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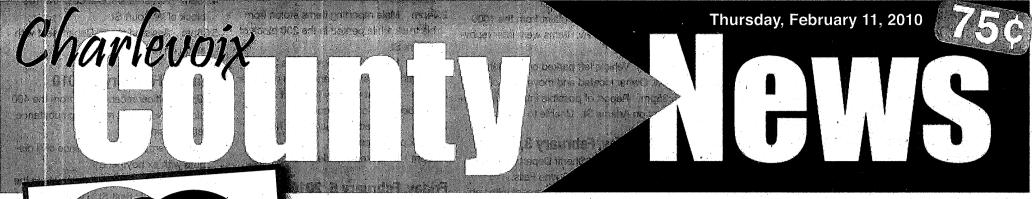


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By B. J. Conley CHARLEVOIX — A judge

a former employee, saying there were issues that a jury should decide. The judge then ordered the case to go to Jim Eisley filed a Whistleblower's

denied the county of Charlevoix's mo-

tion to dismiss a case against it filed by

case soon after he was fired by the county, along with another employee, Ken Doty who died recently. Both employees worked in the county Building Department, Doty the department head and Eisley the chief electrical inspector. They worked for the county for 15 and 12 years, respectively.

Eisley had written to the state of Michigan's electrical division to ask for a professional opinion on whether a license is required to perform a particular task that an unlicensed employee, Frank Shaler, undertook. Nine days later, Eisley and Doty were fired by county commissioners in a 4-2 vote. Chris Christensen, Ron Reinhardt, Joel Evans and Shirley Roloff voted to fire both of the employees. Shirleen Tripp and Bob Drebenstadt voted against the firing.

The attorney for Eisley, Mary Beth Kur, argued at the motion hearing on Friday, Feb. 5 in Charlevoix County Circuit Court that the timing of the firing, the fact that data wasn't shared with the entire board of commissioners and other evidence should be presented to a jury.

Judge Orders Trial in Case Against County

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The attorney for the county in this case, Paul Coughenour of Clark Hill in Detroit, claimed that Eisley was fired because of poor job performance, that Eisley used sub-contractors for work he could have performed and that there was waste and abuse in the Building Department. He said the Department's budget was in a deficit and that the county commission did not know about the deficit.

But, budgets from all departments go in front of the board of county commissioners every year, Kur said.

A case evaluation that is standard procedure prior to commencement of a trial is set for March 1.

The judge in this case is Judge Dennis F. Murphy of the 46th Circuit



Mary Beth Kur

Court in Gaylord. He is the judge instead of Judge Richard M. Paitas because the county is the defendant and it would be a conflict of interest for Judge Pajtas.

INPRASTRUCTURE

FOR EAST JORDAN

DECISION MADE

City Commission Meets in Boyne

Boyne City Talks Hotel, M-75, DDA

By B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — The Dilworth Hotel came up for discussion at a city commission meeting on Jan. 26, chase the historic downtown building.

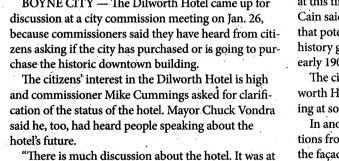
"There is much discussion about the hotel. It was at the top of the list at the goal-setting session," Vondra said, referring to the city-wide meeting held on Jan.

City manager Michael Cain said the city had not purchased the hotel, nor were there any plans to do so at this time. The hotel is up for sale by a private owner. Cain said he thought the state of Michigan has grants that potential buyers can pursue, because the hotel's history goes back to the booming lumbering era of the

The city is concerned about deterioration of the Dilworth Hotel from the lack of maintenance and is looking at solutions to stabilize it.

In another matter, Cain said that there were questions from the public regarding costs associated with the façades improvements on downtown buildings. "All the cost for the improvements is being paid for

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The Dilworth Hotel in downtown Boyne City waits for glory days to come again. The hotel is for sale and its history dates back to the early 1900s when the town was booming in the lumbering era. This photo shows part of the lobby area.

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High 26, low 18 WNW wind 9mph



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By B. J. Conley EAST JORDAN — City com-

missioners made a decision on the Maple Street infrastructure project at a Feb. 2 meeting in City Hall that will cost money now, but save money in the long run.

A 12" water main will be installed on Mill Street from Fifth Street to Maple Street and then to State Street and tie into the existing project. The sewer force main should be extended to Rogers Bridge to eliminate additional pumping of sewage through the pumping stations by the lake.

Interim city manager Denny Jason encouraged the infrastructure work to take place now, because the state's Rural Development Department "are very anxious to help out rural communities" and "the state currently encourages counties to tie in their infrastructure."

Rural Development provides low cost bonds. Currently bonds are at 2.375 percent with the possibility of using Buy America Bonds reductions, an additional 35 percent to get an effective rate of 1.5 percent cost, Jason said. Including Mill Street water main construction will allow the city to replace the existing storm sewer in the "fill," which is in very bad shape, he

Also at the meeting, Jason said a water rate study and a reliability study are completed and will be presented at the city commission's meeting of Feb. 16.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Teacher Charged

Faces 3 felony counts for conduct with student

By B. J. Conley

*ELLSWORTH — A teacher at Ellsworth schools was arrested on Feb. 2 on three felony charges of criminal sexual conduct with a 15-year-old student.

