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Fall '22 Back-to-School Covid Recommendations

Current back-to-school protocols for COVID-19 are evolving from pandemic emergency to a more standard tactic to controlling respiratory viral diseases, such as influenza. While the onset of a more threatening variant could alter this approach, families and schools can focus on illness prevention and responding to in-school clusters of cases, according to "Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools," a recently published guide by the Michigan Board of Education (MBE) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

"There has been significant progress in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 with vaccines and medical treatments," said Holly Campbell, Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) Deputy Health Officer. "We do need to remain vigilant, however, taking into consideration those in our communities who are older or have underlying medical conditions that put them at higher risk of developing serious complications."

- Strategies to prevent the spread of infectious diseases continues to include:
- Stay current with COVID-19 and other immunizations,
 - Create a supportive environment for anyone choosing to wear a mask,
 - Follow isolation guidelines when diagnosed with or showing symptoms of illness,
 - Promote testing, symptom monitoring, and potential quarantine,
 - Continue to report illnesses to the school and the local health department as required by public health code, and
 - Consult guidelines for when to keep children home from school.

"These are reasonable and responsible approaches toward keeping our communities healthy," said Amanda Thompson, HDNW Family Health Director and Interim Deputy Health Officer. "We all need to remain diligent in preventing the spread of communicable diseases."

If COVID-19 or other infectious diseases increase, school officials will refer to plans they have established for how to best keep students and staff safe. Those plans include tracking local data on outbreaks, assessing the risk of rising infections, and the percentage of local vaccination rates.

School closure should be a last resort, according to MBE and MDHHS. Most area schools have, however, closed in the past when high levels of absences have occurred from both COVID-19 and various strains of flu. The closures provide time for cleaning and help interrupt transmission of the disease to contain the outbreak.

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record temps

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31	.775596	200638	1952	
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OBITUARIES

Martha Lou (Laubscher) Landis, 91

(June 5, 1931 - July 17, 2022)



Martha Landis passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 17, 2022 with her three children by her side. Martha was born to Gilbert and Zee Laubscher on June 5, 1931 in Marion, Ohio. Together with her sister, Betty, the family moved around until settling in Gary, IN. It is here that she met Walt Landis, her future husband, in grade school. They fell in love in high school and married right after college graduation.

Martha was always passionate about being an artist. Her first painting, at age 12, marked when she fell in love with oil paints, finding the "smell and texture intoxicating." She began plein air painting in high school and graduated with a degree in fine arts from Lake Forest College.

Dr. Walt Landis, a family physician, and Martha settled in South Bend, IN. Walt was Martha's true love and husband for 26 years. After his untimely death at the age of 48, Martha made the decision to move to Horton Bay on Lake Charlevoix, to the home she and Walt had built for their vacation house. Leaving behind a life of great friends and volunteering through the Junior League, Women's Hospital Auxiliary, and P.E.O, she began life anew.

In this fresh start, Martha's painting career flourished. Her work revolved around the beauty of the Northern Michigan landscape, where she hoped to evoke emotions from viewers, taking them on a "mini vacation." Crooked Tree Arts Center (CTAC) also provided just the right the hands-on work and new friends to mend her broken heart and live her next adventures. In 2014, she was awarded CTAC's Eddi Award for visual arts and was also honored as a featured artist at D'Art for Art in 2016. She continued her involvement with the Visual Arts Committee at CTAC until the age of 86.

Martha was a woman who gave her worries to God and lived fearlessly, navigating her loves and losses with great faith and steadfast conviction. "What is there to be afraid of?" was her mantra. She began every day reading from her devotional Daily Word, having a spoonful of gin-soaked raisins, and checking on the birds and wildlife creatures in her

yard. She loved the fall season for the beauty of exploding color, and most importantly, Notre Dame football. As a diehard fan, she still holds season tickets.

Her grandchildren all graduated from "Nana's Finishing School," where manners were taught and obeyed and had countless nights of competitive card games. Martha also engaged her great-grandchildren Brooklynn, Pason, and Wesley Wiedner in some fierce card playing as well.

Martha is survived by her and Walt's three children Carri (Mike) Engel, Connie Landis, Craig (Marcie) Landis; her eight grandchildren Lauren (Jeff) Beagen, Melissa (Boban) Ciuk, Andrew (Nikki) Wiedner, Landis Wiedner, Wally Wiedner, Hallie Wiedner (Zach Haight), Ryan Landis, Christian Landis, and Camille Landis; and her six great-grandchildren Ella, Brady, Sofija, Brooklynn, Pason, and Wesley.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, August 28, 2:00 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the arts center: <https://crookedtree.org/about/give>.

Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home, Inc.

Shirley "Jean" (Eaton) Reidel, 93

(June 17, 1929 - July 19, 2022)



Shirley "Jean" Reidel passed away peacefully with her family by her side on July 19, 2022 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility. She was married to Robert W. Reidel on August 27, 1949. They shared 29 years of marriage on their family dairy farm in Wilson Township.

Jean was born on June 17, 1929 in Monroe, MI. She was the daughter of Donald and Sylvia Eaton. Jean lived in many cities throughout Michigan before settling in Boyne City. Jean was an active Christian who served in many roles in her local church. She enjoyed, painting, sewing, golfing, bible studies, McDoubles at the shoreline of Lake Charlevoix, and any activity involving her family. She considered her family to be her greatest earthly blessing and found joy in gathering together often. Jean will be remembered for her quick wit, easy

laughter, love of the Lord, and her willingness to share the Gospel. It was her heart's desire that all would receive salvation through their knowledge and relationship with Jesus and her mission field was her community.

She is survived by her daughters Debbie (Jay) Higgins, Patti (Maurie) Tomkins, daughter in law Wendy Reidel. Grandchildren, Bethany (Jim) Brown; Lyndsay (Michael) Olmstead; Trisha Tomkins and fiancé James Fleischnman; Melanie (Jason) Payne; Nicole (Teddy) Smigiel; Kayla (Scott) Bandstra; Ashley (Jordan) Stedman; Rob Reidel and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, son David, brothers Bob and Marlin Eaton.

A funeral was held Saturday, July 23 at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Christ Lutheran Church.

Michael L. Bales, 80

(Dec. 8, 1941 - June 29, 2022)



Michael "Mike" Lawrence Bales of Charlevoix passed away on June 29, 2022.

He was born on December 8, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan, to William and Muriel (Long) Bales.

Mike was kind, quiet, humble, talented, determined, hardworking, selfless, and stoic. This list only begins to describe Mike.

Mike's time on earth ended the same way it started: quietly battling challenging health hurdles. As a young boy, Mike contracted polio and spent months in a polio ward, a time that shaped who he became as a man. He said of this challenge, "I was lucky; so many others were not." Lucky being his description of his lost quad muscles on one leg, leaving him with a life-long limp and risk of falling whenever his knee was not locked with weight on his 'bum-leg'. How did he manage? He was determined to live a normal, hardworking life, and he did. His time here ended in his 80th year, battling a surprise diagnosis of lung cancer.

Stoic is not even close to describing how he managed his conditions. Not even one complaint! Always smiling and so eager to meet his Savior. After a healing hug from Jesus, Mike will be off to meet

with family including his dad, William; mom, Muriel; and son, Kelly. Mike loved genealogy, so he is thrilled to really see the family tree now.

