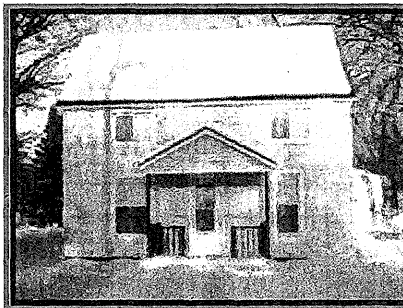


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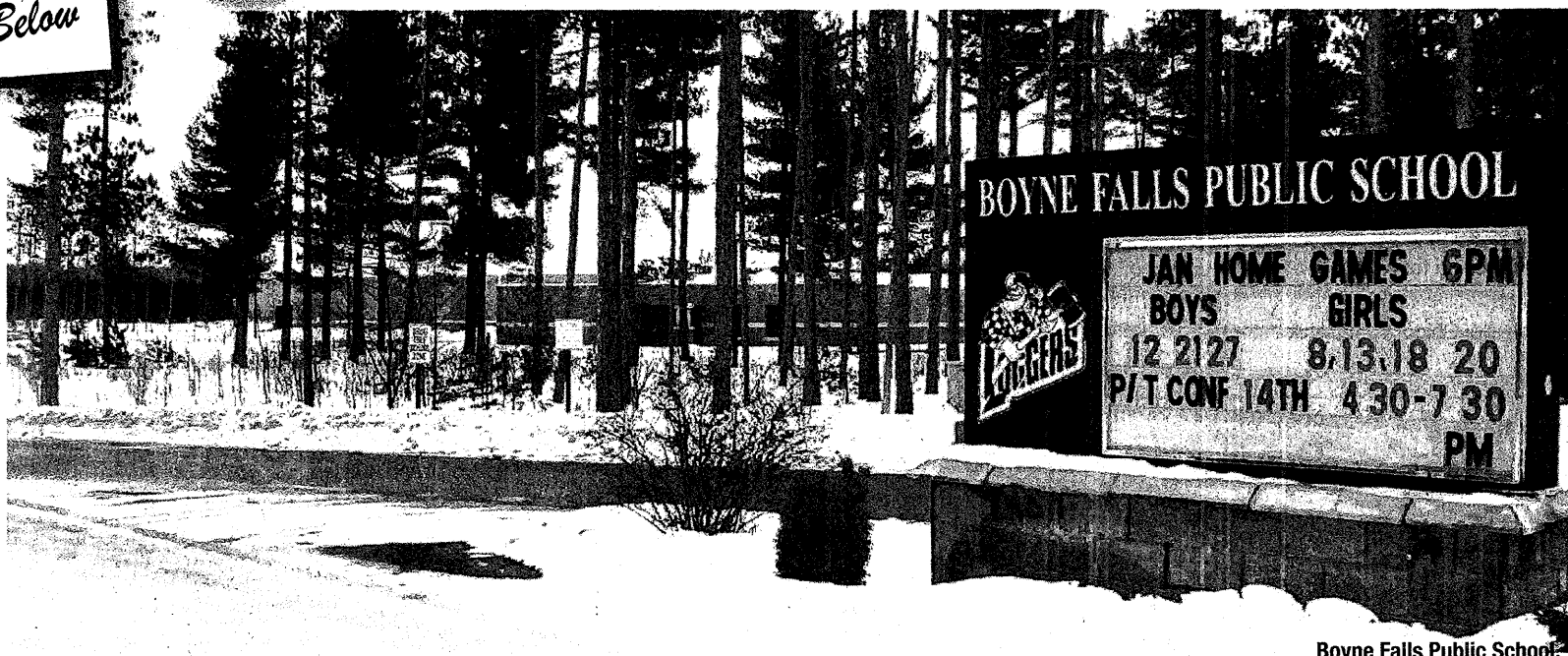
A sizeable number of residents attended the Boyne City 2010 city goal setting session and everyone participated in creating ideas for the future course of Boyne City. The event was held at St. Matthew's Church in its community room on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Photo by B. J. Conley

Boyne City Receives 2010 Goals

By B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — Residents, city staff and others participated in the 2010 goal setting meeting on Jan. 19, at St. Matthew's Church community room. The session was led by Andy Hayes and Dean Solomon.

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Boyne Falls Public School

National Publication Recognizes Two Area Schools

By Jim Akans

A nationally recognized publication; U.S. News & World Report, in conjunction with School Evaluation Services, which is a K-12 education and data research analyst, have placed two area schools in their annual "Americas Best High Schools" report.

Ellsworth Community and Boyne Falls Public Schools both achieved a Bronze award.

Boyne Falls Public Schools Superintendent, stated, "Boyne Falls Public School is proud to be recognized as a Bronze award winner by U.S. News and World Report for the achievements of our High School. This award

is truly a group effort by the students, parents, staff, administration school board, and the community of Boyne Falls. Without everyone working together this award would not have been possible."

Lynn Aldrich Spearling, Superintendent for Ellsworth Community School, stated, "Ellsworth Community School is pleased to be acknowledged. With a student/teacher ratio of 15 to 1, Ellsworth students have access to opportunities that are virtually unheard of in other schools its size, including:

research-based curriculum at all levels, on-line learning opportunities for advanced learning and credit recovery, college credit at no charge to students, music/art/physical education classes at all levels, a cutting-edge visual arts program, access to state of the art media centers and computer

labs and much more. We offer a small school relationship with big school opportunities."

In determining "Americas Best High Schools," data was gathered from 21,786 public high schools across the country, primarily from the

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Ellsworth and Boyne Falls Place Bronze in "America's Best" School Report

SPORTS



East Jordan senior Shaina Peters splits between Charlevoix defenders Sarah Potter, left, and Madison Way en route to scoring two of her 25 points on Friday. FULL GAME COVERAGE ON PAGE 10 (photo by Vic Ruggles)

Northern Michigan Begins its Own Economic Recovery

Be a Part of the 20/20 Project

By Dave Baragrey

It is no secret that Michigan's economy has been declining during the past couple of years. The auto manufacturers have reduced their workforce, newspapers have closed, home values have plummeted and the list goes on and on. Michigan's unemployment rate has been the

highest in the nation month after month. It seems as though every time we watch the news on television that another economic disaster has taken place.

However, we don't hear about the independently owned businesses that have really taken a hit during this economic nightmare. Those small businesses in our town and neighboring towns

throughout Northern Michigan may have been hit the hardest of all. The effect this has on community goes much deeper than just a store closing or struggling to keep the doors open. When these locally owned businesses hurt it cuts deep into our city tax base, our schools, our non-profit groups, our churches and our own households. Independently owned Busi-

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nesses are the backbone of any community. They support

local charities, community

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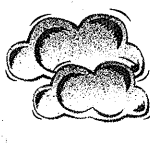
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Friday
 High 14, low 10
 NNW wind 6mph



Saturday
 High 22, low 17
 W wind 6mph



Sunday
 High 26, low 20
 W wind 11mph



Monday
 High 27, low 22
 SSW wind 11mph

*** snowfall totals ***

Charlevoix - Season totals last year through 1/31/09 - 114.7" Season total this year through 1/25/10 - 53.9"

Ellsworth - Season totals last year through 1/31/09 - 138.7" Season total this year through 1/25/10 - 60.8"

Petoskey - Season totals last year through 1/31/09 - 99.0" Season total this year through 1/25/10 - 66.3"

Gaylord - Season totals last year through 1/31/09 - 138.9" Season total this year through 1/25/10 - 61.5"

The Snowfall totals for last year are for the season through the end of the Month. Totals for this year are through the date indicated.

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LOCAL NEWS

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS: JANUARY 28, 2010

District Court

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

James Pierceweston Hock, 20, Temple, TX. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$310 in fines and costs.

Sharlet Ann Moyer, 58, Walloon Lake. Driving without license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Cassandra Jean Sleeper, 26, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and 30 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 29 days.

Anthony Michael Stainbrook, 18, East Jordan. Sex offender failed to comply with reporting. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to two days in jail with credit for two days.

Robert L. Dean, 60, Greenville, Ohio. Driving while

impaired. Sentenced to pay \$830 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work, and six months on probation.

Matthew David Hague, 27, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$830 in fines and costs.

Regina Lee Jackson, 39, Levering. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$550 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for 13 days, 70 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and six months on probation.

Douglas Michael Smith, 32, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$830 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.



Boyne City receives USDA Rural Development (USDA-RD) Grant

On Thursday, January 21st the City of Boyne City and the USDA-RD completed the process for the City to receive a \$6,000 grant to help purchase a new police car. The City also received a grant two years ago from the USDA-RD when it purchased a first response vehicle for the Ambulance Department. The 2010 police Crown Victoria replaces a similar 2005 vehicle. The USDA-RD grant helps offset the \$22,934 cost of the car and equipment. The cost includes the new Police Interceptor patrol vehicle equipped with video, radios, mobile computer terminal, hazardous material protective gear, and other police equipment. The car was purchased in Boyne City through Bob Mathers Ford.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

12:00am Officers responded to civil dispute in the 300 block of E Division St.

12:40am Female in the 300 block of S Park St reports male subject broke window in her door.

7:19am Report of male subject walking in traffic in front of the High School.

9:29am Male subject reports subject accessing business computer

11:25am VIN inspections on motorcycles in the Industrial Park

7:05pm Juvenile female creating disturbance in the 1000 block of Boyne Av. Released to parent.

11:12pm Assist ambulance in the 300 block of E Division St.

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

11:41am Unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St

3:50pm Personal Injury Accident at State and Park Streets.

3:56pm Parents in with 16 year old daughter regarding inappropriate contact from 18 year old male.

4:34pm Cell phone found in the 100 block of

N Park St. Located owner and returned phone.

Thursday, January 21, 2010

12:55pm Male in with concerns about possible fraudulent activity involving his checking account.

2:30pm Assisted school with juvenile matter

5:07pm Female reports being harassed by estranged husband.

9:56pm Female causing disturbance in business in the 100 block of E Water St. Was gone on arrival.

10:30pm Unlocked vehicle in the 100 block of Trent St.

10:47pm Deceased dog located in driveway in 300 block of N Park St. Owner located and notified.

Friday, January 22, 2010

12:22pm 2 vehicle Property Damage Accident at East and River Streets.

2:44pm Female in to drop off cell phone she had found.

3:05pm Subpoena served in the 400 block of Front St for Antrim County.

3:23pm Unlocked Dodge Ram in the 400 block of N Lake St.

8:58pm Noise complaint in the 300 block of E Division St. Unfounded.

Saturday, January 23, 2010

2:48am Assist sheriff Department with MIP party in Boyne Falls

Sunday, January 24, 2010

12:31am Female reports being threatened by male subject in the 100 block of W Division St

1:38pm Female arrested for Domestic Violence in the 600 block of Grant St

4:13pm Female calling from the 300 block of S Park St because her cat went crazy and attacked her son. Assisted female in containing cat until Animal Control could assist.

6:11pm Male issued citation for speed in the 700 block of Boyne Av

Monday, January 25, 2010

7:23pm Female receiving suspicious phone calls in the 600 block of E Main St

9:45pm Report of 2 suspicious cars in the 400 block of N Lake St. Gone on arrival.

EAST JORDAN POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

January 15, 2010

05:00 - Called out sanders

06:38 - Alarm at business on S Lake St, bldg was secure

11:15 - Issued gun permit

17:59 - Assist motorist on Sunset near Division St

18:21 - Report of subject trespassing at High School, Trespass After Warning Notice signed by Principal to be served on subject

19:42 - Public relations at High School

20:47 - Traffic stop on Water St near McKenzie St for defective headlight

21:49 - Report of possible gunshots on State St near Wilson St, checked area, UTL

22:08 - Subject arrested/cited for having open intoxicants on public highway

23:08 - Subject arrested at residence on Mill St for domestic assault and resisting officers

January 16, 2010

07:50 - Assist snowmobile club by setting up Speed Sentry for snowmobiles races

09:59 - Public relations at snowmobile club

11:10 - Assist CXSH at snowmobile club with keys locked in vehicle

11:13 - Escort lost motorist from snowmobile club to Library

12:01 - Assist citizen with questions regarding eviction of tenants on Mill St

Did 10 liquor inspections

14:55 - Private Property Accident on Fourth St near Esterly St

19:33 - Report of juveniles throwing snowballs at residence on Erie St, checked area and was UTL them

20:50 - Report of child locked in vehicle on Edwards St, vehicle unlocked

23:20 - Assist CXSH w/report of runaway juveniles at residence on Park Dr

January 17, 2010

03:33 - Report of subject trespassing at residence on Esterly St, Trespass After Warning Notice filled out to be served on subject

11:45 - Assist CXSH at residence on State St w/trying to locate runaway juveniles

12:05 - Assist EMS w/subject having chest pain at Church on Rogers Rd

16:30 - Assist CXSH w/arrest of subject on warrant at residence on Mill St

16:48 - Malicious Destruction of Property at residence on Esterly St near Third St

January 18, 2010

08:35 - 911 Hang up from business on Bridge St, it was a misdial and all was okay

09:16 - Bike found between Library and High School pool

14:51 - Assist EMS at High School for unresponsive student

16:37 - Traffic stop on Second St near Esterly St for expired plate

17:52 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Erie St for defective taillight

18:18 - Served Trespass After Warning notice on subject at residence on Erie St

18:35 - Served Trespass After Warning notice

on subject at residence on S M66

19:24 - Traffic stop on Mill St near Fourth St for excessive speed

19:51 - Keys locked in vehicle at High School, vehicle unlocked

20:46 - Traffic stop on N Lake St near Vance St for excessive speed

January 19, 2010

00:25 - Report of loud music coming from residence on Manning Dr, advised resident to turn it down

18:41 - Assist CXSH on Carson road for report of domestic

January 20, 2010

08:58 - Report of 911 hang up from High School, everything was okay

16:30 - Report of snowmobile driving in Cemetery, area checked and the only thing found was tracks from cross country skis

18:00 - Assist Circuit Court Probation w/checking on parolee at residence on Mary St

23:32 - Assist CXSH w/reported domestic dispute at residence on Dennis Rd, held down scene until arrival of Deputies

January 21, 2010

12:30 - Larceny of prescription drugs from residence on Fourth St

13:12 - Neighbor dispute on Third St

21:17 - Assist citizen with disabled vehicle in parking lot of business on Water St

21:29 - Traffic stop on Maple St near Bartlett St for operating snowmobile on State Hwy

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

JANUARY 18-24, 2010

ComplaintNumber

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OBITUARY

Carrie Ann Bricker-Hauger

(November 16, 1975 - January 24, 2010)

Carrie Ann Bricker-Hauger, born on November 16, 1975 lost her life in a two car accident on Sunday, January 24, 2010.

