office gross of \$1.097 billion.

Sunsets are typically prettier in the winter. Cold, non-humid air is clearer than warm summer air, which allows the colors of the sun to shine through more clearly.

– Compiled by Mike Dunn

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## RD Sports Photo selects top 10 photos of 2020

BY DAVE BARAGREY

Local sports photographer, Rob DeForge of RD Sports Photo, is releasing his top ten photos of 2020.

This is a project DeForge does annually on his Facebook page, facebook.com/rdsportphoto.

For more than 10 years Rob has traveled all around Northern Michigan to sporting events to shoot photos of athletes of all ages. Based in Gaylord, he has won numerous awards for his sports photography.

DeForge commented on this year's selections, "Well...it has been a bit strange with no sports for much of the year, but it gave me time to work on my Top Ten for 2020. Not as many photos to choose from this year, but I think I have some great shots with stories behind them. I will post a few outside of the Top

Ten on Dec 21st, then start the countdown on Dec 22nd until #1 on December 31st."

You can see many of the photos Rob has taken on his website, www.RDSportsPhoto.com



#9 - This photo just represents the sportsmanship that goes along with a Gaylord/Petoskey football game. These 2 schools have become the main rivals in football based on size of schools and their proximity. This photo was from the frosh game at Gaylord High School as a Petoskey player congratulates the Gaylord team after the game.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOP 25

1 GONZAGA (61)	4-0 .....1,597 .....1	13 CREIGHTON	6-2 .....773 .....9	25 OREGON	6-1 .....167 .....NR
2 BAYLOR (3)	5-0 .....1,538 .....2	14 MISSOURI	5-0 .....768 .....16		
3 KANSAS	7-1 .....1,426 .....5	15 TEXAS TECH	6-2 .....661 .....14		
4 IOWA	6-1 .....1,365 .....3	16 VIRGINIA	3-1 .....510 .....17		
5 VILLANOVA	7-1 .....1,304 .....7	17 NORTH CAROLINA	5-2 .....492 .....22		
6 HOUSTON	5-0 .....1,272 .....6	18 ILLINOIS	5-3 .....468 .....13		
7 WEST VIRGINIA	7-1 .....1,225 .....8	19 MICHIGAN	6-0 .....367 .....25		
8 TENNESSEE	4-0 .....1,109 .....10	20 DUKE	3-2 .....352 .....21		
9 WISCONSIN	6-1 .....1,051 .....12	21 FLORIDA STATE	4-1 .....335 .....15		
10 TEXAS	7-1 .....1,035 .....11	22 XAVIER	8-0 .....249 .....NR		
11 RUTGERS	6-0 .....878 .....19	23 OHIO STATE	6-1 .....245 .....20		
12 MICHIGAN STATE	6-1 .....839 .....4	24 VIRGINIA TECH	6-1 .....181 .....NR		

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

### NFL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

MIAMI AT BUFFALO	1:00PM	CBS
NEW ORLEANS AT CAROLINA	1:00PM	FOX
GREEN BAY AT CHICAGO	1:00PM	FOX
BALTIMORE AT CINCINNATI	1:00PM	CBS
PITTSBURGH AT CLEVELAND	1:00PM	CBS
MINNESOTA AT DETROIT	1:00PM	FOX
TENNESSEE AT HOUSTON	1:00PM	CBS
NY JETS AT NEW ENGLAND	1:00PM	CBS

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

DALLAS AT NY GIANTS	1:00PM	FOX
ATLANTA AT TAMPA BAY	1:00PM	FOX
JACKSONVILLE AT INDIANAPOLIS	1:00PM	CBS
LA CHARGERS AT KANSAS CITY	1:00PM	CBS
WASHINGTON AT PHILADELPHIA	1:00PM	FOX
ARIZONA AT LA RAMS	4:25PM	FOX
SEATTLE AT SAN FRANCISCO	4:25PM	FOX
LAS VEGAS AT DENVER	4:25PM	CBS

### 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 .....11-3	TITANS .....10-5	WASHINGTON ...6-9	SAINTS .....11-4
DOLPHINS .....10-5	COLTS .....10-5	COWBOYS .....6-9	BUCCANEERS ...10-5
PATRIOTS .....6-8	TEXANS .....4-11	GIANTS .....5-10	PANTHERS .....5-10
JETS .....2-13	JAGUARS .....1-14	EAGLES .....4-10-1	FALCONS .....4-11
<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 .....12-3	CHIEFS .....14-1	PACKERS .....12-3	SEAHAWKS .....11-4
RAVENS .....10-5	RAIDERS .....7-8	BEARS .....8-7	RAMS .....9-6
BROWNS .....10-5	CHARGERS .....6-9	VIKINGS .....6-9	CARDINALS .....8-7
BENGALS .....4-10-1	BRONCOS .....5-10	LIONS .....5-10	49ERS .....6-9

## Fall Tournaments To Conclude In January

The Falls sports postseason tournaments have been re-scheduled... once again.

