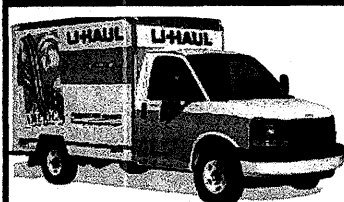
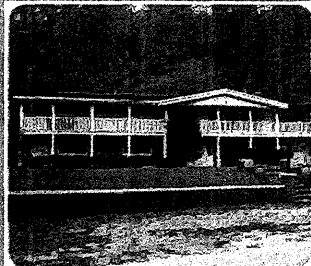


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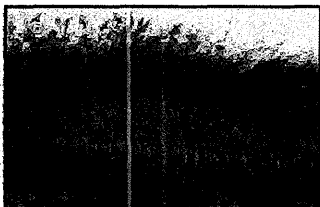
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**Invasive plant found around Lake Charlevoix**

by B. J. Conley-Hetler

A non-native, invasive plant has characteristics reminiscent of something one would see in a horror movie. The characteristics are horizontal roots that produce new shoots that continue until the roots exceed 60 feet, that's 60 feet, in length, it reaches a height of more than six feet per year, and, if it is cut off, it readily grows a new plant.

It sounds like science fiction and it is science, but, unfortunately, it isn't fiction. The plant known as "phragmites" is invading Lake Michigan, Lake Charlevoix and other lakes in Charlevoix county. No one invited it, but the invasive, non-native phragmites (pronounced frag-MY-tees) is here. And it is a bully. It creates tall, dense stands, that crowd out native plants and animals, block shoreline views, and reduce areas people use for swimming, fishing and hunting.

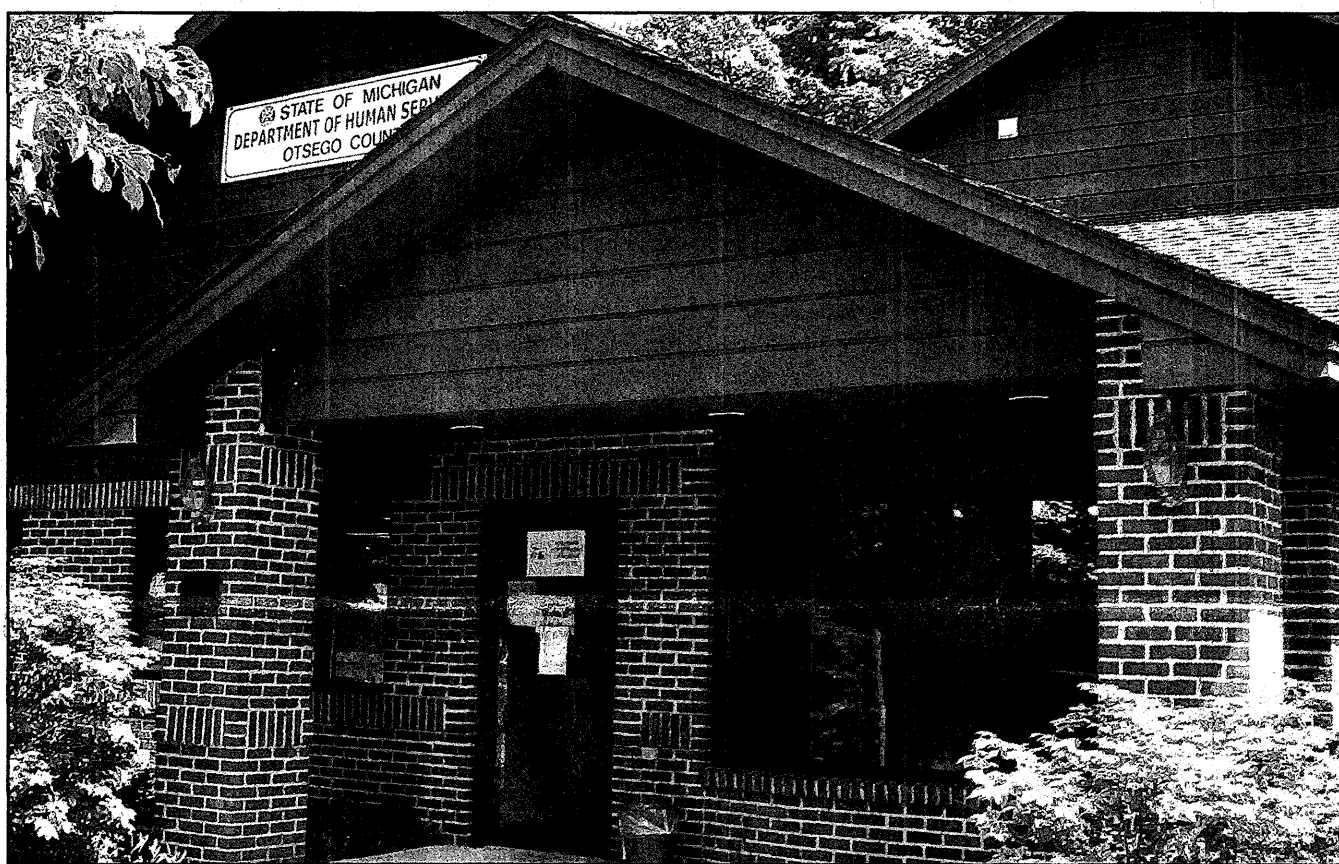
Invasive phragmites plants (there are other native phragmites that do not share the dubious characteristics)

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**Furlough Days for Over 37,000 Employees This Summer Will Help Reduce State Spending**

By Jim Akans

If you picked Friday, June 19th as the day to get those license tabs renewed, you were probably surprised to find that the Michigan Secretary of State office you visited was locked and lonely.

The reason behind the "closed" sign on the door is that Governor Granholm recently issued an Executive Order that will shut down many Michigan state government offices for six days this summer, part of an attempt to help offset a projected \$1.3 billion budget shortfall for the state this year.

The closures are aimed at general state offices, with essential services, such as Michigan State Police, correctional and psychiatric facilities, veteran's and youth facilities,

emergency programs and the Unemployment Insurance Agency, remaining on a "business as usual" schedule.

Still, the closings will affect about 37,400 state employees, and will save the state nearly \$22 million. Overall, the Executive Order (2009-22) issued on May 5th is expected to achieve approximately \$300 million in general fund savings. Some areas targeted for spending cuts include adult Medicare dental and vision coverage, as well as a number of state employee layoffs including some Michigan State Police troopers.

"The cuts are necessary," Governor Granholm stated at the Executive Order's unveiling, "but they will not undermine our commitment to protect citizens and work to create jobs during these very tough times. Michigan government can

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**Swim, Bike, Run and Win!**

Jordan Valley Triathlon Supports East Jordan EMS Services

By Jim Akans

For the 24th year, well-conditioned participants will gather in East Jordan this coming Saturday, June 27th, to take part in the Jordan Valley Triathlon. Starting at 9 am, entrants will swim, bike and run nearly 25 miles, and gather at Gar Park around noon for refreshments and awards.

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**ARTSY BENCHES APPEAR AROUND BOYNE CITY DOWNTOWN**

Three new benches from the American Red Cross have been placed in downtown

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**Boyer City** - The benches are hand-painted and will be auctioned off this summer as part of the "Garden Party - Benches Take Root" fundraiser for the Northern Michigan chapter of the Red Cross. The benches are located at Pat O'Brien Real Estate, 128 Water St.; Boyne Arts Collective, 210 Lake St.; and the Boyne Chamber, 28 S. Lake St. The benches were painted by Boyne City artists, Chris Knight, Anne Thurston and Jerry Douglas. Other benches and chairs are on display throughout Charlevoix, Antrim, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties until August 1, when they will be moved to North Central Michigan College in Petoskey where they will all be displayed for the days leading up to the auction. The auction event, supporting local Red Cross programs, will be held Wednesday, August 5 at the college. If you are interested in sponsoring a bench, the Red Cross invites you to contact Bess Bleyaert at 231-348-7666 or via email at [bess@redcross.org](mailto:bess@redcross.org)

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# Fourth of July Fireworks Celebrations

## Northern Michigan Night Skies to Fill With Dazzling 4th of July Displays

By Jim Akans

It makes no difference how many times you may have experienced them, 4th of July fireworks displays are always a treat for the young and old alike. A feast for the eyes, the ears and the soul, the multi-colored patterns, swirling sparkles, heart-thumping explosions, and night-erasing white flashes are an awesome reminder of the spectacular freedoms we enjoy as Americans, and intensity with which we have fought to secure and retain those liberties.

There will be fireworks throughout Northern Michigan this coming Fourth of July weekend. Following is a schedule of many of those festivities. Be sure to check the next week's edition of the Weekly Choice for a detailed list of activities that will also be taking place in several of these communities (all will begin at dusk, typically around 10 pm).

**Bay Harbor** - Fireworks (with a laser light show added) on July 3rd at the Village at Bay Harbor

**Gaylord** - Fireworks over Otsego Lake, fired from the county part, on July 3rd.

**Indian River** - Fireworks on July 3rd set off at Columbus Beach.

**Mancelona** - Fireworks on July 3rd at Schuss Village.

**Boyer City** - Fireworks on July 4th fired over Lake Charlevoix.

**Cheboygan** - Fireworks on July 4th from the fairgrounds.

**Grayling** - Fireworks on July 4th will be fired from the Grayling Country club, viewable from City Park and throughout downtown.

**Harbor Springs** - Fireworks on July 4th

**Johannesburg** - Fireworks on July 4th, viewable from Charlton Township Park.

**Mackinaw City** - Proclaimed as the largest fireworks display in Northern Michigan, they are shot off over the bay and viewable at Conkling Heritage Park, Mackinaw Crossing and Marina Lawn, on July 4th.

**Petoskey** - Fireworks at the waterfront on July 4th.

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# Wine, Waterfront & Song

## Scenic Michigan & Harbor Springs Chamber Present 4th Annual Waterfront Wine Festival.

By Jim Akans

For the aficionado of fine wine, good music, and gorgeous scenery, the place to be this Friday evening, June 26th, is the 4th Annual Waterfront Wine Festival in Harbor Springs.

This year the event will include live music from the John Driscoll Trio," notes Jody Ewbanks of the festival committee. "There will be seven distributors bringing several types of wine, from Michigan as well as from vineyards in California and even Virginia. Symons General Store will be providing delicious gourmet cheeses as well as other tasty snacks."

Among the wines highlighted at the event are EJ Gallo's 2006 New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc "Whitehaven," Shady Lane Cellars award-winning 2007 Pinot Noir and semi-dry Riesling, and Bayside Beverage will feature a 2006 Gamay



Noir Reserve from Chateau Grand Traverse, plus many other excellent wines.

Abby Dart, festival chairperson, notes, "While the wines are the focus, the festival is for both serious wine connoisseurs as well as those who are just curious or seeking to heighten their awareness of wines. We hope this will be an educational and enjoyable experience for all who attend."

The Annual Waterfront Wine Festival is orchestrated by Scenic Michigan and the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, and proceeds will be utilized to fund both organizations.

The roots of Scenic Michigan were formed in 1989 as the Michigan United Conservation Clubs

Billboard Control Task Force, and the organization was officially founded in 1995. Their primary goal is to preserve and enhance the scenic quality of Michigan by working with the legislature, conducting community education programs, and providing information and action regarding vegetation conservation, billboard regulation and communication tower control.

"We work with communities to help keep them looking attractive," states Abby Dart. "We feel that working in conjunction with the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce for the Waterfront Wine Festival is an excellent way to combine the message of the importance of preserving the unique character of Michigan, with an exciting event in a gorgeous location."

The Waterfront Wine Festival will start at 5 pm on Friday. Tickets are available online at [www.scenicmichigan.org](http://www.scenicmichigan.org) or at the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Mary Ellen's Place, the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, Symon's General Store, Scenic Michigan's office in Petoskey, or at the event. For additional information, call 231-347-4929 or visit [www.harbor-springschamber.com](http://www.harbor-springschamber.com).

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#### HARBOR SPRINGS

##### ANNUAL WINE FESTIVAL

Tickets are now on sale for the 4th Annual Wine Festival in Harbor Springs, on June 26. Buy tickets in advance and save on your admission price. Tickets can be purchased in person at Symon's General Store, Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce and Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are also available online at [www.scenicmichigan.org](http://www.scenicmichigan.org). The 4th Annual Waterfront Wine Festival will be held June 26 from 5pm - 8pm on the waterfront in downtown Harbor Springs. Enjoy tastings by local purveyors, music and a fabulous raffle event. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the event.

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# Local Heros; Shirley Vollbach

## The "Amazing Mom V" is East Jordan Citizen of the Year

By Jane Booze

Shirley Vollbach, affectionately known to many as Mom V, found the tumor last Christmas Eve.

A trip to the doctor revealed that it had metastasized from some other cancer, and tests began to determine the source. It could be liver. It could be stomach. It could be lung. It could be breast cancer.

The wait was difficult and Mom V is proactive. When it took too long to get results, she called the head of radiology at Northern Michigan Hospitals and reminded him gently that she is in her 70's, doesn't have time to wait around, and is a very busy lady. The next day, she and her family were celebrating breast cancer. Of the available options, it was the best.

In the testing process, it was discovered that the amazing Mom V had grown a new spleen after hers was lost in a 1995 accident. If one can grow a new spleen, what can one not overcome?

In January, Shirley was named East Jordan Citizen of the Year. She was grateful. She was just doing what she loves to do, she said. It was very nice that people appreciate it.

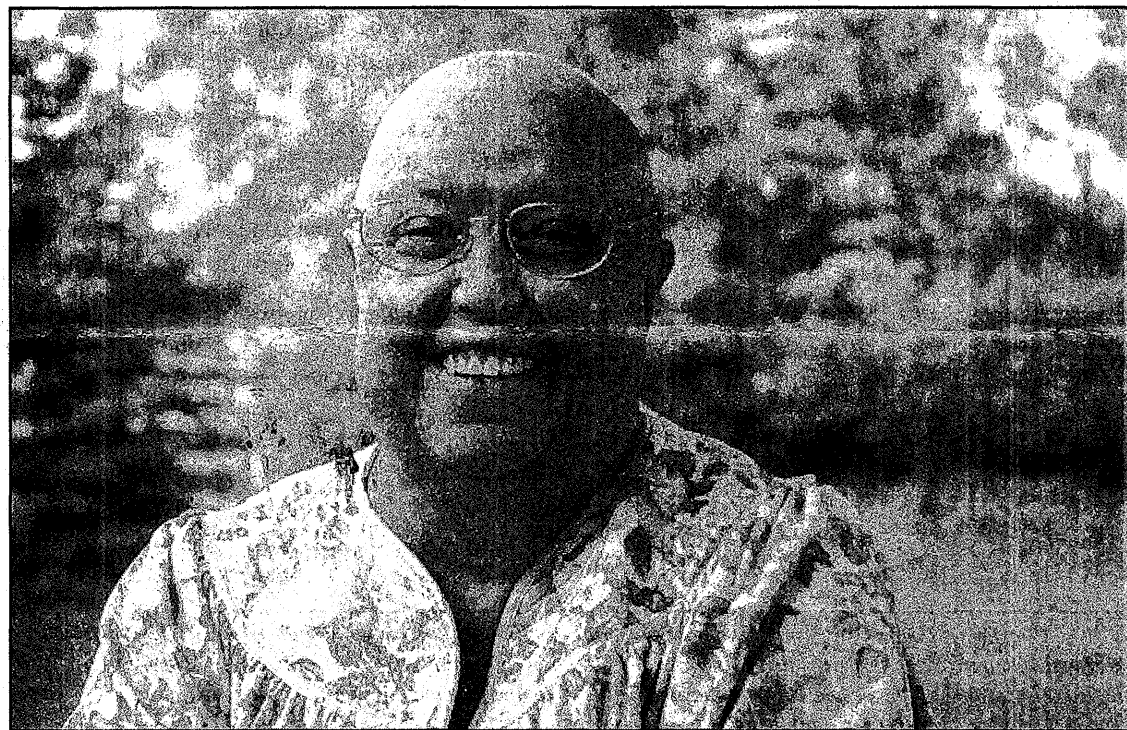
The timing was wonderful. Well-wishers fluctuated from, "I'm praying for you," to "Congratulations!" Either way, she was surrounded by positive, loving thoughts. The important thing, she was told, is attitude and appetite. Shirley would add, and positive people.

