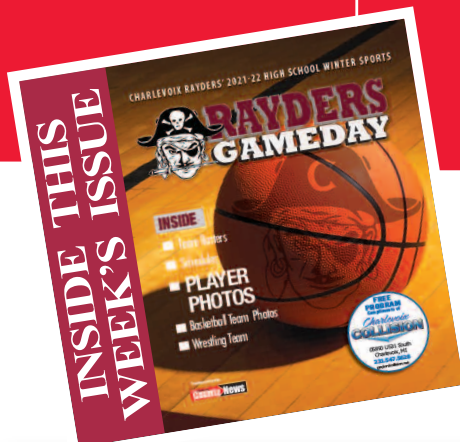


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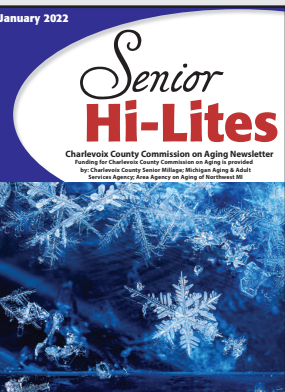
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Boyne City Main Street's new Executive Director Jordan Peck. Courtesy Photo.

Boyne City Main Street welcomes Jordan Peck to the team!

As of November 24th, he has been serving as Main Street's new Executive Director. Over the last few years, he has managed the Boyne City Farmers Market and according to him, "Enjoyed every minute of it!" Jordan is familiar with downtown Boyne City and

previously worked for Gildas Lake Street Bakery. Many of you may already know him but if you don't, we are certain that he would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you. Growing up in Traverse City gave him a love for all things Northern Michigan,

especially the summers he spent in Boyne City and Walloon Lake. "It's a charming, house-warming kind of town, with people that are guaranteed to make you love it here even more." His life has brought him to a variety of locations across the globe and

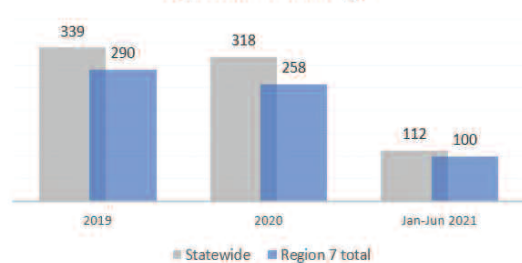
throughout the United States. His time in the NAVY and working overseas has given him a deep appreciation for the "Little slice of heaven that is Boyne!"

Michigan's Good Samaritan Law

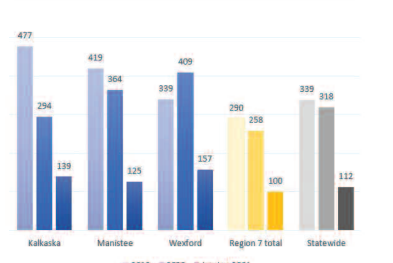
GAYLORD, MI. During a drug overdose, a quick response can save a life. However, people illegally using drugs sometimes fail to seek medical attention during an overdose for fear of alerting the police to their illegal drug use. In order to prioritize saving lives, Michigan passed a Good Samaritan law in 2016. Michigan's Good Samaritan law prevents drug possession charges against those that seek medical assistance for an overdose in certain circumstances. This law makes saving lives the priority during a drug overdose, not criminal prosecutions of illegal drug users.

Recent data has shown an increase in overdose fatalities. There are many resources available to help fight addiction, including the Michigan State Police Angel Program. If you or a loved one is struggling with a drug addiction, do not hesitate to ask for assistance. There are online resources for obtaining the life-saving drug Naloxone as well.

Nonfatal Overdose Rate per 100,000 by Year Among Hospitalization and Emergency Department Discharges



Nonfatal Overdose Rate per 100,000 by Year Among Hospitalization and Emergency Department Discharges



COUNTS	Fatal			Non-fatal		
	2019	2020 preli	2021	2019	2020	Jan-Jun 2021 *
Alcona	1	2		20	18	15
Alpena	4	2		120	87	36
Antrim	2	5		55	49	20
Benzie	1	1		45	30	9
Charlevoix	4	8		72	55	34
Cheboygan	5	2		48	59	22
Crawford	4	1		55	34	18
Emmet	4	4		88	91	26
Grand Traverse	9	14		252	243	82
Kalkaska	3	2		86	53	25
Leelanau	0	3	Data are preliminary	21	21	9
Manistee	5	16		103	90	31
Missaukee	1	2		41	29	11
Montmorency	0	4		17	23	15
Oscoda	2	2		36	14	3
Otsego	0	4		54	63	20
Presque Isle	2	1		19	32	12
Roscommon	5	8		98	72	22
Wexford	8	8		114	138	53
Region 7 total	60	89		1,344	1,201	463
Statewide	2,354	2,683		33,806	31,704	11,120

Nonfatal Overdose Rate per 100,000 by Year Among Hospitalization and Emergency Department Discharges

County	2019	2020	Jan-Jun 2021
Alcona	192	171	143
Alpena	422	308	127
Antrim	236	209	85
Benzie	253	168	50
Charlevoix	275	211	130
Cheboygan	190	233	87
Crawford	392	243	129
Emmet	263	273	78
Grand Traverse	271	260	88
Kalkaska	477	294	139
Leelanau	97	97	41
Manistee	419	364	125
Missaukee	271	191	73
Montmorency	182	246	161
Oscoda	437	167	36
Otsego	219	254	81
Presque Isle	151	253	95
Roscommon	408	300	92
Wexford	339	409	157
Region 7 total	290	258	100
Statewide	339	318	112

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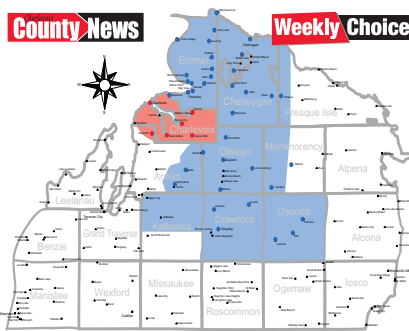
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SATURDAY



HIGH: 25
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SUNDAY



HIGH: 18
LOW: 15

snowfall

2020-21	AMT"	CITY
12/21/20	.2.2	ATLANTA
12/21/20	.1	BOYNE FALLS
12/21/20	.3.4	CHARLEVOIX
12/21/20	.6.1	CHEBOYGAN
12/21/20	.7.3	EAST JORDAN
12/21/20	.26.1	GAYLORD
12/21/20	.23.3	KALKASKA
12/21/20	.13	MIO
12/21/20	.4.2	ONAWAY
12/21/20	.12.3	PETOSKEY

2021-22	AMT"	CITY
12/20/21	.2.7	ATLANTA
12/20/21	.7.5	BOYNE FALLS
12/20/21	.14.2	CHARLEVOIX
12/20/21	.15.3	CHEBOYGAN
12/20/21	.30.6	EAST JORDAN
12/20/21	.68.1	GAYLORD
12/20/21	.63.6	KALKASKA
12/20/21	.20.2	MIO
12/20/21	.25.9	ONAWAY
12/20/21	.25.6	PETOSKEY

record temps

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

OBITUARIES

Lynda L Arno, 87

(APRIL 17, 1934 - DEC. 25, 2021)

Lynda Lee Arno of Boyne City passed away on Thursday, December 25, 2021 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

A full obituary will follow.

Paul J. Richards, 86

(MARCH 13, 1935 - DEC. 23, 2021)

Paul J. Richards of Charlevoix died December 23, 2021, at The Brook in Boyne City.

Paul was born March 13, 1935, the son of Edward and Dorothy (LaTourette) Richards. He was raised in Port Huron, Michigan, with his three brothers and one sister. During his boyhood, Paul's dad would take the kids Up North to the Harbor Springs area for hunting and fishing trips. Paul fell in love with Harbor Springs early in life and dreamt of making that his home.

