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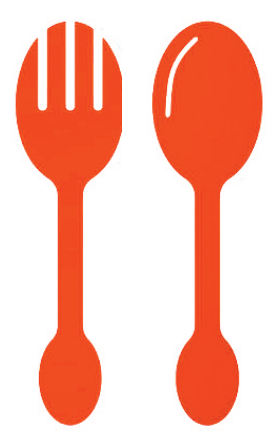
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INDOOR DINING REOPENS FEB. 1

Following last week's announcement about the plan to reopen indoor dining, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released its next epidemic order today, which continues the department's fact-based approach to re-opening activities, and goes into effect on Monday, Feb. 1. The order will allow for indoor dining at restaurants with certain requirements; concessions at casinos, movie theaters and stadiums; personal services requiring mask removal; and non-residential gatherings of up to 10 people from two households. The new order will last three weeks, until Sunday, Feb. 21.

"The pause has worked. The efforts we have made together to protect our families, frontline workers and hospitals have dramatically reduced cases and we have saved lives. Now, we are confident that starting February 1, restaurants can resume indoor dining with safety measures in place," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "Michigan continues to be a national leader in fighting this virus, and we must continue working to keep it that way. One of the most important things Michiganders can do is to make a plan to get the safe and effective vaccine when it's available to you. And as always, mask up and maintain six feet of social

COVID-19 FEB. 1: GATHERING GUIDELINES

Open

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

Not open

- Workplaces, when work can be done from home
- Night clubs
- Contact sports, except professional sports
- Water parks

For more information about the order, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Questions or concerns can be emailed to COVID19@michigan.gov.

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distancing. We will end this pandemic together." "We are pleased to see the improvements in case rates, hospitalizations and percent positivity that have allowed us to reopen more activities," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. "However, we must remain vigilant, especially since we now have a

new more easily transmitted variant of this virus present in our state. This is not the time to let our guard down and Michiganders should minimize their risk by avoiding gatherings, wearing masks properly, social distancing and making a plan to get their vaccine when it is their turn." MDHHS has been closely monitoring three metrics for

stabilization or declines over the past several weeks. Michigan continue to see improvements in these metrics which has allowed for additional relaxing of protocols and reopening of activities. In recent days: -Hospital capacity dedicated to COVID-19 patients has been in seven-week de-

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Four Sentenced To Prison From Charlevoix County

Jan. 22, 2021, in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, two individuals were sentenced to prison on drug charges, one on a number of charges including drugs, theft and fighting with police and yet another for a theft offense. Timothy James Funck, 25, Central Lake was sentenced to serve 51 to 360 months in prison for delivery of methamphetamine. According to a police affidavit, Funck sold methamphetamine and heroin to a confidential informant on March 12 and then sold imitation methamphetamine to the



same informant on March 17. Judge Roy C. Hayes III noted that Funck had sold the drugs after just recently being released from probation from Oakland County on a conviction for larceny in a building. Laurel Jane-Christine Heise, 23, Charlevoix, was sentenced to 18 to 240 months in prison after being convicted of delivery of methamphetamine. The affidavit filed in the case indicates that Heise sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant on March 26 in Charlevoix Township. A search warrant was ex-

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East Jordan Schools return to Virtual Learning

BY: DOM SANTINA

EAST JORDAN - Over the weekend, East Jordan Public Schools learned of positive cases in their middle school. The couple positives would end up in being five confirmed cases. Those five cases would turn into 108 kids having to be quarantined from being in contact with those five students. That made the decision to transition to remote learning for the Middle School and High School an easy one.

Then on Monday, there was a positive teacher in the pre-school, which would result in the entire preschool teaching staff being quarantined. With already making the call on Middle and High School going to virtual learning, it just made sense for East Jordan to go completely virtual throughout the whole district.

Superintendent Matt Stevenson had some encouraging thoughts for everyone in the East Jordan Public School District: "These are never easy decisions to make, but being flexible is what is needed right now and is best for EJPS at this time. I am proud of our staff who have made this transition as seamless as possible and for our students and parents for their perseverance and understanding at this difficult time."

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snowfall

2019-20	AMT"	CITY	2020-21	AMT"	CITY
1/27/20	..30.5	..ATLANTA	1/25/21	..NA	..ATLANTA
1/27/20	..54.5	..BOYNE FALLS	1/25/21	..37	..BOYNE FALLS
1/27/20	..45.7	..CHARLEVOIX	1/25/21	..15.2	..CHARLEVOIX
1/27/20	..42.5	..CHEBOYGAN	1/25/21	..20.1	..CHEBOYGAN
1/27/20	..76.8	..EAST JORDAN	1/25/21	..33.2	..EAST JORDAN
1/27/20	..94.9	..GAYLORD	1/25/21	..57	..GAYLORD
1/27/20	..114	..KALKASKA	1/25/21	..46.1	..KALKASKA
1/27/20	..39.5	..LEWISTON	1/25/21	..NA	..LEWISTON
1/27/20	..37.8	..MIO	1/25/21	..26.8	..MIO
1/27/20	..53	..ONAWAY	1/25/21	..23.4	..ONAWAY
1/27/20	..73.7	..PETOSKEY	1/25/21	..40	..PETOSKEY

record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JAN 28	..11°	..29°	..-25° (1963)	..52° (2002)
JAN 29	..11°	..29°	..-8° (1986)	..46° (1990)
JAN 30	..11°	..29°	..-33° (1994)	..48° (1988)
JAN 31	..10°	..29°	..-16° (1980)	..49° (1988)
FEB 1	..10°	..29°	..-25° (1962)	..47° (1998)
FEB 2	..10°	..29°	..-31° (1961)	..46° (1991)
FEB 3	..10°	..30°	..-18° (1996)	..52° (1991)
FEB 4	..10°	..30°	..-25° (1996)	..50° (2005)
FEB 5	..10°	..30°	..-14° (1974)	..56° (2005)
FEB 6	..10°	..30°	..-20° (1978)	..56° (2005)

OBITUARIES

Lou Ann "Peg" (Erickson) Crozier, 91

(DEC. 4, 1929 - JAN. 16, 2021)



Lou Ann (Peg) Crozier of Boyne City died in January 16, 2021.

The Rev. Cloud Poy of Boyne City United Methodist Church held a private family burial on January 19, 2021. Another celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Lou Ann Crozier was born 12/4/1929 in Boyne City to Leona (Cataline) and Leo Erickson. She grew up in Boyne City and attended Boyne City, graduating in 1947. On March 27, 1948 she married Howard E. Crozier, SR in Boyne City.

Peg was a waitress at Boyne Mountain resort from 1952 to 1986. She also worked

at Shanty Creek, Country Cousins, and was an Avon representative for many years. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary where she held offices at both local and state levels for many years, Grandvue Auxiliary and Alzheimer's Association.

She was survived by her daughter Patricia (Robert) Tanis; two sons Howard (Phyllis) Crozier Jr and Ronald Crozier; son in law Terry Urman; grandchildren Tysh (Scott) Snyder, Kris Crozier, Daphne (John) Oly, Carri Crozier, Jessica Crozier Denison, Tyler Urman, and Hilary Urman; great grandchildren Colton Snyder, Brady Snyder, Madelyn Oly, Allyson Oly, Malorie Hood, and Lucy Denison. Her siblings: Lavern (Gwen) Erickson, Leathanne Anderson, Michael (Becky) Griffin, Tom (Cheryl) Griffin; sister in law Beverley Paquette and her brother in law Harvey (Shirley) Crozier, Jr; along with nieces and nephews and other extended family

She was preceded in death by her husband Howard Crozier Sr. (2013); daughter Brenda Urman (2015); brothers Larry Erickson and Lindy Erickson; sister Leota Allison; two brother in laws Norman Crozier and David Paquette and her par-

ents. Family suggests any memorials go to the Alzheimer's Association.

