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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 19, 2021

### Charlevoix City Council Appoints Sarah Dvoracek New City Clerk



Sarah Dvoracek will become Charlevoix City Clerk in 2022.

**BY: DOM SANTINA**

CHARLEVOIX - The Council will have a short meeting this week. As they would have two actions to figure out. The first would be to appoint the replacement for former City Clerk Joyce Golding. There would be a recommendation for Sarah Dvoracek who has been with the City of Evart since 2012. She has served as Treasurer, Assessor, and Assistant City Manager and was appointed City Manager in

July 2019. She will officially take over on January 1, 2022. The other thing is for the City Council to consider three people for the appeal board to the board for short term rentals. The Council would approve the resolution for the short term rentals and evaluate five candidates to select three for the board. City Manager Mark Heydlauff would have some general announcements for the group as they would conclude the meeting. The Venetian Festival will

begin on Saturday, July 24 with Aquapalooza. Bridge Street will be diverted to State Street beginning at 8:30 on Friday until after fireworks on July 24. There will be regional band concerts in East Park on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. The City has been awarded the Waterways Grant through the Michigan DNR for replacement and improvement of dock at the boat launch. The project should be started shortly and expect it to be fully operational by the spring

of 2022. The goats at Lake Michigan Beach Park will return on August 14. The City is working with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council regarding green stormwater infrastructure that was discussed earlier in the year. The focus is around the Ferry Beach wetland area, downtown parking lot pavers and tree boxes and Mason Street tree boxes. The next City Council meeting will hold on Monday, August 2 at 6 o'clock.

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## 58th Annual Portside Arts Fair

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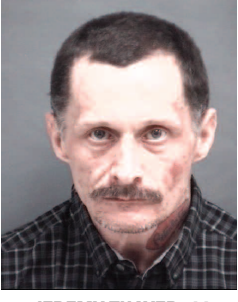
Organizers of the Portside Arts Fair are pleased to announce the 58th Annual Art Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 7th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and August 8th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As always, the renowned art fair is located on the shores of Lake Charlevoix at the historic Elm Pointe, 01656 South M-66 Highway, just 1.5 miles north of East Jordan. This juried art show is a family-friendly event with fabulous art to purchase from established artists and the works of new artists. Each year a judge educated in the visual arts selects artwork deemed "Best of Show". Portside Arts Fair also offers live entertainment, a snack booth sponsored by The Depot Teen Center, famous homemade pies and an opportunity to tour the historical museum located on site. There is plenty of parking available. Donations are accepted at the gate to benefit the Historical Society. For more information on the Portside Arts Fair visit [www.portsideartsfair.org](http://www.portsideartsfair.org)



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE WILHELM

### Man Who Failed to Show for Trial then Appeared While High Sentenced to Prison

Jeremy Lee Thayer, 44, Boyne City, was sentenced to prison today in the 33rd Circuit Court. Thayer was sentenced to serve 23 to 84 months on a conviction for delivery of methamphetamine, 13 to 120 months for witness interference and 9 months for attempted assault with a dangerous weapon.



JEREMY THAYER, 44

The witness interference sentence will run consecutive to the methamphetamine charge because it was committed from the Charlevoix County Jail, while the case was pending. The assault charge will run concurrent to the other two.

As a result, Thayer will be eligible for parole after serving 36 months, he received credit for 321 days already served.

Thayer's case was scheduled for trial and jurors were summoned on two separate occasions. The first time, on November 4, 2020, Thayer failed to appear for trial. On the second, April 14, 2021, he appeared but was acting suspiciously and admitted to using controlled substances prior to court.

The case was then adjourned with the defendant not being able to proceed while impaired. He later tested positive for methamphetamine.

As a result of two sets of jurors being summoned, the waste of time to those individuals, the attorneys and the Court as well as the cost to the county, Judge Roy C. Hayes III also ordered Thayer to pay court costs of \$2000. Hayes noted this was less than the actual cost to the county as a result of Thayer's actions.

Thayer had pleaded guilty on June 15, 2021 to selling methamphetamine to a confidential informant and then writing them a letter from the jail in which they discouraged them from testifying against him.

He also pleaded no contest to assaulting a former girlfriend by hitting her in the head with a 2 by 4 piece of wood. He had previously been convicted of nine prior misdemeanors, including domestic violence and other assaultive offenses.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

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FRIDAY



HIGH: 84  
LOW: 65

SATURDAY



HIGH: 81  
LOW: 65

SUNDAY



HIGH: 83  
LOW: 62

MONDAY



HIGH: 85  
LOW: 65

TUESDAY



HIGH: 86  
LOW: 64

## record temps

DAY	AVG LOW	AVG. HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
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JUL 23...55	...82	...36	(1954) .97	(2001)
JUL 24...55	...82	...39	(1953) .92	(1987)
JUL 25...55	...82	...39	(2004) .90	(1966)
JUL 26...55	...82	...42	(2004) .99	(1955)
JUL 27...55	...82	...40	(1962) .92	(1949)
JUL 28...55	...82	...39	(1967) .93	(1988)
JUL 29...55	...82	...40	(1956) .95	(1955)
JUL 30...55	...82	...40	(1965) .97	(2006)
JUL 31...55	...82	...39	(1962) .99	(1955)

## OBITUARIES

### Donna Mae (Boettcher) Moll, 92



(JULY 22, 1927 - JULY 9, 2020)

Donna Mae Moll of Boyne City passed away on July 9, 2020 at Independence Village in Petoskey.

Donna was born on July 22, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan the daughter of Ed and Edna (Wagner) Boettcher. She attended Dominican High School in Detroit and then Wayne State University graduating in 1949 with a Bachelor Degree in education. Following graduation, she moved to Boyne City and

taught in the Boyne City Elementary and High School. On June 17, 1950 she married Charles William Moll; Chuck worked as the COO for Boyne USA from 1950-1985.

Together they had four children Connie Moll, Christine "Chris" (Frank) Carleton, Charles "Cam" (Joan) Moll and Cathleen "Kati" (Frank) Shumway. Donna is survived by her sisters Sr. Shirley Boettcher and Elaine Marcotte; grandchildren Natalie (Carleton) Watkins, Peter Carleton, Lisa Carleton and Charles "C.J." Moll and 2 great grandchildren (Brandon and Charlie Watkins)

Donna is preceded in death by her husband Charles Moll, daughter Kati and sister Phyllis Wesley

Donna was very active in the community; she was involved as a Girl Scout leader and Troop Organizer for twenty-five years, Citizens Advisory Council, St. Matthew Alter Guild and CCD teacher, Community Chest board, life member Beta Sigma Phi Sorority since 1965, twenty years riding the Dalmac, CHIPPS member, Child Study Club member, North Country Cycle Club member, Garden Club, Sommerset Country Club, Clinton River Ski Club

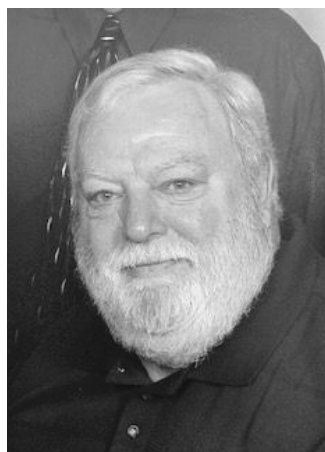
and honorary member of Friends of Boyne River. Donna enjoyed skiing, biking, golf, photography, pressed flower card making, and travel.

Reciting of the Rosary will be held 9:30 AM on Saturday, July 31st at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City with a visitation to follow from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. The memorial mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with a reception to follow in the St. Matthew Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

Memorial donations may be directed Grandvue Medical Care Facility, Friends of the Boyne River or the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society.

### 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's, 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.

A Memorial Service for Ed will be held on Saturday, July 31 at 4:00 pm at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church. A picnic luncheon will follow.

Memorial contributions can be made, in memory of Ed, to Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

### Stanley "Keith" Harrison, 73

(JUNE 18, 1947 - JULY 13, 2020)



Stanley "Keith" Harrison of Wake Forest, NC died on Monday July 13th. As a kid growing up in Baltimore Keith dared to dream of what could be. He became an electrical engineer and pilot who loved eating good food (especially crab), listening to music (especially jazz), his cats, following the stock market and travelling. Keith will be remembered as a loving grandfather, father, and husband. His love and dedication

to his family has certainly earned Keith his set of wings.

His sharp wit and tight squeezes will be missed by those surviving - grandchildren Silas and Lola Gidley, Makayla and Braiden Rosado; stepchildren Matthew Gidley and Kelly Rosado; brother Lew (Sharon) Harrison; sisters-in-law, Edna Mae Harrison and Sally Lilak; and nephew Bobby Harrison. Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Roland and Catherine Harrison, his wife Nina Gidley-Harrison, and his siblings Robert, Edgar, Norman, and John.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2021, 11:00 A.M. at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan, MI.

The family suggests memorial gifts/cards be made in his name to Transitions Life Care of Raleigh, NC. 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607. 919.828.0890. <http://www.transitionslifecare.org>

### Dennis Kusina, 72

(MARCH 1, 1949 - JULY 18, 2021)



Dennis William Kusina of Charlevoix passed away peacefully on July 18, 2021 at Mallard Cove Assisted Living in Petoskey with his loving family at his side.

He was born on March 1, 1949, in Hamtramck, MI, the son of William and Bernice (Kaczanowski) Kusina.

Dennis was a long-time resident of Charlevoix. He owned and operated his family's car dealership, Kusina Motors, for many years in downtown Charlevoix which he eventually sold. He then sold insurance through Farm Bureau.

Dennis was very active in the City of Charlevoix; he was on the parish council at St. Mary's Catholic Church, an ambassador for the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, a City Councilman, a board member for Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, a founding member of the Charlevoix Club, a member of the area's Selective Service Board, as well as an active member of the Michigan Republican Party. While he was not serving his community, he enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter, watching his children play sports, watching football (particularly the University of Michigan), and playing golf with friends and family.