He studied at Port Huron Junior College, obtained a bachelor's from Albion College and his master's and pre-Doctorate education from Wayne State. While a student in college, he played football and baseball on scholarship. Paul completed his college education with a master's in education and a specialist in guidance counseling. He was employed by the Detroit Board of Education for 30 years where he served as a teacher, counselor, vice principal and principal.

His boyhood dream came true when he was able to bring his family to Harbor Springs for the summers, playing a lot of golf and tennis and even serving as Harbor Master. In his retirement, Paul served one term as the Mayor of Harbor Springs!

Many have said, his hard work made a difference in their lives.

Paul was very active in the Democratic Party. Every summer he was at the Emmet County Fair, handing out fliers while informing interested persons on the issues of the next election.

He was passionate about community involvement and volunteered at Challenge Mountain and the Meals on Wheels program. Also, Paul believed in planting trees, some of which he would never get to see grow into maturity, but it was about leaving something for future generations.

Paul's life is celebrated by his daughters, Jennifer (Mike) Brown and Julie (Marvin) Redlawski; grandchildren, Hannah (David), Holly, Lucas, Jacob, Joseph, Andrew and Daniel; great-granddaughter, Adriana Grace; his brother Don (Rita) Richards; sister, Jill (Jerry) Lakin; sisters-in-law, Alice Richards, and Phyllis Richards; and family friend, Sue Smith.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Ann McEntyre; and by his brothers, John "Jack" Richards and Chuck Richards.

Paul's family has chosen to remember him privately. There are no services at this time.

Friends and family wishing to make a charitable donation in memory of Paul are encouraged to consider the Charlevoix County Humane Society or the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Stone Funeral Home is caring for his arrangements.

Sue Carol Miller, 88

(JULY 25, 1933 - DEC. 23, 2021)

Sue C Miller passed away peacefully last Wednesday evening with family by her side.

She was born to Max and Naomi Davis of Boyne City and graduated Boyne City

high school. She survived the passing of two husbands, Junior F Kurtz of Horton Bay [passed in 1962] and Clarence C Miller of Clarion [passed in 2007].

Sue is survived by five sons, Denny Miller, David Miller, Richard Kurtz, Randy Kurtz and Gary Kurtz along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She resided in Boyne City until 2017, then returned to Grand Rapids to be near her sons and their families. She was active in Flywheelers and VFW Ladies Auxiliary, loved playing cards, doing crafts, gardening, and being with her family. She was very close with her sisters Maxine and Nan. She enjoyed traveling and camping and has numerous relatives and lifelong friendships in Boyne City and the surrounding area.

Visitation will be Wed Dec 29 from 5 to 7 at Stackus Funeral Home.

Funeral Services held at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City at 11:00 a.m. Thursday Dec 30, 2021

Pete D. Culver, 78

(JAN. 22, 1943 - DEC. 22, 2021)

Pete Culver of Boyne City went to be with the Lord on Dec 22, 2021 with his children at his side.

He was born in Lansing, MI to Donald and Elizabeth Culver on Jan 22, 1943. Pete was a contractor who owned his own business. He spent most of his time building in the Northern Michigan area. He built many homes in and around Charlevoix. Pete also spent time in Lansing, Grand Ledge, Florida and Colorado. Most recently he was able to spend his last couple of years with his son, Todd Culver and family.

Pete is survived by his son Todd (Kim) Culver and his daughter, Tessa (Karl) Britain. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Britanni (Daniel) Clark, Justin (Rose) Stolt, Ashley Culver, Dylan Culver, Logan Culver, Dominik Culver, Brittany (Nathan) Thomason and David (Sara) Jones along with 18 great grandchildren. Pete was preceded in death by his parents and his favorite brother, Donald Culver. He was also preceded in death by his best friends, Mr Lewis and Della.

Pete loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He enjoyed riding his Harley, camping with the family and boating. Pete could always be found doing odd jobs around the house or the yard with his son Todd. He loved to take rides around Lake Charlevoix on nice days in his Miata with the top down. Perhaps some of his favorite times were spent playing poker with his son and grandkids and he loved his late night talks with his grandson, Logan and his morning talks with his daughter, Tessa.

Target shooting and knives were also a passion of his along with the Culver food obsession. He loved to eat and cook and he had several favorite local restaurants.

Pete will be missed by all that knew him. He was kind, stubborn and he tried to be funny. In his final hours his concerns were still for his family and making sure he

was still helping others.

There will be a memorial gathering for friends and family at Friggy's in Boyne City on Dec 29th from 4:30-7:00 PM.

Mark J Harris, 58

(JAN. 24, 1963 - DEC. 21, 2021)

Mark Jeffrey Harris, of Boyne City, was born January 24th, 1963 and passed away on December 21st, 2021. He attended Boyne City Schools graduating in 1981. He served in the U.S. Air Force where he started his career as an Air Traffic Controller. After serving in the military, he worked for the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller until he retired.

Mark enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, farming, riding his motorcycle "Ruby", spending time outdoors and doing crosswords. He could light up a room, always had a way of making everyone laugh and was quite a jokester. He had a soft spot in his heart for the elderly, children and animals. His thoughtful, generous and caring way left an impact on all who knew him. He was a tender and loving father who was very proud of his children.

Mark is survived by his beloved fiancé, Cindy Belford Lamachia; son, Alex Harris; daughter, Sister Maria Luz; son, Luke Harris; brother, Mike (Gena) Harris and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Janet Harris and his sister, Marcia Anderson (Harris).

You may have known him as Mark, Bones or Harry but one thing is for certain he was very much loved and will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society. A memorial service will be at a later date to be announced.

Thomas Edward Follette, 49

(NOV. 7, 1972 - DEC. 19, 2021)

Thomas Edward Follette of Boyne City peacefully passed away on December 19, 2021 after a well fought battle of chronic health conditions.

On November 7, 1972, Tom was born to Tom and Kathryn Howard (Follette) of Boyne Falls. He attended Boyne Falls Public School where he was a proud member of the Loggers Basketball team and graduated in 1991.

March 8, 2001 Tom married the love of his life Rebecca Ann VanAlstine in Petoskey. Tom and Rebecca made their home in Petoskey where they raised their four children Micha VanAlstine, Logan (Liz) VanAlstine, Leona Follette and Cameron Follette. In 2011 Tom found his passion for electronics repair and opened Great Lakes iPhone Repair in Boyne City. He was so proud of the business he built and the opportunities it gave him to serve his community.

Anyone who knew Tom,

would know he had a strong sense of family, community, and friends reflecting his ever-famous life motto "Life is all about family and friends". He could often be found volunteering his time at the school doing reading groups, coaching Little League, and at community events such as Labor Drag Races and Fourth of July Soap Box Derby Races. Nothing brought him more joy than watching his children embrace his passion for racing and cars. Over the last several years he could be found helping his sons build and race their own cars, and often said it was more exciting and rewarding to see them out there on the track than to be in the car himself. One of his greatest joys was being a Dad and gaining the title of "Pop" upon the arrival of his grandchildren whom he cherished.

Tom is survived by his wife Rebecca; his children Micha, Logan (Liz), Leona, and Cameron; his grandchildren Evyn, Keagan (Lee), Madison, Camryn, Rowyn, and Sollimyn; and great grandson Benton. His parents, Tom and Kathy Howard and Jack (Eva) Moyer along with mother-in-law Mary Churchman and Father-in-law Tim (Edwina) VanAlstine. His sister Julie (Keith) McBee; sisters-in-law Amber Churchman, Brittany Gray, Falynne Gray, Kayla (Matt) Solbach, and Lacey (Matt) Taylor; brothers-in-law Brandon (Kristin) Churchman and Jesse VanAlstine. His Nieces Delaney, Makenley, Nevaeh, and Jordyn; nephews Jared, Tyas, Landon, Brycen, Mason, and Colin along with his extended family.