Carrie married Joey Hauger in 1999, and together they were blessed with four gifts from God, Cora 9, Inanna 6, Mira 5, and little brother Bruyn 7 months.

Carrie lived life to the fullest as a terrific mom, wonderful wife and best friend to Joey, beloved daughter, and great role model and friend to her 5 younger sisters. She will also be missed by her elementary students and staff at Central Lake Schools and the many girls she coached at Boyne City Public Schools. She will be there in spirit at gymnastics, swim school, soccer, football and snowmobile races.

Carrie is survived by her best friends and sisters Katie, Molly, Emily, Samantha and Anna. She is also survived by her loving parents Robin and Dave Bricker, Joey's parents Pat and Joseph Hauger of Levering and his great grandparent Rosemary Graubner of Vassar, and grandparents Nancy and Jerry Adams and Darlene and Don Persons of Boyne City. Carrie was surrounded and loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephew.

Carrie loved her husband, Joey and her kids, Cora, Inanna, Mira and Bruyn. She leaves a huge void in the hearts of everyone. She left way too soon, but will forever be in our hearts and prayers. Carrie Ann will forever walk the most fertile fields of our minds.

Donations are appreciated and can be made through the Stackus Funeral Home; C/O Joe Hauger for a scholarship trust fund to be established for the kids.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City. A funeral service will be held 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 28, 2010 at the church with visitation being held from 2:30 p.m. until the time of service. Fr. Duane Wachowiak will be serving as celebrant.

Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Carrie are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhome-inc.com.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Schools

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2007-2008 school year. Once this information was collected, schools went through a ranking process.

The ranking is evaluated using several criteria, including an overall principle that a high school should serve all students, regardless of the path they intend to follow after graduation, and an analysis of measurable results showing the school is educating students over a wide range of performance indicators.

A primary factor in this area was test performance, determining if students were achieving scores, particularly in the area of math and reading, above the statistical average for students in their state.

Schools that achieved this performance level were also eligible to be judged nationally based on college-readiness performance, measuring which schools produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentages of their students.

PROJECT CONNECT

Planned for February 3

Plans are in place for the third annual Charlevoix-Emmet Project Connect. The event will be held Wednesday, February 3 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Petoskey. Project Connect connects people in need with a range of health and human services needed to improve their lives.

"Over 50 local non-profit agencies, as well as some businesses, will be on hand to provide a wide variety of services and resources," says Jamie Winters, Chair of the Homeless Continuum of Care workgroup of the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body.

All services are free. They include: housing programs; utility support; food assistance; tax preparation; health screenings and services; children's activities, and much more. Haircuts and chair massages will be available throughout the day. A hot lunch will be served from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Guests can receive gifts of food, personal care items, and clothing, while they last. It is recommended that

people bring picture ID, birth certificate, and income information with them, if they wish to apply for benefits.

"With so many people out of work at this time, people who have never had to request assistance before don't know where to turn," says Shirley Gillespie, Co-Chair of the event. "By bringing together all of the services in one place, in one day, we can help make those connections."

Guests are encouraged to park at the Emmet County fairgrounds. Free parking and shuttle service to the K of C will be provided all day.

United Way is coordinating donations of funds and items, as well as volunteer staffing. Information about what is needed or how to volunteer is available on the website: www.charemunit-edway.org or people can call 231-487-1006.

"We encourage people wanting to donate items to contact us in advance so that we can put their efforts to the best result," says Martha Lancaster Project Connect Co-Chair. "Volunteer opportunities, both in advance

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and at the event, are posted on the Volunteer Connections website."

For more information about Project Connect contact United Way at 231-487-1006, info@charemunit-edway.org or Gillespie at 231-348-1636, gillespie@michigan.gov. Information and materials are posted on the Char-Em United Way website www.charemunit-edway.org.

Goals

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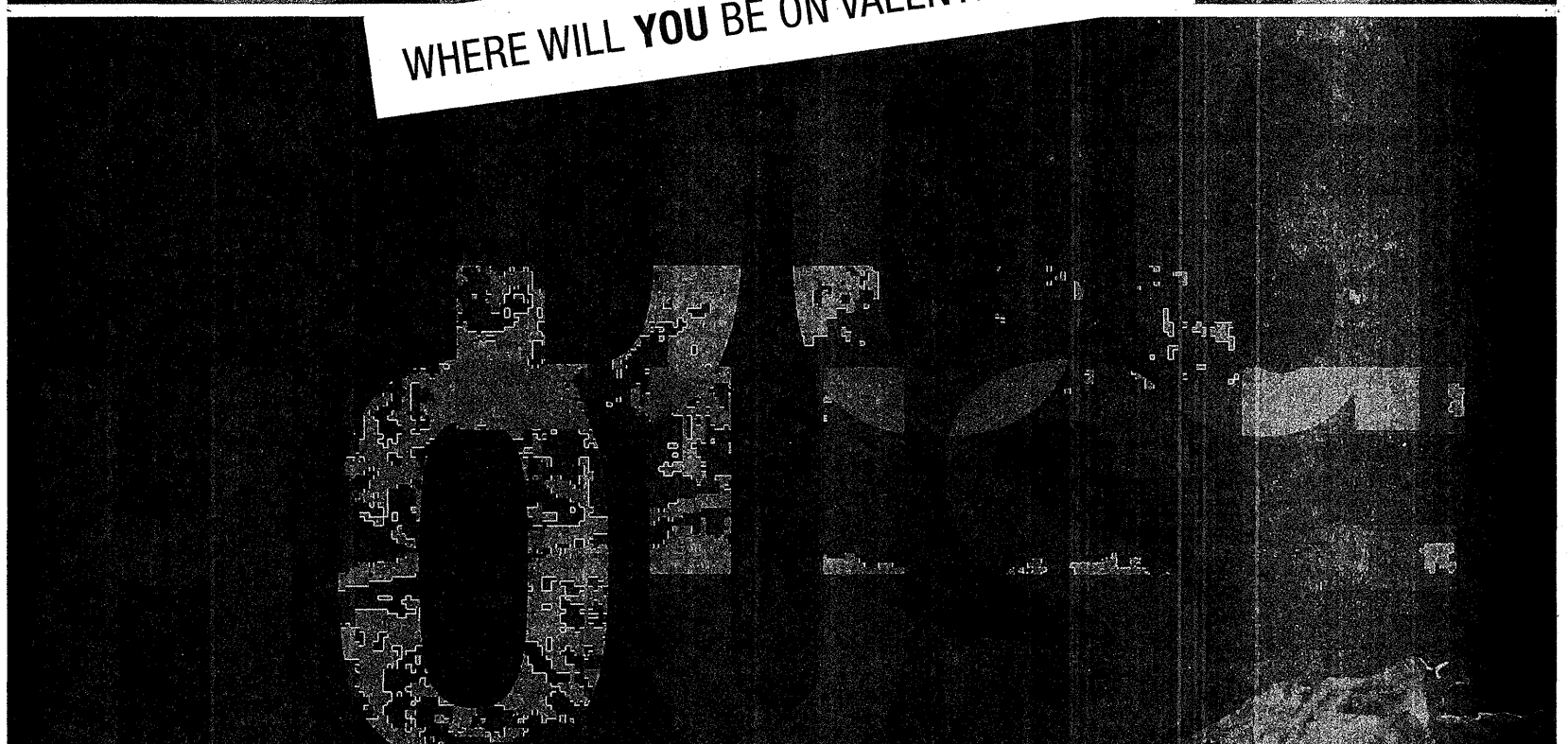
The method used at the meeting allowed everyone to voice his or her opinions and ideas. People were divided into groups of about six to a table. Each table then had a facilitator who asked each person what they thought were goals that the city should concentrate on and the priority of those goals.

Some of the concerns named were the declining revenue base, the need for job creation and retention, broadband expansion to attract high-tech businesses, development of the Dilworth Hotel, trails in and out of the city, access to downtown for snowmobiles, Downtown Development Authority renewal, the stalled Devlon property plans and the shopper's dock.

Some ideas were to build a downtown skating rink, to move city offices off of the waterfront, and to development recreational facilities, or improve existing facilities, for youth and for senior citizens.

Following the input from the groups, Hayes and Solomon compiled a list of the top nine areas for the 2010 city goals. The development of the historic Dilworth Hotel was at the top of the list. That was followed by the need to work on a healthy local business base, job creation and retention, renewal of the Downtown Development Authority (Main Street Program), relocation of city offices, building upon current success and to address the stalled development of the Devlon property on Lake Street, across from Glen's Plaza.

The information gathered at the goal-setting meeting will be organized and presented to city commissioners at a commission meeting. The results will be available to the public when they are completed. Additional meetings are expected in the future. For more information call Dean Solomon at MSU Extension: 231-582-6232.



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NEWS **IN** BRIEF

EAST JORDAN

Workshops at Arts Center

January 30, and February 13, 1-3 pm By Peter Balestrieri. Chinese and Japanese Drawing and Watercolor Painting. Will be held in the lower gallery at JRAC. Peter will concentrate on the differences in brush techniques, paper and paint. Limited to ten students. Call 231-533-6240 for supply list or more information. Fee: \$60.

EAST JORDAN

Sewer Leak

City officials are warning East Jordan residents to stay away from a sewer leak that has appeared on the south side of the city. Officials said the leak, which involves a force main running along M-32 to the city's waste water treatment facility was discovered Tuesday near the entrance the city's industrial park. The area has been identified with barricades. The small leak is expected to be repaired no later than February 1. The leak should not affect sewer service in the area.

EAST JORDAN

Sno-Mobilers Club Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast every Sunday morning from 7am - Noon, Mt Bliss Rd. Sponsored by the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club

CHARLEVOIX

Saturday Family Story Time

Story Time Kickoff Event at the Charlevoix Public Library. Can't make it on Thursday mornings? Try a Story Time on a Saturday morning. Every 2nd Saturday of the month. Families are invited. Guest Laura Pershin Raynor. Laura is a visiting storyteller from Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is a much loved Children's Librarian at the Ann Arbor District Library.

CENTRAL LAKE

Frozen Torch Snowshoe Race and Family Fun Day

YMCA Hayo-Went-Ha Camps is hosting the 3rd Annual Frozen Torch Snowshoe Race and Family Fun Day Jan. 30! Join us for a 5k, 10k, or Fun Walk in the morning followed by activities for all ages! Entry for Family Fun Day is free with a canned good or non-perishable item donation for the Bellaire Community Food Pantry. Activities will include winter crafts, snow sculpture contest,

snowshoe obstacle course, our 200' Zip Line and of course a hot chili lunch! Entry for the Snowshoe Race is \$15 for early registrations and \$20 the day of. All proceeds from the race will benefit Camperships for Antrim County youth to attend YMCA Camp Hayo-Went-Ha's Sparks Day Camp. For more information and registration information please visit our website www.hayowentha.org or call us at 877-547-5915.

EAST JORDAN

Support the Red Devils

The students at East Jordan High School would like to ask you to participate in "Red and Black Friday". In an effort to promote community sportsmanship and support for the Red Devils by wearing red and black each Friday.

EAST JORDAN

Chamber Annual Meeting

Enjoy dinner, annual awards and lots of fun at the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce annual meeting at Castle Farms in Charlevoix on January 30. For tickets call the EJ Chamber at 231-536-7351.

BOYNE CITY

An afternoon with Gemini

Music for children and families! Gemini celebrates with their audiences the fun, warmth and humor of family life on Jan. 30. Kids and adults love to sing with them! From start to finish, a family concert with the twin brothers abounds with rousing sing-alongs, hand motion tunes, folk tales and music from around the world. The highlights of their shows are Gemini's original, sparkling songs about the everyday experiences of childhood and growing up! Held at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$5 each, Families \$20, under 2 free. Available at the door, at Local Flavor or the door the day of the event.

EAST JORDAN

Elements of Plein Aire Painting

January 31, 1:30 pm, Lecture/Discussion: "Elements of Plein Aire Painting" by Carol Ross. This lecture is based on the notes from her working with Charles Hawthorn and Edgar Payne. She has traveled west (California) and east (Vermont and Maryland) to study with artist of the Plein Aire Society. Carol

will bring her own works developed from workshops. Also a DVD is available. Carol, a painter of renown from Boyne City has exhibited throughout Michigan, and her works can be found in many collections. She has served on the JRAC Board and the Crooked Tree Board.

BOYNE CITY

Scrapbookers Night

A scrap bookers night will be held the first Tuesday of each month from 5-10 p.m. at the community room downstairs at the Boyne District Library in Boyne City. Scrap bookers can meet with others and bring a project to work on it, using the time for yourself. There is no cost. Call Bethany at 231-881-9888 for more information.

PETOSKEY

Torchlight Snowshoe Demo

Come explore Camp Daggett's snowy, torch-lit trails while trying snowshoeing on Jan. 30 from 5pm - 9pm. Afterward enjoy refreshments and share stories beside a warm fire inside the lodge. There will be raffle items and an assortment of door prizes. Camp Daggett is located at 03001 Church Road.

PETOSKEY

Project Connect

A day of services for our neighbors in need Feb. 3 sponsored by Char-Em United Way. Community health and human service agencies join forces to provide direct services on-site. Assistance with filing income taxes, housing applications, immunizations, health screening, food assistance, haircuts, massage and more. Activities for kids and their parents. Hot lunch. Transportation provided. Giveaways of food, personal care items, and clothing. FREE.

BOYNE CITY

Still time to help set Boyne City's Goals

On Tuesday, January 19th some 60 people attended a City-wide Goal Setting Session to share their visions, goals, and challenges for Boyne City. If you care about Boyne's future but were unable to participate on the 19th, you still can. From now through 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 8th you can participate by viewing and voting on the top 16 goals and chal-

lenges that were raised during the meeting or adding your own. It's quick and easy to participate. You can either: 1) take the survey online at www.boynesurvey.com; 2) pick up and fill out the survey which is available at: Glens; the Boyne District Library, the Chamber of Commerce, and City Hall; 3) call City Hall at 231-582-0336; or 4) email bbrooks@boynecity.com. Your thoughts matter! Please share them with those who are making the decisions that will affect Boyne City for years to come.

EAST JORDAN

Food Drive

Second Annual Food Drive for the Care and Share Food Pantry, East Jordan. Bring in four non-perishable items and receive a discount coupon book good at The Quilt Cottage. Help us to help others, bring in your donations anytime during store hours.