Yvonne M. Keshick, 63

(DEC. 7, 1957 - JAN. 22, 2021)



Yvonne Marie Keshick of Petoskey passed into the spirit world on Friday, January 22, 2021, in Flint, Michigan.

Yvonne was born December 7, 1957, in Charlevoix, Michigan. She grew up primarily in Petoskey and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1975. In her spare time, she enjoyed rock hunting, camping, and traveling to the Upper Peninsula. She also enjoyed the company of her three grandchildren, who were her world. Back in the day, Yvonne was an avid

bingo player and quite a pool player.

Throughout her life, Yvonne always took pride in caring for others. While living in Chicago she enjoyed the work she did for the IHS clinic and NAES college.

Yvonne is survived by her daughter, Maritza (Joel) Fuerte-Lopez; three grandchildren, Dominic, Abram, and Ethan Lopez; brothers, John (Michele) Keshick, Donald Keshick, and Robert Keshick; sisters, Theresa Keshick and Linda Gokee; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her father, John W. Keshick, Sr.; mother, Mary Keshick; sisters, Maria Keshick and Marsha Gale Keshick; and brothers, Ronald Joseph Keshick and Gregory Allen Keshick.

A sacred four-day fire was lit on Saturday morning (Jan. 23) at the home of her sister, Theresa Keshick, of Harbor Springs and will continue through Tuesday evening (Jan. 26). A private funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord, Michigan. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation

Service, PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734.

Friends may offer their condolences online at www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com

Codey Allan Sisson, 30

(SEPT. 12, 1990 - JAN. 19, 2021)

Codey Allan Sisson, 30, of



Boyne Falls, Michigan died suddenly on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, in Mesa, Arizona.

He was born on September 12, 1990, in Petoskey and graduated from Boyne Falls High School.

Codey had worked as an oil rig derrick hand.

Codey was very proud of his two children! He had a deep passion for music and enjoyed writing songs and playing his guitar. He liked

the arts and playing basketball as well. Codey would do just about anything to "entertain" people and make them laugh. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by two children, Frank Pirtle of Pickerington, Ohio and Natalie Edwards of Atlanta, Georgia; his mother, Randy (Henry) Baumgartner of Boyne Falls; his father, James Sisson of Elmira; brother, Lance Baumgartner of Boyne Falls; grandmothers, Lois Dell of Petoskey and Barbara Kaiser of Boyne City; grandfather, James Sisson, Sr. of Crystal Lake; aunt, Tammy (Lauren) Hofbauer of Petoskey; two uncles, Joe Lindquist of Munising and Derek Sisson of Middleville. Codey was preceded in death by a sister, Ashley Wise; grandfather, Roger Thornton; and an aunt, Amy Lindquist.

Private viewing will be held with burial to be held in the spring.

The family was serviced by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

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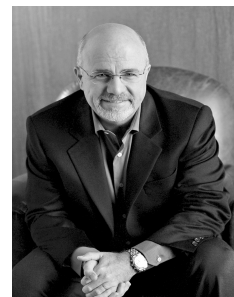
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DAVE Says

(Do some of all three, and enjoy the ride)



Dave Ramsey

DEAR DAVE,

I was talking to a friend the other day, and I couldn't remember what you said about the three good uses for money and why each is important. Would you go over them again?
Albert

DEAR ALBERT,

I've been doing this for a lot of years, and after all that time studying finance and teaching people about money, I can still find only three good uses for money—spending, saving, and giving. You should be doing all three while you're working your way out of debt and towards wealth, and after you become wealthy.

The kid in us likes the spending part of this equation, because it's so much

fun. The problem with most people is they can't really afford the fun they have. You should have some fun no matter where you are on the financial scale, but it should be inexpensive fun in the beginning. Then, the fun can get bigger, better, and more frequent once you're out of debt and building wealth.

The grown-up part of us likes investing and saving, because that's what can prepare you for retirement and make you wealthy. After a while, though, investing can feel a little bit like Monopoly. You can be up, or you can be down. Sometimes the market fluctuates, but a mature investor will ride out the waves and stay in for the long-term. If you have quality investments with long track records of success, they will come back up. Start investing 15% of your income for retirement once you've paid off all debt except for your home and you have three to six months of expenses saved for an emergency fund.

The most mature part of you will meet the kid inside when you give. Giving is the most fun you'll ever have with money. Every financially, mentally, and spiritually healthy person I've ever met has been turned on by giving. I've met and talked with thousands of millionaires in my career, and one thing all the healthy ones have in common is a love of giving.

Someone who never has fun with money misses the point. Someone who never

saves or invests money will never have any. And someone who never gives is holding on too tight. Do some of each, and enjoy the ride!
—Dave

(Don't embrace the wrong things)

DEAR DAVE,

Your plan has been a life-saver for us. Why do you think some people are unwilling to listen to good advice, and make changes in their finances?
Tammi

DEAR TAMMI,

Thank you so much for all the kind words. I'm really proud of you two for putting in the effort and hard work that goes along changing your financial behaviors and gaining control of your money.

I think there are several reasons why some folks resist making changes in their lives, even when those changes would make things a whole lot better and easier for them. One of those things is often denial.

My dad used to tell me 90 percent of solving a problem is realizing and admitting a problem exists. I'm convinced that one of the major factors keeping people from winning with money is they don't realize they even have a problem. If you are apathetic because you think things like

debt and living paycheck-to-paycheck are okay or just the way things are, you'll be unwilling—or even afraid—to make the big changes necessary to achieve big results. Debt is so ingrained into our culture that most Americans can't envision a car without a payment, or college without student loans. We've been sold on the idea of debt so aggressively that most folks don't believe life without a pile of payments is possible.

Also, change is painful. Most people won't change until the pain of where they are exceeds the pain of change. No matter who you are, where you're at right now financially is, in large part, a sum total of the decisions you've made to this point. If you don't like where you are, you have to acknowledge the fact that things need to change—you need to change.

Finally, there's an element of ignorance involved. Don't get me wrong, I don't mean being dumb or stupid. What I'm talking about is a simple lack of good, solid information. Anyone can learn things, if they'll just admit they don't have all the answers and set their minds to studying and educating themselves. If you're not careful, what you don't know about money will make you broke and keep you broke!

* 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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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING, JANUARY 26, 2021

Smelt Winter Festival To Make a Return in February

BY: DOM SANTINA

BOYNE CITY - The Commission approved a contract with Kroondyk Construction for repairs to the Old City Park Gazebo. The current standing of the Gazebo is structurally unsound. The Gazebo is currently braced to help support snow and ice load. The contract is a Guaranteed Maximum Price contract. The total for the proposal would total \$42,875. The cost of the project will be split between two fiscal years. A fee of \$32,875 would be put on this year's fiscal budget. Then there would be a \$10,000 expense on next year's fiscal budget. The biggest share of cost is the purchase of materials which

requires a down payment and has about a twelve week lead time from the date. This means that if the materials were ordered on February 1, the supplies would arrive around the end of April. The construction would take about six to eight weeks, which would mean the Gazebo would be completed sometime around July 1.

SMELT FESTIVAL

The Commission approved a request by Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kim Akin of bringing back the Smeltania Winter Festival on February 27. The Commission approved the usage of the Pavilion from 1-6 o'clock. The festival will have local restaur-

rants selling food and spirits from the garage doors in the Pavilion. All food will be prepared off-site and an area will be roped off for people consuming alcohol. There will be other activities planned as well promoting outdoor activities, local shopping and area attractions as well. All COVID-19 restrictions will be followed as required.

425 AGREEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission scheduled a public hearing on February 9 at 7 o'clock in the evening on Zoom. The hearing will take place during the next Commission meeting. The hearing will take place

with Boyne Valley Township. The agreement the City and Township have agreed on 40 acres of property that the City purchased in the township east of Moll Drive for future expansion, proposed and associated uses for industrial expansions. The agreement refers to the State of Michigan Public Act 425 of 1984 that provides the framework for Cities, Villages and Townships to work cooperatively to share property, infrastructure, and revenues where in turn facilitate new developments, which is primarily industrial. There is already interest from Daifuku is interested in relocating their existing facilities in the region to a new facility, which would take up the front 29 acres of the property. The

public hearing is in line with practices associated to move forward with the agreement. After thirty days of the hearing, the Township and Commission may vote on the resolution. If the resolution is passed then the area would have to be rezoned.