Tom is preceded in death by his uncles Carlton Follette, David, Jerry (Faye), and Mickey Howard. Nephew Alexander Fleming and very dear friends Pat Osborn and Ricky Matelski.

A service was held at the Boyne City Eagles Club for a celebration of his life on Monday December 27th, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the family to assist in final expenses and continued education expenses of his children.

Lynda F. Gardner, 73

(MARCH 12, 1948 - DEC. 26, 2021)

Lynda F. Gardner of Charlevoix died suddenly December 26, 2021 at home. She was born March 12, 1948 in Charlevoix the daughter of Glenn and Ada (Prough) Williams.

Lynda loved to tell stories. She was very funny, had a great personality and was a friend to all. She enjoyed riding horses, fishing, and camping while growing up. She loved the great outdoors, shooting guns, and hunting too. She liked to collect treasures, especially jewelry and purses and she never passed up a good resale shop! Lynda lived all her life in the Charlevoix and Ironton area and attended the Ironton Congregational Church.

On Dec. 31, 1974 she married Maurice Gardner who survives. Also surviving are her children Glen (Stephanie) Holmes of South Bend, IN, Annette (Joel) Stewart, Waterloo, IA,

Amanda Gardner of Charlevoix, Zondra (Toby) Gavaldon of Charlevoix, 11 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Evelyn Lamdin, Shirley Mousseau, and brother Sonny Williams.

No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions can be made to Ironton Congregational Church, 3582 Washington St., Ironton, MI, 49720.

Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her on-line guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Elba "Buck" Scott, 84

(MAY 21, 1937 - DEC. 22, 2021)

Elba "Buck" Alfred Scott Jr. of Charlevoix passed away on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born on May 21, 1937 in Detroit, MI, the son of Elba Sr. and Mary (David) Scott.

Buck Scott was a curator for the cities he lived in. After cultivating the go-to restaurant - The Colorado Mine Company - for celebrities and decision makers in Denver, Colorado, Buck decided to go back to his roots and bring his family home to Charlevoix where he not only preserved the history of the town throughout his home renovations, but continued to make Charlevoix the gem of Michigan through his architecture and hospitality. He enjoyed hosting friends, a great martini, and listening to classic jazz.

He leaves behind his wife of 50 years, Cindy, two daughters, Gretchen and Anne, his brother, nephew, son-in-laws and grandchildren.

Buck's family has chosen to remember his life privately.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

James Paul Raveau, 81

(OCT. 29, 1940 - DEC. 26, 2021)

James Paul Raveau of Boyne City passed away Sunday, December 26, 2021 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey.

Complete obituary information is pending and will follow soon.

Lawrence E. McNally, 62

(SEPT. 16, 1959 - DEC. 25, 2021)

Lawrence E. McNally of Boyne Falls passed away on Saturday, December 25, 2021 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

Hi family will remember him privately.

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New quarantine and isolation strategies released by CDC, MDHHS

NEW **COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance**
Updated by CDC on 12/27/2021

If you test positive for COVID-19 (Isolation)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

If you:

Have been boosted	• Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
OR	• Test on day 5, if possible.
Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months	• If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.
OR	
Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months	

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If you:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted	• Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
OR	• If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.
Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted	• Test on day 5, if possible.
OR	• If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home
Are unvaccinated	

HEALTH DEPARTMENT of Northwest Michigan
Document date: 12/28/2021
Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>

This graphic outlines the isolation and quarantine guidance released December 27 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is adopting the strategy released by the CDC December 27 for quarantine and isolation effective immediately.

According to the CDC news release, given what is currently known about COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, the CDC shortened the recommended time for isolation from 10 days for people with COVID-19 to 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others. The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of the illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to the onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after. Therefore, people who test positive should isolate for 5 days and, if asymptomatic at that time, they may leave isolation if they can continue to mask for 5 days to minimize the risk of infecting others.

Additionally, the CDC is updating the recommended quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19. For those people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days. Alternatively, if a 5-day quarantine is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure.

Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure. For all those exposed, best practice would also include a test for SARS-CoV-2 at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19. Please see this graphic for a summary of the new guidance.

"We know these changes may be confusing and people may have unanswered questions at this time," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "It will also take the state and local health departments time to update documents on their websites and other printed materials. We ask for the public's patience as we, too, adapt to these new quarantine and isolation strategies," she said. "In the meantime, we urge you to make good decisions for your health, and the health of your family and community members."

Peacock also added that these strategies emphasize the importance of being vaccinated, getting your booster, and wearing a well-fitting mask.

"The key to these new quarantine and isolation strategies released by the CDC is to follow good preventive measures – and that means getting vaccinated including your booster shot, maintaining a safe distance from others, and wearing your mask," Peacock said.


Isolation refers to behavior after a confirmed infection. Isolation for 5 days followed by wearing a well-fitting mask will minimize

the risk of spreading the virus to others.

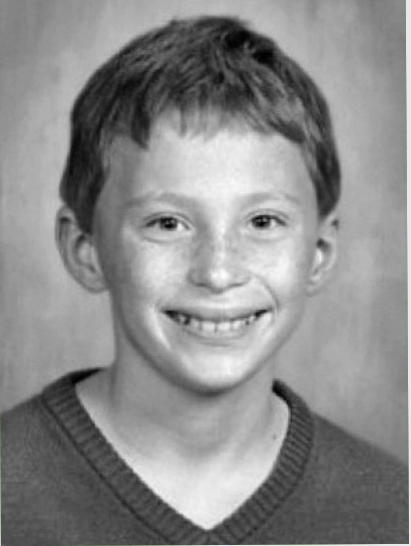
Quarantine refers to the time following exposure to the virus or close contact with someone known to have COVID-19. Both updates come as the Omicron variant continues to spread throughout the U.S. and reflects the current science on when and for how long a person is maximally infectious.

For a list of vaccine providers and locations in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, click here. To schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan exclusively for children 5 to 11 years old, click here. To schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment with the health department for anyone 12 and older, click here. A parent/guardian must accompany those younger than 18 to a COVID-19 clinic. Please bring an insurance card to the appointment. Anyone with questions or unable to find a time or date that works for them and/or their child may call the health department at 800-432-4121.

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. To locate a testing facility, visit the Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website. To track the risk levels of COVID-19 pandemic indicators, visit the MI Safe Start Map website. For more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, visit the MDHHS vaccine website or the CDC vaccine website.



Boyne Falls Public Schools
STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Jason Risteau

Grade: 3
Parent's Name(s): Uncle Joe Bodley, Dad Fred Risteau, Mom Terri Finch
Future Plans: Jason wants to be a mechanic when he grows up.
Favorite Book: Jason has always liked the Pete the Cat books and likes to read books about animals and books about vehicles.
Hobbies and Interests : Jason likes working on trucks and go-carts and likes riding 4-wheelers. He is good at building things too and likes to build with legos.
School Activities: Jason has been doing a great job with reading and spelling this year. He has been a hard-worker and enjoys building things with legos during his earned time.
Staff Comments: We are so proud of Jason and how much he has grown as a student this year. He has been a hard-worker in the classroom. He is setting a good example of how to be a good student and how to be a friend. We can't wait to see all of the things that he will accomplish this year.
Submitted By: Mrs. Cosier, Miss Quinci, and Miss Jessie

New Year Fun Facts

Caesar set Jan. 1 as date for New Year

New Year resolutions date back even further to ancient Babylon

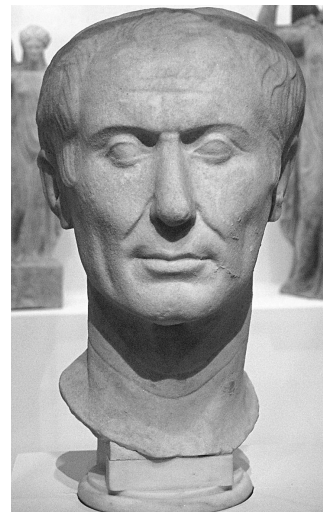
By Mike Dunn

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

Janus, a mythical king of early Rome, had been used as the image of the New Year more than 100 years before the Julian Calendar came into existence. Janus had two faces and could look back on past events and look forward to the future as well, so his image was associated with new beginnings. The month January is named after Janus for that reason.