BOYNE CITY

Great Lakes Energy Dropoff point for shoes

Great Lakes Energy Main office in Boyne City is the dropoff point for new and gently used shoes for the people of Haiti. GLE has partnered with Emmet County Recycling Center on this project. The shoes will be sent to Soles for Souls for Haitian distribution. Collection will be made through Feb. 4.

EAST JORDAN

Roller Skating

Enjoy roller skating at the Harvest Barn Church - Noon-3pm - 3-18 year old \$5.00 every Saturday until April 10, 2010

BOYNE CITY

School Board Nominations

The Boyne City Public Schools school district election will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. There is one four-year term open for the Board of Education. Nominating petitions may be obtained from the Charlevoix County Clerk and must be submitted to the County Clerk on or before Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 4:00pm. For more information, please call the County Clerk's office at 231-547-7200.

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-Out

Don't miss a chance to ride with the locals Feb. 6. Charlevoix's Snowmobile Club is hosting a second group ride. Riders will meet at Charlevoix's Paul Bunyan Lanes (Flight Deck Bar) across from the airport (south of town) at 9am. Ride and lunch destination to be determined by group. Riders of all skill levels welcome!

BOYNE CITY

Wine tasting

Boyne Country Provisions and Red Mesa Grill are teaming up to sponsor Seasonal Wine Tastings on the second Thursday of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m. and continuing through winter and spring. The tastings will be held on the "back porch" at Red Mesa Grill, 117 Water St., and featuring four wines, one beer and an appetizer buffet for \$10. Ed Brehm, the sommelier from Boyne Country Provisions, will conduct the tastings.

CHARLEVOIX

Wellness Wednesday

Wellness Wednesdays are

held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Solarium at the hospital. The health screen includes: Cholesterol by finger stick and blood sugar levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, body fat percentage, blood pressure, and a pulse reading. The cost for the service is \$12. Participants will receive a "Know Your Numbers" health log, a pedometer, and all test results at the time of the screen. Health Consultation and educational materials are tailored to individual results by a Registered Nurse. The entire visit takes less than 15 minutes.

BOYNE CITY

Chocolate-Covered Boyne

Feb. 12-13 is the sweetest time of winter in downtown stores and restaurants

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Volunteer Opportunities

The RSVP of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties invites everyone 55 and older to join them in volunteer service. Keep active, share your talents, serve your community and meet new friends. We have many volunteer opportunities in Charlevoix County. For more information call Sally Pickering, RSVP Project Director, at 231-347-3211, ext. 29.

CHARLEVOIX

Indoor Sidewalk Sales

There are plenty of bargains at the Charlevoix Indoor Sidewalk Sales on Feb. 12! Whether you're in the market for new shoes or the perfect picture for your entryway, there is something for everyone!

BOYNE CITY

Used Book Sale

Friends of the Boyne Library will be holding a used book sale in the community room of the library. It will be held on Friday Feb. 12 from 12-4, and Saturday, February 13, from 10-4. Members of the Friends group will be allowed in early on Friday, from 9-Noon.

BOYNE CITY

Winterfest

Bring the family and enjoy winter fun in Boyne City Feb. 13. Kids games, chili cookoff, scavenger hunt, snowshoe nature hike

BOYNE CITY

Donate Your Sled

Have an old plastic sled that you are tired of storing in your garage? Donate it to the City of Boyne City, Avalanche Park for use at the sledding hill. Much like the program the City has now for loaning ice skates, the City would like to have a few sleds available to loan out as well. While the City has been offering the loaner skates for many years, the idea of offering the sleds is new for this year. After hearing many comments from visitors who would like to sled at Avalanche but did not have room in their vehicles to pack sleds or from families who were not aware of the Avalanche sledding hill until arriving in the area, the City decided to look into having a few sleds that could be lent out to anyone in need. Sleds would be distributed on a first come - first serve basis and may not be taken off property. Hours of the Avalanche warming house are Monday - Friday from 4 - 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., and holidays when the kids are not in school will fol-

low the weekend schedule. The sledding hill and skating rink may be used outside of these hours; however, there is not an attendant on duty for use of the warming house. For additional information you may call the warming house at 231-582-3641 or Boyne City Hall 231-582-6597.

ATWOOD

Winter Wonderland Fest

Come celebrate winter with Friske Orchards during this family festival Jan. 30 at Friske's Farm Market on US 31. Enjoy cross country skiing, sledding hill, snowman contest and an apple hunt.

BOYNE CITY

Snowshoe nature hikes at Young State Park

Young State Park is offering a series of Snowshoe Hikes at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and 13. Interpreter Maureen Stein will be leading snowshoe enthusiasts on a one-hour hike through the forest. The hikes will include children's activities, animal and habitat discussions, park history, identifying flora and fauna, and investigation into what changes winter brings to the environment. Enjoy hot chocolate compliments of the park staff. Limited supplies of snowshoes are available for use at no charge. Admission is free, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required; \$6 for a daily permit or \$24 for an annual permit. For more information contact the park at 231-582-7523.

ATWOOD

Cherry Recipe Contest

Friske's Farm Market is sponsoring the 7th annual cherry recipe contest. Entries in one of two categories must be turned in before Feb. 15. The two categories are Non-alcoholic Beverages and Candy/Snacks. Entries should be mailed to Michelle Merrifield at Friske's Farm Market, 10743 North US 31, Ellsworth, MI 49729. Six finalists will be selected and final judging will take place Feb. 27 at 10:30am.

BOYNE CITY

Business After Hours

Enjoy some friendly conversation with business owners from the Boyne area during Boyne's Business After Hours Feb. 18 at Edward Jones, 101 S. Lake St., 5:30 to 7:30

BOYNE CITY

Concert at Performing Arts Center

Enjoy North Michigan Entertainers: Pinky Lee, Northern Nights and the Sun Dogs at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center, Feb. 20 - 7:30 p.m.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Create a Water Resource Improvement Authority (WRIA)

PA 94 of 2008 allows any city, village or township to create a WRIA around an inland lake. The WRIA may use its funds, including tax increment financing, to enhance water quality, water dependent natural resources, and access to an inland lake. The tool can be used to eliminate aquatic nuisance species (no chemical treatment allowed), replace failing on-site disposal systems with sewer systems, provide storm water systems to service existing infrastructure, and provide a project that aids in access to an inland lake. A WRIA may not be created or expanded after December 31, 2011. Get the MEDC's Fact Sheet. Contact Sheri at 231-582-6482 or sheri@northernlakes.net with questions.

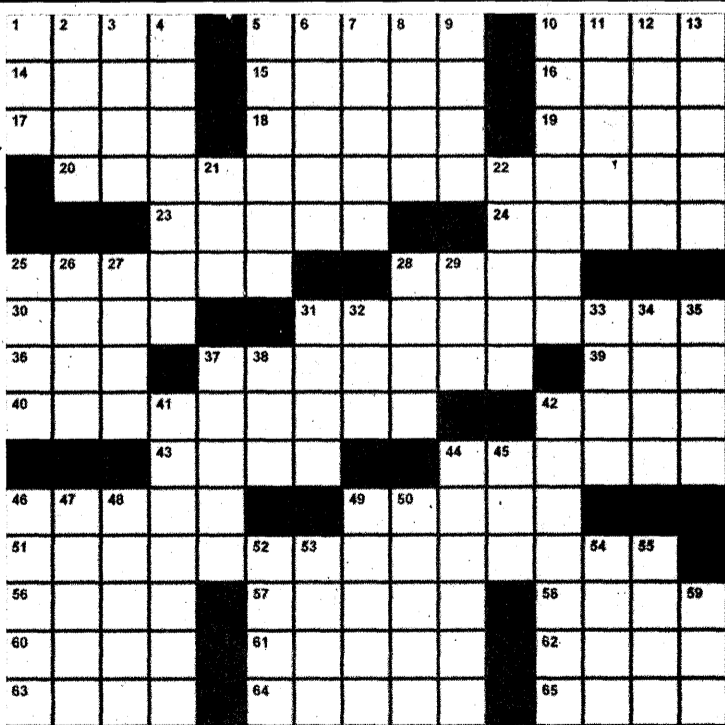
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1- The sacred scriptures of Hinduism; 5- Swiss city on the Rhine; 10- Drop; 14- Line of rotation; 15- Demote; 16- Arch type; 17- Hotbed; 18- Chip dip; 19- Baltic capital; 20- Distinguishing feature; 23- Embed; 24- Not o'er; 25- Maze runner; 28- Beat it!; 30- Aha!; 31- Fiendish; 36- Airport abbr.; 37- One who aspires; 39- Boxer Laila; 40- Inequality; 42- In addition to; 43- Came down to earth; 44- Economize; 46- Climb; 49- Tenth letter of the Greek alphabet; 51- Northern lights; 56- Langston Hughes poem; 57- Buy alternative; 58- Desktop picture; 60- Writing table; 61- Pertaining to song; 62- Dodge model; 63- Calculus calculation; 64- Hiding place; 65- Sea eagle;

Down

1- Covered vehicle; 2- Corp. VIP, briefly; 3- Course; 4- "Silk Stockings" star; 5- Igneous rock of a lava flow; 6- Fiber obtained from a banana plant; 7- Saline; 8- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 9- Goneril's father; 10- Norse god; 11- Heartburn; 12- Kosher; 13- Percolate; 21- Genetic messenger; 22- Mindlessly stupid; 25- Fibbed; 26- Italian wine city; 27- Places to sleep; 28- Remain; 29- Taxi; 31- Agitated state; 32- As a female, you could be queen or worker; 33- Colombian city; 34- Grad; 35- Speech issue; 37- Strong Australian horse; 38- Jackie's second; 41- Clumsy person; 42- Sugarcoated almond; 44- Language communication; 45- Tax pro; 46- You ___ mouthful!; 47- More adorable; 48- "___ by any other name..."; 49- Australian marsupial; 50- Bears the ictus; 52- Donations to the poor; 53- Sugar source; 54- Bakery worker; 55- Before long; 59- Vane dir.;



Annual Boyne City Chamber Dinner

HELD AT BOYNE MOUNTAIN



BoyneMtgPhoto1 - Over 200 people attended the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce annual dinner meeting, packing the house, trading tales of 2009, and eagerly anticipating the coming year. The January 21st event was held at Boyne Mountain; the food was absolutely awesome, and the mood was friendly and festive. Photos by Jim Akans.



-ABOVE: Awards recipients at the annual meeting included (from left), Dean Kleinschrodt, American Legion Post Commander received the "Community Pride Award," Tony William of Freshwater Studios for "Entrepreneur of the Year," Chris Faulknor of the Boyne City Gazette for "Young Entrepreneur of the Year," Karen Guzniczak of Stroll the Streets for "Volunteer of the Year," and Glen Catt, president of Catt Development received the "Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award."

BELOW: Silent auction items were the hit of the evening, which also included a live auction and a 50/50 raffle drawing, raising approximately \$4,000 for the Boyne Chamber of Commerce.



RIGHT: Glen Catt, of Catt Development, accepts the "Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award."



LEFT: 2010 Boyne City Chamber Board members are sworn in, (from left), Todd Wright, Ed Grice, Lynn Amato, Gary Deters, Karen Guzniczak and Obie Wicker.

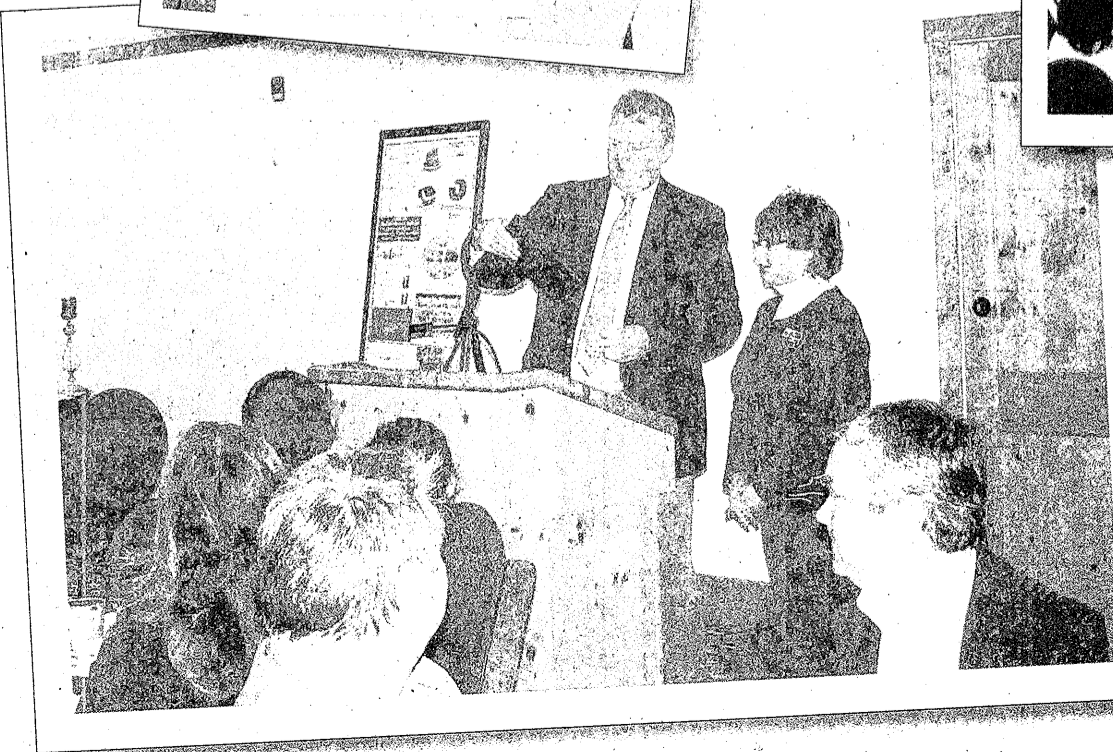


BELOW: Outgoing Boyne City Chamber Board President Rob Swartz addresses the crowd.



ABOVE: Charlevoix County News Publisher, Dave Baragrey, leads attendees in a round of "Happy Birthday" to Denise Flinn of Korhase Flinn Insurance and Financial Services, the evening's presenting sponsor.

Boyne City Chamber Executive LEFT: Director, Jim Baumann, presents Stroll the Streets organizer, Karen Guzniczak with the "Volunteer of the Year" award.



LOCAL NEWS

On-line at www.charlevoixcountynews.com

\$59,500 in People Fund grants awarded to local groups in 2010

Great Lakes Energy was looking out for local residents when its People Fund directors awarded 21 grants totaling \$59,500 from the program to non-profit organizations in Northern Michigan last year.

The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. In 2009, more than \$206,000 in grants was awarded to 56 charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"We would like to thank all our members who participated last year in our billing round-up program for the People Fund," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "Because of their generosity, many worthwhile organizations in their own communities were helped."