On July 3, 1976, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey, Dennis married Peggy (Webster) Kusina, who survives. Also surviving are his children, Kelly (James) Martin of Seattle, WA and Kevin (Meghan) Kusina of Boston, MA, and his granddaughter, Zoey Martin.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Club, c/o Ron Agnellow, 105 W. Hurlbut St., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, PO Box 1, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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

### Gail Ellen Lytle, 74

(JUNE 1, 1947 - JULY 11, 2021)



Gail Ellen Lytle of East Jordan died July 11, 2021 at McLaren Northern Michigan after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born June 1, 1947 in Muskegon the daughter of Eugene and Irene (Privacky) Brothers.

Gail enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed delivering flowers for many years and working in her daughter's flower shop.

On November 6, 1965 in Muskegon she married Julius Lytle who preceded her in death in 2007. Left to cherish her memory are her children Anita (Jim) Shepard, Bill (Alyssa) Lytle, Julie (Kief) Baumann, grandchildren Forrest Carr, Jenaye Hughes, Andrea Chew, Madi Bzdok, Audry Haferman, and 3 great grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Cancer Society who was very generous and supportive during her time with cancer.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com).

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## Double Dog Trail open

The next new trail, Double Dog, in the Boyne Forest Trail System on the Boyne City property in Evangeline Township is open. Easiest access is from the brand new 60-space parking lot on Old Horton Bay Rd. From the parking lot, follow the gravel access road in the Northeast corner up to the tree line and the start of the trail.

This trail was built professionally by Flowtrack Mountain Bike Trails and is a Beginner / Intermediate level trail that enters and exits the narrow west corridor of the property, on the North and South side of a two track access road. This trail is designed as an experienced beginner to intermediate trail experience that will provide a constantly reversing grade and moderate sinuosity. The trail tread is well-defined by a narrow finished bench cut on hillsides and narrow corridor on flatter ground. The trail has native or non-native rock installed in the trail tread, along with Flowtrack Steel-track steel frame / wood decking features. Further complementing this trail are soil features including larger rollers, natural jumps, and insloped (berm turns).

Double Dog follows the daily-directional system: M-W-Th-Sat = Clockwise riding; Sun-Tu-F = Counter-clockwise. You can connect to the rest of the Boyne Forest Trails via a new, TOMMBA-built trail called Thing 2 which connects to Hog Wild in 2 places. The southern 1/2 of Thing 2 is still under construction but will be completed in the next few weeks. Please respect any/all "Trail Closed" signs.

Since this a very newly constructed trail, please take it easy on the corners and berms. As the trail matures and compacts, these will definitely firm up.

TOMMBA is fundraising to build more amazing trails on the property. To donate, please visit [www.tommba.com/donate](http://www.tommba.com/donate)



State Rep. John Damoose, right, presents a legislative tribute to Kevin Christman on July 15, 2021. Christman was named volunteer of the year by the Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity.

## Rep. Damoose honors Petoskey man for Habitat volunteer efforts

State Rep. John Damoose today joined the Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity to recognize Kevin Christman as volunteer of the year.

"Habitat for Humanity does great work to provide affordable homes in our community, and that mission is only made possible by volunteers like Kevin

Christman," said Damoose, of Harbor Springs. "We in Northern Michigan are proud of Kevin's dedication, dependability and diligence in service to his community."

Damoose honored Christman, of Petoskey, for his volunteer efforts and presented him with a legislative tribute.

Christman was recognized by the Habitat affiliate for his reliability as a volunteer, working on construction sites and assisting with other projects. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Habitat counted on Christman when the organization faced a shortage of volunteers. Even as a relatively new Habitat volunteer, Christ-

man has inspired staff and other volunteers with his cheerful work on the job.

The Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity meets housing needs in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The affiliate helps families obtain affordable housing or maintain current homes with repairs.

## Art in the Park Award Winners

Over 100 artists from all over the United States descended upon Petoskey this past Saturday, July 17th, for the 35th annual Art in the Park. The Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts this wonderful annual event that draws thousands of people each year to Downtown Petoskey's Pennsylvania Park.

With such a fantastic variety of fine art, this year's judges had a difficult task at handing out awards for the most outstanding artists. A very special thank you to Anne Morningstar and Leon Nash who rose to the challenge and did a fantastic job in selecting this year's Art in the Park Award Winners. An additional thank you to the Art in the Park Corporate Volunteer team at Lite 96.3 and 106 KHQ for all their contributions to the event.

### 2021 ART IN THE PARK AWARD WINNERS

- Best in Show – Scott Hartley, Painting
- 2nd Place – Marjorie Rawson-Jewelry
- 3rd Place – John Krieger-Sculpture/Mixed Media

### HONORABLE MENTION

- Kathy Sheldon, Mixed Media
  - Bruce Holwerda, Painting
  - Sue Fleming, Fabric
  - Luke Stretar, Painting
  - Matt Tisdale, Painting
  - Stephen Stuchell, Pottery
  - Daryl Harwood, Painting
  - John Herbon, Pottery
  - Ciarra Rouhwhorst, Mixed Media
  - Julie Tibus, Painting
- Recognized as one of the premier art shows in the Midwest, Art in the Park always takes place the third Saturday in July, and features; painters, sculptors, potters, jewelers, photographers, wood, graphic, fiber, and mixed media artists. If you are interested in an application for next year's Art in the Park, which is a juried fine arts fair, email [emily@petoskeychamber.com](mailto:emily@petoskeychamber.com) for more details.

### COURT CASES

## Man Sentenced to Prison for Stolen Property and Probation Violation

In the 33rd Circuit Court today, Edwin Lee Sarasin, 56, Charlevoix, was sentenced to serve 38 to 60 months in prison on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property \$1000 or more but less than \$20,000.

Sarasin had pleaded guilty on March 23 and was originally sentenced on April 26. At that time, he was placed on 18 months of probation and was given credit for 359 days served.

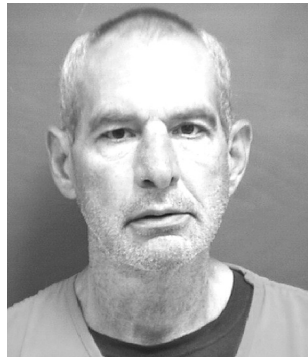
On May 15, police were called to Ferry Beach where Sarasin was found highly intoxicated, having damaged property in the public bathroom and creating a public disturbance. Sarasin was found guilty of a probation violation and was re-sentenced.

In the original case, Sarasin was found outside of a condominium in the City of Charlevoix together with many personal items stolen

from inside of one of the units. He was initially charged with home invasion as well as resisting and obstructing police.

Sarasin had previously been convicted of four felonies and 14 misdemeanors, most relating to the use of alcohol and being combative with police officers.

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof



EDWIN SARASIN, 56

## Central Lake Man Sent to Prison for Assault

Judge Roy C. Hayes III sentenced a Central Lake man to serve 38 to 120 months in prison for what the judge termed a "brutal, unprovoked assault" on a Charlevoix woman last summer.

Landon Scott Barrett, 24, was convicted on assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder in the 33rd Circuit Court following a two-day jury trial on June 22.

In imposing sentence, the judge outlined the evidence against Barrett, saying he found the victim's trial testimony compelling and credible. At trial she described the defendant intentionally leading her to a secluded, unfamiliar location near Mt. McSauba in Charlevoix Township late at night then striking her over 40 times during a violent assault on June 17, 2020.

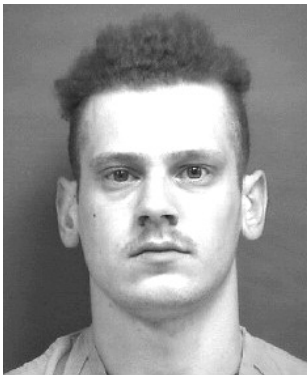
The victim who eventually fought her way loose from the

defendant, according to the judge, was understandably fearful that she would be killed or raped.

The victim spoke very powerfully at the sentencing, saying that an act of kindness, of offering to give the defendant a ride home, had forever changed her life. She spoke of how the attack continues to affect and haunt her. She said that she was convinced the defendant was attempting to either kill her or to knock her out so that he could rape her.

The Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's Office initially charged Barrett with assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, and that charge was also bound over to the 33rd Circuit Court, but Hayes granted a defense motion to dismiss that charge, finding there was insufficient evidence to show the offense was for a sexual purpose.

The prosecution sought re-



LANDON BARRETT, 24

view of that decision, however, the Court of Appeals did not agree to hear the issue.

At sentencing, Hayes credited law enforcement (Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the City of Charlevoix Police Department) for what he called an excellent job of investigating the matter and tracking down the defendant's identity and locating him, leading to the prosecution.

For his part, in his written account the defendant provided what Hayes called a "bizarre, disturbing and nonsensical" description, saying that he had felt threatened by the victim and had only accidentally struck her with his elbow as he tried to get away from her.

"I am so grateful for the bravery of the survivor of this brutal and senseless attack," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "She was a fighter on that night, fighting for her life and her survival, and she was a fighter in the courtroom at trial, having the courage to testify against this person who terrorized her."

"Again today, she spoke out powerfully about her experience. Because of her, I believe that other women may not face the same fate."

Submitted by Allen Telgenhof

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## BOYNE CITY

### PAVILION SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Boyne Area Chamber produces this free summer concert series on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. The 2021 summer series will take place in the Pavilion at Veterans Park.

- 7/21 - Full Circle
- 7/28 - Billy McAllister
- 8/4 - Nelson Olstrom
- 8/11 - The Real Ingredients
- 8/18 - Matt Gabriel
- 8/25 - Full Moon Jam Band

## CHARLEVOIX

### CHARLEVOIX LIVE ON THE LAKE

7.29 | Dags Und Timmah | Blues  
7-9pm in East Park at the Odmak Performance Pavilion. downtown-charlevoix.com

## BOYNE CITY

### LAWN AT LYNDA'S SCHEDULE

- 7/23/2021 Full Moon Jam Band
- 7/30/2021 Lou Thumser
- 8/6/2021 The Never Never Band
- 8/13/2021 The Loper's
- 8/20/2021 The Two Beats
- 8/27/2021 Jeff Meads
- 9/3/2021 Full Circle

## EAST JORDAN

### EAST JORDAN MUSIC IN THE PARK

All Shows 7pm - 9pm at Memorial Park  
July 23rd - Chirp Progressive Rock/Jazz  
July 30th - Sean Miller/The Real Ingredients - Americana/Folk-Rock  
August 6th - Marsupials - Blues Rock

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

### SENIOR CENTERS RE-OPEN

We are now again providing a hot, in person, dine in meal by \$3 donation for anyone 60 years and older.