At midnight on December 31, Romans pictured Janus looking back at the old year and looking ahead at the new year. The Romans started a tradition of exchanging gifts on New Year's Eve and they also made resolutions for the year ahead.

The idea of making New Year's resolutions was not original with the Romans, however. In fact, it dates all the way back to the early



Roman Emperor Julius Caesar authorized the use of the 365-day solar calendar that became known as the Julian Calendar with Jan. 1 as the date for the New Year. (photo by Gautier Poupeau)

Babylonians (and they celebrated the New Year in the spring, not on January 1). Their most popular resolution was to return farm equipment.

The Romans, starting around 153 B.C., simply continued the tradition of New Year's resolutions that the Babylonians had started.

The most popular resolution that people make today, not surprisingly, is to lose weight. Other popular resolutions are to spend more time with the kids, quit smoking and save more money.

Here are the 10 most popular New Year's resolutions:

1. Exercise more
2. Quit smoking
3. Learn a new skill
4. Drink less alcohol

5. Be smarter with money
6. Eat healthier
7. Travel
8. Volunteer
9. Spend less time on social media
10. Improve a relationship

It would seem strange for us to recognize any other date besides Jan. 1 for the New Year. Another tradition Americans have grown up with – especially those of us who live in the Eastern Standard Time zone – is the dropping of the ball in Times Square. That tradition doesn't date back quite as far back as the Babylonians but it is more than 100 years old.

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

The first ball that was dropped in New York in 1907 was made of iron and wood and decorated with 100 25-watt light bulbs. It was 5 feet in diameter and weighed about 700 pounds. The ball has been replaced seven times through the years, most recently in 2008. The new ball weighs nearly 12,000 pounds and is a 12-foot geodesic sphere covered in 2,668 Waterford crystals.

The ball has dropped every year since 1907 except for two: 1942 and 1943, during World War II. About 1 million people turn out in Times Square for the New Year's

Eve celebration each year. Roughly a fifth of them will be visiting from another country.

More than 100 million Americans will watch the New York City bash on TV or social media, though the crowd in Times Square will be limited again this year because of the COVID virus. In total, about 56 percent of people in the U.S. will see the Times Square event, however. The Ball Drop will also appear on TV sets outside North America, as well. Broadcasters in Spain, China, Germany, Japan, Portugal, Venezuela and other countries will show the event, according to its website.

The late Dick Clark may not have been around for the first dropping of the ball in 1907 but his name was associated for decades with New Year's Eve here in the U.S., starting in 1973. Before Dick Clark, the name most associated with New Year's Eve in the U.S. was probably Guy Lombardo, whose band ushered in the New Year in New York for many years.

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

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE TO HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS

The Health Department and EMS services in Charlevoix County have begun offering Covid-19 vaccinations to the homebound population in Charlevoix County. This service is intended only for individuals unable to travel to an established vaccine location—the Office of Emergency Management schedules appointments for home visits. The Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccination shots will be given during these visits. Please note that EMS paramedics will not show up at your residence in an ambulance but another fully equipped vehicle. Paramedics will be prepared to provide medical service immediately in the rare event of an adverse reaction to the shot. They would dispatch an ambulance only if one is needed for transporting a patient to the hospital. Persons who are homebound or otherwise unable to travel but want a vaccine are encouraged to contact Emergency Management at 231-541-4461 (Sheriff's Dept Office Line) to schedule an appointment.

EAST JORDAN HIKE

Wagbo Farm and Education Center is excited to announce a family-friendly trail series to get community members outdoors and enjoy the winter months. Supported by a generous gift from Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F), the new Stroll & Sip series offers interactive trail activities while hiking, skiing or snowshoeing the various 1-2 mile loops through the fields and forests of the 212-acre property. Upcoming hikes will be the first Sunday of each month, through May, from 1 PM to 5PM.

CHARLEVOIX PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB CALENDAR AVAILABLE

The Best of the Charlevoix Photography Club 2022 Calendar is hot off the press today! This calendar, which is locally

printed, features wonderful photographs from 12 separate club members. Visit www.Charlevoix-photographyclub.org to place an order, or visit the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton St. The selling price is \$25.

CHARLEVOIX CIRCLE MARKET

Charlevoix Circle of Arts will host its annual Charlevoix Circle Market from November 19 to December 30 featuring local handmade items, original art, and locally produced specialty treats. Charlevoix Circle of Arts exhibit gallery turns into a festive handmade shopping experience for all with handmade gifts for everyone on your list, yourself included! Items from dozens of local crafters, makers, artists, jewelers and more will be for sale through December 30.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEW YEARS EVE BUS

Charlevoix County Transit is offering New Years Eve bus service from 6pm until 2am. Pre-schedule to get the best time slot. 231-582-6900. Holiday Closures: Closed for the Christmas Holiday on Friday December 24 and for the New Year's Holiday, Friday, December 31st (for regular, daytime service). Open 6pm - 2am for New Years Eve service.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL FOR SENIORS

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will have our Senior Snow Removal Programs available again this year! Packets can be picked up curbside at all of our Senior Center Locations or at the COA offices.

ELLSWORTH STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, January 12 at Banks Township Hall. Doors open at 5:50pm. Presentations begin at 6pm. Sponsored by East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank.

BOYNE CITY BOYNE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GALA

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our Annual Gala on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Boyne Mountain Resort.

BOYNE CITY FAT & FLURRIOUS FAT TIRE RACE

First race in the 2022 Short's Fat Bike Race Series, Saturday, January 15, 10:00am at Avalanche. Come race Northern Michigan's most challenging fat bike race! Warm up after the race sampling different types of chili at Stigg's annual Chili Cook Off and 5th Anniversary Party. Race proceeds go toward building more advanced trails with the Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA). This race will help fund the first pro-built advanced downhill trail at Boyne Forest Trail, continuing everyone's favorite mountain bike trail system just north of Boyne City.

Sport Class: One lap around Avalanche. Open Class: Two laps around Avalanche. Join the fun at the 4th Annual Fat & Flurrious Fat Tire Bike Race, the first stop on the Short's Fat Bike Race Series. Fat & Flurrious starts 10 am Saturday 1/15/22 with a police escort from Stigg's to Avalanche. For information and to register at <https://fatandflurrious.com/>

TRAVERSE CITY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Northern Michigan Policy Conference January 14, Noon-4PM, Hagerty Center, Traverse City. Hear from our legislators, key policy leaders, State departments and more as we shape advocacy efforts for a prosperous northern Michigan region.

MANCELONA SNOX SNOWMOBILE RACE

January 22, 23, 2022. SnoX Snowmobile Races Rounds 3/4 at Northern Power Race Park

EAST JORDAN ANNUAL DINNER

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

Annual Dinner, Meeting, Awards, Auction at Castle Farms on Saturday, January 29th, 2022.

ANTRIM COUNTY WHITE PINE STAMPEDE

Saturday, February 5 - White Pine Stampede

CHARLEVOIX CANDLE LIGHT HIKES AT MT. MCSAUBA

This weekly winter activity includes a mile long, candle lit hike through the trails of Mt. McSaubo every Friday through February from 5pm - 8pm.