FIRE TRUCK REPAIRS

The Commission would approve needed repairs found on the second pumper truck after going in for routine maintenance. Some of the repairs needed for the trucks were leaf springs, tie rod assembly, power steering line, brakes and other associated items. The quote for the repairs is \$6,507.49. The cost of the repairs is available in the Fire Department's Equip-

ment & Maintenance account.

V-PLOW & TRUCK ACCESSORIES

The Commission authorized the purchase of a V-plow, fitted toolbox, lighting racks and lights for the newly purchased F-250 pickup truck. The quote received from Truck and Trailer Specialties is \$9,730.00 for all of the needed items. The Water/Wastewater department has the money for the costs associated.

The next Commission meeting will be held on February 9, 2021, at 7 o'clock on Zoom.



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Hayden Byrd

Grade: 5th

Parent's Name(s): Randi Scott and Mike Byrd

What do you want to be when you grow up?: Hayden would like to be a video game tester when he grows up.

Favorite Book: He really enjoys the Goose Bumps Series.

Hobbies and Interests: At home Hayden likes to ride his bike or play video games.

School Activities: Hayden enjoys the specials at school the most but has also enjoyed reading this year.

Staff Comments: Hayden exhibits a positive outlook and attitude in the classroom. He is always courteous and well mannered. He has been working hard this year and will ask for help when he needs it. He is kind to his classmates, and very respectful to his teacher. I am lucky to have him as my student again.

Submitted By: Kathleen Powers

Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 current vaccination status

Residents in Phase 1B and seniors 65 and older are continuing to be scheduled into upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics offered by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Currently, those eligible in Phase 1B include frontline essential workers such as pre-K through 12th grade school staff, childcare staff, shelter workers, first responders (firefighters, police, conservation officers), and corrections workers. Phase 1B also includes "other essential frontline workers" such as U.S. postal service staff, public transit workers, and those employed in manufacturing, agricultural and

grocery stores. According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) prioritization guidance these individuals categorized as "other essential workers" are estimated to be vaccinated beginning in May once approved for vaccination by MDHHS. View the MDHHS prioritization guidance here.

Pre-registration for vaccination for eligible individuals continues and appointments are being scheduled as the vaccine becomes available. To pre-register, complete the COVID-19 Pre-Registration Form on the health department website. Those unable to complete the form online

or who have other barriers may call the Senior Hotline at 231-715-5557 for assistance. Residents are asked to either complete the online form or call; it is not necessary to do both. If an email was provided in your submission, a verification email will be sent to notify you that your registration has been received.

"We understand how eager the public is to get a vaccine and protect themselves from COVID. We are working as efficiently and effectively as we can to schedule them and administer the vaccine," said Health Officer Lisa Peacock. "We hope our community understands that our staff

and partners are working on their behalf to advocate for a more consistent and greater supply of the vaccine," she said.

The health department continues to receive questions from community residents wanting to know when their appointment will be scheduled. At this time, we are unable to provide a timeline due to vaccine allocations known only a week at a time.

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

Food assistance recipients will see additional benefits by end of January

The more than 1.2 million people in Michigan who are eligible for food assistance benefits will receive an additional payment by the end of January that raises their monthly amount by 15% to help families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits is for six months, ending in June.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) advocated for the increase led by U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and were pleased to see it ultimately included in the recently passed Congressional relief bill.

"No Michigander should worry about how they'll put food on the table for themselves and their family, especially during a pandemic," said Gov. Whitmer. "COVID-19 is still a very real threat to our state, and we must continue providing crucial support to families that need it

most. "I want to thank Sen. Stabenow for her leadership in securing this important increase and for her tireless efforts to expand access to food assistance, which has brought relief to so many Michiganders in need throughout this pandemic."

Michigan food assistance recipients will see the 15% increase added to their Bridge Cards by the end of January that are in addition to benefits they received earlier in the month. Food assistance increases by \$102 per month for a household of four, which will now receive \$782 per month. In subsequent months, the 15% increase will be added to Bridge Cards from Jan. 20-30.

"Helping families put food on the table is our job," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "We're glad we can provide more food assistance to Michiganders who are in need as a result of COVID-19."

Whitmer and MDHHS also are announcing continuation

in January of an initiative that provides additional food assistance to 350,000 Michigan families as a response to the pandemic. Through the initiative, anyone receiving food assistance who doesn't already qualify for the maximum monthly benefits will see their payment raised to the maximum monthly amount for their household size. Eligible clients will see these additional food assistance benefits on their Bridge Card by Jan. 30, with payments beginning for some households on Jan. 20. Anyone who receives both this payment and the 15 percent increase will receive them on the same day.

Below are the new maximum allowable benefits for SNAP customers based on their respective household size for January through June:

- One Person: \$234
- Two Persons: \$430
- Three Persons: \$616
- Four Persons: \$782
- Five Persons: \$929

- Six Persons: \$1,114
- Seven Persons: \$1,232
- Eight Persons: \$1,408

Eligible families do not need to re-apply to receive the additional benefits. People who receive food assistance can check their benefits balance on their Michigan Bridge Card by going online to www.michigan.gov/MIBridges or by calling a customer service representative toll-free at 888-678-8914. They can ask questions about the additional benefits by calling or emailing their caseworker.

Customer service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Spanish and Arabic service is available. If you are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing or speech-impaired, call the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1.

Information around the COVID-19 outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

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cuted at a later date and police seized more methamphetamine, as well as other items indicative of drug trafficking and use, such as numerous cell phones, digital scales, plastic baggies, a notebook with drug information, needles, syringes, glass pipes, pills and information related to accessing the "dark web."

One of Heise's co-defendants, Devon Eberhart, who was also recently sentenced to prison, admitted that he, Heise and their other roommate, sold methamphetamine on a routine basis out of their Charlevoix Township home.

"The convictions of Mr. Funck and Ms. Heise were through the fine work of our Charlevoix County drug team, JOLT," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "Once again the message was sent that if you sell methamphetamine in Charlevoix County, you are highly likely to be sent to prison."

Clifton Shantone Haines, 20, Lansing was sentenced to serve 32 to 60 months in

prison following his guilty pleas to possession with the intent to deliver Xanax, unlawful driving away of an automobile, attempted malicious destruction of police property and two counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer.

Court records indicate that police were called to a location in Boyne City on June 27, 2020 where they found an individual who was unconscious and who appeared to have suffered an overdose in the back seat of a vehicle. Officers were able to revive the individual through two injections of Narcan.

Through investigation the officers discovered the vehicle had been taken downstate by Haines and another individual to purchase drugs which were brought back to Charlevoix County. The other individual has already been charged, convicted and sentenced.

Haines was placed under arrest and transported to the Charlevoix County Jail. When officers at the jail attempted to book him, Haines became combative and fought the officers, requiring five officers to be involved to subdue him.

During the fight, Haines damaged a body camera worn

by one of the officers.

Judge Hayes ordered that all five felony sentences be served concurrently, however, he noted that Haines' sentence was increased as a result of his fight with the officers.

Haines still has charges pending in Charlevoix County for delivery of heroin and delivery of cocaine, as well as charges pending in Otsego County for armed robbery and first degree home invasion, and in Eaton County for attempted resisting and obstructing of a police officer.

"On the Haines matter, this was excellent police work by the Boyne City Police Department and the Michigan State Police who responded to an emergency situation, assisted in saving a life, and then broadened the investigation which resulted in the discovery of drugs and two convictions."

"The officers at the jail and the Boyne City Police Officers who assisted in subduing Mr. Haines should be commended for their bravery and the additional time he received in prison for his attack was well deserved," Telgenhof commented.