An investigation was opened by the Antrim County Sheriff Department, following information received by the sheriff that concerned possible unlawful conduct towards a female student.

Michael Henry Peterson, 55, was arraigned in Antrim County District Court on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The Antrim County Prosecuting Attorney, Charles H. Koop, in conjunction with Erin House, Special Assistant Attorney General, issued a felony complaint alleging three counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct. The charges carry a penalty of up to life in prison.

The criminal complaint states that the student attended the school where Peterson was a math teacher. The Ellsworth School's superintendent Lynn Aldrich Spearing issued a statement:

Upon learning of the allegations of a staff member's mappropriate conduct, the individual was immediately placed on administrative leave," Spearing said. "Consistent with our obligations under the law and our normal

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BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

3:20am Officer checked on van with flashers on parked at East and Ray St. Was delivery for Mathers.

2:40pm Larceny complaint from the 1000 block of Boyne Av. Items were later recov-

4:35pm Vehicle left parked on W Michigan Av. Owner located and moved vehicle.

5:35pm Report of possible intoxicated subject on Adams St. Unable to locate.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

12:24am Assisted Sheriff Department with domestic assault in Boyne Falls.

12:17pm Assisted fire department with vehicle fire in the Industrial Park.

2:24pm Assisted subject with keys locked in vehicle in the 600 block of W Court St. Unable to open.

3:55pm Citation issued to male subject for violation of 2 hour parking on Water St

5:06pm Donation box ripped off wall at Library. 3 juvenile suspects apprehended and petitioned to Probate Court.

6:24pm Unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of High St.

8:49pm 911 hang up check in the 500 block of N Lake St. Was child on phone. Everything OK.

Thursday, February 4, 2010

8:17am Unlocked truck in the 300 block of

9:41am Unlocked KIA in the 100 block of S

10:46am Male calling from Adams St requesting assistance with 16 year old daughter.

2:44pm Male reporting items stolen from his truck while parked in the 200 block of S Park St

5:31pm Male calling from Adams St re-

questing further assistance with daughter. 3:51pm Male at window to report assault that occurred on E Lincoln Av.

7:51pm Assisted ambulance in t he 300 block of Terrace St.

7:52pm Unlocked vehicle on Grove St

Friday, February 5, 2010

12:36am Report of intoxicated male harming himself and fleeing on foot from silver St. Located subject.

3:10am Assisted Sheriff Department with traffic stop on M-75 S

8:07am Arrested male subject on warrant. 9:04am Report of two juvenile males with knife in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.

3:17pm Stopped vehicle at State and Park ref driving complaint received through 911.

10:00pm Female reporting daughter stole cash from her purse in the 700 block of Brockway.

Saturday, February 6, 2010

8:45am Report of dog running at large on Pleasant near Ann St. ACO notified.

9:12am Citation issued to male for speed on Pleasant near Ann St.

1:55pm Male called from 500 block of N Lake St feeling depressed. He was put in contact with hospital.

4:13pm Assisted ambulance in the 100 block of W Court St

5:36pm Assisted sheriff Department with alarm on M-75 S

Sunday, February 7, 2010

1:19pm Officer received call from the 400 block of N Lake St regarding substance left in business.

3:00pm Female at PD reference civil dispute with ex boyfriend

4:09pm Report of intoxicated male in the 400 block of N East St. Upon arrival, officer was advised subject had been given a ride home.

5:54pm Unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of S Lake St

9:53pm Noise complaint in the 600 block of E Main St. Unable to locate.

Monday, February 8, 2010

7:22am Officer responded to a natural death in the 1200 block of Marshall Rd.

4:45pm Citation issued to female for speed on Front near Second.

10:23pm Female from the 500 block of Hannah St reports receiving harassing phone calls from her ex boyfriend, who was contacted and advised to stop.

10:58pm Report of people yelling on Second St near Trent. Made contact with subjects who denied yelling.

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January 29, 2010

000:30 - Civil dispute on Bridge St near Water St

03:57 - Winter parking ordinance violation, citation issued

09:49 - Keys locked in vehicle in Glen's parking lot, vehicle unlocked

10:18 - Vehicle parked in entrance to Sportmans Park, it was removed later in day 14:39 - Assist Fire Dept w/vehicle fire in parking lot of East Jordan Family Health Center 18:14 - Assist CXSH w/checking on report of

vehicle in ditch on M32 near Fair Rd 19:27 - Public relations at High School for basketball game

20:19 - Private Property Accident in parking lot of High School

22:07 - Public Relations at High School for dance

January 30, 2010

01:59 - Escorted soldier returning from . Afghanistan to his residence on Circle Dr 19:50 – Had DPW called out for alarm light going off at Marina well house

22:30 - Assist Fire and EMS on Ellsworth Rd w/Personal Injury Accident

January 31, 2010

11:22 - Suspicious vehicle at Dept of Public Works, it was an employee and all was okay

17:14 - Traffic stop on McKenzie St near Water St for defective brake light

19:22 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Bridge St for no taillights

19:34 - Traffic stop on Fourth St near Garfield St for headlight out

February 01, 2010

11:53 - Assist citizen on Williams St 13:19 - Report of shoplifter at Save A Lot, subject was cited and released