CHARLEVOIX ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Charlevoix Public Schools is planning our Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony this spring! Forms are due on February 28, 2022. Criteria: The nominee must be a graduate of Charlevoix High School and have achieved one or more of the following: *An advanced degree such as Ph.D., M.D., D.O., D.D.S., O.D., J.D. *Significant life achievement, honor, or award *Significant contribution toward improving the lives of others.

CHARLEVOIX LITTLE WAVES CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

Music Program is offered by the Great Lakes Chamber orchestra and hosted each month by Charlevoix Public Library and Petoskey District Library. Free and open to the public the program is designed to introduce young children (ages 4 - 10) and their families to music in an entertaining setting. Each event takes place on the second Saturday of each month. The theme for 2022 is "My Favorite Instrument." Each session features a multimedia story, an opportunity to hear one or more GLCO musicians demonstrate and explain how their instruments work, and fun music-related activities for kids. 10:30 AM Petoskey, 1 PM Charlevoix. Schedule: Jan. 8: Woodwinds, Feb. 12: Voice, Keyboards, Mar. 12: Horns

NORTHERN MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILING

State-designated trails are open Dec. 1 through March 31 and grooming occurs when there is enough snow on the ground. The snowmobile program is 100% funded with your trail permit dollars. Be sure to bookmark Mi.gov/Snowmobiling so you can keep up with trail closures, find trail etiquette refreshers, view maps and print trail segment maps. Special thanks to the volunteer snowmobile clubs and groups who assist with trail signage and grooming on state-designated snowmobile trails throughout the season. The snowmobile program is 100% funded with trail permit dollars.

EAST JORDAN THE DEPOT JORDAN VALLEY TEEN CENTER

The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center are in their new location. The Teen Center is now located in the lower level of the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 207 Nicholls Street, East Jordan

BOYNE CITY FARMERS MARKET

Join us Saturday for the indoor market season in the Veterans Park Pavilion. Each Saturday from here on out we will be there from 9am - NOON.

CHARLEVOIX

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

EAST JORDAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer and Caregiver Support group meets at 10am the 3rd Saturday of each month at Lighthoouse Missionary Church

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Have you experienced

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

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Health officials: Get vaccinated, get booster to protect against latest variant

A statewide goal to have 1 million more Michiganders, including 95% of eligible nursing home residents, receive the safe, effective COVID-19 booster by Jan. 31, 2022, was recently announced by the governor and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials.

"As Omicron becomes the dominant COVID-19 variant across the U.S., we all should step up to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Health officials stress that none of us can predict whether we will get mild or severe symptoms or find ourselves facing long COVID symptoms. Even otherwise

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS
The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting the following case information:
• On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 69 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Antrim (9), Charlevoix (20), Emmet (24), and Otsego (16).

healthy and young people can get sick or end up needing care, so it is important that everyone use all of the proven prevention strategies at our disposal.

tested and wear a mask to keep yourself, your family, and your community safe. Actions to take
• Get your vaccine. Get your booster.

click here. To schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan exclusively for children 5 to 11 years old, click here.

for anyone 12 and older, click here. A parent/guardian must accompany those younger than 18 to a COVID-19 clinic.

them and/or their child may call the health department at 800-432-4121.

• Mask up in public indoor settings and crowded outdoor settings. Upgrade your mask to something with additional layers such as a KN95 mask or wear two well-fitting face coverings.

• For gatherings with friends or family, people who are immunocompromised should take all precautions, including wearing a well-fitted mask. If a member of your household has a weakened immune system, wear a mask.

• Because many of the symptoms of a cold or flu are similar to COVID-19, you are urged to stay home and avoid contacts if you are not feeling well.

For Auld Lang Syne

BY JIM AKANS



One of the best known songs in English speaking countries, particularly as New Year's Eve rolls around, is the hearty refrains of Auld Lang Syne. It's surfacing is brief, typically just after the stroke of midnight on December 31st and then it is safely tucked away amid the noisemakers and party hats for the next 364 days, 23 hours and 50-odd minutes.

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

There is some serious contention to the claim of Mr. Burns having been the originator of the piece. A letter written by Burns to an acquaintance named Mrs. Agnes Dunlop suggests that he restored the piece based on fragments of an old ballad dating back to the 15th or 16th century. It is generally agreed that at least two of the versus, (3 &

4), are directly attributed to Burns writing style.

The melody for Auld Lang Syne (which translates to "old long since") is commonly credited to composer William Shield who originally used it in his 1783 opera; Rosina. The tune, with Burns words, quickly became popular as the last song sung as evening gatherings broke up. A ritual developed where the group stood in a circle, each person crossing his arms in front of his chest and clapping his neighbors' hands, and all arms swung forward and back in time with the music as the song was sung.

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

Auld Lang Syne - Robert Burns

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

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

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

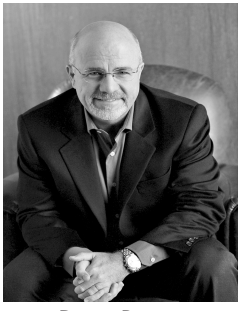
We two hae paidled i' the burn, Frae mornin' sun till dine; But seas between us braid hae roar'd Sin' auld lang syne

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

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

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

DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(What's the best thing?)

Dear Dave, My wife and I are trying to help our son and daughter-in-law. They are both 29-years old, and they have been married for three years. They have good jobs, but the problem is they ask for money on a regular basis. Helping them out hasn't been a strain, because we're in good shape financially, but we have started encouraging them to live on a monthly budget. They always say they will try, but it never seems to happen. At this point, it feels like we may be enabling them instead of helping. How can we make sure we are doing the best thing? C.M.

Dear C.M., The first thing you and your wife need to do is sit down and have a loving, but serious, talk with these kids. If they've asked for money before, and this is something that has turned into a habit, you have every right to know more about their spending and other circumstances. Don't be surprised if they act defensive, or maybe even get angry. People are often embarrassed to admit to, or talk about, their mistakes. They may even tell you these

things are none of your business. If they do, that's fine. But they should understand you two won't be opening your checkbook again if they don't open up about their financial behavior. This isn't about mom and dad being controlling or snooping around, it's about you and your wife making sure you're not enabling what you consider to be bad behavior going forward.

It always hurts parents to see their kids go through things like this. But if they're acting irresponsibly with money, they need to suffer the consequences of their actions. Who knows? That, along with your love and guidance, might help put them on the right track to win with money! - 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.

DNR offers winter recreation safety tips

As many people start venturing outside for the holiday break, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone to consider seasonal safety tips before enjoying their favorite winter activities.



When on or near ice, always use extreme caution because there is no reliable way to test ice thickness. For more safety tips, including what to do if you fall through the ice, go to Michigan.gov/IceSafety. (courtesy of DNR)

"People often get caught up in the excitement of the moment and overlook general winter safety," said Lt. Tom Wanless, with the DNR Law Enforcement Division's Recreational Safety, Enforcement and Safety Section. "We want to send out a beginning of the season reminder to please keep safety in mind this winter. Dress for the weather; check the forecast before you go out and, if you're snowmobiling, please ride sober and at a safe speed."

Regardless of your favorite winter activity, prepare before you leave the house by checking, dressing and pack-

ing for the weather. That means: • Wear light layers that can easily be added or removed - it is possible to

- overheat even during the winter. • Carry the appropriate equipment for your activity, such as a flashlight, rope, ice picks or ice claws. • Have spare equipment available in case something breaks. • Stay hydrated and fueled - bring water and snacks. • Bring a buddy. • Inform others about where you will be and how long you plan to be gone and schedule check-in times. • Carry a two-way communication device that receives service in remote areas. • Be aware of your health - if you're not feeling well, don't go out. In Michigan, all snowmobile operators between ages 12 and 16 are required to obtain a Michigan-approved snowmobile safety certificate

to operate without a legal guardian or to cross a highway or street. Earn your snowmobile safety certificate or purchase a trail permit online at Michigan.gov/Snowmobiling. The DNR's Ride Right snowmobile safety campaign emphasizes the importance of riding sober, at a safe speed and on the right side of the trail. Speed is the main factor in fatal and serious injury snowmobile accidents. There were 12 fatal accidents during the 2020-21 snowmobile season. If you plan to plan to be around ice, always use extreme caution, as there is no reliable way to test ice thickness. For more ice safety tips, including what to do if you fall through the ice, go to Michigan.gov/IceSafety.