In Northern Michigan alone, People Fund grants were awarded last year to the following groups:

Beaver Island Rural Health Center: \$3,000 for lab fees for Men's Health Day.

Boyer City Middle School: \$2,500 for swing sets at the middle school playground.

Community Free Clinic, Petoskey: \$3,000 for Dental Clinics North.

Compassionate Hearts, Boyne City: \$5,000 to help families with emergency needs.

Crawford AuSable Day Care, Grayling: \$2,000 for playground equipment.

East Jordan Parks and Recreation: \$2,500 for a playground at Tourist Park.

Fife Lake Public Library: \$3,000 for the construction of a storage cabinet and seating.

First Christian Community Church Kitchen, Petoskey: \$6,000 for a commercial stove and other kitchen improvement needs.

Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$1,000 to help pay for a vehicle for



Boyer City Elementary Students watch a blacksmith demonstration at the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Student Harvest Days made possible with the help of a \$4,000 People Fund grant.

Meals on Wheels.

Gaylord Area Council for the Arts: \$2,000 to replace the furnace in their building.

Gaylord Little League Association: \$2,500 to install lights at Hutchinson Field.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey: \$4,000 for music educational outreach programs, a computer and software.

Grayling Cooperative Preschool: \$500 for two electric Convectair heaters provided by Great Lakes Energy.

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, Petoskey: \$3,500 for CADD pumps for dispensing medication for pain management.

Kalkaska Conservation District: \$2,500 for concession stand improvements at the Recreation Complex.

Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club, Walloon Lake: \$4,000 for Student Harvest Days.

Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation,

Gaylord: \$1,500 for Reach Out and Read, a child literacy program.

Pregnancy Resource Center, Petoskey: \$1,500 for a computer, software and filing cabinets.

Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$5,000 for "Museum To Go," a science program for elementary students.

Resort Bear Creek Fire Dept, Petoskey: \$1,000 for a defibrillator.

Treats for the Troops, Elmira: \$3,500 for baking supplies and postage to bake and mail cookies to American troops overseas.

The 2009 People Fund Annual Report lists all grant recipients last year and is included in the January issue of Michigan Country Lines magazine recently mailed to Great Lakes Energy members. The report is also available by contacting Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537 or by visiting gtlakes.com.

New Mackinac Bridge postage stamp to be unveiled Feb. 3

January 25, 2010 -- In partnership with the United States Postal Service (USPS), the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) today announced a special ceremony to unveil a new Priority Mail stamp commemorating the iconic Mackinac Bridge. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. on Feb. 3 at Bridge View Park in St. Ignace.

MBA Board Chairman William H. Gnodtke said, "Once again, the Mackinac Bridge will be featured on a USPS stamp. At the same time, collectors also can look forward to the release of a new gift pack of commemorative Mackinac Bridge tokens."

Joining Gnodtke at the event will be Michigan congressional representatives, State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle, and district and local USPS representatives. In addition to a brief program unveiling the new stamp, various items featuring the "Mighty Mac" will be on sale.

"We're honored that the Mackinac Bridge, a landmark from our district, was selected as a subject for the 2010 stamp program," said Charles Howe, USPS Greater Michigan District Manager. "The Mackinac Bridge stamp will be headlining the 2010 stamp program with such notable subjects as Nobel Peace Prize honoree Mother Teresa, legendary actress Katharine Hepburn, Negro Leagues Baseball and Cowboys of the Silver Screen."

Artist Dan Cosgrove used several panoramic photographs of the Mackinac Bridge to create the stamp artwork, which features seagulls flying around the two towers and a large ship passing underneath. This is one of several designs that the Chicago-based artist has produced for the USPS.

Northern Michigan Begins its Own Economic Recovery

Be a Part of the 20/20 Project

Independently owned Businesses are the backbone of any community. They support local charities, community events and everything from local youth programs to local senior programs. The owners are our neighbors. They belong to Service Organizations, Non-Profit Groups and serve on Local Boards and Committees. They are our friends, our neighbors and our church family. This program also involves you supporting Non-Profit Groups in our community.

Instead of Waiting for Something to Happen, Make Something Happen

We have a vision of building a stronger economy in Northern Michigan. Instead of waiting for something to happen to make the economy better in our communities, we are making something happen by bringing the people of Northern Michigan together in one initiative to rebuild and restore our local economy. The 20/20 Project redirects our focus on building up one another. Our vision of building a stronger community involves the residents, the businesses and the non-profit agencies.

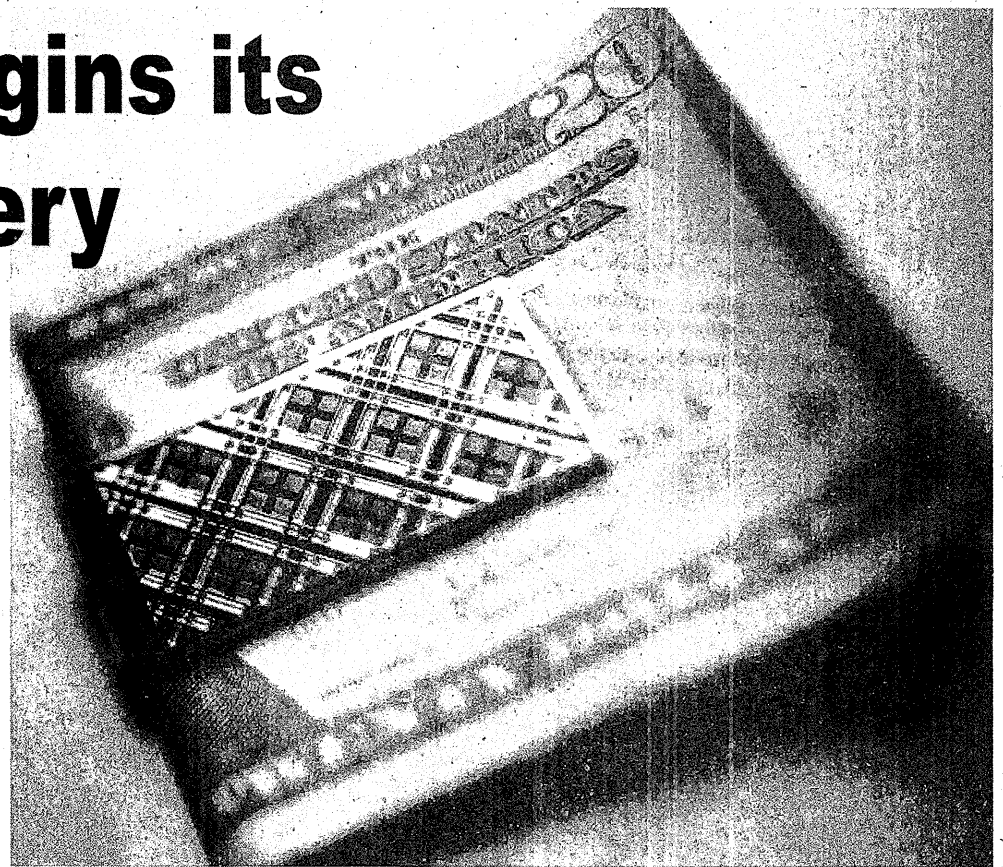
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partners. Your commitment will be to agree to spend \$20 a month...by the 20th of each month for a year at 2 of the 20/20 Project business partners. If you want a stronger community, do something about it! Get involved! Sign up now. Registration is Free.

Making our Communities a Better Place to Live: Support for Non-Profit Organizations

As your effort to make our Northern Michigan communities a better place to live, spend time volunteering with local Non-Profit Organizations. We challenge you to commit to volunteer 20 hours of time per year to member organizations or commit to support the group with a financial commitment of \$20 per month.

The Benefit to You: Special offers that are only available to 20/20 Project members. Once a month we will e-mail you a list of special offers that are exclusively available to 20/20 Project members. You will be able to save money on your purchases while supporting Independent Business Owners in your community. You will also get updates on local non-profit agencies.



Additional Bonus: To jump start the program you can purchase one \$40.00 gift card for \$20.00. This gift card can be used to purchase items at any 20/20 Project Business Partner. Watch the Weekly Choice or Charlevoix County News every week for a list of Local Business Partners.

What you have to do: Sign up. Simply fill out the registration form in this paper or sign up on-line at www.WeeklyChoice.com or www.CharlevoixCountyNews.com. Once

you are registered you will begin receiving the monthly offers that are exclusively available to 20/20 Project members.

The 20/20 Project promotes supports non-profit groups, shopping locally and benefits independently owned businesses and non-profit groups right here in our Northern Michigan communities. Don't wait for a government bailout. Let's lead the way and begin the economic recovery right here in Northern Michigan. Sign up today!



Sign Up Today! Use the form below

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Questions? Call Dave 1 at 989-732-8160

BUSINESS OWNERS or Non-Profits

Are you interested in becoming a part of the 20/20 Project?

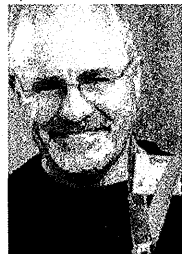
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LOCAL NEWS

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DAVE Says

(buy a foreclosure bargain)



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I want to buy a foreclosure. How do I go about it, and where do I look? I'm having a hard time making anything happen, because it seems like the real estate brokers are buying them up before I know they're available or have a chance to look at them.

Jeff

Dear Jeff,

I used to buy and sell foreclosures for a living, and for a while I ran into the same trouble you're having now. It didn't take long for me to realize that you need to be the first one to talk to the person who's suffering the foreclosure. It can almost be a first-come, first-served situation, and you need to beat a path to the person's door in a hurry if you want a chance to make a deal!

Another problem I noticed was that a lot of the people who were being foreclosed on owed lots more on the house than I was ever willing to pay. Plus, it's really tough to get a short sale worked out in the two or three weeks before the foreclosure actually occurs. So, I started looking for houses that had some decent equity in them. I'd leave it alone if the house was worth \$110,000 and there was still \$100,000 owed. But if you've got a situation where they owe \$100,000 and it's worth \$300,000, then we've got something to talk about!

Once you find some good possibilities, cut them out of the local newspaper or legal publication, then go to the courthouse and look up how much each one of them owed. That culls about 90 percent of them. After that, I'd just drive over and talk to the 10 percent that are left. I found lots of good deals just talking to the owner before the foreclosure sale took place!

—Dave

(it isn't the same as cash)

Dear Dave,

My wife and I bought some furniture a while back on what we thought was a 24-months-same-as-cash plan. The original purchase price was \$1,600. The other day, I got a call from a collector saying that it was actually a 12-month plan, and the balance is now \$2,800. We looked at the contract, and it was our mistake on the length of the plan. Still, that makes the interest rate about 30 percent. Is there anything we can do about this?

Robert

Dear Robert,

This is one of the reasons I tell people to stay away from "same as cash" agreements. You may not have agreed to a specific percentage rate, and I'll bet it's something less when you factor in the time before and after the 12-month period ended. Still, I'm pretty sure that when you signed the contract you did agree to have this thing convert to a financed contract if you didn't pay it off in 12 months. These kinds of deals are really scummy. Not only have they charged you interest since the 12-month period ended, they've also back-charged you interest for the entire length of the contract!

These same-as-cash contracts are a bear trap, Robert. They're designed to screw you over big time. You can try to dispute it, but I've got a feeling you'll lose and have to pay about \$1,200 in stupid tax on this one. Lots of people think they can pull one over on a company with the "same as cash" deal, but stuff almost always comes up—even if you don't misread the contract. I've said it a million times, Robert. If you play with snakes, you will be bitten!

—Dave

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Women's Club Supports Camp Daggett



Harbor Springs Historical Museum Site for February Women's Club Meeting

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, the Women's Club meets at the Harbor Springs Historical Museum to hear Mary Beth Soellner present an historical perspective of the area, while incorporating her own ancestors' experiences. The meeting includes luncheon and the opportunity to tour the museum.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person and luncheon will be catered by the Woolly Bugger of Harbor Springs. Please RSVP to Candy Brennan at 231-242-0832.

Everyone is welcome to attend The Women's Club events.



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

Marriages Experience Stale Periods; Must be Energized

QUESTION: My wife and I love each other very much, but we're going through a time of apathy. We just don't feel close to each other. Is this normal, and is there a way to bring back the fire?

DR. DOBSON: This happens sooner or later in every marriage. A man and woman just seem to lose the wind in their romantic sails for a period of time.

Their plight reminds me of seamen back in the days of wooden vessels. Sailors in that era had much to fear, including pirates, storms and diseases. But their greatest fear was that the ship might encounter the Doldrums. The Doldrums was an area of the ocean near the equator characterized by calm and very light shifting winds. It could mean certain death for the entire crew. The ship's food and water supply would be exhausted as they drifted for days, or even weeks, waiting for a breeze to put them back on course.

Well, marriages that were once exciting and loving can also get caught in the romantic doldrums, causing a slow and painful death to the relationship. Author Doug Fields, in his book "Creative Romance," writes, "Dating and romancing your spouse can change those patterns, and it can be a lot of fun. There's no quick fix to a stagnant marriage, of course, but you can lay aside the excuses and begin to date your sweetheart."

In fact, you might want to try thinking like a teenager again. Let me explain.

Recall for a moment the craziness of your dating days -- the coy attitudes, the flirting, the fantasies, the chasing after the prize. As we moved from courtship into marriage, most of us felt we should grow up and leave the game playing behind. But we may not have matured as much as we'd like to think.

In some ways, our romantic relationships will always bear some characteristics

of adolescent sexuality. Adults still love the thrill of the chase, the lure of the unattainable, excitement of the new and boredom with the old. Immature impulses are controlled and minimized in a committed relationship, of course, but they never fully disappear.

This could help you keep vitality in your marriage. When things have grown stale between you and your spouse, maybe you should remember some old tricks. How about breakfast in bed? A kiss in the rain? Or rereading those old love letters together? A night in a nearby hotel? Roasting marshmallows by an open fire? A phone call in the middle of the day? A long-stem red rose and a love note? There are dozens of ways to fill the sails with wind once more.

If it all sounds a little immature to act like a teenager again, just keep this in mind: In the best marriages, the chase is never really over.

20/20 Project

Continued from Front Pg.

events and everything from local youth programs to local senior programs. The owners are our neighbors. They belong to Service Organizations, Non-Profit Groups and Committees. They volunteer their time for local charities, community events and fundraisers. They are our friends, our neighbors and our church family.

An equally important segment of our communities that have been affected are non-profit organizations. Many have seen the need for their services increase while resources have diminished. They are challenged to provide more with less money and less volunteer help. One of the goals of the 20/20 Project is to improve their situation.

