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Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof Announces his Resignation



ALLEN TELGENHOF

Today I submitted a letter to the Charlevoix County Commissioners and Circuit Judge Roy C. Hayes III indicating that I am stepping down from my position as prosecuting attorney and January 20 will be my last day in office. Pursuant to MCL 201.35, Judge Hayes will appoint my replacement.

It is fitting that on that last day in office, I will represent the People of the State of Michigan at the sentencing of a sexual predator that has preyed upon victims for many, many years. This case was my last trial as a prosecutor and is one of the best examples of

why I became a prosecutor. I want to thank the people of Charlevoix County for the trust they have shown in electing me three times to this position. When I ran for this office first back in 2012, my goal was to provide stability to the prosecuting attorney's office and that has occurred. I believe that one

should always leave things better than you found them and I know that I have done that with respect to this office.

We have a great, experienced team in place in the prosecuting attorney's office and they will continue to do great things. Thank you to these co-workers who have a job that can seem thankless but who are so important in supporting victims and holding offenders accountable.

I also want to thank the law enforcement community for their professionalism, bravery and hard work. Working alongside such devoted and selfless people has truly been an honor. Being a prosecutor has given me a unique appreciation for what officers go through. I have seen videos of officers having guns pulled on them, of officers being assaulted by subjects on the streets and at the jail, of officers going through doors showing no fear of what lies on the other side and even of officers being shot at and one officer being shot.

A while back I made the decision not to seek re-election in 2024 and am stepping down now because of an exciting opportunity that has arisen. I have been in elected office now for over 20 years, first as a school board member and now as a prosecutor, and it is time for me to be a "civilian" again.

I am excited about the new challenges in my life. I will be joining the law firm of Molosky and Company in Petoskey where I will go back to representing individuals and businesses as I did for over 20 years before running for prosecuting attorney. Also as many folks know, I have been involved in coaching for many years and in my spare time now I am assisting with Alpena Community College baseball and their athletic program as a whole. Making this change will allow me the flexibility to continue with that.

Lastly and most importantly, thank you to my family who has supported me and endured years of being in the public eye in a small town. I know it has not been easy at times and I appreciate their sacrifice.

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



PLAYER OF THE YEAR AMAYO BARDEQUEZ-BARERRA

BY BEN MURPHY

The new year is upon us, but there is still time to take on last look at the 2022 boys soccer season. The Charlevoix County News and Weekly Choice have combined efforts to bring you our annual Dream Team.

Winning player of the year honors is Boyne City junior midfielder Amayo Bardequez-Barerra. The speedy midfielder scored five goals and had six assists this year, and caused havoc all over the field for the Ramblers, garnering enough attention to earn Division 3's all-state second team honors.

Earning coach of the year honors is Petoskey's Zach Jonker. The Northmen had a great season, going 16-8-1 overall and finishing second in the rugged Big North Conference with a league mark of 8-2. Petoskey also won their third straight district championship.

Also on the first team is Petoskey senior Sawyer Webster. He had a really special season as the Northmen's do-it-all defender; even scoring 10 goals and 12 assists.

Other Petoskey players on first team, is senior goalie Jackson Jonker, who earned 12 shutouts in net this year. Teammate Ben Shuman had a big 10 goal and four assist season and talented midfielder Michael Squires, who had three goals and four assists and also earned all-state and all-league honors.

Also on first team is Charlevoix's Brady Collins, who had seven shutouts in goal for the Rayders and Ryan Lopez.

For Boyne City, Matt Spate gets first team honors, as he had 10 shutouts in goal. He is joined by teammate Adam Leaman.

Over at Cheboygan, Blaine Baldwin and Connor Gibbons were able to

have good seasons as well, helping the Chiefs survive a grueling Northern Michigan Soccer League schedule. Gibbons finished with 53 career goals and Baldwin played a key role for the Chiefs as both a defender and midfielder.

Rounding out the first team honors is Gaylord senior Charlie Holscher. Holscher, a captain with the Blue Devils had several highlights this season, including scoring two goals in a 3-0 win over Cadillac.

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**HIGH: 34
LOW: 26**

FRIDAY




**HIGH: 31
LOW: 26**

SATURDAY



**HIGH: 31
LOW: 21**

SUNDAY



**HIGH: 33
LOW: 28**

SNOWFALL

2022-23	Amount	City	2021-22	Amount	City
1/2/23	19	Boyer Falls	1/3/22	27	Boyer Falls
1/2/23	38.3	Charlevoix	1/3/22	19.9	Charlevoix
1/2/23	46	Cheboygan	1/3/22	18.3	Cheboygan
1/2/23	80.6	East Jordan	1/3/22	36.6	East Jordan
1/2/23	79.5	Gaylord	1/3/22	79.2	Gaylord
1/2/23	45.1	Kalkaska	1/3/22	69.2	Kalkaska
1/2/23	39.6	Onaway	1/3/22	32.2	Onaway
1/2/23	51.8	Petoskey	1/3/22	36.6	Petoskey

record temps

Day	Avg High	Avg Low	Record High	Year	Record Low	Year
JAN 5	26	13	45	2007	-14	2018
6	26	13	44	2008	-26	2018
7	25	12	48	2008	-15	1973
8	25	12	47	2008	-20	1981
9	25	12	44	1965	-24	1977
10	25	12	43	2018	-32	1982
11	25	12	49	2018	-22	1984
12	25	11	51	2013	-13	1966

OBITUARIES

Lisa Michelle Hoffert, 56

(FEB. 7, 1966 - DEC. 12, 2022)

Lisa Michelle Hoffert of East Jordan died on Monday, December 12, 2022, at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.



She was born on February 7, 1966, in San Diego, California. She grew up in Phoenix, Arizona and graduated from Greenway High School in 1984. Lisa worked as a nurse's aide for many years.

