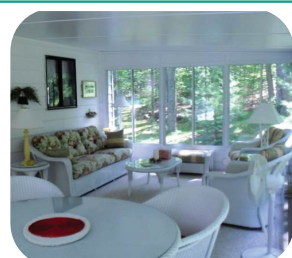


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Can Michigan Save \$900 Million on Health Care?

By Jim Akans

Many of life's best ideas are the simple ones; eat well, spend frugally, read, take regular walks, and...consolidate.

Michigan House Speaker, Andy Dillion, has a relatively simple idea that could potentially save the State of Michigan a lot of money, up to \$900 Million, at a time when forecasters expect a nearly \$2 Billion shortfall in the 2010 budget.

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ONE WATER CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN



The clouds gave way to sunshine on Thursday, July 30, for the One Water groundbreaking ceremony, downtown. From left is chamber director Jim Baumann, realtor Wally Kidd, Boyne City Mayor Eleanor Stackus, One Water developer Glen Catt, Main Street board member Bob Carlise, and members of Catt's design team: project architect Mike Pattullo of Shoreline Architecture, general contractor Ed Hunt of Integrity Construction Services, and project engineer Aaron Nordman of Performance Engineers. One Water is a development that will be constructed on the Lake Charlevoix waterfront in Boyne City. The project includes retail and office space, a restaurant, hotel and marina.

By B. J. Conley-Hetler

BOYNE CITY — Catt Development's One Water project, a welcome boost for the community, advanced to a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, July 30, as a sizeable number of people witnessed the customary commencement of construction.

Glen Catt, the project's developer, mingled throughout the crowd shaking hands with the happy group that attended the groundbreaking. The event was held at the site of the future \$12 million project on Lake Charlevoix's waterfront downtown.

Later at the podium, Catt spoke about the Boyne City community, saying he was pleased to be a part of the city's downtown. The project includes a 6,500-square-foot retail-office and restaurant space, a 3.5 story, 37-room hotel with 17 dwelling units, and a 24-slip marina.

Catt praised city staff for their courtesy and professionalism, especially city manager Michael Cain and planning director Scott McPherson and city boards. He thanked residents who came forward to support his plans early in the process and gave credit to those he chose to work with him.

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35th Annual Boyne Falls Polish Festival

Begins August 6th

By Jim Akans

It all kicks off Thursday afternoon, August 6th, with the opening of the concessions and Arnold Amusement's carnival rides in Boyne Falls, officially marking the beginning of

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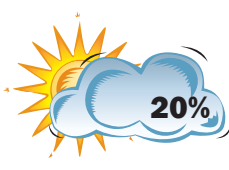
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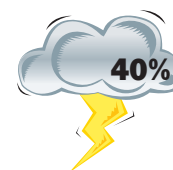
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WALLOON WOODIES SHOW
Wooden boats from as early as the 1920's will be on display in Walloon Village at the Walloon Central Power Sports and Marine dock on August 8th. The event begins at 10:00 am followed by a Wooden Boat Parade at 12:15. For more information contact: Wally Kidd at 838-2700 or Bob Marquardt at 535-2936. This event is open to the public.

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Boyne Arts Collective & Freshwater Studio Grand Openings a Success!

By Brittney Moody

The dual grand opening on South Lake Street in Boyne City for the Boyne Arts Collective (BAC) and Freshwater Studio on Friday, July 31 was a success.

"It was a wonderful thing, there were wall-to-wall people in here," said Cindy McCune, co-owner of Freshwater Studio. "People really started to roll around 4:30 p.m. and it was packed until 8:30 p.m. It was absolutely wonderful."

Having their grand openings in conjunction with musical performances of "Stroll the Streets" ended up being a great idea for both art organizations. Freshwater Studio offered wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, and had a number of their artists present to "meet and greet" guests.

The BAC provided gallery goers with treats, music and spin art for the children. There was live music by BAC member Greg Vadnais and Chris Bontos, who performed unique musical selections from India. The BAC also started collecting and previewing items that will



be auctioned off during their live auction on Labor Day weekend.

"People could start coming in and looking around to see if there is anything they wanted (to bid on)," Martina Hahn, President of the BAC

said. "We had a lot of traffic and we felt very, very good about it."

"People are just terribly excited because of the quality of work in here, the ambiance of the whole place and the mix of the different

kinds of work," added Cindy McCune.

After the successful grand opening, the BAC will open their facilities Wednesdays through Sundays.

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Health Department Recommends Breastfeeding and Immunizations

Breastfeeding and immunizations are two of the best ways parents can help their babies stay healthy, according to public health nurses at the local health department.

"We encourage mothers to breastfeed and immunize their babies," said Patricia Fralick, Director of Family & Community Health Services for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "And it's important that moms and dads get their immunizations too, especially flu shots. Babies under six months old cannot get flu shots. So when family members are immunized against seasonal and H1N1 flu viruses, that helps babies from getting the flu." Flu can cause serious illness in babies, she said.

The Health Department will be offering flu shots in the fall and will announce times, dates, and locations soon.

To support new moms who breastfeed, Health Department staff are working together with MSU Extension offices and local hospitals in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. A breastfeeding peer support counselor is on-call 24 hours a day in each of the four counties to help and support new breastfeeding moms by answering questions and providing encouragement.

In recognition of World Breastfeeding Month (August), the International Lactation Consultation Association recommends these actions for family and friends to support breastfeeding mothers:

- Look for ways to help breastfeeding mothers with household chores and other tasks so that she will be free to breastfeed her baby.
- Respect breastfeeding mothers' infant feeding choices by checking with them before feeding their babies any foods or drinks.
- Don't expect breastfed babies to eat and sleep the same way that your formula fed babies did.
- Listen to breastfeeding mothers, but do not rush to tell them what they are doing wrong. Sometimes just listening is the best help you can give breastfeeding moms.
- Keep in mind that new parents can be sensitive. The way you say something can be just as important as what you say.
- Encourage breastfeeding moms if the going gets tough. Remind them that they are doing what is right for their baby.
- Breastfeeding is a learned skill. If moms or babies are having difficulty with breastfeeding, suggest kindly that the mother contact the lactation counselors or consultants at their local hospital or the breastfeeding peer support counselor at the Health Department.

Recent studies show that babies who are exclusively breastfed until they are six months old are less likely to develop a range of infectious diseases including ear infections, diarrhea, and respiratory illnesses, and have fewer hospitalizations. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, some studies suggest babies who are breastfed have lower rates of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Older children who were breastfed have lower rates of diabetes, certain types of cancer, overweight and obesity, high cholesterol, and asthma.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information about breastfeeding, contact your health care provider or local Health Department office.

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August 4 Election Results

By Dave Baragrey

Voters approved two mileages in Boyne Valley Township where they considered a pair of five-year renewals to fund the local transfer station and fire/rescue operation, maintenance and equipment.

The Transfer Station millage passed with a vote of 77 yes votes to 18 no votes. The Fire/Rescue millage vote passed with 75 yes votes to 19 no votes.

Both mileages are a reduction compared to past years. To operate the transfer station .75 mills

was passed compared to one mill. For the fire/rescue millage one mill passed compared to one-and-a-half mills from the previous millage. The transfer station millage is estimated to raise about \$116,000 and the fire/rescue is expected to raise about \$155,000.

In East Jordan, voters narrowed the field of seven city commission candidates to six for the November election, when the top three candidates will be seated. The six candidates are that will appear on the November ballot are: Tom Breakley, Carron Rogers, Lee Symonds, Jane Booze, Mark Postma and Russ Peck

THE VOTE TALLY WAS:

Jane Booze	259
Tom Breakey	217
Russell Peck	192
Carron Rogers	146
Mark Postma	108
Lee Symonds	97
Ronald Klooster	89

Marlin Sweet: East Jordan Rotary Club's "Father of the Year"

Marlin Sweet, East Jordan Rotary Club's Father of the Year for 2009, genuinely deserved the honor. And like any truly deserving honoree, he doesn't think so for a minute.

The father of two adult children, Ben Sweet, and Sarah Huffman, Marlin and Gwen Sweet also have four young children – Tiffany, 12; Mary, 10; Miles, 9 and Lucas, 8 – at home. The kids are variously called Weasel, Motormouth, Dipstick, Meathead, Thundercloud, and Worm. We won't tell whose nickname is assigned to whom, as "Thundercloud" is not a favorite. Everyone else gleefully shouted his or her nickname(s) like a Von Trapp at roll call.

All of the kids had an idea why their dad was the Father of the Year – for them, this year and all others.

For Miles, who said he spends most of his time with Marlin hunting, fishing and cutting wood (which Miles mostly enjoys), the most important thing about his dad is this: "He helps me with a lot of stuff."

For Mary, it was that he "works and gets money so Mom can buy food."

Miles added that his dad is a great comforter and a good person to have around when Miles has "a cough and I sound like a dead goose."

Mary agreed. "When I was running track [and fell] Dad helped me." He made her laugh when she felt like crying.

Lucas said an important thing about his dad is that "He cuts wood so we can be warm."

And Miles had another important observation: "One time I saw him carrying a smoker with one hand – I thought that was pretty heavy," he said, impressed.

Their father's labor registers with the kids, and he is passing a good work ethic down.

The children are expected to do chores: Tiffany cleans the cat litter box (under duress), loads the dishwasher, and on cleaning days is expected to sweep the basement. Miles unloads the dishwasher. Mary and Lucas said that they also sometimes help unload the dishwasher.

In general the kids said they weren't surprised their father was selected for Father of the Year, and they are proud of him.



A part of the Sweet family enjoys a camp fire while the kids take the opportunity to talk about their dad. From left, Miles, Lucas, Tiffany, Mary and Marlin Sweet. Try as they might, the young ones couldn't come up with very embarrassing stories. Marlin admits they were warned.

"It was funny watching him go down the road in a convertible," said Mary of the Freedom Festival parade. "With a broken collarbone. Well, he should have been sitting on top."

There are things Marlin's children love the most about him; "He's nice and funny," said Mary.

Tiffany said, simply: "He's fun to be with."

Miles was grateful for the cool gifts he gets for his birthday.

"He works on EMS," said Lucas proudly.

"He picks on us and calls us names," Mary said, to a chorus of laughter and agreement. "It's very funny."

All these things were said while Marlin was not in attendance - it got very silly when he got back, with lots of hugs and laughter, and a couple of punches in the arm when a certain someone got called Thundercloud.

But Marlin himself, though flattered, wasn't sure how he got to be Father of the Year, and responded characteristically.

"What determines a Father or Mother of the Year? I always thought my mother should have been nominated, but she never was. It's a nomination thing, not a test thing," he laughed. "There are no perks to Father of the Year. You should at least get a free campsite downtown."

Marlin has worked at East Jordan Iron Works for 22 years. He is a story-teller, he's a tease, he's a laugher, and he has arms that don't fail to comfort the nearest or neediest of his children, as occasion demands. He said his father was a role model for parenting.

"Dad set good work ethics. He went to work no matter what. He did the yard at the plant [Dura] – he'd plow the parking lot on days when no one could there. He'd ride his snowmobile to work to plow, saying, "It's got to be done.""

"Gwen and I have talked about [what's important]," Marlin said, referring to what they learned from their parents. "Sometimes a light bill or a phone bill might have been behind. I don't know – maybe their priorities were all wrong. But we always went on vacation in the UP for a week. Sometimes Dad would be fixing the car the night before we left."