We are providing Hot Home Delivered Meals to our home bound clients by \$3 donation for anyone 60 years and older.

We are providing Hot Take Out meals at each of our Senior Centers five days a week for anyone 60 years and older. - NO Reservations needed!

## BOYNE CITY STREET THEATER

Saturday evenings in July join Guinness World Record holder "Tommy Tropic" and friends at Sunset Park in Boyne City at the corner of Lake and Water Streets from 7-10 pm for World-class street theater!

## EAST JORDAN GOSPEL MUSIC

The Open Door, a Christian Coffee House has music the first and third Saturday of each month. The Open Door is located at Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road  
8/7 - No Music (Gospel Music Fest)  
8/21 - The Walkers  
9/4 - Barry & Monte Loper

## CHARLEVOIX SUMMERFOLK

7.26 | Nathan Towne 6:30-7:30pm. Children's Garden (weather permitting) at the Charlevoix Public Library. Bring your own chair. charlevoixlibrary.org

## BOYNE CITY

### TRANSIT RIDES TO CONCERTS

Charlevoix County Transit will be providing service to the Music at the Pavilion on Wednesday evenings for Boyne City area residents. Please reserve a ride no later than 5pm on Tuesday's; same day requests will be honored if seating is available. To reserve a ride, please call 231.582.6900; normal fares apply to this event.

## CHARLEVOIX

### JAZZ @ THE LIBRARY (JATL)

7.28 | Claudia Schmidt, vocalist; Bill Sears, sax 7pm. Children's Garden (weather permitting) at the Charlevoix Public Library. Bring your own chair.

## CHARLEVOIX

### CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN FESTIVAL

July 17-25

## EAST JORDAN

### PLEIN AIR PAINTING

July 22nd - Elm Pointe. 9:30am

## BOYNE CITY

### CANDIDATE FORUM

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a City Commission Candidates Forum at 6pm Thursday, July 22nd in the Commission Chambers of Boyne City Hall.

There are three City Commission seats up for election in November. Seven individuals were successfully nominated to run for election. With having more than six candidates, the City will hold a primary election on Tuesday, August 3rd. The nominees who will be on the primary ballot (listed in alphabetical order) are as follows:

- Ronald J. Grunch
  - George Robert Lasater
  - Marty Moody
  - Timothy James Nemecek
  - Sally L. Page
  - Joseph Schlegel
  - Dean Ross Solomon
- The general election, which will decide the three candidates who will serve, is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Each seat is a four

year term

**SUBMIT A QUESTION** - If you would like to submit a question to be asked at the forum, email your question to kim@boynechamber.com. All questions will be asked of all candidates.

## EAST JORDAN

### 20TH ANNUAL EAST JORDAN GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

The East Jordan Garden Club will be holding their 20th Annual Flower Show on Saturday, July 24th from noon to 4:00 PM at the Jordan River Arts Council located at 301 Main Street in East Jordan. Enjoy over fifty entries on display. This year's theme is "Celebration - Over 60 Years." Entries will represent single stem, miniatures, and herbs, dried and edible arrangements. Attendees of the show vote for the winners. People's choice ribbon will be awarded to club members in each category including Theme and Best of Show. Enjoy refreshments, free admission and air conditioned comfort while viewing the beautiful displays.

## CHARLEVOIX

### WORSHIP ON THE WATER

Sunday, July 25 at Odmak East Park Pavilion, 7pm. Walloon Worship, Christian rock music by worship team from Walloon Lake Community Church and Huntley Brown, Christian Concert Pianist.

## WALLOON LAKE FLYWHEELERS

Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers show is July 22-25. The Flywheelers grounds is located on US 131 a few miles north of Boyne Falls.

## CHARLEVOIX

### HUNTLEY BROWN PERFORMANCE

Huntley Brown, Christian Concert Pianist performs Sunday, July 25 at First Baptist Church, 6781 M-66 North at Sunday morning worship service at 10am and at Odmak East Park Pavilion, 7pm.

## CHARLEVOIX

## PLEIN AIR PAINTING

July 29th - Pam & Todd Wyett. 9:30am

## CHARLEVOIX HISTORICAL SOCIETY RAFFLE

Help support the Charlevoix Historical Society by way of a special fundraiser that will allow the luck few to win some unique Charlevoix-related experiences, all related to our town's iconic structures. Grand Prize: A two-night stay for four at the "Be Our Guest Cottage" in Boulder Park, a private mushroom house tour, and gift card to My Grandmother's Table. 2nd Prize: Private event at the historical train depot for up to 80 guests, overlooking beautiful Lake Charlevoix. 3rd & 4th Prizes: Guided tour for two of the lighthouse and lighthouse merchandise. Tickets are 1 for \$25 or 3 for \$50, available at the Museum at Harsha House, 103 State Street (231-547-0373) or My Grandmother's Table restaurant at 115 Bridge Street (231-437-3132). Visit chxhistory.com for more information.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PEDAL, PIG, & PINT BIKE TOUR

Mark your calendars for the third annual Pedal, Pig, and Pint Bike Tour, Sunday August 1. Riders of all ages and levels are welcome to enjoy this self-paced bike touring event accessible to all ages and riding abilities

Register online at www.bikereg.com or at Veterans Memorial Park, 319 N. Lake St. in Boyne City, beginning at 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Registration includes an event bike shirt, lunch and a pint at Stiggs, a free admission pass to Raven Hill Discovery and acknowledgement for your support of these two amazing non-profit organizations. \$50.00 for an individual, \$100 for families (up to five related family members), and \$25 for a child (under 15) accompanied by an adult. Wristbands will be distributed at registration and are required for lunch and a pint at Stiggs Brewing Company, 112 S. Park St., Boyne City. www.stiggs-

brewingcompany.com. If you have additional questions concerning the ride, contact Holly Sasso (517) 231-3341 or Michael Labadie (616) 304-5758

## CHARLEVOIX

### PLEIN AIR PAINTING

August 5th - Farmers Market. 9:30am

## BOYNE CITY

### PIRATE FESTIVAL PARADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WANTED: Pirates on decorated bicycles and scooters. Pirates on golf carts. Pirates on motorized scooters and motorcycles. Pirates on floats, trucks classic cars for the Pirate Festival parade Saturday, Aug. 14, 10am. Contact Shari Kitchen at shari.kitchen@gmail.com

## EAST JORDAN

### PORTSIDE ARTS FAIR

58th Annual Art Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 7th from 10AM to 5PM and August 8th from 10AM to 4PM. As always, the renowned art fair is located on the shores of Lake Charlevoix at the historic Elm Pointe, 01656 South M-66 Highway, just 1.5 miles north of East Jordan. This juried art show is a family-friendly event with fabulous art to purchase from established artists and the works of new artists. Donations are accepted at the gate to benefit the Historical Society. For more information on the Portside Arts Fair visit www.portsideartsfair.org

## BOYNE CITY

### SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

August 12, 6-8pm at 303 North St. Open house style... fun or fancy garden attire. Light refreshments, conversation. RSVP 231-582-6193

## BOYNE CITY

### SOCCER SIGNUP

Get ready to grab your Boyne Area 4-H Soccer jersey, cleats, shin guards, soccer ball and water bottle and head to the soccer fields. Remember that youth must be 5 years old on or before January 1, 2022 to participate and be sure to put your child grade that they will be in this fall on their registration form. You can sign up any time at the MSU Extension office in Boyne City Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm in Boyne City Hall. Registration is open now until August 13th to avoid the \$20.00 late fee. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Matela (Boyne Area 4-H Soccer Program Manager) at 231-340-0995 or tmatela28@icloud.com OR the MSU Extension office at 231-582-6232. Can't wait to see you on the field!

## ELLSWORTH

### ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SIGNUP

ECS operates a cooperative football program with Central Lake. The middle school program is open to all students who will be in grades 6, 7, or 8 during the 2021-22 school year. Practice is scheduled to begin on August 23. If you have not already done so, please complete the attached form so that your student's information can be passed along to coaches! Also, a current physical (obtained after 4/15/21) must be on file with the main office prior to practice or competition. https://forms.gle/Ct76Ck3y8JMDGwut5

## BOYNE CITY

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The Municipal Harbor offers 27 seasonal boat slips, 27 transient boat slips, shopping docks, full-service Midgrade (87 Octane) and Premium non ethanol (91 octane); both have ValvTECT Marine fuel additive, pump-out station, ice and restrooms. Shower facilities are available for seasonal and transient slip holders.

For more information call 231-536-2166



# LARGEST INVESTMENT IN PREK-12 SCHOOLS IN STATE HISTORY

The legislation eliminates the funding gap between schools and increases access to preschool.

Lansing, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer today signed the School Aid budget into law in the presence of students, educators, and school administrators at Kentwood Public Schools. The signing of House Bill 4411 marks a historical moment for the state by reaching the goal of eliminating the funding gap between districts at the minimum and maximum foundation allowances, as set forth by Proposal A of 1994. The bill finalizes the fiscal year 2022 School Aid budget, which totals \$17.1 billion including \$85.4 million from the state's general fund, and provides cost adjustments and supplemental funding for the current 2021 year.

"As we look to the next school year and beyond, we know that every student deserves to be funded at the same level to ensure an equal opportunity to succeed, and I am proud to say that we are able to do that today," said Governor Whitmer. "The funding provided to our schools today marks the end of a 27-year journey to close the gap between our districts. This equalized funding will improve the quality of educational opportunities for schools and students across the state and set a solid foundation for which to build our future."

The budget includes \$723 million to eliminate the gap between the minimum and maximum foundation allowance by setting both at \$8,700 per pupil, an increase of \$589 per pupil from the current year minimum amount and an increase of \$171 per pupil from the current year target amount. In addition, intermediate school districts receive a 4% operational funding increase.

"The pandemic has highlighted many differences for students across the state, from technology to infrastructure," said Michigan Teacher of the Year Owen Bondono. "All students deserve access to high quality teaching, resources, and educational spaces, and this budget helps ensure an effective education no matter where you live and attend school."