Talented and hardworking, he earned a living, contributed, and provided from an early age in Royal Oak, Michigan until forced into early retirement in Charlevoix, Michigan from Post-Polio Syndrome. A career path of a humble hard-working man he had many career ventures including; being a newspaper delivery boy (10-yr's old), a busboy at Elks club, stocker corner grocery store, print-binder working with his father, snowmobile repair, plumbing & heating technician, building trades, oil delivery truck driver, and a cement plant (labor to quarry truck driver, 59-yr's old).

Hobbies and interests included: boy scouts, going camping with "the boys" (1950's and 60's gang), snowmobiling, family reunions, travel "RV-ing", boating thanks to his "bag of quarters" (overtime bonus at the cement plant), cooking, including his famous Ribs and BBQ sauce, and being a master of camp breakfast. Photography, woodworking, music, NASCAR, turning five \$2 bills into a \$100 bill (ask the grandkids), and then, over the last several years, his beloved "shop" and toy cars. Sharing shop time with sons Keith and Kelly, they worked on his Prowler and then his 1938 Ford 60 pickup truck. He coached other family projects including Jeep Grand Wagoneer, Ford Mustang, Chris Craft boats, and anything else needing wrenching and storytelling.

Mike is joined in heaven by his father, William Bales; mother, Muriel (Long) Bales; son, Kelly Bales; and siblings, Richard, and Joan.

Mike loved his big and extended family and is survived by his wife, Sally Swinton of Charlevoix; children Keith (Barb) Bales of Boyne Falls, Barbara Nelson of Traverse City, and Geoffrey (Kristina) Nelson of East Jordan; grandchildren, Cole (Melissa) Nelson of Los Angeles, Kaeli (Paul) Bales Stolt of Boyne Falls, Kelsi Bales of Petoskey, Keirsten Bales of Boyne Falls, Krystal Branon-Bales of Lansing, and Bailey Bales of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Kinley, Harper, Kody, and Jace; siblings, Bud, Mark, Mary Jane, and Judy. His family will miss him dearly but are thrilled he is healed and enjoying indescribable peace.

There will be a celebration of life held at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on Monday, July 18, 2022, starting at 12:00 p.m. with visitation beginning at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow the service.

Mike's ashes will be spread at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey at a later date.

His family is committed to doing as Mike did, right up until the beginning of his eternal life, and keep smiling!

Arrangements were entrusted to Nelson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, PO Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

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Michigan Battle of the Buildings announces City of East Jordan as 2021 Biggest Loser at 2022 Michigan Energy Summit

Michigan Battle of the Buildings announces City of East Jordan's Lagoon Pump House as a 2021 Biggest Loser with a 71.21% reduction in electrical use.

Over fifteen-hundred buildings state-wide competed against each other in 2021 in this biggest loser-styled energy competition. The competitors worked to reduce their energy in various ways; from switching from fluorescents to LEDs, changing their office habits or upgrading to a high efficiency furnace. There are 11 categories in which the buildings all compete based on building type.

The City of East Jordan was awarded as a 2021 biggest loser at the 8th Annual Michigan Energy Summit on June 15, 2022. The full day event was held

at the LEED-certified City Flats Hotel and included breakout sessions, walking tours, and exhibitors of some of the city's leading energy professionals.

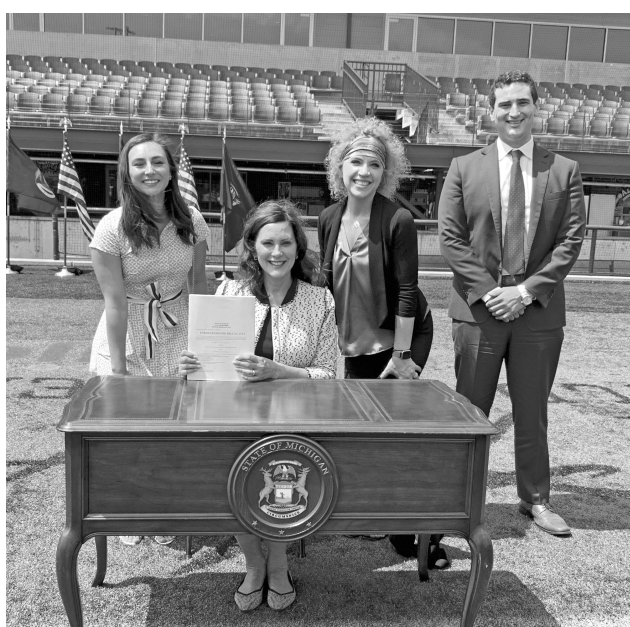
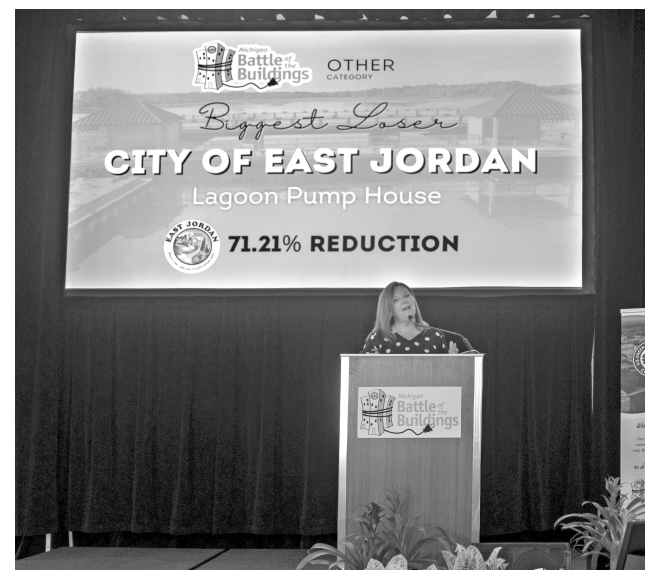
The lagoon pump house controls the water level in the city's walleye rearing pond and also sends water from the biosolids retention pond back to the treatment plant. The wastewater operators were able to cut \$2600 a year from the electric bill by changing the process in which the building was winterized during the off season. There was no cost to implement this change so the return on in-

vestment was immediate.

According to Kate Mowbray, wastewater plant operator for the city, the treatment plant's mission is to lessen the impact that sewage has on the environment by operating as efficiently as possible without impacting the treatment process. "With rising costs, energy efficiency is something you can have control over in an otherwise uncontrollable world. You don't always have to spend money to be more efficient. Sometimes it just takes looking at your current operation in a different way."

ABOUT MICHIGAN BATTLE OF THE BUILDINGS

Michigan Battle of the Buildings has been a program of the U.S. Green Building Council of West Michigan since 2014. It is the only statewide biggest-loser styled energy competition in the country. In 2021, the competitors \$33.5 million in energy costs, putting that money back into their businesses and the local economy. For more information on the program, please visit <https://michiganbattleofthebuildings.org/>



Alliance Celebrates Historic Investment In Rural Michigan

TRAVERSE CITY, MI – The Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance celebrated today's signing of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, which included \$3.5 million to launch the new Office of Rural Development.

"We are thankful that Gov. Whitmer and our legislative leaders recognize this opportunity to support rural communities as they work to address unique needs," said NMCA Director of Government Relations Henry Wolf. "The Alliance looks forward to working with the ORD on critical issues facing rural Michigan, including workforce development, infrastructure, and access to health care."

In January 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer established the Office of Rural Development within MDARD to focus on the strategic needs of rural Michigan, including economic and workforce development, infrastructure, and public health.

Former Alliance member Sarah Lucas was selected to lead the ORD in March.