"I haven't quit doing everything I normally do, and I think that's the answer," Shirley said.

She began to lose her hair with the first chemo treatment and immediately had Dawn Zimmer cut it off. "People are used to me in hats anyway."

Shirley's daughter, Paula Vollbach, is the director of the East Jordan High School's spring musical, and Shirley is very involved each year. She told the kids immediately. They were very supportive, but they also got to ask her sensitive questions.

"I could talk to them about it in ways fam-



ily members might not be able to," Shirley said, thankful for the students' support and also for the chance to educate them on a subject that will touch so many lives.

"You've got to surround yourself with prayer and positive thoughts," she added, seated in a lawn chair on her shady deck, her bald head covered by a white baseball cap with the words, "I'm fine... Thank you for asking" in pink glitter paint.

"People say, 'You do so much for the community,' but the community never says no to me. I just return the favor," Shirley said. "Nothing is ever going to make me stop doing what I am doing."

Shirley moved 22 times while she was growing up and later as a wife and mother. As a child she lived with "whoever would take me in." She never felt like she had a home town.

"This has been home," she stated. "Everybody's been great about making us feel at home. Wherever I've moved, I've always said, 'OK, Lord, what can I do to make a difference? I never think I'm doing anything different than anyone else. I just love what I do. I love getting involved. If I didn't love it, I wouldn't do it.'"

Of the cancer, Shirley has never had any doubt she would beat it. But she doesn't feel like she will do battle alone.

"I have a lot of faith in the Holy Spirit, and He leads me. You've got to believe in

people. You've just got to be positive all the time. There's so much goodness in the world if you look for it," she said, adding that "You've got to do something kind for someone every day."

Shirley made certain aspects of her treatment fun. She wore funky hats (nothing new), and she determined to liven up the infusion center.

"People were sad," she said, "and they didn't talk. I talked about it. I didn't force it, but it got people talking. Sharing is always helpful."

Chemo is done now. Shirley Vollbach looks forward to being able to taste again, and to having her snow-white hair back. She looks forward to enjoying the weather, reading some, and recuperating. Truthfully, she won't much. She will keep on truckin', just like she always has, not slowing down perceptibly.

Now she has another thing to share: "Come to me," she invites other cancer victims. She'll let you talk, She'll support you in any way she can. She'll let you in on the things she's learned about how to get through the chemo and maybe even the fear. But no; not fear.

"I'm not scared. I feel that I've done what I wanted to do and will keep on for as long as I can. I've always told my kids - never regret," Shirley said. "We're going to beat it. But if something happens, I've had a good life...especially here, in East Jordan."

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# Another Fabulous Freedom Festival



## East Jordan Hosts "Party of the Year" last weekend.

By Jane Booze

Festive flags and star-spangled bows festooned the planters on the Mill Street bridge, having been put in place in the early hours, so festival goers would be greeted by a patriotic fanfare.

Everybody got in on the act; businesses gave discounts and restaurants handed out special menus, and downtown was appropriately bustling for Friday night's Block Party featuring non-profit vendors of every stripe, and the music of Dave Cisco.

As always, the "button drawing" was a big draw as revelers got the chance to win great prizes with a \$2 investment for a festival pin (which were also good for discounts at participating businesses).

Saturday was like one long fireworks finale, filled with concurrent events that provided wholesome family entertainment from dawn to dusk. And for those who missed the cow drop; a horseshoe tournament, lip-synching contest, flea market, horse pull, and bed race more than made up for it. Of course, everyone enjoyed the Grand Parade, and later Captain Fantastic and Broken Road in the Memorial Park.

The weather couldn't have been better - a hot Saturday cooled into a perfectly temperate evening for music on blankets around a newly refurbished #6 train engine, culminating in another great display of fireworks by Great Lake Fireworks.

And while there's something awfully satisfying about a good fireworks finale, the Freedom Festival doesn't actually end with the fireworks, or even with a wonderful breakfast at the E. J. Snowmobile Club on Sunday morning. It continues into the next weekend with the annual Jordan Valley Triathlon, basketball tournaments and a coed softball tournament.

# UP-BEAT

*The Charlevoix County News makes it a point every week to publish the positive side of news in Charlevoix County. We are surrounded by negative news, but readers find the Charlevoix County News will find a refreshing change especially in today's climate. If you have something positive to share, let us know. E-Mail us at [Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com).*

## I Met a Guy the Other Day

By Dave Baragrey 1

Out and about in Northern Michigan I have the opportunity to meet lots of people. I'm not very good with names, but I am very good with remembering personalities. I especially remember those people with a unique outlook on life.

I met a guy the other day with a unique personality. His name is Bob. He is 80 years old and has some trouble getting around but that does not hinder his attitude. While he has some physical struggles he does not struggle at all above the neck. He has a joke for just about every occasion and loves to share his opinion. He still thinks of himself as a ladies' man (although there is just one

lady in his life) and rolls through life with a positive attitude to share with most of the people he meets.

People like this inspire me. We talked for well over a half hour and I found myself smiling the entire time we spoke. It felt good to laugh and joke with Bob. I'm glad I met him. That is the inspiration of the week. To have someone say that they are glad they met you. That is going to be my goal this week, thanks to Bob.

Here is a quote to keep in mind

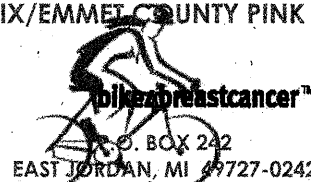
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CHARLEVOIX/EMMET COUNTY PINK RIBBON RIDE



June 22, 2009

To the Editor:

The 7th Annual Charlevoix/Emmet County Pink Ribbon Ride was held on Saturday, June 20, 2009. The possibility of rain may have deterred some, but we still had 205 participants show up and help us raise \$28,491. This is overwhelming considering the state of our economy. This money will provide both the Circle of Strength through Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Regional Hospital's Breast Health Fund with a substantial donation to help promote awareness, fund programs in early detection and education, provide support for women and their families, and make available mammograms and ultrasounds for under and uninsured women in Charlevoix and Emmet County.

In the past year these groups have provided mammograms to 61 women, with 12 of them receiving ultrasounds and MRI's. Additionally four women were able to get diagnostic biopsies. This was accomplished without the stress and worry of how they were going to pay for it. In these uncertain times when everyone is cutting back and downsizing, it is comforting to know there is somewhere to turn.

This year our top fundraiser was Karla Stokel of Petoskey, who won the Trek Cruiser Classic donated by Bo Mayfield at North Country Cycle Sport. We had some terrific prizes again this year and the riders themselves brought in more than \$17,000.

I extend my personal thanks to so many of the businesses in Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Petoskey, without whom we could not have put together this ride. Their donations of funds, goods and services, especially in this economy, make it possible for us to put on this event and keep our expenses to a minimum year after year. I would like to single out four businesses, North Country Cycle Sport, BC Pizza and Bikefix Cycling Center of Boyne City, and Revolution Bike of Charlevoix for their unwavering support of this event. Also a special thanks to Angie and the crew at Charlevoix Screen Masters and Mark from Signs, Letters and Graphics in East Jordan - you always come through for us.

Finally I extend my deepest thanks to Kathy Jacobsen from Charlevoix Area Hospital and Therese Green from Northern Michigan Regional Hospital; Kim Stevens, Dee Vincent, Gay Pung and Kay Holley from the Circle of Strength; Diane Gorkiewicz, Candy Greene, Helen Truchan, Missy Elder, Kim and Jessie Corp, Rod Stevens, Bob Roloff and staff, Bo Mayfield, Michelle Rick-Biddick, John McClorey, Cheryl Hofweber, Terri Reynolds, Pat McNulty, Paul Nicholls, Bonnie Brunett, Mary Siegwart, Lori Cheadle, Kathy McDonald's family, as well as my family, especially my husband Bill and my daughters-in-law, Kendra and Melanie. Our success is due to their steadfast belief in what we are trying to accomplish - that is that early detection saves lives and providing the funds to help make it so.

I hope you will join us for next year's Pink Ribbon Ride on Saturday, June 19, 2010.

Susan B. Morris  
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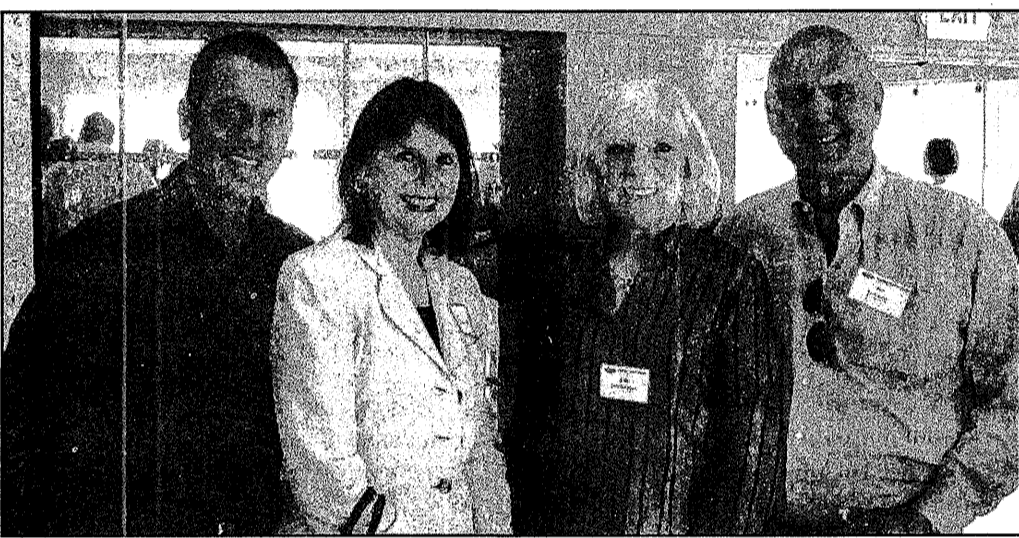
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Nearly 200 individuals from businesses throughout the Charlevoix, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Boyne City and Petoskey area gathered at the event.

## An Event Fit for a King!



Pat McKeown Jr., Kathy Campbell, Barb McKeown and Pat McKeown of Charlevoix (Event Sponsors).

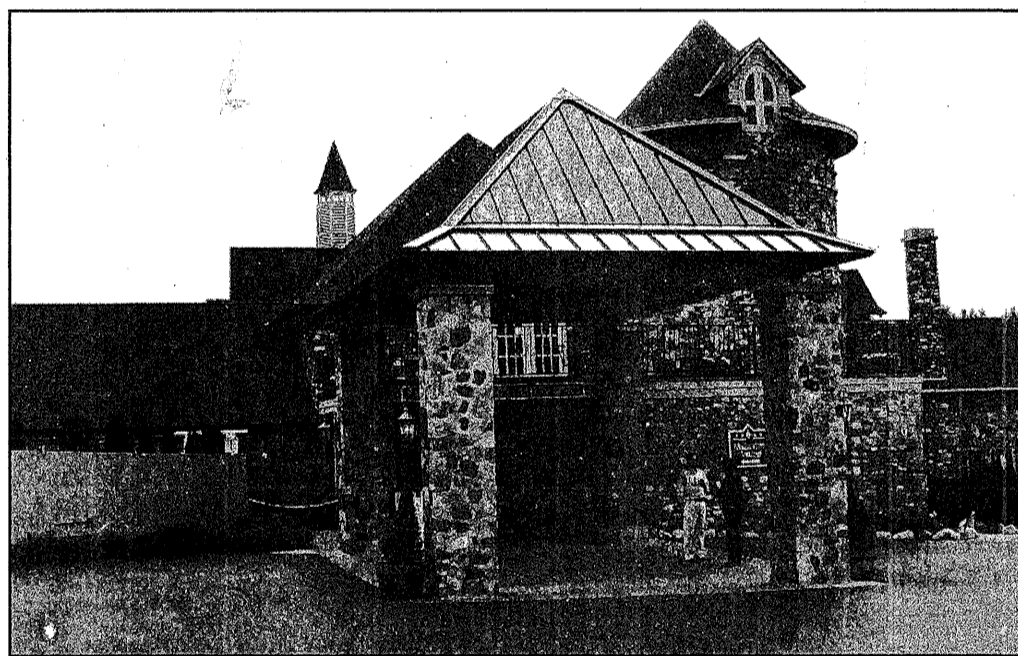
### June Regional "Business after Hours" Held at Castlewood Farms.

By Jim Akans

Nearly 200 individuals from businesses throughout the Charlevoix, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Boyne City and Petoskey area gathered at Castle Farms for the Regional Business after Hours on Thursday, June 18th. The food was excellent and the ambience regal as friends and business associates shared ideas and enjoyed music provided by A+ Digital DJ (one of the event sponsors). Other sponsors included American Waste, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Castle Farms, Pat McKeown Ford Lincoln Mercury, Huntington National Bank and CMS Land Company.



Jim Baumann (Executive Director Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce), Lisa Hoyt (Membership Director Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce), Scott A. Herceg (Executive Director Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce), Scott MacKenzie (Director Business Development, eChamber Connect) Katie Jensen-Szpunar (District Manager, Kelly Services), & Kimberly A. Medler (VP Huntington Investment Co., Petoskey).



Castle Farms was the location for a Regional Business After Hours event fit for a king.



Greg MacMaster and Becky Burger of TV 7 & 4, Sean Handler and Erin Ernst of Boyne Mountain.



Sarah Chojnacki, Leah Olson and Charie Drayton of Charlevoix with event DJ Tom Heath of A+ Digital DJ's.



Ranging from pasta dishes and pull-pork barbecue to delicious snacks, the food provided by Castle Farms was excellent!

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on June 27 & 28 showcases paintings in oil, watercolors, and acrylics, sculpture, pottery, furniture, jewelry and much, much more. Kick off the beginning of summer resort season in Charlevoix at the Summer Solstice Art Show, where works of art and scenic views are just a step away. Located in East Park.

#### CHARLEVOIX

##### ANNUAL GENTLY-USED BOOK SALE

The two-day Annual Gently-Used Book Sale will be held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 Clinton Street on June 27 from 10 AM to 5 PM and on June 28 from 1 PM to 5 PM. Bargains fill the upstairs rooms and antique collectible books are also for sale.

#### ELLSWORTH

##### WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER

The non-profit Front Porch Café in Ellsworth announces its 4th Saturday Summer Benefit Dinners! Please join us for a "Spring Chicken" Dinner on Saturday, June 27 from 6:00 to 8:00pm featuring a mixed greens salad bar, honey dipped chicken, red potatoes, seasonal vegetables, strawberry shortcake and a beverage for just \$9.99. Our summer fundraising dinners proudly feature local produce. Can't make it this month? Save the date for July 25 when we'll host a "Summer Picnic" Dinner. We hope to see you soon "on" the Front Porch!

#### CHARLEVOIX

##### SCHOOL SHIP INLAND SEAS TRAVELS TO CHARLEVOIX

On June 28 & 29, 2009 the School Ship Inland Seas will be traveling to Charlevoix from Suttons Bay and scientific research will be taking place culminating in a dockside presentation of the student's findings while on the journey across northern Lake Michigan. The 10 spaces for this trip have been taken. However, family educational day trips will also be offered out of Charlevoix on July 1 & 2 that will include scientific studies of the inland waters of Lake Charlevoix as well as Lake Michigan, off the shore line of Charlevoix.

#### EAST JORDAN

##### FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy the summer and the music at Memorial Park on June 26 at 7pm featuring Breathe Owl Breathe

#### BOYNE CITY

##### 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Celebrate our freedom in Boyne city during this festival July 3 and 4. Enjoy the celebration with neighbors and friends watching the fireworks and enjoying the games, fun and music. Most

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events take place at Veterans Memorial Park.

### EAST JORDAN

#### SENIOR PICNIC

Area seniors are invited to attend the Charlevoix County Senior Picnic on July 8 sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church, East Jordan, 11a.m.

### CHARLEVOIX

#### GET DOWN SWING AND BOOGIE-WOOGIE

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's Symphony on the Green Presents music from the WWII era at Pelican Airways Hangar on July 10. Great music and food at \$125 per person to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital's Community Health Outreach programming.

### BOYNE CITY

#### STROLL THE STREETS

Another season of Stroll the Streets begins Friday, June 26, filling downtown Boyne City with music and fun every Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. Music will range from traditional folk, blue grass and jazz to rock. Special activities include magicians, caricature artists, face-painting and balloon-twisting. This event is organized by the Boyne City Main Street Program.