The FY 2022 School Aid budget also increases access to early education through the Great Start Readiness Program, which provides preschool to families at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level. The new investment includes \$121 million in federal funding and \$47.5 million from the School Aid Fund, for a total invest-



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ment of \$168.5 million. The full-day per child allocation is increased from \$7,250 to \$8,700 and additional funding is provided to expand the program. The expansion is the first of a three-year phase-in which seeks to ensure access to 22,000 additional income-eligible children by the fourth year.

"This expansion will provide broad access to critical early education programs for thousands of Michigan families," said Governor Whitmer. "When we provide for comprehensive preschool programing, it not only sets the student up for a lifetime of success, but it has a direct and positive impact on the student's families and the communities where they live."

"Every budget is about choices. This budget expands Great Start Readiness Program pre-kindergarten and puts in place a three-year plan to move to universal pre-kindergarten for all eligible students, the first goal of the state's Top 10 strategic education plan and a gift that will keep on giving throughout the education and lives of our children," said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. "Additionally, this budget improves school funding adequacy, part of the eighth goal of the state's Top 10 strategic education plan in a state that has profoundly underfunded public education for the last two decades.

Finally, this budget provides more funding for student mental health, part of the third goal of the state's Top 10 strategic education plan."

In addition to closing the gap and increasing access to preschool programing, the 2022 School Aid Budget makes strategic investments in the follow:

- The budget recognizes the need for additional school counselors, psychologists, nurses, and social workers by providing \$240 million over 3 years for additional hirings in high-need districts. After 3 years, these new hires are fully funded in an ongoing manner by the district.

- The mental health of our students continues to be a top priority. This budget provides an increase of \$17 million to support school-based mental health programing which will help ensure our students have access to the resources they need to live happy and healthy lives.

- Additional investments for Special Education in the amount of \$74.2 million will ensure our students and educators can excel in the classroom.

- The budget also provides funds for students who need them the most through a weighted funding formula which

distributes education dollars more equitably:

- Maintains funding for economically disadvantaged and adds \$1.5 million for dental screenings.

- Supports for English Language Learners are increased by 4% and proration of funding is eliminated with an investment of \$12.2 million.

- Small, rural, and isolated districts receive a \$1.4 million increase, bringing total added funding to \$8.4 million.

- The budget incentivizes districts to adopt a year-round school calendar by helping to provide for HVAC and infrastructure improvements that will improve learning spaces. An investment of \$75 million in federal funding will assist in providing matching grants and \$60 million from the School Aid Fund will increase foundation allowances for eligible districts by 3% for three years.

- To better gauge student progress and intervention needs, the budget includes \$11.5 million for benchmark assessments.

- The budget includes \$10 million to support school safety initiatives. Funding provides up to \$50,000 per school building or \$250,000 per school dis-

trict.

- Support for children impacted by the drinking water emergency in Flint is increased by \$2.4 million.

"Today the governor is signing a bill that will make a world of difference for our public schools – not just helping them recover from the impact of COVID-19, but looking beyond that to building a brighter future for students," said David Hecker, President of AFT Michigan. "This is what we get when both sides of the aisle work hard to find common ground. This is what we get when Democrats and Republicans say 'What do our students need? Now let's get it done.' Because of the leadership of Governor Whitmer, and Republican and Democratic leadership in the Senate and House in crafting this K-12 education budget, our students, our children, will benefit so very much."

"We've been especially focused on closing the funding gap between school districts in the last few budget cycles," said Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 and Michigan Department of Education. "On top of providing additional resources that will help teachers in the classroom and help students get back on track as we work to emerge from the pandemic, this bipartisan budget would in-

crease per-pupil funding and ensure every school district across Michigan will receive the same amount in minimum per-pupil foundation allowance funding from the state. I'm happy we've finally been able to reach this milestone that levels the playing field for all Michigan students."

"This historic K-12 funding gives our schools the resources they need to make transformational improvements in learning and help Michigan students recover after more than a year of enormous challenges," said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Stamas, R-Midland. "After nearly 30 years, we're finally achieving the goal of closing the gap between the highest and lowest funded school districts and ensuring all our children have the support they need to succeed."

"This budget is a bipartisan agreement that Michigan's future will depend on the bold investments we're willing to make in our students today," said Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr., D-East Lansing.

"I'm grateful to Governor Whitmer and my colleagues in the Legislature for recognizing this pivotal opportunity to make the largest investment in education in Michigan history."

"This is a historic step – nearly three decades in the making – benefitting our students and schools at a time they need help the most," said Rep. Thomas Albert, R-Lowell, chair of the House Appropriations Committee. "After the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, our kids need unprecedented support to catch up on lost learning and return to normalcy. This measure provides that support for kids no matter where they live or go to school."

"Since the passage of Proposal A, lawmakers have been working on ways to close the foundation allowance gap. With a budget surplus, federal support, and the hard work of dedicated policymakers, we've finally reached that goal," said state Rep. Joe Tate (D-Detroit), Democratic vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee. "Coupled with the increase in Great Start funding, this K-12 budget is a historic, transformational investment in Michigan's children that will have a positive impact for years to come."

## A SILENT TRAGEDY

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY VICTORIA PROODAY

There is a silent tragedy that is unfolding today in our homes, and concerns our most precious jewels: our children. Our children are in a devastating emotional state! In the last 15 years, researchers have given us increasingly alarming statistics on a sharp and steady increase in childhood mental illness that is now reaching epidemic proportions:

Statistics do not lie:

- 1 in 5 children have mental health problems
- A 43% increase in ADHD has been noted
- A 37% increase in adolescent depression has been noted
- There has been a 200% increase in the suicide rate in children aged 10 to 14

What is happening and what are we doing wrong? Today's children are being over-stimulated and over-gifted with material objects, but they are deprived of the fundamentals of a healthy childhood, such as:

- Emotionally available parents
- Clearly defined limits
- Responsibilities
- Balanced nutrition and adequate sleep
- Movement in general but especially OUTDOORS
- Creative play, social interaction, unstructured game opportunities and boredom spaces

Instead, in recent years, children have been filled with:

- Digitally distracted parents
- Indulgent and permissive parents who let children "rule the world" and whoever sets the rules
- A sense of right, of deserving everything without earning it or being responsible for obtaining it
- Inadequate sleep and unbalanced nutrition
- A sedentary lifestyle
- Endless stimulation, technological nannies, instant gratification and absence of boring moments

What to do? If we want our children to be happy and healthy individuals, we have to wake up and get back to basics. It is still

possible! Many families see immediate improvements after weeks of implementing the following recommendations:

- Set limits and remember that you are the captain of the ship. Your children will feel more confident knowing that you have control of the helm.

- Offer children a balanced lifestyle full of what children NEED, not just what they WANT. Don't be afraid to say "no" to your children if what they want is not what they need.

- Provide nutritious food and limit junk food.
- Spend at least one hour a day outdoors doing activities such as: cycling, walking, fishing, bird / insect watching

- Enjoy a daily family dinner without smartphones or distracting technology.
- Play board games as a family or if children are very small for board games, get carried away by their interests and allow them to rule in the game

- Involve your children in some homework or household chores according to

their age (folding clothes, ordering toys, hanging clothes, unpacking food, setting the table, feeding the dog etc.)

- Implement a consistent sleep routine to ensure your child gets enough sleep. The schedules will be even more important for school-age children.

- Teach responsibility and independence. Do not over-protect them against all frustration or mistakes.

- Misunderstanding will help them build resilience and learn to overcome life's challenges,

- Do not carry your children's backpack, do not carry their backpacks, do not carry the homework they forgot, do not peel bananas or peel oranges if they can do it on their own (4-5 years). Instead of giving them the fish, teach them to fish.

- Teach them to wait and delay gratification.
- Provide opportunities for "boredom", since boredom is the moment when creativity awakens. Do not feel responsible for always keeping children entertained.

- Do not use technology as a cure for boredom, nor offer

it at the first second of inactivity.

- Avoid using technology during meals, in cars, restaurants, shopping centers. Use these moments as opportunities to socialize by training the brains to know how to work when they are in mode: "boredom"

- Help them create a "bottle of boredom" with activity ideas for when they are bored.

- Be emotionally available to connect with children and teach them self-regulation and social skills:

- Turn off the phones at night when children have to go to bed to avoid digital distraction.

- Become a regulator or emotional trainer for your children. Teach them to recognize and manage their own frustrations and anger.

- Teach them to greet, to take turns, to share without running out of anything, to say thank you and please, to acknowledge the error and apologize (do not force them), be a model of all those values you instill.

- Connect emotionally - smile, hug, kiss, tickle, read,

dance, jump, play or crawl with them.

Note from Dave Baragrey - I saw this on-line. With 13 1/2 grandchildren and a lifetime of working in sports programs with young people it really hit me square in the face.

My oldest son is a director of youth ministries working with junior high and high school age young people. He has shared with me some of the serious things that young people face today. Of course he didn't share details but some of the ways young people deal with the difficult times in their lives is heart breaking. Our responsibility as parents and adult community members is to love young people, listen to them and guide them on how to react to difficulties they will face in everyday life. We have the responsibility to raise our children to be responsible and caring adults.

<https://yourot.com/parenting-club/2017/5/24/what-are-we-doing-to-our-children>



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## Health department continues to focus on regions with lower COVID-19 vaccination rates

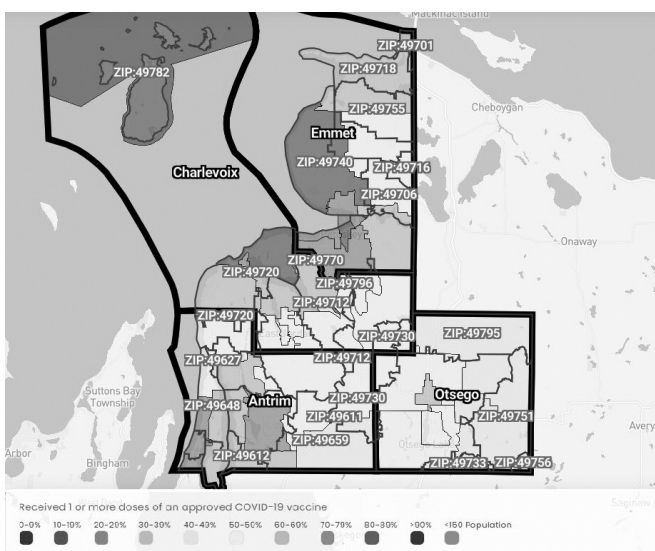
The number of residents 16 and older vaccinated against COVID-19 in the four-county jurisdiction of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is strong, yet certain “pockets” of counties are lagging in vaccination rate. Health department staff continue to make reaching out to those communities a top priority.