ABOUT THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHAMBER ALLIANCE:

The Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance is a coalition of chambers and economic development organizations including the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce, Benzie County Chamber of Commerce, Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce, Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, Traverse Connect, Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce, Lake Superior Community Partnership, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce, Sault Area Chamber of Commerce, & Leelanau Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. The Alliance exists to advocate for rural northern Michigan and move forward rural-centric business policy. More information on the Alliance's latest work can be found at nmchamberalliance.com.

Our Coast Guard are Heroes

BY JOHN KEYSER

I am embarrassed to say that I have always taken the Coast Guard for granted, not knowing and even wondering about the specifics of their critically important work and role in our community. Fortunately, I was invited to attend the ceremony a few weeks back when Marcus Collison, was retiring after 25 years of service, including the last five years as Chief at the station here in Charlevoix.

I was impressed to learn that Marcus and his family, Jennifer and their two young children, love our area and are staying in Charlevoix. Jennifer has an important role in the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey and Marcus will earn his Master's Degree in Applied Science and Electricity in Gaylord, and then begin his new career here.

Clearly, the work of our Coast Guard is dangerous, the seas are at times unpredictable and severe weather here can be treacherous. It is essential that the 22 women and men stationed here are well-trained, skilled, disciplined and confident in helping, often rescuing, people on the water, of which a great many of these are true emergencies.

Marcus was dedicated to each of 22 workmates. The bedrock of his training and



MARCUS COLLISON

development to assure a highly capable team, ready immediately when needs arise.

Keys to Marcus's leadership helping the development and training:

- Having a genuine interest in their on duty and their off duty lives, e.g., knowing their birthdays, their children names, warmly greeting them first thing when they report for duty whatever that hour is, sending flowers for special occasions, asking how their fishing went, and other ways to let them know he appreciates and cares about them.
- Encourages each team member to share their advice and ideas. He knows

everything can be improved and everyone must know that what they think is heard and appreciated.

- Leadership by walking around, even small talk at times.
- Knowing that his team members must be happy and proud to be here at Coast Guard Charlevoix.
- Thanking them regularly for their care and effort.

Realizing that self-confidence is very important, he recognizes their small wins, which helps them grow.

Clearly, customized training and development of knowledge, skills, confidence and other tools to be successful in their work is a must. This work includes

approximately 425 safety checks and more than 80 search and rescues a year involving boats and at times plane crashes. A classic example was a sail boat that left Petoskey to sail across the lake to Wisconsin and the weather unexpectedly changed to 16-foot waves and very high winds. The mast broke and windows were smashed by the power of the water and the boat was on the way to sinking. The wind was so strong helicopters could not fly to help. Our Coast Guard was able to rescue the two men, even in the violent sea which was beyond the safe standard for our boat, which is 12-foot waves.

These stories happen all the time. The water in Northern Michigan can be treacherous due to the number of islands and peninsulas and the directions of the waves and wind can change and swirl continuously.

The constant good and very often heroic work of our Coast Guard is vital to our Northern Michigan community and should continue under the leadership of our new Chief, Brad Bishop. We appreciatively and warmly welcome Marcus Collison and his family as permanent Charlevoix residents.

Thank you for your outstanding leadership Marcus!

Ribbon-Cutting To Kickoff Flywheelers Show

BOYNE FALLS, MI – After several years of hard work by volunteer club members, community support through grant funding and donations, and delays due to the pandemic, the Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers Club is pleased to announce the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new food service building at Noon on Thursday, July 28th, during the first day of their 2022 show. The ribbon-cutting will be one of many highlights of the club's annual show that runs July 28 to 31 and celebrates life in rural northern Michigan as it was in the earlier part of the last century.

"We are so pleased to have finally reached this point and want to thank the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation for the grant monies



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that were used to purchase the refrigerators and freezers for this building," said NMAF Club President, Bob DeVol. "This is a beautiful new facility that will help us serve our visitors for many years to come and we hope that many club and community members will be able to join us for the ribbon-cutting."

Other attractions at this year's show include the daily tractor parades, antique autos, the flea market,

arts and craft vendors, the sawmill, the veneer mill and basket factory, shingle mill and branding, blacksmithing, grist mill, the kid-line train, one-room schoolhouse, museums, and, of course, tasty food options at several venues on the showgrounds. Music is also a mainstay of the show with two stages in use to showcase great local talent.

The Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers Club

is an educational nonprofit organization that uses demonstrations and displays to showcase "Life in the Past Lane" and to present many aspects of daily life in rural northern Michigan in the early part of the last century. The club is an all-volunteer group that invites the public to learn about the past at its annual show. It also annually hosts more than one thousand area fourth graders over a four day period in September for Student Harvest Days. The showgrounds are located on US-131 between Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake. Information on the organization and its activities can be found at www.northernmiflywheelers.com, on Facebook as Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers Club, or by calling club President Bob DeVol at 231-564-1617.

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the foreclosure process, open communication with your mortgage company, and more. You are not alone, NMCAA is here to help for FREE.

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News Briefs

BOYNE CITY

PAVILION CONCERT

Concerts will take place each Wednesday evening, 6:30pm-8:00pm, through August 31. The newly renovated pavilion offers public restrooms and plenty of space to practice social distancing. We are excited to offer this free event to the community and look forward to showcasing performers from all over Northern Michigan. Come prepared with a comfy camp chair or picnic blanket and your favorite beverage along with take out from one of our local eateries and enjoy. 2022 Concert Schedule

- 7/27 Billy McAllister
- 8/3 Nels Olstrom
- 8/10/ On Tap
- 8/17 Matt Gabriel
- 8/24 The Real Ingredients
- 8/31 Full Moon Jam Band

EAST JORDAN

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Bring your chairs or blankets and be ready to enjoy delightful summer evenings of great music in a picturesque setting each Friday through July 29th. Come by boat or car to enjoy dinner and shopping prior to the 7:00 PM concerts.

July 29th – The Miceys
During the month of July, The Jordan Valley Community Band will hold concerts every Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Memorial Park Bandshell.

CHARLEVOIX

SAIL CHARLEVOIX

Sail Charlevoix Junior Sailing Program is Looking Forward to Another Successful Season on Lake Charlevoix. Junior sailing sessions at our Depot Beach location in Charlevoix. In addition to junior sailing and racing (ages 8-18), we will offer limited boat rentals and adult instruction. Thursday Evening Family Sailing sessions are available in Charlevoix, July 28, and August 4. Our Evening Family Sailing sessions are a fun, non-structured time to sail as a family and practice sailing skills your junior sailor has learned in class. To learn more, ask questions, and register, please visit us at sailcharlevoix.org.

EAST JORDAN

MEET UP AND EAT UP

This summer at the East Jordan Elementary School. Breakfast - 9AM - 9:30AM. Lunch 11:30AM - 12:30PM. Monday - Thursday, through Aug 4th. All students 18 years old and under are welcome regardless of school enrollment or residence

PETOSKEY

SUMMER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

To find out more about Little Traverse Conservancy programs for 3-12 year olds, visit www.landtrust.org/sum

mer for details and registration.