She enjoyed spending time with her loved ones, family, friends, and grandchildren. She made her life about traveling and making memories with those she loved. She spent a lot of time outdoors planting her flowers, watching the birds, and caring for her animals. She took pride in serving as a volunteer Firefighter and EMT for 3 years at the Selma township fire department. She also loved serving her patients as a nursing aide.

Lisa is survived by her; Beloved Jeff Hahn of Hope, three children, Tim (Megan) Fazio of Boyne City, Christa (James) Willingham of East Jordan and Justin Fazio of Phoenix, Arizona; twelve grandchildren, Jayde, Lennix, Parker, Allison, Collin, Christopher, Chloe, Kaihman, Kameryn, Coltin, Alayla and Nolan; her parents, Diane and Fred Fleischfresser of Cadillac; and two brothers, Tony (Kristie) Fleischfresser of Cadillac and Jeff Adamson of Southport, North Carolina.

She was preceded in

death by her biological father, Jack Lee Adamson; and her two brothers Jack Lee Adamson, Jr. and Ronald Fleischfresser.

A memorial service will be held on February 4th, 2023, at 11 A.M. at the Harvest Barn Church in East Jordan.

Alice M. Muma, 86

(DEC. 14, 1936 - DEC. 22, 2022)

Alice Marjorie Muma of Charlevoix passed away December 22, 2022.



She was born to John and Isabelle (Smith) Noseworthy, on December 14, 1936 in St. Johns, Newfoundland.

Alice completed high school in Stephenville, Newfoundland. She married Earl Muma on December 2, 1954, in Stephenville, Newfoundland. She was always volunteering her time to others. When she wanted to relax, she would work on puzzles and needlepoint.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Roberta Marion De-pover.

Alice is survived by her husband Earl; children, Allen, Robert, and Sharon Seymour; grandchildren, Justin Muma of Charlevoix, Michigan, Alanah Brown of Charlevoix, Michigan, Shelby Seymour of Charlevoix, Michigan, and Tabitha Milewski of Quantico, Virginia.

A Memorial service will be held Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. with visi-

tation continuing until 7:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Memorial contributions in Alice's honor may be made to the Charlevoix Humane Society, or the Rainbow Shop.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Joyce Davenport, 85

(APRIL 12, 1937 - JAN. 1, 2023)

Joyce (Cunningham) Davenport



passed away peacefully in her beloved hometown of Charlevoix on the morning of New Year's Day. She was 85 years old. Joyce was the daughter of lifetime residents "Hap" and Norma Cunningham, and a loving wife of 65 years to Dean Davenport. She is survived by Dean, their three children, Chris Way (Charlevoix), Terry Davenport (Seattle), Jodi Cole (Springfield, IL), 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In many ways, hers is a love story.

Her love story with Dean remarkably began when they first met the day she was born. Dean's mother had just given birth to his sister Mona and as fate later wrote, there in the next bed, Norma had given birth to their middle daughter, Joyce. They always counted this day as their first date.

Of course, they went on to be sweethearts at Charlevoix High. As a Red Rayder, she was a singer in the school glee club (and Methodist church choir), a perennial cheerleader, and as a senior class officer helped to petition for and organize the school's inaugural Homecoming festivities. Eventually she was voted the school's first-ever Homecoming queen, went on to be Charlevoix Venetian Festival queen, then on the queen's court of the Traverse City National Cherry Festival.

She graduated in 1955 and joined Dean at Central Michigan University where they started their family while Dean played varsity basketball, and returned four years later to earn a Master's degree that launched his career - and their lives together - in and around athletics.

She loved her sports.

During the 18 years that Dean ran the City of Charlevoix summer recreation program, Joyce was a fixture both on and off the city softball fields - running the concession stand and giving out free sodas to the Peanut League winners, coaching a girl's ponytail league team, even playing fast pitch softball herself for many years until an attempted stop of a line-drive resulted in a career ending compound fracture of her ring finger.

For years as she followed Dean's coaching and teaching career across the country, Joyce raised her family and took college courses at every stop: University of California at Northridge, Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt Pleasant, Ferris State University in Big Rapids... eventually earning her B.S. degree in Elementary Education and later, thanks to long drives to night classes,

her masters from Central Michigan University.

Landing in Big Rapids in 1970, Joyce became everyone's favorite 4th grade teacher for the next 24 years and a beloved and involved citizen. For over 15 years she directed the holiday Festival of Trees benefiting the local hospital, eventually being recognized by the community as Humanitarian of the Year in 2016.

She was always a fan and supporter. For 14 years as Dean was Director of Athletics at Ferris State University, Joyce was the Bulldog's #1 fan and a fixture at home games from football to volleyball, from tennis to hockey and basketball. Not much changed as they both retired and continued to follow their beloved Bulldogs to multiple hockey Frozen Fours, and national championships in football and men's basketball.

But no matter where the school year took them, their teaching careers meant summers were always in Charlevoix the Beautiful.

She loved summers in Charlevoix.

Joyce loved watching her kids grow up and she became everyone's "summer-mom" for years of gatherings at the cottage: volleyball games on the sand or in the shallow waters, a favorite mooring spot for ski boats and Hobie Cats, basketball games in the driveway out back and marathon battles of cottage-rules croquet on the lawn in front (if it was doubles, she picked a partner and won more often than not).

As Kids turned into Grandchildren, like-aged cousins were teamed and hosted for weeks of "Camp Gramp", where she may not have had top-billing, but she dressed them in annual team colors and helped teach the next generation everything from tennis to golf, and all the cottage favorites.

She also touched many north country local and summer families beyond her own. Charlevoix Junior Golf kept Joyce and Dean busy corralling over 2,000 future lifelong golfers aged 8-15 on host golf courses across the North since they founded it in 1994. The program's reputation grew overtime, honored by the American Junior Golf Association for 25 years of service. The season ending tournament is now named after them.

