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## Gas prices inching up across northern Michigan



Michigan gas prices have risen 6.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.38/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey. Wikimedia photo by Henrywingra - Own work.

Michigan gas prices have risen 6.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.38/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,913 stations in Michigan. Gas prices in Michigan are 16.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 5.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Michigan is priced at \$2.00/g today while the most expensive is \$2.64/g, a difference of 64.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state today is \$2.00/g while the high-

est is \$2.64/g, a difference of 64.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.42/g today. The national average is up 17.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 5.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Michigan and the national average going back ten years:

February 1, 2020: \$2.44/g (U.S. Average: \$2.47/g)  
February 1, 2019: \$2.14/g (U.S. Average: \$2.27/g)  
February 1, 2018: \$2.65/g (U.S. Average: \$2.60/g)

February 1, 2017: \$2.26/g (U.S. Average: \$2.27/g)  
February 1, 2016: \$1.65/g (U.S. Average: \$1.79/g)  
February 1, 2015: \$2.10/g (U.S. Average: \$2.05/g)  
February 1, 2014: \$3.33/g (U.S. Average: \$3.27/g)  
February 1, 2013: \$3.63/g (U.S. Average: \$3.47/g)  
February 1, 2012: \$3.39/g (U.S. Average: \$3.45/g)  
February 1, 2011: \$3.14/g (U.S. Average: \$3.09/g)  
Neighboring areas and their current gas prices for Unleaded Regular:  
Appleton- \$2.20/g, up 3.1 cents per gallon from last

week's \$2.17/g.  
Green Bay- \$2.18/g, up 0.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.18/g.  
Grand Rapids- \$2.38/g, up 5.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.32/g.  
Locally, gas prices are about average. As of Tuesday, February 2, 2021 gas prices were:  
In Gaylord - \$2.29.9/g  
In Grayling - \$2.35.9/g  
In Petoskey - \$2.45/g  
In Cheboygan - \$2.39.9/g  
In Kalkaska - \$2.39.9/g  
In Lewiston - \$2.39.9/g  
In East Jordan - \$2.39.9/g

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## Student athletes rally outside Capitol for High School Sports

BY DAVE BARAGREY 1 AND KARI BARAGREY

Thousands of high school coaches, players and parents across Michigan rallied together under the organization of the 'Let Them Play' group to deliver a battle cry against the lingering suspension of winter contract sports such as basketball, ice hockey, wrestling and competitive cheer. They gathered outside of the Capitol building in Lansing on Saturday.

Many coaching/sports associations across the state have spoken out asking for sports to start sooner than the end of February. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced last month, under the guidance of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, that the beginning of indoor contact sports would be pushed back from Feb. 1 to Feb. 21. Earlier this week, the House Oversight Committee held a hearing to listen to testimonies by those affected. On Friday, the MHSAA reaffirmed its commitment to play winter sports when current restrictions are lifted by the state health department. 'Let Them Play' delivers clear message as thousands flock to Capitol to protest winter sports pause.

The 'Let Them Play' group held its first rally on Aug. 28, 2020, when fall sports such as football, volleyball and soccer were suspended from competing. After more than 500 supporters joined the ini-



Macie Decker, Sydney Townsend, Sophie Townsend, Jayden Marlatt, Brea Domke, Sheldon Huff, Preston Marlatt hold up signs that they prepared for Saturday's rally in Lansing. Photo by Becky Townsend

tial rally, the fall sports season was reinstated six days later.

A second rally was held on Dec. 11, 2020, after sports such as football, volleyball and girls swimming were paused by Whitmer and the MDHHS on Nov. 15 during the final stages of their respective state tournaments. The group hosted 22 speakers and drew another large crowd of more than 500 people and helped create momentum that brought back those sports in January.

Since that time, the group has seen its membership expand to more than 36,000 people across the state, as mounting frustration has pushed many involved in interscholastic athletics to make their voices heard.

The event started at noon and lasted more than two hours, as more than 25 players, coaches, parents and administrators spoke out about the effects the season suspension has had on their communities, schools and the mental health of student-ath-

letes across Michigan.

Rep. Bill Huzinga, accompanied by Senator Dale Zorn, spoke to the crowd about how suicide rates amongst teenagers during the pandemic have skyrocketed.

One of the student athlete speakers was Sydney Townsend, a senior at Johannesburg/Lewiston High School. Sydney spoke at the rally about coming back from an injury last year and

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## Scheduling breach forces February 5 Antrim County COVID-19 clinic cancelation

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan was forced to cancel one clinic this week because an online scheduling link was shared. The breach by someone outside of the health department allowed people to register out-of-turn for the vaccination clinic on February 5 in Antrim County. Personal medical records and other information were not compromised or accessed.

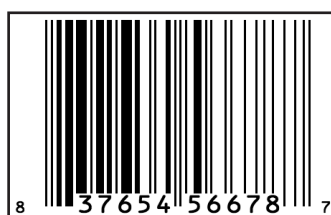
"This is extremely regrettable and is forcing us to cancel all our appointments for this February 5 clinic and reschedule them at a later date," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "This breach is requiring us to postpone appointments for those who did legitimately sign up and making us pull valuable resources to address this issue."

About 280 of the 300 appointment slots available were filled by residents from neighboring counties or even from across the state of Michigan, Peacock said.

The health department advises the public to not share any scheduling links with friends, family, or acquaintances. The COVID-19 vaccine doses are limited, and appointments are scheduled to match availability.

Residents in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's service area of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet or Otsego counties who would like to pre-register for scheduling when vaccine and appointments are available, can access that form at www.nwhealth.org. If you reside in another county, please visit your local health department's website for information on their scheduling process. If you have questions or concerns, please submit them via email to PublicHealth-InfoLine@nwhealth.org.

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LOW: 28

FRIDAY



HIGH: 31  
LOW: 14

SATURDAY



HIGH: 16  
LOW: 7

SUNDAY



HIGH: 11  
LOW: 2

## snowfall

2019-20	AMT"	CITY	2020-21	AMT"	CITY
2/3/20	35.7	ATLANTA	2/1/21	16.6	ATLANTA
2/3/20	56	BOYNE FALLS	2/1/21	37	BOYNE FALLS
2/3/20	46.2	CHARLEVOIX	2/1/21	17	CHARLEVOIX
2/3/20	44.5	CHEBOYGAN	2/1/21	20.1	CHEBOYGAN
2/3/20	78.5	EAST JORDAN	2/1/21	35.3	EAST JORDAN
2/3/20	97.7	GAYLORD	2/1/21	57.6	GAYLORD
2/3/20	116.2	KALKASKA	2/1/21	48.7	KALKASKA
2/3/20	39.5	LEWISTON	2/1/21	6	LEWISTON
2/3/20	39.8	MIO	2/1/21	27.5	MIO
2/3/20	56.5	ONAWAY	2/1/21	23.4	ONAWAY
2/3/20	76.6	PETOSKEY	2/1/21	40.8	PETOSKEY

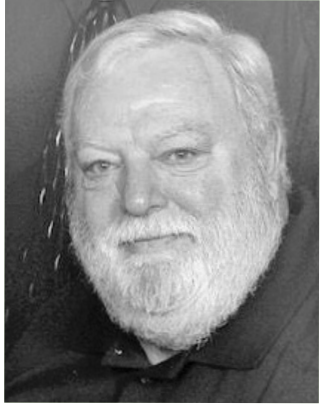
## record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
FEB 4	10°	30°	25°	(1996)	50°	(2005)
FEB 5	10°	30°	14°	(1974)	56°	(2005)
FEB 6	10°	30°	20°	(1978)	56°	(2005)
FEB 7	10°	30°	22°	(1967)	46°	(2005)
FEB 8	11°	30°	21°	(1962)	49°	(1990)
FEB 9	11°	31°	32°	(1979)	50°	(1966)
FEB 10	11°	31°	31°	(1994)	52°	(1984)
FEB 11	11°	31°	20°	(1958)	52°	(1984)
FEB 12	11°	31°	23°	(1968)	56°	(1999)
FEB 13	11°	31°	22°	(1982)	49°	(1990)

## OBITUARIES

### Edwin Robert Williamson, 74

(AUG. 23, 1946 - JAN. 25, 2021)



Edwin Robert Williamson, of Horton Bay, left this earth and was greeted into the arms of Jesus on January 25, 2021. Ed was born August 23, 1946, in Akron, Ohio to Robert and Marian (Phillips) Williamson.