CHARLEVOIX

JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Jazz @ the Library takes place on Wednesdays in July and August in the Children's Garden at 7pm.
August 3 | Claudia Schmidt (vocalist)
August 10 | Bay Area Little Big Band
August 17 | Family & Friends

EAST JORDAN

FREE SECOND SATURDAY

Second Saturdays are back at Raven Hill Discovery Center for the warmer months of 2022. May through October, Raven Hill will offer free admission for families each second Saturday from noon to 4pm. No groups, please, as we need all parents to be watching their own children. We are also limiting the indoor time, as we want our visitors to socially distance and stay safe in these times of continuing pandemic concerns. Families will be given a group number at check-in and a return time to visit indoors. With all of the outdoor exhibits, like the Music Garden, Jurassic Park Walk, Schoolhouse, Treehouse, Ancient World and the new Connections Trail, families will have plenty of things to explore outside! These 2022 FREE Second Saturdays honor Diane Strzelinski, a Raven Hill volunteer and supporter for more than 25 years.

ARTIST GATHERING SCHEDULE

August 2—Gina Lepman's home at 11999 Evergreen Lane, Charlevoix, 49720. Gina's daughter, Adele Forbrig, is our host. This is a lovely, historic home & grounds overlooking Lake Charlevoix. The neighborhood is just to the north of the Castle on M 66. We were there last summer, & many asked if we could return for this summer because there were so many painting choices.
August 16—Bay View Waterfront—Drive east on US 31 out of Petoskey toward Harbor Springs. Turn left 100 feet before the pedestrian bridge at Bay View. There is a parking lot next to the tennis courts. Walk a short distance to the waterfront, where there are views of Petoskey State Park, the marina, small sail boats & various homes near the shore of Little Traverse Bay.

The Artist Gathering is a plein air painting group sponsored by The Jordan River Arts Council. We gather on some Tuesdays during the summer months from 9:00-am-1:00pm. There is no fee & no RSVP necessary. Restrooms and safe parking are available at each site. Some artists come to sketch & do color studies for studio work. Some do Alla Prima paintings. We bring a snack & beverage & supplies we need. If you have questions, please call or email Karen Kimmell (kakimmell@gmail.com/231 350 8159) or Connie Ma-

honey (cbmahoney@charter.net)

ELLSWORTH

CONCERTS IN THE SQUARE

The Ellsworth DDA is sponsoring a series of free Wednesday night concerts in the Community Square gazebo. The concerts will begin at 7pm. Scheduled performers include:
July 27—Foghorn Jazz Band

GRAYLING

AUSABLE RIVER FESTIVAL

July 23-30

GAYLORD

PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

July 29, 9:30am - 4:30pm at the University Center, 80 Livingston Blvd. This event will help real estate developers and local officials understand the necessary tools used to develop land bank and brownfield sites for housing and redevelopment including case studies of successful projects including presentations by MEDC, EGLE, MSHDA and US EPA. The event is free but space is limited. Sponsored by Networks Nprthwest and NEMCOG. Info contact Denise Cline at dmcline@nemcog.org.

EAST JORDAN

FLOWER SHOW

The East Jordan Garden Club and the Jordan River Arts Council Present - "Old McDonald's Farm" 21st Annual Flower Show - You vote for the winners. Saturday, July 30, Noon - 4PM. Jordan River Arts Cent - 301 Main Street. Free Admission

WALLOON LAKE

THE INVITATIONAL AT WALLOON LAKE

10am to 5pm Saturday & Sunday July 30-31. This prestigious event returns once again to the Village Green Park in downtown Walloon Lake. Chose from top award winning local and national artists. Sculptors, painters, glass blowers, wood carvers & turners, fiber artists, jewelers and so much more. Ernest Hemingway look alike contest to take place Sunday at noon. Free admission.

EAST JORDAN

PORTSIDE ARTS FAIR

Always the first weekend in August, Portside Arts Fair in East Jordan. The organizers of the Portside Arts Fair are pleased to announce the 59th Annual Art Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 6th and 7th. This year the show times will be 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days. This juried art show will be held once again at the beautiful Elm Pointe, 01656 South M-66 Highway, just 1.5 miles north of East Jordan. The art show is a family friendly event offering live entertainment, snack booth sponsored by The

Depot Jordan Teen Center, famous homemade pies an opportunity to tour the East Jordan Historical Society's historical museum located on site and fabulous art to be purchased from established artists, as well as, pieces from new artists. The Portside Arts Fair still has openings for Artists. If you are interested in being part of this prestigious, juried art show please contact Christine at 231-675-4841. There is plenty of parking available. Donations will be accepted at the gate to benefit the Historical Society. For more information on the Portside Arts Fair visit www.portsideartsfair.org.

WALLOON LAKE

WOODIES & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The Walloon Woodies is a group of wooden boat owners that get together the first Saturday in August to parade their boats down Walloon Lake! In 2013, our first annual Walloon Woodie's event, 24 Boats met in Wildwood Harbor area and paraded down to over 200 fans, enjoying the show, at the Walloon Village docks that were generously made available by Jon Borisch. Saturday, August 6. Boats will be on the docks in front of Barrel Back from 11am to 12:30 pm. Classic Cars will be parked in the circle park and in the grassy area across from Hotel Walloon from 11am to 4pm. There will be food available for purchase with all sales to benefit the Walloon Lake Trust & Conservancy.

EAST JORDAN

OPEN DOOR COFFEE HOUSE MUSIC

Gospel music at 7pm the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. The Open Door is a Christian Coffee House located inside the Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road. Donations only. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend. Music schedule
Aug. 6 - NONE (Gospel Festival)
Aug. 20 - John & Kate Denner
Sept. 3 - MaryAnn Garza
Sept. 17 - One Accord
Oct. 1 - By His Grace
Oct. 15 - Jeff and Brenda Glasko
Nov. 5 - The Walkers
Nov. 19 - Judy Slocum & Friends

BOYNE CITY

PEDAL, PIG, AND PINT BIKE TOUR

Third Annual Pedal, Pig, and Pint Bike Tour. Raven Hill Discovery Center and Top of Michigan Mountain bike Association (TOMMBA). Road or Mountain Bike Tour supporting Raven Hill Discovery Center and Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association. Register online at www.bikereg.org or the day of the event. Registration and sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. Lunch begins at 11:30. Sunday August 7 (Always the first Sunday in August). \$55.00 for individual \$25.00 for child accompanied by adult (under 15) Admission fees support Raven Hill and TOMMBA and include lunch, a shirt, admission to Raven Hill Discovery Center. Contact Holly Sasso email holly.sasso@gmail.com or call 517-231-3341 or Michael Labadie 616-304-5758

ELLSWORTH

RIBBON CUTTING

Ribbon cutting, reception and donor recognition at Ellsworth Community Square, Wed. August 10, 5:30 - 7pm. Live entertainment by Drawbridge Ukulele Band. Refreshments will be served. Ribbon cutting 5pm. Donor recognition at 6pm.

BOYNE CITY

GARDEN PARTY OPEN HOUSE

Join us August 11 from 5-7pm for the Charlevoix County Conservation District Garden Party Open House. Event to view our Native Plant Educational Garden, full of over 70 native sun & shade species, complete with signs, a garden pathway & the revealing of our Fall Native Plant Sale species list. Meet our native plant specialist along with other local conservationists on site. Enjoy light refreshments on the house, including special treats and other embellishments from our partners at Lavender Hill Farm. The Conservation District office is located at 303 North St.

BOYNE CITY

RALLY BY THE BAY

Hot rods, customs, rat rods, motorcycles, antiques, fire trucks, hearses. All classics are welcome. 9am-4pm at Veterans Park. \$20 entry. All proceeds benefit Boyne City firefighters assn. Flea market and crafty show Aug. 13 & 14.