"I learned there's something more important than money," Marlin said. "You have to be a friend to all of them. Yeah, you have to rule with an iron fist sometime – but you don't always have to. You pick the battles you can win."

Marlin paused and watched his kids loading a campfire with pine needles and sticks.

"Like this battle right here," he gestured toward the fire, laughter never far from his voice, "I can't win." (But he tries anyway.) "Hey you guys, that's enough."

"It's a joint thing, definitely, having kids – raising kids," Marlin said. "You have to be able to agree with what's going on."

He and Gwen obviously do. Marlin sent the kids to the car and talked seriously for a moment, revealing the love, genuine affection, and burden of successful parenting. He accepts it humbly and gratefully.

You watch his face, and agree. He was an excellent choice for Father of the Year. He says there are so many other good dads, and you know he's right. You are grateful Rotary recognized this one.

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HOSPITAL GUILD'S SILENT AUCTION
The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's Annual Silent Auction will be on August 6, from 10am to 3pm. The public is cordially invited to browse and bid as there's something for everyone.

BOYNE CITY

LIFE LINE SCREENING
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PATIENT APPRECIATION DAY

The East Jordan Family Health Center is celebrating National Health Center Week by hosting Patient Appreciation day on Aug. 13. The community is invited to enjoy the barbeque and refreshments along with games, displays and live music by the Health Center Staff band from 4pm - 6pm.

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Lady Biker Portside Arts Day 9th Fair Winners Annual Ride-In

By Dawn Johnson, Lady Biker Day Founder

Every year for the past 8 years, the 3rd weekend in August, brings a familiar roar of motorcycles entering the Jordan River Valley area where lady bikers from all parts of the country come to attend Lady Biker Day.

A diverse group of lady bikers bring with them fun, excitement, a quest for learning new riding skill techniques from Riding Like a Pro Classes and a chance to lend their financial support to their favorite charity, Camp Quality of Michigan (a camp for children diagnosed with cancer).

The weekend starts out with a Friday night party on Main Street in East Jordan with the parade of bikes into town, entertainment, various contests and of course costumes that depict the theme chosen by Camp Quality.

2009 Theme for Camp Qual-

ity is "Super Heroes" with of hush-type planning going on between the clubs as to what their costumes will be.

Saturday finds the ladies gathering in our Memorial Park for a group photo at the train and blessing of their bikes before they head out for a day of scenic riding.

They return at the end of the day to gather once more for an all-out BBQ spread that includes a choice of four entrees, lots of salads, veggies, and (of course) chocolate brownies and ice cream.

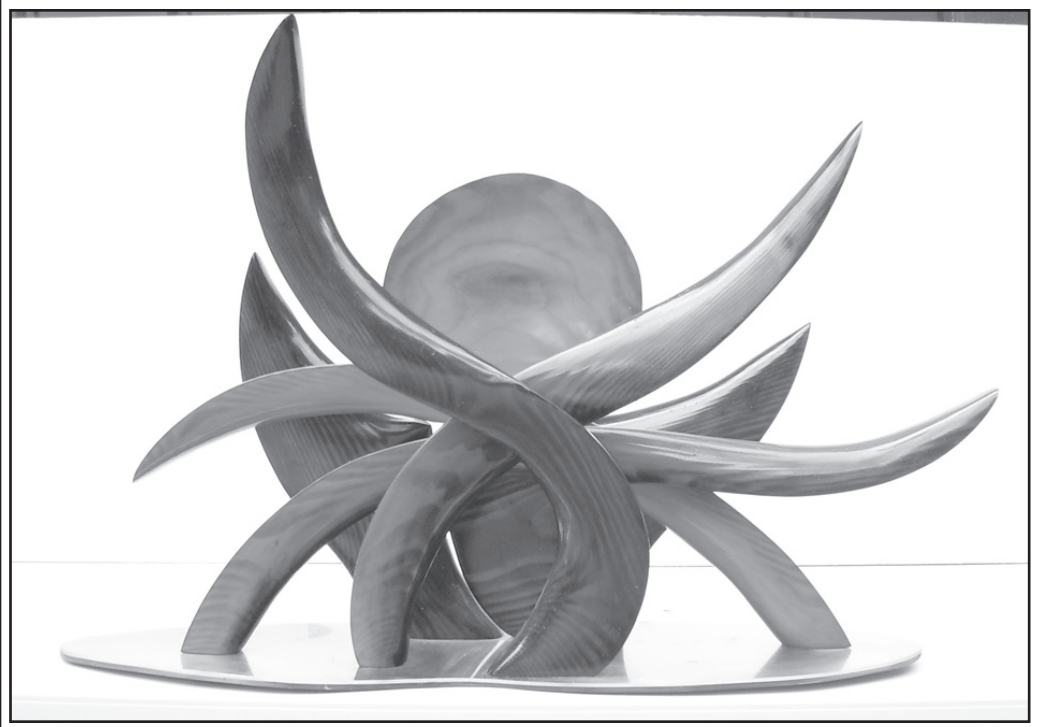
On the serious side; before they leave to go back home, they present to the director of Camp Quality the funds that they have raised throughout the year and at the event. The total donations for the last few years have totaled more than \$75,000.

"Always Ride Safe" is the motto for Lady Bikers that attend the event.

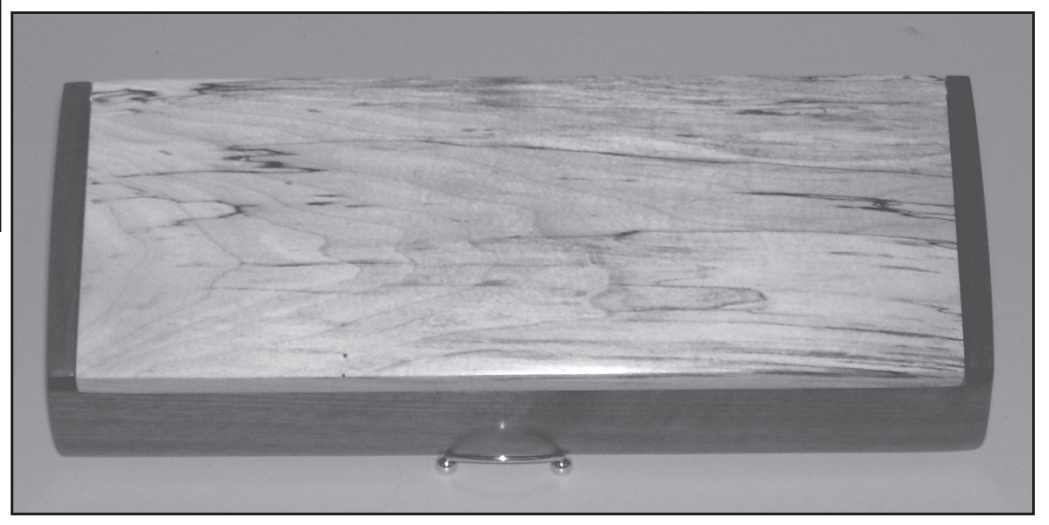
Traverse City artist and retired professor of Art from Hope College, Delbert Michel was the judge for the East Jordan 47th Annual Portside Arts Fair, which was held August 1 & 2, at Elm Pointe. East Jordan resident, Cayla Tinney's mixed media landscape was chosen as the 2-dimensional purchase prize. The 3-dimensional purchase prizes were awarded to Neil Cluck of Tulsa, Oklahoma for his "Sunrise" sculpture and to Don Doezeema for his spaulded maple and walnut box. Cluck was a first time exhibitor at the

fair while Tinney and Doezeema are winners for a second time. Their winning pieces become part of the permanent collection at the Cygred Riley Gallery at Elm Pointe.

In the 2-dimensional category, first time exhibitor Tim Pervinkler of Ludington, MI received honorable mention for his photography work. Honorable mention was also awarded to East Jordan potters David and June Otis and Paul Needham for their work in 3-dimensional media.



Pictured above is the sculpture done by Neil Cluck, and pictured below is Doezeema's box



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*All new students must have a copy of their birth certificate and immunization records. A copy of their transcripts or report cards would be helpful. Please call 231-439-8100 for an appointment.

Any student who has received credits from summer school must report them at time of registration.

Please call the Boyne City High School at 231-439-8100 for more information.

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BOYNE CITY

DANCIN' IN THE STREETS

SoBo, the newly named South Boyne business district, presents the 5th annual Dancin' in the Streets Thursday, July 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Acoustic Stew will entertain just south of the corner of Lake and Main Streets. The event is sponsored by CindiFranco's, Lake Street Market and Eyes on Main. Organizer Cindi Mallin says, "Bring your chairs, grab a sandwich, put on your dancing' shows and join us for an evening of fun." Dancin in the Streets will return Aug. 27 when The Sun Dogs will be performing.

EAST JORDAN

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Evangelical Lutheran Church on Rogers Road, East Jordan is hosting a Community Yard Sale from 8am to 2 pm on Aug. 8 at the church. All proceeds to the TOOLS OF FAITH/Habitat for Humanity new home build in East Jordan. Live music by The Cousins Music Group from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please join us!

BOYNE CITY

FRIENDS OF BOYNE RIVER ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Boyne River will be holding their annual meeting and BBQ on Aug. 12 at Veteran's Park Pavilion in Boyne City at 5:30. Their mission is to improve and conserve the environmental health and recreational quality of the Boyne River and its watershed. Please come and enjoy dinner and friends and learn about more about this accomplished environmental group. For more info, call Candy at 582-2434

CHARLEVOIX

SIDEWALK SALES

Bargains, bargains and more during the Sidewalk Sales in Charlevoix. Merchants move their wares to the sidewalk so that you can just stroll along and choose your merchandise Aug. 13 - 15.

EAST JORDAN

SIDEWALK SALES

East Jordan Sidewalk Sales offer great bargains from area merchants on Aug. 14 and 15.

BOYNE CITY

STROLL THE STREETS

Another season of Stroll the Streets fills 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.

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Salli Hawkins Joins Kruzel Insurance

By Brittney Moody

After twenty years of primarily serving their clients commercial insurance needs, Kruzel Insurance & Financial Services has recently expanded their focus in the area of personal insurance lines. The change lends itself to the addition of consultant Salli Hawkins, who became a staff member in May 2008.

Prior to Hawkins joining Kruzel Insurance, the agency's business was divided with approximately 70 percent of business coming from commercial lines and about 30 percent from personal lines. Now, with aid from Hawkins' background, the personal lines division has grown.

"We've had at least a ten percent growth (in personal lines) since January," Hawkins said.

When Hawkins came on board, she was new to the insurance business. Having previously been a Realtor and administrator for Remax, an educator and medical assistant prior to that, she has been well acquainted with the service industry.

"My thirty years of service background is very individual client oriented," said Hawkins, "That mixes very well with the business service experience of the staff here at Kruzel."

It was Ken Kruzel, head of Kruzel Insurance, who assured Hawkins that becoming an insurance agent wouldn't be a far leap from her previous employment experience.

"I continue to provide service for people and their homes, and have added working with their cars, boats and "toys" as well." Hawkins said.

Coworker Rhonda Harasewicz, who has been with Kruzel Insurance & Financial Services for twelve years, states, "She's just been a great addition; she's terrific with customer service, great talking with people and truly a people person," Harasewicz said.

Both Harasewicz and Hawkins agree that being a "people person" is extremely important in the insurance business.