Ed graduated from East Jordan High School in 1965 and attended NCMC until he was drafted into the Army in 1966. Ed fought in the Vietnam War from 1967-1968 and was honorably discharged. During his time in the Army he received several medals of which he was most proud of earning the expert marksman medal. It was difficult for Ed to talk about this time in his life because he lost friends in the war. Ed loved his country, had great respect for the American flag, and he never left a military ceremony with a dry eye.

He often commented, "I thought I was a sturdy oak, but I guess I am just a weeping willow."

As a teenager at a church volleyball event, Ed saw a girl across the room and told his buddy "see that girl over there, I am going to marry her", and on March 1, 1969, he married the love of his life Karen L. Smith.

For 30 years, Ed worked for Michigan Bell Telephone (AT&T) as a lineman and later as a splicer. Through his work, Ed developed lifelong friendships with Rocky Rickard, Bernie Kibbe, and Jim Seitz.

Ed loved the Lord and was an active member of the Horton Bay United Methodist Church. He served as a long time trustee, usher, and bell ringer. He loved ringing the bell, especially when his grandchildren would run over to watch or help him ring it. He loved his church and his church family.

Ed enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, playing cards, and watching westerns and football - especially Tom Brady. He loved telling jokes, and was said to be the life of the party. He never knew a stranger, he could randomly meet someone, carry on a conversation with them and by the end they were now an acquaintance.

Ed loved his family and was so proud of each of them and was always there to support them. He loved cheering on his children and grandchildren at sporting events, and was one of the loudest in the crowd.

Ed is survived by his loving wife Karen; son, Brett Williamson of Mt. Pleasant, MI; daughter, Melissa (Kevin) Jaskowski of Boyne City, MI; grandchildren, Noah Williamson, Lillian Breedlove, Derek Word, Alexis Jaskowski, Finn Jaskowski, and Sarah

Jaskowski; brother, Robert Williamson; sisters, Linda (Scott) Brooks and Cindy Romero (Ed) Chapman; brother in law, Leslie (Rosemary) Smith, Stewart (Judy) Smith, and Doug (Lynette) Smith; "brothers at heart", Les

(Dolly) Staley, Steve (Cindy) Johncheck; cousins, Phil (Deb) Harmon, Paul (Jill) Harmon, and Perry (Kris) Harmon; nieces and nephews, Amanda, Nina, Alison, Garrett, Jacob, Meghan, Alex, Ava, and Molly; many nieces and nephews on his wife's side of the family. Ed was proud of each of them. Special in his heart and prayers were Jacob who became quadriplegic at the age of 18, Sarah who beat leukemia, and Rachael who has cystic fibrosis.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Mary (Cook) Williamson, Jack and Marian Sutliff, Clayton and Maude Smith, his Aunt Betty and Uncle Dale Harmon.

Memorial service will be held this spring/summer. Memorial contributions can be made, in memory of Ed, to Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

### Lou Ann "Peg" (Erickson) Crozier, 91

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



Lou Ann (Peg) Crozier of Boyne City died on January 16, 2021 from a stroke. The Rev Cloud Poy of Boyne City United Methodist Church held a private family graveside service on January 19, 2021. Another celebration of her life will be held later.

Lou Ann Crozier was born on December 4, 1929 in Boyne City to Leona (Cataline) and Leo Erickson. She grew up in Boyne City, attending Boyne City schools, graduating in 1947. She married Howard E. Crozier. Sr on March 27, 1948 in Boyne City.

Peg waitressed at Boyne Mountain Resort from 1952 to 1986, retiring after Howard's stroke. People continue to ask about her, even now when they visit the resort. She also waitressed at Shanty Creek & Country Cousins restaurant in Boyne City, plus she was an Avon Representative for over 20 yrs.

Peg was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, holding different officer positions at both the local and state levels. Peg and Howard attended several American Legion National Conventions across the US and she continued attending Michigan Conventions after his passing. Peg was a member of the Grandvue Auxiliary Board and was an officer for several years, besides putting in many volunteer hours at the facility. The Alzheimer's Association was especially important to Peg! She collected donations for the Alzheimer's Walk, every year and at-

tended the walks, held usually in Traverse City. She would raise more money in donations then many of the Alzheimer teams or groups at the walk and was proud that she could support the organization in this way. Peg was a member of the Boyne City United Methodist Church and spent many hours volunteering whenever help was needed.

Over their 65 plus years together, Peg and Howard were wonderful dancers and anyone who knew them knew that if there was music, they would be out gliding across the dance floor. They were able to travel with friends, visit relatives or go by themselves, especially to Florida after retirement. Peg continued her travels taking bus trips to many different locations in the US, but she especially enjoyed her Casino bus trips with Good Times Travel, either to the UP, Manistee or southern Michigan & Indiana.

Peg was happiest when she spent time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has played many games of Sequence with them and unfortunately; some promised games were left not played. Most of the family get togethers were held at her home, where she was surrounded by her loved ones. Peg met monthly for lunch dates, either with her fellow classmates or her good friends, celebrating their birthdays. They routinely met at BC Pizza (a chicken parmesan pizza went in the oven once they saw her) plus other various food establishments in the area. They shared many good times over the years. You would also find Peg at home making cookies, banana or zucchini bread, which would then be given to the neighbor, post office clerk, her lawn care guy, friends, relatives, church members and so on. She was always doing something to keep busy. She blessed so many people in Boyne City.

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 & Hilary Urman; great-grandchildren Colton and Brady Snyder, Madelyn and Allyson Oly, Malorie Hood and Lucille Denison. Her siblings: Lavern (Gwen) Erickson, Leathanne Anderson, Michael (Becky) Griffin, Tom (Cheryl) Griffin; sister-in-law Beverly 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 (2013); daughter Brenda Urman (2015); brothers Larry (Pat) Erickson and Lindy (Jean) Erickson; sister Leota (Al) Allison and her parents.

Family suggests any memorial donations go to the Alzheimer's Association, Grandvue Medical Care Facility or Boyne City United Methodist Church in her name.

### Ella Hoffman, 94

(JUNE 17, 1926 - JAN. 30, 2021)

Ella Hoffman of Charlevoix passed away Jan-

uary 30, 2021 at the American House.

Ella was born June 17, 1926 in Ellsworth, MI.

A Graveside Service will be held in summer of 2021 at Atwood Cemetery.

Further details will be added when the information becomes available. A full obituary will appear soon.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign her online guestbook [www.mortensen-funeralhomes.com](http://www.mortensen-funeralhomes.com)

### Alice Marie (Walden) Murray, 90

(JULY 4, 1930 - JAN. 26, 2021)



Alice Marie Murray passed away at home in East Jordan surrounded by her family.