BOYNE CITY

WORK SESSION FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS

The City Commission will hold its next Work Session/Special Meeting on Short-Term Rentals at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 16, at City Hall. A new draft ordinance will be presented for discussion. That document and the meeting agenda will be posted on the city website as the date draws closer.

EAST JORDAN

RETAIL THERAPY

2nd Annual Retail Therapy Shopping Event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th, 4PM - 7PM in East Jordan. Business owners/managers - this is a great time to put your summer items on sale, showcase your new fall items, have a drawing and fun events. Please let the Chamber Office know if you will be participating so we can create a list to share so that everyone will know you will be open late and what your specials, refreshments, drawings, etc. will be. We are inviting vendors & entertainers to join us for this fun evening. Please contact the Chamber Office if you would like to have a space in town to set up. 231-536-7351. There will not be a charge to set up a booth or table at the event.

BOYNE CITY

OFF THE CLOCK

Northern Michigan Equine Therapy will host the Boyne Area Chamber's "Off The Clock" business networking social from 5:30 to 7pm Thursday, August 18th. Northern Michigan Equine is located at 05025 Church Rd., Boyne City. Off The Clock is the new name for Business After Hours, the chamber's monthly business network-

ing event held at member businesses. Chamber members and the public are invited to attend. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be provided.

CHARLEVOIX

DINING FOR PAWS

The Charlevoix Area Humane Society will be conducting our Dining 4 Paws plated Dinner, Auction, Fundraiser hosted at the Argonne House on August 20. Doors open for Cocktails and entertainment and Silent Auction at 5:30 PM. Plated dinner served 6:30. Choice of Prime Rib, 10 Pc Shrimp or Chicken Alfredo. Live Auction with dessert 7:30. Dinner Tickets are \$65. Sponsor opportunities available. Auction item donations appreciated. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.charlevoixhumane.org. Call 231-582-6774 or pets@charlevoixhumane.org

MACKINAW CITY

CORVETTE CROSSROADS

Registration is now open for the 33rd Annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show! 100's of the All-American classic Corvette will be on display on Saturday, August 27th in Mackinaw City. Make plans now to show & parade your Vette at this annual event.

BOYNE CITY

CAR SHOW

Kiwanis Labor Day weekend car show. Friday, Sept. 2, 6pm-9pm. Saturday, Sept. 3, 8am-4pm. Friday first 2 blocks of E. Water St. Saturday at Veterans Park. Pre-registration \$20. Registration day of show \$25.

BOYNE CITY

STROLL THE STREETS

This summer, Stroll the Streets run through September 2nd. Each of the Friday nights, music will be playing from 6pm until 9pm. Different venues will feature food and drink and, of course, our downtown shops, markets and eateries will be open.

BOYNE CITY

PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

All library programming is free. May require registration through www.boynelibrary.org. Mondays - 10am Beginners Yoga, 10:30am Toddler Tales & Tunes. Tuesdays - 10:30am Storytime, 2pm-5pm Computer Help. Wednesdays - 4:30pm Beginners Yoga

EAST JORDAN

FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays 10am - 2pm at East Jordan Tourist Park

EAST JORDAN

TEEN CENTER

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

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 Lighthouse Missionary Church

Park Your Boat on Lake Charlevoix For the summer, or for the day.



At the tip of Lake Charlevoix's South Arm, the East Jordan Municipal Harbor has captured the attention of more than just boaters.

Located only one block off Main Street, the Municipal Harbor is within walking distance to local restaurants and friendly shops.

Memorial Park which is part of the marina has picnic tables, grills and public restrooms. A band shell was constructed in 2005 which has enter-

tainment most weekends throughout the summer.

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.

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News

LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP MEANS BEING A GOOD COMMUNICATOR AND LISTENER

By John Keyser



Nearly everyone would say that keys to being an effective leader, an excellent communicator, and a very good listener, are each important to positively influencing people. V- tally important! Well, if we all know that, why do so many of us struggle with communication?

Of course, we could rationalize, e.g., the busyness of our lives today, endless information coming at us, and distraction by the internet and our smart phones. These surely make it difficult for us to focus on our team members and others. Yet, leadership – and good communication – stem from our attitude, and our attitude must be based on connecting with and serving others!

Serving others means helping others be successful, lead good lives, feel good about themselves.

Yes, feeling good about ourselves is key. Everyone wants to feel:

- Appreciated and valued
- They are heard
- Their ideas matter
- They are an important member of the team
- They are kept informed

This means that they feel connected, cared for and supported by those close to them, certainly including their manager and others in authority.

Being a good communicator, sharing information, and feelings, completely and honestly – on a timely basis – make an important positive difference...as does being an active listener. Being truly interested and listening to understand and learn, without a personal agenda, are key to effective communication.

And our responsiveness is critically important!

My purpose in writing this short article about highly effective leadership principles and practices is that just in

the past few months, I have encountered a surprising number of situations when people simply were not responsive. They are people who should be leaders, but definitely fall short in responsiveness.

I have facilitated extensive 360 leadership assessments for leaders in business and in the church, and over and over again I have heard that when someone fails to respond to a message and or request to a manager or pastor, for example, on a timely basis the resulting feeling is that the manager/pastor does not value them, their ideas, nor their work. They feel the manager/pastor believes she or he is more important.

Leadership is serving others! Leadership is how we help people feel about themselves. And failure to respond on a timely basis conveys lack of respect.

Please – I encourage everyone, no matter our position and role – to commit to respond to messages and requests as soon as possible.

People understand we can be in meetings, at appointments, on calls and may not be immediately available and they appreciate a brief message that we are tied up and will be back to them later in the day or the next morning. Such messages honor them and are appreciated.

No matter what we do, we are in a people business. Let's help others feel appreciated, valued, and honor them. This is leadership!

40 years, and here's what has to change if the U.S. wants more starter homes

BY JERRY KONTER

Tackle lumber prices, alter tax breaks and cut regulation

As a Savannah-based home builder with more than 40 years of experience, I have seen that every year, entry-level housing is increasingly difficult to build.

I am not alone. There are many reasons why builders across the U.S are unable to build affordably priced homes targeted to the critical first-time home buyer: Rising costs stemming from historically high price levels for lumber and other building materials, supply-chain bottlenecks that still exist two years after the COVID-19 pandemic began, surging interest rates, excessive regulations, overly stringent building codes, excessive zoning and density requirements, and a persistent lack of construction workers.

Finding and enacting solutions to these housing challenges is critical to fulfilling the housing needs of all Americans. It will require policy makers at all levels of government to make housing a top priority.

Since the start of the pandemic lumber prices LB00, -0.31% are up nearly 75% and currently stand above \$600 per thousand board feet even after posting significant drops in recent weeks.

While this has hit first-time home buyers particularly hard, it doesn't tell the full story. The 25-year historic, pre-pandemic average price of lumber (1995-2019) was \$343 per thousand board feet. Lumber prices were \$1,500 per thousand board feet last May and have been trading above the once unthinkable \$1,000 mark for much of the past year.

As a result, on average, since the spring of 2020, lumber prices have added \$14,300 to the price of a typical single-family home.

To ease this unprecedented surge in lumber prices since early 2020, federal policy makers can start by increasing timber production from federal lands in an environmentally responsible manner. Today, timber production on federal property is less than 2 billion board feet; in the 1990s it was more than 10 billion board feet.