### CHARLEVOIX

#### 11TH ANNUAL GARDEN WALK

You are invited to visit 6 private gardens and the gardens at Castle Farms on July 15. This year's theme is A Palette of Charlevoix Gardens. Tickets for the Garden Walk are \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of the walk. Tickets can be purchased in Charlevoix at Consign Design, Round Lake Book Store, Shop of the Gulls and Halfway to the Top in downtown Charlevoix; Esperance, US 31 North, Castle Farms and Marvin's Gardens on M-66; Mary's of Boyne in downtown Boyne City; EJ Shoppe in downtown East Jordan; and from Garden Club members. On the day of the walk, tickets can be purchased at the gardens. If you wish to order tickets, call 231-237-4294. The Garden Walk is open July 15 from 10am to 4pm.

### WALLOON LAKE

#### LEARN TO HOOK A RUG

Attend a 6-week class each Wednesday that will teach the basics of rug hooking beginning July 18. Cost is \$60. Contact Jeannie Donaldson at 231-535-2544

### EAST JORDAN

#### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Jordan Valley Community Band presents

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no longer afford to be all things to all people and just as businesses and families are being forced to cut back on spending so, too, is state government."

Now there's a novel thought.

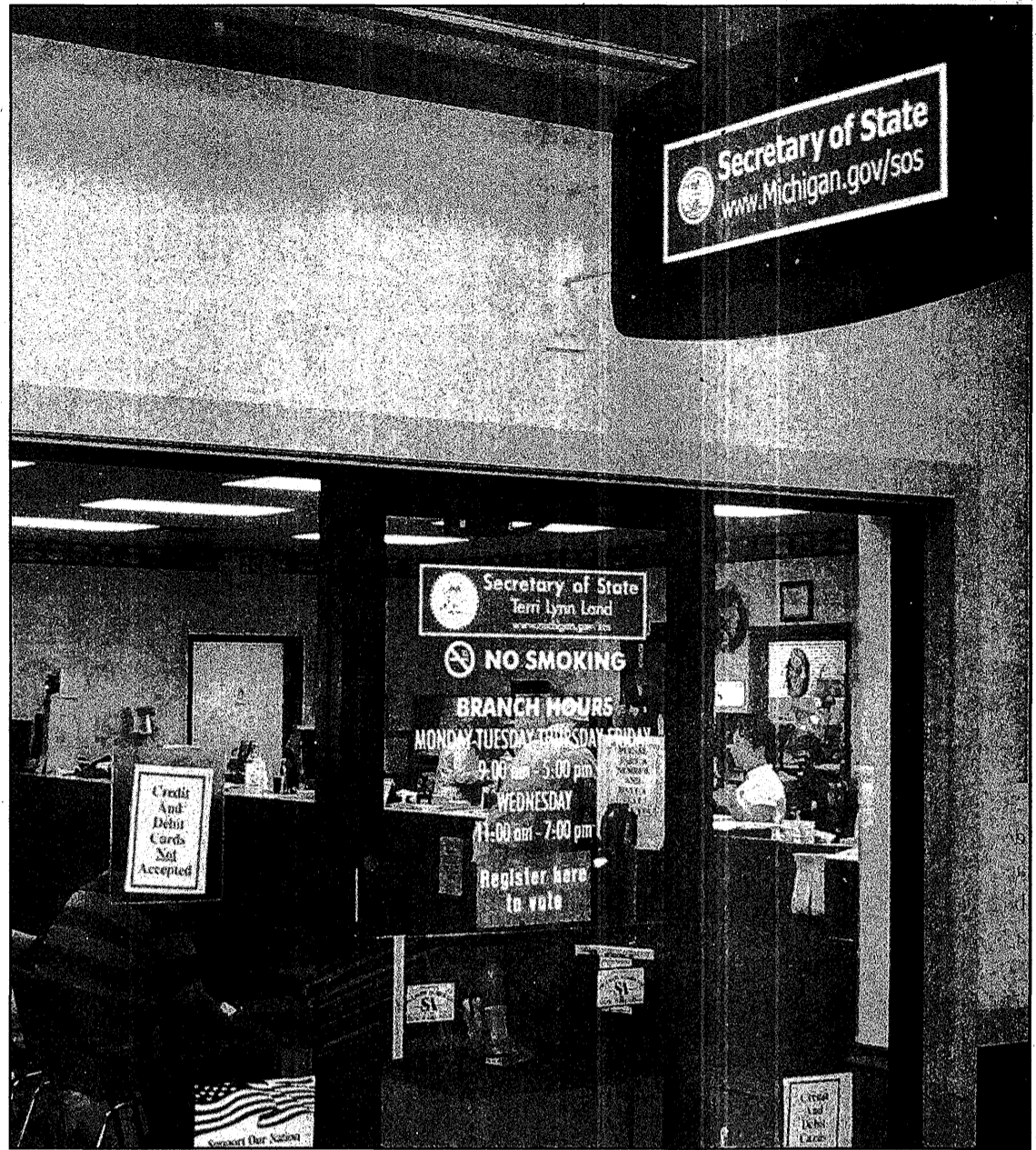
Some of the offices that have qualified for the six unpaid "holidays" include the Secretary of State, The Lottery Bureau and MichiganWorks. A reduced number of DNR staff will be on hand during furlough days, just enough to keep state parks and recreation areas open and running. The Mackinac Bridge will also remain open so don't try using that excuse for extending a week-end trip to the Upper Peninsula.

"While it was very challenging," notes Bob Felt of the Michigan Department of Transportation office in Gaylord, "we made it through the first furlough day without a major incident. Our road projects were still active because it is more expensive to shut them down than it is to keep the crews working."

Dave Graham, office manager of the DNR office in Gaylord, states, "It definitely helps the budget. We all understand that we have to do our part."

Cindy Pushman, Otsego County Department of Human Services (DHS) director, observes, "Our staff completely understands that with the budget the way it is something needs to be done. Our biggest concern is that our caseloads have increased, (DHS has seen a 96% increase in cases statewide since 2002), and we have a new computer system we are converting to and are still adjusting to those changes. Our work is in assisting people's food and medical needs, so when we aren't there it directly affects them."

There will be five additional days in the "Furlough Plan" this summer, and those are; July 6th, July



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24th, August 7th, August 21st and September 4th. By spreading the six furlough days sporadically throughout the summer, the state hopes to minimize inconveniences for the public. State online services will not be affected.

## Boyne City Main Street sponsors workshop

Business owners and residents are invited to attend an evening workshop session focusing on the future of the Boyne City business district. Sponsored by the Main Street/Downtown Development Authority, the meeting is June 29 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the city hall auditorium.

In 1995 the City of Boyne City created a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to help revitalize and enhance our community's central business district. The original DDA plan was for 15 years and during that time much has been accomplished but more work remains. The DDA/Main Street board has started the process, like many other Michigan communities have done and are doing, to extend its program of work for at least another 15 years. Extend-

ing the DDA/Main Street will not raise property taxes but will allow the community to continue to direct tax dollars for public projects in the DDA district.

The June 29 session is one of several meetings planned between now and the fall as the DDA / Main Street board, with the community's input, creates a plan for the next 15 years. The goal is to accomplish projects and create programs to enhance and strengthen the community. Since it was formed in 1995, the DDA has been involved with a wide variety of projects in the district. Early projects included paving downtown parking lots; assisting with the Lake Street construction along Veteran's Park; paving the parking lot on the north side of city hall; construction of

the Boyne River Riverwalk; assisting with the reconstruction of Main and Vogel streets; and the installation of new "way-finding" signage. More recent projects include the streetscape and infrastructure work on Water, Lake, and Front streets; holiday decorations; and programs like Stroll the Streets.

In addition, more than six years ago the DDA was selected for the Michigan Main Street Program becoming one of the first communities in the State of Michigan to participate in the National Historic Trust's Main Street Program. Since its involvement, the Boyne City Main Street/DDA has worked hard to implement the economic development and revitalization programs offered through the state and national programs. The Boyne City program has received

national accreditation through the National Historic Trust and is one of only three Michigan communities to earn "Master-level" status through the state program.

The June 29 session will be led by Beckett and Raeder, a Michigan planning firm with a reputation of excellence throughout the state. All community residents and business owners are invited to attend. Another public meeting is also set for July 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the city hall auditorium.

For more information about the DDA / Main Street program and the upcoming public meetings, contact the Main Street office at 582-9009 or email [mainstreet@boyncity.com](mailto:mainstreet@boyncity.com).

## Boyne Thunder returns July 10-11

The roar of thunder returns to Boyne City for the sixth annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run on July 10 and 11.

The event, which started as a fundraiser for Camp Quality, has grown into a premier boating event for northwest Lower Michigan and now

attracts some of the most awe-inspiring high performance boats ever to churn the waters of Lake Charlevoix and northern Lake Michigan. The event, a Main Street initiative, has raised more than \$140,000 for Camp Quality, a camp for children suffering from cancer.

Downtown Boyne City will again celebrate Boyne Thunder with "Stroll the Streets," an evening of music, and boat and car displays on Friday, July 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. Also that evening, there is a benefit dinner and auction beginning at 6 p.m. in Veteran's Park. Tickets are \$50 and are available at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce office.

The poker run begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, with boaters making stops at Beaver Island, Harbor Springs, Petoskey, and Bay Harbor before returning to Horton Bay for the last card stop.

One of the best venues to watch the event is on the Champagne Cruise, where you are invited to come aboard one of the yachts that have generously been

donated for the day by area boat owners. On board you will be served beverages and hors d'oeuvres while you cruise about Lake Charlevoix, viewing all of the action from your vantage on the water. Later, your yacht will join up with all of the other Champagne boats for a "raft off" in Horton Bay. There you will be treated to the arrival and card pickup by all of the Thunder Boats making their last stop. The Champagne Cruise will then visit Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club for a reception.

The cost of the Champagne Cruise is \$75 donation to Camp Quality. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Main Street office at 231.582-9009.

Boyne Thunder concludes Saturday evening with a barbecue dinner in Veteran's Park beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets for the dinner at \$35.

Both the Friday and Saturday dinners are open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at the Boyne Area Chamber office.



# GONE TOMORROW!

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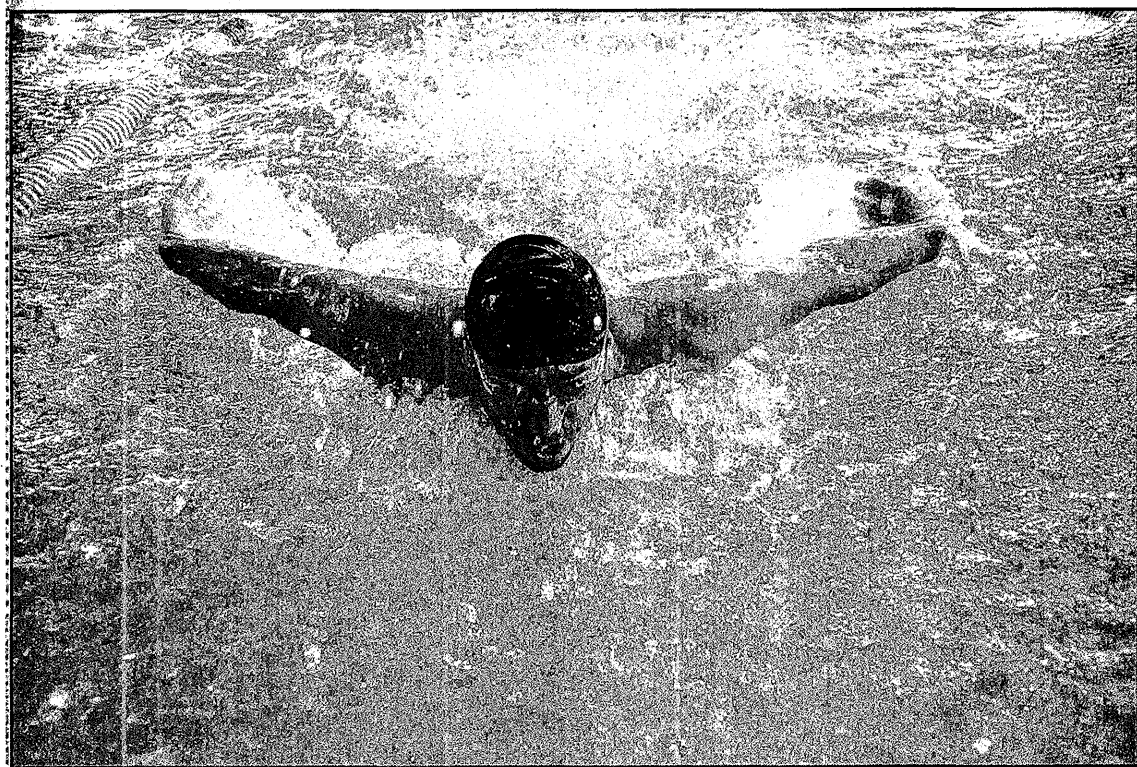
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## Jordan Valley Triathlon ....

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"People refer to this event as the "jewel of the north," notes Nick Moes, president of the East Jordan EMS department, "because it combines a great mix of activities with the incredible scenery of the Jordan valley area. The triathlon began as part of the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival and became its own event a few years ago."

The Jordan Valley Triathlon is a fundraiser in support of the East Jordan' all-volunteer EMS Association, helping to purchase emergency equipment as well as fund annual scholarships for students in the medical field each year.

The triathlon is run completely by volunteers," notes Nick, "which includes

people from the ambulance service and fire department, as well as their families and other people in this community. While we have had as many as 200 participants in the event, last year we had around 125 which is about how many we are expecting this year."

The triathlon will begin at Tourist Park in East Jordan at 9 am on Saturday. The first leg is a .3 mile swim in Lake Charlevoix. Entrants will then climb aboard their bikes for an approximately 20 mile journey that will follow M-32 east to Main Street, continue on Division Street, Boyne City-Advance Road, to Ferry Road and Peninsula Road, winding back to the Gar Park "transition area" at the corner of Main and Nichols.

The last leg is a 3 mile run down Second Street to Division, onward to 'Turn-Around Point" and back to Gar Park.

"We will have people coming from all over Michigan, Ohio and other nearby states," notes Nick. "We typically get a big crowd at Gar Park to watch the end of the race. Awards are designated by age division, and we also separate categories to reflect the professionals who participate and those who just show up for the fun."

## East Jordan Takes Pride in All-Volunteer EMS Association

By Jane Booze

Everyone knows what it means when they hear the siren of an ambulance, or see the word AMBULANCE in their rear view mirror with lights flashing like the Fourth of July.

In East Jordan, the community's pride in its emergency medical service is reflected in an all-volunteer EMS Association. The association's function is to support the EMS department and community by raising money to meet a variety of needs, from an annual scholarship for students pursuing careers in health care, to state-of-the-art pre-hospital emergency equipment.

The EJ EMS Association also sponsors the annual Freedom Festival Triathlon, which is always held the last weekend in June. The Triathlon is the Association's main source of revenue each year, making an enormous difference in the quality care EJ EMS is able to provide. They capitalize on the sweat of the triathletes – and the volunteers who work hard

to bring the triathlon to East Jordan – to improve emergency care for the people of the City of East Jordan, as well as the seven surrounding townships they cover.

EJ EMS Association has contributed to the equipping of the pediatric kits on board each of the services ambulances; has helped purchase of power cots for the ambulances, and a "C-PAP" machine to help victims in respiratory distress. It secured reliable radio service through the purchase of a repeater system for emergency paging and communications. It watch-dogs the income from gifts, memorials and donations, to ensure those gifts are used appropriately for the good of the community.

If you would like to participate in the Triathlon, you may download the registration form at [www.ejems.com](http://www.ejems.com) and go to the triathlon link. If you want to help, but don't run, swim or bike, there is always a need for more workers. To volunteer, you can contact Nick at [nmoes@ejw.com](mailto:nmoes@ejw.com).

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Concerts in the Park on each Thursday in July from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the Memorial Park Bandshell. Rain location Senior Center.