Of course summer in Charlevoix means the annual Venetian Festival and Joyce was involved. Hosting the queen pageant contest for many years and running the croquet tournament as part of the popular Venetian Games. She and Dean actually triumphed as doubles champions in 2021 (she clearly carried the team to victory).

A celebration of Joyce's wonderful life is being planned - for the summer of course.

To celebrate her life and loves, memorial contributions can be made to the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's Scholarship Fund at Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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

Ruthie Clark, 80

(JAN. 25, 1942 - DEC. 30, 2022)

Ruth Ann "Ruthie" Clark took her last breath at 11:50 p.m. on December 30, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family and beloved dog, Penny.



Ruthie was born January 25, 1942, to Erwin George (Scotty) and Ruby Ellen Bedell in Charlevoix, MI. Ruthie had a love for animals from a young age, starting with raising lambs at the family home on M-88 north of town, continuing into her adult years adding chickens, turkeys, horses, goats, dogs, cats, birds, and llamas.

High school years, Ruthie played basketball, submitted sewing projects in 4-H, skied at Glacier Hills, and played baritone in the band. She graduated from Bellaire High School in 1960 and maintained close friendships with many of her classmates, seeing many of them at her 62nd Class Reunion last Fall. On October 13, 1962, Ruthie married her high school sweetheart, Jere Clark, at the United Methodist Church in Bellaire and celebrated 60 years of marriage this year.

Ruthie held many jobs in her lifetime including Bud's Grill, Tony's Gas Station, and over 30 years driving school bus for special needs children. In 1980, Ruthie fulfilled her dream of owning a restaurant when she purchased the Dairy Twist on Main Street, changing the name to Ruthie's Dairy and Chicken Twist. Adding to the menu her home-cooked recipes and generous portions of ice cream treats, mixed with her kind heart and warm, welcoming smile, Ruthie's Dairy Twist quickly became well-known and loved amongst local residents and seasonal visitors throughout Michigan and beyond for the last 42 years.

Ruthie is survived by husband, Jere Clark; children, Patti Lowery, Jan Clark (Steve Lacy), Jill Clark, Jon Michael Clark (Tammy Bailey), Jennie Clark, Jason Clark, Julie Clark, Jeffrey Ricky Clark, and Jere Casey; 27 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren; sister, Mary Ellen Rhea; nephews and niece, Scott (Karen) Rhea, Kurt (Tina) Rhea, JoEllen Snyder, and Tom Rhea.

She was preceded in death by her parents Scotty and Ruby Bedell and her son, Jack Bedell (Jackie) Clark.

Funeral services will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at the Kearney Township Hall, 4820 Aero Park Dr., Bellaire, MI 49615. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes and on Saturday from 12:00 p.m. until the time of services 2:00 p.m. at the Kearney Township Hall.

For those unable to attend, Ruthie's funeral service will be live streamed here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89806060465?pwd=djRxclhxc3I4Q2NlcnJkdjFwRHUrQT09> Meeting ID: 898 0606 0465 Passcode: hello

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to 'With a little help from my friends' or Antrim County Commission on

Aging.

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

Jerome A. Stephenson, 93

(APRIL 11, 1929 - DEC. 28, 2022)

Jerome A. Stephenson of Brutus passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Born in Detroit, Michigan on April 11, 1929, he was the son of Melvin and Myrtle (Maul) Stephenson.



Jerry was raised on the family farm in Harbor Beach Michigan where he graduated from high school. After graduation, he left the farm and lived in Port Huron, where he met the love of his life, Noreen, and they were married July 20, 1950. After their marriage they settled in St. Clair Shores where they lived and raised their family. They were blessed with a son, Michael, and a daughter, Jeannie. Road trips across America with their young family were memorable, especially Yellowstone Park. The farm years were always special to Jerry, which were shared by frequent visits and stories often told to family and friends. Jerry was employed at the City of St. Clair Shores for 33 years where he retired as Superintendent of the Water Department. After retirement in 1983, they moved North to Burt Lake.

Jerry enjoyed many years of fishing, snowmobiling, and caring for his beautiful yard and gardens. He was an avid reader. He loved meeting and talking with people, along with helping in any way he could.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 72 years, Noreen (Hill) Stephenson; two children, Michael Stephenson of Boyne City and Jeannie Stephenson of Ponshe-waing; grandchildren, Gretchen Cleary (Mark Crump) of Petoskey, Kristopher Cleary of Ponshe-waing; great-grandchildren, Ava Barlock and Olivia Crump of Petoskey; sister, Dorothy Elliott and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Bethany Chesney.

Services will take place in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family on his guestbook at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com/obituaries/jerome-stephenson

Maxine Elaine Bates, 95

(MARCH 29, 1927 - DEC. 26, 2022)

Maxine Elaine Bates of Boyne City, passed away at home on Monday, December 26, 2022. A graveside service will be held next summer at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

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began in 2020 and, last year, the health department provided 66 radon test kits to the community during National Radon Action Month," said Jeremy Fruk, HDNW Environmental Health Director. "In addition to helping residents test for radon in their homes—something that should be done every two years—we donated the food we collected to an area pantry to help those in need."

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas. You cannot see, smell or taste radon gas and there are no short-term effects that warn you of exposure.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, behind smoking, resulting in an estimated 21,000 deaths annually, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Radon exposure is highly preventable and can be mitigated

at a relatively low cost to homeowners.

To help residents learn more about radon levels in their county, Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has created a one-stop website. The site has a search-by-county function where residents can learn about local radon levels, access contact information for the local health department and state radon officer, and link through to more educational resources.

MEASURING LEVELS

Radon is measured in picocuries per liter, with a symbol of pCi/L. One pCi/L means that in 1 liter of air, there will be 2.2 radioactive breakdowns each minute. The average national indoor radon level is 1.3 pCi/L.