And since the U.S. relies on Canada for nearly 30% of its lumber supply, the Biden administration can put an end to the tariffs on Canadian lumber imposed by the Trump administration in 2017. The tariffs, which currently stand 17.99%, artificially raise lumber prices and act as a tax on American home buyers.

On the tax side of the ledger, the 2017 tax law changed the mortgage interest deduction (MID) so that it now is a tax benefit primarily for wealthy homeowners. A better policy would be to scrap the MID in favor of a \$15,000, refundable, first-time home buyer tax credit to make homeownership more accessible for working-class families.

Rents are up because renters cannot afford to get into a starter home. And those who buy a starter home can't move up because no one can afford what was an entry-home five years ago.

On the labor front, Congress can push for more money for vocational training instead of focusing on four-year colleges. A shortage of 449,000 construction workers nationwide is delaying home building projects and raising housing costs. These are good-paying jobs

(while the U.S. median wage is \$45,760, half of payroll workers in construction earn more than \$49,000), and we need more electricians, plumbers, framing crews and other skilled workers

Then there is the high cost of regulations. Studies released by NAHB show that regulations imposed by all levels of government account for \$93,870 — or 24% — of the average sales price (\$397,300) of a new single-family home, and more than 40% of the cost of multifamily development.

Few would argue that safety standards for construction workers are unnecessary, but these high regulatory costs raise questions about how thoroughly government is considering the consequences. One academic study, for example, found it took an average of 788 days to prepare a submission and receive approval for an individual federal wetlands permit.

And builders across the nation often must confront delays of up to several months in breaking ground on new projects because of zoning and subdivision requirements, slow permitting processes and NIMBY opposition.

Local design standards that have nothing to do with safety have become common — requiring brick siding, for example, which can be nearly three times the cost of vinyl siding. Some localities require builders to dedicate land to the government for parks or schools or otherwise leave it unbuilt. That cost must be recouped in the price of the home.

Of course, most housing is local and, in many areas, less tangible factors such as community perceptions, expectations and demands also play an im-

portant role in determining the availability and cost of housing.

To help builders produce entry-level housing in local communities, state and local officials must overturn inefficient zoning rules, lower impact fees and other upfront taxes associated with housing construction, expedite approvals for affordable projects, ease density and growth restrictions, and allow a range of housing types, including multifamily.

These are practical solutions that are paramount to enable builders to construct homes at entry-level price points.

It is critical that we all succeed in this endeavor because the first-time home buyer is the linchpin to the entire buying process. Rents are up because renters cannot afford to get into a starter home. And those who buy a starter home can't move up because no one can afford what was an entry-home five years ago.

Builders desperately wish to seize this giant market that has not been sufficiently tapped, but unfortunately it is becoming increasingly economically infeasible. Neither the public nor private sector can meet the challenge alone. But if officials at all levels of government put into place the policy solutions outlined above, this will bend the rising cost curve and allow more builders to construct more homes at price points that will allow more Americans to get their first rung on the homeownership ladder.

Jerry Konter is the founder and president of Konter Quality Homes in Savannah, Ga., and the chairman of the National Association of Home Builders.

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REAL ESTATE CORNER

SPACIOUS, GORGEOUS RANCH HOME ADJACENT TO YOUNG STATE PARK



BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a spacious, gorgeous ranch style home in a fantastic northern Michigan location...right next to Young State Park near Boyne City.

This three bedroom, two bath home has just under 2,100 square feet of beautifully appointed and nicely designed space plus a basement for extra storage needs. Interior highlights include an open kitchen/dining/living layout great for family living and for entertaining. The kitchen offers plenty of cabinet storage and counter work space, opening to the dining and living room

areas with wood flooring and a stately fireplace. The master suite and additional bedrooms are large, allowing lots of space to accommodate a wide variety of furnishings.

Outside, a wonderful outdoor kitchen space is ideal for entertaining. A three car garage provides a spot for vehicles to stay out of the weather, with plenty of space left for a workshop as well as more storage.

Arguably the best state park in northern Michigan, Young State Park is right next door. Sandy beaches on Lake Charlevoix, play areas for the kids, picnics areas and more are all close at hand. What a fantastic home and location.

This spacious, gorgeous home is located at 03113 Nelson Drive a few miles from Boyne City, and it is listed at \$449,900. For more information or to arrange a home tour, call Marty Moody, Associate Broker or

Christopher Christensen, Associate Broker, at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com



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WHY ISN'T MY HOME SELLING?

Part 1 of 3

If your answer is price, you'll be right a good majority of the time. If your home isn't selling, buyers think the value of your house is less than the price you want.

For all the time and effort that goes into buying and selling, the economics of the process is relatively simple. Anything is only worth what 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.

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Former Nixon Aide In Bay View August 5

Petoskey — JULY 26, 2022 – Dwight Chapin, author of *The President's Man* and former aide to Richard Nixon, will offer a free conversation facilitated by documentarian and producer David Crouse on August 5 at 7:30pm in Voorhies Hall on the Bay View campus. The free presentation will offer a peek into one of the most intriguing men in presidential history, focusing on the leadership of Nixon rather than the scandal. Douglas Brinkley, author of *The Nixon Tapes*, noted: "Chapin's *The Presi-*

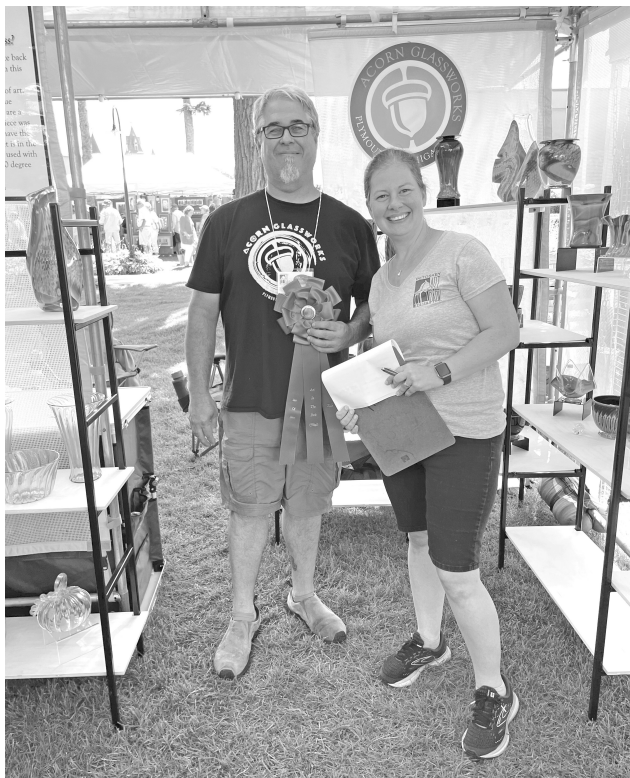
dent's Man is the book we've been waiting 50 years for. Rarely in U.S. history has someone spent so much time with a president and lived to write about it. Filled with new details on every page and beautifully written, it will force us to reassess Richard Nixon yet again." The format for the conversation will be intimate, a conversation between old friends, with images to stimulate the audience's memory. Newt Gingrich is quoted about Chapin's new book as saying:

"This book sheds a unique, interesting light on one of our most complicated and effective presidents. Because of Watergate, few people recall that Nixon was historically popular and remarkably successful. Anyone who cares about American history and politics should read *The President's Man*." General questions should be directed to the Music Festival Office at 231.347.6225 or chris@bayviewassociation.org.