Since becoming an insurance agent, Hawkins said she never realized how many people aren't properly insured.

"I'm hoping people will give us the opportunity to look over their insurance coverage. It's something they should look into and review every two years," Hawkins said.

When dealing with insurance policies, it is essential to consider cost and the agents who will service the policy. Hawkins and Harasewicz noted that Kruzel Insurance & Financial Services is competitive in both areas.

"We work hard for our clients," said Harasewicz.

Kruzel Insurance hopes to see even more growth in their personal lines in the near future, putting them in a new competitive arena.

"Kruzel Insurance is not just for commercial insurance needs anymore," said Hawkins.

20 Year-Old Firm Expands Personal Insurance Services



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Ken has been in the industry for over 25 years with his main emphasis on Commercial products and management of the Agency. Most recently he has taken over the Gastineau Agency from downstate and his Clients now cover most all of the State. Our agency believes in Insurance Portfolio Management which allows the Agent to focus on the whole picture for the Client's insurance needs.
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EAST JORDAN

USED BOOK SALE

The Jordan Valley Library Friends are sponsoring a used book sale on Thursday, August 13 and Friday, August 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center on Main Street in East Jordan. Books in good condition may be dropped off at the East Jordan Community Pool. Please do not bring encyclopedias, magazines, or books without covers. Proceeds will go towards future Friends programs. Book purchases are made by donation. For more information, call Kim Prebble, 536-2250.

BOYNE FALLS

KID ROCK RETURNS

Kid Rock is returning to Boyne Mountain for a live concert on Saturday, Aug. 15.

CHARLEVOIX

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.

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One Water Construction ...

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Glen Catt of Catt Development based in Gaylord, spoke at the One Water groundbreaking ceremony in Boyne City on July 30. He commended the city staff for their professionalism and said he was pleased to be a part of the community. The \$12 million development Catt has planned on the Lake Charlevoix waterfront includes a hotel, restaurant, retail and office building and a marina.



Boyne City Mayor Eleanor Stackus spoke at the One Water groundbreaking on July 30, about the project and its benefits to the community. One Water developer, Glen Catt of Catt Development in Gaylord, is seated on the right.

"I didn't do this alone," Catt said. "One of my biggest beliefs in leadership is to be surrounded with quality people." He thanked the development team and the staff at the Catt Development office in Gaylord.

The One Water project's development team includes realtor Wally Kidd of Kidd & Leavy Real Estate, architect Mike Pattullo of Shoreline Architecture, gen-

eral contractor Ed Hunt of Integrity Construction Services and project engineer Aaron Nordman of Performance Engineers.

The retail, office and restaurant building is first on the construction list and work begins in September.

"I'd like to have the building ready for the summer season next year," Catt said.

The hotel construction will follow with a completion target date in early summer 2011. The marina and yacht club is scheduled for completion in time for the 2010 boating season.

For more information contact Catt Development at 989-732-9722 or at gbcatt@cattdevelopment.com.

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.

Prepare Yourself for Success

by Dave Baragrey

I love to discover information that puts life in perspective and offers advice to improve my attitude. This column allows me the opportunity to share some of that information with you. No matter where you start in life, you can become a leader the moment you realize that if you are going to be successful, it's up to you. I came across this information

Five Ways to Prepare Yourself for Success

1) Become an Avid Reader

Abraham Lincoln once said that if he were given eight hours to chop down a tree, he would spend six hours sharpening his ax and two hours chopping down the tree. That is one of the true characteristics of a leader. We all should take time to sharpen our axes — by reading! Believe it or not, the average American reads just one book a year. What that means to you and me is that if we only read one book a month in our field, we will be twelve years ahead of the average person!

The late Earl Nightingale, in his book, *The Strangest Secret*, said that if we read for two hours every day on any subject, in five years, we would become national experts on that particular subject. And in ten years, we would have the equivalent of a Ph.D! A friend recently told me he read the New Testament 12 times in a year by just spending a minimum of 15 minutes a day. After 12 times through he has now com-

mitted many of the New Testament to memory. To me, reading quality books is the ultimate joy in life. It rekindles my hope and takes me to new heights. It rejuvenates me and gives me a boost. We can no longer make excuses about not having time to read. Today we can download books to our Kindle or order electronic versions to read on-line or listen to in the car or at our computer! On the road to success, we must gather a lot of information through quality reading.

2) Network with Successful People

In America, there is an association for continuing education in every line of business. If we want to meet the movers and shakers directly, we have to become joiners. It's amazing how accessible the "big dogs" are when we attend the networking events. It's like being a small fish in a big pond. It allows us to bypass the gatekeepers and go straight to the decision-makers.

The best way to find out which associations you can join is to go to the library and ask for the Encyclopedia of Associations. Another great way to network is to join the local Chamber of Commerce. First, however, you must learn how to network and build strong referral systems. There are many books on the subject. One of them is by Harvey Mackay: *Dig Your Well Before You're Thirsty*.

3) Find a Mentor

Every great athlete, celebrity, and business executive can point to a

mentor or coach. They each had people who helped them to get where they are. One of the best methods of preparation is to find a mentor. Find a person who has been there, done that, and has gotten the T-shirt to guide you along the way.

Whether you want to move up in your company or establish a solid business of your own, a mentor can make a significant difference. And you don't necessarily have to have just one mentor; you can have many. This may sound simple, but it is powerful! No matter what line of business you are in, you need a coach. Find someone you talk with about your failures and successes, someone who can advise you. How do you find a mentor? Just ASK!

People normally love to talk about their successes and how they accomplished them. They are eager to help us if we courteously ask them. Put into practice the advice in the Bible: "Ask and ye shall receive."

4) Attend Continuing Education Classes

Our minds are like leaky buckets; what we know is constantly dripping out. There was a man who worked for a company for about twenty years. It seems like they always passed over him for promotions. Ironically, he had trained new hires who would eventually become his boss! One day he confronted the president of the company about the situation. He told his boss that he was being treated unfairly, especially since he had had twenty years of

experience with the company. The president sat the man down and told him, "No! You only have one year of experience repeated for twenty years."

How long have you been in your line of business? Are you getting new knowledge, or are you applying old knowledge? If we are going to thrive and survive in these turbulent times, we must expand our minds. And one of the best ways of expanding is to attend adult learning classes at the local colleges, universities, and technical schools. They are very affordable, and they also have flexible schedules. There are no excuses: IT'S UP TO YOU!

5) Find Time for a Quiet Reflection

The great philosophers, thinkers, scientists, and business gurus always find quiet time to be alone — to ponder, recharge, and flood their minds with images of their future goals. We should never be so busy chasing a dream that we are no longer able to visualize it in our minds. There are times when the burdens are heavy, but this is when we need to enter our inner world and examine our lives. Socrates once said to his students, "An unexamined life is not worth living." Quiet reflection is a time to get to know the invisible power that sustains our lives. Starting today, take a few moments every day to reflect.

Here is quote to remember. "Good leaders are good readers" —Jim Rohn

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Polish Festival ... Continued from front page



Ride the Rides, Take in the Events, and Save Room for Some of the Best Festival Food in the North

the community's 35th Annual Polish Festival.

As usual, there are an amazing amount of events and activities scheduled for the four day festival.

First up; Thursday's Car Show-Cruise In and an Oldies Night, featuring the classic hit sounds of the Fabulous Oldies But Goodies Band in the Polka Tent sponsored by Labatt's. Save some energy because Friday is "Youth Day," held at the Boyne Valley Township Fire Hall, highlighted by games, refreshments, a candy scramble, face painting, crafts and more. A Youth Parade begins at the corner of Maple Street and Railroad Street at 4:30 pm.

The Polka Tent also opens on Friday morning at 10 (and will be open Friday and Saturday until 1 am and Sunday until 11 pm), with lots of music (and plenty of dancing) beginning at noon with the sounds of The Diddle Styx (several bands will appear under the tent throughout the festival). There will also be an old fashion Threshing and Steam engine show at 1 pm each day, and a Horse Pull at 6 pm on Friday.

Saturday is "Family Day," with a 5K cross country run starting at the Boyne Falls School at 8 am. Among the highlights of the Grand Royale Parade are the appearances of this year's Honored Citizen, Richard Marchinkewicz, Grand

Marshals, Keith and Jackie Carson, and Little Miss and Little Mister; second graders Emma Payton and Kevin DeNise. The parade will start at 11 am on Center Street and end at St. Augustine's Church.

A Classic Tractor Pull, with pre 1960 era machines, takes place at 2 pm Saturday on the east end of Church Street. From 6 to 9 pm, there will be a variety of motorcycles on display. For the younger set, there will be a Teen Dance at the Char-Em ISD Building tailored for those in the 12 - 16 year age range, starting at 6 pm.

Sunday is another "Family Day" (which is fitting, this is a family friendly festival after all), with Mass conducted by Bishop Cooney under the main tent starting at 8 am.

Amusement rides open at 11 am on Sunday and the Polka tent festivities get underway again at noon. The very popular Four Wheel Drive "Mud Run" begins at 1 pm on the east end of Church Street.

"It is an event that always generates a lot of interest," states Kurt Reynolds, Mud Run event organizer. "Vehicles are lined up according to tire size, with five classes starting with Class A, which is tires that are thirty-three inches in diameter or less. By the time the final class takes off, with tire sizes beyond what is street legal, the mud is really flying."



Musical entertainment in the Polka Tent during the festival includes Jimmy Kilian and Honky Chicago, Chad Przybylski and his Polka Rhythms, Family Tradition, and the previously mentioned The Diddle Styx. Admission to the Polka Tent is a mere \$6 nightly, and a four-day pass is available for \$20, and you

must be at least 21 years of age to enter the tent.

And don't forget to bring your appetite because the food, oh the food, has got to be the reason Polka dancing is designed to burn away so many calories. Each class from the Boyne Falls High School will be offering delicious food items (with pro-

ceeds going toward senior trips) along with a host of other vendors.

What a way to spend a summer weekend in the beautiful Michigan north!

For more information, please call at 231-582-6222 or visit www.boynefallspolishfestival.com.

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EAST JORDAN

EAST JORDAN FARMER'S MARKET

Enjoy the freshness each Thursday now thru October from 9am to 1pm at Sportsmen's Park. Accepts Project Fresh, contact Shirley Vollbach at 231-536-2526

ELLSWORTH

ELLSWORTH FARMERS MARKET

Enjoy the fresh offerings from local growers every Saturday, 8am-Noon through October.

CHARLEVOIX

CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

Enjoy the Charlevoix Farmers Market held every Thursday through September 24th, from 9am to 1pm in downtown East Park. All products sold are locally grown & produced. From just picked flowers and produce to baked goods and canned items, there will be something for everyone!

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Every Wednesday and Saturday 8am to Noon through October in the Old City Park. The Farmers Market is expected to move to its new temporary location at the end of Water Street next to Sunset Park and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce in late July or August.

EAST JORDAN

SUMMER PICNIC

Grandvue Medical Care Facility's Annual Summer Picnic is Aug. 21, Noon-4pm at the front parking lot of facility.

CHARLEVOIX

THE LUKE WINSLOW-KING TRIO PERFORMS

Enjoy the music of the Luke Winslow-King Trio Aug. 20 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn. Hailing from Cadillac Michigan, Luke Winslow-King is a singer, songsmith and composer inspired by New Orleans jazz, ragtime, impressionism, delta and country blues, poetry, folk and classical composition. The concert begins at 7pm.