### BOYNE CITY

#### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

The nation's largest, most successful nonprofit event, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, is coming to Charlevoix County for the 4th annual event. More than 5,000 communities have already started fighting back against cancer through Relay for Life, and Charlevoix County will join in this worldwide movement to end cancer from 10 a.m. August 15 to 10 a.m. Aug. 16 at Castle Farms. Activities will include a cancer survivor celebration and victory lap, a luminaria ceremony to help honor and remember everyone touched by the disease and a Fight Back ceremony to empower community members to take action against cancer. Anyone interested in learning more about this moving, 24-hour experience should contact Lindsey Malpass-Skop at 231.536.7959 or visit <http://www.relayforlife.org/>. If you have a question about cancer or Relay, contact the American Cancer Society at 1.800.ACS.2345. The Society provides patient support and information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week because cancer never sleeps.

### EAST JORDAN

#### CHILDREN'S PLAY GROUP

The library and the Women's Resource Center collaborate together to promote reading to young children during play group. Mary Sivula, leader of the play group and Library Assistant, Robin Moyer implement the program. It is a free program available for children from birth to four years old and is held every Wednesday from 9:30am to 11am in the library's community room. Activities, games, and projects are offered for children.

#### Dr McMillian's Mental Health Corner



#### Depression & Summer

Depression is a common but serious illness. Sun and increased physical activity can bring about a greater sense of well being. However, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) emphasizes that only half of those suffering from Seasonal Affect Disorder (SAD) are treated effectively by light therapy or sun exposure. The more common symptoms of depression are persistent sadness, anxious or empty feelings, irritability, and restlessness. There is a loss of interest in activities or hobbies once enjoyed. Fatigue and decreased energy, difficulty concentrating can signal depression. Insomnia, early morning wakefulness, excessive sleeping, over-eating or appetite loss can be warning signs of depression. Sun does not mean stop taking medication for depression. Rule of Thumb: Check with your doctor first!

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## East Jordan Police Dept. Activity

June 12, 2009 - June 18, 2009

Offenses	Number
Traffic Offenses	19
Lock/Unlock Parks	33
Assist Other Agencies/Departments	10
Animals	2
Grass Ordinance Violations	32
Parking Violation	4
Public Relations	5
Civil Dispute	4
Health & Safety	2
Sign Posting Ord Vio	3
Vehicle Unlock	1
Gun Registration	1
Assist Citizen/Business	4
Suspicious Situation/Vehicle/Person	4
ATV Violation	1
Found Property	2
Liquor Inspection	9
Private Property Accident	1
Larceny	2
Probation Violation	1
Fraudulent Activity	3
Traffic Accident (Car/Deer)	1
Domestic Dispute	1
Juvenile	2
Circuit Court Probation Detainer Arrest	1

## Proceeding of the East Jordan City Commission

The East Jordan City Commission met June 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.; Mayor Postma presiding with all members of Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amount of \$296,824.55.

Further Commission Action: Acknowledged Receipt of the Cash on Hand Report, May 2009; Acknowledged Receipt of the Monthly Zoning Activity Report, May 2009; Acknowledged Receipt of the Monthly Public Safety Reports as follows: Police March – May 2009, Fire Dept. April 2009, and EMS May 2009; Approved Elm Pointe Rental Request for Niki Kenny; Approved Tourist Park Building Rental Request for Joe Goergen, Approved Civic Center Rental Request for Harry Michael Burr; approved purchase of new 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Dept. in the amount of \$29,928.93; Approved Resolution 110-2009; Authorized the revision of Policy #155 with revisions to come back before Commission in July; and Approved Resolution #113-2009.

Copies of the minutes of the above meeting are posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

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## Invasive Plant .... *continued from front page*



the seriousness of the need to control the phragmites.

"A fast spreading plant is invading Lake Charlevoix and could dominate our shoreline in just a few years," it stated in part. "Imagine an extremely dense wall of reeds blocking the view of the lake and diminishing property values."

range from six to 15 feet in height, yet 80 percent of the plant is contained below the ground in a dense mass of roots that can penetrate the soil to a depth greater than six feet, according to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

To top it off, if this invasive variety of phragmites isn't disposed of in a specific way, disposing of it may cause it to spread. For instance, disturbing the soil with a rake may contribute to rapid expansion by cutting through a root that will then start another plant system.

In Charlevoix county the Lake Charlevoix Association is educating its members and the public about the plant that is becoming a serious problem. The association works closely with the MDEQ.

"We need to control it now before it gets any more established," said Dan Mishler, a vice president of the Lake Charlevoix Association. "It could take over and that will dramatically reduce our enjoyment of the lake."

The Lake Charlevoix Association states that 110 stands of the invasive plant have been identified so far. A map that may be accessed through the Association's website indicates the locations. The Association issued an "alert" letter recently that explained

The letter asks members and the general public to refrain from any attempt to treat or remove phragmites, because the Association will use a treatment plan approved by the MDEQ.

The Charlevoix Conservation District, the Antrim Conservation District, MSU Extension and Little Traverse Bay Bands are groups joining together to attempt to control the plant, as well as government agencies such as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and townships around Lake Charlevoix. Townships such as Norwood and Charlevoix have passed ordinances that address the need to control phragmites. Lake Charlevoix has 60 miles of shoreline and Mishler said seven townships have at least some frontage on either Lake Charlevoix or Lake Michigan.

The Lake Charlevoix Association is seeking volunteers from homeowners around Lake Charlevoix and from anyone concerned about Lake Charlevoix and other lakes in the county. Volunteers are needed to conduct a survey this summer, to be trained in the treatment of the plant control and to remove the dead plants after treatment without seeds spreading. The website is: [info@lakecharlevoix.org](http://info@lakecharlevoix.org).

## Amy Speace will open Aten Place on June 27th

Amy Speace will perform for first time at Aten Place on June 27th. Amy's is a New York based singer-songwriter, and this will be her first visit to perform in Northern Michigan. Possessing a commanding voice, a distinctive melodic sensibility and an uncanny knack for nailing complex emotions in song, Amy Speace makes music that's both illuminating and effortlessly accessible.

Her forthcoming release, *The Killer In Me*, follows her 2006 breakthrough *Songs for Bright Street*. While *Songs* won her a loyal international fan base, *The Killer In Me* finds the NY-based artist forging into deeper, darker lyrical and musical terrain, delivering an album of startling intimacy and resonance.

Aten Place is located 1/2 mile south of Cherry Hill Road on Old Mackinaw Trail in Boyne Falls. The venue is a ninety-five year old oak frame barn with seating for 180, overlooking the Boyne River valley, in the shadow of Boyne Mountain. All tickets are \$10 at the door. Tickets go on sale at 6:00 pm the day of the concert, with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aten Place is a non-profit endeavor, and no food or beverage is sold on the



premises. Many patrons bring snacks and desserts to share at intermission. There is also a covered picnic pavilion for those who wish to come early and enjoy the grounds and peaceful setting.

For more information on this summer's schedule go to [www.atenplace.com](http://www.atenplace.com) or call Bill or Maxine Aten at 231-549-2076.

## City eyes improvements to Avalanche Park

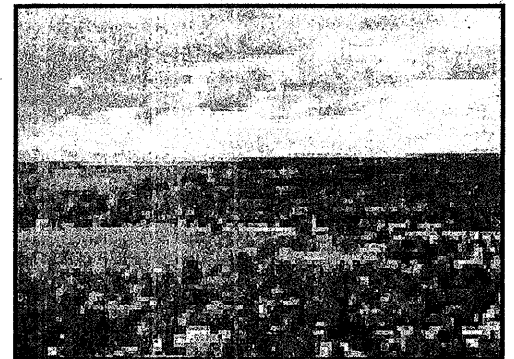
by B. J. Conley-Hetler

BOYNE CITY — Avalanche Park is in the city's sights to receive improvements and ideas and objectives have been drawn up to begin the process.

The city Parks and Recreation Commission, working with consultant and planner Mark Robinson, has identified improvement objectives that range from extension of the trails to construction of a new warming house.

Preservation of wildlife habitat, environmental education and maintaining views and open meadows are part of the first objective. Hiking trails and trails for nature study are also priorities. Plans for trails under consideration are development of alternate loop trails that would provide shorter loops. Trails would have covered rest stations and benches. The city will look at providing more and easier access to overlooks.

For those who have energy to burn, recreation activities may include biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, disc golf,



archery, ice skating, rink rollerblading and skateboarding. A toboggan run may be developed and sledding with lighting for night use will be considered.

The warming house and park center is a high point on the list of objectives, with the renovation to provide space for education programs, a fireplace, a nature study area and a welcome and information center.

The Avalanche Preserve has more than 300 acres of woodland. After brave souls have climbed the 462 steps to the top of Avalanche, they are treated to one of the best views in the area.

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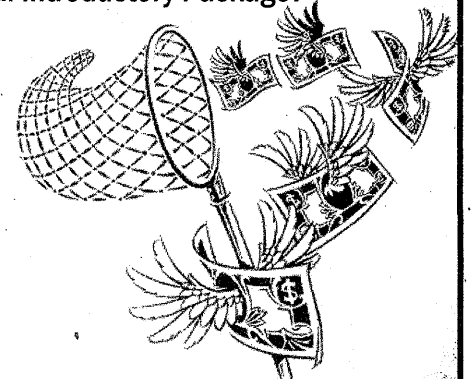
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## Fish and Wildlife Service Seeks Proposals from States for 2009 Endangered Species Grants

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking proposals from states and U.S. territories interested in obtaining federal grant assistance to acquire land or conduct planning for endangered species conservation efforts. For fiscal year 2010, the President's budget request for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund includes approximately \$100 million in grant funding for conservation planning activities and habitat acquisition benefiting federally protected species. Proposals must be submitted to the appropriate Service Regional Offices by August 19, 2009.

"These grants are among the Service's most important tools to build partnerships with the States," said Acting Service Director Rowan Gould. "They provide states and territories with vital funding, enabling them to work with local communities and private landowners to protect habitat and conserve threatened and endangered species."

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund is authorized under Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act and provides grants to states and territories to support participation in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects for species on the federal list of threatened and endangered species, as well as for species that are either candidates or have been proposed for listing.

The Service is seeking proposals under the

following three Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund categories:

**Recovery Land Acquisition Grants** – These grants provide funds to states and territories for acquisition of threatened and endangered species habitat in support of approved and draft species recovery plans. Acquiring habitat in order to secure long term protection is often the critical element in a comprehensive recovery effort for a listed species. One example from last year's recipients include a grant for \$840,593 to acquire a 1,242-acre tract that protects the ocelot, jaguarondi, northern aplomado falcon, and several state-protected species in Cameron County, Texas.

**Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants** – This category provides funds to states and territories to support the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs). The purpose of an HCP is to ensure adequate protection of suitable habitat for threatened and endangered species, while at the same time providing for economic growth and development. These grants provide support for baseline surveys and inventories, document preparation, outreach, and similar planning activities. For instance, the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas received a total of \$1,080,990 last year to assist in the development of a landscape level, multi-species HCP designed to

avoid and minimize impacts to endangered and threatened species associated with wind energy development.

**HCP Land Acquisition Grants** – These grants provide funds to states and territories to acquire land associated with approved HCPs. They do not fund mitigation required of an HCP permittee, but rather, support acquisitions by the state or local governments of habitat that complement actions associated with the HCP. For example, one of last year's recipients was the state of Wisconsin, which received \$1.5 million to acquire 1,110 acres in the Quincy Bluff and Wetlands State Natural Area to permanently protect habitat for the Karner blue butterfly, which provided substantial benefits for the recovery efforts of the Glacial Lake Wisconsin Karner Blue Butterfly Recovery Unit.

For the first time, through this notice for fiscal year 2010, the Service is incorporating aspects of climate change when evaluating the proposals submitted through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund. The Service will look at criteria that address concerns and methodological approaches to the emerging science and potential impacts of climate change on listed species.

By law, the state or territory must have a current cooperative agreement with the Secretary of Interior and contribute 25 percent

of the estimated program costs of approved projects, or 10 percent when two or more states or territories undertake a joint project. The grants are expected to be awarded soon after federal appropriations are provided for fiscal year 2010.

For more information about these grants and grant application requirements contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Consultation, Habitat Conservation Planning, Recovery and State Grants, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203-703-358-2106. Information also can be accessed at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/>.

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund is identified in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance as number 15.615.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit <http://www.fws.gov>.

## Diener Joins Farm Bureau Insurance

Val Diener, Boyne City, has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent serving this area from 1723 W. M-32, Building B, Gaylord.

She recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared her for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and

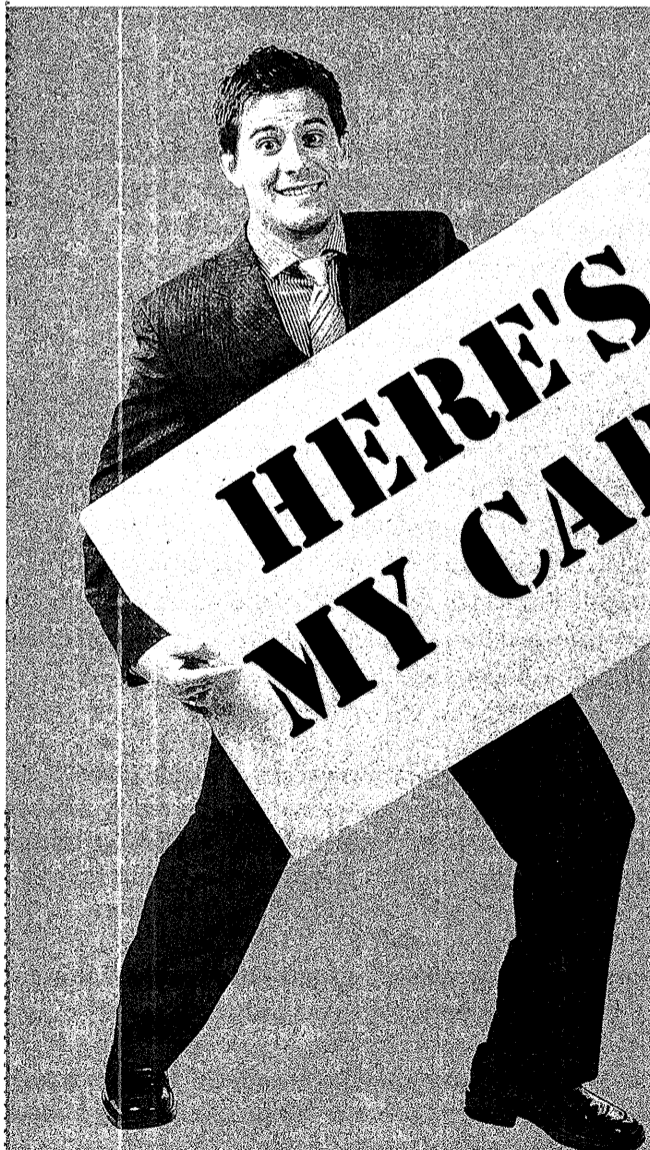
life insurance.

Val's training included the agent career school at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement, and business.


Prior to joining Farm Bureau In-

urance as an agent, Val had an extensive career in insurance, focusing on Long Term Care and Retirement Planning.

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# County Records

### District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:

Klancie Danielle Argue, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs and to 30 hours of community service work.

Robert James Startzel, 20, Boyne City. Failure to report an accident. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Michael Eric VanHorn, 41, Boyne City. Motor vehicle passenger with open intoxicant. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Anita Lynn McCarry, 46, Boyne City. No operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Donell Bradley Perry, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and cost and to 40 hour of community service work.

### Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:

MCG Transport, 00613 Rogers Road, Boyne City, by Daniel J. McGeorge.

Terry VanNorman, 8142 Upper Bay Shore Road, by Terry VanNorman.

Tracy Roberts Painting & Drywall, 722 State St., East Jordan, by Tracy Roberts.

Sole Bello Tans, 119 Antrim St., Charlevoix, by Christi Roman.

### Marriage Licenses:

The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Vincent Roy Schneider, 25, Leshana, NE, and Stephanie Louise Sowers, 26, Charlevoix.

Bradley Richard Crawford, 31, Severna Park, MD and Tracy Marie Brown, 34, Westminster, CO.