Documentarian and producer David Crouse (right) will converse with former Nixon aide Dwight Chapin (left) in Bay View's Voorhies Hall on Aug. 5 at 7:30pm.

Petoskey Art in the Park Award Winners



Art in the Park 2022 Best in Show Award Winner: Philip Yamron with Event and Program Coordinator Emily Stuchell at the Petoskey Art in the Park on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

Over 115 artists from all over the United States descended upon Petoskey July 16th, for the 36th 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 Dan Roache and Cora Smith 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.

2022 Art in the Park Award Winners

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Christmas in July - Because our neighbors need help year round

PETOSKEY - The Salvation Army of Petoskey raised \$7,014 during the 2022 Christmas in July Campaign which took place on Saturday, July 2nd thanks to many community partners, generous neighbors and amazing volunteers like the Rotary Club of Little Traverse Bay Sunset, Little Traverse Bay Kiwanis, Elk Rapids Rotary Club, and Central Lake Lions Club. We are very blessed to have the support of local service clubs and individuals who we could not be successful without. 2022 makes the 2nd year that The Elk Rapids Rotary Club went above and beyond to ring the bell for two

days instead of one- again demonstrating the increased need for support for those who are suffering from set-backs caused by the pandemic. Thank you Elk Rapids Rotary for having such compassion for our neighbors in need and being amazing role models in our community! Envoy, Greg Irwin says "All money given this year is very appreciated as we are on the threshold of expanding programs and services to enable us to continue meeting the steadily rising needs in our community. Thank you businesses owners and managers who graciously allow us the opportunity to

ring at your location and thank you to the many caring citizens who reached into their own pockets to put money in the kettle for others in need." If you missed the Red Kettles on July 2nd, it's still not too late to give. While the kettles at Christmas time and Christmas in July are an essential part of our annual fundraising, they cover only 25% of the services we provide local folks each year. Please drop-off or mail a check or money order made out to The Salvation Army to their local office located at 712 Pleasant Street. You may also donate gently used items and shop

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ALDI Reopens Gaylord Store After Undergoing Heavy Tornado Damage

The grocery retailer is welcoming back shoppers to its Gaylord location, which is now open

Gaylord, Mich. – July 18, 2022 — ALDI, recently voted #1 for lowest prices in Michigan* and one of the country's most trusted grocers,** welcomes shoppers back to its newly restored Gaylord location after undergoing heavy tornado damages this past

spring. The store located at 1366 W Main St., will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Sunday, beginning July 25th. "We're thankful to be re-opening our Gaylord store after experiencing such a devastating event, and extremely grateful for our

employees and trusted partners who helped us throughout the process," Ryan Fritsch, ALDI Weberville division vice president, said. "The entire community was affected in one way or another, and it's encouraging to see how quickly we've come to-

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WEEKLY CHOICE & CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS NAME GIRLS SOCCER ALL-AREA



Petoskey's Hayley Flynn is the player of the year

Tom Markham is Coach of the Year

BY BEN MURPHY

For just the second time ever, the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News have teamed up to form our all area girls soccer team. Action on the field this spring was once again highlighted by some high level talent.

Petoskey senior Hayley Flynn has been named the player of the year. The senior forward scored 14 goals and has six assists this spring, and was named to the second team all-state. She plans to continue playing at Hope College.

Cheboygan head coach Tom Markham has been named the coach of the year. He led the Lady Chiefs to a 13-5-1 record overall and they won the rugged Northern Michigan Soccer League East Division with a 12-1-1 mark.

Joining Flynn on the first team list are her teammate Emma Nicholson. Known as one of the best defensive players in the area, she will be continuing her career at Rocky Mountain College.

Cheboygan had the talented junior duo Kenzie Burt and Cassidy Jewell make first team honors as well. Burt had 15 goals and five assists and Jewell had 13 goals and nine assists to help the Chiefs to a fantastic season. Senior midfielder Elizabeth Markham also had four goals and five assists for Cheboygan.

Boyer City junior Elly Day had a solid season as well to earn her place on the first team. She kicked in 13

goals and had two assists. She is joined by teammates Maddie Smith (junior defender, five goals) and Braydin Noble (freshman midfielder, four goals, four assists).

Rounding out the first team honorees are Gaylord's Claire Gorno and Kate Mumford and Charlevoix's Mikayla Sharrow.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Hayley Flynn

BY ANDY SNEDDON

PETOSKEY – Hayley Flynn had the tools: Speed, quickness, dribbling ability, a knack for finding the goal

and open teammates.

She had another critical ingredient: tenacity.

Flynn finished her Petoskey High School soccer career on a high, scoring 14 goals with six assists to earn second team All-State honors from the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association and first team All-Big North Conference accolades.

The Hope College signee

is the Weekly Choice Player of the Year.

“Technically, she’s pretty gifted in terms of her dribbling and taking defenders on one versus one and she created some really nice goals from those moments,” Petoskey coach Zach Jonker said. “She also has a lot of intangibles. Her tenacity, her work rate, both on and off the ball, I thought were superior to anybody else in

the league.”

It is, perhaps, that drive and perseverance that set Flynn apart. Some of that surely came from the fact that she grew up with two older brothers who never cut her any slack.

“They definitely gave me my aggressiveness (and) they definitely toughened me up,” Flynn said. “They taught me how to defend myself because they were always picking on me and stuff like that.”

It also undoubtedly helped that Flynn, a four-year letter winner in soccer who graduated with a 3.60 grade point average, was the starting point guard on the Northern Michigan girls’ basketball team for three years. She helped that squad to the league title in 2022.

“When it comes to being a point guard, you’re always looking for a pass and for other people to get the best shot,” Flynn said. “In soccer, basketball really helped me to find the next pass, the better pass, to set someone else up. Even though I’m the center forward and I’m supposed to be going to the goal, I always had good awareness of where to go (with the ball).”

Said Jonker: “There’s a lot of shared characteristics between the two games and her vision is exceptional. She had a bunch of assists this season. I think it’s a carryover. Her footwork’s really good and I think that’s a carryover from basketball as well.”

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HAYLEY FLYNN - PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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Kennedy Neff - Gaylord



Sydney Deer - Gaylord



Kate Farley - Petoskey



Edith Boik - Grayling



Lydia Frasz - Boyne City

FIRST TEAM

- Hayley Flynn (12) Petoskey
PLAYER OF THE YEAR
- Kenzie Burt (11) Cheboygan
- Claire Gorno (10) Gaylord
- Emma Nicholson (12) Petoskey
- Kate Mumford (12) Gaylord
- Mackensy Wilson (10) Boyne City
- Cassidy Jewell (11) Cheboygan
- Ella Walsh (11) Boyne City
- Lily Scherbing (11) Boyne City
- Mikayla Sharrow (11) Charlevoix
- Elizabeth Markham (12) Cheboygan

SECOND TEAM:

- Ava Boss (10) Charlevoix
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- Sydney Deer (11) Gaylord
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- Tom Markham – Cheboygan
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DREAM TEAM

CONTINUED

Flynn, like every high school athlete over the past few years, endured unfortunate COVID-induced interruptions. But she, like her teammates and players in all sports across the nation, soldiered on.

“At the time when COVID first hit during the soccer season (in my) sophomore year, I didn’t really think much of it,” she said. “It was like, ‘It is what it is; it happened; you’ve got to get over it.’”

“Now when I think about it, it kind of upsets me because I’ll never know what I could have accomplished that year.”

In light of that, Flynn’s career numbers could certainly have been more stellar.