HDNW's jurisdiction's averages are:

Antrim: 1.5 pCi/L

Charlevoix: 1.9 pCi/L

Emmet: 2.1 pCi/L

Otsego: 4.0 pCi/L

The EPA has established 4 pCi/L as the level where mitigation is recommended.

Testing every two years is recommended as buildings settle and slight cracks in the foundation can result in changing radon levels. Tests should be done in the lowest level of the home or building. Elevated radon levels can be reduced by installing radon reduction systems to help reduce radon to acceptable levels.

Radon test kits can be traded for a nonperishable food item at HDNW offices Monday-Friday between 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. until January 31, 2023. For more information about radon test kits, please call 800-432-4121.

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COMMUNITY LEADERS

Significant Principles Of Our Community Leaders

BY JOHN KEYSER

With the busy Christmas season, families visiting, children at home, I postponed meeting with community leaders for a few weeks. This said, I am writing about some of the insightful messages that were shared with me in my meetings with community leaders during the past year.

"As a child of God, I can do wonderful things, help

make our world better"

"I hire those who are thinkers as well as doers. They speak up, contribute ideas, don't wait to be told"

"Try new ideas, some will work, some won't, which is okay. This is a path to improvement"

"Every day is special"

"Spend time outdoors, and help others with outdoor activities"

"Be a doer, a thinker, en-

courage others to contribute ideas, help others succeed, be kind, be tireless"

"Dream big, set goals, work hard, give back"

"Encourage and be open to new ideas and advice"

"Volunteer, and encourage others to volunteer as well"

"Protect our lake and shoreline, they are our treasures"

"Help the disadvantaged,

those with special needs, help better their lives"

"Humility and allowing ourselves to be vulnerable are attractive"

"Treat our team members with empathy, dignity and encourage their ideas"

"Help our handicapped neighbors to function effectively"

Just as our community leaders are treasures, so are their principles. As a community, we are blessed, for sure!

LEADERSHIP

What Are Our Strengths?

Areas Of Potential Improvement?

BY JOHN KEYSER

Striving for continuous improvement is a path to success.



JOHN KEYSER

It is not difficult, arduous or especially time-consuming. We just need to appreciate that we always need to learn and grow. We all do.

With our development comes personal satisfaction. It really is stimulating to learn and improve, to be better than before, and it absolutely increases our effectiveness as a leader and enhances achievements in our business and career.

We need humility, to know we can improve, and to be open-minded and self-aware.

Knowing and admitting our areas of potential improvement is a sign of our modesty and in itself is a strength.

What are our strengths? And what are the areas in which we are less effective?

Using our strengths is key in the value we contribute to our business and to our team members. Yet, even with our strengths, we can be mindful of how we may improve even these gifts.

As is true with so many things, our commitment is key. There are a great many resources readily available for our continued professional development, both our technical knowledge as well as our emotional intelligence, e.g., our soft skills, which are so important.....attentive listening, our patience, our gratitude, and how we relate to others, how we are perceived and received by others, how we show up.

Leaders I especially admire embody this desire to continually improve, e.g., a leader of a very successful business is repeatedly described by her people as a lifelong learner, that she is always

asking purposeful open-ended questions. Numerous established and respected leaders in business continue to request 360 assessments of their leadership as they are committed to be the best version of themselves.

In addition, numerous priests we know are committed to further develop their leadership of their ministries and accessing helpful resources and seeking valuable feedback. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm of their parishioners and others in their communities.

We can all learn from one another and seeking feedback from our manager and our teammates is always helpful, and bear in mind not to dismiss what someone has to offer because we do not especially admire that person. She may not be 100% accurate, but what if she is partially accurate? Big and even small improvements help our effectiveness.

Available resources include countless insightful short articles, TED Talks and leadership books.

Fortunately, there are a great many who have achieved success in the business world and who feel a responsibility to help their team members learn and develop—that their success comes from the success of others.

Keeping a journal of our leadership development journey is helpful. What gets measured, gets improved!

While our continued development does require time and work, it is a wise investment to help with our effectiveness and career goals. It really is not all that much work—and it is truly personally satisfying as well as professionally rewarding.

Let's all commit to continue our learning and development.

What is one step we could take this week to become a better version of our self in helping those with whom we work?

U. S. MILITARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH



GEORGE THOMAS LASATER

County Michigan and future law enforcement career with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office. George was elected Sheriff of

Charlevoix County in 1977, and after 32 years of dedicated service, he would retire in 2008. He was the longest serving sheriff in Michigan, and will always be remembered as a fair law enforcement officer. After retirement he began a career as a private investigator and during this time, was elected as a Charlevoix County Commissioner again serving the citizens of his county. George was a member of the Boyne City American Legion Post #228, and was instrumental in creating and funding much of the Boyne City Veterans memorial by authoring 2 books on area Veterans. On May 27, 2022, George Thomas Lasater answered the final call and is being honored by his family and the Ernest Peterson Post #228 of the American Legion, Boyne City Michigan.

The Veteran of the month of January 2023 is George Thomas Lasater. Born June 22, 1937 in Flint Michigan to parents Lucian and Grace Lasater. He attended school in Paragould Arkansas, graduating in the class of 1955. While in school, George lettered in football and basketball. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served 4 years as a trained Medic and Surgical Assistant, stationed in Alaska; Washington State; and Maine. Receiving an Honorable Discharge from

Military Service in 1959, he then attended Arkansas State University and earned his Bachelor of Education Degree in 2 1/2 years. He then began teaching at Wayne Memorial School in metro Detroit Michigan. There he would meet and marry Margaret Hawley. Soon after they would move to Boyne City Michigan where they raised their 3 children. George would then begin teaching 4th grade at the Morgan Shaw School. Later he would take a job as District Court Probation Officer for Emmet