She was born on July 4, 1930, in East Jordan, the daughter of Chester and Josephine (Stanek) Walden. She grew up in East Jordan. Alice married Howard Murray on June 7, 1952, in Petoskey.

She had worked at the East Jordan Creamery and Murray's Body Shop.

She enjoyed watching the birds at her feeder, her cat, Missy and her dog, Tuffy. Most of all, she loved her grandkids and great grandkids.

Alice is survived by her children, Bill (Joy) Murray, Dave (Anna) Murray and Valerie Murray, all of East Jordan; grandkids, Adam (Janice) Murray, Jenny (Jamie) Maher, Rebecca (Matt) Kent, Nichole (Nikola) Ivanov, Lacey (Matt) Kane, Marcie (Jason) Lambrix, Brian Burkle, Jeffery (Rachel) Burkle, Jamie Burkle and Kristie Burkle; great grandkids, Faith Murray, Hope Murray, Olivia Maher, James Maher, Bree Kinsley, Jocelynn Cebulski, Elise Cebulski, Tristan McCully, Daydren Cebulski, Jamal Cebulski, Ava Ivanov, Emma Ivanov, Esme Kane, Matthew Kane, Bree Kane, Kinsley Burkle, Kolton Burkle, Samantha Burkle and Kyle Russell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Murray; her parents; her brother, Bill Walden; and one grandson, Charles Burkel.

A funeral mass was held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, East Jordan. Rev. Matthew Furguele officiated with interment following at St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery, East Jordan.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

### Sandra M. Shaw, 57

(DEC. 28, 1963 - JAN. 28, 2021)

Sandra M. Shaw of Petoskey passed away on January 28, 2021.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are being handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

### Ashley M. Van Wormer, 26

(AUG. 13, 1994 - FEB. 1, 2021)

Ashley M. Van Wormer of Charlevoix, passed away on February 1, 2021.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are being handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

### Michael McCreary, 67

(JAN. 8, 1954 - JAN. 26, 2021)



Michael McCreary of Ellsworth passed away January 26, 2021 at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born July 8, 1954 in Warren, the son of Bernard and Lynne (Dreyer) McCreary and grew up in Traverse City

Mike was a hardworking man and always ready to lend a hand. He began his working career in the oil fields at 18 years old as a foreman. He owned Mike's Auto Care for 10 years in Atwood, worked at Klooster's John Deere, and did many other mechanical jobs as well. Mike never met a job he couldn't do and never mastered "NO". He could often be found tinkering around the garage or working outside on his lawn, which was always the best lawn around town. He enjoyed all types of fishing, loved animals, especially birds, and was a fireworks king!

He never met a stranger and every kid in town called him "dad". "Failure is not an option", "No such thing as can't", and "Two wrongs don't make a right" were his favorite sayings and everyone knew it.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Christine (Mulanon) McCreary, his children Brenda (Josh Weaver) McGuire of Central Lake, Kimberly (Jeremy) Bay of Central Lake, Matt (Leslie Taylor) McCreary of Buffalo, Wyoming, Julie Ann Augustyn, Rochester, Brothers Tom McCreary of Kansas, Dan (Angie) McCreary, sister Kathy (Mark) Roster of Alpena, grandchildren Amber and Sarah McGuire, Austin, Andrew and Autumn Bay, and Mason (Chloe), Trenton, Dustin, Madison and William McCreary, and many nieces and nephews. He was eager to meet his first great grandson Kyler McCreary who will arrive soon. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Pat, his niece Michelle, previous wife Lori and mother and father in law Dorothy and Palmer Mulonas.

A celebration of life will be held this summer. Arrangements have been

handled by the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook [www.mortensen-funeralhomes.com](http://www.mortensen-funeralhomes.com).

### Jaquette (Jackie) Mae Inman, 94

(JULY 9, 1926 - JAN. 23, 2021)



Jackie entered Heaven on January 23, 2021, peacefully at her daughter Sherry's home in TN. Jackie was born in Ferndale MI to Warren and Dora Frank.

Jackie enjoyed traveling especially going to Grand Marais MI, and wherever her children were living. She was an avid rock hound (Agates), she liked to knit, crochet, and do jigsaw puzzles. Jackie was an animal lover and had many pets during her lifetime. Most importantly, Jackie loved the Lord.

Jackie was preceded in death by her husband, Ellery (Al) Inman; brothers, Rvee Frank, Marvin Frank, Warren (Pete) Frank Jr; her son Jerry L Moore Sr.; and her grandson, Daniel L Lockney.

Surviving are her daughters Sherry Jones (Larry) of Kingsport, TN, Linda Salinas (Jesse) of East Jordan, MI, Sandy Lockney (Doug) of New Bern, NC; grandchildren Jerry Jr, John, and Melanie Moore, Nathan Jones, Alex, Anna, and Aubrey Salinas, and David Lockney; 18 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Per Jackie's request the family will have a private graveside service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The family would like to thank the folks at Ballad Hospice in Kingsport TN for their kindness, prayers, and loving care of Jackie.

Arrangements are in the care of the Hastings Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

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## City of Charlevoix reviews Charter Amendments and Budget

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Council set a Public Hearing for February 15, 2021, at 6 o'clock via Zoom. The hearing will cover Ordinance 824 and Ordinance 825. The Ordinances are for setting the annual budget. One of the issues covered in the budget is funding for the EMS. If the ordinance is passed there would be no changes to the operations of the EMS. The discussion is still continuing to work on creating an EMS Authority with the surrounding townships. If the Authority is created that would reduce some portion of the projected funds for the EMS this year and bring to zero the amount budgeted in the years ahead. The City is still waiting to hear back on a FEMA request made during the pandemic. If the pandemic is funded, there will be financial improvements for the EMS not included in the budget.

Another thing the Ordinance would apply modest rate adjustments for fees that include a 3.9 percent increase in water and sewer rates. Along

with a 4.9 percent for electric service. These increases have been made across the board to help make sure that it keeps up with costs over time rather than having a large, one-time increase.

The budget also looks at development towards the Northside Trail, while most of the expenditures and grant revenue could come in the 2023 fiscal year. The budget has plans to finish the Palmer Parking Lot and finalizing construction and occupancy of the new Public Service Facility. Also in the budget is to demolish and level the current DPW site on Ferry Avenue.

The Council appointed Frank Campi to the Historic District Commission to fill the vacancy. His term will expire in June of 2022.

The Council spent a lengthy period of time during the meeting re-evaluating charter amendments from 2019 and seeing if any are worthy to move forward with. There were five these five are being updated and will go through the required process of being approved by the Attorney Gen-

eral and Governor before being able to be put on the ballot in November.

The first Charter amendment is to remove section 2.15g of the Charter which requires a synopsis of minutes to be published in the newspaper. With full-text minutes being available on the website, this will not reduce transparency but will reduce expenses. This will keep with the amendment approved in November that eliminated the requirement of full-text ordinances being published in a newspaper. It did keep a requirement that a summary of the ordinance is published in the newspaper. With both of these amendments, the actions would still appear in the newspaper with

more detail found on the website.

The second Charter amendment is to update current operating procedures and ensure appropriate roles for the City Manager and Council. The current section is outdated with changes that have taken place and are not reflective of trends in management.

The third Charter amendment is about the City Manager Appointment and Removal of the City Manager. The proposed Charter amendment would combine two sections of the Charter. It would eliminate a lengthy appeal and due process requirement for the termination of the City Manager's contract. The Council would have to approve the

termination in a two-thirds vote. It would also remove the limitation of a three-year contract for the Manager and still require Council to make the appointment on basis of professional ability and education.