David Edward Stockford, 56,

Cheboygan, was sentenced to serve 18 to 60 months in prison following his conviction for unlawfully driving away of an automobile.

Stockford admitted stealing a pickup truck in the City of East Jordan on the 4th of July.

The pickup was hitched to a trailer and skid steer which were also taken by Stockford, but were abandoned and left at the Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club in Advance where they were recovered.

An employee of the truck's owner saw the truck at the skate park in East Jordan and notified the owner who called police. When police arrived, they found Stockford hiding in the bushes at the park.

Court records indicate that Stockford had previously been convicted of eight prior felonies and 18 prior misdemeanors and had been sentenced to prison four times in the past.

The Stockford matter was investigated and solved by the East Jordan Police Department.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

News

ONLINE AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOUNTYNEWS.COM

“Phil” prepares for annual Groundhog Day forecast

BY JIM AKANS

A spry 130-plus years old, Punxsutawney Phil is once again preparing to emerge from his cozy groundhog burrow on February 2, a.k.a. Groundhog Day.

According to Wikipedia; “The first reported news of a Groundhog Day observance was arguably made by the Punxsutawney Spirit newspaper of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania in 1886: “up to the time of going to press, the beast has not seen its shadow”. However, it was not until the following year in 1887 that the first Groundhog Day considered “official” was commemorated here, with a group making a trip to the Gobbler’s Knob part of town to consult the groundhog. People have gathered annually at the spot for the event ever since.”

That’s a longstanding tradition for a weather forecaster that has been on the questionable side of accuracy. The method is fairly simple; if Phil sees his shadow; there will be six more weeks of winter (a safe bet here in Northern Michigan), and if not; spring is on the near horizon (as long as that horizon extends to mid-May for this area).

According to the “info-please” website, the origins of this Groundhog Day tradition extend back to Europe many centuries ago. Back then, people would keep an eye on emerging hibernating animals, such as the groundhog, during mid-winter. If they cast shadows because of sunning days it was considered a bad sign. Those days are typically cold and that just might mean winter is re-



The groundhog (*Marmota monax*) is a rodent of the family *Sciuridae*, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels. Emerging from its burrow on February 2, if it sees a shadow due to clear weather, it will retreat to its den and winter will persist for six more weeks. If it does not see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early. Wikipedia photo

treating slowly.

“Throughout history numerous holidays have marked this seasonal crossroads,” infoplease relates. “Among these is Candlemas Day, February 2, a Christian holiday that celebrates Mary’s ritual purification. Early Christians believed that if the sun came out on Candlemas Day, winter would last for six weeks more.”

In terms of accuracy, “livescience.com” found that Phil has predicted over 100 forecasts of six more months of winter and only about 20 for an early spring. Data from “Stormfax Almanac” show

this to be around thirty-nine percent accurate. Looking at the years since 1969, that accuracy falls to about thirty-six percent...global warming may be working against Phil. Bottom line; flipping a coin produces better odds of weather prediction.

Still, Phil is fun. Phil is tradition...and Phil is treated very well.

The “Penn Live Blog” notes:

- Phil has his own car. It’s called the Philmobile and it’s a little bus that houses members of the Inner Circle. Phil has a special seat on the outside, so he can be seen during parades.

- Phil takes a magical elixir every summer to extend his lifespan. The elixir also changes his appearance (much like the Doctor in “Doctor Who”), which explains why Phil may be grey one year and a youthful brown the next. Alas, the elixir does not work on humans. “We’ve tried, it just makes them fat and bald,” said Ron Ploucha, Stump Warden of the Inner Circle of the Groundhog Club and co-handler of Phil. “If you saw some of our Inner Circle members you can tell the ones that tried.”

- Phil has a wife. Well, make that Phil has had many

wives. While Phil has an extended lifespan, his wives do not partake in the elixir so they pass away like normal groundhogs do. Phil’s current wife is called Phyllis - of course.

- Phil was not in “Groundhog Day.” In that Bill Murray movie he is played by a groundhog named Scooter - who bit the actor three times during filming. Phil was Murray’s first choice for the role. “He’s treated like royalty and is very well-behaved. A true professional,” the actor told The Philadelphia Inquirer in 1993. “So when they couldn’t get him - a creature who has been hand-raised since birth and is very tame - what did they do? They went out into the woods and caught this Scooter, a groundhog who hated my guts from day one.”

The film, “Groundhog Day,” was released in 1993. It’s a classic comedy about Phil Connors, played by Bill Murray, who becomes trapped in a Groundhog Day loop, replaying the day over and over again.

IMDb (Internet Movie Database) offers some fun trivia about the film:

- Bill Murray and Harold Ramis (director) have both been honorary Grand Marshals for the Groundhog Day celebrations in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

- The scene where Phil picks up the alarm clock and slams it onto the floor didn’t go as planned. Bill slammed down the clock, but it barely broke, so the crew bashed it with a hammer to give it the really smashed look. The clock actually continued playing the song like in the movie.

- All the clocks in the diner are stopped, mirroring Phil’s

predicament.

- Though Phil Connors almost certainly experiences February 2nd thousands of times, 38 of which are said to be actually depicted, a careful sorting of “day-isolated” sequences and/or events plus a parsing of Connors’ dialogue accounts for at least 42 days - the exact number of days of additional winter predicted by Punxsutawney Phil (6 weeks).

- When Ned Ryerson accosts Phil Connors in the street, John Candy can be seen in the background giving money to the older homeless person.

- There is a small plaque that reads “Bill Murray stepped here” on the curb where Murray continually steps into a puddle. There is another plaque on the building wall at the corner that says “Ned’s Corner” where Bill Murray was continually accosted by insurance salesman Ned Ryerson (Stephen Tobolowsky).

- Harold Ramis and Danny Rubin considered including an explanation for Phil being stuck in a time loop. The possibilities included was that Phil had been cursed by a scorned lover or someone he had verbally abused. But they decided it was best to leave it a mystery.

Mystery is really what the celebration of Groundhog day is about. As we hopefully cross the midpoint of the winter season why not put our hopes for the early arrival of spring into a clue provided by a celebrity marmot, (a large rodents related to large ground squirrels) and his shadow? On a personal note: I hope he doesn’t!

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PETOSKEY VIRTUAL TORCHLIGHT SNOWSHOE EVENT FOR CAMP DAGGETT

January 30-31, Bearcub Outfitters, 321 E. Lake Street. The ever popular Bearcub Outfitters Torchlight Snowshoe Outing will become a virtual snowshoe event for Camp Daggett on January 30 and 31. Bearcub Outfitters invites individuals to rent snowshoes for \$5.00 at their store at 321 E. Lake Street on January 30-31 (rental fees go to Camp Daggett). Bearcub will be collecting donations for Camp Daggett in the store. While at the store, participants can purchase tickets for exciting prizes. Participants can then take their own individual hike, and post photos online. Tag @bearcuboutfitters & @campdaggett on Facebook or Instagram to be entered in a drawing for Bearcub Outfitters gift certificates. If not on social media, email pictures to sales@bearcuboutfitters.com. For more information, go to <https://www.campdaggett.org/bearcub-snowshoe-for-daggett/>. “Cross your fingers that we can resume our usual Camp Daggett Torchlight Snowshoe on February 27,” states Becky Philipp-Kranig, owner, Bearcub Outfitters. For additional information, go to www.bearcuboutfitters.com. To learn more about Camp Daggett, visit www.campdaggett.org.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN NMC LUNCHEON LECTURE; VETERANS’ COURT

February 5, noon-1pm, online. 90th District Court Judge Angela Lasher, elected to office by the voters of Emmet and Charlevoix counties in November, is developing a spe-

cial court to address the unique needs of veterans with legal problems. She is building on the proven success of a sobriety court for defendants facing second convictions for drunk driving. Judge Lasher will explain how these programs offer productive alternatives to incarceration. Register at www.ncmclifelonglearning.com/events.