The MHSAA announced late last week that the concluding rounds of Michigan High School Athletic Association postseason tournaments in football, girls volleyball and girls swimming & diving will be completed during January, as the MHSAA continues to follow all emergency orders from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS).

Football teams may begin two days of outdoor, non-contact conditioning and drills, wearing helmets and shoulder pads with physical distancing, on Monday, Dec. 28, in advance of the first round of testing Dec. 30 as part of an MDHHS rapid testing pilot program. Schools will test players, coaches and other team personnel, with full-contact practice then allowed after a first round of negative results. The testing program will utilize BinaxNOW antigen tests that produce results within 15 minutes.

For football, 11-Player Regional Finals and 8-Player Semifinals will be played Saturday, Jan. 9. The 8-Player

Finals and 11-Player Semifinals will be played Saturday, Jan. 16; and 11-Player Finals will be played during the weekend of Jan. 22-23.

The MDHHS's current epidemic order, which paused activity beginning Nov. 18, is set to expire Jan. 15, and if restrictions on non-contact sports are lifted then volleyball and swimming & diving could practice and compete at that time outside of the required rapid testing program. If the MDHHS epidemic order continues, volleyball and swimming & diving could begin practice, but those teams and individuals will have to follow all requirements of the MDHHS rapid testing pilot program to be eligible to participate. Specific plans and dates for volleyball and girls swimming & diving practice resumption and MHSAA tournaments will be finalized and shared with competing schools in early January.

Volleyball competition will restart with Quarterfinals, and Lower Peninsula girls swimming & diving has advanced to its Finals. The championship events in both sports would be completed no later than Jan. 30.



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## MHSFCA names 2020 8-Player All-State Teams

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has released its 2020 8-Player Division 1-2 all-state teams.

### DIVISION 1

#### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Joey Breckel, Offensive Lineman, Adrian Lenawee Christian  
Jordan Converse, Offensive Lineman, Morrice  
Michael Wittman, Offensive Lineman, Suttons Bay  
Thomas Ossenbaugh, Offensive Lineman, Martin  
Logan Heath, Quarterback, Merrill  
Austin Middleton, Quarterback, Mayville  
Beau Vizina, Running Back, Inland Lakes  
Micah Bailey, Running Back, Pickford  
Jameson Chesser, Running Back, Adrian Lenawee Christian  
Elliott Adleman, Wide Receiver/Tight End, Adrian Lenawee Christian  
Traiten Colessa, Wide Receiver/Tight End, Deckerville

#### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Errik Huyck, Defensive Lineman, Pickford  
Coby Kegerreis, Defensive Lineman, Adrian Lenawee Christian  
Lucas Rutter, Defensive Lineman, Mayville  
Nick Hayward, Linebacker, Bellevue  
Jacob McCormick, Linebacker, Merrill  
Wyatt Wesley, Linebacker, Morrice  
Elijah Reed, Linebacker, Battle Creek St. Philip  
Dominic Bonnee, Defensive Back, Pickford  
Jayce Warren, Defensive Back, Bridgman  
Derrick Armstrong, Defensive Back, Inland Lakes  
Alton Davis, Defensive Back, Genesee  
Ethan Bowerman, Athlete, Deckerville  
Clay Ayers, Specialist, Adrian Lenawee Christian

### DIVISION 2

#### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Chase Fitzsimmons, Offensive Lineman, Portland St. Patrick  
Joe Weiss, Offensive Lineman, Kinde North Huron  
Nic Nance, Offensive Lineman, Engadine  
Wyatt Smith, Offensive Lineman, Rapid River  
Gabe Ruggles, Quarterback, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart  
Connor Cross, Quarterback, Portland St. Patrick  
Derec Fedewa, Running Back, Portland St. Patrick  
Trace Juergens, Running Back, Atlanta  
Grant Fountain, Running Back, Cedarville  
Luke Predum, Wide Receiver/Tight End, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart  
Louie Mayer, Wide Receiver/Tight End, Rudyard

#### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Ben Wilson, Defensive Lineman, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart  
Michael Fairchild, Defensive Lineman, Cedarville  
Brandon Crawford, Defensive Lineman, Colon  
Rodrigo Barron, Linebacker, Tekonsha  
Grant Fountain, Linebacker, Cedarville  
Craig Court, Linebacker, Waldron  
Griffin Flath, Linebacker, Rapid River  
Tyler Ducolon, Defensive Back, Bay City All Saints  
Gannon Willits, Defensive Back, Waldron  
Johnny Neph, Defensive Back, Onekama  
Kyle Vincent, Defensive Back, Peck  
Caleb Klein, Athlete, Lake Linden-Hubbell  
Bryce Harless, Specialist, Bear Lake

## 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](http://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](http://Michigan.gov/IceSafety).

## All-State Honors for Div. 5-6 Football

The Associated Press named its all-state honorees for 11-player football in Division 5-6.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Drew Collins, Montague, Sr.

### FIRST-TEAM ALL-STATE

#### QUARTERBACKS

Drew Collins, Montague, Sr.  
Bobby Skinner, Montrose, Sr.

#### RUNNING BACKS

Corey Vanderputte, Muskegon Oakridge, Jr.  
Owen Graves, Kingsley, Sr.  
Brayden Clark, Constantine, So.  
David Milliken, Grayling, Jr.

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

Tanner Herrera, Erie-Mason, Sr.  
Finn Hogan, Maple City Glen Lake, Sr.  
Zack Horky, Blissfield, Sr.  
Jace Williams, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Sr.  
Logan Anthony, Essexville-Garber, Jr.

#### LINEMEN

Walker Martin, Montague, Sr.  
Hayden McDonald, Montague, Jr.  
Alex VanSumeren, Essexville Garber, Jr.  
Brayden Swartout, Essexville Garber, Sr.  
Nick Steinacker, Corunna, Sr.  
Kyle Main, Frankenmuth, Sr.  
Levi Harber, Montrose, Jr.  
Mason Shrood, Olivet, Sr.  
Bo Poljan, Lansing Catholic, Jr.

#### LINEBACKERS

Aaron Paulding, Detroit Edison, Sr.  
Khole Hofmann, Mason County Central, Sr.  
Gavin Fazi, Buchanan, Sr.  
Brayden Randolph, Clinton, Sr.

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Zea Kartes, Ogemaw Heights, Sr.  
Armon Williams, Detroit Denby, Jr.  
Tommy Kartes, Muskegon Catholic Central, Sr.  
Bobby Hoth, Boyne City, Jr.  
Sawyer Stoepker, Lake Odessa Lakewood, Sr.  
Nolan Ziegler, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Jr.  
Travis Zdanowski, Grand Rapids West Catholic, Sr.

#### SPECIALIST

Alex Watters, Lansing Catholic, Jr.

#### KICKER

Andrew Kooi, Montague, Jr.

#### PUNTER

Ethan Jacobs, Frankenmuth, Sr.

Landen Powers, Manistee, Sr.

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Pat Collins, Montague

#### SECOND-TEAM ALL-STATE

(nominees receiving two or more votes from the voting panel)

#### QUARTERBACKS

Gavin Ganun, Blissfield, Sr.  
Joey Silveri, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Jr.

#### RUNNING BACK

Tim Kloska, Grand Rapids West Catholic, So.

#### WIDE RECEIVER

Zach Person, Kingsford, Jr.

#### LINEMEN

Teddy Cross, Reed City, Sr.  
Brayton Ager, Boyne City, Sr.  
Cameron Keller, Jonesville, Sr.  
Tyler Bowles, Clinton, Sr.  
Cameron Roetherford, Warren Michigan Collegiate, Jr.  
Cole Weise, Freeland, Sr.  
Nick Weaver, Manistee, Sr.  
Brody Germain, Millington, Sr.  
Ethan Jozsa, Muskegon Oakridge, Jr.  
Logan Horn, Hillsdale, Jr.

#### LINEBACKERS

Chandler Murton, Portland, Sr.  
Jon Bouchey, Clare, Sr.  
Chet Hyrka, Calumet, Sr.  
Jacob Danicek, Muskegon Oakridge, Sr.

#### DEFENSIVE BACK

Brady Harrand, Kingsley, Sr.

#### SPECIALISTS

DJ Voltz, Carrollton, Jr.  
Keyon Hammond, Detroit Denby, Sr.

#### PUNTER

Cameron Roof, Portland, Sr.