The fourth Charter amendment is about the Acting City Manager. This proposed Charter amendment would again combine a couple of amendments and modify them. This would change that the Council is required to appoint a Manager within six months of a vacancy. The Charter amendment would allow more time to help the Council do a thorough search and selection of a candidate. The amendment would also modify the current requirement that the

City Manager name one or more persons who shall act in case of absence or incapacitation.

The final Charter amendment looks at assessment notices. This amendment would change the current Charter for mailing of change notices that are different than state law. This amendment would update language to what is in compliance with the state.

These amendments were approved by Council, so they will be updated and sent to the Attorney General and Governor for approval.

The Council will meet again on February 15 at 6 o'clock in the evening on Zoom.

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An estimated 40% of small businesses still don't have their own website. The major-

ity of these business owners think they can't afford a website or they assume they don't need one. However, as the current pandemic continues to make in-person business more difficult, the idea of needing a website is changing quickly. With website traffic up an amazing 70%, we need to capitalize on those new visits!

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Boyne Falls Public Schools

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## Mason Mock

Grade: Kindergarten

Parent's Name(s): Brittany Hastert and Richard Mock

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a police officer

Favorite Book: My favorite book is called Nibbles

Hobbies and Interests: I like to run around the house and play games with my mom, sister, cousins and friends.

School Activities: I like using our whiteboards and markers to write number sentences during math.

Staff Comments: It has been such a pleasure having Mason in my Kindergarten class. Mason always remembers to follow the Logger Agreement, and helps his peers remember as well. He is helpful and kind to both his teachers and friends. He is a hard worker and always uses his stamina even when things are tough, he doesn't give up. I am very proud of Mason and how well he is doing in Kindergarten.

Submitted By: Mrs. R

## Boyne Valley Lions Partner with Boyne City High School Hospitality for Joint Fundraiser

The Boyne Valley Lions have partnered with the Boyne City High School Hospitality Class to create a comfort food fundraiser to benefit the community. Boyne City High School Culinarian, Chef Cole, has re-created two Michigan favorites and made them available for sale. A Classic Michigan Beef Pasty and a Roasted Vegetable and Mushroom Pasty went on sale though an on-line order on Friday and was completely sold out by Monday. Chef Cole indicated that the joint fundraiser was a great experience for his aspiring restaurateurs. By popular de-

mand, the Lions and the Hospitality Class will offer delicious new items in February. Stay tuned for additional details.

The Lions are also known for: Local school activities including Robotics Club, school trips, elementary field days, sports boosters, more.

Diabetes education and free screening initiatives KidSight screening for early onset visual impairments

White Cane fund-raising for the visually impaired Participate and serve volunteers in "Buff up Boyne"

Serve hungry elementary school students at Field Days and school carnival

Project WAVE Lions initiatives

Financial support to Girl Scouts, PAWS with a Cause, Boyne District Library, Alzheimer's Fund, Crop Hunger Walk, Humane Society, other

The Lions Club meets virtually (due to the pandemic) every other Wednesday via Zoom. For more information on becoming a Lion contact Eleanor Sutliff, Membership Chairperson at [oesutliff@yahoo.com](mailto:oesutliff@yahoo.com).

## Health officials urge continued precautions with indoor dining opening

Beginning on February 1, indoor dining is now allowed in restaurants across northern Michigan and the state.

While officials with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan are pleased restaurants are opening, they urge residents to use precautions while dining indoors.

"We are happy that we'll be able to support our local restaurants with indoor dining, yet we must continue to be cautious about making sure we are properly protecting our health and safety," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Among the indoor dining guidelines are:

- Tables of six people or less
- Six feet between tables
- Limit of 25 percent capacity and no more than 100 people
- Bars and restaurants must close by 10 p.m.
- Contact information must be collected for contact tracing purposes
- Patrons must wear a mask at all times in a restaurant except when eating or drinking.

"Even with these requirements, indoor dining is associated with higher risk for spread," Peacock said. "To reduce your risk you may want to consider choosing takeout, delivery or outdoor dining; dine only with members of your household; and look for the MI COVID-19 Safer Dining logo that certifies bars and restaurants have taken extra steps to make dining safer," she added.

To support local businesses, the health department has released an updated Restaurant Toolkit, which includes frequently asked questions and a patron sign-in sheet for contact tracing purposes. A full list of indoor dining guidelines and more information on the MI COVID-19 Safer Dining certification is available at <https://www.michigan.gov>

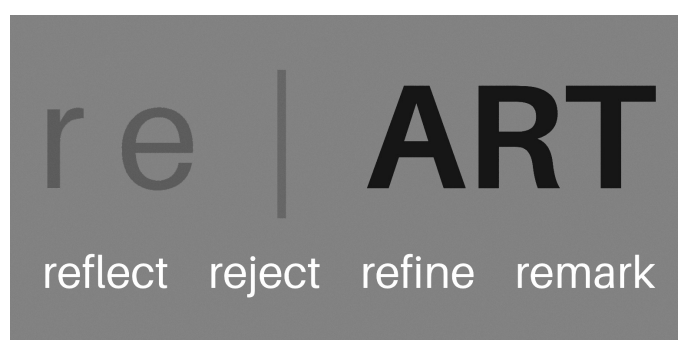


## Free "Take & Make" Art Kits at Charlevoix Circle of Arts

In conjunction with Charlevoix Circle of Arts' re|ART exhibit, free children's Take & Make Art Kits are available for pick up from February 1 to February 27, while supplies last.

Starting February 1, stop by Charlevoix Circle of Arts to see the re|ART exhibit and pick up a free art kit to take home and create with. This juried fine art exhibition features works from 20 Michigan artists whose pieces 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 Take & Make kits provide a great opportunity for kids to make their own artistic interpretation of how this past year has made them feel. The artwork can include any type of drawing, painting or collage. We encourage participants to share their creations with us to be entered into a drawing to win a prize by emailing a photo of their completed artwork, along with their name and age, to [info@charlevoixcircle.org](mailto:info@charlevoixcircle.org) by February 27, 2021.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts has either watercolor or acrylic painting art kits available, and each kit contains instructions along with the



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items to create your own art piece. Alternatively, youth can participate by simply creating artwork using any materials they have on hand and emailing a photo to enter the drawing.

CCA regularly provides free and low-cost creative opportunities for area youth as part of our mission to cultivate a more inspired and edu-

cated community through the arts. Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street, in downtown Charlevoix and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Visit [www.charlevoixcircle.org](http://www.charlevoixcircle.org) for updates and more information.

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# News

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## EGLE approves permits for proposed Mackinac Straits tunnel

Tunnel plans meet regulatory, statutory requirements; review affirms DNR conclusion that existing pipeline poses unacceptable risk to Great Lakes

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) announced today that it has approved Enbridge Energy's application for certain permits required to build a utility tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac.

If constructed, the tunnel would house a proposed replacement for the 68-year-old

Line 5 dual petroleum products pipelines currently lying on lakebed. EGLE's review of the permit applications concluded that the proposed construction of a tunnel beneath the lakebed can be done in compliance with the state environmental laws that EGLE administers.

EGLE acknowledged public concerns about the existing oil pipeline and affirmed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' conclusion that the current pipeline violates the Public Trust Doctrine and poses an unacceptable risk to the Great Lakes.

The permit approvals follow a nine-month review period and cover Enbridge's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Waste-

water Permit (NPDES), bottomlands, and wetlands permit applications. EGLE's permit review confirmed that the proposed tunneling project would have minimal impact on water quality in the Great Lakes and would not affect protected public uses of Michigan's water resources.