16:10 - Assist Probate/Family Court Transporters p/u subject on S Lake St

February 02, 2010

02:00 - Found open door at business on

03:19 - Winter parking ordinance violation on

Main St near Mill St, citation issued 16:30 - Assisted BCPD w/delivering message to subject on Park Dr to move their vehicle

17:02 - Family dispute at residence on Main St, matter settled

20:03 - Report of controlled substance found at business on Maple St, it was recovered and disposed of

21:01 - Suspicious situation at Community Park on Maple St, unfounded

21:47 - Report of subjects using controlled substance on Nicholls St, unfounded

23:50 - Report of intoxicated subject laying in roadway on Sixth St, subject was given a ride to residence on Third St

February 03, 2010

16:01 - Assisted EMS w/subject having diabetic reaction on Third St

February 04, 2010

02:55 - Assisted ACSD w/checking for subject at residence on N Lake St, no one at

07:33 - Traffic stop in True Value parking lot for expired plate

11:09 - Gun permit issued

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ASSUMED NAMES:

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Falls by Elizabeth Blied Schnell.

TKS Do All, 1378 Old State Road, Boyne City by Karen Stone.

Global Water Recovery Systems, 26140 Pine, Beaver Island by Linda Mc Do-

Island Whimsy, 26150 Main, Beaver Island by Linda McDonough and Pam Grass-

Retriere Immobile Body System, 26140 Pine, Beaver Island by Linda McDonough. Williams Cleaning Service, 902 D Bridge St., Charlevoix by William Elsenheimer.

DISTRICT COURT

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Commission

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by the property owner and the State of Michigan, using CDB grant dollars," Cain said. "Neither the Main Street Program nor the city is paying for any of these improvements."

Also at the meeting, commissioners discussed the first session held recently regarding the M-75 corridor, the stretch of land from Boyne City near the high school to Boyne Falls at U.S. 131. The city has teamed up with Wilson and Boyne Valley townships to exchange ideas for the future of the area, such as commercial, residential, open space, or other uses. The three municipalities own land along M-75, with Boyne Valley Township the largest land owner.

- The initial session was simply an introductory meeting. The next M-75 corridor meeting will take place in Boyne Valley Township tentatively on March 1, but more information on location, time and date is pending. Call Boyne City City Hall at 231-582-6597 for more details.

As an update on the Main Street-Downtown Development Authority's request for renewal of funds for projects, a work session is tentatively set for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, between the Main Street Program-DDA board and city commissioners to discuss renewal details of the program.

Teacher Charged

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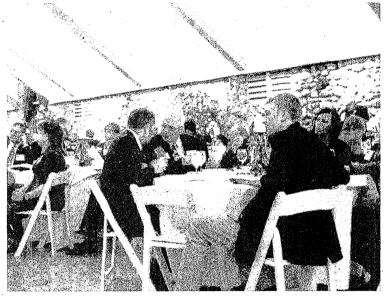
practice, Ellsworth Community School is cooperating with law enforcement."

Prosecutor Koop said the investigation continues and requested that anyone with information concerning the teacher, Michael Peterson, contact Det/Sgt. James Janissee at the sheriff department at:231-533-8627, or contact the Prosecuting Attorney at 231-533-

Because of the nature of the allegations, persons who may have any information concerning the activities of the teacher may provide the information in a confidential manner, law authorities

A preliminary examination is set for

Republicans From Five Counties Attend Event



The Republican Party's 2010 Reagan Day Dinner, a fundraiser, was hosted this year by the Republican Party in each of the following counties: Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego. The event brought 20 candidates running for various offices to the event held at the Castle near Charlevoix on Saturday, Feb. 6. About 170 people attended.



U. S. Congressman Pete Hoekstra(pictured), running for Michigan governor, and Judge Bill Schuette, running for attorney general, were two of the 20 candidates that addressed the audience at the Republican's 2010 Reagan Day Dinner event. The fundraiser was held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Castle near Charlevoix.

PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY



By B. J. Conley

The Republican Party held its 2010 Reagan Day Dinner event at the Castle near Charlevoix on Saturday, February 6th. Approximately 170 people and 20 candidates attended the event. Each candidate spoke to the audience that attended the \$99 a plate fundraiser.

Candidates at the event included those for governor: Rick Snyder, Pete Hoekstra and Tom George, one candidate for Lt. Governor, Terri Lynn Land, and four candidates for Secretary of State: Cameron S. Brown, Michelle McManus, Anne Norlander and Paul Scott.

Candidates for attorney general, Bill Schuette and Michael D. Bishop attended, as well as candidates for the Legislature.

Special recognition was given to Charlevoix County's retired sheriff, George T. Lasater and to former chairman of the county's Republican Party, John Haggard, both of whom were in the audi-

The primary election is Aug. 3.