GAYLORD VIRTUAL CONNECTING WOMEN LUNCHEON; BE BRAVE

February 16, 11:45am-1pm. Topic is “Be Brave” presented by Heidi Fraser Yocum. Face your dreams, desires and passion and start moving in the direction of living your best life. Presentation will start at noon via Zoom. \$20 for Gaylord Area Chamber members, \$25 for non-members. Register online at www.gaylordchamber.com or call 989-732-6333.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN NMC LUNCHEON LECTURE; REDISTRICTING THE NEW WAY

February 19, noon-1pm, online. In November 2018, Michigan voters approved the “Voters Not Politicians” constitutional amendment, which makes a commission of 13 randomly selected citizens responsible for drawing district lines for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress. The Secretary of State serves as the secretary without a vote of the commission and administrator of the new redistricting process. Sally Marsh, director of special projects for the Michigan Department of State, explains the process and what it will mean for Michigan voters. Register at www.ncmclifelonglearning.com/events.

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.



Pictured: Principal Nate Dionne, Counselor, Kristin Lynch, Wellness Center Rebecca Litzner, LMSW, HS teacher, Darrin Weber, Superintendent Matt Stevenson, PE Teacher, Tyler Kruzal, Health Assistant, Alyssa Piechocki and Food Service Director, Gretchen Bender

East Jordan school receives School Wellness award

East Jordan Middle/High School received the School Wellness Award. The School Wellness Award is designed to recognize and applaud schools that are implementing sustainable policy and environmental changes related to healthy eating, physical activity, and tobacco/nicotine-free lifestyles.

Thanks to 2020 graduates, Drue Daley and Teegan Swanson for submitting essays on behalf of our Middle/High School for this award.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services partners with the Michigan Department of Education, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and Action for Healthy Kids on the School Wellness Award.



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cline, with current capacity at 9.9% for beds with COVID-19 patients. Peaked at 19.6% on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

-Overall case rates: Currently at 225 cases per million. Peaked at 740 cases per million on Saturday, Nov. 14, plateaued after a decline to 239 on Friday, Dec. 25 and has been in decline for 11 days.

-Positivity rate: currently at 6.8% and declining.

Restaurants and bars will be allowed to reopen at 25% capacity with up to 100 people. Tables must be six feet apart with no more than six people per table. Outdoor tents with four sides are permitted under these same rules. Bars and restaurants must close by 10 p.m. Additionally, contact information must be collected from diners for contact tracing purposes.

"Today's announcement is possible because of our progress over the last two months," said Robert Gordon, MDHHS director. "Even so, the science is clear that unmasked, indoor activities like dining and drinking are still a source of high risk around COVID-19. The safest course remains to support your favorite restaurant with carry-out, delivery or outdoor dining. If individuals choose to eat out, there are two things they can do to make it much safer: go out only with members of their own household and choose a restaurant participating in the MI COVID-19 Safer Dining certification program."

The voluntary MI COVID-19 Safer Dining program allows food service establishments to become certified by having their ventilation system inspected and submitting their inspection report to the state indicating they are optimizing airflow. Once certified, businesses will be featured on the Michigan.gov/covidsaferdining website and receive a copy of their certification to post at their establishment to alert diners of their participation. Funding is proposed for food service establishments to participate as part of the \$10 million included in the recent supplemental budget request for restaurant supports administered by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Two webinars will be

hosted on Monday, Jan. 25 to provide additional information about the Safer Dining certification program – one at noon for HVAC contractors interested in conducting inspections and one at 3 p.m. for food service establishments interested in becoming certified. More information will be available at Michigan.gov/covidsaferdining.

Indoor residential and non-residential gatherings are limited to 10 people and two households. MDHHS continues to urge families to avoid indoor gatherings or to pick a single other household to interact with consistent with guidance already released by the department. Families are encouraged to stay home as much as possible to maintain momentum and to protect loved ones. Families are also encouraged to Mask Up, Mask Right, using guidance for what masks to wear and how to wear them.

The epidemic order continues to temporarily pause indoor contact sports and other venues and activities where participants have close physical contacts and are not consistently masked, like water parks. However, as of Jan. 22, stadiums can allow up to 500 people at venues that seat over 10,000 people and stadiums that seat less than 10,000 are allowed to be at 20% capacity, up to 250 people. This will allow for additional attendance at high school football finals being hosted this weekend.

As before, employees who work in jobs that cannot be performed from home can continue to go to work, while employees who can work from home should continue to do so.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus. To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit Michigan.gov/COVID-Vaccine.

IndoorDiningOpensPhoto1; The order will allow for indoor dining at restaurants with certain requirements; concessions at casinos, movie theaters and stadiums; personal services requiring mask gathering; and non-residential gatherings of up to 10 people from two households. Courtesy photo

Over \$228,000 in People Fund grants awarded to local groups in 2020

The Great Lakes Energy (GLE) People Fund, supported solely by GLE members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their monthly bill to the next dollar, awarded \$228,288 in grants to charitable and community organizations throughout 2020. The granted funds were awarded to 67 charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"Once again, our members have opened their hearts and provided tremendous opportunities for improvement in the communities we serve," says President/CEO Bill Scott. "The People Fund has awarded more than \$3.8 million in grants since 1999. We are so fortunate to have played a part in facilitating this generosity on behalf of our members."

Members of the electric cooperative who wish to participate are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online at gtakes.com or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's office.

"People may not think 50 cents a month can do much, but when added with the contributions of other Great Lakes Energy members, we are able to help so many," explains Scott. "Giving back to the community is one of the cooperative principles and we couldn't do it without our members' generosity."

The following 32 groups serving Great Lakes Energy's northern service district received \$94,752.06 in People Fund grants in 2020:

Acme Christian Thrift Store & Food Pantry (ACTS), Traverse City: \$1,308 to update/upgrade computer

equipment.

Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, Beaver Island: \$3,500 for signage on the Karl Kuebler Trail & map brochures, in conjunction with the Beaver Island Historical Society.

Blissfest Music Organization, Petoskey: \$2,043.04 for four computer monitors for virtual programming and \$1,859.98 for two laptop computers.

Blue Lake Township Fire Department, Kalkaska: \$3,000 for Hi-Vis jackets & structural firefighting boots.

Charlevoix Area Historical Society, Charlevoix: \$6,000 for 2nd-floor renovations to the HVAC, lights, and electrical system at the Harsha House Museum.

Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Cheboygan: \$2,000 for energy-efficient updates to their Re-Store.

Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, Grayling: \$1,749 for a commercial refrigerator.

Crooked Tree Arts Center, Petoskey: \$3,300 for necessary video streaming equipment for virtual programming during the pandemic.

East Jordan Fire Department, East Jordan: \$2,050 for new water rescue equipment, vests, and helmets. Contingent on raising the rest of the funding needed.

Elk Rapids Area Historical Society, Elk Rapids: \$2,000 to repair cracks in walls and repaint.

Friends of the Kalkaska Library, Kalkaska: \$3,759.93 to purchase 150 e-books for library.

Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$3,000 for a new vehicle for the Meals on Wheels program.

Gaylord Community Orchestra, Gaylord: \$900.45 for music stand LED lights for musicians.

Gaylord Police Department, Gaylord: \$11,500 for a fully trained drug detection police dog.

Good Hart Artist Residency, Harbor Springs: \$1,500 for a computer to support the residency.

Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Bellaire: \$3,000 for the production and printing of interpretive signage for the trail.

Harbor Area Recreation & Entertainment, Inc., Harbor Springs: \$1,000 for a timing system for feedback for swimming event participants.

Harbor Springs Festival of the Book, Harbor Springs: \$3,000 to purchase books in relation to author visits in schools.

Junior Master Gardener 4-H Club - Otsego County, Gaylord: \$2,700 for their plant light project for 30 Jr. Gardeners.

Northern Michigan Equine Therapy, Boyne City: \$2,533.66 for care for therapy horses (while business is suspended due to pandemic).

Oliver Township, Kalkaska: \$1,000 for restoring the playground on township hall property.