"EGLE is obligated to review permit applications with the goal of protecting the environment and public health, but within the confines of Michigan law," said Teresa Seidel, director of EGLE's Water Resources Division. "During our review of this proposed project, our top priority has been protecting the Straits of Mackinac and the surrounding wet-

lands, aquatic life, and other natural and cultural resources from adverse environmental impacts."

EGLE's review determined that the proposed project would result in minimal impact to wetlands, estimating wetlands affected to be 0.13 acres—an area roughly one-tenth the size of a football field. Enbridge will be required to protect 1.3 acres of existing Great Lakes coastal wetlands and purchase wetlands credits from a state wetlands mitigation bank to address this impact.

Prior to making its permitting decision, EGLE held four public information sessions, four public hearings and four tribal consultations. EGLE's decision making also in-

cluded input from the State Historic Preservation Office and a report from an independent civil engineering firm specializing in complex tunneling projects. EGLE also reviewed more than 2,600 comments from the public on the permit applications and devoted more than 2,000 staff-hours to its consideration.

"Although this proposed tunnel project has illuminated numerous related policy issues, the basis for our decision is required to be limited to compliance with the relevant environmental statutes created by our legislature," said EGLE director Liesl Clark. "Our review showed construction of the proposed tunnel could com-

ply with state environmental laws. We have issued permits designed to ensure that if a tunnel is constructed, it will be in strict compliance with relevant statutes and adhere to stringent protections against impacts to the Great Lakes."

To keep the public informed, EGLE has partnered with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority on the state's Line 5 in Michigan website. Information on this project, permit documents and other supporting materials are available there

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### NORTHERN MICHIGAN NCMC 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 special 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.ncmlifelonglearning.com/events](http://www.ncmlifelonglearning.com/events).

### EAST JORDAN EJ CHAMBER CHAT

February 11, noon-12:30pm. Proudly Sponsored by: Consumers Energy

Please contact the Chamber Office to get the Zoom code; 231-536-7351 or [info@ejchamber.org](mailto:info@ejchamber.org)

### BOYNE CITY CHOCOLATE COVERED BOYNE

February 12 & 13, downtown. Featuring treats, activities and specials at several downtown locations, including: Up North Imagewear, Spuds Boyne, Duncan Studios, Inspired Living, Mary's of Boyne, Boyne District Library, Boyne Farmers Market.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN NCMC 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.ncmlifelonglearning.com/events](http://www.ncmlifelonglearning.com/events).

### EAST JORDAN EJ CHAMBER CHAT

February 24, noon-1pm. Proudly Sponsored by: Consumers Energy

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### BOYNE CITY SMELTANIA

February 27, 1-6pm, Veterans Park Pavilion. The Boyne Area Chamber is excited to announce that Smeltania is making a comeback! A huge winter festival in the 40's and 50's, Smeltania was a popular winter event hosted by Boyne City. The whole community came together and actually built a small town on frozen Lake Charlevoix consisting of fishing shanties and other miscellaneous "shacks". Of course, due to Covid-19, we are planning a small scale, socially distance event for 2021; with the hopes of expanding in future winters as the social distance guidelines allow. So save the date.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN NCMC LUNCHEON LECTURE; TALKING TRASH

March 19, noon-1pm, online. Orchestras across the world had planned to celebrate the 250th birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven in 2020 before COVID-19 struck. Although he is often hailed as a hero who overcame deafness to compose some of the greatest music ever written, there is much more to his story. Amanda Sewell, Ph.D., music director of Interlochen Public Radio, will survey his life and music, focusing on some less well-known facets, including his long affair with a married woman known as "Immortal Beloved." Sewell. Register at [www.ncmlifelonglearning.com/events](http://www.ncmlifelonglearning.com/events).

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN NCMC LUNCHEON LECTURE; BEETHOVEN AND THE ODE TO JOY

March 19, noon-1pm, online. Do you ever wonder what happens to the stuff you put out to the curb every week? Chris Gee knows. He got his start in the trash business at age 9. Today he runs the landfill in Onaway owned by Toronto-based GFL Environmental Inc., which takes all of the trash collected in Emmet County. He can also tell you some surprising things about eagles, and how he's looking at ways to turn some of your waste into electricity. Register at [www.ncmlifelonglearning.com/events](http://www.ncmlifelonglearning.com/events).

### BOYNE CITY INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 9am - Noon, Pavilion, 207 N. Lake Street. Our indoor season

home in the pavilion is ready for you all. We hope to have a great season and look forward to a lot of fun. Over 20 vendors with a variety of produce, baked goods, crafts, coffee and more. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email [farmersmarket@boynecity.com](mailto:farmersmarket@boynecity.com)

### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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

### EAST JORDAN WIFI LOCATIONS

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

Wifi Locations: East Jordan DDA - First two blocks of Main Street, Downtown East Jordan - Harbor/Marina Parking Lot, City of East Jordan - East Jordan Tourist Park near the log building, EJ Laundry Station - 128 S. Lake Street, Jordan River Arts Council - Outside - username: jracquest, password: jracquest, 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: jracquest and the password is: jracquest. Feel free to sit there and enjoy spring.

### BOYNE CITY KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent

with a newborn to 24 month-old-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

### CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for children, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

### BOYNE CITY

#### BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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



# THE BENEFITS OF STORYTELLING

## Connecting people to Michigan's cultural resources

BY TOBI VOIGT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT  
OF NATURAL RESOURCES

When I mention that I work for the Department of Natural Resources, I often get puzzled looks and comments along the lines of, "You don't look like a park ranger" or "I didn't know you are a hunter."

For some, the DNR is all about hunting and fishing. For others, it's about wildlife habitat conservation or forest management. Some people know that the DNR conserves, protects and manages not only our state's natural resources but also many of its cultural resources.

As the community engagement director for the DNR's Michigan History Center, which includes the Archives of Michigan and 12 museums and historic sites, I know the DNR as an agency that collects and shares the stories of our state's people, places and events.

Whether told around the campfire or in a family kitchen, these stories are valuable cultural assets. Taken together, they provide a fuller picture of the rich and diverse lives – then and now – of our state's greatest resources: its people.

The DNR has always been invested in communities across the state, whether it is gathering public input on projects, making the most of hunter, angler and trail-rider license revenue, meeting needs at customer service centers or providing robust educational programs at parks, forests, museums and historic sites.

Over the last few years, several projects have emerged that center around storytelling, with the goal of collecting and sharing the unique perspectives and stories of Michiganders.

### SHARING STATE PARKS STORIES

In celebration Michigan state parks centennial that took place in 2019, the DNR launched an interactive memory map to capture the special stories and snapshots that people have made at state parks over the years.

"We wanted to capture the camping trips, family traditions, fish tales, Scouting excursions, day hikes and more that people have made over the years," said Maia Turek, resource development specialist for the DNR Parks and Recreation Division.

By tapping into the power of ArcGIS technology, hundreds of visitors and staff were able to bring their state parks memories to life by



One contributor to the state parks memory map recalled hunting for fossils on the beach at Petoskey State Park – leaving behind all but these four for other treasure hunters. (courtesy of DNR)



Paul Schmidt and Melik Brown (right) pose for a photograph after their StoryCorps recording. This image will accompany their recording in the Archives of Michigan and Library of Congress. Photo courtesy of Archives of Michigan. (courtesy of DNR)

sharing a story and photo and marking the location on a map. In many ways, the project served much like a virtual guest book.