“Her total numbers are not really indicative about how great of a career she had,” Jonker said. “She’s just been a super

positive kid around the school that we’re going to miss. She’s pretty quiet, but she led by example with her work ethic at practice and in games.”

COACH OF THE YEAR Tom Markham

BY BEN MURPHY

What might have looked like a rebuilding year on paper turned out to be anything but on the field for the Cheboygan girls soccer team this spring. The Lady Chiefs rolled their way to a Northern Michigan Soccer League East Division title, and as a result head coach Tom Markham was named the Weekly Choice/Charlevoix County News Coach of the Year.

“It was really good (this year),” Markham, who wrapped up his fourth year with the team

said. “We won the conference outright last year and graduated eight starters but we came back this year and they had a really good follow up to that. We played really tough this year with a lot of grit and with a good bunch of kids.”

The Chiefs had two key victories over Tawas Area, both by one goal margins of 3-2 and 2-1. These proved vital to their East Division crown.

“We were very concerned with Tawas, especially going down to Tawas, since we hadn’t seen them yet,” Markham said. “We were certainly aware of their success last season and going down there and getting a win was a really good temperature tester in terms of how tough this team was going to be how composed this team could play. We saw them again at home and that was probably our best game of the season in terms of possession and fighting spirit. The second time we played them, both goals were

world class and really an indication of what this team could do.”

Cheboygan finished the year with a 13-5-1 overall record and 12-1-1 mark in league play; with their lone setback occurring to NMSL West Division champion McBain Northern Michigan Christian.

“It was a great season, and I am looking forward to next year,” Markham said. “A lot of these kids that just graduated, I had through travel soccer and club soccer. I have been coaching and involved with these kids since they were fourth and fifth graders, so it was fun to watch it all develop and see them earning some hardware at the end of it all was really special.

“We have some great kids coming back, like Kenzie Burt and Cassidy Jewell who are going to be dynamite to watch as seniors,” he added. “We have some kids coming up from the JV team that are going to be tough to contend with too.”

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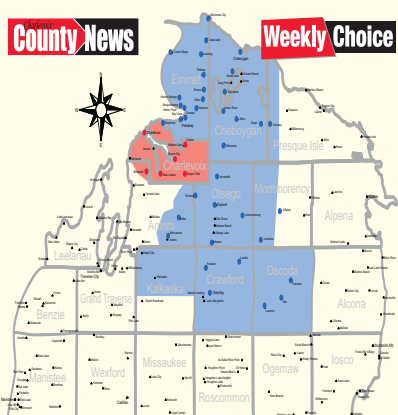
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East Jordan's Jayden Weber selected Player of the Year

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

Jayden Weber. FILE PHOTO
Coach Marc Sroufe FILE PHOTO

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 3 & 4, 2020

City votes to Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations

BY KAREN WALKER
The Charlevoix City Council held a special meeting last Friday, April 3, to consider an ordinance restricting the use, operation and licensing of lodging establishments within the City. The virtual meeting was held online and by phone via Zoom with approximately 40 people participating. City Manager Mark Heydiauff and City Attorney Scott Howard first presented the emergency ordinance to council members to "temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations during the State of Emergency" in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. After much discussion, Council members directed the City Attorney to make some changes to the proposed ordinance as injunctively presented, causing the Council to hold a second meeting the following day, Saturday, April 4th. The revisions included restricting the use of hotels and motels, and ensuring 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 citizens 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. Rentals may also be used to house persons working in COVID-19 mitigation and containment efforts and critical infrastructure workers so long as they comply with the Governor's executive orders relating to COVID-19. The Charlevoix City Council feels that continuing to allow short term rentals would promote the movement of people, exacerbating the spread of COVID-19. And adoption of the Emergency Ordinance was necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. While several meeting attendees voiced concern over enforcement of the ordinance, it ultimately was approved with a lone dissenting vote cast by Councilman Greg Bryan. 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. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has created a statewide hotline for COVID-19. The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-335-6138. Additionally, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has a Public Health Information Phone Line - 1-800-388-5659 and email publichealthinfo@nwhealth.org.

East Jordan Family Health Center employee receives positive Coronavirus test

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TRAIL GATE FOR OTSEGO COUNTY

Career Tech students build gate to be installed this summer

Students at the Northwest Education Services Career Tech Welding Program on Parsons Road in Traverse City closed out their school year with a successful project for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources that will help keep North Central State Trail users safe.

The students took on the task of building specialized rail-trail gates for segments of the trail in Otsego County. The gates are designed to allow nonmotorized users (people on foot, bicycles or horses) to pass through a small gap in the center, while preventing illegal off-road vehicle traffic. In the winter, the gates are fully opened to allow snowmobile and groomer traffic to pass unimpeded.

THE CHALLENGE

In collaboration with Lake State Railway and several state, county and local partnerships, the DNR in 2019 extended the North Central Trail (part of Michigan's Detroit-to-Ironwood Iron Belle Trail) into Otsego County.

The trail, running 75 miles from the Otsego/Crawford county line to Mackinaw City within an active railroad corridor, is open to nonmotorized traffic such as walking, biking and horseback riding in the summer and snowmobiles in the winter. Its hard-packed limestone surface is specifically chosen for durability and performance in either service, but was not designed or in-



A set of previously installed gates, similar to what will be installed along the North Central State Trail in Otsego County. (courtesy of DNR)



Northwest Education Services Career Tech Welding Program instructor Mark Stein, far right, stands with some of his welding students in front of one of the finished DNR trail gates. (courtesy of DNR)

tended for use by off-road vehicles.

Paige Perry, a recreation trails specialist with the DNR Parks and Recreation Division, said that shortly after the trail's completion, several people owned property adjacent to the trail began reporting increased illegal traffic on their property.

"This repeated trespassing put miles of connected, snowmobile-only trail in jeopardy, because it caused private landowners to re-

consider their land leases, jeopardized the safety of trail users and seriously damaged the trail surface," Perry said. "We were committed to resolving the problem in the safest, fastest possible way."

THE SOLUTION

The DNR has an established partnership with Onaway's Industrial Arts Institute to build a supply of gates for other areas of the North Central, North Eastern and North Western

state rail trails – areas that had undergone similar trespass and damage challenges.

The program's aim was to replace existing, aging trail bollards – those slender, upright poles usually placed in the center of trails to limit vehicle access – with a new gate design that improved on the bollards. With gates from the institute already committed to replacing bollards, the DNR saw an opportunity to partner with Northwest Education Services ("North Ed") Career Tech, a career and technical education school serving more than 20 high schools and over 1,100 juniors and seniors in the five-county Grand Traverse area, to meet emerging needs in and around the city of Gaylord.

"We reached out to North Ed to talk about our needs, and North Ed welding and fabrication technology instructor Mark Stein, who talked it over with his students," said Scott Thompson, a forest fire officer who works out of the DNR's Gaylord field office. "The welding program offered to build small batches of gates on a compressed time frame, with the same design."

The state's ORV Trail Improvement Fund paid for the raw materials, and the students got to work.

Thompson said the project provided opportunities for students to learn about design, layout, fabrication and welding, paired with the satisfaction of helping to solve a community problem. With Stein's guidance, the students completed the work during the last few days of the school year and ultimately delivering high-quality gates on time.

The gates will be installed this summer at a busy intersection, courtesy

of additional partnerships between the DNR and the Gaylord Area Trails Council. As needs arise, the DNR will order additional gate sets from North Ed for installation.

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