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2020 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL DREAM TEAM

East Jordan's Jayden Weber selected Player of the Year



Jayden Weber.



Coach Marc Sroufe

Charlevoix's Marc Sroufe is Coach of the Year

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Another great season of basketball for our Northern Michigan area.

While there continued to be strides made in each program of our coverage area this season, "What if" still lingers in regards to the Division 3, regional championship opportunity that was ahead of the Charlevoix girls basketball team when the season was halted.

The Rayders put together the best season in the area over the winter months, finishing 15-5 overall, going a perfect 14-0 in Lake Michigan.

City votes to Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations

BY KAREN WALKER
The Charlevoix City Council held a special meeting last Friday, April 3rd, to consider an ordinance restricting the use, operation and licensing of lodging establishments within the city.

The revisions included restricting the use of hotels and motels, and ensures travelers staying at these establishments are there for essential services. Further, the ordinance requires all essential businesses comply with health and sanitation practices outlined by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

City Mayor Luther Kurtz pointed out that Charlevoix values its seasonal residents, and the city is trying to keep everyone safe. The City Attorney informed Council members that the city has

both the right and obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizenry and the ordinance is absolutely an important step towards protecting its residents. Excepted from the ban are rental units used to house economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of the emergency, and people with disabilities.

The ordinance aligns with Governor Whitmer's executive order issued on March 23rd and will be in effect for 61 days or until the governor's executive order, or subsequent orders, is lifted, whichever comes first.

East Jordan Family Health Center employee receives positive Coronavirus test

On April 1, 2020, an East Jordan Family Health Center employee was confirmed as having a positive Coronavirus test. The employee has been quarantined at home since March 25th, 2020 and is doing well with mild symptoms at this time.

All staff of the Belleire and East Jordan Family Health Centers will continue to strictly adhere to PPE, social distancing and handwashing guidelines, both at work and home, to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

Michigan's Amazing Animals: WHITE-TAILED DEER

BY PATRICK BEVIER

White-tailed deer are regarded by many to be one of Michigan's most memorable and marvelous mammal species. Here are some fun and furry facts about those graceful and gregarious grazers:

THE NAME GAME: The scientific name of white-tailed deer is *Odocoileus virginianus*. The Genus name *Odocoileus* derives from Greek meaning "hallow tooth." The species, *virginianus*, harkens to the area in which they were first described by taxonomists. Accordingly, another common moniker for them is Virginia deer. There are only three representatives of the genus *Odocoileus* native to the Americas (mule deer and the Central American brocket deer being the other two).

Tail Waggin': This mammal's moniker fits it perfectly as its distinctive white tail is raised as a warning flag, signaling others when the deer senses or is fleeing danger.

STATE SYMBOLS: Besides being our official state mammal, the white-tailed deer has been similarly recognized by 10 other states including neighbors Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin. That makes them by far the most commonly occurring official state mammal.

TALE OF THE TAPE: In the Mitten State, adult white-tails range in weight from 100 to 250 pounds, although some behemoth bucks can eclipse that mass. With an average height between 31 and 40 inches at the shoulders, white-tailed deer are smaller than other North American species of deer. Bucks (males) are generally larger than females (does), especially during the mating season, known as the "rut."

Preferred Prey: In Michigan, white-tailed deer are preyed on by wolves, mountain lions, bears, coyotes, bobcats, and fox. Smaller fawns may even be taken by large raptors including bald and golden eagles.

COAT CHARACTERISTICS: White-tailed deer coats are a reddish-brown color in the summer, but morph into a much grayer pelt in the winter. This alteration helps them to remain camouflaged as the colors of their environment change. Occasionally, color mutations occur, such as piebald, leucistic, or albino varieties. A famous doe, known by many as Snow White or Lucy, is a leucistic animal found at Kensington Metro Park in Milford, MI. All of her offspring to date have had normal hair pigment.

AMAZING ATHLETES: With feats that would put Olympic medalists to shame, white-tailed deer can sprint 35 miles per hour and leap higher than eight feet. Addi-



Male whitetails usually develop antlers, which are made of extremely fast growing bone tissue, from nubs in late March through full-formation and shedding in January (copyright photo Joni Roberts)

tionally, their tubular or hollow hairs provide enough buoyancy to make them excellent swimmers, which often pays dividends when evading predators. These specialized structures also provide insulation to combat the harsh winter conditions in our state.

WIDESPREAD WHITES: Whitetails are the most common of all North American deer species. Astonishingly, their range now extends from the southern edge of the arctic prairies in Canada, all the way to the northern bank of the Amazon River! Highly adaptable, whitetails prefer open woodland but are also found on the outskirts of developed urban areas and near agricultural lands and cactus-filled deserts. In Michigan, ideal habitat consists of dense thickets of shrubs in which to hide and feed.

LONG IN THE TOOTH: The most common technique for aging white-tailed deer is tooth replacement and wear, a method developed way back in 1949! Since fawns are born from late May through July, deer are aged in year and a half increments, such as 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 3 1/2, etc. Tooth eruption and replacement of temporary teeth by permanent teeth can indicate the age of the deer up to 1 1/2 years. As a deer grows older, the enamel begins to wear away, and exposes the dark dentine material, and noticeable distinctions occur between each age class. Wild Michigan whitetails survive to three and ten years of age, with four to five years being most common, depending on climate conditions, disease, and habitat characteristics.

FABULOUS FAWNS: White-tailed fawns are usu-

ally born in the months of May and June in the Great Lakes State and average litter size is two. They're best known for their dappled spots, which fade in the fall at three months old, that help them to blend in to their filtered-light, forest environment.

SNORTS AND GRUNTS: Thought by many to be a largely silent animal, white-tails actually emit a variety of vocalizations depending on the sex or situation. Does and fawns utter sounds in the form of snorts and bleats, while males are especially known for their loud grunts, which they bellow to establish dominance.

SUPER SENSES: Deer have a keen sense of smell, hearing, and sight, but are color blind. These senses help them to evade predators and to find food including

plant materials like leaves, twigs, berries, tubers, and fruit, and fungi like mushrooms.

SPECIALIZED STOMACHS: Like other ruminants, deer stomachs have four compartments. This helps them to chew, digest, regurgitate, and chew again the tough plant materials that make up their diet.

CASUALLY CARNIVOROUS: Although largely herbivorous, white-tailed deer will occasionally go for meat. An inadvertent discovery occurred during a study at a Texas forensic body farm when scientists observed a white-tailed deer eating human remains!

ANTLER ATTRIBUTES: Males (and rare females with hormone abnormalities) have antlers, which are made from bone. The antlers start out covered with a highly-vascu-

larized soft tissue known as "velvet" which provides nutrients for growth. The spring antler growth rate is phenomenal, sometimes up to 1/4 inch per day, making it perhaps the fastest growing tissue found in all mammals. When male testosterone levels diminish after the rut the antlers are shed, usually in mid-winter. Some people have a knack for finding shed antlers but, because they are rich in calcium and other nutrients, they're often instead eaten by animals such as porcupines, rabbits and rodents. Although older males generally do have larger antlers, the size and number of points (tines) of a buck's antlers are more dependent upon the amount of nutrients, vitamins and minerals in the deer's diet.

LONE-STAR SUCCESS: While Michigan boasts a deer population estimated at 1.75 million, Texas is home to the most whitetails of any U.S. state or Canadian province, with an estimated population of 5.3 million whitetails!