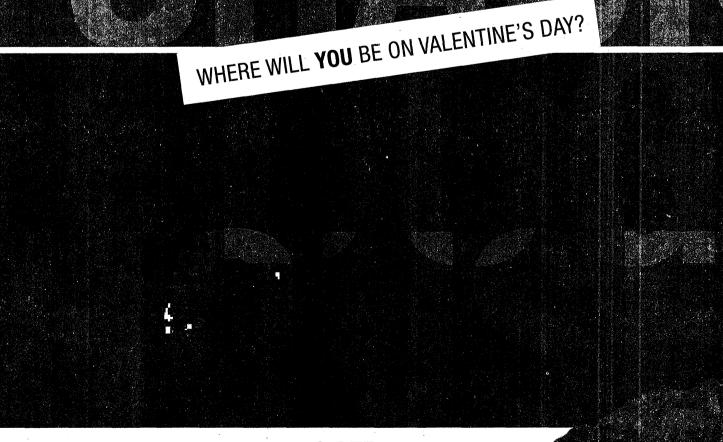
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Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is running for Lt. Governor and was one of the 20 candidates who attended the Republican Party's 2010 Reagan Day Dinner. The fundraiser was held at the Castle near Charlevoix on Saturday, Feb. 6.



Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema introduced the candidates at the Feb. 6 Republican 2010 Reagan Day Dinner, a fundraiser.





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ELLSWORTH Dessert Tasting & Raffle

able for all students.

Attend the 2nd Annual Ellsworth's Best Dessert Tasting and Raffle at the Front Porch Cafe. Treat yourself and your sweetheart to a dessert tasting of Ellsworth's best gourmet desserts donated by our very best bakers Friday, February 12 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Includes coffee, tea and punch by free will donation. Enter the Raffle to win a dessert to take home. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Proceeds benefit the Front Porch Café, a non-profit community outreach serving affordable, homecooked meals Monday through Saturday. For information call 231-588-6391.

BOYNE CITY Chocolate-Covered Boyne

Downtown Boyne City will be full of fun and chocolate on President's Weekend, Feb. 12-13. Chocolate-Covered Boyne will celebrate chocolate and romance at nearly 30 downtown businesses. Organizer Linn Williams reports that this year's third annual event will be sweeter and livelier than ever. Participating businesses are urged to call Williams at 582-6858 by Feb. 1 if they have not yet provided information on what they will be offering. Full details will be announced in next week's enewsletter, including chocolate tastings, specialty foods, personalized services and entertainment.

EAST JORDAN **Workshops at Arts Center**

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 Then/Up the Lazy River at 582ten students. Call 231-533-6240 for supply list or more information. Fee: \$60.

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 WINTERFEST returns from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 in the

thing in the family-friendly Winterfest is free, including frozen turkey bowling, frozen fish toss, broom ball, smoosh racing, a Scavenger Hunt for teams of up to eight people at 6 p.m., and a Chili Cook-Off at 4:45. Chili Cook-Off contestants (businesses and individuals are welcome) should bring at least one gallon of prepared chili in a crock pot to Country Now & Then by 4:45 p.m. Chili will be judged by a panel of judges and a People's Choice vote. To enter the Scavenger Hunt or Chili Cook-Off

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2355. Prizes will be awarded for the games, Scavenger Hunt and Chili Cook-Off.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN 20/20 Project Kicks Off

Northern Michigan residents can begin to turn the economy around by registering for the 20/20 Project. The initiative is a commitment to support local, independently owned businesses and local non-profit organizations. Registration is free. To jump start the program, Northern Michigan residents can purchase a \$40 gift card for half price (\$20) to be used at participating merchants. Use the registration form inside this paper or e-mail Baragrey Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

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 - 9p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 11a.m. - 9 p.m., and holidays when the kids are not in school will follow the weekend schedule. The sledding hill and skating rink may be used outside of these hours; however, there is not an atcall the Boyne Area Chamber at tendant 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.

BOYNE CITY Snowshoe nature hikes offered at Young State

Young State Park is offering a series of Snowshoe Hikes at 1 p.m. on Feb. 13. Interpreter Maureen Stein will be leading snowshoe enthusiasts on a onehour 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-alco-Beverages 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.

CHARLEVOIX **Singles for Christ**

Singles for Christ Dinner for area singles 40+ is Feb. 20 at 6pm at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey (US 31), in Charlevoix. After dinner we have plans to go to Family of Faith Church located at 203 E. Upright, Charlevoix. We will be playing cards, dominoes, or

teach us to play canasta. Please bring a beverage and maybe a snack contribution for game night. Please call 231-347-5747 or e-mail your reservations.

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 7:30pm.

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.

ELLSWORTH **Share the Warmth Soup** Supper

The Good Samaritan of Ellsworth will be holding it's annual Share the Warmth Soup Supper on Monday, February 22 from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the Ellsworth Elementary School. Over 18 area restaurants donate gourmet soups to be enjoyed with salad, roll and homemade dessert for a free will offering. Proceeds help area families keep warm this winter. For information, call 231-588-2208.

BOYNE FALLS Arts at the Mountain

This new event is planned for Feb. 27, at Boyne Mountain with members of the Boyne Arts Collective showing and selling their works of art in many different media, such as painting, photography, wood, sculpture. The show begins at 10am in the Grand Mountain Lodge and will end at 5pm. This event is open to the public. All proceeds go to the Boyne Arts Collective for building improvements at their 210 S. Lake Street location in Boyne City.

EAST JORDAN & BOYNE CITY EAST JORDAN **Fashion Show Benefit**

Fashions presented by Mary's of Boyne and the EJ Shoppe, Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 1-3 pm. Proceeds from the event will benefit Good Samaritan Food Pantry. RSVP 231-588-6304

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.