“At their invitation, we are scheduling pop-up clinics at festivals, farmer markets, art festivals, and downtown businesses to reach residents and visitors,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Sometimes it may be only a handful or a dozen people vaccinated at these small clinics, but we look at it as we’ve given a shot of protection to another person or family,” she said, noting the vaccine has been approved for anyone 12 and older.

Community members are invited to suggest locations for health department staff to host pop up clinics in their area.

Currently, 63.6% of all residents 16 and older in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Just over 60% of that same age group have completed the series – meaning they have received two doses of the vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna are two-dose vaccine while J&J is one-dose). And some areas of the region have a whopping 90%-plus of their residents covered!

Unfortunately, some areas of the region are lagging and those are the where the health department continues to focus its efforts on boosting vaccination rates. The accompanying map and key from the University of Michigan’s Lighthouse COVID-19



data map indicate the vaccination rate of people 16 and older by zip code for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan region. The health department continues

to focus on the areas with lower vaccination rates, as denoted by the light pink on the Lighthouse COVID-19 data map, in addition to offering clinics at all health department office locations.

All area residents and visitors 12 and older are welcome at any of the health department clinics offering the Pfizer vaccine and have the option of scheduling an appointment ahead of time or simply walking in. Parent consent is required for minors. Anyone may call 800-432-4121 if they have questions or are not able to find a time or date that works for them and/or their child. Clinics offer client choice of Pfizer, Moderna or J&J unless otherwise noted. Upcoming clinics include:

Wednesday, July 21  
 • 1-4:25 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs.

Thursday, July 22  
 • 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona.

• 2-6 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord.

Friday, July 23  
 • 8:30-10:30 a.m. - Elk Rapids Farmers Market, 305 US-31, Elk Rapids. Vaccine: Pfizer or J&J.

• 6-8 p.m. - Venetian Festival, Bridge St., Charlevoix. Vaccine: Pfizer or J&J.

Saturday, July 24  
 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers, 145 US-131, Boyne Falls. Vaccine: Pfizer or J&J.

The calendar on the website [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) lists clinics currently scheduled through August 12.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan jurisdiction by liking and following our Facebook page and visiting our COVID-19 Data Dashboard.



## 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY - 7/22

**CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET**  
 Bridge Park: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**TENNIS FINALS**  
 Stroud Park Courts, 9 am

**KIDS DAY**  
 Castle Farms: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Family Fun & Activities: Free & Armband  
 Armband: \$10 (Scholarships Available)

**ARNOLD CARNIVAL**  
 Downtown: 12:00 - 11:00 p.m.

**FOOD CONCESSIONS**  
 East Park: Varies by Vendor

**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
 East Park: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

**TIKI TENT**  
 East Park: 6:00 - 11:30 P.M.  
 DJ: TOM ZIPP

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.  
**MISS CHARLEVOIX CORONATION**  
**VENETIAN ART AUCTION**  
**SLEEPING GYPSIES**  
 Rock/Pop/Soul/Blues - Charlevoix, MI

### FRIDAY - 7/23

**PICKLEBALL**  
 Charlevoix Courts (108 Elm St): 8:00 a.m.  
 Limit of 16 teams - \$20 per team  
 Friday 7/23 - Mixed Doubles Round Robin  
 Saturday 7/24 - Championship Play  
 Pre-registration only:  
[murray.lindhout@gmail.com](mailto:murray.lindhout@gmail.com)

**FOOD CONCESSIONS**  
 East Park: Varies by Vendor

*Friday • 7/23 continued*  
**ARNOLD CARNIVAL**  
 Downtown: 1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
 East Park: Noon - 10:00 p.m.

**TIKI TENT**  
 East Park: 6:00 - 11:30 p.m.  
 DJ: TOM ZIPP

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.  
**JON ARCHAMBAULT BAND**  
 Blues - Charlevoix, MI  
**UNION GUNS**  
 Country Rock - Grand Rapids, MI

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Ferry Beach: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
**PINE RIVER JAZZ BAND**  
 Swing/Jazz - Charlevoix, MI

**“NIGHT SKY” WORLD CLASS FIREWORKS**  
 Dusk on Lake Charlevoix  
 Fireworks are visible from Ferry Beach, Depot Beach, and East Park

### SATURDAY - 7/24

**PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
 Charlevoix Courts (108 Elm St): 8:00 a.m.

**DRENTH MEMORIAL FOOTRACE**  
 Bridge Street: 9:00 a.m. (Prior to Street Parade)  
 Family Mile, 5k & 10k - All Ages  
 Reg: [www.venetianraces.com](http://www.venetianraces.com)

**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**  
 East Park: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**RYAN SHAY MILE**  
 Bridge Street: 10:30 a.m.  
 Championship Competition by Invitation Only

**STREET PARADE**  
 Bridge Street: 11:00 a.m.

**ARNOLD CARNIVAL**  
 Downtown: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**FOOD CONCESSIONS**  
 East Park: Varies by Vendor

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Bridge Park: 12:15 p.m.  
**PLYMOUTH FIFE & DRUM CORPS**  
*Saturday • 7/24 continued*

**PEACHES ‘N’ CREAM CORN TOSS**  
 Registration: East Park Clock Tower - 1 pm  
 Play: Bridge Street - 1:45 pm  
 Cost: \$20/team

**TIKI TENT**  
 East Park: 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
 DJ: TOM ZIPP

**“ROCKIN’ THE TOWNHOUSE”**  
 Outdoor Concert (Weather Permitting)  
 Bridge Street, north of the light  
 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
**UNION GUNS**  
 Country Rock - Grand Rapids, MI

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**  
 Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.  
**HORTON CREEK**  
 Country/Bluegrass - Charlevoix, MI  
**THE JOURNEY**  
 Journey Tribute Band - Traverse City, MI

**VENETIAN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**  
 Dusk on Round Lake

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### SUNDAY - 7/25

**“WORSHIP ON THE WATER”**  
 Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.  
**WALLOON WORSHIP**  
 Christian Rock - Walloon Lake, MI  
**HUNTLEY BROWN**  
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## Bay View’s Children’s Camp Packs Meals of Hope

### Over 11,000 Meals Packed by the BC Recreation kids

Petoskey - The Bay View Association Boys and Girls Club exceeded their goal of packing 10,000 meals to help those in need during their 7th Annual Meals of Hope food packing event earlier this month. This year 11,520 meals were packed and donated to the Manna Food Project.

The children ranging in age from 7 to 14 years of age participated in the event, packing a Fortified Cinnamon Sugar Diced Apple Oatmeal. The children poured ingredients into a bag, weighed it, sealed the bag, put a lot number/expiration date on the bag, and boxed and palletized the food. Bay View’s Recreational program includes a charity day during their program each summer, for this event the campers put on hairnets, sanitized their hands and got to work helping the Meals of

Hope organization with their hands-on approach to fight hunger. “This opportunity gives the children a wonderful opportunity to give back – something that is such an important part of Bay View,” remarked Stephen Popper.

Popper is the President and CEO of Meals of Hope and also a Bay View member. He and his wife Charissa started the non-profit in 2007, since then more than 70,000,000 meals have been packed throughout the country. In addition, Meals of Hope operates 14 Food Pantries in Southwest Florida, and distributes over 20,000 hot meals to feed insecure children each month. For more information, about the organization go to [www.mealsofhope.org](http://www.mealsofhope.org) or contact Bay View at [frontdesk@bayviewassociation.org](mailto:frontdesk@bayviewassociation.org)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### DEAR EDITOR:

Having a fully functional 24-hour/7 day a week emergency ambulance service is taken for granted by everyone who lives in these United States. It’s Kind of like electricity, phone service, running water and indoor plumbing. It just has to be there. No ifs, ands or buts about it! And when it receives a critical call for service the response better be there... and fast!

In addition, it’s a service something you hope you will never use but in all probability you or someone in your family will. And when you do have that occasion you want the service to be fast, efficient and not cost and arm and a leg. (No pun intended)

To that end five of our local governmental bodies have come together and formed a new Emergency Medical Service, (EMS) spearheaded by the City of Charlevoix (which has been handling it alone for some time) and

joined by Hayes Twp., Charlevoix Twp., Marion Twp. and Norwood Twp.

The new authority is up and running, has a new Board of Directors and needs to modernize and expand the facilities by adding two new stations, replace old emergency vehicles and hire additional personnel to reduce response time. And that takes funds... new funds. And by spreading out the monies to five government bodies it makes for an efficient organization. And most importantly reduces critical response time.

Our medical first responders are among the best and should be supported with only the best equipment and facilities.

So, please continue our long history of community trust and vote YES on August 3 thereby keeping our EMS one of the best in the State!

Frank Shepherd  
 Hayes Twp.



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MICHIGAN'S AMAZING ANIMALS

# COMMON LOONS

BY PATRICK BEVIER

Common loons are one of the most mysterious animals we have in the Wolverine State. To unravel some of the mystery, here are some fascinating, fabulous, and funny facts about those beautiful, bewitching, and boisterous birds:

**The Name Game:** The scientific name of the common loon is *Gavia immer*. *Gavia* is a Latin term meaning 'seabird' and *immer* is from the Latin "immerses" which translates to 'submerged'. Another moniker for these birds is Great Northern Diver, which acknowledges their amazing underwater skills. There are five species of *Gavia* worldwide, all living above the equator, with the common loon being by far the most frequent inhabitant of the Mitten State. A close relative, the red-throated loon, makes an occasional appearance in our area and can be identified by its burnt orange hued triangular throat patch, and small, narrow head.