To date, more than 600 people have shared memories like these:

"My Gram and Papa loved to travel. Often, they took my sister, Fawn and I along on their Michigan adventures. We visited a lot of state parks like Silver Lake, Palms Book, Tahquamenon Falls and more! Here we are at the falls...circa 1985." (Tahquamenon Falls State Park, Chippewa County)

I was lucky to have been part of the Keeper program at the lighthouse twice in the past. What a special experience – living in the lighthouse and giving tours to visitors. Lighthouses are America's castles and Tawas Point Light is certainly a gem! We are so lucky to [have] this historic site to share the history of Michigan to all! (Tawas Point State Park, Iosco County)

"This is a picture of my mom and dad in 1948 on the beach at Grand Haven [State Park]. It was their first (blind) date, arranged by a mutual friend. They later married and spent 61 years together. They always remembered and referred to the Grand Haven date in their stories for years; it was a special place for them. (Grand Haven State Park, Ottawa County)

"One of my favorite state park memories is fossil hunting on the beach at the state park. I spent hours in the cool bay, sifting through the rocky shoreline to find some pretty rocks. I did find a couple of small Petoskey stones, but I love all the fossils! And I left behind all but these

four for other treasure hunters!" (Petoskey State Park, Emmet County)

As part of the state parks centennial, the DNR also hosted the Campfire Storytelling Project, through which seasoned storytellers shared their personal park memories, and attendees were invited to share their anecdotes, at events held around a campfire in various state parks.

Both centennial storytelling projects were symbolic of what lies at the heart of Michigan's state parks system: the millions of visitors who have come to our parks over the last 100 years.

### TELLING MICHIGAN'S STORIES

The Michigan History Center kicked off its inaugural story collection project in 2019, when it partnered with StoryCorps, the national nonprofit with a mission to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world.

"The Center has always done traditional oral history interviews, where a facilitator asks a series of scripted questions about a particular event or to collect a person's life story," said state archivist Mark Harvey, who initiated the StoryCorps partnership. "We were attracted to StoryCorps because of its dialogue-based model. It opens up the experience and allows people to explore topics and conversations of their choosing."

StoryCorps recordings are simply recorded conversations between two people who know each other very well, typically family, friends



A Tahquamenon Falls State Park visitor, pictured here with her sister at the park circa 1985, was one of more than 600 people who shared a story as part of the state parks centennial memory map. (courtesy of DNR)



This photo submitted for the state parks memory map accompanied the story of a former volunteer lighthouse keeper at Tawas Point State Park, who lived in the lighthouse and gave tours to visitors as part of the program. (courtesy of DNR)

or even colleagues. What the pairs discuss is up to them, and no two recordings are alike.

The Michigan History Center contracted with StoryCorps to record 60 conversations within the Greater Lansing area in 2019 and 2020. Twenty-six have been completed to date.

"I only knew a little about StoryCorps, having heard snippets on NPR," said Melik Brown, Lansing entrepreneur and early participant. "I asked a good friend and business colleague to do it, and we had a lively conversation. I have often wondered what would be said of me and my place in history. Now I know at least part of my story will be told by me."

The stories, like all StoryCorps recordings, will be archived at the Library of Congress and also with the Archives of Michigan. Later this year, the audio recordings and full transcripts will be posted on Michiganology.org.

Preserving and learning

from stories

With a population of nearly 10 million people, Michigan has a seemingly endless supply of stories. One may wonder, "What will the DNR DO with the stories it collects?"

A primary goal is to make them available to the public, which includes present and future researchers and historians. The centennial memory map uses engaging GIS technology to plot stories on a map. Once properly formatted and transcribed, the campfire storytelling and StoryCorps projects will be available on the DNR website.

"One of the biggest challenges historians and researchers face is a lack of source material," said Harvey. "Past archivists made choices about what to save, and priority was often given to legal documents and the collections of prominent leaders and business owners. Records of the daily lives of individuals are often missing in collections. These projects are helping to correct that."

But these stories won't be important just to future historians – they are making a difference in how the DNR interprets and shares information now. The Michigan History Center staff is learning from the stories and incorporating them into exhibits and programs.

It's similar with the DNR Parks and Recreation Division.

"Knowing how people enjoy and use our parks – and what features are most important to them – will help us plan programs and potential park improvements," said Turek.

Do you have a story you'd like to tell? We'd love to hear from you. To share your park story on the map, visit the Michigan State Parks Centennial website at [Michigan.gov/StateParks100](http://Michigan.gov/StateParks100).

If you'd like to learn more or inquire about an interview with the Michigan History Center's StoryCorps project, send us an email at [MHCInfo@Michigan.gov](mailto:MHCInfo@Michigan.gov)

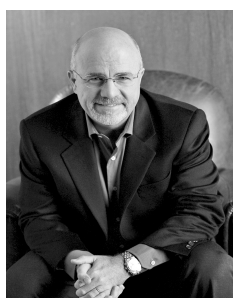
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GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

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Dave Ramsey

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Considering how I feel, do you think this would be a good idea?

Kurt  
Dear Kurt,  
In your current state of mind, this entire idea is a trap. Don't misunderstand, I love the idea of someone living their dream and owning their own business. But you just mentioned starting your own business in same breath with opening some sort of

franchise. That tells me you don't really know what you want to do.

Have you ever heard someone say they're "going all in"? When you're playing cards, that means you're about to bet everything on a single hand. But here's the deal, it's never smart to go all in when it comes to small business. That's a good way to turn a dream into a nightmare.

I'm urging you to really think about this before you take action. You didn't mention anything about your financial situation, other than you have a 401(k). That's a good thing, but if it's all you have—and you don't have any other savings set aside—you could be in real trouble. If you decided to leave your job, and your idea for your own business doesn't pan out, you've lost a chunk of your retirement savings. It's gone

for good. Bankruptcy also becomes a real possibility. Opening a business just because you don't like your current job, or you're angry at "the man," is a bad idea. You need to find something you truly love doing, because to have any chance of success you'll have to live and breathe that business day and night, seven days a week.

Don't make any rash decisions about your current job right now. If you really want to start your own business, begin by doing a lot of research, saving as much money as you can, and thinking about things you could do for a living that would make you smile every day. Once you figure that out, the next step is devising a plan that will allow you to open a business without putting your entire financial world in danger. In other words, how can you

start small with the money you have, instead of damaging your retirement funds or taking out a loan?

It's not an either/or proposition, Kurt. You don't have to risk it all to get away from a job you hate and into one you love!

—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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## Latest change pushes start of winter sports to late February

BY MIKE DUNN

EAST LANSING – The frustrations continued last week for student-athletes, parents and coaches in Michigan as Gov. Whitmer and the state's health department extended the "pause" on the start of the winter sports seasons of boys and girls basketball, ice hockey, wrestling and competitive cheer for another three weeks.

Originally, the plan approved by the Michigan High School Athletic Association in conjunction with the original emergency order issued by Gov. Whitmer and the health department called for non-contact practices to begin Jan. 16 and the regular season in those sports to begin on Friday, Jan. 22. While everyone was gearing up for that, the "pause" was pushed back initially by the health department until Feb. 4. It was a blow but even with a starting date in early February there was still a possibility of get-

ting a large portion of the games in since the MHSAA had also extended the playoffs to carry into the early part of April.

Just as everyone was adapting to the new change, though, another ruling came down last week and this one really hurt. The "pause" in winter sports would be extended all the way to Feb. 21. If another "pause" is not put in place at that point, then contact practices could begin following Feb. 21 with the regular season hopefully starting a few days after that.

Athletic Directors, working with the latest date change, are trying to schedule as many games and/or matches as possible in the affected sports in a compacted timeline but, even in the best-case scenario, more than half of the regular season has been lost to each sport and, in some cases, even more than half. In basketball, an eight-game regular season is likely for most prep teams, barring cancella-

tions because of snow or because of athletes testing positive for the virus.