BOYNE CITY

DRAG RACE

This might be the only time of the year the Boyne City Police Dept. will allow you to drag race. Tons of fun and excitement at the Boyne City Airport on Sunday, Aug. 6 from Noon to 6pm. For more information contact Chief Randy Howard at 231-582-0352. Proceeds benefit the Boyne City Airport and the Police Dept.

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CHARLEVOIX

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Charlevoix Area Hospital continues to offer walk-in health screenings on the first Wednesday of each month. The Wellness Wednesday hours are: 10am until 1pm and from 1:45pm until 4pm. Health Screens include: Cholesterol and blood Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, and a Blood Pressure reading. Cost for the service is \$12. Participants will receive a blood pressure log, a pedometer, and all test results at the time of the screen. Health Consultation and educational materials will be tailored to individual results by a Registered Nurse. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the Office of Community Health Education at: 231-547-8906.

EAST JORDAN

USED BOOK SALE

Jordan Valley District Library's annual Used Book Sale now through Aug. 31. Hundreds of hardbacks, paperbacks, VHS and books on cassette will be available for bargain prices. These titles include Western, Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, Adult, Young Adult, and Children's fiction and non-fiction. Some of the books are volumes that have been discarded by the library and others are donations. Hardbacks are \$0.50 and paperbacks are \$0.25. All proceeds benefit the library. The book sale will be in the Community Room during library hours: Mon 9-7, Tue 9-5, Wed 9-7, Thu 9-5, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-1, Sun 1-5. Contact the library at 231-536-7131 or visit the website jvd.li.

BOYNE CITY

SIDEWALK SALES

Downtown Boyne City stores are offering great deals on Aug. 28 - 29 during Sidewalk Sales in Downtown Boyne City.

House Speaker Andy Dillion Proposes Consolidation Plan for State Employees ... *continued from front page*



Michigan Speaker of the House; Andy Dillion

His proposal is centered on the health care coverage of the state's more than 400,000 active employees, and several thousand additional retirees and part-time workers. The proposal is to consolidate these plans under an umbrella administered by the Office of the State Employer, simplify by standardizing available coverage's under those plans, and negotiate lower premiums because after all; representing nearly a half million customers creates a lot of buying power.

Andy Dillion states, "The idea is to come up with 4 to 6 plans for enrollees to choose from in order to streamline the system. Areas such as increased purchasing power, following best medical practices, focusing on wellness and preventative care, and encouraging second opinions will significantly reduce what we are currently spending on health care. Standardizing claim forms will also save time and money, and we are also looking at potential

savings in the area of dental care."

Dillon's plan would affect all public sector employees in Michigan, including state, county and municipal employees, university and community college employees, and teachers.

*"The idea is to come up with 4 to 6 plans for enrollees to choose from in order to streamline the system."
MI Speaker of the House, Andy Dillion.*

And while several education organizations, including the Michigan Association of School Administrators, Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association, and several others endorse Dillon's plan, the Michigan Education Association (MEA), which represents more than 157,000 teachers, faculty and education support staff throughout the state, doesn't think this is a good idea at all.

Rosemary Carey, MEA Communications consultant states, "Our members have already been a great help to the state in negotiating substantial health insurance savings. Without seeing the actual details, we have a real concern about Speaker Dillon's idea of the state

negotiating with unknown sources to help save money on health care. We don't feel that is fair to our members."

In a recent press release, Doug Pratt, MEA Director of Communications, stated, "Michigan taxpayers should not be fooled into thinking this plan would save money. The state of Michigan does not have the expertise or record of efficiency to run a large scale health care program. And given the current budget crises, this is not the time to expand state government for an ill-advised experiment like this one."

Not surprisingly, Speaker Dillon doesn't agree. "We already have approximately 50,000 state employees plus retirees in a program that we oversee right now. Ultimately, the actual running of the program will be bid out in the private sector."

Speaker Dillon plans to circulate legislation for the program in August, and with enough support, begin hearings shortly thereafter. If implemented, private individuals and businesses may also have the option of enrolling in the program.

"The idea has been in back of my head for a long time," states Speaker Dillon. "When the budget forecast came in this past May showing the huge projected shortfall, I asked my policy person to step over the research. We quickly discovered that our health care costs are higher than they are in other states."

And that is something Andy Dillon is trying to do something about... as simply as possible.

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Funny People is a "Stand-Up" Drama

By Jim Akans

Funny People is not a movie for everyone.

First of all, the humor is a bit off-color to say the least, with plenty of foul language and sexual references that becomes a bit tedious, and is definitely not suitable for the eyes and ears of younger audiences.

It also has a rather dark underside, exploring the materialist lifestyle of a movie star (Sandler's character) who has risen from the ranks of stand-up comedy, who suddenly finds he has contracted a fatal disease and recruits a struggling stand-up rookie comic to serve as his personal assistant, (played by Seth Rogen), during his final days.

Sounds like a barrel of laughs, right?

Well, there is quite a bit of adult-flavored humor lurking about in Funny People, evoking genuine audience laughter throughout the showing I attended. But Sandler's character appears fairly miserable, longing for a lost love who is now married with two young children, no longer able to find fulfillment performing on the comedy stage that launched his career... he almost seems to welcome his impending terminal sentence.

For cameo fans, Funny People offers a gold mine of brief

appearances by the likes of Sarah Silverman, rapper Eminem, Ray Romano, Andy Dick, even James Taylor shows up for a musical performance or two.

The movie has a long running time, 2 hours and 20 minutes, and it seemed like it to me. I remember when "double albums" became the rage and more often than not, those "extra songs" just weren't necessary. Likewise, a shorter version of Funny People would have been sufficient to cover the subject area.

The film is rated R, for the language and crude sexual humor mentioned earlier, and there is some brief nudity as well.

If you are an Adam Sandler or Seth Rogen fan, chances are good this is a film you will at least find very interesting and quite funny as well. There are signs of evolving depth and maturity in the roles each of these stars play in Funny People, and that's worth checking out. Jonah Hill and Jason Schwartzman as Seth Rogen's roommates are hilarious, and when their scenes come up, so does the mood of the film.

If, however, you are easily offended by sexual humor and four-letter words, you might want to pass on this one.

Exit Comments;

- "Had substance and plot, but lots of inappropriate humor," Tim & Sue - Haslett
- "Liked how they included so many cameo performers," Carolyn & Marshall - Birmingham
- "Humor was raw but the story was good," John & Alison - Roseville
- "Funny, but definitely a dark comedy," Katie & Kyle - Gaylord
- "Thought it was hilarious, I would watch it again," Ethan - Gaylord

Exit Poll - Which Did You Prefer?



Movie: 70%



Popcorn: 30%



Adam Sandler's Latest Film Instills Raw Comedy into a Serious Story Line



LOCAL MOVIE LISTINGS

GAYLORD CINEMA WEST AUG. 7 - 13

G-Force - PG (90)
Voices - Nicholas Cage - Penelope Cruz
At: 2:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:00

Aliens in the Attic - PG (86)
Starring - Ashley Tisdale - Robert Hoffman
At: 2:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:00

The Ugly Truth - R (96)
Starring - Katherine Heigl - Gerard Butler
At: 2:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:00

Funny People - R (136)
Starring - Seth Rogen - Leslie Mann - Adam Sandler
At: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra - PG-13 (120)
Starring - Dennis Quaid - Channing Tatum
At: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince - PG (153)
Starring - Emma Watson - Daniel Radcliffe
At: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40

COURTYARD CINEMA AUG. 7 - 13

G-Force - PG (90)
Voices - Nicholas Cage - Penelope Cruz
At: 2:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:00

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra - PG-13 (120)
Starring - Dennis Quaid - Channing Tatum
At: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

The Ugly Truth - R (96)
Starring - Katherine Heigl - Gerard Butler
At: 2:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:00

Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince - PG (153)
Starring - Emma Watson - Daniel Radcliffe
At: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40

Funny People - R (136)
Starring - Seth Rogen - Leslie Mann - Adam Sandler
At: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40

PETOSKEY CINEMA AUG. 7 - 13

Orphan - R (123)
Starring - Peter Sarsgard - Isabella Fuhrman
At: 9:15

The Ugly Truth - R (96)
Starring - Katherine Heigl - Gerard Butler
At: 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9:00

The Proposal - PG-13 (108)
Starring - Sandra Bullock - Martin Akerman
At: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:00

Funny People - R (136)
Starring - Seth Rogen - Leslie Mann - Adam Sandler
At: 11:45, 2:30, 6:45, 9:30

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra - PG-13 (120)
Starring - Dennis Quaid - Channing Tatum
At: 11:45, 2:00, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

G-Force - PG (90)
Voices - Nicholas Cage - Penelope Cruz
At: 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9:00

Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince - PG (153)
Starring - Emma Watson - Daniel Radcliffe
At: 11:45, 2:30, 6:45, 9:30

Aliens in the Attic - PG (86)
Starring - Ashley Tisdale - Robert Hoffman
At: 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9:00

Julie & Julia - PG-13 (124)
Starring - Meryl Streep - Amy Adams
At: 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

BELLAIRE CINEMA AUG. 7 - 13

Funny People - R (136)
Starring - Seth Rogen - Leslie Mann - Adam Sandler
At: 7:00, 9:30

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra - PG-13 (120)
Starring - Dennis Quaid - Channing Tatum
At: 7:00, 9:15

KINGSTON CINEMA AUG. 7 - 13

G-Force - PG (90)
Voices - Nicholas Cage - Penelope Cruz
At: 1:00, 3:00 7:00, 9:00

Aliens in the Attic - PG (86)
Starring - Ashley Tisdale - Robert Hoffman
At: 1:00, 3:00 7:00

The Ugly Truth - R (96)
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Funny People - R (136)
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**Dr McMillian's
Mental Health Corner**



Mental Health & Exercise

For the past two years, I have driven to Traverse City on the same day, at the same time. Snow, rain, or sunshine, I pass the same two women power walking. The psychological benefits are apparent to those who try exercise. So, why is exercise so difficult to sustain and what is the answer? Research has identified, when taken separately, both exercise and social support produce serotonin increases. The interaction effect of exercise when joining with people adds a double punch for the brain chemistry! People are attracted to social interaction. When adding social support to routine exercise, the extra biochemical boost is recognized by the brain. The positive brain changes, actually pushes us towards increased exercise. Basically, our brains thrive on the result of exercise and social support, and are looking for more of this combination. Answer for the exercise dilemma, we will place ourselves in the path of blood, sweat, and tears, aches and pains when we *share* exercise.

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Great Lakes Energy Prepares For New 'Energy Optimization' Era

Over the next few months, Great Lakes Energy will launch a series of energy efficiency programs under the state's energy optimization mandate, which was created by passage of the "Clean, Renewable and Efficient Energy Act" in the fall of 2008. The programs are designed to reduce the energy use of participating co-op members—and reduce the need for additional power plants—by encouraging investment in energy efficiency measures.

To cover the cost of these state-mandated programs, all electric and natural gas customers in Michigan will find an energy optimization surcharge on their utility bills. For Great Lakes Energy, this surcharge will begin to show up on bills in August 2009.

Steve Boeckman, President/CEO explained that energy optimization simply means using energy wisely—getting more value for every dollar you spend on energy.