Otsego-Antrim Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Gaylord: \$2,568 for a computer with RECON multi-location synch engine.

Otsego Conservation District, Gaylord: \$2,500 for installing accessible parking to garden and educational center.

Otsego County Economic Alliance, Inc., Gaylord: \$3,000 for two computers, equipment, and software.

Otsego County Library, Gaylord: \$1,280 for establish-

four of my friends, I have chatted a while with the staff who know me very well by now.

You know I am alone...this is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have enough time, it is the physical touch that I crave.

Two years back I got sick, The store owner from whom I buy fruits, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried.

When your Mom fell down few days back while on her morning walk. Our local grocer saw her and immediately got his car to rush her home as he knows where I live.

Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?

Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer?

I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds of Relationships.

Does Amazon deliver all this as well?

Technology isn't life.. Spend time with people .. Not with devices.

Writer: Unknown

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Editor:

Rep Jack Bergman's decision to object to two states electors and call for an Emergency Electoral Commission was a legal and unprecedented decision. Let's be clear - the events that unfolded at the Capitol on January 6th, 2021 are wrong, and nearly every Republican I know has vocally said that.

But objecting to electors does not create a constitutional crisis and is a lawful option given to congress.

Last week, the Michigan Democrat Party Chairwomen called on the General to resign because of his decision. This is the absolute height of hypocrisy as the Democrats have objected to electors in every single cycle that a Republican has won

the White House for decades. In 2005, over 30 Democrat Members of Congress objected to Ohio's electors in and effort to overturn the results of the election. In 2016 I received over 40k letters and 50k emails to not vote for Donald J Trump but to vote for Hillary Clinton.

Bergman has fought for his constituents, for voter integrity, and for our way of

life. I'm proud the 1st District overwhelmingly reelected him to serve in Congress and look forward for him to be reelected in 2022.

John E. Haggard, Charlevoix and Electoral College in 2016 & 2020 for the 1st District of Michigan.

News

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22 year old delivers poem at inauguration ceremony

Amanda Gorman became the youngest person to deliver a poem at a U.S. presidential inauguration, with the 22-year-old reciting her poem "The Hill We Climb" after Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were sworn in as president and vice president.

Gorman spoke for nearly six minutes. Read a transcript of her remarks below:

When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending shade?

The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade
We've braved the belly of the beast
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace
And the norms and notions
of what just is
Isn't always just-ice
And yet the dawn is ours
before we knew it
Somehow we do it
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
a nation that isn't broken
but simply unfinished
We the successors of a country and a time
Where a skinny Black girl
descended from slaves and raised by a single
mother

can dream of becoming president
only to find herself reciting for one
And yes we are far from polished
far from pristine
but that doesn't mean we are

striving to form a union that is perfect
We are striving to forge a union with purpose
To compose a country committed to all cul-
tures, colors, characters and
conditions of man
And so we lift our gazes not to what stands
between us

but what stands before us
We close the divide because we know, to put
our future first,
we must first put our differences aside
We lay down our arms
so we can reach out our arms
to one another
We seek harm to none and harmony for all
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:
That even as we grieved, we grew
That even as we hurt, we hoped
That even as we tired, we tried
That we'll forever be tied together, victorious
Not because we will never again know defeat
but because we will never again sow division
Scripture tells us to envision
that everyone shall sit under their own vine
and fig tree

And no one shall make them afraid
If we're to live up to our own time
Then victory won't lie in the blade
But in all the bridges we've made
That is the promise to glade
The hill we climb
If only we dare
It's because being American is more than a
pride we inherit,
it's the past we step into

and how we repair it
We've seen a force that would shatter our na-
tion
rather than share it
Would destroy our country if it meant delay-
ing democracy
And this effort very nearly succeeded
But while democracy can be periodically de-
layed

it can never be permanently defeated
In this truth
in this faith we trust
For while we have our eyes on the future
history has its eyes on us
This is the era of just redemption
We feared at its inception
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power
to author a new chapter
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves
So while once we asked,
how could we possibly prevail over catastro-
phe?

Now we assert
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over
us?
We will not march back to what was
but move to what shall be
A country that is bruised but whole,
benevolent but bold,
fierce and free
We will not be turned around
or interrupted by intimidation
because we know our inaction and inertia

will be the inheritance of the next generation
Our blunders become their burdens
But one thing is certain:
If we merge mercy with might,
and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy
and change our children's birthright
So let us leave behind a country
better than the one we were left with
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest,
we will raise this wounded world into a won-
drous one

We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the
west,
we will rise from the windswept northeast
where our forefathers first realized revolu-
tion
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of
the midwestern states,
we will rise from the sunbaked south
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover
and every known nook of our nation and
every corner called our country,
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,
battered and beautiful
When day comes we step out of the shade,
afire and unafraid
The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it
If only we're brave enough to be it

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juried fine arts exhibition



Charlevoix
Circle
of Arts

February 1-27, 2021

RE|ART exhibit at Charlevoix Circle of Arts in February

Charlevoix Circle of Arts is proud to launch its 2021 season with a Juried Fine Art Exhibition titled re|ART: reflect, reject, refine, remark. The exhibit will be on display February 1st through February 27th and will feature works from 20 Michigan artists, many of them from the local area.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts received over 70 submissions in an open call to Michigan visual artists working in all media including 2-D, 3-D, functional art, fine craft, photography, and installation. Entrants were asked to explore and interpret the many shifts taking place in our current experience and how the concept of change opens a path to rethink, revisit, reunite, recharge, reevaluate, redefine, etc. The exhibition is juried by artist Joann Condino, owner of Three Pines Studio, and awards will be announced on Charlevoix Circle of Arts' website and social media pages. re|ART opens on February 1, 11am to 4pm and will be on display through February 27.

The public is invited to attend this exhibition. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information about the exhibit or the Charlevoix Circle of Arts please call (231) 547-3554 or visit the website: www.charlevoixcircle.org.

Homes for our Future Campaign

Housing North is establishing new tools for engagement for a communications and outreach campaign called "Homes for Our Future." Originally launched in early 2020 right before the pandemic, the campaign is intended to drive action for housing options throughout 10 counties of Northwest Lower Michigan (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford). The campaign is being sponsored by Housing North, a non-profit housing partnership based in Traverse City.

"Especially given the pandemic, living in Northern Michigan is becoming more and more out of reach for families and middle-class people to live here. We have known the problem has been growing for years, and we need to take action. The good news is we know there are strategies that work, and there are steps we all can take to put them in place," said Yarrow Brown, Executive Director of Housing North. "By getting involved as a local advocate through the HFOF campaign, citizens can support housing solutions in their communities which provide shelter for our workforce to live and work in our community."

There are four main goals for the Homes for Our Future campaign in 2021:

- Creation of local committees to support grassroots advocacy including advocacy training events and development and promotion of an advocacy toolkit.
- Increased numbers of the

general public as advocates and campaign supporters.

- Adoption of resolutions by county and local governments and sponsorships/endorsements by employers/affiliate advocacy groups.
- Introduction of Housing Ready Checklists to local/county governments in the 10-county region.

The Homes for Our Future campaign will conduct community outreach and promotion activities throughout the region beginning in February 2021 and continuing through the year. Several communities, businesses and organizations have already endorsed the Homes for Our Future campaign including Aspire North REALTORS®, Traverse Connect, Goodwill Northern Michigan, Homestretch, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Emmet and Leelanau counties, and the City of Manistee. Endorsements for the Homes for Our Future campaign can be found on the homesforourfuture.org website.

"Lack of housing availability and obtainability is a well-established issue at a local, state and national level." Says Connor Miller, Government Affairs Director for Aspire North REALTORS® "We are glad to partner with Housing North on the Homes for Our Future Campaign to support and empower local communities to create the environment where more housing options are available and obtainable for current and future Northern Michigan residents."