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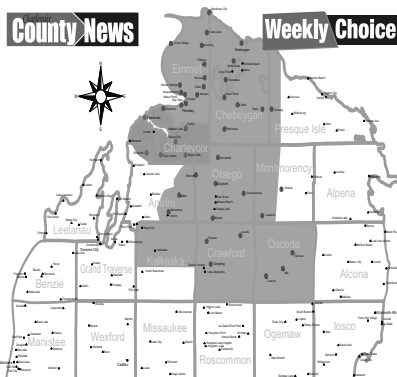
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MANCELONA SNO-X BUMP & RUN

January 6, 7, 8 at Northern Power Race Park, 2201 Valley Rd. Jan. 6 - Ditchbanger Races start at 6:30pm

Jan. 7 - Sno-X starting at 10:30am. Winter Wonder Slam. Stock & modified cars bump N run starts at 1pm

Jan. 8 - Sno-X

SNO-X 2022-23 schedule at Northern Power Race Park
Jan 7-8 Rounds 3 & 4
Jan 21 Round 5
Feb 4-5 Rounds 6 & 7
Feb 11 Round 8
March 18 State Finals

CHARLEVOIX ICE FISHING 101 WITH ERIC CRISSMAN

January 10, 6pm. Ever wanted to try ice fishing? Ice fishing is a family friendly and enjoyable way to get outside during our winter months. Come find out what you need to start ice fishing the lakes in the Northern Michigan. You will learn about equipment, bait, where to fish, cold weather clothing, and ice safety, so come stay warm while learning about ice fishing.

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Feb. 3, 4. Friday Noon - 6pm, Saturday 8am - Noon. Michigan's richest snowmobile fun run. Ride to area businesses for your chance to win gift certificates or the grand prize of \$1,000. Pre-register on-line at www.GaylordMichigan.net or in person at the Gaylord Tourism Bureau, 319 W. Main St. After Party Saturday, 5-9pm. Complimentary food, cash bar, prize drawings & live music with Exit 282 at Eagles Hall, 515 S. Wisconsin. Thank you to this year's generous sponsors - Sled Shed, The Natural at Beaver Creek Resort, Extreme Power Sports, Sledhouse Snowmobile Rentals, County Wide Adventures and John Taylor Painting.

GAYLORD CONCERT

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GAYLORD EXTREME POWER SPORTS 250

February 11-12. Back for its fourth year, the Extreme Powersports 250 is a Pro Enduro Sprint race that brings racers and spectators together for 2 days of ice track excitement! With a variety of racing classes and 2 solid days of competition, this event is an instant cure for the January blues.

GAYLORD GAYLORD ALL OUTDOORS TRI-45 WINTER TRIATHLON

March 4. Race Director Meagan Rinck says, "Why limit triathlons to just the summer? There is no off season, there is a new season." 5 K cross-country ski, 10K fat tire bike and 5K run...all in the wintery wonderland surrounding Treetops Resort.

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The Boyne Area Free Clinic is now accepting Medicaid. Open Fridays, 8am - 4pm

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EAST JORDAN COMMUNITY BAND

The Jordan Valley Community Band is looking for new members, all musicians welcome! We especially would like to have you join us if you play French Horn, Trombone or Clarinet. The Jordan Valley Community Band plays concerts on Thursday evenings in July at 7:30 PM in the East Jordan Memorial Park Bandshell. For more information or questions about joining the band, contact Becky at 231-675-0543. The Jordan Valley Community Band will once again be part of the East Jordan Jubilee of Trees for 501-C3's. Please join us at The Boathouse on Lake Charlevoix, Saturday, November 26 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM where the band will be performing your favorite Christmas Carols.

BOYNE CITY FREE FLU SHOTS

Boyerne City EMS has a large stock of flu shots and would like to share them with the public. They are now available free of charge at the EMS garage next to City Hall. To make an appointment please call EMS 231-582-9535, text 231-350-2589 or email EMS@boynecity.com. If you are homebound, we will come to your home to give you your flu shot.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

This program provides limited support for Snow Removal though an income qualifying voucher system only for seniors, 60 years of age and older, who are full-time Charlevoix County residents/homeowners. Seniors 60 years or older who are full-time Charlevoix County residents/homeowners must complete the Snow Removal Self Declaration Form, return it to the Charlevoix County COA along with the latest Income Tax Reporting Form 1040 or 1040A as proof of total household income and proof of residency in the form of a copy of property taxes or rental agreement.

EAST JORDAN TEEN CENTER

The Depot Teen Center Located in the Teen Zone at 214 Main St. Serving 6th-12th Graders throughout Northern Michigan Wednesdays & Fridays after school until 6pm. EJDepot.org. (231) 222-2224. DepotJVTeenCenter@gmail.com

BOYNE CITY AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB

Fridays 3:30-4:30pm, Ages 12+ at Boyne District Library. After school drawing, collage, paper crafts, and making stuff while watching anime or other cartoons. Creativity required. Art Club for ages 12+ meets Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm. You can chill and make whatever you want.

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.