"It's more than cutting waste by turning the lights off," Boeckman said. "It's about cutting energy use by using more efficient products, such as compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) instead of incandescent bulbs, or a new refrigerator instead of a 15-year-old model, or more insulation in your house so you need less fuel to stay warm."

Great Lakes Energy will begin rolling out programs over the next several months, and into next year. They will initially include energy

efficiency assistance for qualified low-income co-op members, and a program to encourage commercial and industrial members to install energy-efficient equipment. Other programs under development include an online home energy audit, promotion of Energy Star® efficiency products, appliance recycling, and programs for multi-family housing, residential heating and air conditioning systems, and residential new construction.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) currently estimates that participating consumers can expect to save an average of \$2.92 each month, enough to offset the EO charge on co-op members' bills. Great Lakes Energy will provide information about these pro-

grams, and a general guide to estimated savings, as they are made available.

"It is impossible to predict the exact savings because many factors influence your kilowatt-hour (kWh) use, such as living habits, weather, number of people in the household, condition of your appliances and electrical equipment, and building size. A change in any of these factors can easily affect your consumption," Boeckman said. "We will strive to keep costs as low as possible, while still meeting mandated goals."

Michigan's law requires that EO programs cost no more than about 2.2 percent of the average monthly residential bill, although that will vary somewhat by usage. The surcharge, which starts

in August, will be \$.00158 per kWh, or about 79 cents a month for GLE residential and seasonal members who use an average of 500 kWh per month. General Service and Commercial and Industrial members will be charged a flat monthly rate. All rates were approved by the MPSC.

Members are urged to read the July/August issue of Michigan Country Lines magazine, visit countrylines.com and gtlakes.com, or contact Great Lakes Energy if they have questions about the program.

Great Lakes Energy, with headquarters in Boyne City, is a member-owned electric cooperative serving more than 120,000 members in 26 counties in Michigan.

Charlevoix County Records

District Court

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

Jennifer Catherine Todd, 36, Waterford. Disorderly/obscene conduct. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs.

John Simonchristophe Rensten, 42. Larceny under \$200. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs.

Kara Marie Hoffman, 18, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to serve three days in jail with credit for three days.

Jordan C. Brady, 26, Perrysburg, Ohio. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$980 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 62 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Harry Kevin Stock, 39, Petoskey. Disorderly person/drunk. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to serve 90 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 87 days.

Brian Thomas Kuhs, 31, Boyne City. No operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Brian Thomas Kuhs, 31, Boyne City. Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and \$410 in restitution.

Trevor James Blackwell, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs and to perform 60 hours of community service work.

Erin Lynn Weatherwax, 19, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession of alcohol and domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$800 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days, 70 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and 12 months on probation.

Assumed Names

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

Dan Farrow Creative Design, 526 North Lake St., Boyne City by Dan Farrow.

Dr. Kristen Ricks McClure, 1422 South Bridge St., Charlevoix by Kristen Ricks McClure.

Marriage Licenses

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

William Eugene Phillips, 50, Charlevoix and Michelle Marie Mayer, 38, Charlevoix.

Glenn Allen Mueller, 24, New York and Theresa Lynn Muzzillo, 24, New York.

John Edward O'Halloran V, 34, East Jordan and Ketrina Marie Martin, 39, East Jordan.

Jason Lee Fields, 30, Charlevoix and Shannon Gail Curtis, 47, Charlevoix.

Aram Russle Roisen, 19, Boyne City and Trisha Kay Wood, 17, Boyne City.

**Boyne City Police Department
Weekly Report for July 28-August 4, 2009**

Offense	Amount	Offense	Amount
OWI	2	Vehicle Unlocks	2
Parking Violations	3	Fraud	1
Public Peace	1	Traffic Violations	4
Threatened Suicide	1	Lost/Found Property	1
Damage to Property	1	Assist other Agency	1
Retail Fraud	2	Health & Safety	1
Funeral Escort	1	Suspicious Situations	10
911 Hangup	1	General Assistance	6
Larceny	2	Traffic Accident	1

**East Jordan Police Department
Weekly Report for July 28-August 4, 2009**

Offense	Amount	Offense	Amount
Violation of Controlled Substance	2	Bond Violation Arrest	1
Public Peace Disturbance	1	Suspicious Situation	5
Civil Dispute	3	Illegal Entry	1
Traffic Offenses	17	Retail Fraud	1
Juvenile	4	Larceny	2
Assist Citizen	6	Calibrate Preliminary	
Keys Locked in Vehicle	3	Breath Test Units	1
Lock/Unlock Parks	32	Animal	2
Assist Other Agencies/Departments	5	911 Hang Up	1
Illegal Fireworks	1	Harassment	3
Breaking & Entering	1	Trespassing	1
		Retail Fraud	1

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NOHEL READY FOR BC CHALLENGE

Veteran coach takes over Rambler football program

by Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY — Don Nohel brings plenty of experience to the head coaching position at Boyne City this fall. He also brings a healthy perspective to the role.

Nohel, a Merrill native who has been coaching football for more than two decades and was an assistant to Dave Hills for four seasons prior to being named head coach in July, believes that developing the character of his players is one of his most important challenges as coach and also a major part of maintaining a winning program at the school.

“As a coach, you have the opportunity to influence the lives of young people and that’s something I take very seriously.”

“You learn over time the things that are really important,” Nohel said at the high school earlier this week. “Winning is always your primary goal every time you step on the field but coaching goes way beyond wins and losses. As a coach, you have the opportunity to influence the lives of young people and that’s something I take very seriously.”

Nohel, 45, is succeeding Hills, a fellow Boyne City teacher who has stepped down to pursue further education. Hills was one of the most respected coaches in northern Michigan during his nine years at the helm of the Rambler program, earning regional coach of the year honors four times while guiding his team to a 69-26 mark with eight straight playoff appearances and a berth in the Div. 5 state semifinals in 2001.

“Dave is a great coach,” Nohel said. “He let the kids be kids but he still let them know he had high expectations for them. He treated them well and kept them interested in the sport. He did a great job with the organizational aspect of being a head coach. He built a very good tradition of football here.”

While Nohel would have preferred to become head coach under different circumstances, he is excited about the opportunity and doesn’t foresee a whole lot of changes. He said Boyne City will continue to employ the Delaware wing-T style of offense that has been so successful under Hills. Why mess with what works?

“Dave did a good job of evaluating and utilizing talent,” said Nohel, who coached the Rambler



Veteran gridiron coach Don Nohel, 45, takes over the reins of the Boyne City football program for the 2009 season. (photo by Mike Dunn)

offensive and defensive linemen the past four years. “We won’t be changing things a whole lot. We’ll have the same basic offensive philosophy.”

Nohel, who has been a head coach twice before, will have longtime Boyne City assistant and former Rambler head coach Dave Bricker on his staff but will be losing veteran assistant Dave Farris, who has retired from coaching. Farris, who had a long and solid coaching tenure at Petoskey, had been helping Hills the past few seasons.

“Losing the two Daves is certainly a blow,” Nohel said. “They have loads of experience and they’re good guys. I coached against Dave Farris when I was at Oscoda. Working with him and Dave Hills has been very enjoyable. There wasn’t a lot of ego involved and that made it a lot of fun to coach.”

Nohel said he’s fortunate to have someone with Bricker’s experience remaining on the staff.

“Dave is a great guy, very dedicated,” Nohel said. “He’s been part of the program for a long time and having him back is very helpful. The coaching staff has changed some but those things happen in life. You make the best of the circumstances and move on and face the challenges that are ahead of you.”

With 20-plus seasons on the

sidelines under his belt, Nohel understands those challenges as well as anyone. After graduating from Merrill in 1982, he served as a volunteer assistant coach at his alma mater while securing his degree in industrial arts and physical education at Central Michigan. After graduating from CMU, Nohel joined the staff of MHSFCA Hall of Fame coach Jack Coon at Cheboygan for the 1988 season.

Nohel remained part of the Cheboygan staff for seven years, during a span when the Chiefs made the playoffs six times and advanced to the state finals.

“Working with Jack and being part of his staff right out of college was a great experience for me,” Nohel said. “It gave me an in-depth exposure to how things are done and laid a good foundation for me.”

From 1995-99, Nohel was the head coach at Evert, compiling a .500 record for a Wildcat program that hadn’t had a winning season in 15 years prior to his arrival. In 1996, Nohel guided Evert to an 8-1 mark, the first of three straight winning seasons. That was before the present six-win playoff format, however, and the Wildcats did not advance to the postseason.

From 2000-05, Nohel was head man at Oscoda, another school not known as a perennial gridiron power. In his first season, Nohel guided Oscoda to the sec-

ond round of the playoffs.

The Owls didn’t have another winning season under Nohel, but coaching success can’t always be measured in terms of wins and losses. Nohel believes he did some of his best coaching while at the school. A new administration came in prior to the 2005-06 school year and thought differently.

“They didn’t have an interest in having me as football coach anymore, so it was time to move on,” he said.

Oscoda’s loss turned out to be Boyne City’s gain. Nohel came to the school as industrial arts high school teacher for the 2005-06 school year. He served as Hills’ assistant in football and, with the invaluable aid of good friend Tom Haley, also started the Boyne City prep wrestling program.

“It’s been a real good fit here,” he said. “This is a great community and a great place to be. I have no regrets about coming here when we did.”

Boyne City has been a good fit for Nohel’s wife Becky and their two sons as well. Kelsey, who played quarterback for the Ramblers, graduated from the high school in 2008 and Drew will be a senior in the coming school year.

“The way it worked out, my sons got to attend high school here and that’s been a positive experi-

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KNOWING NOHEL

- 1982 graduate of Merrill High School, 1988 graduate of Central Michigan University with degrees in physical education and industrial arts

- Industrial arts teacher at Boyne City since 2005-06 school year

- Assistant coach for Dave Hills since 2005, working with offensive and defensive linemen

- Head coach at Evert (1995-99) and Oscoda (2000-05), guiding Oscoda to second round of playoffs in 2000

- Assistant for 7 seasons (1988-94) at Cheboygan under Hall of Fame coach Jack Coon

- Assistant at Merrill (1983-87) while securing degree at CMU

- With help of Tom Haley, started Boyne City High School wrestling program in 2005-06

- Wife Becky and sons Kelsey (2008 graduate) and Drew, a senior this school year

BOYNE CITY 2009 SCHEDULE

Aug. 28 – at McBain, 7 p.m.

Sep. 3 – SAULT STE. MARIE WHITE PINE, 7 p.m.

Sep. 11 – HARBOR SPRINGS, 7 p.m.*

Sep. 18 – at Kalkaska, 7 p.m.*

Sep. 25 – TRAVERSE CITY ST. FRANCIS, 7 p.m.*

Oct. 2 – CHARLEVOIX, 7 p.m.*

Oct. 10 – at East Jordan, 3 p.m.*

Oct. 16 – ELK RAPIDS, 7 p.m.*

Oct. 23 – at Grayling, 7 p.m.*

* Lake Michigan Conference

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Coach Nohel Cage fighting card on Saturday

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ence for both of them,” Nohel said. “Sometimes God brings good things out of what at the time seem to be bad things.”

Drew, who gained close to 1,000 yards rushing as a junior and got the 2008 season off to an electrifying start with his 95-yard kick-off return against McBain, was expected to be one of the main ball carriers for the Ramblers in their run-oriented offense this season. He injured his knee during summer camp, however, and required surgery recently to repair his ACL. It is not likely that he will recover in time to play.