Events are scheduled throughout the region from February

through July to share information about the campaign, ways to get involved, and how to become a local housing advocate including updates on Housing North's legislative activities, local housing efforts, and upcoming Housing North initiatives. Everyone is welcome to attend the events free of charge. The schedule is as follows:

- Housing North's Advocacy 101 - February 9, 6:00 - 8 PM ZOOM WEBINAR.
- Housing North Legislative Initiatives and Housing Michigan Coalition- February 17th at 2-3:30 p.m.
- Land Bank Partnerships- what projects are happening in our region and how you can work with your land bank to bring more housing, February 24, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM ZOOM WEBINAR.

To RSVP for an event, sign up for updates, or learn more about the Homes for Our Future campaign, visit homesforourfuture.org. By participating in the campaign, citizens, community leaders, and business people can ensure that Northern Michigan communities are places where working people, young working families and all people can live and thrive.

The campaign, and the need for action, are being driven by economic challenges arising from housing shortages for a broad range of households:

- The region as a whole has a significant gap in available housing. A study by LandUse USA in 2019 shows the need for over 15,600 units - about 70 percent of which is for rentals - to meet cur-

rent demand. Most of that demand is for homes priced below \$200,000, or for rents below \$800 a month.

- Overall available housing stock remains the same while more housing is taken of the market for short term rentals. Between 2010 and 2016, the total number of regional housing units in the 10-county region remained stable - but during that same time, the number of housing units classified as "seasonal" increased by about 15 percent.

- Lack of available housing creates an acute problem for working people. Local surveys show that "access to housing" is considered a primary obstacle to creating new local jobs, and that young professionals are considering leaving the region for a result of the lack of housing.

- Housing shortages increase living expenses as well as create traffic and environmental issues. When people need to live far away from jobs and schools, long commutes add substantial expenses to the cost of living for Northern Michigan families. This added traffic, puts more wear and tear on roads, and impacts air and water quality.

- There are solutions that will work. A variety of locally-driven tools and policies - including incentives, access to land for development, public-private-nonprofit partnerships, and zoning changes - can make it easier for the private sector and nonprofits to build housing for our workforce, seniors, young people, and others.

NCCMC launches "Building Tomorrow Together Campaign" with virtual event

Since North Central's Administration/ Classroom Building opened in 1967, thousands of students have passed through its doors on their way to an associate degree and the next step of their career or college journey. Now, one of the oldest and busiest buildings on NCCMC's campus is undergoing a historic addition and renovation to better prepare students for success in a technology-driven world. The Building Tomorrow Together campaign, a \$9.9 million investment in the college's facilities, technology, and student resources, will kick off with a virtual launch party at 4 p.m. on January 28. The free event will be livestreamed on North Cen-

tral's Facebook page, and the public is invited to attend. Pre-registration is required at <https://nccmfutures.eventbrite.com>.

The launch party, which is themed "Futures Start Here," will include a keynote address from Kalin Sheick, TV personality and owner of Petoskey-based Sweetwater Floral company. North Central team members Kim Dickinson and Scott LaDeur will host the hour-long event, which will feature North Central trivia and more than \$500 in prizes for attendees. Petoskey entrepreneurs Ben Slocum and Pete Manthei, NCCMC alumni who founded Beards Brewery in 2012, will share how their experience

at North Central helped pave their path to success.

North Central President David Roland Finley said the launch event will capture the excitement on campus as new classrooms and student gathering spaces near completion.

"This project is critical because it puts students' needs front and center," Finley said. "Adaptable teaching and learning environments will provide flexibility and an improved classroom experience, and centralized access to student support services means that academic advising and career counseling are just steps away from our busiest classrooms."

The Building Tomorrow To-

gether campaign will culminate with an August 2021 ribbon-cutting event, when the Administration/Classroom Building will be formally reintroduced as the Borra Learning Center, named in recognition of lead donors Pier C. and Renee Borra.

"Through this campaign, we have an opportunity to strengthen and grow a longstanding community institution that is unique to Northern Michigan and greatly enhances the quality of life for everyone," Pier Borra said.

To learn more about the Building Tomorrow Together campaign or the launch event, visit www.nccmich.edu/buildingtomorrow.

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Latest 'pause' pushes start of winter sports seasons to late February

BY MIKE DUNN

EAST LANSING – The Michigan High School Athletic Association issued a press release on Monday, Jan. 25, responding to the latest changes implemented by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Mark Uyl, the executive director of the MHSAA, said winter contact sports including girls and boys basketball, competitive cheer, ice hockey and wrestling, will remain "on pause for contact activities" until Feb. 21, per the most recent update to the MDHHS emergency order.

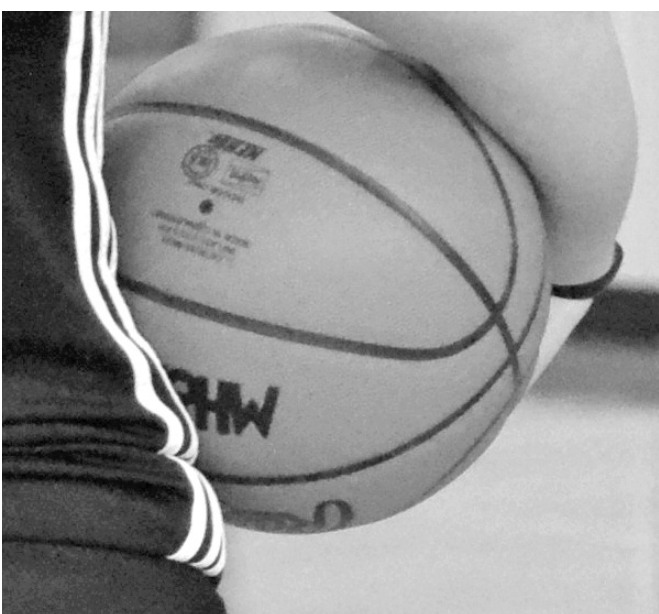
In the Jan. 25 release, Uyl said he wasn't able to "provide specific plans" yet moving forward but promised the MHSAA would be "evaluating the best options for delivering a memorable experience for 60,000 athletes involved in winter contact

sports."

He added that there will be specific timelines as soon as the health department clears contact sports to begin full activity.

The latest order from the health department comes as a hard blow for student athletes across the state, including those in the coverage area of the Weekly Choice here in northern Michigan. Originally, the health department said non-contact practices could begin Jan. 16, with an eye toward starting the regular season on Jan. 22. That was later changed, with contact practices starting Feb. 1 and the regular season beginning on Feb. 4.

Everyone took a deep breath at that point and adapted to the switch to the starting date of Feb. 4. The MHSAA said the end of the winter season also would be moved back to accommodate the change.



The winter sports seasons including girls basketball are "on hold" right now until at least Feb. 21, per the latest order from the state's health department. (photo by Mike Dunn)

The latest blow, coming just this week, was the decision by the health department

to push everything back until at least Feb. 21. And even then there's no

guarantee. If the health department opts to push the dates back any further than that, it is very possible the winter seasons in Michigan will not be able to be played at all.

One very frustrating aspect of this is that 47 of the 50 states are allowing prep basketball. Only Michigan, Illinois and New York are presently not allowing the sport to be played.

The MHSAA remains committed to doing everything possible to see that three separate seasons are completed this school year. The fall seasons of football and volleyball were delayed about a month in starting but got under way in late September. Then they were put on pause again in mid-November, right near the end of the season. The MHSAA, to its credit, assured that the football and volleyball seasons were completed, however, even though

they were completed in January.

Now there are more challenges facing the winter sports teams in Michigan.

"We have said from the start of the 2020-21 school year that we would do everything possible to have three seasons, and play all three to completion," Uyl said in the press release. "Our strong advocacy for all sports and seasons – and especially winter sports – continues every day."

The fall sports were able to be completed using a rapid testing pilot program authorized by the health department. Perhaps moving forward that will also be the case for winter sports.

More details will be forthcoming soon.