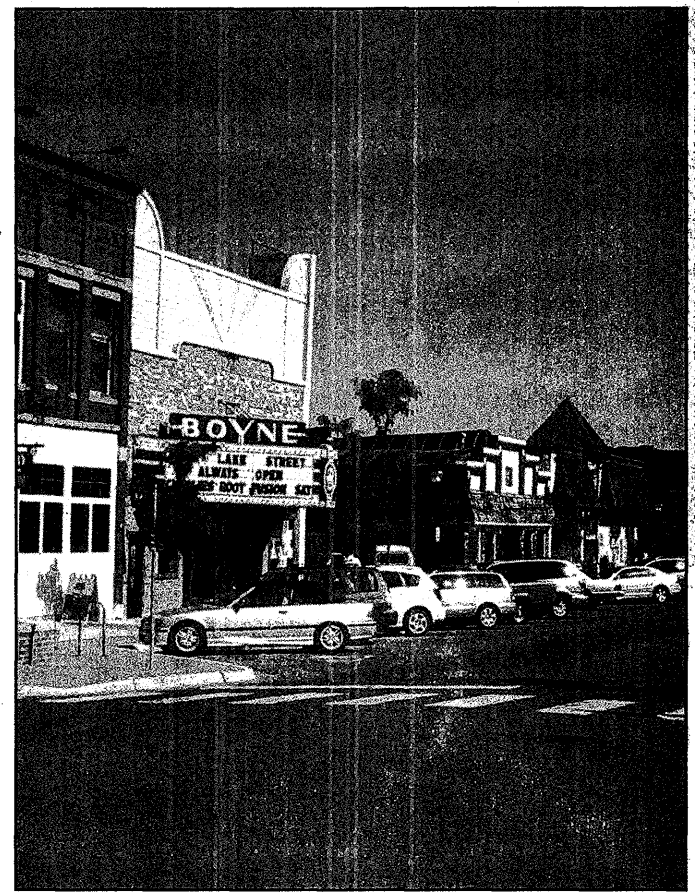
Jeffrey Paul Cooper, 49, Boyne City and Rebecca Kay Katz, 49, Boyne City.

Eric Acker Eleazer 40, Chicago, IL and Julie Lynne Hii-pakka, 36, Chicago, IL.

Robert Glen Daly Jr., 42, Broadlands, VA and Bridget Ann Schlaff, 37, Broadlands, VA

Nathan Edward Browe, 26, Charlevoix and Kelly Lenore Reid, 25, Charlevoix.

# Stroll the Streets



## Music and fun fill downtown streets on Friday evenings

Another season of Stroll the Streets begins Friday, June 26, filling downtown Boyne City with music and fun every Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. This marks the sixth year for Stroll the Streets, which is organized by the Boyne City Main Street Program. Music will range from traditional folk, blue grass and jazz to rock. Special activities include magicians, caricature artists, face-painting and balloon-twisting.

From its modest beginning, Stroll the Streets has grown to become the signature event for downtown Boyne City. "It's amazing how many people have told me how much they enjoy the event," said Karen Guzniczak, chair of the Stroll the Streets organizing committee. "We have had people tell us that they make sure they leave their home downstate so they can get to Boyne City in time for Stroll the Streets."

The program is funded by contributions from Boyne City businesses. "The support we receive from our community is outstanding," Guzniczak said. "This makes it possible to create such a wonderful event for our town. Thanks to all our sponsors we will be able to continue to provide entertainment this summer all around downtown."

Added this year is a special Stroll the Streets for Saturday, July 4, along with an expanded musical Stroll for Boyne Thunder weekend. On Friday, July 10, during Boyne Thunder the streets of downtown will be closed for a boat and car show along with some exceptional music. "Last year was the first time we incorporated Stroll the Streets into Boyne Thunder and it was a huge success," Guzniczak said. "This year, with the help of Bob Mathers Ford we expect it to be even bigger and better. It should be a great evening of entertainment for Boyne City."

### Music for the first two weeks of Stroll 2009:

• June 26 - Boyne River Remedy, Ernie Mindal & Cedar Valley, Barry Van Guilder, Deb Adamcz, Jania Taylor, The Kowalske Family, The Lake Street Ramblers.

• July 3 - Acoustic Stew, Kristen Glasgow, Rob Johnson, The Kowalske Family, TNT and Twister Joe.

• July 4 - The Bostrom Brothers, Gail Gerrie, The Kowalske Family, Tropical Tom w/ Mikey the Singing Monkey and Twister Joe.

For more information on Stroll the Streets or the Boyne City Main Street program, contact the Main Street office at (231) 582-9009.

If you would like to help support Stroll the Streets with either monetary donations or by volunteering on Friday evenings contact either Hugh Conklin, Main Street Director, (231) 582-9009 or Karen Guzniczak, Promotions Chairperson (231) 582-2355.

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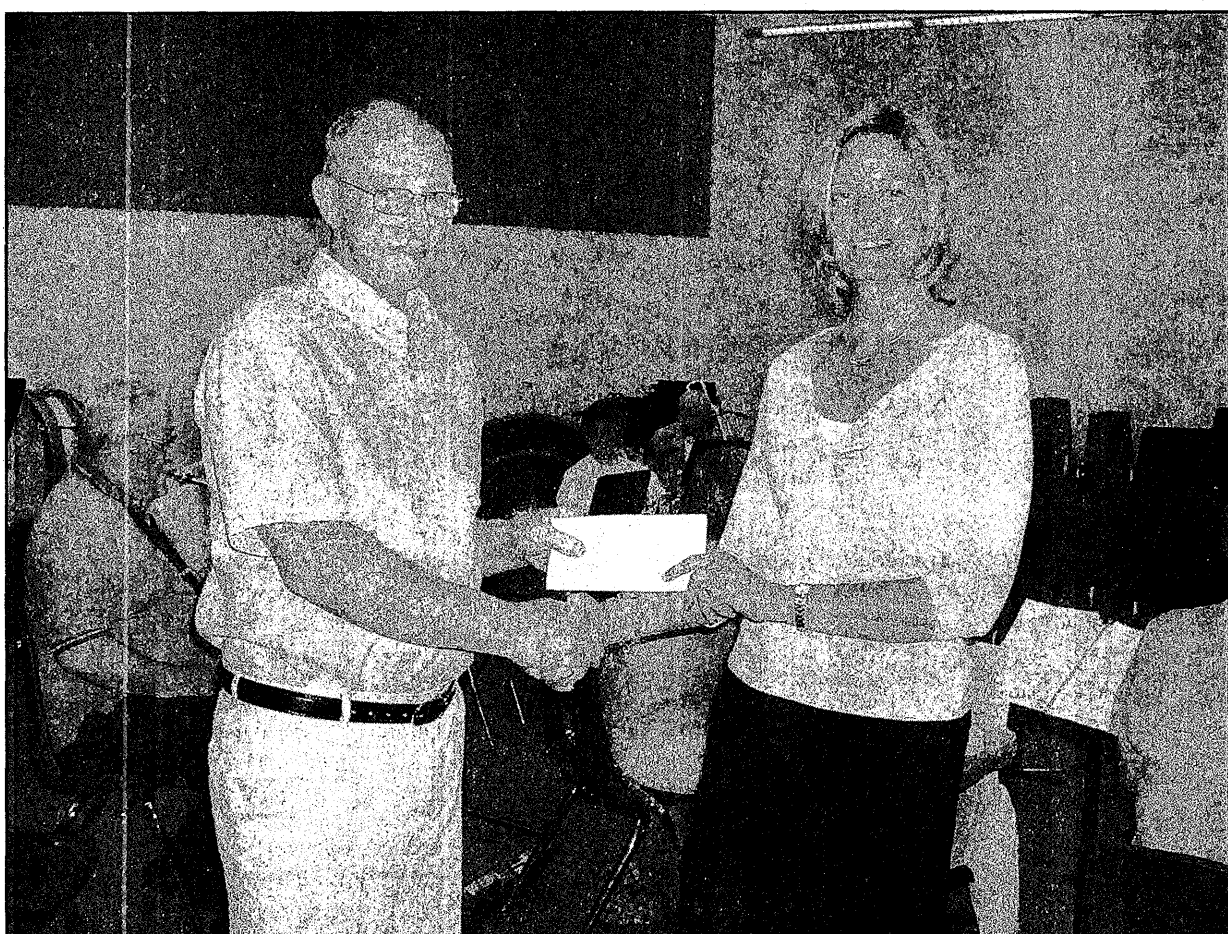
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## Jordan Valley Community Band accepts a \$900 grant for the 2008-09 season

President Armand Drapeau of the Jordan Valley Community Band accepts a \$900 grant for the 2008-9 season presented by Maureen Radke of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. These monies have been used to provide binders and music protectors for each player in addition to supplementing the director's stipend and two \$150 scholarships for area students to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. The Jordan Valley Community Band, composed of musicians of all ages from the surrounding area, performs two concerts a year at the East Jordan Community Auditorium in December and May. During the summer, the Band will be performing in the Bandshell in East Jordan on Thursday nights throughout July. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. If you play an instrument and wish to participate in the band and/or wish further information, please contact President Armand Drapeau at 536-2938.

## Certain Childhood Behaviors Are Nothing To Be Ashamed About

QUESTION: My four-year-old has recently "discovered" his penis and seems rather preoccupied with it. Do you think it's unusual or sinful for him to fondle himself so much?

DR. DOBSON: The answer to both of your questions is an emphatic no! Unintentional (or even intentional) self-arousal in young children, specifically boys, is neither unusual nor sinful. Your little guy is simply showing that he is "properly wired." There are no long-term consequences to this kind of innocent childish behavior and it will soon resolve itself.

The only significance to early fondling activity is in how you as a parent deal with it. I've received letters from mothers who say they have spanked their preschoolers for touching themselves. Some have described great concerns about this behavior, seeing it as evidence of an immoral nature that had to be crushed. That is a very dangerous posture to take. I suggest that you not make a big deal over it.

QUESTION: That's easy for you to say. My four-year-old daughter doesn't just fondle herself at home, where we ignore it. She rubs herself whenever we are in public, such as at church or at a restaurant. How should I deal with that?

DR. DOBSON: You should respond as a teacher, not a disciplinarian. Take your daughter aside and talk about your concern. Explain that there are some things that we don't do in public -- not because they are wrong, but because they are impolite. Just as you wouldn't urinate in front of other people, you should not be touching yourself when others can see you. If she continues to fondle herself, other people will think she is strange and some may laugh at her -- something you're sure she wouldn't like. Your purpose in speaking this way is to sensitize her to the social implications involved in what she's doing. Show yourself to be firm and confident, not shocked or embarrassed.

The key to your approach is the avoidance of any suggestion that her body is dirty or "wrong" or evil. Such an implication might raise a whole host of other problems for your child that could carry over into adolescence and even adulthood.

QUESTION: My son is an outstanding gymnast. His high school coach says he has more natural ability than anyone he's ever seen. Yet, when he is being judged in a competitive meet, he does terribly! Why does he fail during the most important moments?

DR. DOBSON: If your son thinks of himself as a failure, his performance will probably match his low self-image when the chips are down. In the same way, there are many excellent golfers on the PGA Tour who make a satisfactory living in tournament play, but they never win. They may even place as high as second, third, sixth, or tenth. Whenever it looks like they might come in first, however, they "choke" at the last minute, and someone else wins. It is not that they want to fail; rather, they can't conceive of themselves as winners, and their performance merely reflects this image.

I once spoke with a concert pianist of outstanding talent who has resolved never to play in public again. She knows she is blessed with remarkable talent but believes she is a loser in every other regard. Consequently, when she plays the piano on stage, her mistakes and errors creep into her performance. Each time this mortifying experience has occurred, she has become more convinced of her own unworthiness in every area. She has now withdrawn into the secluded, quiet, talentless world of have-nots.

A person's self-concept is instrumental in determining those who are "winners" and those who see themselves as "losers." Professional tennis players call this characteristic "tournament toughness," but it is really nothing more than confidence in action.

Dr. Dobson is founder and Chairman Emeritus of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80995 ([www.focusonthefamily.org](http://www.focusonthefamily.org)). Questions and answers are excerpted from "Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide" and "Bringing Up Boys," both published by Tyndale House.

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## LOGGERS BENEFIT FROM TEAM BASKETBALL CAMP

Boyne Falls is one of 42 teams that took part in Gaylord's annual three-day basketball camp

By Mike Dunn

GAYLORD — It's all about preparation and evaluation.

The Boyne Falls boys basketball team took part in the annual three-day varsity team camp held from Monday through Wednesday at Gaylord this week. The event annually draws teams from around the state, ranging from Class A to Class D. This year's field featured 42 teams and Boyne Falls was one of the smallest, as usual.

"We didn't win a game (at team camp) last year but we gained a great deal," said Boyne Falls coach Al Massey after the Loggers' spirited 40-minute scrimmage against Morley-Stanwood. "For us, team camp is an opportunity play against schools that are bigger and faster than we are. It's really good to face that kind of competition. What we do here is a great preparation for us when we face the teams on our schedule."

Massey, a former Boyne Falls All-State forward and 1,000-point scorer who served as a longtime assistant under Frank Hamilla before taking over the helm of the varsity last year, uses the camp to evaluate his players and see what areas need improving or tweaking.

"It gives me a chance to see where we're at fundamentally and what we need to work on," he said. "We're a fairly young team and the younger you are, the more important it is to evaluate where the kids are and where they need to go."

Though Boyne Falls lost by a dozen points to the taller, deeper Morley-Stanwood squad, there were positives such as the ball handling of junior Reggie Fiel, the shooting touch of senior Stephen Howie and the board work of senior Jared Mathers and sophomore Josh Puroll. The Loggers displayed lots of hustle throughout the 40-minute game and made a late push to trim the scoring deficit to 12 points.

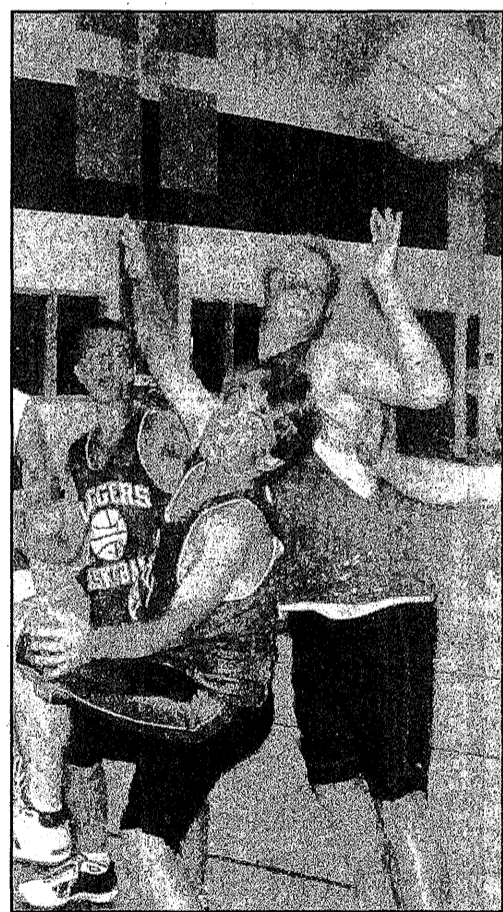
Boyne Falls, which posted an 11-10 record this past season, has three returning seniors along with five juniors and two sophomores.

Seniors Mathers, Howie and Tommy Stevens agree with Massey that the team camp serves an important purpose.

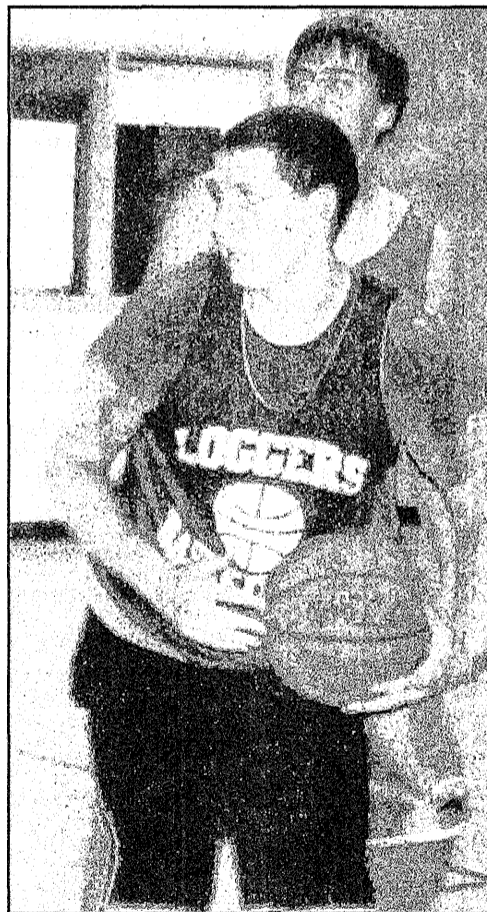
"Camp helps us to get in sync with each other and grow together as a team," said Mathers, who plays guard and forward. "You get to see



Boyne Falls team members who participated in the varsity team camp at Gaylord this week included, front row from left: Luke Rypkowski, Forrest Williams, Thomas Rohn and Travis Lange; back row: Jared Mathers, Zach Hausler, Josh Puroll, Reggie Fiel, Tommy Stevens, Stephen Howie and coach Al Massey. (photo by Mike Dunn)



Sophomore Forrest Williams keeps his eye on the ball as he battles for a rebound with a Morley-Stanwood player during Monday's camp game. (photo by Mike Dunn)



Sophomore forward Josh Puroll handles a rebound during Monday's camp game against Morley-Stanwood at the Gaylord camp. (photo by Mike Dunn)

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Mathers noted that playing against larger schools is also beneficial.