#### COACHES

Taz Wallace, Adrian Madison  
Rob Beaudrie, Erie-Mason

### HONORABLE MENTION

#### QUARTERBACKS

Hunter Ventline, Grayling; Tommy Szczepanski, Essexville Garber; Davin Reif, Frankenmuth; Noah Beaudrie, Erie-Mason; Deion Black, Warren Michigan Collegiate; Bryson Huckleby, Freeland.

#### RUNNING BACKS

## All-State Honors for Div. 7-8 Football

The Associated Press named its all-state honorees for 11-player football in Division 7-8.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Brady Hessbrook, Ithaca, Sr.

### FIRST-TEAM ALL-STATE

#### QUARTERBACKS

Brady Hessbrook, Ithaca, Sr.  
Alex Thole, Schoolcraft, Sr.

#### RUNNING BACKS

Sheldon Huff, Johannesburg-Lewiston, Sr.  
Jackson Zeiter, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, So.  
Cam Valliere, Breckenridge, Sr.  
Cole Jondro, Monroe St. Mary's Catholic, So.  
Will Alexander, Sand Creek, Sr.

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

Josh Sherwood, Grass Lake, Sr.  
Adam Kidder, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, So.  
Alex Armenio, Royal Oak Shrine, Sr.  
Zach Poff, Ithaca, Sr.  
Damaso Lebron, Homer, Sr.

#### LINEMEN

Cam Orr, New Lothrop, Sr.  
Casey Donahue, Traverse City St. Francis, Sr.  
Cole Pape, Delton Kellogg, Sr.  
Nathan Lundin, West Iron County, Sr.  
Noah Bauman, Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, Jr.  
Tommy Runyan, Johannesburg-Lewiston, Sr.  
Darron Chinery, Saginaw Nouvel, Sr.  
Derrick Harmon, Detroit Loyola, Sr.

#### LINEBACKERS

Luke Snyder, Charlevoix, Sr.  
Ethan Eyler, Petersburg-Summerfield, Sr.  
Nicholas Trumble, Addison, Jr.  
Garrett Fitzgerald, Breckenridge, Sr.

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Dylan LaGrow, Hemlock, Sr.  
Connor DeVries, Lawton, Sr.  
Dilon Denison, Reading, Sr.  
Will Muron, New Lothrop, Sr.

#### SPECIALIST

Jus'tyz Tuggle, Detroit Central, Sr.

#### KICKER

Connor Butcher, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Sr.

#### PUNTER

Carson Voss, Dansville, Sr

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Scott Cuthrell, Cass City

### SECOND-TEAM ALL-STATE

(nominees receiving two or more votes from the voting panel)

#### QUARTERBACKS

Giovanni Mastromatteo, Clarkston Everest Collegiate, Sr.; Anthony Garrett, Detroit Loyola, Jr.

#### RUNNING BACKS

DeSean Matthews, Detroit Southeastern, Jr.; Kyler Stone, Carson City-Crystal, Sr.; Alex Perry, Cass City, Sr.; Brian Morgan, Houghton Lake, Jr.

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

Shenard Foster, Detroit Loyola, Jr.; Lowyind Pullen, Homer, Sr.

#### LINEMEN

Evan Stepahayn, Lawton, Jr.; John Suran, Clarkston Everest Collegiate, Sr.; Jackson Marsh, Sand Creek, Sr.; Blake Smithers, Laker, Sr.; Corey Schafer, Pewamo-Westphalia, Jr.; Connor Webb, Schoolcraft, Sr.; Gavin Lueck, Oscoda, Sr.; Will Taylor, New Lothrop, Sr.; Dominic Harris, Detroit Southeastern, Jr.

#### LINEBACKERS

Micah Brown, Flint Beecher, Sr.; Jeremy Velasquez, Cass City, Sr.; Brayden Green, Hemlock, Sr.; Dom Cross, Clarkston Everest Collegiate, Sr.; Logan Wertman, Pewamo-Westphalia, Sr.

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Jonathan Holloway, Lawton, Sr.; Jared Brittle, Dansville, Jr.; Joel Emery, Ravenna, Sr.

#### SPECIALIST

Trent Reed, Beaverton, Sr.