**Great Divers Indeed:** When pursuing fish, a common loon can dart down to 200 foot-depths! They torpedo through the water with powerful thrusts of webbed feet and have solid bones which make them less buoyant than hollow-boned ducks. This skeleton contributes to common loons being the heaviest of the *Gavia* species as they may tip the scales at over 13 pounds. Further, loons can spend an amazing eight minutes underwater, and rarely come to the surface without an aquatic animal in their beak.

**Not So Ducky:** Common loons resemble ducks in shape and behavior except for a very pointed bill that helps them to spear their prey and feet located further back on the body. They sport mostly black plumage with a grid-like pattern of white spots across the wings, a thick black necklace, smooth head, small ruby colored eyes, and a white underbelly. There is no sexual dimorphism as male and female loons look similar to one another except males are sometimes slightly larger. The common loon's feathers change dramatically between the breeding and non-breeding seasons. As a matter of fact, you probably wouldn't recognize the understated non-breeding version with its drab brown body and white face and neck.

**Still Not Too Common:** Although population numbers appear to be rising slightly, common loons still carry the conservation status of threatened in the Great Lakes State. Threatened species are defined as those that may become endangered if conservation efforts are not increased. Indeed, in Michigan it is estimated that we have only 500-700 nesting pairs of loons. Please do not disturb them by getting too close, especially when they



Loonlets often ride (and sleep) on their parents' backs for a large portion of the first two weeks of their lives. (Patrick Bevier photo)



An adult common loon munches on a crayfish it caught. The bird also caught many smaller food items for its newborn chick. (Patrick Bevier photo)

are nesting.

**Loon Rangers:** To monitor populations, Michigan has an ongoing Natural Features Study on these birds and specially assigned citizens are known as Loon Rangers! Can I get a, "High-Ho-Silver, Away!" for them?

**Loquacious Loons:** Loons emit some of the most distinctive and recognizable calls of all North American wildlife, and feature a variety of vocalizations. In fact, they produce four distinct calls (wail, yodel, hoot, and tremolo). The iconic wail is associated most with loons, and is a prolonged, haunting bellow that is used to signal their whereabouts to far-away mates. The yodel is an undulating shriek uttered by males only and means, "stay out of my territory!". The hoot is used to occasionally signal nearby family members. Finally, the tremolo, is a cackling sound uttered when they feel threatened.

**Summer Love:** Loons gen-

erally mate for life but will take another partner if one dies. In Michigan loons usually arrive in April and begin preparing their nest in May. Nests are constructed of contoured marsh vegetation in sheltered areas and the clutch size is one or two large brown eggs with black splotches. Males and females take turns incubating the eggs which hatch in 26-29 days. The adorable, fully-feathered, brownish gray puffballs begin swimming within hours of hatching.

**Thanks for the Ride, Mom!** One of the most unusual behaviors of common loons is that the chicks ride on their parents' backs. Two reasons for this piggy-back behavior are that it keeps the chicks warm and decreases predation from underwater hunters like snapping turtles and northern pike, and terrestrial predators like mink and fox. During the first week after hatching a chick may spend up to 50%

of its time getting chauffeured with a sharp decline of back-riding thereafter. However, we have observed chicks over half the size of the parent sneaking a lift if they can get away with it!

**Bye, Bye Baby:** It's quite ironic, however, that such nurturing parents often leave their chicks "in the dust" near the end of their first summer of existence. During September the loon parents fly off to separate parts of the country-usually the warmer areas of the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico-with nary a thought for what might happen to the now three-month old chicks. The good news is that the youngsters, who have grown like weeds and are now almost the size of the parents, instinctively know to fly for warmer climes as well.

**Long-in-the-Tooth Loons:** As bird species go loons live a relatively long life.

Indeed, Michigan boasts the oldest known loon pair in the world! The couple, named "ABJ" and "Fe," have nested in the U.P.'s Sney National Wildlife Refuge since 1997. Having been banded much earlier, the male, "ABJ," is 34-years-old while "Fe," the female, reaches a remarkable 35-years-old this summer! Close eyes are kept on this couple as each year Michigan conservationists celebrate their return. It's estimated that this dynamic duo has produced up to 40 "Yooper" loon chicks over their lifetime!

**Piscatorial Palette:** Loons have a somewhat specialized diet including gobbling up crayfish and aquatic insects but definitely consume more fish than anything else. While teaching them how to hunt, parents feed the chicks for many weeks of their young lives.

**Like a Drunken Sailor:** Because their legs are further back than any other type of water bird, loons

have a distinct disadvantage on land. They are incapable of walking upright and instead stagger and crawl on their bellies until they can reach water again. That explains why loons nest on vegetation very close to the water's edge in case they have to make a quick getaway in the presence of predators. Therefore, *Gavia* species spend their entire lives paddling, fishing, and loving, in the water. Their weight, however, makes it difficult for them to take flight and the birds often have to frantically run on the water's surface for up to 600 yards to accomplish that feat. Accordingly, you won't find loons nesting in small bodies of water.

**Flying Phenom's:** Once airborne, loons can fly up to 75 miles per hour and can amass hundreds of miles of flying distance without rest!

**Ever-Changing Eyes:** Interestingly, the common loons' eye color changes dramatically from a dull gray during winter to a piercing crimson in spring and summer. Ornithologists hypothesize that this may be for attracting mates or for better underwater vision in fresh water.

**Looney Tunes:** Although the popular cartoon borrowed their name for the series, a loon character never appeared. Instead, a rabbit, duck, pig, cat, parakeet, and even a bumbling hunter graced the screen with names like Bugs, Daffy, Porky, Sylvester, Tweety, and Elmer. The goal was to, of course, have the viewer, "laughing like a loon!"

**Legendary Loon Literature:** A delightful children's book was written and illustrated by Michigan artists Kathy-jo Wargin and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen, respectively. It's titled, "The Legend of the Loon" with a theme of a grandmother's love for her grandchildren. It was published by popular Michigan-based book creators Sleeping Bear Press (sleepingbearpress.com).

**An Avian Accident:** A funny story comes our way from our Canadian cousins up north (but aren't most stories humorous from those crazy Canucks?). Seems that their beloved dollar coin that was first minted in 1986, and sports a loon picture on the tails-side, was never meant to be. The initial intent for these coins, affectionately known as "loonies," was to have two voyagers in a canoe opposite Queen Elizabeth's face. But the die for that design went missing at the last minute and the mint decided to slap on a picture of a loon instead. Today, many people—particularly hockey players—consider loonies to be good luck.

Those are some common loon characteristics about these not so common creatures. With good fortune you'll encounter one or more this summer on the wonderful waters of the Wolverine State!

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# Sports

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## AuSable River Canoe Marathon returns this weekend

BY BEN MURPHY

With the days leading up to the Consumers Energy AuSable River Canoe Marathon counting down, things are about to get quite exciting for the racers, feeders and spectators. Although it of course can also be a stressful time for the event's organizers. The 120 mile long race that spans the river from downtown Grayling to downtown Oscoda, requires quite the amount of work behind the scenes.

"It is definitely crunch time," Ryan Matthews, one of the many event organizers said. "It is definitely stressful with 12 months of prep work, it all comes down to this week to try and put on a fun and safe event. There's lots of coordination to be done and still lots of set up. There's hundreds of volunteers that come out of the woodwork this week to put on this event and it's really quite marvelous."

After not having the race in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 83 two-man teams are expected to make up the field; down from 90 in 2019. The race begins on Saturday in Grayling at 9 p.m., in a LeMans-style footrace where competitors carry their canoes four blocks to the river, near the Old AuSable Fly Shop. Teams frantically put their canoes in the water there, then head for Oscoda, where they expect to reach 14-to-19 hours and six portages later. The race concludes at Finish Line Park, near the AuSable Inn.

The two-time defending champions, Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie are not in the race, and the field is missing several Canadian paddlers due to border restrictions amidst the pandemic.

Wes Dean, 26, of Grayling, and Weston Willoughby, 30, Traverse City, a former



PHOTO BY BEN MURPHY

The Consumers Energy AuSable River Canoe Marathon takes place this weekend, after not being able to hold the event in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured is the start of the 2018 race, where teams must run on the streets of Grayling with their canoes to reach the AuSable River.

Grayling resident could be favorites, as they have won both the Curley Memorial and Spike's Challenge in recent weeks.

"The field is really wide open, Wes and Weston are definitely the favorites at this point but statistically there are seven teams that could win," Matthews said.

Dean agrees that their recent wins puts them in the mix.

"I would say that realistically, we are one of the contenders," he said. "I am confident that we have the potential to contend but there are several other good teams out there that have similar potential. (Winning the Curley and Spike's) is a good sign, it boosts your confidence and lets you know that you are moving the boat good at the right time of year. We just want to run a smooth race and hopefully everything goes good and we'll just try to be mentally tough the whole way."

Of course Dean and Willoughby will have their

work cut out for them, with a field full of talented paddlers.

"With the pace the top two teams had (Sunday at the Spikes), if they were to go that hard the whole race, they may have a group or two behind them that is inching up if they burn themselves out too early," Matthews said. "Other teams to watch out for are Brett Stockton and Ryan Halstead, both former champions. Mike Davis and Shane MacDowell are one of the fastest pairings this year as well. Ben and Mike Schlimmer, both of New York (will contend), Ben has many second place finishes. Pete Mead and Carson Burmeister, they showed at the Spikes that if one of the front boats falter, they will be right there to scoop it up. Chris Issendorf and Logan Myner are another; Chris has been the fastest paddler in the second half of the marathon in recent years, he doesn't seem to fade."

The end result could be a marathon or the ages. "It is shaping up to be one

of the most exciting in a long time," Matthews said. "The anticipation is the highest I've seen in a long time, just because everyone is eager to get to racing or see some racing. It is a wide open field and we might even see our first all-Michigan champion since 2007, which is a big deal."

Stockton, a former Grayling resident is a 9-time marathon champion and Jeff Kolka, 62, of Grayling, another 9-time winner both return to the race after taking large amounts of time off from the event.

"Jeff last raced in 2005, when he won, he is racing with his niece Naomi and she is probably one of the few that would have gotten him out of retirement," Matthews said. "It is exciting to see him racing again, even though he isn't getting any younger, he is still a very fast paddler even in his 60s."