"It toughens you up for when you face the kids in your own district," he said.

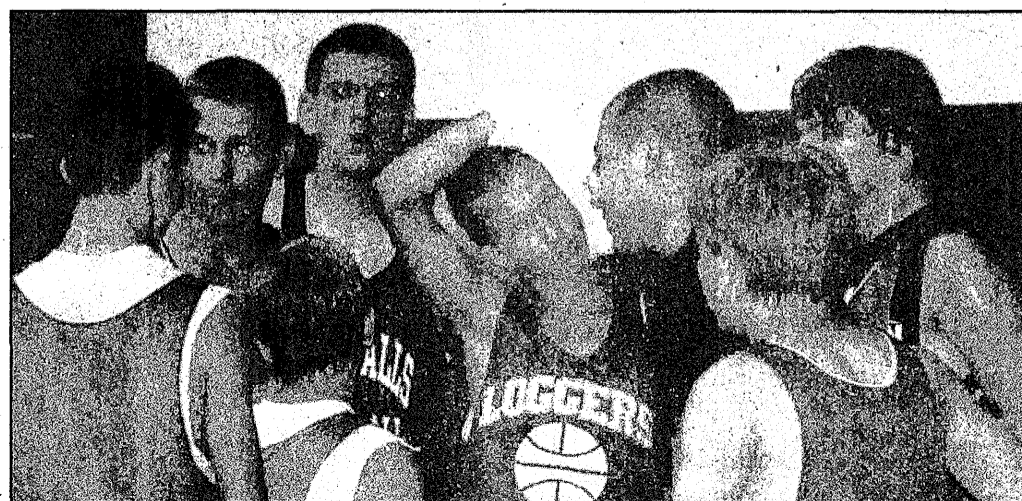
The sweet-shooting Howie, who mans the shooting guard slot, likes having the chance to face schools that the Loggers would otherwise not be on the same court with.

"It helps to see the way other teams do things and what works for them," he said. "There are some things you can pick up and incorporate to make your own team better."

"It's also a good way for everybody to stay in shape over the summer and it brings you together as a team."

Stevens, a forward, noted how going against the stiff competition from a variety of teams "shows us what we're capable of doing and gets us ready to face the teams in our conference."

Those participating in the camp for the Loggers along with the three seniors were juniors Thomas Rohn, Travis Lange, Luke Rypkowski, Zach Hausler and Fiel, and sophomores Forrest Williams and Puroll.



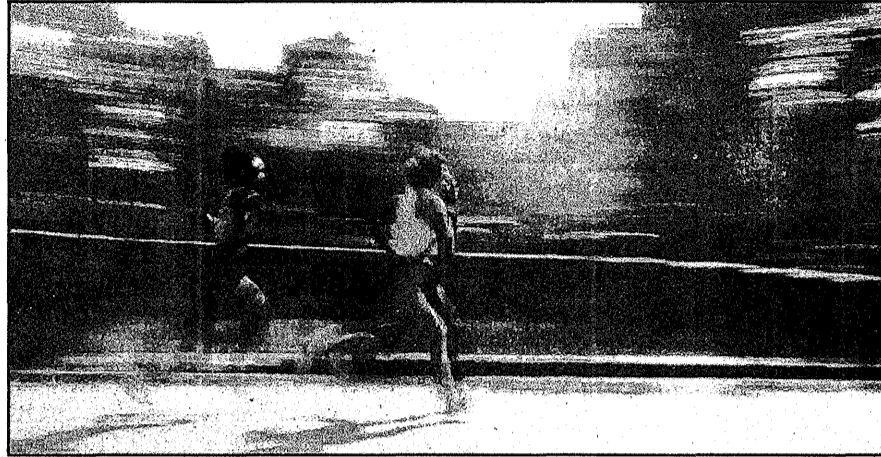
Boyne Falls coach Al Massey gives his team instructions during a timeout in the second half of Monday's 40-minute camp game at Gaylord. (photo by Mike Dunn)

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## Jordan Valley Triathlon is Saturday

East Jordan Tourist Park is starting point for 24<sup>th</sup> annual event featuring 0.3-mile swim, 19.9-mile bike and 3-mile run



EAST JORDAN – The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Jordan Valley Triathlon will take place this Saturday, June 27, starting at 9 a.m. with swimming at the East Jordan Tourist Park (located on M-66 one-tenth of a mile north of the M-66/M-32 intersection). The event features 3/10ths of a mile swim in beautiful Lake Charlevoix followed by the 19.9-mile bike portion of the race on paved rolling hills and finishing with a 3-mile run on paved roads.

Swimmers are permitted to wear wetsuits and bikers are required to

wear helmets. Champion/Chip timing will be used.

The entry fee of \$65 per individual or \$85 for three-person teams includes a T-shirt. There are awards for the overall male and female champions and for the top 15 percent in each age group.

Competitors may pick up their race packet starting at 7:30 a.m. and

race-day registration is also available. All racers must be checked in by 8:45 a.m.

All proceeds from the triathlon benefit the East Jordan Ambulance Association.

For more information or to register online, visit [www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org) or [www.3disciplines.com](http://www.3disciplines.com).

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN SPEEDWAY



By Mike Mathu

ELMIRA -- The season's best weather and largest field of cars and trucks was a perfect setting for great action Saturday night at Northern Michigan Speedway.

Keith McBee of Boyne City led the early going in the 25-lap Modified finale with Canadian driver Jay Palumbo passing James Brown and claiming second on lap 4. Immediately on Palumbo's bumper was Jordan Pruitt, the night's fastest qualifier. Pruitt notched second on lap 9, then zeroed in on McBee.

Trying a high line, Pruitt's path would be blocked several times by a sweeping McBee. The No. 8 car then switched to go low just past the midway point of the race but McBee also stayed low to keep Pruitt at bay. The leader's preoccupation allowed Curtis Anderson to cruise outside, first past Pruitt on lap 15, then around McBee and into the lead on the next circuit. Pruitt finally overcame McBee on lap 18 but Anderson stayed ahead for the win. Palumbo finished third. McBee was fourth and won the heat race. Anderson won the four-car dash.

The Factory Stock class saw James Farley of West Branch return to the track for the first time in several years. He won the dash and heat, then grabbed the lead on lap 4 of the 25-lap main. Nick Kanazziz, the 2008 track champion, locked in behind Farley two laps later while Delbert Dell rocketed up from a row-four start and into third by lap 8. Kanazziz pressured Farley, then bolted around him for the lead on lap 12. He went on to his first feature race win of the season. Farley stayed ahead of Dell for second. Season points leader Nathan Embree was fourth.

A limited field of Limited Late Models still was entertaining. Joel Noeske led until four laps remained in the 15-lap feature when John Clawson roared to the front and on to the win. Noeske held steady for second. Clawson also won the dash. Mick Pieri won his first race of the year in the heat.

Dale Britting dominated the Pro Stock 4-Cylinder class most of the night, winning the dash and heat, then capturing the lead on lap 1 of the 15-lap main. Tyler Noeske then regrouped and overtook Britting on lap 9 and captured the headline win.

John Clawson pulled double duty, subbing for Pure Stock season points leader Jim DuBois. He won the heat, but dash winner Brad Leach set the pace in the 25-lap feature. Clawson passed Chantelle Paquette for second on lap 6 and Leach held firm until lap 10 when Clawson barged to the front. He kept Leach in tow for the win with John Hatfield passing Paquette with two laps left to claim third.

Rough driving was the norm in the 20-lap Pure Stock 4-Cylinder feature. The action was halted with three cautions over the first six laps with Scott Norman maintaining the lead. Points leader Alicia Vanniman secured second on lap 7 but the momentum slowed on lap 13 when Jeff Blanzzy barreled into her for another yellow. Daniel Loshaw passed both Vanniman and Norman with three laps to go and took the checkered flag. George Finney got by Norman on the final lap for second. He also won the dash and one of the heats. Ty Phillips was the other heat winner.

The season continues Saturday night. Time trials begin at 5 p.m. with racing at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Seniors are just \$8, children 5-to-12 are \$5, and under 5 are free. N.M.S. is located 8 miles west of Gaylord on M-32, then 4.5 miles north on Camp Ten Road at Huffman Lake Road.

### Results from June 20:

- \* 25-Lap MODIFIED Feature: 1.Curtis Anderson, Indian River; 2.Jordan Pruitt, Gaylord; 3.Jay Palumbo, Sault Ste Marie, ONT; 4.Keith McBee, Boyne City. Heat: Brown. Dash: Clawson. Time: Anderson (15.08).
- \* 15-Lap Ltd Late Model Feature: 1.Palumbo; 2. McBee.
- \* 15-Lap LTD LATE MODEL Feature: 1.John Clawson, Sault Ste Marie; 2.Joe Noeske, Vanderbilt. Heat: Mick Pieri, Sault Ste Marie. Dash: Clawson Time: Clawson (15.28).
- \* 25-Lap FACTORY STOCK Feature: 1. Nick Kanazziz, Bellaire; 2.Jaymes Farley, West Branch; 3. Delbert Dell, Petoskey; 4.Nathan Embree, Vanderbilt; Heat: Farley. Dash: Farley. Time: Kanazziz (16.29).
- \* 15-Lap PRO-4 Feature: 1.Tyler Noeske, Vanderbilt; 2.Dale Britting, Gaylord. Heat: Britting. Dash: Britting. Time: Britting (16.92).
- \* 25-Lap PURE V8 Feature: 1.John Clawson, Sault Ste Marie; 2.Brad Leach, Wolverine; 3, John Hatfield, Indian River. Heat: Clawson. Dash: Leach. Time: Clawon (16.90).
- \* 20-Lap STOCK-4 Feature: 1.Daniel Loshaw, Vanderbilt; 2.George Finney, Bellaire; 3.Scott Norman, Frederic. Heat: Finney; Ty Phillips, Bellaire. Dash Time: Jeff Blanzzy (18.92).

## All-LMC Soccer

Rayders place 4 on first team

All-Staters Potter, McCary and Rich are among Charlevoix picks; All-State sophomore Ford represents Harbor Springs

The 2009 Lake Michigan All-Conference girls soccer team was announced last week. Charlevoix, which won 16 games and advanced to the regional semifinals this season, placed four on the first team and had three more who were honorable mention.

Senior Tammy Potter, a three-year starter in the nets for the Rayders, heads the list. Potter was also named first-team All-State last week. She had a remarkable 14 shutouts this season.

Fellow seniors KC McCary and

Meridith Rich joined Potter on the first-team All-Conference roster and also as Div. 4 All-State selections. McCary, a high-scoring midfielder, and Rich, a rawhide-tough defender, were second-team All-State. Forward Olivia Catt, who led the Rayders in scoring this season, also earned first-team All-Conference honors while Caroline Dupuis, Taylor Smith and Madison Way were honorable mention.

Harbor Springs had two first-team picks. Sophomore Emily Ford, a fiery force at both ends of the field for the Rams, not only made first-team All-Conference but she was an honorable mention All-State choice as well. Teammate Haley Kloss was also a first-team selection while Cooper Dendel and Alley Bartosh were honorable mention.

Amanda Welborn of Boyne City and Maribeth Poindexter of East Jordan were also first-team picks.

### First Team:

Amanda Welborn, Boyne City  
Olivia Catt, Charlevoix  
KC McCary, Charlevoix  
Tammy Potter, Charlevoix  
Meridith Rich, Charlevoix  
Maribeth Poindexter, East Jordan  
Olivia Morrison, Elk Rapids  
Molly Starr, Elk Rapids  
Jessica Marks, Elk Rapids  
Kelsey McKeon, Elk Rapids  
Sam Stites, Elk Rapids  
Lahken Maher, Grayling  
Emily Ford, Harbor Springs  
Haley Kloss, Harbor Springs  
Amanda Goldsborough, Kalkaska  
Julie Doherty, T.C. Liberty  
Helene Dryden, T.C. Liberty  
Jessi Heger, T.C. Liberty

### Honorable Mention:

Boyne City: Hilary Urman  
Charlevoix: Caroline Dupuis, Taylor Smith, Madison Way  
East Jordan: Whitney Kraemer  
Elk Rapids: Nina Barraco, Elin Larson, Lex Small, Chelsea Peters  
Grayling: Clara Summers  
Harbor Springs: Cooper Dendel, Alley Bartosh  
Kalkaska: Naomi Steelman  
T.C. Liberty: Kelley Ritsema, Leah Beemer

## All-LMC Baseball, Softball Teams

East Jordan places 4 on first team in both baseball and softball

The 2009 Lake Michigan All-Conference baseball and softball teams were announced last week. In baseball, LMC champ East Jordan and Boyne City each had four players earn first-team honors and three make honorable mention.

East Jordan mound ace Kevin LaVanway, who was undefeated during the regular season, is among the four Red Devils. He is joined by fellow senior Darryl Bingham and juniors Matt Werner and Nico Cornstalk.

Boyne City pitcher/infielder Jared Forbes, who was a member of the Team Far all-stars along with LaVanway and Bingham, represents the Ramblers on the first team along with senior catcher Dalton Looze, Trevor Price and sophomore Kolbi Shumaker.

Lefty Mike Vandermus is a first-team pick for Harbor Springs

along with Charlevoix's Michael Heckendorn.

In softball, East Jordan and Kalkaska each placed four players on the first-team roster. Boyne City had three on the first team and Charlevoix, which won its first district title since 1994, placed two.

### BASEBALL

**First Team:**  
Boyne City – Jared Forbes, Dalton Looze, Trevor Price, Kolbi Shumaker  
Charlevoix – Michael Heckendorn  
East Jordan – Kevin LaVanway, Darryl Bingham, Matt Werner, Nico Cornstalk  
Elk Rapids – Eric Savage, Tyler Smith  
Grayling – Jensen Aubry, Eric Ferrigan, Luke Schneider  
Harbor Springs – Mike Vandermus  
Kalkaska – Travis Schuba, Craig Miller, Kevin Zattlin  
T.C. St. Francis – Matt Dressler, Joel Lints

### Honorable Mention:

Boyne City – Nick Young, Mitchell Chipman, Caleb Roberts  
Charlevoix – Alex Foster  
East Jordan – Ted Snowden, Josh Williams, Billy Kraemer  
Elk Rapids – Brendan Tully  
Grayling – Zach Wolcott, Tyler Hanson, Taylor Desenfants

Harbor Springs – John Mathews  
Kalkaska – Grayson Myas, Brandon Washburn, Andrew Higgins  
T.C. St. Francis – Newton Calcutt, Jacob Peacock

### SOFTBALL

**First Team:**  
Boyne City – Lindsay Clemens, Shelby Mittig, Cheyenne Shumaker  
Charlevoix – Lauren Mielke, Hannah Hybl  
East Jordan – Emily Bajko, Andrea Chew, Shaina Peters, Alex Snowden  
Elk Rapids – Kacie Anderson, Jessie Spoor  
Grayling – Joni Bindschatel  
Harbor Springs – Megan Mathews  
Kalkaska – Kara Ponstein, Abby Merrill, Jen Spann, Maria Harbour  
T.C. St. Francis – Ellen Kendziorski, Amy Brunner, Kelli Day

### Honorable Mention:

Boyne City – Hannah Hausler, Abbi Fair  
Charlevoix – Sarah Potter, Amber Hoffman  
East Jordan – Randi McFall, Megan Keyser, Mary Gocha, Melyssa Skrocki  
Elk Rapids – Stephanie Neipoth  
Grayling – Cayla Johnson  
Harbor Springs – Nicole Paige  
Kalkaska – Brittany Short, Kristi Peters, Jamie Myas  
T.C. St. Francis – Sarah Brunner, Heather Larsen, Emily Buckel

## Potter Earns All-State Soccer Honors

Senior goalkeeper who posted 14 shutouts this season is one of three Charlevoix players on All-State rolls

Charlevoix senior netminder Tammy Potter, a major key to the Rayders' 16-win season, has been selected to the first team All-State roster of the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. She is joined on the Div. 4 rolls by senior teammates Meridith Rich and KC McCary, who were second-team picks on defense.