#### COACHES

Mark Whitley, Oscoda; Michael Pruchnicki, Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

### HONORABLE MENTION

#### QUARTERBACKS

Caleb Stuck, Charlevoix; Owen Franklin, Oscoda; Grant Richardson, Harbor Springs; Conor Benson, Royal Oak Shrine; Dylan Gough, Madison Heights Bishop Foley; Carson Farley, Grass Lake; Jake Thelen, Pewamo-Westphalia; Danny Witbeck, Ewart; Porter Mauk, Reading; Jack Kujawa, Saginaw Nouvel; Sam Todd, Centreville; Luke Saunders, Breckenridge; Zane Forist, Carson City-Crystal; Elijah Grainger, Detroit Central; LeRon Roseboro, Detroit Southeastern.

#### RUNNING BACKS

Dave Whitehead, Leslie; Bryant Calderon, Ewart; Caleb Evosevich-Hynes, Iron Mountain; Jackson Crotcher, Mendon; Jake Rueff,

Kaydin Hiland, Michigan Center; Nash Hillier, Negaunee; Dryden Nelson, Calumet; Peyton Brooks, Midland Bullock Creek; Brock Woodard, Hillsdale; Jacob Lewis, Ida; Noah Jones, Reed City; Nick Hollern, Grand Rapids Catholic Central; Cole Lindow, Frankenmuth; Garrett Eggleston, Jonesville.

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

Marquez Bridges, Detroit Denby; Ben Wellnitz, Freeland; Jeremy Pilch, Stockbridge; Dawson John, Clare; Keygan Toliver, Midland Bullock Creek.

#### LINEMEN

Jacob Lloyd, Corunna; Reese Townsend, Portland; Kevin Roberts, Michigan Center; DJ Greenbay, Big Rapids; Joe Lewis, Kingsley; Beau Harringer, Maple City Glen Lake; Javier Johnson, Detroit Denby; Travontae Jones, Detroit Denby; Davion Tucker, Detroit Edison; Preston Toutant, Negaunee; Hunter Spaulding, Durand; Delano Townsend, Flint Hamady; Carl Whipple, Remus Chippewa Hills; Lucas Gillespie, Harrison; Tyler Lewandowski, Harrison; Coleton Brand, Harrison; Nathan Rivard, Midland Bullock Creek; Kyle Kloska, Grand Rapids West Catholic; Brady Redmer, Grand Rapids Catholic Central; Ethan Schmid, Belding; Gunner Strout, Muskegon Catholic Central; Cameron Keller, Jonesville.

#### LINEBACKERS

Porter Zeeman, Corunna; Gage Chapin, Midland Bullock Creek; Alex Wirgau, Reed City; Alex Christe, Essexville Garber.

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Ethan Emerson, Brooklyn Columbia Central; Raejon Lavender, Detroit Edison; Davey Campbell, Clinton; Will Whims, Kingsley; Nolan VanLoo, Freeland; Cole Jankowski, Frankenmuth; Brendyn Callahan, Millington.

#### SPECIALIST

Jacob Kundinger, Freeland; Landen Tomaski, Reed City; Al Warner, Clare; Colin Weber, Hopkins; Johnny Rager, Buchanan; Brock Holey, Durand.

#### KICKER

Blaise Millar, Essexville Garber; Jonathan Baughey, Clinton; Gabe Mutai, Sanford Meridian

#### PUNTER

Jon Popp, Maple City Glen Lake

#### COACH

John Novara, Portland; Mark Frey, Buchanan; Eric Tunney, Grayling.

Lawton; Robert Knapik, Hemlock; Ben Matthews, Beal City; Tanner Wirth, Pewamo-Westphalia; Carson Heleski, Uby; Dan Rodenbaugh, McBain; Derek Draher, Ithaca; Trae Garcia, St. Louis; Nathan Rodlund, Addison; Dylan Malinowski, Addison; Trenton Holden, Grass Lake; Devon Shaw, Ottawa Lake-Whiteford.

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

Zach Hawes, Laingsburg; Drew Hess, Oscoda; Kenyatta McKeever, Detroit Central; Harmon DeVries, Schoolcraft; Charles Niehaus, Royal Oak Shrine; Carter McAlvey, Carson City-Crystal.