"Brett hasn't raced since 1992, he went out on top with a win in his last race and said he was done at the time and would never race again,"

Matthews added. "(His partner) Ryan Halstead (34, Grayling) must have really convinced him. Brett is one of the best all time, Jeff is one of the best all time and it is really exciting and will be really interesting to see how they finish after a hiatus."

In the Weekly Choice coverage area, there will be about 40 paddlers in the event.

One of those is Steve Watson, 49, of Onaway who enters for the 12th time. Watson and teammate Patrick Madden, 41, of Scotia, NY had good showings in both the Curley and Spike's, taking sixth and seventh place.

"I think we've had some pretty good results this year," Watson, who's best finish was sixth in 2018 said. "There is nothing easy about it, but in the end we have had some good races, so we must be doing something right. Patrick isn't from around here, so we don't get to train a whole lot but we usually do pretty good together."

Watson and Madden also

raced together in 2018, and narrowly missed out breaking the 15-hour mark.

"We missed sub-15 by 13 seconds, that is really hard to accept," he said. "I've had some really good finishes, but I've never broken 15 hours. We have pretty high water and hopefully that will be something we can accomplish. The whole experience is kind of nerve-wrecking. You train over the year for an event and you hope everything works out well. My mindset is to just get back out there, get into the flow of things and let the race unfold."

Kyle Stonehouse, 27, of Grayling finished sixth in the 2019 marathon, and hopes to remain near the top of the pack this year, with teammate Kyle Mynar, 36, of Spring Branch, TX. The duo placed fourth in both the Curley and Spike's.

"We're excited, my partner has been in Michigan for awhile now so we have been getting to train a lot," he said. "We are going into it hoping for a top-10 and we are excited going into this weekend."

While Stonehouse's canoe racing career has taken off in recent years, he admits that he is still probably on the outside looking in when it comes to championship contention.

"I would love to say that I could be in the conversation for getting the crown this year, but we are not going to be within that realm, there are some faster boats," he said. "Wes Dean and Weston Willoughby are my favorite to win it all. I am just hoping that I can get in the top-10 and I would love to exceed my finish from 2019 and break the top-five barrier. It seems like we have the speed for it, but who knows. I would be happy just to have a good night; we are just looking to have fun and enjoy it."

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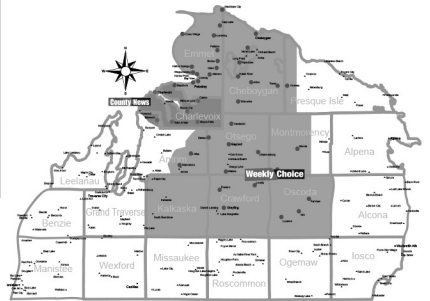
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# Legislation to strengthen Michigan manufacturing

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rary production volume adjustment, can last more than 45 days.

"Manufacturing workers are the backbone of Michigan's economy," said Governor Whitmer. "This bill will help Michigan come back to work stronger than ever by ensuring that skilled manufacturing workers can stick with their employers during a temporary manufacturing shutdown, such as the shutdown caused by the global chip shortage. In addition to signing this bill,

I will continue to urge President Biden to continue his efforts to address this critical shortage both in the short and long term. It's clear that we need to do everything we can to boost domestic semiconductor manufacturing, especially of auto-grade wafers, to ensure we're getting at the root of the problem and protecting the hundreds of thousands of hard-working union members and their families that support this vital industry."

The bill also requires indi-

viduals to register for work through a Michigan Works agency.

"The global chip shortage is a huge hurdle for our manufacturers and their employees right now. With my bill, workers on extended layoff are protected and manufacturers aren't losing their workforce before they can begin production again," said Senator Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth. "It's also important we restart registering for work at our local Michigan Works offices

where they have a proven record connecting people with jobs and job training."

"We are very happy to have been able to work with the policy team at the Unemployment Insurance Agency and with Sen. Horn to craft a solution that will empower manufacturers who face a supply shortage to keep their employee eligible for benefits during short-term layoffs," said Dave Worthams, Director of Human Resource Policy for the Michigan Manufacturers Association. "This

will, in the long term, help keep people employed and Michigan's economy strong. Additionally, we appreciate being able to continue the work that Michigan Works agencies do to bring more people back to the workplace by helping them with their job searches."

SB 501 was sponsored by Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth.

## Bergman, 40 Colleagues slam VA for prioritizing transgender surgeries over toxic exposure help

Washington - House Committee on Veterans' Affairs (HVAC) Subcommittee on Health Ranking Member Jack Bergman, HVAC Ranking Member Mike Bost, and 40 Republican colleagues sent a letter to Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis R. McDonough, expressing grave concern with his intent to allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to offer gender transition surgeries, while thousands of Veterans, including those suffering from toxic exposure, still are unable to receive the care and benefits they've earned.

Rep. Jack Bergman, Retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. General said, "The VA should not be prioritizing and paying for gender transition surgeries while thousands of Veterans with toxic exposures get ignored and pushed to the back of the line, or while other Veterans are still facing wait times for care. The VA's continued failure to prioritize Veterans who truly need help while politicizing the Department is unacceptable and must be stopped."

Ranking Member Mike Bost said, "I am proud to join General Bergman and dozens of our colleagues in calling on VA to put first things first in caring for veterans. Millions of veterans are suffering from toxic exposure, a sluggish economy, skyrocketing inflation, limited access to care, and other real problems. VA should be laser-focused on helping those veterans, not on wasting taxpayer money paying for the Biden Administration's liberal wish list. I again call on VA to stop putting the culture wars before the men and women who fought the real wars."

Joining Rep. Bergman and Ranking Member Bost were

Reps: Jim Banks, Greg Murphy, Mariannette Miller-Meeke, Madison Cawthorn, Chip Roy, Tracey Mann, Barry Moore, Troy Nehls, Matt Rosendale, Nancy Mace, Steve Scalise, Jeff Duncan, Lisa McClain, Vern Buchanan, Brian Mast, Michael Guest, Doug Lamborn, Ralph Norman, Vicky Hartzler, Tim Burchett, Debbie Lesko, Lauren Boebert, Neal Dunn, Gus Bilirakis, Brian Babin, Diana Harshbarger, Stephanie Bice, Doug LaMalfa, Andy Harris, Jason Smith, Ron Estes, Kevin Hern, Brad Wenstrup, Glenn Grothman, Tim Walberg, Bruce Westerman, Jodey Arrington, Michael Cloud, Ben Cline, and Steve Womack.

The letter stated in part, "We write to express our grave concern about your intent to allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to offer gender transition surgery to our nation's veterans. We urge you in the strongest possible terms to reverse your decision.

"Like you, we are deeply committed to the men and women who serve. Many of us have served ourselves. We want every veteran to feel welcome, respected, and safe in all instances, especially when seeking the care and benefits they have earned. That is why we have supported, and will continue to support, efforts to address the high rates of harassment and discrimination in your Department. That is also why we have committed ourselves to improving the access and quality of the services that VA provides and to addressing the most important issues facing veterans, caregivers, survivors, and beneficiaries."

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a buyer is willing to pay and a seller willing to accept. This is the same whether it's a pack of baseball cards or a \$1 million house.

Although the economics may be simple, arriving at that magic price is difficult. Just think of the cost, time and energy that companies put into pricing a product so it succeeds in the marketplace. It's no different in real

estate.

If you've taken the time to educate yourself on the local market and are diligent in hiring a professional agent, and are willing to listen to her, you can get a lot closer to the magic number. But you are setting yourself up for disaster if you don't do your homework and go with what you "feel" your house is worth. Worse yet, is interviewing agents and choosing one solely because she says she can get you more than what the other agents think the house will sell for.

These are some of the most common mistakes sellers make when setting a price:

Price based on need

What you want to make from selling your home means absolutely nothing to buyers or the marketplace.

So setting a price based on what you want so you can retire, move up, start a business, etc. will almost certainly fail.

Price based on ego

Your neighbor sold for \$200,000 last year so you want \$210,000 because you "know" your house is better. Regardless that the market dropped five percent since your neighbor sold. Nearly every owner thinks their house is the best on the block, or at least better than any of the ones that have recently sold or are on the market. Unfortunately for sellers, your opinion doesn't carry any weight with buyers. Only their opinion matters.

More next week.

# DAVE Says

## (Borrow your own money?)

Dear Dave,  
I have a question about self-banking with whole term life insurance. The way I understand it, you can accrue a cash balance, borrow against it, and then pay interest to yourself. Is this worth it, or should I stay away from it and continue using a bank?

Kunal

Dear Kunal,  
Actually, it's a whole life policy, not a term policy. And it's an absolute scam.

Basically, with whole life you pay about 20 times more for the same amount of in-

urance that you would with a term policy. The extra money goes into a savings account, and you earn next to nothing on it, even after you finally start to build it up. One of the ways they're pitching it now is the self-banking concept, where you can use your own money. It's nothing magical or anything, because with a regular checking account you use your own money.

My advice is to stay away from the company that's offering it and anything else they have. It's a really bad product, and it's a scummy way to sell whole life insurance—which is an awful product to begin with. No one, except for folks in that business, believes in it or talks positively about it any-

more.

Being able to borrow your own money? Really? Why on earth would anyone want to borrow their own money? It's ridiculous!

—Dave

## (Should I tithe on my business?)

Word count: 205

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are Christians, and we own a successful small business in our town. Should businesses tithe?

Barker

Dear Barker,  
This is a good question. Giving is never a bad idea unless you do it irresponsibly and to the point of putting your family in financial danger. To the best of my knowledge, the Bible only addresses the topic of tithing by individuals—not businesses.

Personally, I don't give a tenth of my business gross or net until I receive my paycheck. When that happens—meaning it's profit that I'm going to pay taxes on, or it's salaried income out of my business—I tithe on the profits.

So, I can't really tell you I've found Biblical instruction to give a tenth of your business. Hope this helps! —Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 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.

## Story of Smokey Bear and forest fires began with an orphaned cub in 1950



Judy Bell helped her mom take care of the original orphaned Smokey Bear when he was a cub. (courtesy of DNR)

One spring day in 1950, in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico, an operator in one of the fire towers spotted smoke and called the location in to the nearest ranger station. The first crew discovered a major wildfire sweeping along the ground between the trees, driven by a strong wind. Word spread rapidly, and more crews reported to help. Forest rangers, local crews from New Mexico and Texas, and the New Mexico State Game Department set out to gain control of the raging wildfire.