Potter, who earned All-State honors for the second year in a row, capped a brilliant prep career with an outstanding senior campaign, posting an amazing 14 shutouts.

She had lots of support up front, particularly from McCary at midfield and Rich on defense. McCary and Rich were chosen for defense but also provided lots of offensive spark for the Rayders during the season. McCary recorded 11 goals with 14 assists and Rich had eight tallies.

Harbor Springs was also represented on the All-State roster. Super sophomore Emily Ford, a force at both ends of the field for the Rams, was honorable mention.

# LOCAL SPORTS

On-line at [www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com](http://www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com)

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Boyne Thunder slated for July 10-11

BOYNE CITY — Boyne City Main Street is hosting the sixth annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run on Friday and Saturday, July 10-11. Each year, the event brings high-performance boats from across the Midwest to the beautiful shore of Lake Charlevoix.

Boyne Thunder begins in Boyne City and continues to Charlevoix, Beaver Island, Harbor Springs and Bay Harbor before returning to the Boyne City marina for the Thunder Feast by the lake.

For information about Boyne Thunder, call (231) 582-9002 or e-mail [mainstreet@boynecity.com](mailto:mainstreet@boynecity.com).

### Mackinaw triathlon set for July 26

MACKINAW CITY — The annual Mackinaw Multi-Sports Mix Triathlon takes place on Sunday, July 26, starting 8 a.m. at Waywatum Park (located under the water tower next to Shepler's Ferry).

The event features an 800-meter swim, a 30-kilometer bike and a 5-kilometer run. For those who prefer not to swim, there is also a course featuring a 2-mile run, a 30K bike and a 5K run. There is also the option of just doing the 5K run.

Kenny Krell of 3 Disciplines Racing, which is hosting the event, calls the Mackinaw Multi-Sports Mix "a great escape race right in the middle of the season." It is a biker's race with a scenic course winding along both lakes with a clear view of the other competitors. One nice aspect of the swimming portion of the event, says Krell, is that "you can easily see down 30 feet to the bottom." The 5K run is flat and fast.

The entry fee is \$70 prior to July 24. On the weekend of the race, the fee is \$90. It is \$5 less for those 17 and under or 55 and older. Packet pickup takes place the day of the race from 6-7:30 a.m. A \$10 one-day USAT license is available for all participants who are not USAT members.

For more information or to register, call (231) 546-2229 or visit [www.3disciplines.com](http://www.3disciplines.com).

### Alpenfest Run is July 18

GAYLORD — The 33rd annual Alpenfest Run takes place this year on Saturday, July 18, in conjunction with the annual Alpenfest celebration. The event features a 10-mile run, a 4-mile run and a 1-mile fun run and starts from the downtown pavilion on Court St. at 7:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 for the 4-mile or 10-mile races and \$7 for the 1-mile fun run.

Registration sheets are available at the Otsego County Community Center on Center St. For more information, contact Otsego County Parks & Rec at (989) 732-6521.

Those who will be participating now have the option of raising money for cancer research at the same time.

Pledge sheets are available and participants can collect individually or as part of a team. For information or to make a pledge, contact Dan Smith at (989) 732-1441.

### Petoskey soccer team camp July 20-24

PETOSKEY — The Petoskey Team Camp 2009 for boys and girls teams is slated for Monday through Friday, July 20-24, at the Click Road fields. The camp, hosted by Petoskey soccer coach Scott Batchelor, goes from 6-8 p.m. daily.

The \$75 registration fee is due by July 3. Teams are asked to bring their own ball. For information, visit the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association (PYSA) Web site. Make checks payable to Petoskey Soccer and send to Scott Batchelor, 3852 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

### Timbertown Festival 3-on-3 hoops

LEWISTON — The annual Timbertown Festival in Lewiston will include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for the second year in a row. The event will be held in conjunction with the festival on Saturday, Aug. 1, in downtown Lewiston.

Games are slated to begin at 10 a.m. The male and female age brackets are divided from third through 12th grade and there is an adult division as well. The four-player team registration fee is \$60 before July 19 and that includes a T-shirt for each player. After July 19, the fee is \$80 and does not include a T-shirt. On-court registration can be done on Friday, July 31, from 6-7:30 p.m.

For information and registration forms, visit [www.lewistonchamber.com](http://www.lewistonchamber.com). Registration forms are also available at Lewiston True Value Hardware and Lumber.

Area businesses wishing to help sponsor the event and have their name on the official T-shirt can e-mail [montmorl@nemichigan.com](mailto:montmorl@nemichigan.com).

### Vanderbilt seeking basketball coaches

VANDERBILT — Vanderbilt High School is currently taking applications for the positions of head varsity coach of the boys and girls basketball teams for the 2009-10 school year.

All interested candidates should send a letter of application to the superintendent's office no later than Monday, Aug. 31. Interviews will be conducted in the early part of September.

The address: 947 Donovan St., Vanderbilt, MI 49795. For information, call (989) 983-2561.

### Wolverine seeking basketball coaches

WOLVERINE — Wolverine is currently taking applications for the positions of varsity boys basketball coach, JV boys basketball coach, middle school boys basketball coach for the fall, and middle school girls basketball coach for the fall.

Interested candidates should send a resume to Athletic Director Al Thomas, Wolverine Community Schools, P.O. Box 219, Wolverine, MI 49799. For more details, contact Thomas at (231) 525-9050, ext. 125.

### Announcing upcoming events

The Charlevoix County News offers readers a forum for announcing upcoming events. Send information about upcoming golf outings, soccer tournaments, auto shows, softball tournaments, road races, youth events, etc. and the News will get the word out in Sports Briefs.

Include the date, time, location, registration fee and contact information (phone number, e-mail address and/or Web site) and send to [sports@charlevoixcountynews.com](mailto:sports@charlevoixcountynews.com) or via fax at (888) 240-5499.

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The Charlevoix County News is happy to report the results of area golf leagues, bowling leagues, road races, soccer tournaments, youth baseball and softball events and other such activities.

Include the date and location of the event with the results and include a contact number in case there are questions. Send to [sports@charlevoixcountynews.com](mailto:sports@charlevoixcountynews.com) or via fax at (888) 240-5499.

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# All-NLC Spring Teams Announced

## Junior Jalyn Ingalls of Ellsworth earned all-academic and all-conference recognition in four sports in 2008-09

By Mike Dunn

The 2009 Northern Lakes All-Conference baseball and softball teams were announced last week along with the all-academic teams for the school year.

In softball, Kaitlan Deming of Boyne Falls was a first-team choice along with Kelcie Drenth and Kim Hoeksema of Ellsworth.

In baseball, Tyler Essenburg, Jordan Muma and Robert Gruse of Ellsworth were all first-team selections with Jared Mathers and Reggie Fiel of Boyne Falls earning a spot on the second team.

Ellsworth had 11 of its student-athletes earn all-academic recognition this school year. Several Lancers made it in multiple sports and junior Jalyn Ingalls capped her junior year with all-academic honors in four different sports. She was the only Northern Lakes Conference member to do so in 2008-09.

Ingalls made the grade in both cross country and volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter and softball in the spring. Four earned all-academic honors in three sports, including Tyler Ingalls, Nathan Peterson, Jarrod Steenwyk and Edward Veenstra.

Katie Fraser of Boyne Falls was all-academic in cross country, basketball and softball.

## Northern Lakes All-Conference

### 2009 Softball Team

Katie Fraser — cross country, basketball, softball.

#### First Team:

Sarah Matthew, Alanson  
Chelsey Blasko, Alba  
Kaitlan Deming, Boyne Falls  
Kelcie Drenth, Ellsworth  
Kim Hoeksema, Ellsworth  
Kaylee Hewitt, Harbor Light  
Kaila Schutte, Harbor Light  
Beth Pawlowski, Harbor Light  
Lydia Aulgur, Harbor Light  
Katie Hornshaw, Vanderbilt

#### Second Team:

Karlie Becker, Alanson  
Jade Kiogima, Alanson  
Taylor Roberts, Alba  
Kristen Matelski, Boyne Falls  
Roslyn Fiel, Boyne Falls  
Jayln Ingalls, Ellsworth  
Sarah Kearney, Ellsworth  
Lindsay Walker, Harbor Light  
Cheyenne Withey, Mackinaw City  
Sam Miller, Wolverine

### 2009 Baseball Team

#### First Team:

Austin Neill, Alanson  
Tyler Essenburg, Ellsworth  
Jordan Muma, Ellsworth  
Robert Gruse, Ellsworth  
Mark Fila, Harbor Light  
Brant Cole, Harbor Light  
Collin Hewitt, Harbor Light  
Ben Cole, Harbor Light  
Willie Vieau, Mackinaw City  
Kyle Weatherwax, Mackinaw City  
Steve Snider, Vanderbilt  
Alex VandenHoek, Wolverine

#### Second Team:

Nick Robbins, Alanson  
Robert Honeysette, Alanson  
Austin Halliday, Alanson  
Jared Mathers, Boyne Falls  
Reggie Fiel, Boyne Falls  
Nathan Cook, Harbor Light  
Brandyn Clemens, Mackinaw City  
Cody Hunter, Vanderbilt  
Ryse Brink, Wolverine  
Justin Evans, Wolverine

### All-Academic

#### Alanson:

Stacie Temple — volleyball, softball  
Karlie Becker — volleyball, softball  
Jade Kiogima — basketball  
Rebecca Lynn — basketball  
Sarah Matthew — basketball  
Brandon Armock — basketball  
Dennis Colbath — baseball.

#### Boyne Falls:

Rianne Coale — cross country, softball

#### Ellsworth:

Jalyn Ingalls — cross country, volleyball, basketball, softball  
Emily Piellusch — cross country, volleyball  
Nicholas Cook — cross country  
Ashton Fisher — cross country  
Tyler Ingalls — cross country, basketball, baseball  
Caleb Veenstra — cross country, Jared Danbert — football, basketball  
Nathan Peterson — football, basketball, baseball  
Jarod Steenwyk — football, basketball, baseball  
Edward Veenstra — football, basketball, baseball  
John Clevenger — basketball.

#### Harbor Light:

Kaylee Hewitt — volleyball, basketball, softball  
Kristen Walker — volleyball  
Aimee Burns — volleyball, softball  
Lindsay Walker — softball  
Crystal Jones — basketball  
David Klevorn — basketball, baseball  
Mark Fila — basketball, baseball  
Luke Gray — basketball  
Andrew Fila — basketball, baseball  
Ben Cole — basketball, baseball  
David Doucette — basketball, baseball  
Hyeon-Jong Jang — basketball  
Caleb Lambert — basketball  
Brant Cole — baseball.

#### Mackinaw City:


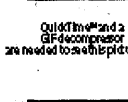

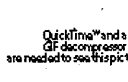


Cheyenne Withey — volleyball, basketball, softball  
Annaliese McFarland — volleyball, softball  
Dylan Darrow — cross country  
Chris Laninga — cross country  
Brandyn Clemens — cross country, basketball, baseball  
Michael Dery — cross country, basketball  
Adam Alexander — cross country, basketball, baseball.

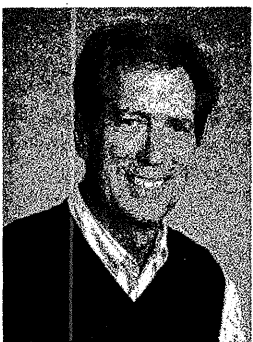
#### Wolverine:

Ajae Whittaker — cross country, basketball  
Luke Operhall — cross country, basketball, baseball  
Aaron Jaroche — cross country  
Tim Ward — cross country, basketball  
Charles Ogden — cross country, basketball  
Josh Brush — basketball  
Dan Verganac — basketball

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## The Market's Great — C'mon In!

By Don Toffolo

I think the real estate "market" confuses the average consumer. We hear terms like "a depressed market" or a "slowdown," which inevitably leave us with a negative impression.

But let's look at what is really going on in real estate today.

Every real estate transaction has two sides: the selling side and the buying side. In what we generally consider a strong market, the advantage falls to the seller. Inventory (which means properties available for sale) is smaller which drives up prices, in a classic supply and demand scenario.

In the current "slowdown," though, inventory is high, decreasing demand and subsequently prices, so the real estate climate favors the buyer — hence the term, "buyer's market."

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  - From \$200,000 — \$500,000 there are 359 listings
  - From 500,000 — \$1,000,000 there are 114 listings
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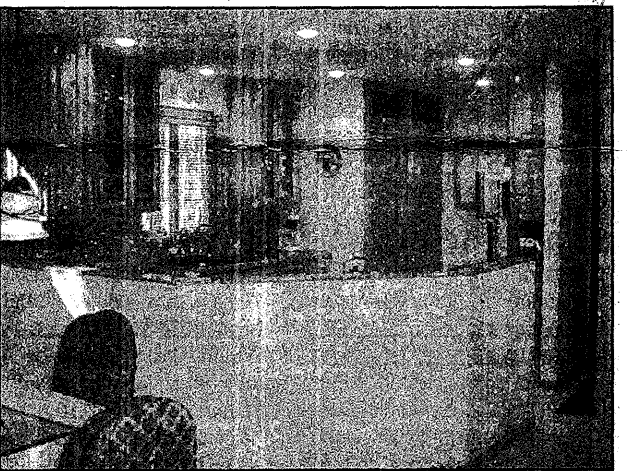
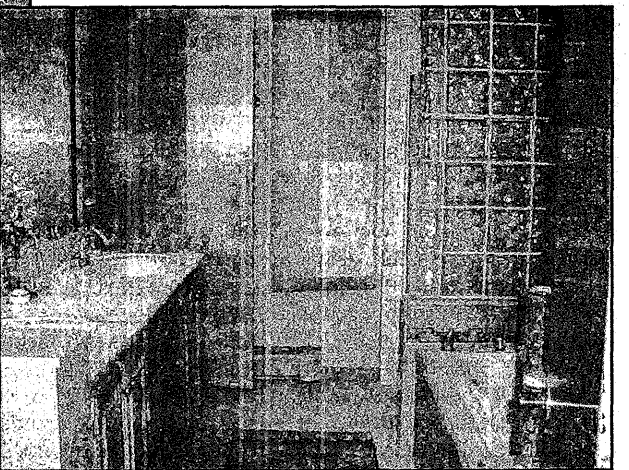
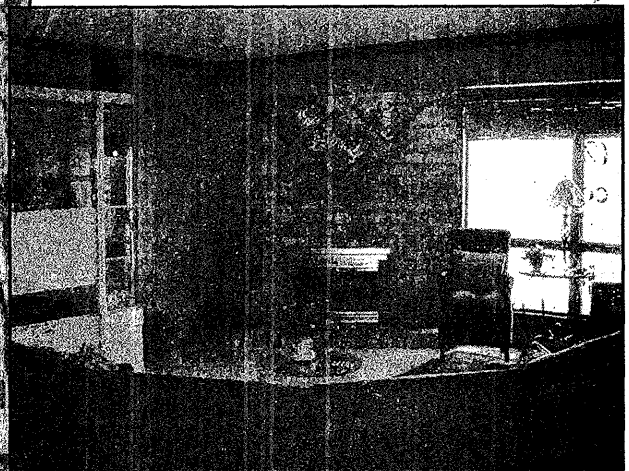
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# Gem of a Home with Dazzling View



Impeccable Three Bedroom Home Overlooks Walloon Lake



By Jim Akans

This is a "must see" home offering.