#### LINEMAN

Xemines Willis, Jackson Lumen Christi; Nic Carey, Leslie; Jack Burmis, Hanover-Horton; Matt Oswald, Beal City; Kyler Economou, Quincy; Ugo Ike, Royal Oak Shrine; Mack Bontekoe, McBain; Kamrin Grein, Ewart; Aidan Schmuckal, Traverse City St. Francis; Zach Nickel, Charlevoix; Kaden Schirmer, Oscoda; Caden Blashill, Sandusky; Cameron May, Detroit Southeastern; Jamonn Avery, Detroit Community; Kyler King, Detroit Community; Hunter Hahn, Hemlock; Luke Maxwell, St. Louis; Ethan Locke, Beal City; Mitch Hall, Beaver-ton; Bryce Middleton, Coleman; Tommy Beckman, Saugatuck; Steven Cook, Ravenna; Caleb Burklund, Iron Mountain; Isaiah Simon, Grass Lake; Kaleb Thompson, Fowler; Nick Noel, Pewamo-Westphalia; Kobe Farrow, Addison.

#### LINEBACKERS

Myles McFarland, Detroit Loyola; Brody Dalton, Jackson Lumen Christi; Bryce Pietrantonio, Iron Mountain; Dominic Horak, Fowler; Brennan Pannucci, North Muskegon; Aidan Mindel, Beal City; Craig Tappenden, Bronson; Zach Franzel, Sandusky; Caleb Nagel, Oscoda; Colton Oyervidez, Laker; Jake Hamp, Houghton Lake.

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Brock Thelen, Pewamo-Westphalia; Connor Schrank, Coleman; Deonte Redwine, Flint Beecher; Bryce Fernald, Cass City.

#### SPECIALIST

Riley Hawkins, Dansville; Jimmy Downs, Schoolcraft; Trent Hocter, Hanover-Horton; Austin Hawkins, Holton; Julius Garza, New Lothrop; Devin Albain, Petersburg-Summerfield; Dariontae Brown, Detroit Community.

#### KICKER

Gabe Rahrig, North Muskegon; Bryce Kempf, Traverse City St. Francis.

#### PUNTER

Chase Mitchell, Lawton

#### COACH

Don Jess, Charlevoix  
Tim Swore, Carson City-Crystal  
Terry Hessbrook, Ithaca



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## 2020-21 College football bowl game schedule & results

Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 29	ARIZONA BOWL	VRBO	OUTBACK BOWL
<b>MYRTLE BEACH BOWL</b> APPALACHIAN STATE 56, NORTH TEXAS 28	<b>NEW MEXICO BOWL</b> HAWAII 28, HOUSTON 14	<b>CHEEZ-IT BOWL</b> Camping World Stadium (Orlando, Florida) 5:30 p.m.   ESPN	Ball State vs. San Jose State Arizona Stadium (Tucson, Arizona) 2 p.m.   CBSSN	<b>CITRUS BOWL</b> Camping World Stadium (Orlando, Florida) 1 p.m.   ABC	Raymond James Stadium (Tampa, Florida) 12:30 p.m.   ABC
Dec. 22	Dec. 25	Dec. 30	AUTOZONE	COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF	PLAYSTATION
<b>FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL</b> NEVADA 38, TULANE 27	<b>CAMELLIA BOWL</b> BUFFALO 17, MARSHALL 10	<b>VALERO ALAMO BOWL</b> Alamodome (San Antonio, Texas) 9 p.m.   ESPN	<b>LIBERTY BOWL</b> Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (Memphis, Tennessee) 4 p.m.   ESPN	<b>SEMIFINAL GAME 1</b> No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Notre Dame AT&T Stadium (Arlington, Texas) 5 p.m.   ESPN	<b>FIESTA BOWL</b> State Farm Stadium (Glendale, Arizona) 4 p.m.   ESPN
Dec. 23	SERVPRO First Responder Bowl	Dec. 31	TEXAS BOWL	ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL	CAPITAL ONE
<b>R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL</b> GEORGIA SOUTHERN 38, LOUISIANA TECH 3	<b>LENDINGTREE BOWL</b> GEORGIA STATE 39, WESTERN KENTUCKY 21	<b>DUKE'S MAYO BOWL</b> Bank of America Stadium (Charlotte, North Carolina) 12 p.m.   ESPN	NRG Stadium (Houston, Texas) 8 p.m.   ESPN	<b>(COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL)</b> No. 2 Clemson vs. No. 3 Ohio State Mercedes-Benz Superdome (New Orleans, Louisiana) 8:45 p.m.   ESPN	<b>ORANGE BOWL</b> Hard Rock Stadium (Miami Gardens, Florida) 8 p.m.   ESPN
<b>MONTGOMERY BOWL</b> MEMPHIS 25, FAU 10	<b>CURE BOWL</b> LIBERTY 37, NO. 12 COASTAL CAROLINA 34 (OT)	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 11
		<b>GOODYEAR</b> <b>COTTON BOWL CLASSIC</b> AT&T Stadium (Arlington, Texas) 7:15 p.m.   ESPN	<b>TICKETSMARTER</b> <b>BIRMINGHAM BOWL</b> Legion Field (Birmingham, Alabama) 12 p.m.   ESPN2	<b>TAXSLAYER</b> <b>GATOR BOWL</b> TIAA Bank Field (Jacksonville, Florida) 12 p.m.   ESPN	<b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME</b> Hard Rock Stadium (Miami Gardens, Florida) 8 p.m.   ESPN
		<b>LOCKHEED MARTIN</b> <b>ARMED FORCES BOWL</b> Amon G. Carter Stadium (Fort Worth, Texas) 12 p.m.   ESPN	<b>CHICK-FIL-A</b> <b>PEACH BOWL</b> Mercedes-Benz Stadium (Atlanta, Georgia) 12:30 p.m.   ESPN		