As the crew battled to contain the blaze, they received a report of a lone bear cub seen wandering near the fire line. They hoped that the mother bear would return for him. Soon, about 30 of the firefighters were caught directly in the path of the fire storm. They survived by lying face down on a rockslide for over an hour as the fire burned past them.

Nearby, the little cub had not fared as well. He took refuge in a tree that became

completely charred, escaping with his life but also badly burned paws and hind legs. The crew removed the cub from the tree, and a rancher among the crew agreed to take him home. A New Mexico Department of Game and Fish ranger heard about the cub when he returned to the fire camp. He drove to the rancher's home to help get the cub on a plane to Santa Fe, where his burns were treated and bandaged.

News about the little bear spread swiftly throughout New Mexico. Soon, the United Press and Associated Press broadcast his story nationwide, and many people wrote and called, asking about the cub's recovery. The state game warden wrote to the chief of the Forest Service, offering to present the cub to the agency as long as the cub would be dedicated to a conservation and wildfire prevention publicity program. The cub was soon on his way to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., becoming the living symbol of



Orphaned bear cub Smokey was used effectively in the campaign to make people more aware of the dangers of forest fires. (courtesy of U.S. Department of Agriculture)

Smokey Bear.

Smokey received numerous gifts of honey and so many letters he had to have his own zip code. He remained at the zoo until his death in 1976, when he was returned to his home to be buried at the Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan, New Mexico, where he continues to be a wildfire prevention legend.

In 1952, Steve Nelson and

Jack Rollins wrote the popular anthem that would launch a continuous debate about Smokey's name. To maintain the rhythm of the song, they added "the" between "Smokey" and "Bear." Due to the song's popularity, Smokey Bear has been called "Smokey the Bear" by many adoring fans, but, in actuality, his name never changed. He's still Smokey Bear.



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## WILSON TOWNSHIP CONSUMER FIREWORKS ORDINANCE Ordinance No. 1 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO ACT 256 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 2011, AS AMENDED, AND PURSUANT TO ACT 246 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1945, AS AMENDED, TO PROHIBIT THE IGNITION, DISCHARGE, AND USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP ON DAYS OTHER THAN THE DAY PRECEDING, THE DAY OF, OR THE DAY AFTER A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, TO PROHIBIT THE IGNITION, DISCHARGE, AND USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 8 A.M. ON THE DAY PRECEDING, THE DAY OF, OR THE DAY AFTER A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

THE TOWNSHIP OF WILSON ORDAINS:

### Section 1. Findings.

The Wilson Township Board makes the following findings: Public Act 246 of 1945 (MCL 41.181, *et seq.*) authorizes Wilson Township to enact ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property. Public Act 256 of 2011, as amended (MCL 28.451, *et seq.*) authorizes Wilson Township to enact an ordinance regulating the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks. The Wilson Township Board hereby finds that an ordinance prohibiting the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks, to the extent allowed by Public Act 256 of 2011, as amended, is in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property within Wilson Township.

### Section 2. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the Wilson Township Consumer Fireworks Ordinance.

### Section 3. Definitions.

This Ordinance shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions included in Public Act 256 of 2011, as amended, and as interpreted by the Michigan Courts.

### Section 4. Prohibited Acts.

The ignition, discharge, and use of Consumer Fireworks in Wilson Township is prohibited at all times except for the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a National Holiday. National Holidays include: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Inauguration Day, Washington's Birthday (President's Day), Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas. On these days the ignition, discharge, and use of Consumer Fireworks is prohibited between 1:00 A.M. until 8:00 A.M.

### Section 5. Penalty/Civil Infraction.

- Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined in Public Act 12 of 1994, amending Public Act 236 of 1961, being Sections 600.101-600.9939 of Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) Dollars. Each day this Ordinance is violated shall be considered as a separate violation.
- Any Person who refuses to abate a fireworks violation upon the demand of an authorized local enforcement officer, interferes with the officer's complaint of a noise disturbance is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of 90 days in jail and/or a fine of \$500.00 plus court costs.

### Section 6. Enforcement.

Any Township Zoning Official and the Charlevoix County Sheriff and his deputies are authorized as local enforcement officers of the Ordinance.

### Section 7. Nuisance.

A violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance or a nuisance per se and is declared to be offensive to the public health, safety, and welfare.

### Section 8. Injunctive Relief.

In addition to enforcing this Ordinance through the use of a municipal civil infraction proceeding, the Township may initiate proceedings in the Circuit Court to abate or eliminate the nuisance per se or any other violation of this Ordinance.

### Section 9. Severability.

If any section, provision or clause of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any remaining portions or application of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid portion or application.

### Section 10. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

Ordinance No.1 of 2021 was adopted on the 13th day of July 2021, by the Wilson Township Board as follows:

Motion by: R. Guzniczak Seconded by: K. Hellebuyck

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

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Ellsworth Community School has the following position posted for the 2021-22 school year. Custodian - Full Time. Ellsworth Community School is seeking a full-time custodian for the 2021-22 school year. Requirements: Ability to work 2:00-10:00 Monday-Friday. Preferred start date 8/16/21, and no later than 8/23/21. Prior cleaning experience preferred. Salary and benefits: Starting at \$15.31/hour. Full-time year round employees eligible for single subscriber health care. Sick, vacation, and personal time. Interested applicants must apply in writing to: Aaron Gaffney, Superintendent, 9467 Park Street, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729. Phone: (231) 588-2544. Fax: (231) 588-6183. e-mail: [agaffney@ellsworth.k12.mi.us](mailto:agaffney@ellsworth.k12.mi.us). Deadline: Open until filled

Ellsworth Community School is seeking to hire a JV Girls Volleyball coach for the upcoming 2021-22 fall season. Interested applications should contact Athletic Director, Ethan Wallace, at [ewallace@ellsworth.k12.mi.us](mailto:ewallace@ellsworth.k12.mi.us) or 231-588-2544.

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Positive Notes of Encouragement are free in the Weekly Choice. Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding, Congratulations or just a Positive Note all are free. E-Mail your Note of Encouragement to Office@WeeklyChoice.com

Thanks for publishing the Weekly Choice each week. Your paper has so much local content. I love reading it. I stopped buying the Herald Times. There is hardly any local content in it anymore. Bev, Gaylord

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## ELECTION NOTICE

### NOTICE OF CITY PRIMARY & SPECIAL ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD AUGUST 3, 2021

To the qualified electors of the City of Boyne City, City of Charlevoix, City of East Jordan, Charlevoix Township, Eveline Township, Hayes Township, Marion Township, Norwood Township, South Arm Township and Wilson Township notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

**This election is for the purpose of nominating officials for the following office (s):**

Boyne City Commissioner

**And to vote on the following proposal (s): (if any)**

**LAKE CHARLEVOIX EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AUTHORITY: PROPOSAL FOR AMBULANCE OPERATING MILLAGE**

**NORWOOD TOWNSHIP: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) PROPOSAL**

**EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO OPERATE A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC RECREATION .6 MILL FOR 10 YEARS**

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of East Jordan Public Schools, 304 Fourth Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727-0399, telephone: (231) 536-0053.

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk or the City/Township Clerk listed below.

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319 North Lake Street  
Boyne City, MI 49712  
(231)582-6597

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City of Charlevoix  
210 State Street  
Charlevoix, MI 49720  
(231)547-3270

Cheltzi Wilson, Clerk  
City of East Jordan  
201 Main Street  
East Jordan, MI 49727  
(231)536-3381

Sandra Witherspoon, Clerk  
Eveline Township  
12491 Waller Road  
Charlevoix, MI 49720  
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Sandi Whiteford, Clerk  
Eveline Township  
P.O. Box 496  
East Jordan, MI 49727  
(231)675-4426

Kristin Baranski, Clerk  
Hayes Township  
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Charlevoix, MI 49720  
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Timothy Matchett, Clerk  
Marion Township  
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Charlevoix, MI 49720  
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P.O. Box 113  
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Wilson Township  
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Julia A. Drost, County Clerk  
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Charlevoix, MI 49720  
231-547-7200

The Polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

List of all polling place locations:

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<b>Charlevoix City Hall</b> 210 State St., Charlevoix, 49720	547-3270
<b>East Jordan City Hall</b> 201 Main Street, East Jordan, 49727	536-3381
<b>Charlevoix Township Hall</b> 12491 Waller Rd., Charlevoix, 49720	547-4611
<b>Eveline Township Hall</b> 08525 Ferry Rd., East Jordan, 49727	No Phone
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REAL ESTATE FEATURE



# Home with gorgeous Lake Charlevoix views and access

BY JIM AKANS

Offering sweeping views of Lake Charlevoix, this gorgeous home on one-and-a-half acres also includes a dock on the lake.

This five bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home features nearly 3,700 square feet of space, with half on the main level and the rest on the finished walkout level. The design has an open floor plan, and the features and amenities are spectacular. Highlights include a beautifully updated kitchen which opens to an adjoining dining area and liv-



ing room, each with wood flooring and stunning outdoor views. Features also include a stone fireplace, cathedral ceiling, in-floor heating, two master en-suites and much more. A bonus space above the attached three car garage could be finished into guest quarters, media room, office, craft space...virtually whatever the new owner imagines.

A low-maintenance composite deck is a great spot to enjoy the outdoor views and landscaping. The dock at the approximately 47 feet access frontage on Lake Charlevoix is just a zip away as are the many dining, shopping and entertainment options downtown Boyne City offers. This is a fantastic northern Michigan dream home and location.

This beautiful home with gorgeous Lake Charlevoix views and access is located at 00330 Blue Water near Boyne City, and it is listed at \$789,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Jennifer Burr, Realtor, at Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 231 Water Street in Boyne City, at 231-582-6554 or email at jennifer.burr@cbgreat-lakes.com.

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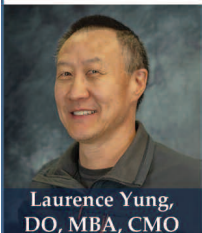


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