DREADED DISEASES: In certain densities or conditions, whitetails are susceptible to deadly diseases including Bovine Tuberculosis (TB), Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), and Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) which is transmitted by black fly ("no see-ems") bites and is increasing in rate of occurrence.

WEST VIRGINIA WISDOM: Incredibly talented wildlife photographer is West Virginia deer whisperer, Curt Helmick. Curt travels to the Mitten State each year to specifically photograph big deer. When asked to share a fun-fact about whitetails, he taught me about what's known as Bergman's Rule. This principal states that, in the several subspecies of whitetails from Canada to Florida, that the further south you travel the smaller the deer. This progressive shift towards smaller individuals is because southern deer don't need the added size to survive the milder winters.

RANGALE TANGLE: A group of deer is commonly called a herd, but can also be called a mob, a parcel, or a rangale!

Champion's Choice: While deer are not commonly used for team mascot names, the NBA Champions from Milwaukee are proudly known as the Bucks!

I hope you found this to be interesting information about those wonderful, wise, and wily white-tailed deer. With good fortune you'll encounter one or more in the woods of the Wolverine State.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Ramblers beat Chiefs to start season 4-0

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ramblers would look to finish off their perfect start with one final win before break as they would travel to play Cheboygan on Tuesday, December 21. The Ramblers would have a big first quarter to jump out to a 21-4 lead. In the second quarter, the Ramblers put up 23 points and grew their lead by another 11 points. The Ramblers would lead by a 44-16 at halftime.

The third quarter would be a defensive fight as neither team would be able to put up more than 10 total points. When the quarter would draw to an end, the Ramblers would end up

drawing a 9-6 advantage and expanding their lead to 53-23. The fourth quarter would be similar to the first two quarters with the Ramblers getting back to scoring more than 20 points. While they would be able to expand their lead to 75-36 and secure a win.

The Ramblers would be led by Mason Wilcox with 19 points and Alex Calcaterra with 11 points. The win moved the Ramblers to 4-0 on the season. The Ramblers are 1-0 in the conference play as well. The Ramblers will be back in action on Wednesday, January 5 when they travel to play McBain.

Lancers start season with perfect record

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Ellsworth Boys Basketball team travelled to Harbor Springs Harbor Light for another conference matchup. The Lancers would end up jumping out to a 21-7 lead. The Swordsmen would be able to hang with the Lancers in the second quarter. The Lancers would be able to squeeze out a two point advantage in the quarter, outsourcing the Swordsmen 15-13. That would give them a 36-20 lead at halftime.

As has been the case with the Lancers they would make a charge in the third quarter. They would expand their lead by 18 points, 57-23. The Lancers would only be able to stretch the lead more in the fourth quarter, as they would put up another 17 points. The

Lancers would win the game by a final score of 74-32.

The team would have four players in double figures, as Brayden Steenwyk would put up 20 points, followed closely by Kelan Pletcher with 19 points. Jacob Jenuwine would have 13 points and Jamal Cebulski with 12 points.

The Lancers would be able to play one more game before the holiday break against Central Lake on Wednesday, December 22. The Lancers would jump out to another lead 18-4. The Lancers would show a very solid defensive effort as they would pitch a shutout in the second quarter while adding 23 points to their total. The Lancers would be leading going into halftime 41-4.

In the second half the Trojans would start to get

their offense going again. The Lancers would expand their lead even more in the third quarter, as it would grow to 55-10. While the Trojans would finally be able to outscore the Lancers in the fourth quarter, the game was well out of hand. The Lancers would win the game by a final of 61-20.

The team would not have as much balanced scoring as the game against Harbor Light. As Pletcher would have 26 points. Steenwyk would have 11 points to add to the teams total. The Lancers would pick up two wins on the week, one conference and one non-conference win. The Lancers record moves to 4-0 on the season and 1-0 in the conference. The team will resume action on January 3 when they travel to play Mancelona.

ACADEMIC ALL STATE VOLLEYBALL

2021 MIVCA Academic All-State Teams

The Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association has released its 2021 individual academic all-state teams.

Below is a listing of area athletes who earned academic all-state honors.

Margaret Seaver, Boyne City
Grace Dawson, Boyne City
Keni Ciesielski, Boyne City
Alexis Cain, Central Lake
Camryn Turkelson, Charlevoix
Lauren Shepard, Charlevoix
Grace Lentz, Charlevoix
Olivia Vollmer, Charlevoix

Taylor Petrosky, Charlevoix
Madison Farver, Cheboygan
Rachel Swiderek, Cheboygan
Olivia Chamberlain, Cheboygan
Jacqueline Seaman, Cheboygan
Alaina Anderson, Grayling
Makyleigh Laskowski, Grayling
Megan Vigneau, Inland Lakes

Emily Van Daele, Inland Lakes
Olivia Monthei, Inland Lakes
Alyssa Byrne, Inland Lakes
Emily Crandell, Johannesburg-Lewiston
Kylie Sietman, Johannesburg-Lewiston
Ella House, Mackinaw City

Faith Schanck, Mio
Raija Gross, Petoskey
Katelyn Wodek, Petoskey
Olivia DeGroot, Petoskey
Faith Bailey, Petoskey

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BOWL GAME SCHEDULE, SCORES

Thursday, Dec. 23

FRISCO FOOTBALL CLASSIC

Miami (Ohio) 27,
North Texas 14

GASPARILLA BOWL

UCF 29,
Florida 17

Saturday, Dec. 25

CAMELLIA BOWL

Georgia State 51,
Ball State 20

Monday, Dec. 27

QUICK LANE BOWL

Western Michigan 52,
Nevada 24

Tuesday, Dec. 28

BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Houston 17
Auburn 13

FIRST RESPONDER BOWL

Air Force 31,
Louisville 28

LIBERTY BOWL

Texas Tech vs. Mississippi State
6:45 p.m. | ESPN
Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in
Memphis, Tennessee

GUARANTEED RATE BOWL

Minnesota vs. West Virginia
10:15 p.m. | ESPN
Chase Field in Phoenix, Arizona

Wednesday, Dec. 29

PINSTRIPE BOWL

Virginia Tech vs. Maryland
2:15 p.m. | ESPN
Yankee Stadium in New York, New
York

CHEEZ-IT BOWL

No. 19 Clemson vs. Iowa State
5:45 p.m. | ESPN
Camping World Stadium in Orlando,
Florida

Saturday, Jan. 1

ALAMO BOWL

No. 14 Oregon vs. No. 16 Oklahoma
9:15 p.m. | ESPN
Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas

Thursday, Dec. 30

DUKE'S MAYO BOWL

North Carolina vs. South Carolina
11:30 a.m. | ESPN
Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Tennessee vs. Purdue
3 p.m. | ESPN
Nissan Stadium in Nashville, Tennessee

PEACH BOWL

No. 10 Michigan State vs. No. 12
Pittsburgh
7 p.m. | ESPN
Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta,
Georgia

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Wisconsin vs. Arizona State
10:30 p.m. | ESPN
Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada

Friday, Dec. 31

GATOR BOWL

No. 17 Wake Forest vs. No. 25 Texas
A&M
11 a.m. | ESPN
TIAA Bank Stadium in Jacksonville,
Florida

SUN BOWL

Washington State vs. Central Michigan
12 p.m. | CBS
Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas

COTTON BOWL

(College Football Playoff semifinal)
No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Cincinnati
3:30 p.m. | ESPN
AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas

ORANGE BOWL

(College Football Playoff semifinal)

No. 2 Michigan vs. No. 3 Georgia
7:30 p.m. | ESPN

Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida

OUTBACK BOWL

No. 21 Arkansas vs. Penn State
12 p.m. | ESPN2
Raymond James Stadium in Tampa,
Florida

CITRUS BOWL

No. 15 Iowa vs. No. 22 Kentucky
1 p.m. | ABC
Camping World Stadium in Orlando,
Florida