“It’s a loss,” Nohel said, speaking both as a father and a coach. “Drew’s a resilient kid and he won’t stay down for long. Unfortunately, this happened during his senior year and you can’t replay that. But he’ll adapt.”

Drew, a state qualifier at 160 pounds last year, will probably be able to wrestle for his father during the winter. That’s something

Nohel is grateful for.

“When you’ve been a teacher as long as I have, you see families lose kids to cancer and car accidents and endure real tragedies and it gives you a whole different outlook about life,” he said. “I’m very grateful to have healthy kids and a great wife at home.”

Nohel is grateful as well to be coaching football at Boyne City.

“At this point in my career, what’s important to me is helping these young people grow into the kind of young men who will be good fathers, good husbands and good citizens,” he said. “Winning games and making the playoffs is important, too, but that’s not my main reason for staying in the game. I love being around the kids and watching them attain their individual goals and to see all their sacrifices pay off.”

“I feel very blessed and very humbled to be in the position I’m in. For me, it’s a worthy way to spend your life.”



TOPINABEE – A mixed martial arts outdoor cage fighting card will be held at the Straits Area Tae Kwon Do Academy in Topinabee this Saturday, Aug. 8. The academy is located next to the new Rental Express

building on South Straits Highway near exit 313 off I-75.

The card, sponsored by Mutt MMA, features full contact mixed martial arts, kick boxing and submission

wrestling.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with bout starting at 5 p.m. Cage side seats are \$20 (chairs provided) and general admission tickets are \$10 (bring your lawn chair or sit

Mutt MMA hosts outdoor cage fighting card at Straits Area Tae Kwon Do Academy in Topinabee

in the grass).

Tickets are available at the door, and also at Box Fit Gym or Hiper Computer of Cheboygan.

SCALING MOUNTAINS FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

Petoskey business owner Conti is climbing Mt. Rainier to raise money for charity

By Mike Dunn

PETOSKEY – Next week, Scott Conti will be scaling a mountain for the first time in his life. Conti, owner and operator of Balanced Health and Fitness of Petoskey, is climbing to the summit of Mt. Rainier in Washington on Aug. 13-14 for the dual purpose of raising money for charity and breaking fresh ground in his life pursuits.

“This is something I’ve wanted to do for three or four years and I saw the charity event as a good way to get into it,” said Conti, a Petoskey native who left the area after high school and returned in the early 2000s following a 14-year journey that included a stint in the military and time out West. “The appeal was raising money for a charity that I strongly believe in and having the chance to try something new at the same time.”

Since officially undertaking this venture four months ago, Conti has been taking pledges for Big City Mountaineers, the country’s leading non-profit volunteer organization providing wilderness mentoring programs to underprivileged, at-risk urban youth. His original goal was to raise \$4,000 and he has far surpassed that total, raising \$6,400 to date. [Those interested in making pledges may still do so via credit card online at summitforsomeone.org.]

“The charity was really the driving force behind this,” Conti said. “I could have done the climb without it but raising money for a charity I feel so strongly about was an added inducement. Helping a group that gets kids into the wilderness and exposes them to the outdoors and what’s going on in the trees and nature was an opportunity too important to pass up. I couldn’t say no to it.”



Petoskey native Scott Conti stands outside Balanced Health and Fitness this week. Conti will climb Mt. Rainier in Washington Aug. 13-14. (photo by Charles Jarmen)

When Conti flies to Seattle on Aug. 11, he will be well prepared for the challenge ahead of him. He has been training diligently the past four months with veteran climber Lou Kasischke, a Petoskey-area resident who has successfully scaled Mt. Everest.

“Lou’s an accomplished climber and he’s helped me a great deal,” Conti said.

“I’ve trained him and his family in the fitness world, so he was the one I sought out to get help with my mountain-climbing endeavor.”

Conti, a fitness enthusiast who is experienced in rock climbing and ice climbing, has been training diligently with Kasischke, hiking and climbing all of the surrounding ski hills, including Boyne Highland, with a

backpack weighing between 50 and 80 pounds. Conti has specifically targeted his back and hips during regular gym workouts as well in preparation for the climb, and he has taken the time to learn the proper technique for stepping and other kinds of movements that will be required of him during the venture.

“I feel like I’m ready,” he said. “Working with Lou has given me an idea of what to expect and it’s also given me confidence that I can do this.”

The actual climb up the 14,411-foot mountain will take place in two phases. On day one, Conti and the rest of his group featuring eight fellow climbers and three guides will ascend from the base camp at 5,500 feet to Camp Muir at 10,000 feet and spend the night. Just after midnight on Friday, Aug. 15, the group will arise and begin the ascent from Camp Muir to the summit. It will take approximately eight hours to get to the top of Mt. Rainier and then another eight hours to descend back to the base camp.

“There are multiple routes up the mountain and one we’re doing is intermediate,” Conti said. “It’s going to be an amazing experience, especially standing on the summit and taking in the breathtaking view.”

Conti has some concerns about the thin air at that altitude and possible headaches that may occur as a result. Dealing with the potential hardships of the climb will be well worth it, though, both for Conti on a personal level and also for the charity he is representing.

“This is my first climb but definitely not the last,” he said.

Conti plans to continue doing charity climbs and already has one in mind for the summer of 2010, though he hasn’t settled on the location of the mountain or the charity yet. He is interested in raising funds for a local charity next year, possibly a group that helps foster children.

“It’s something else I believe strongly in and would love to help if I can,” he said.

For more information about Conti’s charity climb, call Balanced Health and Fitness at (231) 881-0019.

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FOREST FEST AT HARTWICK PINES

Children's games, exhibits and displays about forests take place Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

GRAYLING -- Hartwick Pines State Park will be celebrating the 12th annual Forest Fest this Saturday, Aug. 8, with a day filled with fun activities for children to learn more about the importance of forests.

Activities are planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and children will receive a Natural Resources Passport they can use to visit all the activity stations. Once they received a stamp for all the stations in the passport, they will receive a prize.

Events include children's games, exhibits and displays on various forest and natural resources-related subjects, information on the current health status of Michigan's forests, information on natural resources management assistance, educational handouts on preventing and suppressing wildfires, forest management and health and displays by various wildlife organizations.

Hartwick Pines State Park is located at 4216 Ranger



Rd. in Grayling. For more information about this event, contact the visitor center at (989) 348-2537 or visit the Web site at www.michigan.gov/hartwickpines. Camping reservations can be made online at www.midnrreservations.com, or by calling 800-44-PARKS (800-447-2757).

All motor vehicles entering a state park or recreation area must display a Motor Vehicle Permit, available for purchase at the park entrance. Cost is \$24 for a resident annual and \$6 for a resident daily. A nonresident annual is \$29 and a nonresident daily is \$8.



DNR Fishing Report:

Good salmon and trout action

Charlevoix yielding salmon and lake trout between North and South Point

Strong winds continue to hamper those fishing not only the Great Lakes but also the large inland lakes. Warmer weather will certainly help catch rates. Watch for bluegills on the beds as some fish are actually spawning again.

Petoskey - Lake trout fishing is steady and salmon are being caught right along with them. Try 70 to 95 feet down in waters 110 to 130 feet deep with green spoons. Fish around Harbor Point and north along the shoreline at Harbor Springs, out in front of Magnus Park and down towards East Park.

Charlevoix - Has good salmon and lake trout action between North and South Point.

Traverse City - The East Bay is producing lake trout and whitefish in the southern portions. Most are jigging a white Swedish Pimple in 100 to 150 feet of water. Lake trout action was good in the West Bay when trolling near the bottom in 100 to 120 feet of water south of Marion Island or on the west side just north of the red buoy. Cowbells and spoons caught the most fish. Salmon have started to trickle in and a few fish were caught in the early morning or just before dark.

Au Sable River - Reports were light except for a few walleye. The current is flowing at a normal rate again and that may increase catch rates.

Leland - Has good salmon fishing around North and South Manitou Islands. Several fish in the low 20 pound range have been caught on green glow spoons and green flies in 60 to 90 feet of water. Lake trout fishing in 40 to 50 feet of water before the First Bank is still good however the fish are smaller.

Glen Arbor - Launching may be a little tricky on those windy days but those able to get out on the calm days have caught some big chinook salmon off Pyramid Point, Cannors Point and around the islands.

Platte Bay - Fishing has improved with chinook found in 100 feet of water. Green spoons were the hot bait.

Frankfort - Anglers are catching good numbers of chinook straight out from the pier and to the north when trolling 70 to 90 feet down in waters 80 to 170 feet deep. Fish were also caught in the Herring Hole but the bite was slower to the south. Pier fishing was slow except for freshwater drum. Good lures were aqua/gold flies with white flashers, regular or magnum spoons in a variety of colors or green and blue splatter-back plugs.

Arcadia - Large chinook and steelhead have been caught in waters 100 to 300 feet deep. Those fishing 80 feet down caught fish on bait rigs and dodger/fly combos. For steelhead, try orange spoons fished high in the water column.

Onkama - Chinook, lake trout and steelhead have been caught about halfway down in waters 140 to 180 feet deep. The Barrel has been somewhat slow, but anglers are catching a few fish first thing in the morning.

KCC Cross Country:

Lady Firebirds seek to add runners

ROSCOMMON – Samara Sabin, first-year coach of the women's cross country team at Kirtland Community College, is excited to get the upcoming 2009 season up and running.

The Firebirds will hold their first practice Tuesday, Aug. 18. The next key date on the calendar is Saturday, Sept. 5, when both the men's and women's cross country teams head south to Oakland Community College for their season-opening meet.

"This is very exciting, as we look forward to elevating the cross country program to next level," said Sabin, herself an avid runner. "But we have a lot to do to make sure we get off on the right foot."

One challenge will be to replace former standout Barb Council of Gaylord. Council paced the Lady Firebirds during her two years at Kirtland, shattering previous school records.

"Barb was a great runner and a great representative for Kirtland," said Doug Ryckman, athletic director at Kirtland. "She'll be missed. Still, Samara is putting together a nice team that should be fun to watch."

Currently, six runners have signed to wear the teal and gold for Kirtland. But, in needing to have five runners to score in team standings, Sabin said she'd feel a bit more comfortable with some added depth.

"I'd prefer to have a few more runners," said Sabin, who has coached basketball, volleyball and track during her tenure as a teacher for Crawford-AuSable Schools. "For one, it makes practices more competitive and everyone benefits from that."

"It's also nice to have a good team depth, in case of injury or illness. So, I'm really hoping we can add another runner or two before the season starts," she added.

One bonus for potential student-athletes is the availability of athletic scholarships.

"We do have some scholarship money still available," Sabin said. "This is a great chance for a person who loves to run to be part of a team, compete and maybe qualify for some financial assistance to help their efforts in the classroom."

Current or future Kirtland students who might be interested in the joining the women's cross country team may complete a prospective student-athlete form at firebirds.kirtland.edu/form.asp. They may also contact Sabin via e-mail at sabins@kirtland.edu.

Currently, about 3,200 students attend a variety of certificate and two-year degree programs on an annual basis at Kirtland's two campuses – at Roscommon, and the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord – with the college's service area including all or parts of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties, and the surrounding areas.

For more information on Kirtland athletics, visit online at firebirds.kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, extension 385.



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NOHEL'S GOALS INCLUDE MORE THAN WINNING

Most coaches at the prep, middle school and youth league levels care as much about the athletes on their team as they do about winning games. Not many are as vocal about it as Boyne City head football coach Don Nohel, though.