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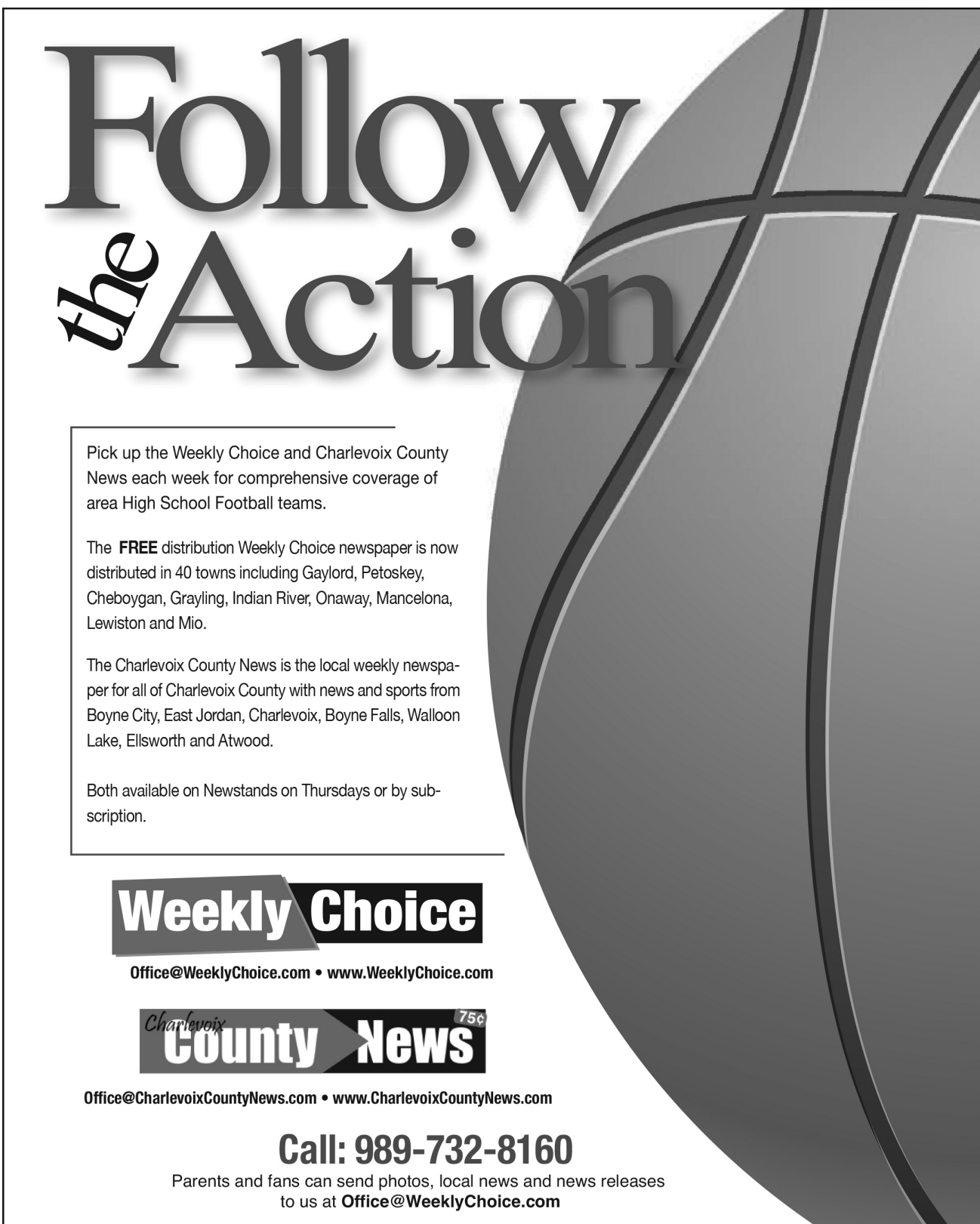
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DNR welcomes 12 new Conservation Officers

Jacob Robinson of Boyne City is among the group

LANSING – One of the most selective law enforcement academies in the state, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Academy hosted graduation Friday, Dec. 16, at the Michigan State Police Training Academy in Lansing, welcoming 11 men and one woman into the ranks of some of the most highly trained law enforcement professionals in Michigan.

Fifteen candidates initially were selected from nearly 400 applicants to be a part of Recruit School #11 – the DNR's 23-week training academy that started July 10.

"Congratulations to Michigan's newest conservation officers, and thank you for your service and willingness to step into this unique and valued law enforcement career," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "Conservation officers play an important role in protecting our state's natural resources, ensuring that our children and grandchildren can continue to enjoy the same hunting, fishing, camping and other outdoor traditions we are fortunate to have today. Whether your work is on land or water, we wish each of you a long, safe and successful career as you honor your commitment to caring for our communities and treasured outdoor spaces."

While their primary mission is to enforce fish, game and natural resource protection laws, conservation officers serve a unique role as certified law enforcement officers with authority to



Members of Recruit School #11 pose with academy and executive staff from the Michigan DNR Law Enforcement Division on the state Capitol steps Friday in Lansing. In January, the 12 probationary conservation officers – 11 men and one woman – will continue their training by rotating county assignments to receive real-life experience in handling fish, game, recreational safety, general criminal and other situations.

enforce all of Michigan's criminal laws. Because of their specialized training and versatility, conservation officers often are first responders to situations involving medical emergencies, missing persons and public safety threats.

"It's an honor to welcome the DNR's newest conservation officers into the law enforcement family," said Dave Shaw, chief of the DNR Law Enforcement Division. "Our staff takes great pride in training these recruits, physically and mentally, so they are prepared to handle any situation they're presented as officers."

Conservation officers receive training to operate specialized vehicles, such as four-wheel-drive trucks, off-road vehicles and patrol boats – everyday tools to patrol Michigan's lakes, rivers, streams, and state land and forests.

Recruits were challenged in a variety of ways as they underwent training to qualify for the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards testing, in addition to specialized training in conservation law.

"I am very passionate about protecting Michigan's natural resources, and I love the standard that con-

servation officers hold themselves to," said probationary Conservation Officer Joey Closser, who represented Recruit School #11 as the graduation speaker. "I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself and make a positive difference in the state of Michigan."

The academy began each morning with physical training, building the recruits' strength to prepare them for physical fitness testing and the career demands of a conservation officer. Following physical training and room inspections, recruits received classroom instruction and

various skills training.

Each week recruits were tested through both written exam and scenarios. In the scenario testing, recruits entered staged situations in which they had to demonstrate their learned skills to resolve a conflict.

"Experiencing this journey with my class and becoming a team as Recruit School #11 was the best part of this journey," Closser said. "Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. You can do way more than you think you can. The instructors brought out the best in us and gave us all the tools we need to professionally and safely make a

positive difference for our state."