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What Non-Profit Groups

Qualify Participate?

The program or organization must provide a service providing needed health, welfare or recreational resources for local residents of Cheboygan County, Emmet County, Otsego County, Presque Isle County, Oscoda County, Montmorency County, Crawford County, Antrim County or Charlevoix County. Qualifying organizations must be a not-for-profit organization and approved by the 20/20 Project Committee.

The registration fee for Non-Profit Organizations is underwritten by non-retail local businesses however, non-profit organizations must register to be listed as a member.

What Businesses Qualify to Participate?

Any local and independently owned private business headquartered in Michigan is eligible. Businesses that are publicly held or owned by corporations outside of Michigan are not eligible to participate in 20-20. Franchises that are locally operated by Independent business owners that otherwise qualify are eligible. If the business has more than one location, at least one of these locations must be located in Cheboygan County, Emmet County, Otsego County, Presque Isle

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MOVIE GUIDE



WHICH DID YOU PREFER?



Movie; **80%** Popcorn; **20%**

EXIT COMMENTS;

"A great story line. It isn't always just about money,"
Lou & Jen - Lewiston

"Inspiring and hopeful,"
Elizabeth - Mio

"Excellent. Kind of sad but very realistic,"
Mary Jo - Kokomo, Ind. and Bonnie - Lewiston

"As parents we can easily relate to this situation,"
Cierra & Rob - Grayling

"Uplifting and very enjoyable. A good movie for a night out,"
Robert - Gaylord

Inspiring Drama Takes the Human Spirit to *Extreme Measures*

Extraordinary Measures STARRING: Harrison Ford, Brendan Fraser RUNNING TIME: 106 Minutes RATED:PG

MOVIE REVIEW

By Jim Akans

When two of their three young children were diagnosed with Pompe disease, a progressive neuromuscular disorder, John Crowley and his wife, Aileen, set out upon a remarkable journey to challenge their children's seemingly unchangeable fate.

Extraordinary Measures is a gripping, gratifying, often gritty film based on a true life tale. Like the drama unfolding in the story line, the film has a stark, down-to-earth feel that pits an emotional air of desperation against an unyielding sense of possibility and hope.

Played by Brendan Fraser (George of the Jungle), John Crowley is a highly successful advertising executive, harboring an Ivy League college degree, living in a fine home located in a Portland, Oregon suburb. As his children grow near to succumbing to their illness, John quits his high paying job to assist biotechnology researcher, Dr. Robert Stonehill (played by Harrison Ford) create a new company to develop an enzyme that could halt the progress their terrible disease.

As expected, there are several unexpected bar-

ricades thrown into the path of this unlikely team as they race against the clock to bring their new drug to market. But the real struggle is an emotional one, as the "system" isn't very accommodating when faced with Crowley and Stonehill's determination and spirit. As demonstrated time and time again in research labs and executive board rooms everywhere, objective science, and corporate politics, has no tolerance for sentiment.

Extraordinary Measures was filmed in the Beaverton, Portland and Vancouver areas of the Pacific Northwest. The location-based shooting crafts a subtle feeling of authenticity into the film; it's not as crisp and clean as a studio backlot production, nor should it be. It's easy to sense these roles represent real characters, their triumphs and set backs as well.

The film is rated PG for the intense nature of the overall theme, and for a few "language moments." While not a movie for very young children, the message is certainly a positive and inspirational one.

Extraordinary Measures is a tale of courage, perseverance and faith that even though something may be proclaimed as our fate, we always have the power to challenge. And this isn't just another Hollywood fairy tale, the underlying story here is true.



AREA MOVIE LISTINGS JANUARY 29-Feb 4

Gaylord Cinema West

Tooth Fairy - PG
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00.

Avatar- PG13
Starring: Sigourney Weaver, Sam Worthington
FRI 6:30, 9:20 SAT 2:00, 6:30, 9:20
SUN 2:00, 6:30
MON-TUES-WED-THURS 6:45

Edge of Darkness- R
Starring: Mel Gibson, Ray Winstone
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

The Book of Eli- R
Starring: Denzel Washington, Malcolm McDowell
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

Legion - R
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Lucas Black
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Kingston Theatre,

Edge of Darkness- R
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The Lovely Bones - PG13
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Rachel Weisz
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MON-TUE-WED 6:45
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Tooth Fairy - PG
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Up in the Air - R
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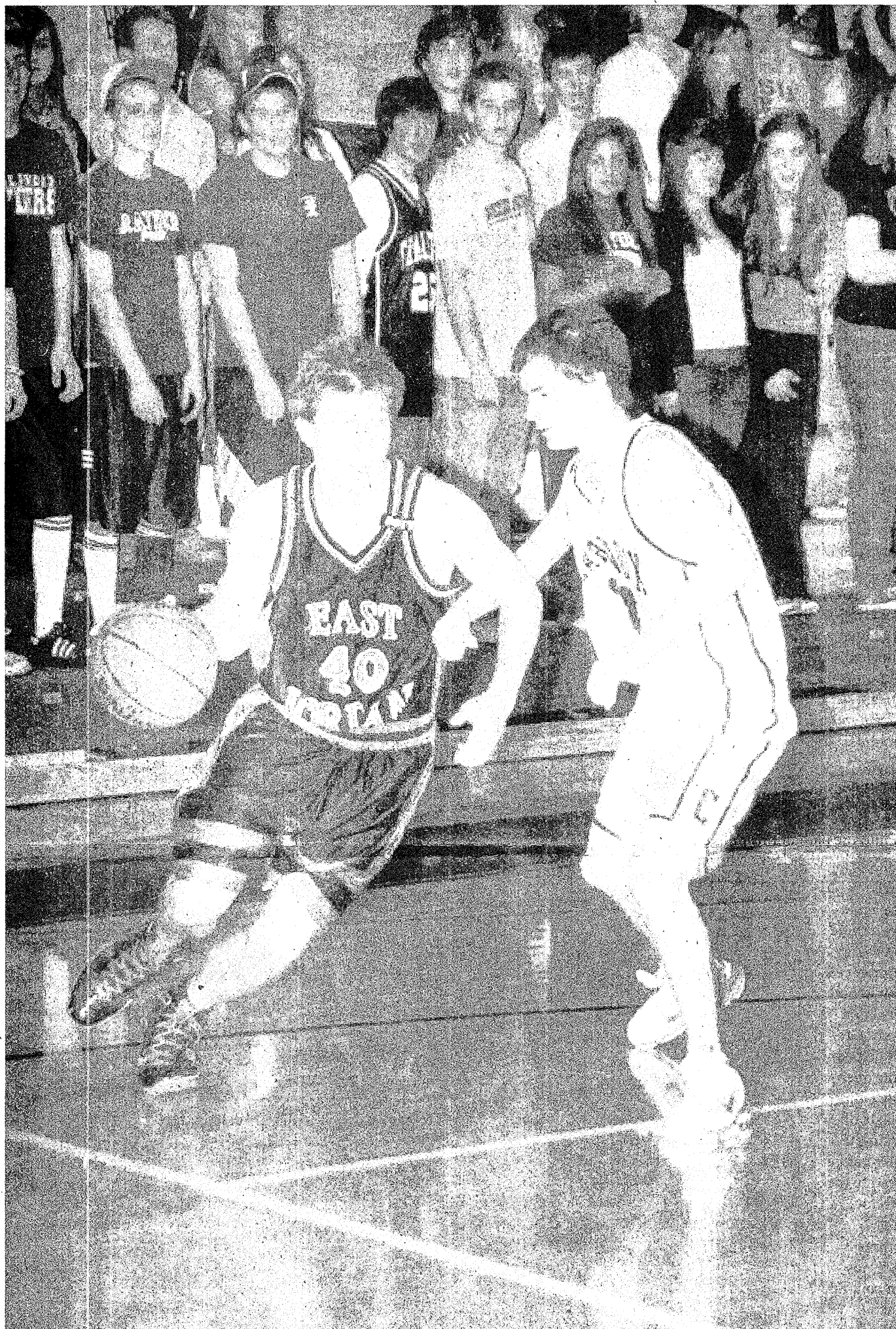
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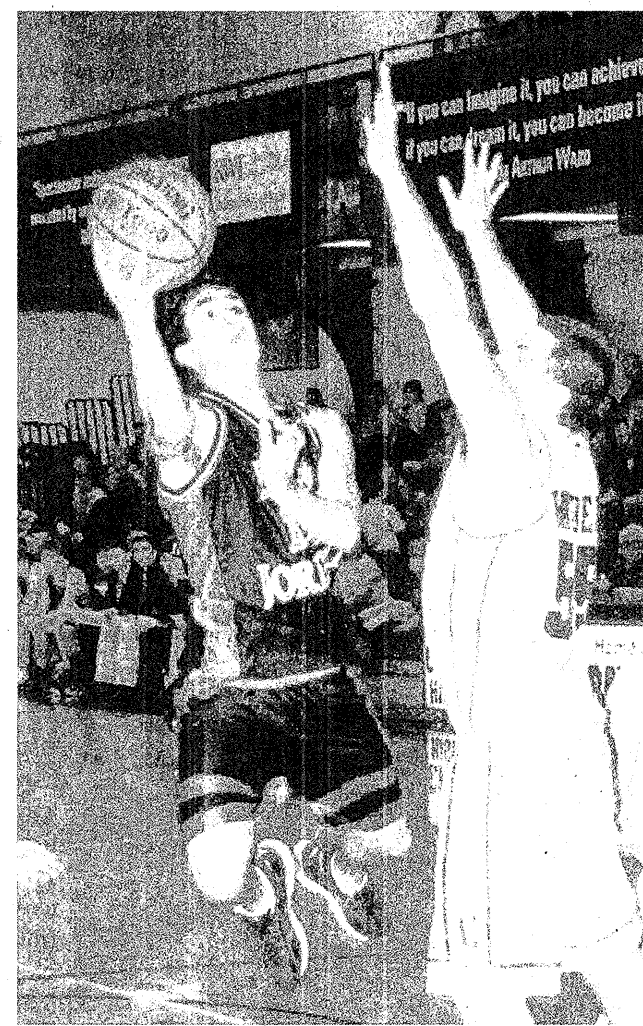
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East Jordan senior Andrew Nemecek finds opposition as he moves along the baseline Friday at Charlevoix. (photo by Vic Ruggles)



East Jordan's Nico Cornstalk goes high to attempt a shot from the lane as Charlevoix strong man Bill Ivan creates a human detour. (photo by Vic Ruggles)

Rayders on rise in LMC standings

Win streak reaches four after Friday's victory at home over EJ

By Mike Dunn

Charlevoix 82, East Jordan 68

CHARLEVOIX – It was a good week for the Charlevoix Rayders. On Tuesday, Jan. 19, the Rayders outscored high-powered Lake Michigan Conference rival Elk Rapids 100-91 on the road in double overtime. On Friday, the Rayders re-

turned home and won impressively against league foe East Jordan, 82-68.

The Rayders pushed their winning streak to four and improved their overall record to 5-4 and, more importantly, their league mark to 4-1. That gives them sole possession of second place behind unbeaten Traverse City St. Francis in the league standings.

The Bazooka, Ben Myers, unloaded the heavy artillery for the Rayders in Friday's win over East Jordan, assaulting the iron for a team-high 19 points. Point guard Keegan LaBlance

displayed once again the kind of poise and floor generalship a sophomore does not normally possess. He racked up a whopping 14 assists in the contest. Myers also had three assists and a team-high six rebounds.

Big Bill Ivan, Charlevoix's Rock in the paint, hit for 10 points along with Andrew Plude.

For East Jordan, Nico Cornstalk had another big scoring night, making the twine dance to the tune of 19 points, and Josh Williams hit for 13.

Charlevoix coach Keith Haske put an emphasis on limiting the Red Devils' explosive senior guard Teddy Snowden. Haske assigned the relentless Myers to guard Snowden and Myers did the job, holding the silky-smooth senior to 11 points.

East Jordan (4-6, 2-3) had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Charlevoix won the freshmen game 75-54 behind the 21-point performance of hard-charging Charlie Hamilton.

Charlevoix 72, Ellsworth 45

ON TUESDAY, Jan. 19, both the Rayders and the Red Devils won. Charlevoix outscored the Elks in a wild shootout and East Jordan earned a 72-45 decision over visiting Ellsworth.

Charlevoix put 100 points on the board but did not win easily against an Elk Rapids team that can flat out light it up.

LaBlance helped carry the offensive load, scorching the nets for 25 points and Plude was poison from the floor as well, hitting for 20. Dylan Putman and Bill Ivan both recorded double-doubles, with Putman notching 16 points and 14 boards and Ivan scoring 13 to go with 10 rebounds. Putman also had six assists and three blocked shots.

Myers had a typically effective stat line with 16 points, six assists and five steals.

Sophomore Luke Morrison scored 22 to lead the Elks.

Snowden was super for East Jordan in its win over Ellsworth, connecting for 23 points and handling the ball efficiently against an aggressive Lancer defense.

Cornstalk was also in double figures with 15 and senior sharpshooter Travis Braman rang up a pair of 3-pointers.

Senior Andrew Nemecek was a defensive stalwart for the Red Devils, helping to keep Ellsworth's ever-dangerous All-Stater Jared Danbert under wraps in the first half and limit his point production for the game to 10 points. Senior forward Nate Peterson tallied 15 to lead the Lancers.

East Jordan, fueled by the missiles of Austin Mellios (19 points) and Dustin Mellios (16 points), won the JV game 64-58. John Richards also helped the cause, ringing up 13.

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East Jordan 63, Charlevoix 59

Fourth-quarter rally lifts Red Devils

Peters scorches nets for 25 points as EJ evens league mark at 2-2

By Mike Dunn

CHARLEVOIX – The East Jordan girls snapped a three-game losing streak on the road Friday night, finishing strong in the fourth quarter to edge perennial Lake Michigan Conference rival Charlevoix 63-59.

Coach Steve Hines credited a solid team effort for the victory and particularly the ball handling of Maribeth Poindexter, Tanner McCune and freshman Val Peters in the second half against the aggressive Rayder defense.

Maribeth Poindexter of East Jordan goes high to take one to the hole Friday as Charlevoix's Katie Mays defends. (photo by Vic Ruggles)



"In the first half, we turned the ball over 17 times; in the second half, we only turned the ball over five times," Hines noted. "Maribeth, Tanner and Val did a really nice job against their pressure."