The frustrating aspect is that at least 38 states are permitting winter sports, including bordering states Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana. Every state has also mandated precautions such as wearing masks, limiting spectators, and social distancing but they are making it work. The ruling by Gov. Whitmer and the health department also seems to go against the most recent data showing improvements in the number of cases in the state.

As one athletic director of a Class C northern Michigan high school diplomatically noted following the latest change, the goal from the perspective of government has always been the safety of the students and it's hard to argue with that. The same athletic director also acknowledged the frustrations felt by the students, parents and coaches that the winter sports seasons

are being impacted so drastically when there seems to be ways to move forward safely, and he also acknowledged that the frustrations are compounded by the fact that so many other states are allowing the kids to play.

One young man, a senior star point guard for his team, expressed what many of his peers are feeling: "Why are the rules in Michigan different from all the other states around us?"

The MHSAA board has made a commitment to having three separate seasons for student-athletes in the 2020-21 school year and has worked diligently to try to make that happen. There isn't much the MHSAA board can do about the decisions made by the governor and the health department, however.

In a press release issued on Wednesday, Jan. 27, the representative council of the MHSAA "reaffirmed its commitment to play winter sports when current restrictions are

lifted" by the health department. The MHSAA council continues to petition the governor and the health department to reconsider the current restrictions but, as of Monday, Feb. 1, there was no success in that regard.

"Each week, we see hundreds of examples of children and families competing in non-school competition, both in-state and out-of-state," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "This not only is in violation of current MDHHS orders, but sending all of these families into different states will only become an impediment to getting students back in school fulltime.

"But we can contribute to students returning to in-person learning by allowing MHSAA member schools to begin full activities, participating locally and against more local competition, and under the guidance of trained, professional educators."

This past weekend (Jan. 22-23) the MHSAA concluded its

remaining fall tournaments with 11-Player Football Finals. Earlier this month, Girls Volleyball, Lower Peninsula Girls Swimming and Diving and 8-Player Football Finals were competed to conclude those seasons. All four were allowed to complete their seasons because those teams took part in the MDHHS rapid testing pilot program.

Results of that program were overwhelmingly positive. A total of 5,376 individuals (athletes, coaches, team personnel, cheerleaders, etc.) were tested, and 57 – or 1 percent – tested positive at some point in the pilot. Nearly 30,000 rapid antigen tests were administered – and 99.8 percent were negative. (All four data points were through Jan. 19 and provided to the MHSAA by the MDHHS.)

As of Monday (Jan. 25), winter contact sports had begun in 38 states, including border states Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

## Non-Contact outdoor hockey at Avalanche Ice Rink

Starting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 you're invited to join a group of local hockey enthusiasts for some non-contact outdoor hockey fun at the City of Boyne City - Avalanche Ice Rink. The outdoor rink will be reserved for outdoor pick up hockey games between 7 PM to 9 PM each Tuesday evening for the rest of the winter season. Augie Engelhart is the local organizer who recently received approval for the use. For details on outdoor hockey

plans, or should you want more information on the event requirements, please call Augie at 248/930-2125.

Outdoor hockey has become increasingly popular over the past few years and this is a great way to introduce people to the sport and get some exercise.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Tim Faas, Director of Public Works at 231/582-0375 or via email at maintenance@boynecity.com

## Hauger Gets Second Podium of Season at Deadwood

BY: DOM SANTINA

Deadwood, S.D.- Inanna Hauger a senior at Boyne City High School has taken full advantage of the option of remote schooling. Hauger is a Professional Snowmobile racer on the Amsoil Championship Snocross Circuit, where she races in the Pro / Amateur Women's class. This is something she has been doing for a few years now. However, this year she took the next step. With school being optional, she made the move to northern Minnesota to be with her race team, be able to practice frequently and take her training to the next level.

Hauger felt like she could contend more at the start of last season before having an injury end her year. This year was no different and she got her first podium of the year two weeks ago. This last weekend, she took a major step forward, a sign the move is paying off.

Hauger started the weekend off on Friday with a fourth-place finish in her final. This gave her confidence heading into Saturday for round six of the series. Saturday is when everything seemed to click, Hauger started the day off with a third in her first round of qualifying. Then it was round two of qualifying where Hauger pulled a holed shot, jumped out to the race lead and held off the top two racers in the class for a majority of the race. Hauger would get passed by a fellow competitor and defending champion Megan Brodeur with two corners to go.

Then it came to the final during the main event Saturday night. Once again Hauger was able to pull a holed shot and get out front. Hauger would soon be passed by Brodeur once



Hauger riding her Polaris through the rhythm section at Days of 76 Event Complex in Deadwood South Dakota. Picture was taken by Papperazzi Imaging

again and would later in the race be passed by the current points leader Malene Andersen. However, Hauger would be able to hold on to a podium finish in the third position. This was her second podium of the season. However, she now has bigger sights set as they head to Fargo, North Dakota for rounds seven and eight.

"It was great to be up on the podium again. It's finally all coming together, I am not content with the third. I know what I have to work on and I'll come out swinging in Fargo," Hauger said when reflecting on her podium finish.

Hauger took a major jump in points this weekend, moving up two spots from fifth up to third. She currently sits 55 points out of second and 60 points out of first. The conclusion of races in Fargo will mark the halfway point of the season. You can follow along with Hauger or any of the Amsoil Championship Snocross action at snocross.com/livestream.



Hauger pictured on the podium with her father Joe Hauger after night two of the United States Air Force National in Deadwood, South Dakota. Picture taken by Papperazzi Imaging

## White Pine Stampede to be held virtually this year

Outdoor activities provide a tremendous boost to our physical and mental health on a good day. This year with COVID-19 restrictions bearing down on us, grabbing a pair of cross-country skis and hitting the trails feels more vital than ever. With this in mind, the White Pine Stampede committee decided to host this year's event virtually, allowing people from all over the world to participate in the 45th annual race.

Race director Ben Tarbuton said the recent extension of the shutdown of large gatherings made it nearly impossible to pull off an event like they have hosted in years past.

"Everything would have to go absolutely perfect in order for the race to be held," Tarbuton said, "so we decided to come up with an alternative instead of taking that chance."

Basically, any racer interested in participating will have to commit to completing at least a 10K or 20K classic or freestyle race at any convenient location between Mon., Feb. 1—Fri., Feb. 12. Shanty Creek has



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also offered their Nordic course for free during that time period as long as the skier wears the White Pine Stampede bib or current race shirt during the race.

"We really hope to grow the race this year instead of letting circumstances bring it down," Tarbuton said. "Anyone can compete wherever they live, so it is just a matter of us getting the word out."

More information is available at www.WhitePineStampede.org. DONATIONS of gift certificates and small prizes are being sought. If you are a business owner and would like to contribute something that can be given as a prize (by random drawing) to participants, please call 231-587-8812 or email: whitepine-stampede@gmail.com



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## RALLY

FROM PG. 1

looking forward to her senior year.

Friday, athletes from Johannesburg/Lewiston and Onaway had a rally at Johannesburg Christian Church. We had the opportunity to interview a few of them.

We asked a few questions of some of the students at the rally. We spoke to these students:

**Sydney Townsend, Johannesburg High School Senior, Sports: Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Equestrian**  
**Sheldon Huff, Johannesburg High School Senior, Sports: Football, Baseball, Basketball**

**Preston Marlatt, Johannesburg High School Junior, Sports: Football, Basketball, Baseball**

**Breya Domke, Onaway High School, Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball**

**Macie Ducker, Onaway High School, Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball**

**Questions and Statements:**  
 What do you hope to accomplish with the protest in Lansing?

**Sheldon Huff:** "Hopefully to have government officials change their minds and not keep pushing back the start date of our season."