Nohel, 45, is a devoted family man. His beliefs and values strongly influence his approach to coaching. In an interview for the article that appears in this issue, Nohel told me that forging the character of the young men in his charge means just as much to him as maintaining a winning gridiron tradition at Boyne City.

“At this point in my career, what’s important to me is helping these young people grow into the kind of young men who will be good fathers, good husbands and good citizens,” he said.

That isn’t to diminish the Nohel’s desire to win or his passion to keep the Ramblers program steady on the successful path that Dave Hills has trailblazed as head coach the past nine years. Nohel’s remarks don’t take away from that mission at all; rather, they underscore how much it means to him personally to see the athletes in his charge achieve individual goals and team goals that not only benefit Boyne City but also benefit them as players and as people in the long run.

I don’t know how many games Boyne City will win this football season, though I suspect the Ramblers will do well. I do know that I would be very pleased to have my son play for a man like Nohel. Regardless of how many games he won or lost, my son would be better for the experience.

Tigers’ trade looms large

If the Tigers go on to win the Central Division and get to play baseball in October, the trade they made this week could be a key factor. The acquisition of left-hander Jarrod Washburn from Seattle solidifies their rotation, giving them a third quality starter behind All-Stars Justin Verlander and Edwin Jackson.

Washburn comes to Detroit with an 8-6 record for a struggling Mariner team and an impressive 2.64 ERA. Prior to his Tiger debut this week against Baltimore, Washburn had allowed just three runs in his previous five starts, all of them Seattle victories. One of those starts was July 23 against Detroit when he threw seven scoreless innings.

Something else about Washburn that is appealing is his postseason experience. He’s performed well in high-stakes, high-pressure games before, winning 18 games in 2002 to help fuel the Angels’ run to the World Series championship.

Getting a pitcher of Washburn’s caliber just before the trading deadline puts the Tigers in a much better position to make a similar run in 2009.

This week’s trivia trip ...

Here are a few more tasty sports morsels from this week’s entries in my Bathroom Sports Almanac ...

On Aug. 3, 1960, the Tigers traded Manager Jimmy Dykes to Cleveland for Manager Jord Gordon.

On Aug. 6, 1926, Gertrude Ederle became the first American woman to swim the English Channel.

Some early-August birthdays of note: Patrick Ewing (Aug. 5, 1962), Don Larsen (Aug. 7, 1929), Lance Alworth (Aug. 3, 1940).

I’ll ask this question here and answer it next week: Who is the only running back to rush for 1,000 yards in a season in both the AFL and NFL? If you think you know, send me an e-mail at sports@charlevoix-countynews.com and I’ll include your name in my next column.

Sports Briefs:

POLISH FEST HOSTS 3-ON-3 HOOPS FRIDAY

BOYNE FALLS — The annual Boyne Falls Polish Festival 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held on Friday, Aug. 7, at Boyne Falls School. There will be six male and female age brackets, including grades 3-4, grades 5-6, junior high, JV, high school and college. Each team is guaranteed two games.

The registration fee is \$75 per team and includes a T-shirt. Medals will be awarded to the first- and second-place finishers in each age bracket. To register online, go to www.boynefalls.org.

For more information, contact Ted Beyer at (231) 549-2211 or send an e-mail to tbeyer@boynefalls.org.

EAST JORDAN 5K RUN/WALK SLATED FOR AUG. 22

EAST JORDAN — The first-ever East Jordan “South Arm Shuffle” 5K run/walk is slated for Saturday, Aug. 22, at 8 a.m. The event, hosted by the East Jordan Lioness Club, begins and ends at the Community Park. Proceeds from the event benefit the Lioness Community Projects.

The early registration fee is \$15 if post-marked by Aug. 8. After that date, the entry fee is \$20. The first 100 who register are guaranteed a T-shirt.

To register, log on to ej5k.cccwifi.com. Registration forms are also available at Lakeside Chiropractic and Charlevoix State Bank in East Jordan.

For more information, contact JoAnne Thomas at (231) 536-9992 or via e-mail at joanne@ejminet.com.

TOP O’MICHIGAN MARATHON BOAT RACES THIS WEEKEND

INDIAN RIVER — The annual Top O’Michigan Outboard Marathon National Boat Races will be held on the Inland Waterway during the weekend of August 8-9. This race, billed as “the toughest outboard race in the world,” has been run at Indian River for 51 consecutive years.

The 87-mile marathon, which was first run on the Inland Route in 1947, draws racers from all across the nation and Canada and sometimes from other countries such as Japan, Bermuda and Ecuador. There are lots of good locations along the route for spectators to view the race. Go to the Top O’Michigan Outboard Racing Club website for details about the course, the classes and more information.

LOON GOLF INVITATIONAL AUG. 22-23

GAYLORD — A top prize of three days and two nights at The Rio All Suites Hotel in Las Vegas, along with two rounds of golf at the famed Rio Secco, is offered for the winners of each flight of the third annual Loon Golf Course Invitational set for Aug. 22-23. The Loon course is located south of Gaylord, across from the entrance to Michaywe.

The two-person team format features a handicap scramble on Saturday and a handicap best ball on Sunday. Players must have a USGA handicap with 80 percent of the handicap will be used to figure each team handicap.

Teams will be flighted after the first round. There will be two flights for the men and one for women with the winners in each of the flights getting the Vegas trip.

The \$450 fee also includes two rounds of golf, range, tournament gift, special events, dinner and raffle ticket for a set of Nike clubs. A hole-in-one car is provided by Gaylord Ford Lincoln Mercury and there

is also a hole-in-one set of Cleveland clubs. There is a closest-to-the-pin ball toss contest from the upper deck of the clubhouse to the 18th green and a putting contest as well.

For information, call (989) 732-4454 or toll free at (877) 732-4455. Entries will be received until the field reaches 44 teams.

SENIOR GAMES SET FOR SEPT. 9-10

TRAVERSE CITY — The 30th annual Northwest Senior Games will be held in Traverse City Sept. 9-10. The Games feature a variety of competitions for those 50 and older, including 5K run, golf, swimming, horseshoes, track and field events, bike race, billiards and bowling, shuffleboard and miniature golf, in addition to Wii tennis and Wii bowling.

The registration fee of \$6 allows participation in all of the events, though there is an additional fee for golf (\$10 for walking, \$15 for a cart) at Elmbrook Golf Course and an additional \$6 per person for bowlers who aren’t participating in any other event. There is also a \$2 fee for miniature golf and billiards at Wilderness Crossing.

The registration deadline is Sept. 1 for the 5K run, golf, swimming, biking, bowling, shuffleboard, billiards and horseshoes. Advance registration is encouraged for all other events, though on-site registration is accepted.

For more information contact the Traverse City Senior Center at (231) 922-4911 or send an e-mail to lwells@tcse-niorcenter.com.

BETSIE VALLEY RACES SLATED FOR OCT. 4

THOMPSONVILLE — The fourth annual Betsie Valley 5K, 10K and Half Marathon is set for Sunday, Oct. 4, at Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa.

The races begin at 9 a.m. with a children’s one-mile event starting at 11:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$25 per person or \$30 the day of the event, with proceeds benefiting the Betsie Valley Library. For more information visit www.betsievalleyrun.com or call (800) 968-7686, ext. 7140.

SWINGING FOR WISH GOLF SCRAMBLE SEPT. 21

GAYLORD — The “Swinging for a Wish” golf scramble is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 21, at the Tom Fazio course of Treetops Resort. The event raises money for the Make-A-Wish foundation of Michigan. The four-person scramble begins at 10:30 a.m. For details, call Michael Rey at (989) 731-8828 or send an e-mail to mrey@treetops.com.

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@charlevoix-countynews.com or via fax at (888) 240-5499.

REPORTING LEAGUE SCORES AND RESULTS

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 or via fax at (888) 240-5499.

SCORE AN ACE?

Get a hole-in-one? Let us know about and we’ll include the information in our next issue. Call Mike at (989) 370-0605 or send to sports@charlevoixcountynews.com. Include the golf course, the date, the hole, distance, club used and others in your party.

WILDWOOD LAKES GOLF SCRAMBLE AUG. 22

WOLVERINE — The annual Red, White and Blue Scramble at Wildwood Lakes Golf Course in Wolverine will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22. This is a charity benefit for the Wolverine American Legion Post 122.

The entry fee of \$30 per person or \$120 per foursome includes a cart and lunch. Only 12 teams will be competing and every person who plays will win a round of golf.

Additional prizes include closest-to-the-pin on No. 5 for both men and women, door prizes and 50/50 at the door. Participating golf courses include: Mallard, Black Bear, Green Tees, Indian River, Wilderness Valley, Mountain Lake, Marsh Ridge, Otsego Club, Springbrook, Chestnut Valley, Rippling Rapids, Wildwood Lakes, Burning Oaks, Gaylord Country Club, Cheboygan, Black Forest and St. Ignace.

Other prize donations come from Pauly’s Home Cooking, Brown Trout, Vivio’s, Northwoods and Big Bear Amusements. Deadline for entry is Saturday, Aug. 15. The rain date for the event is Aug. 23.

For more information, contact Joe Wildberg at (231) 525-9250 or see Wendy Loffer.

SPEEDWAY REPORT

Rain washes away Saturday card

Four weeks left in season before championship weekend Sept. 5

By Mike Mathu

ELMIRA — Afternoon rain knocked out the racing program this past Saturday night at Northern Michigan Speedway. Four weeks remain in the season before Championship weekend scheduled for September 5.

Qualifying this Saturday starts at 5:30 p.m. with racing at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, seniors only \$8, kids 5-to-12 \$5, and under-5 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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN SPEEDWAY SEASON POINTS STANDINGS BEFORE AUG. 8

* LTD LATE MODEL: 1.No. 35 John Clawson, Sault Ste Marie; 2.No. 15 Noeske, Vanderbilt (-13); 3. No. 17 Mick Pieri, Sault Ste Marie (-27).
* FACTORY STOCK: 1.No. 10 Nathan Embree, Vanderbilt; 2. No. 69F Nick Kanazziz, Bellaire (-79); 3. No. 77 Corey Ward, Topinabee (-178).
* PRO 4-CYLINDER: 1. No. 26 Jim DuBois, Indian River; 2. No. 4X Derek Ferry, Gaylord (-45); 3. No. 45 Victor Hart, Charlevoix (-122).
* PURE STOCK V8: 1. No. 26 Jim DuBois, Indian River; 2. No. 89 Chantelle Paquette, Gaylord (-15); 3. Brad Leach, Wolverine (-25); 4. No. 50 Keith Ronk, Burt Lake (-90); No. 45 Mike Benner, Gaylord (-110).
* PURE STOCK-4C: 1. No. 44 George Finney, Bellaire; 2. No. 6 Daniel Loshaw, Vanderbilt (-5); 3. No. 57 Mark Tompkins, Vanderbilt (-6); 4. No. 13V Alicia Vanniman, Bellaire (-7); 5. No. 22 Jeff Blanzly, Gaylord (-35).