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## Real Estate Feature Property

# BOYNE CITY COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON M-75



## BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is an excellent opportunity to start or relocate a business to this fantastic commercial building off M-75 in Boyne City.

The building sits on approximately one-half acre of property. It has nearly 1,550 square feet of space and has natural gas heat, two overhead doors and a concrete slab floor. There

is ample parking and it is close to the industrial park.

This facility offers a great location with high visibility. The property offers room to grow, making this an ideal spot for a professional office, car lot, automotive parts store...the list of possibilities is nearly endless. The building is currently used as an automotive facility specializing in rebuilding starters and alternators. This business could also be purchase at an

additional cost.

This Boyne City commercial building on one-half acre is located at 01280 South M-75 in Boyne City and it is listed at \$229,000. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty - 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email [HollysUpNorth@gmail.com](mailto:HollysUpNorth@gmail.com)



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HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU SELL YOUR HOME FASTER.

- A well-manicured lawn, neatly trimmed shrubs and a clutter-free porch welcome prospects. So does a freshly painted or freshly scrubbed front door. If it's autumn, rake the leaves. If it's winter, shovel the walkways. The fewer obstacles between prospects and the true appeal of your home, the better.
- Clean up the living room, the bathroom, and the kitchen. If your woodwork is scuffed or the paint is fading, consider some minor redecoration. Fresh wallpaper adds charm and value to your property. If you're

- worried about time, hire professional cleaners or painters to get your house ready. Remember, prospects would rather see how great your home really looks than hear how great it could look "with a little work."
- Dripping water rattles the nerves, discolors sinks, and suggests faulty or worn-out plumbing. Burned out bulbs or faulty wiring leave prospects in the dark. Don't let little problems detract from what's right with your home.
- If cabinets or closet doors stick in

your home, you can be sure they will also stick in a prospect's mind.

- Homeowners learn to live with all kinds of self-set booby traps: roller skates on the stairs, extension cords, slippery throw rugs and low hanging overhead lights. Make your residence as non-perilous as possible for visitors.

- Organize and clean out your closets and storage space. It helps them appear open and large. This is a good time to rent a mini-warehouse space to store things you don't need for a while.

- Bathrooms sell homes. Check and repair damaged or unsightly caulking in the tubs and showers. For added allure, display your best towels, mats, and shower curtains.
- For a spacious look in the bedrooms, get rid of excess furniture. Colorful bedspreads and fresh curtains are a must.

- Turn on all your lights - both inside and outside - when showing your home in the evening.

- When a showing is scheduled have a minimum amount of people in the home. Plan to be away from your home if your real estate agent is showing the home.

- Watch Your Pets. Keep them out of sight when showing your home.



# Self-care Saturday is a walk in the park

**BY RACHEL COALE**  
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Every Saturday morning since the fall leaves began dropping, I lace up my boots, fill a water bottle and head out the door. Each week, I add another warm layer as the temperatures seem to freefall downward – a jacket, gloves, hat and thick socks.

Arriving at a local park, I reassure myself, “This is good for me,” my face reddening in the chilly winter air.

And it is – this small ritual, a dedicated time to be outdoors, has been a touchstone in a time where rapid change, uncertainty and distance from loved ones is a shared experience.

For me, the outdoors has always been a place to seek joy by jumping into lakes, rambling down ravines and finding adventure on a trail –



Rachel Coale, the author of this article from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Resources Division, is shown on a hike at Lake Lansing Park North in Lansing. (courtesy of DNR)

but it’s also a place to slow down and get centered.