East Jordan led most of the way but Charlevoix, coming off an impressive win over Elk Rapids, showed lots of fight, rallying behind the hot hand of Lynzie Gotshall to take the lead in the fourth quarter. The Red Devils were able to finish strong, however, sparked by the free-throw shooting of Poindexter down the stretch and

some key buckets from senior wing Shaina Peters.

"Any time you can win a conference game on the road, it's a big win," Hines said. "It was especially big for us because it broke the three-game losing streak."

The Red Devils, who improved to 3-6 overall and 2-3 in the league, made 26 of 54 shots, including some breakaway buckets following forced turnovers. The Rayders slipped to 3-7 and 2-3.

Peters was hotter than a heaping bowl of Texas chili, scorching the nets for 25 points to pace the Red Devils. She had lots of help, too, receiving pinpoint passes from Poindexter and McCune in breakaway situations.

McCune was also in double digits with 15 points and she recorded three assists. The versatile Poindexter, who hit 3 of 4 from the charity stripe in the final minute, finished with eight points to go with a team-high six steals and seven rebounds. Junior center Stephanie Holm, making her first appearance in the new year after being sidelined by illness, also grabbed seven rebounds with three assists and was a physical presence in the paint at both ends of the floor.

Forward Gracie Howes helped to spark the offense in the early going, scoring all six of her points in the first quarter before being forced to the bench with foul trouble.

"After losing the last three games, all relatively close, it was nice to get back in the win column," Hines said. "And to do it at Charlevoix after they got the lead back from us in the fourth quarter is a huge confidence boost."

Gotshall had a monster game for the Rayders, scoring 19 and pulling down 21 rebounds, and Madison Way hit for 15.

Charlevoix won the JV game with East Jordan that was played on Thursday, 61-14, as Sydney Carlson scored 14 and Bailee Stevens notched a double-double with 11

points and 10 boards. The Rayders pushed their record to 8-1.

The East Jordan varsity played at Cheboygan on Tuesday (after this issue went to press) and returns home Friday for a league showdown with Kalkaska.

Charlevoix played at Harbor Springs on Tuesday and is home Friday against Grayling.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, Charlevoix won impressively on the road against Elk Rapids, 48-22.

Senior forward Sarah Potter was a strong presence inside, scoring 24 points to pace the Rayders, who outscored the home team 24-3 in the third quarter. Jenna Way tallied eight and Madison Way seven.

Stephanie Holm of East Jordan makes a drive to the basket Friday during the Red Devils' 63-59 victory over the host Rayders. (photo by Vic Ruggles)



DNR REPORT

Turkey hunt application deadline is Feb. 1

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment reminds hunters that the deadline for application for spring turkey hunting licenses is Feb. 1. Hunters may apply at any authorized license dealer or online using the state's E-License system at www.michigan.gov/dnre.

The 2010 season runs from April 19 through May 31 with hunts lasting from seven to 42 days, depending on the hunt unit. A total of 113,890 licenses are available,

including 48,890 general licenses and 65,000 private-land licenses.

"Hunters looking for the greatest flexibility should consider Hunt No. 234, which includes all open areas of the state except the public lands of southern Michigan," said DNR upland game bird specialist Al Stewart.

"Hunters who do not purchase a license or apply for a limited-entry hunt by the Feb. 1 deadline will not be allowed to purchase a license

for Hunt 234."

Hunters may purchase a license for Hunt No. 234, which runs May 3-31, so they do not have to pay the \$4 fee to enter the lottery for restricted licenses. Hunters who do apply for a limited hunt are responsible for verifying their customer ID (Michigan Driver's License) numbers. Incorrect ID numbers disqualify applicants from the lottery.

Applicants can check if they were drawn for a license

beginning March 2 at www.michigan.gov/ [dnr-drawings](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-drawings).

"The current regulations were established to maximize hunting opportunity while maintaining high-quality experiences and allowing turkey populations to expand," Stewart said. "There are now 48,138 square miles of Michigan open to spring turkey hunting."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

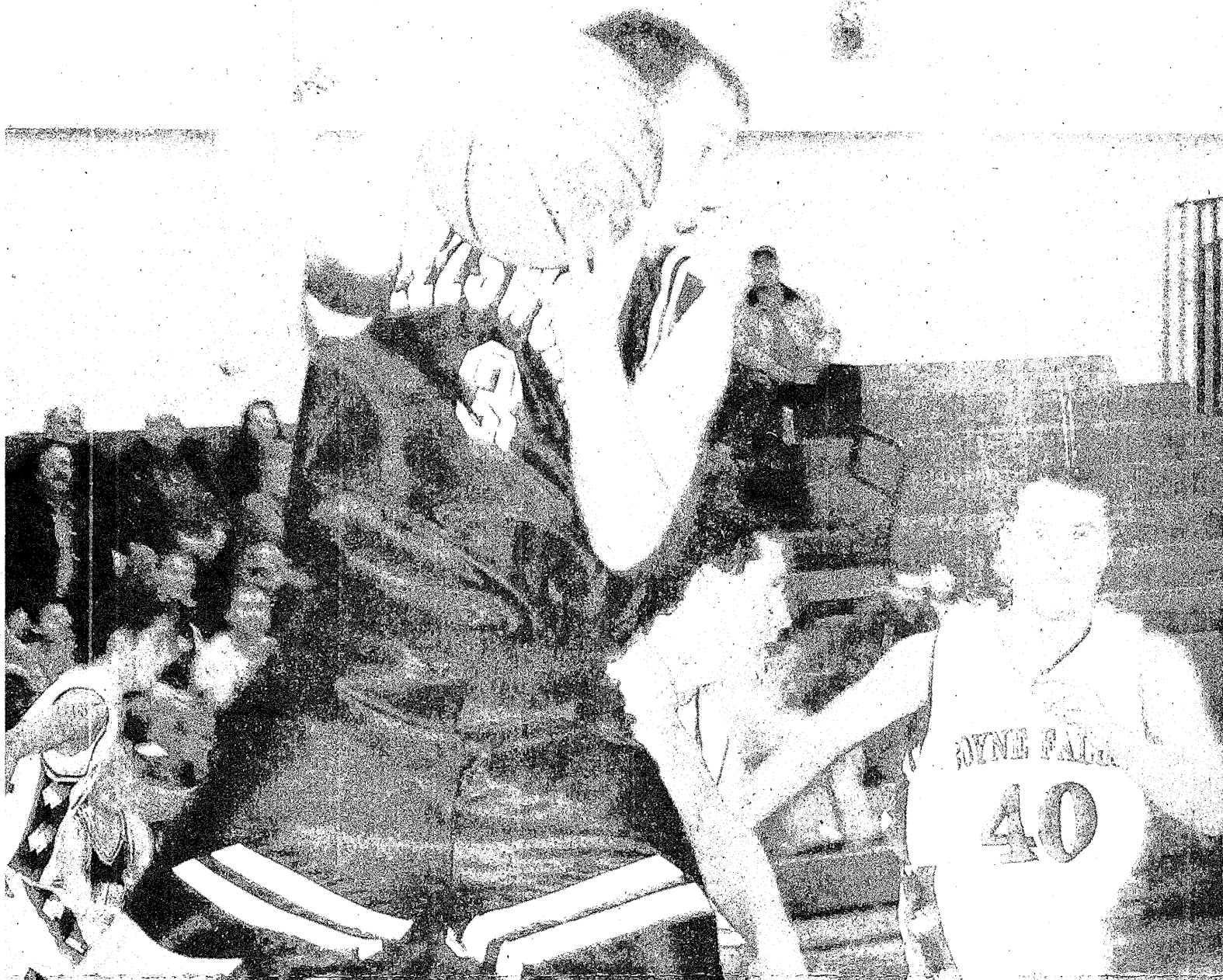
Keegan LeBlance, Charlevoix

The Rayders' sophomore point guard had a monster week, helping his team outscore Elk Rapids in wild double overtime thriller with a 25-point performance on Tuesday and then dishing off 14 assists in Charlevoix's 82-68 victory over East Jordan on Friday.



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Ellsworth junior guard Robert Gruse flies high to grab this rebound during Thursday's game at Boyne Falls. (photo by Mike Dunn)



Boyne Mountain PBR Adult League

Results as of Jan. 20

Handicapped Format

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2. Wild Wild Women 1.....11.5
3. Puncuality Vending.....9.5
4. Greenhouse Effect.....9
5. Wild Wild Women 28t
5. Boyne Ave. Greenhouse.....8t
5. Skee Dawgs Too!.....8t
8. Sunburst Marine 16
9. Sunburst Marine 24

Team Format

1. F.O.Barden 16.29
2. F.O.Barden 25.91
3. Riverside Tire5.72
4. Hart Pontiac 15.14
5. Hart Pontiac 23.63

by the numbers ...

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Points trailed by Boyne City 152-pound Caveman **Jon Calo** on Wednesday against Elk Rapids' **Zach Perrault** before coming back to capture 9-8 decision

9

Points scored by **Ali Bearss** in the fourth quarter Friday as the Boyne Falls girls edged Wolverine 47-45 in Lake Michigan Conference play

18

Points scored by Downtown **Dustin Mellios** on Thursday as the East Jordan JV improved to 9-1 with a hard-fought 50-47 victory over Charlevoix

21

Rebounds hauled in by Charlevoix's **Lynzie Gotshall** to go with 19 points in a narrow loss at home to East Jordan on Friday

21

Points produced by Ellsworth spitfire junior guard **Jordan Muma** in Thursday's critical league victory at Boyne Falls

Lancers win one, lose one

Win at Boyne Falls keeps Ellsworth close but loss to Harbor Light is blow in league race

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE FALLS - Two days after a disappointing performance on the road against East Jordan, the Ellsworth boys bounced back big time on the road against Northern Lakes Conference rival Boyne Falls. The Lancers limited the potent Boyne Falls arsenal to 45 points en route to an impressive 60-45 victory.

Ellsworth improved to 6-3 overall and 6-1 in the league and kept itself one game behind Harbor Light Christian. The Loggers, who were hoping to forge a second-place tie in the league standings, fell to 4-4 and 4-3.

The win over the Loggers put Ellsworth in a position to forge a tie with Harbor Light in the league standings when the Swordsmen

came to town on Monday. It didn't happen, though. Harbor Light played exceptional defense and earned a 43-27 victory to push its record to 10-1 overall and 8-0 in the league.

After losing for the second time in three starts, Ellsworth slipped to 6-4 and 6-2. Senior guard-forward Jared Danbert, who surpassed the 1,000-point plateau in his career the week before, paced the Lancers with nine points to go with eight rebounds and three steals and fellow senior Nate Peterson was strong in the paint, scoring seven with nine boards. For the most part, though, the Lancers struggled offensively.

Nate Cook scored 21 to lead talented Harbor Light and junior guard Collin Hewitt dished off seven assists.

was nice to see us come out and play with the kind of intensity we showed tonight," the veteran coach said. "We expected a tough game here. Boyne Falls is well-coached and they have some weapons. I thought our aggressiveness on defense kept them from getting into a comfortable rhythm."

The Lancers led 16-9, 27-18 and 41-27 at the quarter breaks.

Junior guard Jordan Muma, the Lancers' little stick of dynamite, tallied 21 points with two connections from downtown and 6-for-6 shooting at the stripe. Muma also pulled down seven boards.

Danbert had a typically effective stat line, recording a double-double with 14 points and 11 boards to go with five steals and four assists. Peterson was also a power inside, battling Puroll in the paint while scoring 10 with 12 boards. Slick junior point guard Robert Gruse put up nine points with four assists and Jeff Sutherland scored four and provided solid minutes inside. Hardworking junior forward Ben Veenstra brought his usual energy off the bench in the fourth quarter.

Joining Puroll in double digits for the Loggers were senior forward Jared Mathers with 12 and junior point guard Reggie Fiel with 10.

The Loggers played hard but had difficulty getting untracked offensively.

"We played pretty well on defense at times but we didn't give ourselves good looks at the basket offensively," said Boyne Falls coach Al Massey. "We wanted to go inside-out but they made it tough for us to get the ball inside. They forced us to the perimeter but we didn't make smart decisions. We should have moved the ball more and created better opportunities."

The Loggers, who have shown the ability to light it up from long range, hit only 4 of 26 from 3-point land for the game and that cost them.

"We see Ellsworth two more times and I know we'll play better than we did tonight," Massey said.

IN THE victory Thursday over the Loggers, it was Ellsworth's defense that made the difference. The Lancers played a bark-tight man-to-man defense and did a good job of collapsing to the basket and denying easy access to the lane. Boyne Falls' 6-foot-3 sophomore strong man Josh Puroll scored 17 but he battled for every point.

Ellsworth coach Tex Drenth liked his team's intensity, especially on the heels of the 72-45 loss at East Jordan the game before.

"After getting our butts handed to us at East Jordan, it



Boyne Falls point guard Reggie Fiel brings the ball up the floor Thursday as Jordan Muma of Ellsworth defends. (photo by Mike Dunn)

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Showing Their Stuff...