Overlooking a gorgeous vista that includes Walloon Lake and the surrounding hills and woodlands, the location alone makes this an excellent home value. And that's not only a reflection of the tantalizing Northern Michigan panoramas; the home is also situated less than a mile from the Walloon Lake public beach area, and just six miles from downtown Boyne City.

As fabulous as this over six acre properties outdoor location is; the interior of the home is equally as stunning.

There are two finished living levels in the "open" design style floor plan of the home. The interior has been appointed by a professional interior designer, and the exceptional choice of amenities and finishes reveal an expert level of appeal and function.

The main level of the home is highlighted by an open living, dining and kitchen area that includes a wood-burning, corner fireplace with classic brick surround. Next to the fireplace, a large front window (the windows in the home have been upgraded to energy efficient thermal units) offers an unparalleled view of Walloon Lake and the surrounding countryside.

The kitchen features custom wood cabinetry, with "extra-height", glass-front, upper cabinets for added storage and visual allure. The countertops and flooring are made of tile for durability and beauty, and there is a full array of appliances including range/oven, refrigerator and dishwasher. A main level laundry is conveniently accessed just off the kitchen, and the washer and dryer are included.

Three bedrooms and a full bath, complete with whirlpool tub and separate shower, are also located on the main living level.

There is also a wonderful, four-season room adjacent to the dining area and kitchen, which just may become the new homeowner's favorite spot for relaxing and enjoying the outdoor views. The room is wrapped in windows and includes four skylights, allowing the space to fill

with natural light.

The walkout lower level of the home complements the open design of the main level. The lower level features a full kitchenette, living area, full bath and bedroom. This is a perfect retreat for guests who come for a visit, offering accommodations of privacy and style. There is also a work room area in the lower level perfect for pursuing hobbies and projects in a comfortable, out of the way spot.

This is a very easy-home to fall in love with; and at an asking price of just \$189,000 it is also an incredibly attractive bargain.

For a more information or to arrange for a tour of this home, call Marty Moody at 231-582-9555 or email at [marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com](mailto:marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com).

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# The Market's Great continued from page 15 ...

waterfront and access, residential home and condos, as well as vacant lots and land. If you're a buyer, these are great numbers – in every price range there are ample quality options.

We hear a lot about the flood of foreclosures, and I don't deny we're seeing some of that. But here's some good news: Of the 1,301 listings in Charlevoix County, only 35 are bank-owned properties (including 22 under \$100,000).

The reason this is good news is that it means "distressed" properties, or foreclosed homes, are not driving the real estate economy, especially in the mid-range to higher end homes. However, they are available, and if you are willing to wade through the process of purchasing a foreclosed

home, there are some incredible opportunities out there.

In addition to a strong inventory, money is reasonably affordable. While loans are necessarily tougher to get than they have been in recent years, interest rates have come way down. In the past few months we saw record lows. These have started to creep back up, but as of 6/19, a borrower could still get a 15-year fixed rate loan for 5.25%. This was unheard of a decade ago!

The point is, there's no such thing as a "bad" market. While this may be an oversimplification, there are essentially two different markets – one favors the seller, the other the buyer. Each has its advantages and disadvantages.

It is a fact that today's market is exceptional if you want

to invest in real estate.

One final thought: Here in northern Michigan, inventory, interest rates, buyer's market, seller's market – all these fade in importance to some extent. We are fortunate to live in an area where we are all pretty much favored in any economic climate: blue skies, fresh water, cool breezes and deep woods combine to make this one of the most desirable places to live in the whole world. So the biggest problem a buyer should have in any market in our neck of the woods, is deciding which listing to call home!

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# MOVIE GUIDE

## The Proposal

*A funny, romantic romp*

*Bullock & Reynolds Match-up Offers Chemistry and Comedy.*

By Jim Akans

The Proposal reminds me of one of those classic, romantic comedies from the "golden-age" of movies. The pace and delivery seems to "tip the hat" toward big-screen pairings such as Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn, Deborah Kerr and Cary Grant, Bogart and Audrey Hepburn.

Like those black & white "romps" of old, the one-liners and quick-witted come-backs just keep flying. Yet, despite dialogue designed to deflate developing romance, the audience can sense that true love must prevail by the time the credits roll.

Of course, The Proposal takes a very modern spin around that well traveled block.

Sandra Bullock plays Margaret Tate, the hard-nose, impossible to appease New York City publishing boss who discovers she requires some extra commitment from her assistant, Andrew Paxton (Ryan Reynolds), in order to avoid being deported to Canada. In fact, she needs to marry Andrew, and he agrees to The Proposal as a means to speed his climb up the corporate ladder.

But first, the "couple of convenience" is off to Sitka, Alaska, to meet Andrew's parents, and satisfy the suspicions of a determined INS agent who suspects the fraudulent intent of the pair's pending marriage. The antics that take place during their brief stay in the "Way North" keeps the audience in smiles...and often laughing out loud.

There is an easy chemistry between Bullock and Reynolds, which makes their rocky ride to romance believable.

In addition excellent performances by co-stars Mary Steenburgen and Craig T. Nelson (Coach) as Andrews parents, Betty White (just how old is she???) shows up as Andy's grandma Annie. Ms. White has always had a bit of a bawdy edge, and her performance adds a nice dash of spice to the mix.

Mixing it up is what The Proposal does best. The storyline isn't breaking any new ground and it won't solve world hunger, or stimulate the economy, but it will leave most movie goers feeling better as they walk out of the theater.

Sometimes, that is exactly what a good movie should do.

Exit Comments;

"Best movie I've seen in a long time. I'll buy the DVD," Vana - Gaylord  
 "Very cute, with a good mix of humor and sarcasm," Jim & Donna - Lewiston  
 "Better than I thought it would be," Terri - Gaylord  
 "Love romantic comedies. Be sure to stay for the ending," Mary & Erin - Boyne City.



### Exit Poll - Which Did You Prefer?



Movie; 90%



Popcorn; 10%

### Gaylord Cinema West June 26 - July 2

**The Hangover - R (103)**  
 Starring - Bradley Cooper - Heather Graham  
 Fri. - Tues at: 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00  
 Wed. & Thurs 4:00, 9:00

**The Proposal - PG-13 (108)**  
 Starring - Sandra Bullock - Martin Akerman  
 At: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

**My Sister's Keeper - PG-13 (110)**  
 Starring - Cameron Diaz - Abigail Breslin  
 At: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

**Up - PG (90)**  
 Voices - Ed Asner - Jordan Nagai  
 Fri. - Tues. at: 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

**Year One - PG-13 (97)**  
 Starring - Jack Black - Michael Cera  
 Fri. - Tues at: 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00  
 Wed. & Thurs. at: 2:00, 7:00

**Transformers - PG-13 (150)**  
 (Revenge of the Fallen)  
 Starring - Shia LeBeouf - Josh Duhamel  
 At: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40

Starting Wed. July 1

Ice Age: Dawn of the

### Gaylord continued ...

**Dinosaurs - PG (94)**  
 Voices - Ray Romano - Denis Leary  
 Wed. & Thurs at: 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

**Public Enemies - R (141)**  
 Starring - Johnny Depp - Christian Bale  
 Wed. & Thurs at: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40

### Bellaire Theatre June 26 - July 2

**The Hangover - R (103)**  
 Starring - Bradley Cooper - Heather Graham  
 Fri. - Tues. at: 7:00, 9:00 nightly

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 At: 7:00, 9:35

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 At: 7:00, 9:00

- Gaylord Cinema West
- Petoskey Cinema
- Bellaire Theatre

### Courtyard Cinema June 26 - July 2

**The Taking Of Pelham 1 2 3 - R (106)**  
 Starring - Denzel Washington  
 At: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

**Imagine That - PG (107)**  
 Starring - Eddie Murphy  
 Fri. - Tues. at: 4:15, 9:15

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**Land of the Lost - PG-13 (106)**  
 Starring - Will Ferrell - Danny R. McBride  
 Fri. - Tues. at: 2:00, 7:00

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### Petoskey Cinema June 26 - July 2

**Year One - PG-13 (97)**  
 Starring - Jack Black - Michael Cera  
 At: 11:45, 2:00, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9:00

**The Hangover - R (103)**  
 Starring - Bradley Cooper - Heather Graham  
 At: 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

**Night At The Museum - PG (105)**  
 Starring - Ben Stiller - Robin Williams  
 Fri. - Tues. at: 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

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**Public Enemies - R (141)**  
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### Kingston Theatre June 26 - July 2

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 At: 1:00, 3:00, 7:00, 9:00

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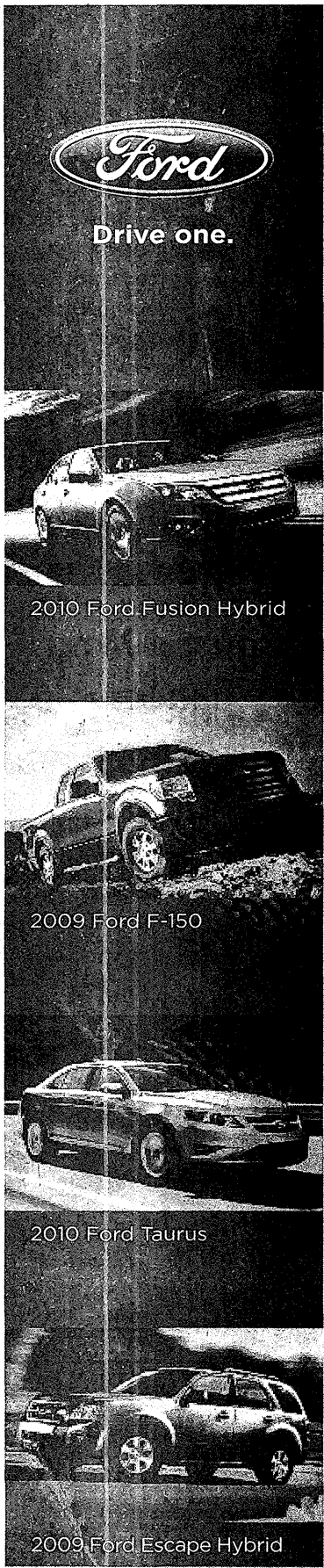
This property has it all, great view, backs up to state land, good building sites among giant pines or build a walkout home facing Osmin Rd. Future income with pine trees that are close to harvest. Property has high land, mix of trees, a little low land with a seasonal road north end of property. GREAT for hunting, horses ride into State Forest or down into Pigeon River Forest. MLS #261723  
 List price: \$130,000  
 Directions: 5086 M-33, Indian River, MI 49749, west of Indian River property begins on corner of Osmin road on right. (The S 1/2 of NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 1, T34N-R1W)

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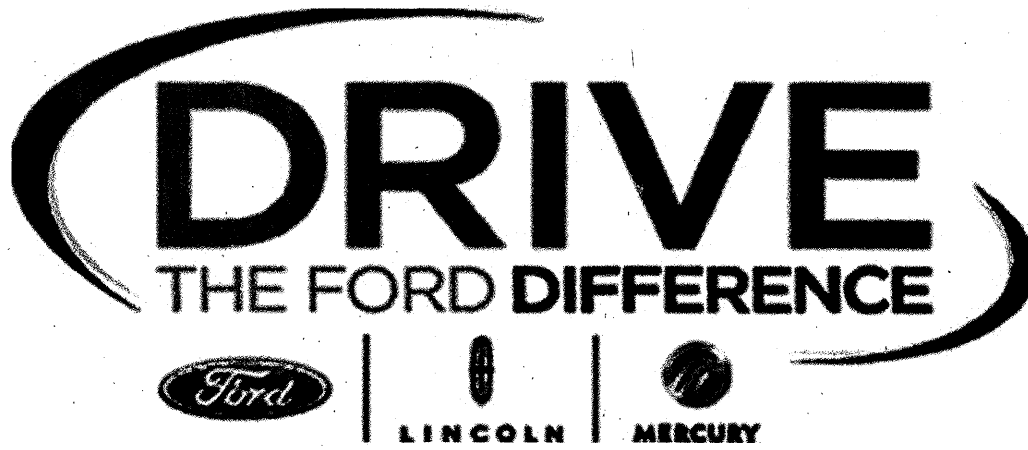
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## So what do others think?

You know, the experts. The folks that do the testing, have the facts and figures and test practically every vehicle produced, both import and domestic. First, there's the technical stuff: the crash tests, the EPA mileage tests, the consumer magazines, etc. Well, you probably know by now that Ford Motor Company had more vehicles receive the top safety rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety than any other manufacturer. Ford vehicles' gas mileage ratings also do very well in the EPA Fuel Economy guide. As for quality, Ford is rated better than most by just about every testing group, including the leading consumer magazine.

## But there's more.

Here's just a sample of some other stuff that lots of third party experts from around the country are saying about Ford.

**Ford named one of CRO (Corporate Responsibility Officer) Magazine's Top 40 Best Corporate Citizen, the only automobile manufacturer in the top 40.**

**Ford Motor Company received the most honors from Strategic Vision in their annual "Customer Delight" awards.**

**F-150:** The best selling vehicle in America again for 2008, Motor Trend 2009 Truck of the Year, the "Truck of Texas" award, "Best Overall Half-Ton Pick-up" from Pick-ups.com, "Automotive Excellence" award from Popular Mechanics, 2009 North American Truck of the Year finalist, "Top Safety Pick" from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

**Ford Flex:** Named Automobile Magazine All-Star, 2009 North American Car of the Year nominee, GQ Magazine Best Stuff of the Year list. The Auto Channel calls Flex, "a great family car...and pretty cool."

**Ford Focus:** The Chicago Sun-Times says "With great fuel economy, cool features and attractive design, I can't imagine what more you'd want in a car". The Washington Post calls the 2009 Focus SES "one of the best subcompact cars sold in the United States. It's also a joy to drive." And The Washington Times adds that Focus is "a good car that offers a fun time with good gas mileage that everybody needs a little of right now. The 2009 Ford Focus coupe has big strengths and a right price."

**Ford Escape (built in KC):** The New York Times calls the Escape "one of those unassuming vehicles that seems to be everywhere. If you count the Escapes in any supermarket parking lot you'll conclude that Ford must have sold a million of those things. In fact, it has - about 1.27 million in the United States. The appeal is understandable. All told, Ford did a nice job of updating (with the new 2009 Escape) what is suddenly one of it's most relevant products - a small SUV that gets good gas mileage and doesn't cost a lot."

**Ford Ranger:** From the Minneapolis Star-Times; "The compact Ford Ranger pick-up's high-quality, high-value formula continues to succeed against an onslaught of competition."

**Ford Edge:** The San Francisco Chronicle says "the Ford Edge wins the crossover race with its eye-catching design. Living up to its name, Edge's design, technology, driving performance and safety give it a distinct edge over other five-passenger vehicles in many ways."

**And coming soon to a Ford dealer near you, here's a sampling of some new technology that's on the way.**

Ford's new Eco-Boost engine technology, a winner of Popular Science Magazine's "Best of What's New for 2008" award.

"Active Park Assist" With the touch of a button, drivers can parallel park quickly, easily and safely without ever touching the steering wheel.

"Collision Warning With Brake Support" Uses radar to help drivers avoid rear-end accidents.

"Blind Spot Information System (BLIS)" Uses two multiple beam radar modules when backing out to alert driver's sooner of nearby traffic.

"Adaptive Cruise Control" Allows the driver to set and maintain the vehicle's speed while radar monitors the traffic ahead.

"Intelligent Access with Push Button Start" Allows the driver to enter the vehicle and start the engine without using the key. The driver simply carries a key fob which the vehicle detects.

Adaptive Headlamps with Standard High-Intensity Discharge (HID) Lamps: Sensors monitor the vehicle's speed and steering wheel input to engage headlamp movement and increase the driver's field of vision.

"Rain Sensing Wipers" Use an optical sensing system to gauge precipitation and automatically activate and adjust the wipers.

♦ "SYNC" This award-winning voice activated communications and entertainment system developed by Ford and Microsoft integrates Bluetooth-enabled mobile phones and digital media players into the vehicle. SYNC incorporates 911 Assist, which can notify a local 911 emergency operator in the event of an airbag-deployment incident.

I could go on and on. There is a lot to be proud of with Ford and the work being done by each member of the Ford Team, from the leaders in Detroit, to the hard-working UAW members here in the State of Michigan. If you're in the market for a new car, truck, SUV or crossover, we hope you at least consider a Ford. Thanks for your time and attention.

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