The buzzworthy idea of “self-care” evokes images of bubble baths, fuzzy slippers and detox drinks. But it can be simpler than that. At its most basic, self-care is a focus on physical and mental

health that helps us be our best selves. For many, the outdoors is an essential part of that equation.

“The natural environment can buffer us from impacts of life stresses,” Linda E. Kruger of the Forestry Sciences Lab in Juneau, Alaska said in a talk about the importance of natural spaces for public well-being.

Kruger describes the forest as “nature’s health service,” emphasizing the importance of regularly spending time in the outdoors – even in winter – to physical and psychological health.

Some estimates blame more than 75% of primary care physician visits on stress-related problems; a prescription for nature may be a benefit to many. In addition to stress relief, Kruger cites research that suggests spending time in the outdoors reduces the risk of many chronic conditions.

In a study in Japan, anti-

cancer proteins increased in the blood of participants who made short visits to forests for three days.

In many ways, my hikes in the forest or loops around the local park path are a movement meditation that engages the senses and encourages me to focus on being present.

On a trail, my to-do list falls away as I listen to the steady rhythm of my footsteps, smell rich fallen leaves and drink in the rough edges, curves and colors of nature with my eyes.

I once read that nature, for the most part, does not make straight lines, and it has stuck with me since. Outside, I can get away from the rectangles and boxes of indoor life.

The bend of a path, twisted trunk of a tree or ripples on a pond are soothing counters to the glaring blue screens of the phones and computers I’m parked in front of for much of the day.

With shorter days and a loss of light at what I consider the absurd hour of 5 p.m., I’ve been increasingly seeking local parks to squeeze in some outdoor time between the edge of the workday and sunset.

I love the sprawling wildness of state forests, parks and game areas, but I am also growing an appreciation for smaller green spaces closer to home.

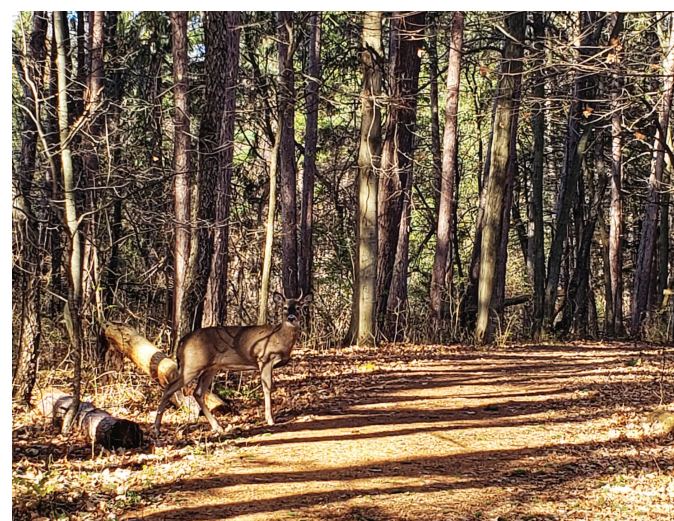
At Fenner Nature Center, a 134-acre park wedged between Michigan State University and downtown Lansing, I enjoy visits to a native prairie, rippling ponds and forested wetlands.

White-tailed deer, muskrats and pileated woodpeckers often make appearances as I explore the trails. Surrounded by swaying trees and birdsong, it’s easy to forget that traffic lights and lattes are just minutes away.

“Thankfully, the outdoors have remained ‘open’ for all



A trail sign is shown at the Fenner Nature Center in Lansing. (courtesy of DNR)



A white-tailed deer gets ready to cross a dirt road at the Fenner Nature Center in Lansing. (courtesy of DNR)

and will continue to provide opportunities for people to ‘get out and do something’ while so many of our favorite activities and venues are canceled or closed,” said Michigan Department of Natural Resources Marketing and Outreach Division Chief Kristin Phillips. “We are blessed in Michigan to have millions of acres of forests, thousands of miles of trails and rivers, hundreds of parks and green spaces that provide a vast amount of options – socially distant and close to home.”

Looking for a new place to

get outside? Visit the Your Local Outdoors interactive map to find DNR-managed parks, trails and hunting areas close by, and visit your city, township or county’s webpages to find local parks.

This weekend, I’m looking forward to a self-care routine that will involve a hike on a new-to-me trail, a mug of hot cocoa and time spent bird-watching. But I’m not ruling out a bubble bath, either.



A pond, observation deck and wood duck nesting box at the Fenner Nature Center in Lansing. (courtesy of DNR)

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