**Preston Marlatt:** "Closer time to start playing games."

**Sydney Townsend:** "Getting out and explaining our situation. It has ruined the mental health of athletes, ruined a lot of time that you won't get back. We want to get our season started so we have time to play."

**Macie Ducker:** "Everyone to hear what we have to say so we can start our season and know how much it has affected everyone all over."

What is the most frustrating thing for you about having the winter sports season postponed?

**Sheldon Huff:** "Not being able to ball up with the guys, cheer on the girls, and the emotion from the fan base from every game."

**Preston Marlatt:** "During

football, our season kept getting pushed back more and more. I would like to not have that happen for basketball."

**Breya Domke:** "Not being able to be with my teammates and see them at school."

**Sydney Townsend:** "I was out last season for an ACL injury and worked really hard to come back strong and play for my senior year...only to have it taken away again."

Do you know of student athletes from other area schools that are attending?

They believe the following areas will be represented: Onaway, Bellaire, Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Ski Valley, Gaylord St. Marys, St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie, Johannesburg...hoping for tens of thousands.

**Other statements:**  
**Sheldon Huff:** "We proved we could play sports safely during football season. We had successful testing 3 times a week. We've done all we have been asked. We've worn masks, socially distanced, haven't hung out with our friends. Please let us continue to play."

**Sydney Townsend:** "Sports relieve stress, bring happiness, and is just fun. The benefits of sports is much more than just physical benefits. There are mental and emotional benefits as well as making memories with friendships in your life."

**Heather Huff:** (varsity basketball coach and parent of senior): "You can only tell teenagers so many times to buck up, stay tough, stay positive, keep working hard...only to have it postponed again, and again, and again. The restrictions have led to depression in our athletes, feelings of wanting to quit, and overall lack of motivation."

**Becky Townsend:** (mother of 2 high school athletes): **Obstacles:** "the process of trying to get recruited for college basketball has been excruciating. There aren't opportunities for film, and it is very difficult to even get an appointment with colleges."

**Becky also stated,** "I am trying to be an advocate for our community. The joy our



Sydney Townsend practices - Sydney Townsend practices her speech for Saturday's Let Us Play rally at the state capitol in Lansing. Photo by Becky Townsend

community experiences by bonding around athletic events has been taken from us. We want a reason why."

One of the biggest causes of frustration for those in attendance on Saturday is the science and data that was gathered when the MDHSS and the Michigan High School Athletic Association conducted 30,000 tests during its initial pilot-testing program that was conducted in December. According to MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl, those tests came back with a negative rate of 99.8 percent.

During a virtual press conference on Friday morning, Uyl stated that 38 other states are currently competing in winter sports, including bordering states such as Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio. Uyl also estimated that around 60,000 student-athletes in Michigan participate in basketball, wrestling, hockey and competitive cheer.



Sheldon Huff, Jayden Marlatt, Macie Decker, Breya Domke, Sydney Townsend and Sophie Townsend gathered Friday to make signs for Northern Michigan athletes to hold at the rally.

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## Charlevoix County Commissioners Synopsis ~ January 27, 2021

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met via Zoom.com on January 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #21-018, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #21-019, Charlevoix County Transit Title VI Plan.

Motion approved Resolution #21-020, FY2022 Resolution of Intent.

Motion approved Resolution #21-021, FY21 5311 Operating Formula Grants for Rural Area Programs.

Motion approved Resolution #21-022, Charlevoix County Jail Contract for Nurse Services.

Motion approved Resolution #21-023, Dump Box & Snowplow Modifications for Whiting Park's New Pick-Up Truck.

Kevin Shepard gave his administrator's report.

Sheriff Vondra presented his report.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 7:57 p.m.

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

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2019 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT. CARFAX one owner, 40GB Hard Drive, Touring Suspension, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry, Air Filtration. \$18,950. Dave Kring Chevy Cadillac. 1861 US 31 North, Petoskey, 231-347-2585

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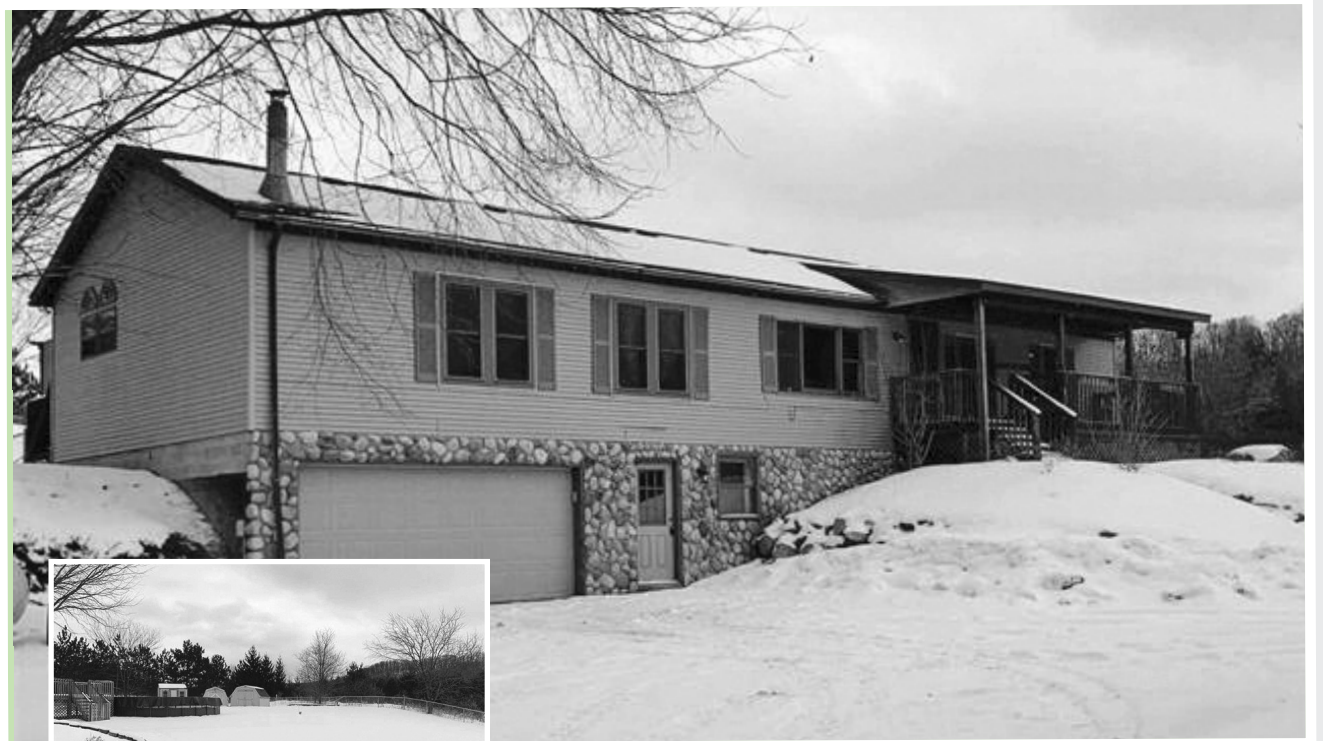
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#### 9. SCRUTINIZE.

Go outside and open your front door. Stand there. Do you want to go inside? Does the house welcome you?

Linger in the doorway of every single room and imagine how your house will look to a buyer.

Examine carefully how furniture is arranged and move pieces around until it makes sense.

Make sure window coverings hang level.

Tune in to the room's statement and its emotional pull. Does it have impact and pizzazz?

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#### 10. CHECK CURB APPEAL.

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