FIESTA BOWL

No. 5 Notre Dame vs. No. 9 Oklahoma State
1 p.m. | ESPN
State Farm Stadium in Glendale,
Arizona

ROSE BOWL

No. 6 Ohio State vs. No. 11 Utah
5 p.m. | ESPN
Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California

SUGAR BOWL

No. 7 Baylor vs. No. 8 Ole Miss
8:45 p.m. | ESPN
Caesars Superdome in New Orleans,
Louisiana

Tuesday, Jan. 4

TEXAS BOWL

Kansas State vs. LSU
9 p.m. | ESPN
NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas

MONDAY, JAN. 10

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

8 p.m. | ESPN
Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis,
Indiana

Here's a complete list of scores from the College Football Playoff since its first season in 2014:

Rose Bowl: No. 2 Oregon 59, No. 3 Florida State 20

Sugar Bowl: No. 4 Ohio State 42, No. 1 Alabama 35

BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Cadillac	3-0	4-1
Petoskey	1-0	2-1
Alpena	0-1	3-1
TC Central	0-0	2-2
TC West	0-0	1-3
Gaylord	0-2	0-3

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Boyne City	1-0	4-0
St Francis	1-0	2-0
Kalkaska	2-0	2-1
Elk Rapids	1-1	1-1
East Jordan	0-1	3-1
Harbor Springs	0-1	3-1
Charlevoix	0-2	2-2
Grayling	0-1	2-2

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Alanson	1-0	1-0
Ellsworth	1-0	4-0
Mackinaw City	0-0	2-1
Boyne Falls	0-1	1-1
Harbor Lt Chr	0-1	1-2
Alba	0-0	0-0
North Mich Chr	0-0	0-3
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-1
Wolverine	0-1	0-2

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Rudyard	2-0	3-0
Cheboygan	1-0	1-2
Sault	1-1	1-3
St Ignace	0-1	2-2
Newberry	0-2	0-2

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Onaway	1-0	1-0
Gaylord St Mary	2-0	2-1
Mancelona	2-0	2-2
Inland Lakes	1-1	1-2
Joburg-Lewiston	1-1	1-2
Bellaire	0-1	1-2
Central Lake	0-1	1-2
Forest Area	0-1	0-1
Pellston	0-2	0-4

NORTH STAR - LITTLE DIPPER

Hillman	3-0	3-0
Hale	1-2	1-3
Posen	0-0	2-1
Au Gres-Sims	0-0	3-2
Atlanta	0-0	2-3
Fairview	0-2	0-4

NORTH STAR - BIG DIPPER

Oscoda	1-0	2-3
Rogers City	2-2	2-2
Alcona	1-1	2-2
Charlton Heston	0-0	3-2
Mio	0-0	1-3
W-P	0-2	1-3

GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Gaylord	1-0	3-1
Cadillac	1-1	2-3
TC Central	0-0	4-1
Petoskey	0-0	3-1
Alpena	0-1	3-3
TC West	0-0	2-3

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Harbor Springs	2-0	6-0
St Francis	3-0	5-1
Elk Rapids	2-0	3-1
East Jordan	1-1	2-4
Charlevoix	1-2	1-6
Grayling	0-2	2-3
Boyne City	0-2	0-4
Kalkaska	0-3	0-5

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Mackinaw City	2-0	4-0
Boyne Falls	1-0	1-0
Wolverine	1-0	1-0
Harbor Lt Chr	2-0	3-2
Vanderbilt	1-1	1-1
North Mich Chr	1-1	1-2
Alanson	0-0	0-1
Alba	0-2	0-2
Ellsworth	0-3	0-4

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

Rudyard	2-0	2-1
Cheboygan	1-0	4-2
Sault	1-1	5-3
St Ignace	0-1	3-1
Newberry	0-1	0-4

SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Gaylord St Mary	2-0	3-0
Joburg-Lewiston	3-0	4-1
Onaway	3-1	3-2
Central Lake	2-1	3-2
Inland Lakes	2-1	2-2
Bellaire	0-3	2-3
Pellston	0-2	1-2
Mancelona	0-2	1-4
Forest Area	0-2	0-3

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - LITTLE DIPPER

Posen	0-0	4-0
Atlanta	0-0	1-1
Hillman	0-0	2-3
Au Gres-Sims	0-0	1-2
Fairview	0-1	1-3
Hale	0-0	1-4

NORTH STAR LEAGUE - BIG DIPPER

Oscoda	0-0	2-1
Alcona	0-0	3-3
Rogers City	0-0	2-2
Mio	0-0	0-0
Charlton Heston	0-0	0-4

HOCKEY STANDINGS

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Alpena	4-0	6-4
Petoskey	2-1	7-2
TC West	1-1-1	5-1-1
TC Central	1-1-1	4-2-1
Cadillac	0-3	4-6
Gaylord	0-2	3-5-1

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF EAST JORDAN 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held in City Hall unless otherwise noted

City Commission Meetings:	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of Month at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission:	2 nd Thursday of Month at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Appeals:	4 th Monday of Month at 5:15 p.m.
Housing Commission:	2 nd Tuesday of Month at 4:00 p.m. at Lakeview Manor
Board of Review:	March 14th & 17th, July 20th and December 14 th
DDA Board:	2nd Monday of Month at 5:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Committee:	Meets on an as needed basis

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REAL ESTATE FEATURE



CUSTOM HOME ON 10 ACRES SOUTH OF EAST JORDAN

BY JIM AKANS

Situate on 10 beautiful acres south of East Jordan and Boyne City, this custom-built home is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a life of space and privacy in the north.

This two bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home has over 2,400 square feet of space on the main level plus approximately 400 additional square feet on the lower level walkout. It features an open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, wood tongue and groove finishes, an open loft overlooking the main living area, spacious kitchen, large windows framing the beautiful

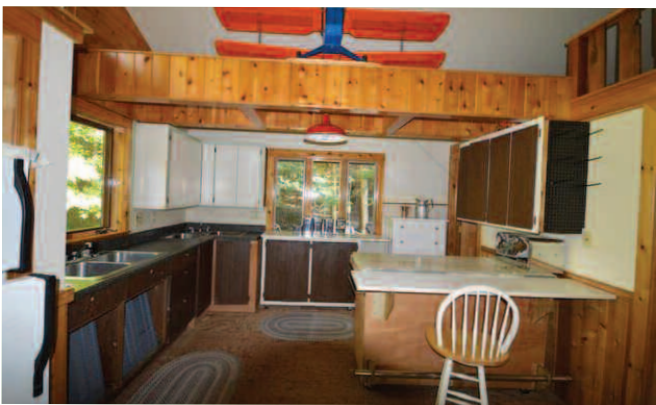
views and much more. It has a large, three-plus size garage the offers plenty of space for vehicles, work area and storage.

The approximately 10 acre site is nicely wooded. It includes the mineral rights that have been producing about \$265 per month currently. The home is centrally located between East Jordan, Boyne City and Central Lake.

This custom home on 10 acres is located at 2330 Williams Road south of East Jordan and Boyne City, and it is listed at \$219,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Bro-

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Based upon these prices, the seller should adjust what they are asking. For example, if similar properties in the area are selling for \$210,000, then trying to get \$250,000 usually does not make sense. Thus, before putting the house on the market, a seller should review the "comps," which can be obtained from a local real estate professional.

The appraisal process used by a licensed appraiser is more theoretical than a "comp," and doesn't predict what a buyer will

be willing to pay. Why would anyone ever get an appraisal then? Although rarely needed by buyers or sellers, appraisals are normally required by lenders who are considering making a loan.

However, sellers of expensive, custom homes may get appraisals, because there may not be any homes in the area that compare. Buyers of these one-of-a-kind homes will also have more confidence in an asking price that is supported by an appraisal.

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