The East Jordan competitive cheerleaders exhibit the skill and athleticism in these two photos that enabled them to claim third place Saturday at Gaylord in the nine-team Northern Michigan Cheerleading Championship. (photos by Bill Brown)



the Week Ahead

JANUARY 28 THRU FEBRUARY 6

BOYNE CITY

Date	boy/girls	Sport	Level	Opponent	Location	Time
01/28/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Harbor Springs	Home	6:00pm
01/29/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Harbor Springs	Away	6:00pm
01/29/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Harbor Springs	Away	7:30pm
01/29/10	Boys	Basketball	Freshmen	Harbor Springs	Away	4:30pm
02/01/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Cheboygan	Home	7:30pm
02/02/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Cheboygan	Home	7:30pm
02/02/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Cheboygan	Home	6:00pm
02/02/10	Boys	Basketball	Freshmen	Cheboygan	Home	4:30pm
02/04/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Kalkaska	Home	6:00pm
02/05/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Kalkaska	Away	6:00pm
02/05/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Kalkaska	Away	7:30pm
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02/04/10		Ski		Make Up Date	TBD	5:00pm
01/28/10	Boys	Wrestling	Varsity	TC St. Francis	Away	6:00pm
01/30/10	Boys	Wrestling	Varsity	No. Mi. Champ.	Gaylord	10:00am
02/03/10	Boys	Wrestling	Varsity	Mancelona	Away	6:00pm
02/06/10	Boys	Wrestling	Varsity	LMC Champ.	Home	10:00am

BOYNE FALLS

Date	boy/girls	Sport	Level	Opponent	Location	Time
01/27/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Alanson	Home	6:00pm
01/27/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Alanson	Home	7:30pm
01/28/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Ellsworth	Away	6:00pm
01/28/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Ellsworth	Away	7:30pm
01/29/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Harbor Light	Away	6:00pm
01/29/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Harbor Light	Away	7:30pm
01/30/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Bellaire	Away	6:00pm
01/30/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Bellaire	Away	7:30pm
02/01/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Mio	Home	6:00pm
02/01/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Mio	Home	7:30pm
02/02/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Alanson	Away	6:00pm
02/02/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Alanson	Away	7:30pm
02/03/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Vanderbilt	Home	6:00pm
02/03/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Vanderbilt	Home	7:30pm
02/04/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Mackinaw City	Away	6:00pm
02/04/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Mackinaw City	Away	7:30pm
02/05/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	TC Christian	Home	6:00pm
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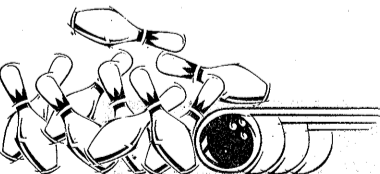
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02/04/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	TC St. Francis	Away	7:30pm
02/05/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	TC St. Francis	Home	6:00pm
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02/05/10	Boys	Basketball	Freshmen	TC St. Francis	Home	6:00pm
02/02/10	Girls	Cheerleading	Varsity	LMC	Home	6:00pm
01/28/10	Co-Ed	Ski	Varsity	LMC	Schuss	4:30pm
01/30/10	Co-Ed	Ski	Varsity	Charlevoix Invitational		5:00pm
02/01/10	Co-Ed	Ski	Varsity	Crystal Mountain		10:00am
02/04/10	Co-Ed	Ski	Varsity	LMC		
01/27/10	Boys	Wrestling	Varsity	Elk Rapids	Away	6:00pm
01/30/10	Boys	Wrestling	Varsity	Gaylord	Away	10:00am
02/06/10	Boys	Wrestling	Varsity	Boyne City	Away	9:00am

EAST JORDAN

Date	boy/girls	Sport	Level	Opponent	Location	Time
01/28/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Kalkaska	Away	6:00pm
01/29/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Kalkaska	Home	6:00pm
01/29/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Kalkaska	Home	7:30pm
02/01/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Grayling	Home	6:00pm
02/01/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Grayling	Home	7:30pm
02/02/10	Boys	Basketball	Freshmen	TC St. Francis	Home	4:15pm
02/02/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	TC St. Francis	Home	6:00pm
02/02/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	TC St. Francis	Home	7:30pm
02/04/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Ellsworth	Away	6:00pm
02/04/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Ellsworth	Away	7:30pm
02/05/10	Boys	Basketball	Freshmen	Grayling	Away	6:00pm
02/05/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Grayling	Away	6:00pm
02/05/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Grayling	Away	7:30pm
01/28/10		Ski	Varsity	Schuss Mountain		5:00pm
01/30/10		Ski	Varsity	Boyne Mountain		5:00pm
02/01/10		Ski	Varsity	Crystal Mountain		10:00am

ELLSWORTH

Date	boy/girls	Sport	Level	Opponent	Location	Time
01/27/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Bellaire	Home	6:00pm
01/27/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Bellaire	Home	7:30pm
01/28/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Boyne Falls	Home	6:00pm
01/28/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	Boyne Falls	Home	7:30pm
01/29/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Wolverine	Away	6:00pm
01/29/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Wolverine	Away	7:30pm
02/02/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	Harbor Light	Away	6:00pm
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02/03/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Alanson	Home	6:00pm
02/03/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Alanson	Home	7:30pm
02/04/10	Girls	Basketball	JV	East Jordan	Home	6:00pm
02/04/10	Girls	Basketball	Varsity	East Jordan	Home	7:30pm
02/05/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Mancelona	Away	6:00pm
02/05/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Mancelona	Away	7:30pm



Gemini Lanes Bowling League Results ~ Results from January 14 thru 21

EJ MERCHANTS LEAGUE

1. Gemini Lanes 2. Site Planning 3. Darlene's
High Team Game.....Gemini Lanes.....906
High Team Series.....Gemini Lanes.....2602
High Game.....Dick Raymond.....231
High Series.....Bill Fuller.....592
High Game w/hdcp.....Mike Brown.....245
High Series w/hdcp.....Shadow Herbon.....627

FOUNDRY AM

1. Sand Baggers 2. Foundry Rats 3. Smokin' Hot
High Team Game.....Sand Baggers.....701
High Team Series.....Sand Baggers.....1966
High Game.....Buck McWatters.....200
High Series.....Jamie Mayhew.....106
High Game w/hdcp.....Lyman Harris.....529
High Series w/hdcp.....Jody Harris.....245
High Game w/hdcp.....Bryan Cosier.....226
High Series w/hdcp.....Jamie Mayhew.....217
High Game w/hdcp.....Bob Timms.....662
High Series w/hdcp.....Jamie Mayhew.....569

COFFEE CUP

1. Michigan Officeways
2. Olstrom Excavating
3. Charlevoix Properties
High Team Game.....Michigan Officeways.....619
High Team Series.....Michigan Officeways.....1685
High Game.....Billie Grody.....201
High Series.....Billie Grody.....505
High Game w/hdcp.....Jessica Argetsinger.....239
High Series w/hdcp.....Fay Barraw.....635

HAPPY HOUR

1. Four Seasons Marina 2. The Zone
3. Darlene's
High Team Game.....Four Seasons Marina.....637
High Team Series.....The Zone.....1842
High Game.....Cindy Bennett.....236
High Series.....Sandy Garland.....554
High Game w/hdcp.....Billie Grody.....554
High Series w/hdcp.....Kelli McNair.....247
High Game w/hdcp.....Kelli McNair.....717

INTER CITY LEAGUE

1. Jordan Const. 2. Hurricane Alice 3. Korthase Flinn
High Team Game.....Jordan Const.....931
High Team Series.....Korthase Flinn.....2706
High Game.....Greg Kitson.....258
High Series.....Greg Kitson.....630
High Game w/hdcp.....Greg Kitson.....568
High Series w/hdcp.....Augie Stolt.....679

JORDAN VALLEY LADIES LEAGUE

1. J & J Auto 2. Thomas Well Drilling 3. D & D Marine
High Team Game.....J & J Auto.....783
High Team Series.....Thomas Well Drilling.....2224
High Game.....Joann Vermillion.....200
High Series.....Joann Vermillion.....540
High Game w/hdcp.....Anna Murray.....239
High Series w/hdcp.....Salli Encarnaci638.....608

JV YOUTH LEAGUE

1. Red Devils 2. Triple D's 3. Pin Crushers
High Team Game.....Red Devils.....310

High Team Series.....Red Devils.....851
High Game.....Barry Mumich.....135
High Series.....Barry Mumich.....339
High Game w/hdcp.....Barry Mumich.....219
High Series w/hdcp.....Barry Mumich.....591
High Game w/hdcp.....Mariah Vermillion.....147
High Series w/hdcp.....Mariah Vermillion.....351
High Game w/hdcp.....Mariah Vermillion.....238
High Series w/hdcp.....Mariah Vermillion.....624

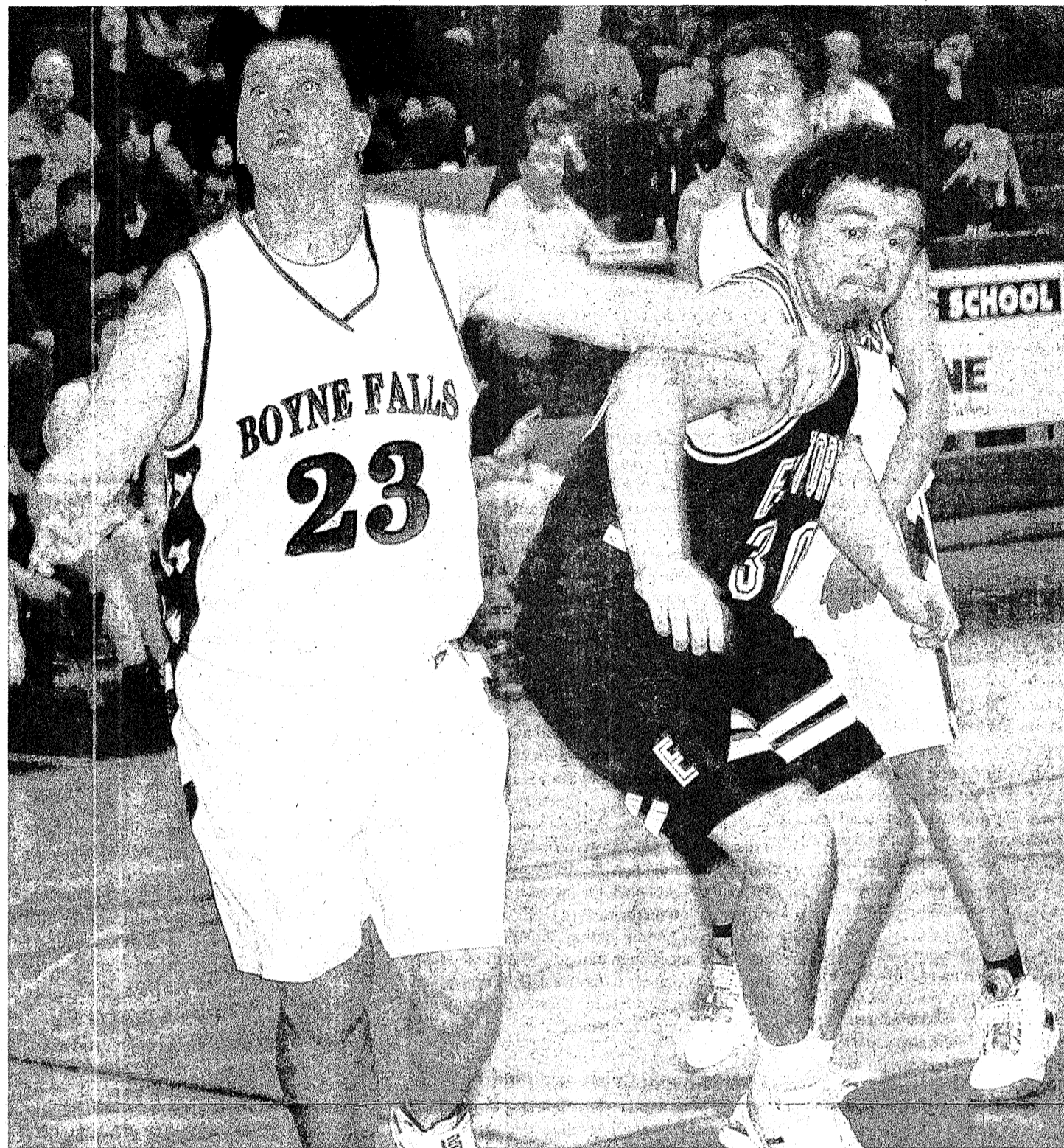
THE RED DEVILS LEAGUE

1. Sdouble Trouble 2. Team 4 3. The Strikers
High Game.....Andrew Nemecek.....197
High Series.....Andrew Nemecek.....544
High Game w/hdcp.....Andrew Nemecek.....238
High Series w/hdcp.....Andrew Nemecek.....667
High Game w/hdcp.....Michelle Finley.....175
High Series w/hdcp.....Michelle Finley.....225
High Game w/hdcp.....Michelle Finley.....631

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BATTLING UNDER THE BOARDS ...



Boyne Falls sturdy sophomore Josh Puroll, left, and scrap-iron tough Ellsworth senior Ben Veenstra prepare to battle for a rebound in the fourth quarter of Thursday's Lake Michigan Conference hardwood showdown in Boyne Falls. (photo by Mike Dunn)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Winter baseball camp at Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX – Charlevoix High School is hosting the fourth annual Northern Michigan Winter Baseball Camp on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Oakland University head coach John Musachio and assistant Del Young will run the camp, which is open to grades 7-12. Hitting and fielding sessions will be staged from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The pitching and catching session will be from 2-4:30 p.m.

The cost is \$40 for one session, \$75 for both at the door. Those registering on or before Feb. 8 will receive a \$5 discount per session.

For more information contact Charlevoix coach Allen Telgenhof at atelgenhof@chartermi.net or (231) 590-3035.

Reporting scores

The Charlevoix County News is interested in reporting boys and girls basketball results, wrestling and bowling results (or any other sporting event) for Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth. Coaches, please send any information you wish to have in the paper via e-mail to sports@charlevoixcountynews.com or by fax at (888) 240-5499. Or call Mike at (989) 370-0605.

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basketball roundup

GIRLS HOOPS

Lady Loggers even league mark

Bearss is Beast for Boyne Falls in wins over Mack City, Wolverine

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE FALLS – It was a productive week for the Boyne Falls girls basketball team. The Loggers got the best of Northern Lakes Conference foes Mackinaw City and Wolverine to push their record to 6-5 overall and 4-4 in league play. Ali Bearss was a Beast for Boyne Falls, leading the way offensively

in both games.

On Wednesday, the Loggers posted a 51-39 victory over Mack City as Bearss put up 15 points and the Matelski Towers stood tall in the paint. Kristin and Emily Matelski combined for 20 points and 15 rebounds with Kristin recording 11 points and seven boards and Emily amassing nine points with eight boards and five assists. Taylor Puroll was powerful inside as well, recording eight rebounds.

On Friday, the Loggers edged visiting Wolverine 47-45 in a barnburner. Boyne Falls trailed by three, 35-32, in the fourth quarter but rallied to claim the win as Bearss bore down, putting up nine of her team's 15 points in the period.

Emily Matelski showed up big as well, scoring 10 and playing super-glue defense against Wolverine's explosive Catrise Bunker. Kristin Matelski tallied seven with 10 boards and tall Taylor Puroll had a 7-UP game with seven points and seven rebounds.

Tammy Bickmann scored 18 to pace the Wildcats.

Elk Rapids 38, Boyne City 35

BOYNE CITY – Senior guard Sydney

Gahn put up 13 points for the host Ramblers on Friday but it was visiting Elk Rapids prevailing by three, 38-35, in a defensive Lake Michigan Conference showdown.

The Elks improved to 6-4 overall and 4-1 in the league while the young Boyne City squad fell to 3-7 and 1-4.

Megan Gregorski and Makayla Sanford each scored nine to pace the Elks.

Ellsworth 69, Alba 38

ELLSWORTH – Emily Veenstra continued her strong play for the Lancers, recording another double-double with 22 points and 10 boards in a 69-38 victory Wednesday over Lake Michigan Conference foe Alba.

Jalyn Ingalls, a jump shot waiting to happen, nearly had a double-double off her own, recording 15 points and nine boards for the Lancers and reliable Haley Drenth helped the cause, too, hitting for 14.