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The lake sturgeon season on Black Lake in Cheboygan County begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, and registration is open until Feb. 5. (courtesy of DNR)

Register now for Black Lake sturgeon season

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY – Eager for the chance to catch one of Michigan's most unique fish? The lake sturgeon season on Black Lake in Cheboygan County begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, and registration is open until Feb. 5.

A new online registration process is required to participate, as well as a current Michigan fishing license for anyone 17 or older. Anglers must certify that they understand and will abide by the rules and safety requirements.

The catch quota this year is six lake sturgeon total. In the past, the season quota often has been met within the first day – sometimes in just a few hours! However, the season will last until the sixth fish is harvested, or five fish have been harvested at the end of any day from Feb. 6-10. Daily season fishing hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the season will end at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, or when one of the two scenarios previously mentioned

is met. Anglers will receive text messages announcing the beginning of the season, and as each fish is harvested until the season closes.

Anglers are required to supply their own flagging material to hang on their shanty so DNR staff can recognize who is fishing. The material should be at least 1 foot square, and bright red or blaze orange.

Lucky anglers who get a sturgeon must immediately contact on-ice DNR personnel, who will direct them to registration. All DNR employees will wear face coverings and maintain social distance of at least 6 feet. Anglers are asked to take these same precautions when near anyone outside their immediate household, and also not to gather around DNR personnel.

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2008 Toyota 4 Runner SR5. 4 wheel drive. Sale Price \$3,995. As low as \$149 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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2012 Ford Escape. Nice. Sale Price \$6,995. As low as \$199 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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2017 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE AWD LT LEATHER, NAVIGATION, BOSE. \$24,934. As low as \$391 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

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 2018 CHEVY EQUINOX PREMIUM FWD LEATHER. \$19,620. As low as \$307 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com
 2018 Chevy Traverse KT. AWD, 7 passenger. \$27,930. As low as \$437 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com
 2018 Ford Edge SEL. AWD, rear camera, leather, 100 K miles. Sale Price \$18,995. As low as \$299 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE LIMITED ULTIMATE AWD, NAV, SUNROOF. \$27,504. As low as \$431 for 72 months. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2019 Chevy Equinox LT. AWD, sunroof, navigation. \$21,753. As low as \$341 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2019 CHEVY TAHOE LT LUXURY PKG., DVD. \$45,282. As low as \$709 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

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2003 Chevy Avalanche. Sale Price \$4,995. As low as \$149 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2003 Dodge Dakota SLT. Quad cab, bedliner. Sale Price \$5,995. As low as \$149 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2005 Ford F-150. 4x4, double cab, bedliner. Tow pkg. 189 K miles. \$4,988 cash. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2008 Cadillac Escalade EXT. Navigation, DVD, sunroof. \$15,991. As low as \$369 for 48 months. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2011 Dodge Ram SLT. Quad cab, 4x4, bedliner, tow pkg. 5.7 L Hemi, 123 K miles. Sale Price \$19,995. As low as \$349 a month with \$2,400 down. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2015 Chevy Silverado 1500 Crew Cab LTZ. Midnight edition, DVD. \$27,636. As low as \$433 for 60 months. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

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2016 Ford F-150 XL. 4x4, ext. cab, spray in bedliner, seats 6, tow pkg. Sale Price \$19,995. As low as \$379 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2017 Chevy Colorado Z-71. Ext. cab, V-6. \$28,489. As low as \$446 for 72 months. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 DBL CAB LT Z71 5.3L V8. \$28,723. As low as \$450 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 DBL CAB LTZ BUCKET SEATS. \$31,968. As low as \$500 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 EXT CAB Z71 LEATHER, 5.3L V8. \$31,816. As low as \$341 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2017 FORD F150 SUPERCREW KING RANCH NAV, SUNROOF 3.5L V6. \$41,678. As low as \$653 for 72 months. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2017 SILVERADO 1500 DBL CAB LT Z71 RALLY 2 EDITION, V8. \$30,894. As low as \$484 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

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2018 Chevy Silverado 1500 Z-71 LTZ. Double cab, midnight edition. \$41,763. As low as \$654 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2018 CHEVY SILVERADO CREW CAB LT Z71 5.3L V8. \$31,994. As low as \$500 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2019 CHEVY COLORADO EXTENDED CAB LT. \$26,981. As low as \$423 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

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2019 Chevy Silverado 1500 LD. Double cab, LT, 5.3L V-8. \$31,760. As low as \$497 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

2019 SILVERADO 1500 DBL CAB LT Z71 BOSS HTX V-PLOW, 5.3L V8. \$39,867. As low as \$621 for 72 months. CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED. Jim Wernig Chevrolet. 2401 Old 27 South, Gaylord. 989-732-5161. www.ChevyCentral.com

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2016 Ford Transit 350 XLT. 12 passenger. 1 ton. Sale Price \$19,999. As low as \$374 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

2019 Dodge Grand Caravan. Leather, rear camera, 51 K miles. Sale Price \$17,495. As low as \$270 a month. Rivertown Auto Sales & Leasing. 989 VFW Rd, Cheboygan. 231-627-6700. www.rivertownautosales.com. Need a car a day or a week. We rent vehicles.

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This four bedroom, three bath home has approximately 2,200 square feet of wonderfully appointed space on the main two levels plus about 300 square feet of a finished family room in the full basement, which also has an approximately 700 square foot workshop area. There is plenty of space in this home for the growing family, and the open floor plan is ideal for entertaining. Other interior highlights include wood flooring, master suite with walk-in closet, a study/crafting/home office area and much more.

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4. REARRANGE BEDROOM CLOSETS AND KITCHEN CABINETS.

Buyers love to snoop and will open closet and cabinet doors. Think of the message it sends if items fall out! Now imagine what a buyer believes about you if she sees everything organized. It says you probably take good care of the rest of the house as well. This means:

- Alphabetize spice jars.
- Neatly stack dishes.
- Turn coffee cup facing facing the same way.

- Hang shirts together, buttoned and facing the same direction.
- Line up shoes.

5. RENT A STORAGE UNIT.

Almost every home shows better with less furniture. Remove pieces of furniture that block or hamper paths and walkways and put them in storage. Since your bookcases are now empty, store them. Remove extra leaves from your dining room table to make the room appear larger. Leave just enough furniture in each room to showcase the room's purpose and plenty of room to move around. You don't want buyers scratching their heads and

saying, "What is this room used for?"

6. REMOVE/REPLACE FAVORITE ITEMS.

If you want to take window coverings, built-in appliances or fixtures with you, remove them now. If the chandelier in the dining room once belonged to your great grandmother, take it down. If a buyer never sees it, she won't want it. Once you tell a buyer she can't have an item, she will covet it, and it could blow your deal. Pack those items and replace them, if necessary.

7. MAKE MINOR REPAIRS.

- Replace cracked floor or counter tiles.
- Patch holes in walls.
- Fix leaky faucets.
- Fix doors that don't close properly and kitchen drawers that jam.
- Consider painting your walls neutral colors, especially if you have grown accustomed to purple or pink walls.
- (Don't give buyers any reason to remember your home as "the house with the orange bathroom.")
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How mRNA vaccines work
Every virus is different. The virus that causes COVID-19 is called SARS-CoV-2.
CREATE The mRNA tells the cells to make a specific part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus: the spike protein.
MEET SARS-CoV-2 All viruses have a unique genetic code. Scientists take part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus's code, called messenger RNA (mRNA), which tells our cells what to build, and coat them in a lipid so they can enter the body's cell.
LEARN The immune system then produces antibodies and activates T-cells to destroy the spike proteins.
PROTECT If you are exposed to the virus in the future, your immune system will quickly recognize the spike protein and has the antibodies and T-cells ready to begin destroying the virus.

FACTS ABOUT COVID-19 MRNA VACCINES
They cannot give someone COVID-19.
- mRNA vaccines do not use the live virus that causes COVID-19.
They do not affect or interact with our DNA in any way.
- mRNA never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA (genetic material) is kept.
- The cell breaks down and gets rid of the mRNA soon after it is finished using the instructions.

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