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 mee't with others and bring a project to work on it, using the time for yourself. There is no cost. Call Bethany at 231-881-

board games. Phyllis might 9888 for more information.

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**

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.

EAST JORDAN Show Support for 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. Devil Pride Tee Shirts are now available for Red and Black Fridays. To reserve your shirt call Gretchen Bender at 231-350-0760

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.

Used Furniture needed Come see the latest Spring Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop now has space for large quantities of furniture in good, serviceable condition. The need is great for couches, chairs, beds, dressers, tables, etc. Additional space recently made available to us for larger items will help to increase our sales, which in turn will benefit programs for those in need in our community. Please think of us when you have gently used furniture to donate. Tax deductible receipts are provided. To schedule a donation appointment, please call Crossroads at 231-536-7606.

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.

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

ROSSWORD

Across 1- River in central Switzerland; 5- Botanist Gray; 8- Metallica drummer Ulrich; 12- Rasp; 14- Type of gun; 15- North 19 Carolina college; 16-Capital of Vietnam; 17-Capital of Calvados, in NW France; 18- Egypt's river; 19- Town in SE Pennsylvania; 21- Good, in a way; 23- DDE's predecessor; 24- High mountain, as found in central Europe; 25-Neighbor of Leb.; 26- Sad; 30- Chou ; 32- Like a marsh; 33- Occurring every three years; 37-Primordial giant in Norse myth; 38- Give up; 39-Lymph _; 40- Guaranty; 42- Doles (out); 43-Graduated glass tube; 44-Bog; 45- Clean air org.; 48

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Atmosphere; 50- Hindu Preserver; 52- Song thrush; 57- Capital city of Western Samoa; 58- Zhivago's love; 60-Vow; 61- Distribute cards; 62- Greek island in the Aegean; 63- Bridge positions; 64- Cube creator Rubik; 65- Cornerstone abbr.; 66- How you used to be?;

1- Turkish honorific; 2- Bedouin; 3- Hindu princess; 4- Collar type; 5impasse; 6- Date; 7- Abolished; 8- Actress Olin; 9- "The dog ate my homework," e.g.; 10- Tumbles; 11- Facial expression used by Elvis Presley; 13- Fourscore; 14- Nae sayer?; 20- Half a fly; 22-Duration; 24- Old-womanish; 26-Little Tenderness; 27- Jamaican exports; 28-Egyptian goddess of fertility; 29- Small tree; 30- Construct; 31- Type of sanctum; 33-Fungal infection; 34- Bit; 35- Citrus coolers; 36- Minus; 38- Skullcap; 41- Undoing; 42-Sullenly ill-humored; 44- Russian space station; 45- Circumvent; 46- Scottish musician; 47-

Continental identity of a Chinese person; 49- Cries of discovery; 51- Circle of light often seen around the head of saints; 52- Horse's gait; 53- Attack a fly; 54- New Age musician John; 55- After the bell; 56- Gaelic language of Ireland or Scotland; 59- Loser to DDE;

LOCAL NEWS

On-line at www.charlevoixcountynews.com



The color red is everywhere on Valentine's Day.

Symbolizing love and passion, red is the hue gracing the petals of Valentine roses, heart-shaped boxes of chocolates, gift wrapping paper, envelopes and cards, as well as countless other offerings of this special "lovers holiday." Valentine's Day is all about love, and it seems love's favorite color is red.

The enchanting red rose is a timeless symbol of love and fidelity dating back to Greek Mythology. Legend has is that Aphrodite (or Venus) created the slain lover, Adonis. To this day, the red rose continues to be an expression of love by the bearer. "O, my love's like a red, red rose that's newly sprung in June," once swooned renowned poet Robert Burns.

Studies show that the color red can actually have a physical effect on a person, increasing the rate of respiration and raising blood pressure, and psychological research has demonstrated that men find women who are wearing red more attractive.

In China, red is the color associated with happiness and prosperity, and it is often the color worn by brides in the East. Red was reportedly the first color perceived by humans. Research has shown that people experiencing temporary color-blindness discern



red before seeing any other colors.

invoke invincibility.

Red packs a powerful punch. Red's power of protection against evil has been a common belief since ancient times. Objects; animals and even trees were once covered in red paint to help guard them from harm, and warriors would paint their axes and spears red to endow the weapons with magical powers. Some of the Australian aborigines abide by this custom even today. Wearing a red ruby, which is the traditional fortieth wedding anniversary gift, is fabled to

From a less lofty perch, red may be associated with love because it is the color of the heart and blood, signifying sacrifice, loyalty, family and marriage ties. Red is the "hottest" of colors, often used to represent fire, so it's a shoe-in for symbolizing burning desire and

But all is not love when it comes to the fair

Red is also the color power, as in the infamous red power tie or laying out VIP car pets. It is the color of anger and embarrassment, emotions that are said to in leave one "red in the face." It is also the color used to denote potential danger, such as on stop signs and traffic lights, due to red's at 150 tention-grabbing ability.

It is strong color with many dynamic personalities. Red is Cupid and red is the Devil...two very different fellows indeed. $^{r_{\mathcal{M}}}$

Like love itself, red is an intense color, and likes to be noticed.