Taylor Roberts was tops for Alba with 16 points.

In the JV game, Aubrey Goodrich was good for 10 points in the Lancers' thrilling 34-33 victory.

BOYS HOOPS

Elk Rapids 51, Boyne City 49

BOYNE CITY – The host Ramblers put up a hellacious battle Friday against high-powered Lake Michigan Conference rival Elk Rapids. In the end, though, the Elks were able to pull out a tense 51-49 victory.

Caleb Roberts, who rang up 17 points with 10 rebounds and three steals, and sweet-shooting sophomore Jay Redman helped to spark a late comeback that brought Boyne City within a basket of forcing overtime. It wasn't to be, though, as the Ramblers' final shot of the night rolled around the rim and out.

Redman finished with 11 points for the Ramblers, who battled hard all the way through but slipped to 1-7 overall and 0-5 in the league. Elk Rapids improved to 5-3 and 3-2.

Kyle Doran and Reece Isenhardt had 15 and 14 points, respectively, to lead the Elks.

Boyne City defenders Nick Young, Kolbi Shumaker and Parker Ameal did a super job of neutralizing the offensive fireworks of Elks' sophomore sharpshooter Luke Morrison, limiting him to seven points.

wrestling roundup

By Mike Dunn

ELK RAPIDS – It was very nearly a sweep for Boyne City in a double-dual wrestling meet Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Elk Rapids. Coach Don Nohel's Ramblers defeated the Elks 33-18 and lost a close one to Kalkaska, 33-30.

The match of the night turned out to be the bruising battle at 135 pounds between Kalkaska's Peter Finfrook and Boyne City's mini-bulldozer, Zach Bush. Finfrook finally prevailed 10-8 in the grueling bout between two of the top grapplers in the area. Bush

gave a good account of himself, though.

"Even though Zach lost he wrestled really well against a very good opponent," Nohel said.

The Caveman, Jon Calo, was one of four Boyne City wrestlers to win both of his matches on the night. Calo, who does his business at 152 pounds, pinned Chris Spann of Kalkaska in the second period and then engaged in a hellacious mat war with Elk Rapids' highly regarded Zach Perrault. Calo ultimately pulled out a tense 9-8 decision after falling behind 5-0 early in the bout.

Senior Drew Nohel pushed his personal

log to 20-1 this season with his sweep at 160 pounds, including a second-period pin over the Elks' Jeff Jennings.

The Finnish Fire Storm, Joakim Brander, won twice at 215, pinning Sam Warner of Kalkaska in 3:34 and winning by void over Elk Rapids. Heavyweight Dylan Nelson was dynamite in his two matches, including an explosive 38-second pin of Kalkaska's Brennan Burrick.

Zach LeDere (119) and Bryan Wonski (189) each went 1-1 on the night. Wonski, a Rambler power broker, won by pin over the Elks' Marcus Shannaquet.

BC grapplers split at Elk Rapids

Ramblers beat Elks, lose narrowly to Kalkaska

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East Jordan Snowblast 2010 Winners

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1st 473 Ron Hunyady Clio, MI
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Improved Studded 500

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Outlaw

1st 404 Ron Rusnell, Mancelona, MI
2nd 481 Robert Flores, Traverse City, MI
3rd 444 Andrew Hollerback, Alanson, MI

Total Registered Sleds: 82

Total Races: 155 with single elimination (race three bring back two)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Is it a Cold or the Flu?

By Amanda Knoles

If you find it difficult to tell the difference between a cold and flu, you're not alone. Many people misdiagnose symptoms and take over-the-counter or prescription medicines that have little effect or may even do more harm than good. Colds are transmitted most often through contact with individuals or objects that have been contaminated with cold viruses. Flu spreads more rapidly than colds, moving from person to person via virus-contaminated airborne droplets released by coughs, sneezes and even conversation. It can also be spread through hands and inanimate objects. With both colds and flu a person can be infected with the virus and show no symptoms for one to three days.

The most reliable way to distinguish a cold from the flu is how your illness begins. A cold may begin with sneezing or a scratchy feeling in the throat that gradually progresses to a stuffy or runny nose accompanied by a sore throat. A hacking cough and mild fatigue are common symptoms of a cold. Colds generally last from seven to ten days. People often mistake allergy and sinus infections for colds. In fact, sinusitis frequently begins as a cold and progresses into a bacterial infection in the sinuses or middle ear. Allergy sufferers more often experience itchy and watering eyes, sneezing and feelings of head congestion. Cold and flu symptoms can also mimic more serious bacterial illnesses like strep throat. Strep often begins like a cold but progresses swiftly to a sore throat that makes swallowing difficult.

Flu usually develops with a quick onset of symptoms including a high fever (102 - 104 F). It frequently is accompanied by headache, chills, severe muscle aches and may include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Flu sufferers also experience overwhelming feelings of fatigue. Respiratory symptoms include nasal congestion, sore throat and cough. While the sore throat from a cold usually disappears in a day or two, a sore throat with flu is likely to get worse the second or third day. Most people recover from the flu in one to two weeks, but in some cases dangerous complications can develop, including pneumonia.

Facts vs. Myths

You do not put yourself at increased risk of catching a cold by getting caught in the rain or not dressing warmly enough in cold weather. Many people mistakenly believe that bacteria cause colds and flu. Colds are caused by more than 200 strains of viruses from eight different viral groups. The viruses spread through mucus secretions, coughs and sneezes. Flu is caused by constantly evolving virus strains and spreads more rapidly. Flu viruses can live from one to three hours on an infected person's hands or on objects handled by an infected person.

Children have more colds than adults because they haven't yet built up immunity to the viruses and they are exposed to more illnesses at school and day care facilities. It is not uncommon for children to have three to six colds a year. Highly stressed people are more susceptible to colds because stress weakens the immune system; and smokers experience more severe symptoms than nonsmokers.

Many people take extra Vitamin C in winter to boost their immune systems while others swear

they ward off colds by taking the herbs Echinacea and goldenseal. There is continuing controversy on the effectiveness of Vitamin C as a cold remedy or preventive measure although studies have shown it can sometimes lessen the symptoms or shorten the duration of a cold. The value of taking Echinacea and goldenseal is also hotly debated. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking any vitamins or herbs you are unsure about particularly if you are taking other prescription medications.

Over-the-Counter Medications

Many people go to the drug store and can't decide which over-the-counter medicine to buy due to the overwhelming choice of products. Describe your symptoms to the pharmacist or get a recommendation from your doctor's office. Decongestants help relieve stuffy, congested noses. Nonprescription cough medicines containing guaifenesin and dextromethorphan can relieve coughs while loosening mucus secretions. Expectorants help to keep mucus secretions liquid so that coughs are productive, (helping to expel the mucus your body is trying to get rid of). Aspirin and ibuprofen reduce fever and help relieve headache and body aches. Hard candy or throat lozenges soothe irritated throats and calm coughing spasms. Most experts agree that cold and flu sufferers should avoid antihistamines because they can thicken secretions in the chest and sinuses, making them harder to expel and possibly setting the stage for a bacterial infection. Combination medicines are rarely a good idea because you end up getting some drugs you don't need and not enough of medications that could help. And don't try to treat a cold or flu with antibiotics in your medicine chest. Antibiotics have no effect on viral infections.

How to Avoid Colds and Flu

Wash your hands often especially during peak cold and flu season (late fall to late spring). Handshakes, telephones, sneezing and touching surfaces frequently transfer colds. (Many companies use a disinfectant spray like Lysol to spray common areas like telephones, computer keyboards and counter tops during cold and flu season. Surfaces can also be made germ free by wiping them down with alcohol.) Consider carrying individually packaged alcohol wipes to use in public places, especially before using public phones.

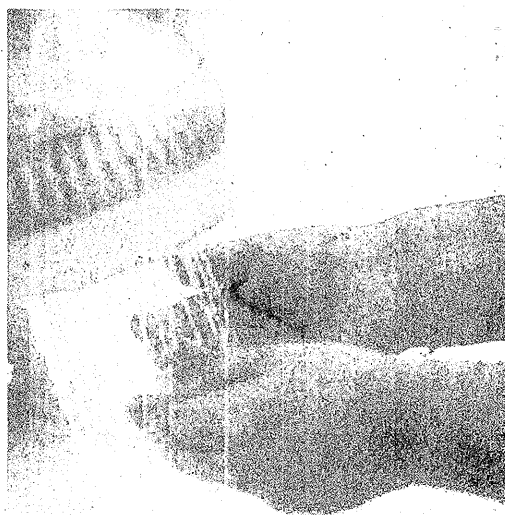
Eat nutritious meals, exercise regularly and get enough sleep. Research has shown that some foods can help ward off infectious illnesses. These include all members of the cabbage family, garlic, onions, citrus fruits, berries, tomatoes, peppers and zinc-rich foods like wheat germ, whole grains, seafood and meat.

Avoid sharing cups, glasses, and utensils with family members.

Try not to touch moist areas of your nose, eyes and mouth.

Drink plenty of fluids to keep your body hydrated. The liquid helps to keep mucous membranes moist, so they can trap cold viruses and eliminate them before they infect your cells. Staying hydrated is especially important in winter when both indoor and outdoor air is drier.

Get a flu shot in October or early November. It usually takes two to three weeks after receiving the vaccine for your body to build up an immunity to the flu virus. High-risk individuals not



Wash your hands often especially during peak cold and flu season (late fall to late spring), to lessen the chance of getting sick.

previously immunized should get a flu shot even if an outbreak is already reported.

Various strains of flu virus can be more serious for infants, the elderly and those suffering from chronic diseases. Doctors recommend that people over 65, those with heart disease and diabetes and health care workers receive the flu vaccine as an annual preventive measure. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the flu vaccine is a powerful weapon for anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu. Studies have shown the vaccine's effectiveness rate to be as high as 70 to 90 percent in healthy adults. As the demand for the flu vaccine grows, it is also becoming more accessible. Instead of paying for an office visit at your doctor's office, you may be able to get a flu shot at your local pharmacy or a nearby clinic.

Tips When You Have A Cold or Flu

Place your hand over your mouth and nose when you sneeze and always wash your hands after sneezing or blowing your nose.

Use paper tissues instead of handkerchiefs and dispose of used tissues as soon as possible to avoid spreading germs to others.

Drink lots of fluids especially if you have a fever. Liquids are also soothing to the throat and may relieve coughing. Drink as much water and juice as possible, preferably two quarts a day.

For a sore throat, gargle with warm salt water and suck on hard candy or ice cubes.

Eating warm soups and drinking hot tea can soothe your throat, help clear nasal passages and boost your energy. (Chicken soup really can help!)

Rest in a well-ventilated room and get extra sleep while your body is healing.

Wheezing from lung congestion can be relieved by drinking caffeinated beverages (coffee, tea, colas). Caffeine helps to dilate bronchial passages.

Taking a long, hot shower can help clear nasal passages and ease head congestion.

A cold or flu should work itself out of your system in seven days. Do call your doctor if symptoms persist longer than a week or if you experience severe sore throat, hoarseness or dark yellow or green discharge and intense pain around your sinuses. At the first signs of flu, your doctor may prescribe one of the newly developed medications that can lessen its severity.

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FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Suggestions to Reduce the Risk of Tooth Decay

By Dr. Gregory Heintschel

Dental Clinics North with locations in Gaylord, Petoskey, Cheboygan, Mancelona and East Jordan, would like you to know that February is recognized as National Children's Dental Health Month. In large part this designation is made to bring to mind the importance of a child's oral health and its impact on overall systemic health. Diet and good oral hygiene are the most significant factors related to maintaining optimal oral health.

Related to our diets, parents across the country often issue a common refrain at dinnertime: "You'd better eat that, it's good for you!" Another old favorite in the parental arsenal of dietary admonitions is, "Don't eat that, it'll rot your teeth!" Now more than ever, kids are faced with a bewildering

array of food choices, from fresh produce to sugar-laden processed convenience meals and snack foods. What children eat and when they eat it may affect not only their oral health, but their overall health as well.

Americans are consuming foods, and drinks high in sugar and starches more often, and in larger portions, than ever before. Junk foods and drinks have gradually replaced nutritious beverages and foods for many people. For example, the average American teenage boy consumes 81 gallons of soft drinks each year! Alarming, a steady diet of sugary foods and drinks can ruin teeth, especially among those who snack throughout the day. Common activities such as constantly grazing on foods with minimal nutritional value, and frequently sipping on sugary

drinks, may contribute to a tendency toward tooth decay.

When sugar is consumed over and over again in large, often hidden, amounts, the harmful effect on teeth can be dramatic. Sugar provides food for bacteria, which produce acid that can eat away the enamel on teeth. Almost all foods have some type of sugar that cannot – and should not – be eliminated from our diets. Many of these foods contain important nutrients and add enjoyment to eating. But diets high in sugars and starches – which can be found in everything from bread to pretzels to salad dressing – presents a risk for tooth decay, so read labels carefully and plan your meals to provide a balanced, nutritious diet for you and your kids.

Here are some suggestions that can help reduce your children's risk of tooth decay:

Consume sugary foods and drinks only with meals. Saliva production increases during meals which helps neutralize acid and rinse food particles from the mouth.

Limit between-meal snacks. If kids crave a snack, offer them nutritious foods.

If your kids chew gum, make it sugarless. Chewing sugarless gum after eating can increase saliva flow and help wash out food and decay-producing acid.

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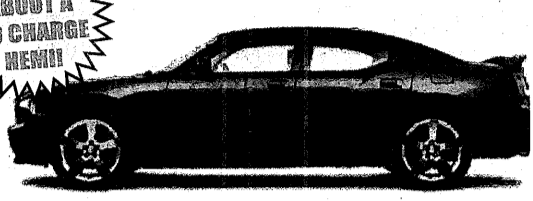


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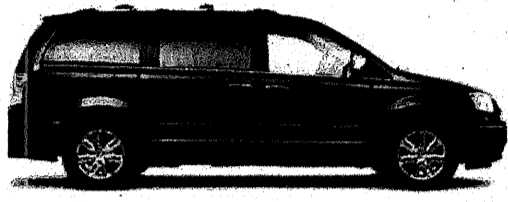
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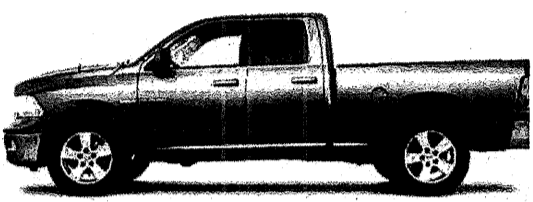
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