Next month, the new officers will begin their probationary field training, partnered with veteran officers, and receive additional training before reporting to their permanent county assignments.

The new probationary conservation officers, their hometowns and Michigan county assignments upon completing field training are:

Michael Anderson, from L'Anse, assigned to Baraga.
Brandon Benedict, from Muskegon, assigned to Shiawassee.

Les Bleil, from Pontiac, assigned to Wayne.

Wesley Butler, from Grand Rapids, assigned to Clinton.

Joseph Closser, from Woodhaven, assigned to Saginaw.

Griffin Korican, from Ann Arbor, assigned to Oakland.

Jordan Luz, from Grand Ledge, assigned to Eaton.

Nickalaus McNamee, from Bennett, Colorado, assigned to Saginaw.

Jacob Robinson, from Boyne City, assigned to Montcalm.

Steven Sajtar, from Battle Creek, assigned to Menominee.

Peter Shambaugh, from Ann Arbor, assigned to Ontonagon.

Elliot Worel, from Spring Lake, assigned to Calhoun.

Founded in 1887, the DNR Law Enforcement Division is Michigan's oldest statewide law enforcement agency.



The latest winter finch forecast from the Finch Research Network predicted purple finches, common and hoary redpolls, pine siskins and evening grosbeaks such as the one seen here would be on the move this year. Learn about Michigan's suite of winter finches and how to attract them to your space by visiting the MI Birds webpage. (Photo courtesy Farrell Steiner.)

DNR guide to Michigan winter finches

As winter begins across Michigan, bird-watchers are eagerly awaiting the arrival of winter finches, which are moving in large numbers outside their typical range.

The latest winter finch forecast from the Finch Research Network predicted purple finches, common and hoary redpolls, pine siskins and evening grosbeaks would be on the move this year. Michigan might also see pine grosbeaks, red crossbills and white-winged crossbills.

These birds depend on the cone and berry crops of the boreal (Earth's northernmost) forest for food each winter. When there is not enough food, they will migrate outside of their usual wintering grounds. This unusual migratory

movement is called an irruption, which will bring northern finches south into lower Ontario, the Great Lakes and beyond. Irruptions don't happen every year, which makes winter finch sightings this year particularly magical.

Learn how to identify and where to find a few of these winter gems:

Purple finch

A small finch, its males have a raspberry-red head, breast and back. Females have thickly streaked undersides, with a whitish eyebrow and dark line down the side of the throat.

Find them in wooded and semi-open areas, including forests, suburbs, swamps and overgrown fields.

Pine siskin

This bird behaves like a goldfinch but is brown and

streaked like a sparrow. It has a sharp, pointed bill and subtle yellow edges on its wing and tail feathers.

Find them in semi-open areas, woodland edges and weedy fields.

Evening grosbeak

Colorful, chunky and large-billed, males are yellow and black with a bold white patch in the wing. Females are mostly gray with a yellow wash on the neck and white and black wings.

Find them in noisy flocks at bird feeders and in box elders, maples, woodlands and fruiting shrubs.

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DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(I'll Be Nice, But I'll Tell the Truth)

Dear Dave,
I'm 32 and a teacher. My house is my only debt, and there's \$55,000 left on my mortgage. My parents always taught my brother and I about saving and being smart with money. The other day, mom and dad offered to pay off the rest of my mortgage by loaning me the money with a very small interest rate. I know you don't like the idea of mixing money and family, but considering I have a great relationship with my parents, what do you think about this offer?

Lacy

Dear Lacy,
I'm going to make a suggestion before saying don't do this. See what I did there?

But seriously, I'd recommend they just make the money a gift and reduce your portion of any later inheritance by that amount. By doing this, you could help reduce the possibility of your brother feeling slighted in any way.

I would never loan my kids money. And here's why: One hundred percent of the time, the Bible says the borrower is slave to the lender. That doesn't exempt parents and their kids. No matter how nice your masters are, you're still a slave

in this kind of situation—and you'll feel it. Family dinners and get-togethers are different when you're sitting down to eat with your masters—your creditors—instead of just good ol' Mom and Dad.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting you should act ungrateful that they offered a loan instead of a gift. It's a generous thing either way. But if they don't want to go the gift route, that's fine. You have a good job, a nice home, and you'll be okay. The thing is, I just wouldn't want to take a chance on straining a great relationship—or even ruining it—because of money.

Lacy, you're 32, a teacher and a homeowner. In my mind that says a lot about you, your maturity and your work ethic. That being the case, I get how this could be a weird thing for you to do. So, I'm going to give you an out: Blame me. Just tell them you talked to me, and I said don't do the loan idea. Tell them I gave you the make-it-a-gift-tied-to-the-inheritance idea.

If your mom or dad wants to talk to me about things, that's fine. I'll be kind to them. But I'll tell the truth like I always do.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband co-signed a loan for an old girlfriend four years ago. Apparently, she hasn't made a payment in almost two years, and a collection agency called

him last week wanting the balance of \$3,000. We make about \$80,000 a year combined, and an attorney we spoke with recommended we file bankruptcy. Is this really the best thing to do?

Scarlett

Dear Scarlett,
If you have the money, and you can pay it off without putting yourselves in a bind financially, do it. That's the right thing to do, both morally and legally. If you don't have that kind of cash on hand, try haggling with them. See if they'll agree to settle for \$1,500. At this point, they might even take less. But if they go for the idea, do not give them electronic access to your bank account. Make sure you get the agreement in writing, too, before sending them a penny.

Here's the deal. This collector bought the loan for pennies on the dollar. It's an old debt, and that means the expectation for collection is very low. At the same time, your husband did co-sign for the loan. They'll probably threaten to sue and whatnot, but my guess is you can work something out. It might take two or three weeks—and a little patience—but that's a small price to pay if it saves you a bunch of money.