So enjoy an extra dose of "the color of love" this Valentines day. Make it a "red letter day" by giving your Valentine the "red ' carpet treatment," and when evening rolls around, make it a date to "paint the town"

Have a great Valentine's Day!



Be a Part of the 20/20 Project



ndependently 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.

Your involvement: When you sign up for the 20/20 Project you will receive special offers that are only available to 20/20 Project 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

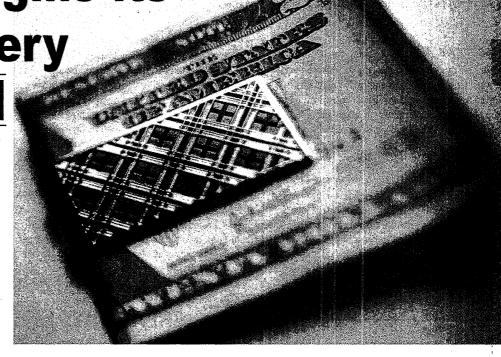
Non-Profit Organizations. We challenge you to commit to volunteer 20 hours of time per year to member organizations or commit to support the group with a financial commitment of \$20 per month.

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.

Non-Profit Group _

(Check enclosed)

BONUS Gift Card



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.

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A Dozen Movies for Valentines



MOVIE REVIEW

It All About Love in These Classic Romances

By Jim Akans

Valentine's Day is all about love, which also happens to be one of the Hollywood film industry's favorite subjects. Over the years, several extraordinary, heartwarming, tear-jerking, pulse-pumping romantic tales have been projected on the silver screen, touching audiences of every age and relationship status. Many of these films can now be viewed from the comfort your own love seat, snuggled next to a loved one, with a warm batch of popcorn and trusty remote control by your side.

Whether you are head over heals in love, or disembarking from the relationship bus, here is a bouquet of twelve classic screen romances, ranging from hilarious to poignant, that offer excellent Valentine's Day view-

Casablanca (1942) – Boasting one of the most famous parting scenes on film, the steamy chemistry between Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, immersed in a love triangle set against an African backdrop of intrigue, a mounting war, and a "gin-joint" called Rick's American Café, has been heralded by many as the greatest movie of all time.

The Notebook (2004) - A real romantic tearjerker. This movie manages to explore young love, old love, lost love, found love and ultimately true love in just over two hours. It's easy to get caught up in the interweaving plot and forget the possibility that this is most likely a "chick flick." It's okay...it's Valentine's Day. James Garner and Gena Rowlands provide spectacular performances.



Gone With The Wind (1939) - Frankly my dear, it doesn't matter that this icon of the movie industry runs a whopping 233 minutes, this sweeping love story set before, during, and the years following the Civil War still holds the record for number of box office tickets sold, won ten Academy Awards, including Best Picture and the first award for and African American Actress (Hattie McDaniel). A great reminder that the precious gift of love is often right before our eyes.

Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) - A beautiful

Audrey Hepburn and rising star, George Peppard, bring writer Truman Capote' tale of love in New York city to a magical life. Hepburn plays a scatter-brained single afraid to commit to love, and Peppard a levelheaded budding author intent on changing her outlook. Breakfast at Tiffany's noted for its classic, rain-soaked, highly emotional ending and the introduction of the classic song, Moon River.

Serendipity (2001) - Sometimes its fun to be adventurous, and check out a film that doesn't have an easily recognizable title. Serendipity, staring John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale, is also set in New York City during the Christmas season. While shopping for gifts for their respective lovers, the pair fall in love themselves and decide to test fate by going their separate ways and seeing if destiny reunites them Funny, suspenseful, and full of clever twists, this is a romance movie that will keep you well engaged.

Titantic (1997) - Like Romeo and Juliet, tales of forbidden love will always have classic romantic appeal. Titantic is the film that made Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet mega-star, and also topped the box office sales list until its recent usurping by Avatar. We all know the story of the Titantic, this is about how love can still warm the heart even amid the most dire, and iciest of situations. The special effects and footage of the actual Titantic early in the film are awesome.

Ghost (1990) – Mixing romance with elements of the supernatural and throwing in a murder mystery to boot, Ghost is an enduring film about loves power to communicate on many levels. Includes a sizzling, passionate scene with Patrick Swayze helping on-screen wife, Demi Moore, work some magic at a pottery wheel. Winner of multiple Academy Awards, including



Best Picture.

Grease (1978) – How about a little musical romance to liven up your Valentine's Day? Grease is the story of high school love set in the late 1950's, when rock n' roll was bursting on the scene, gangs were cool, and hair was slick. An all-star cast, including John Travolta, Olivia Newton John and Stockard Channing, it a bit West Side Story meet Happy Days, and a whole lot

Love Story (1970) - A film that taught a entire baby-boomer generations that "love means never having to say you're sorry," (well, maybe not the best advise of all time). This is a tissue-grabber as Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal wring tears from viewers as they pursue a relationship despite overwhelming odds and disapproving parents.

50 First Dates (2004) – Not a typical entry on top romantic movie lists, but this Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler flick has a rather original premise as well. After an auto accident, Drew's character wakes up each morning with no memory of her life. Sandler's character, hopelessly in love with her, must reintroduce himself each day and win her heart all over again. Takes the things we do for love to a whole new level.