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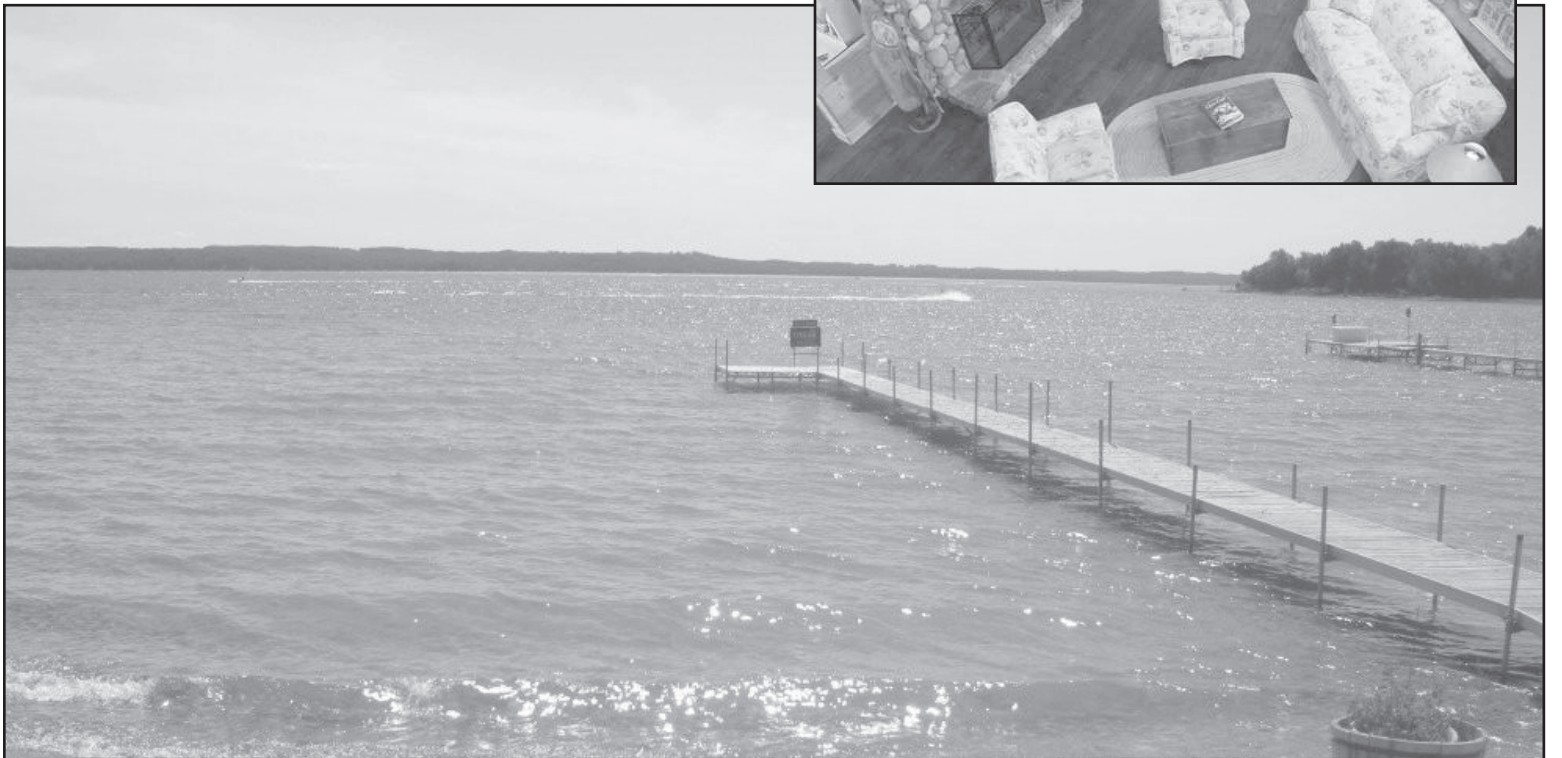
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Storybook Custom Home Offers Wooded Privacy and Lake Charlevoix Frontage

By Jim Akans

For those seeking the peaceful, natural solitude of a Northern Michigan wooded setting and the incomparable beauty offered by a Lake Charlevoix waterfront residence, this property combines the best of both worlds.

Designed by architect Kurt Lechtenberg to capture the essence of a vintage Northern Michigan cottage, this 2,650 square foot residence is nestled unassumingly about 200 feet back from 100 feet of sandy frontage on Lake Charlevoix. The architectural styling merges seamlessly into the surrounding woodlands, offering homeowners as well as their guests (when you own a home like this...expect guests regularly!) the option of relaxing in the quiet of nature, or enjoying the breathtaking grandeur and recreational activities of Lake Charlevoix just a few steps from the rear deck of the home. The approximately 100 foot dock (with hoist) at the shoreline accommodates the current owner's 28 foot craft very comfortably.

Inside, wonderful amenities and custom details abound.

Items such as wide plank hardwood flooring, tongue and groove pine paneling, and an impressive natural stone fireplace embrace the Northern Michigan ambience while generously sized, energy efficient windows, vaulted ceilings, “country farmhouse” kitchen with custom cabinetry and



countertops, and state-of-the-art fixtures offer the lifestyle conveniences provided by the latest in building technology.

There are four amply sized bedrooms, two on the main level (including a stunning Master Suite), and two on the second level. There are three full baths in the home, so regardless of the size of the family or amount of guests visiting for the weekend no one will be left waiting!

As beautiful and inviting as the home is indoors, it is the outdoor setting that will undoubtedly beckon time and time again. In addition to the spacious rear deck and three season screened porch (that includes a cozy second fireplace) on the main level, there are two wonderful covered balconies off each of the bedrooms on the second level that provide incredible, aerial views of the

property.

An added bonus is a charming covered pavilion that sits near the beach offering the perfect spot for entertaining in the great outdoors.

While it seems worlds away, this home is actually located just 4 miles from Boyne City. The community offers an array of annual festivals, including the Morel Mushroom Festival, Boyne Thunder boat race and Boyne City Harvest Festival, as well as ongoing activities such as Stroll the Streets and the Farmer's Market every Wednesday and Saturday morning at Old City Park.

For a more information or to arrange for a tour of this home, please call Pat O'Brien at 231-582-1700 or email at pat@patobrien.com.



Real Estate Corner

By Marty Moody

Could signs of life be forming on that forgotten planet that we used to call the robust American economy?

Well, it seems to possibly be so. While here in Northern Michigan we have not been hit quite as hard as other parts of our state and country, the ill effects still have been felt. There seems to be a slight shift in the regular doom-and-gloom of some of our news media. While not all types of news makes it into the mainstream media, there has been some decent and newsworthy information emitting from the real estate channels.

This past week we saw the Dow jump back up into the higher \$8k range as news from the tech areas of stocks had good earnings. In that same week in the real estate world, we heard good news from some of the most depressed areas of the real estate markets.

In areas such as Florida, California, and Nevada, there was news of sales rebounding in high double digit numbers. In the suburban area of Los Angeles, they saw an 80 percent increase in sales year over year for the month of April.

Now to qualify that, last year was the

worst year on record for sales in that area. But, more importantly there were homes that were getting up to 40 offers when they came on the market. Now granted, most all of these homes were foreclosures, and more importantly selling for a fraction of what they would have just 3-4 years ago. But understand, we can't move the real estate market forward until we wash our hands of the ones that have been sitting in the banks hands waiting to be sold.

The news even gets a bit better, as a year ago there was an 18.5 month supply of homes on the market in that same area, which has dwindled to a 6.5 months supply. The news was much the same for the Las Vegas area of Nevada, and certain parts of Florida, especially the Fort Myers / Cape Coral area.

The driving force behind the rebound in numbers in those areas, has been the number of foreclosures on the market, and supply vs. demand of the same. Things have been no different here in Northern Michigan, where we have been experiencing much of the same types of data.

Plus, our news gets even a bit better for our sellers here in the beautiful north. In March and April of 2009, 70 percent of the homes that were sold were Bank owned properties, in the past three months, that number has been steadily declining. The current rate of Bank-owned homes to individual sellers sold ratio has fallen to a 40 percent stake. That translates into over a 40 percent drop in foreclosure sales, and when they are on the market, they are the first to sell, mainly because of the dis-

count. So it would be comparably safe to say that we have also seen that similar percentage decrease in the number of foreclosures available on the market.

Now, while all the above numbers point to a positive side that never seems to get reported in the mainstream media, it does not mean that we as a state and country still don't have a lot of work to do. But it still is very refreshing to hear and more importantly see first hand some glimmers of light at the end of the tunnel, and also to be sure that it is not just an oncoming train!

Bottom line, Sellers you have a bit to rejoice about. Buyers; there still has never been a better time to buy....period!

Stuff the Bus with School Supplies for Kids



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“Char-Em United Way is gearing up for our 2nd Annual Stuff the Bus event,” says Julie Voci, Char-Em United Way, “Last year we filled one school bus and were able to provide more than 10,000 items to children in our community. And with the economic stress many families in our area continue to endure, the need for help is greater than ever. This event is a simple way to help make the lives of children in our community a little easier and the start of school a bit brighter.”

On Saturday, August 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., school buses will be parked in both the K-Mart Plazas in Charlevoix and Petoskey.

The buses are provided courtesy of Charlevoix Public Schools and Johnson Bus Service. Shoppers are encouraged to pick up extra folders, pencils, hand-sanitizer, crayons or any number of needed school supplies and help Char-Em United Way Stuff the Bus. A list of suggested school supplies is available on our website, www.charleunitedway.org and will be provided at each Stuff the Bus location the day of the event. The school supplies will be distributed to public schools in the Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

To help in the Stuff the Bus efforts area stores will be placing drop-boxes in their stores the

week prior to the event, August 14-22. Drop your school supplies in the bright yellow boxes at Family Dollar, Pellston; K-Mart, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree and Bed Bath & Beyond, Petoskey; K-Mart and Dollar Tree, Charlevoix. The drop-boxes have been creatively decorated by the campers at Camp McSaub.

“This is a fun and easy way to help children,” Voci said, “and who doesn’t like to buy new crayons? So come help us Stuff the Bus! You can make the start of the school year easier for kids and their families.”

Volunteers are needed to staff the buses on August 22 from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. and help

sort all the supplies that will fill our buses. To volunteer, contact Julie at 487-1006 or at info@charleunitedway.org. A work bee to sort, count and prepare the school supplies for delivery will take place at the Red Cross Building on September 1, contact us if you have time to help.

Char-Em United Way is also accepting monetary donations to purchase school supplies for students in need. Donations should be mailed to Char-Em United Way, PO Box 1701, Petoskey, MI 49770, with Stuff the Bus noted, or use one of the donation boxes available at the buses. Come help us Stuff the Bus!

Plans Begin for Avalanche Park

By B. J. Conley-Hetler

BOYNE CITY — A public discussion about the city’s Avalanche Park resulted in a good beginning for making improvement decisions for the park.

A master plan draft has been drawn up. It does not propose to significantly change Avalanche Park, but rather to protect it and to enhance it with a light touch, said consultant Mark Robinson in a report.

Robinson, who has worked on city projects before, conducted the public discussion held on July 28. Following a presentation, he listened to the comments and questions from the audience.

Some of the items of concern were the need for the fire department to have easy access to the park, the need for view corridors, trails, a toboggan run and the time frame for the project.

Robinson said the master planning process should be complete by early fall. A toboggan run was considered but determined too costly and labor intensive because of the maintenance it would require.

Only one additional trail is being considered, but all trails will be improved. The skating rink would be enlarged.

There will be another public meeting, in the future to review the comments. No funds have been earmarked for the project at this time, Robinson said.



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