Oh, and the attorney you talked to? He doesn't sound very bright. A bankruptcy stays on your record for years. Trashing your financial life over \$3,000 would be stupid.

Good luck, Scarlett!

**** Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week.**

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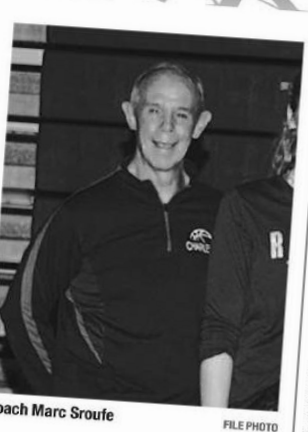
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East Jordan's Jayden Weber selected Player of the Year

Charlevoix's Marc Sroufe is Coach of the Year



Jayden Weber.



Coach Marc Sroufe

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 absent 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

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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 virtual meeting was held online and by phone via Zoom with approximately 40 people participating.

City Manager Mark Heydlauff and City Attorney Scott Howard first presented the 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 initially 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.

Health Department offers drive-through testing at Fairground

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Emmet County Northern Michigan Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan, the Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the Petoskey Department of Public Safety will be offering appointment based, drive-through testing at the Emmet County Fairgrounds beginning Wednesday, April 1st through Friday, April 17th from noon - 4pm Monday through Friday for patients 12 and older. This testing facility is for individuals who have seen their primary care provider, have been determined to meet the criteria for testing, and have a lab slip. The drive-through testing facility will utilize a recently approved FDA testing method with nasal swab.

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 1-888-535-6138. Additionally, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has a Public Health Information Phone Line - 1-800-386-5659 and email publichealthinfo@nrhealth.org.

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. Direct colleagues of this employee have been under delegated "self-monitoring" since March 25th and will continue for a minimum of 14 days. This individual had a history of downstate Michigan travel and was involved with a large group setting.

The Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers have taken significant measures to prevent the transmission of Coronavirus within our facilities. The health center will continue these daily prevention efforts and will continue to monitor the Coronavirus situation in our workplace and throughout northern MI. As a result of these proactive measures, employees and patients of Belleaire and East Jordan Family Health Centers remain at a low risk for exposure to the Coronavirus.

All staff of the Belleaire 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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COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN FANTASTIC ELMIRA LOCATION



BY JIM AKANS

This week's feature listing is a commercial building, which was formerly a convenience store, in a prime spot in the charming village of Elmira.

This commercial building was the former location

of Pat & Buds convenience store which was a "must-stop" destination for many years with a variety of items, a deli and a pizzeria for local shoppers as well as out of town visitors. Featuring approximately 3,124 square feet of space, parking in front and on the side of the building, plus a heart

of downtown Elmira location, the business opportunities for the property are virtually endless.

Recent upgrades to the property include a well and septic system. This is an excellent opportunity for creating a new business or for those looking to expand.

This commercial build-

ing is located at 8869 West M-32 in Elmira is listed at just \$99,900. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Stark, Associate Brokers, at EXP Realty - 109 Mill Street, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollysUpNorth@gmail.com



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HOW TO MAKE A HOUSE LOOK "BIGGER AND BETTER".

One sure way for you house to appear larger-and more appealing-is if clutter is eliminated and furniture and household goods are reorganized.

In fact, the time to have a garage sale is before you put your house on the market, not after it is sold!

When you decide to sell, start going through your closets and cupboards, eliminating items you don't want to keep.

Do the same in the garage and backyard.

Get rid of, or store, the odds and ends. It's interesting to note that the more someone lives in a home, the more used to the clutter they become.

Unfortunately, closets, cupboards and garages brimming with "old treasures" make a home look small and cramped to a prospective buyer. Sellers should also carefully examine their furniture, and consign items that are not needed to the storage or the garage sale. Most homes occupied by the same owner for several years tend to be somewhat over-furnished. Erring on the side of space, not clutter, makes for a more marketable home.

Another "item" that adds to the clutter of a home are excess knickknacks. Scrutinize the kitchen for

rarely used utensils/gadgets; miscellaneous items in closets and cupboards, even small furniture and throw rugs, that can be neatly stored.

Pack or give away clothing that will not be worn as well.

Rearrange and organize. Remove as many articles as possible from the kitchen and bathroom countertops to the cupboards below-they'll still be within handy reach in the newly created space. Organize closets. Clear off your night stands and buffereaus.

Size up the arrangement of your furniture-any room for improvement there?

Examine the walls and windows. Do they need repainting or new window coverings?

For some expert, objective advice, have your real estate professional go through the home. Realtors know what enhances a property's appearance -- and what hinders it.

One last hint -- don't forget the outside. Sweep the garage and sidewalks, trim the lawn and bushes, wash all the windows, inside and out. It all helps to make your home look fresher, lighter-and larger.

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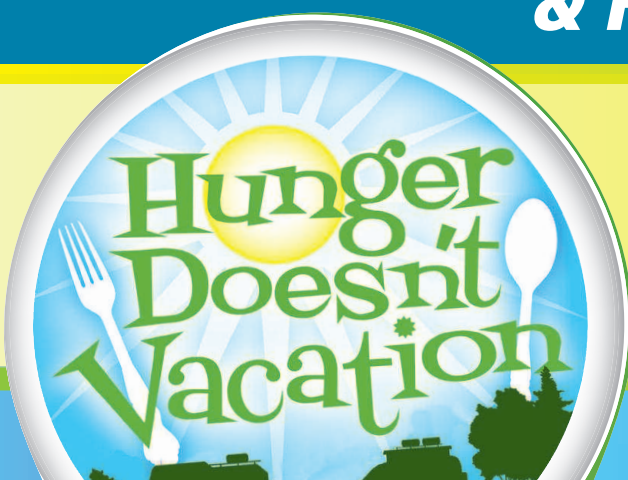
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