City of Angels (1998) - Nicholas Cage is an angel watching over the city of Los Angeles. Though mortals cannot see him or his angelic companions, somehow Meg Ryan's character, Maggie, can. The two fall in love and Cage must make a choice between duty and love, always a real head-scratcher. A heartwarming, inspiring film with a great soundtrack.

The Proposal (2010) - While the past year in movies hasn't produced much in the romance genre, The Proposal, starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds has been a slam dunk in the category. Funny, sharp-witted and fast paced. The Proposal starts out as a fabricated romance designed to protect Bullock's character from deportation, but the pair find out that love will not be ignored. Veteran actress Betty White is an absolute riot in this one. A terrific romantic-comedy for those seeking a Valentine's treat on the lighter







AREA MOVIE LISTINGS FEBRUARY 12-18

Gaylord Cinema West

Valentine's Day - PG13 Starring: Julia Roberts, Bradley Cooper FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15 MON-TUES-WED 7:00 SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

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 Wolfman - R Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Emily Blunt FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15 MON-TUES-WED 7:00 SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

Percy Jackson & The Olympians—PG Starring: Logan Lerman, Rosario Dawson FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15 MON-TUES-WED 7:00 SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

Dear John - PG13 Starring: Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15 MON-TUES-WED 7:00 SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

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Petoskey Cinema,

Valentine's Day - PG13 Starring: Julia Roberts, Bradley Cooper TUE-WED 7:00, 9:15 FRI-SAT-SUN-MON-THUR 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

The Book of Eli-R

Starring: Denzel Washington, Malcolm McDowell TUE-WED 9:15 FRI-SAT-SUN-MON-THUR 4:45. 9:15

Dear John - PG13 Starring: Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried TUE-WED 7:00, 9:15

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From Paris With Love

Starring: John Travolta, Richard Durden TUE-WED 7:00, 9:00 FRI-SAT-SUN-MON-THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Tooth Fairy - PG

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd TUE-WED 7:00 FRI-SAT-SUN-MON-THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00

When in Rome - R Starring: Kristen Bell, Josh Duhamel

NIGHTLY at 9:00 Avatar - PG13

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DAVE Says

(can't pay for her wedding)



Dave Ramse

Dear Dave,

Our daughter is 24, engaged to be married, and we can't afford to pay for the kind of wedding she wants. My husband and I have had some financial difficulty over the last few years, and we are finally beginning to slowly dig our way out. On top of this, we're still paying on her student loan from college. Should we let her know the situation up front, and how can we keep from feeling guilty about things?

Dear Gina,

The big thing is that first you and your husband should be on the same page. You need to come to a decision about exactly what you're willing and able to do. It doesn't sound like it will be much, though. Especially if you're trying to get your own finances in order and still paying on her student loan.

Now, how do you not feel guilty about all this? I think that's a personal journey you'll both have to take. A wedding is a wonderful thing, but it's not any less wonderful when it doesn't cost an arm and a leg. It also doesn't make you child abusers or bad parents just because you're not willing to go \$20,000 into debt to throw a fancy wedding!

I think, too, that you owe this kid some straightforward and honest communication. Most 24-year-olds don't have a firm grasp on reality. Even at that age, they don't think about where the money's coming from. They're just bopping along and assuming Mom and Dad will pull thousands of dollars out of the air for a big Barbie and Ken wedding. She needs to know that things just aren't like that in the real world.

Let her know that you love her and want to help, but you're going to be very limited on what you can do financially. Besides, you can have a great wedding without throwing around lots of cash. A marriage is about love, not dollar signs. And when it comes to the money, a wedding is like anything else you'd buy. My rule of thumb is pay cash or don't do it!

(drop coverage?)

Dear Dave,

I recently heard someone on television say it was a good idea to cancel the collision and comprehensive portions of your auto insurance coverage if you want to save money. What do you think about this? My husband and I are trying to follow your plan. We have \$1,000 in our emergency fund, and we drive a couple of old, used cars. Would this idea work for us?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous

Obviously you'll save money if you're not paying out as much to the insurance company. But I don't think dropping that coverage is a good idea. Let's say you don't have much money saved up, and then you total your car. How're you going to get to work or to the grocery store? It would leave you in a bad situation, wouldn't it?

If you're driving a couple of beaters, the insurance doesn't cost that much. Cheap cars mean cheap insurance. Self-insuring is a good idea sometimes with some things, but I don't believe in it when you're talking about your cars and you're broke! In my case, I've got enough money to just write a check and buy another car if something happens to mine. But when I added up what the car costs versus what they charge me for insurance, it looks like a decent deal to me. I'm just not willing to take the risk with that much money.

The purpose of insurance is to protect you from risks that you are unwilling or unable to take yourself. That's why I still have full coverage on my car. The cost benefit analysis told me it was a good idea. I suggest you keep it, too!

—Dave

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{^{*}}}$ For more financial help please visit daverams ey.com.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

for East Jordan City Commissioner

Rebecca (Becky) Rowbotham and Tinea Spence are on the Roster for the February 23rd Election

By Jim Akans

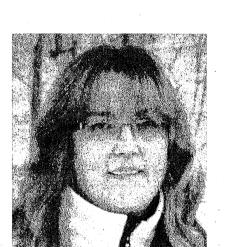
There will be a special election in the city of East Jordan on February 23rd to fill a City Commissioner slot left open when Dan Bennett resigned this past September. The two candidates running for the position are Rebecca (Becky) Rowbotham and Tinea Spence, both longtime residents who share concerns about the city's future.

Living in East Jordan since 1978, Becky Rowbotham has been a familiar face among the attendees at East Jordan commission meetings for the past few years. She is a 1989 graduate of East Jordan High School, has served on the 4-H soccer team board and has also been a coach for many years, is past treasurer for the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival, a former Girl Scout troop leader, a Vacation Bible School volunteer for the past two years and a youth leader and Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph Catholic church. She works at Airgas Great Lakes in Gaylord, is married to Mark Rowbotham and they have three school age daughters.

Becky notes, "After regularly attending commission meetings for the past two years, it has become apparent that someone needs to step up to represent the people. There is only one commissioner that has no direct connection to the City. That does not seem to be a fair representation of our residents."

"Our city needs to focus on the future," she adds, "Repeatedly at meetings; I have heard references to how we did things 20 years ago. We need to stop living in the past and move forward. After spending over a year negotiating and arguing over a new drug and alcohol policy, the commission now wants to rewrite the entire policy after only having it in effect a few months. That is not productive and does nothing to benefit the residents of our city. I want to see the Commission become a positive force promoting the future of our city. As a parent of young children, I want our city to be a safe place for them to grow up."

Tinea Spence was born and raised in East Jordan. She has served on several civic boards of directors, including the Chamber of Commerce, East Jordan Little League, the Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant board, and the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival committee. She is currently a member of the East Jordan Lioness service club, as well as a mentor with the Strive program



Rebecca (Becky) Rowbotham



Tinea Spence

sponsored by East Jordan Rotary in cooperation with the East Jordan High School. Tinea has been a self-employed cosmetologist in East Jordan for 23 years, is married to Daniel "Versile" Spence, and the couple has two sons.

She too has been a regular attendee at recent commission meetings. She states, "I became a careful observer. And what I observed was astounding. The way business was conducted, the unorthodox nature of the city meetings, the commissioners' inability to work together, their refusal to make decisions as a group all troubled me. Though I have had a passion for this city, including an interest in the city government, I never gave a run for office much consideration until Mr. Bennett's resignation. Suddenly, it made sense to give voice to my concerns."

"My concern is for the citizens of East Jordan," Tinea relates, "By the time Commissioner Bennett gave his resignation, I had come to the conclusion that if I am going to live here, I need to get involved. I want to know how the taxpayers' money is being spent overall – the city needs to be making huge cuts in all areas of the budget realistically, and every city official and department head should be held accountable for their fiscal and managerial responsibilities."

Becky Rowbotham and Tinea Spence each have a heartfelt passion to help guide the city they love through these challenging economic times by serving as a voice for its citizens.

Tinea Spence states, "East Jordan is the heart of this beautiful valley, and I believe that we the people need to take care of what we have now, and to look forward to the future with goal-setting, attaining these goals as we are able."

Becky Rowbotham adds, "East Jordan is my home. I grew up here. We decided to raise our family here. I want to be proud of your hometown, not embarrassed by it. I want to be part of a commission that helps the community grow."

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The successful candidate will serve a part of tial term, running through November 1st 2011. All registered voters in the City of East Jordan are eligible to participate in the election on February 23rd, which will be held at the Civic Center collocated at 101 Civic Center Lane.

Those with questions regarding this upcoming special election should contact the East Jordan City Hall at (231) 536-3381.



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

The life of one extraordinary man is a lesson to others

QUESTION:

Last time you talked about why some kids with every advantage and opportunity seem to turn out bad, while others raised in terrible homes become pillars in the community. You cited the life of David Hernandez as an example of the latter. What happened to him?

DR. DOBSON:

Given this beginning, how can we explain the man that David Hernandez became? He graduated near the top of his class in high school and was granted a scholarship to college. Again, he earned high marks and four years later entered Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Once more, he scored in the top 10 percent of his class and continued in a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. Eventually, he served as a professor of OB-GYN at both Loma Linda University and the University of Southern California medical schools. Then, at the peak of his career, his life began to unravel.

I'll never forget the day Dr. Hernandez called me on the telephone. He had just been released from the hospital following a battery of laboratory tests. The diagnosis? Sclerosing cholangitis, a liver disorder that was invariably fatal at that time. We lost this fine husband, father and friend six years later at the age of forty-three. I loved him

like a brother, and I still miss him today.

Again, I ask, how could such discipline and genius come from these infertile circumstances? Who would have thought that this deprived Mexican boy sitting out there in the dirt would someday become one of the most loved and respected surgeons of his era? Where did the motivation originate? From what bubbling spring did his ambition and thirst for knowledge flow? He had no books, took no educational trips, knew no scholars. Yet he reached for the sky. Why did it happen to David Hernandez and not the youngster with every advantage and opportunity?

Why have so many children of prominent and loving parents grown up in ideal circumstances only to reject it all for the streets of Atlanta, San Francisco or New York? Good answers are simply not available. It apparently comes down to this: God chooses to use individuals in unique ways. Beyond that mysterious relationship, we must simply conclude that some kids seem born to make it and others are determined to fail. Someone reminded me recently that the same boiling water that softens the carrot also hardens the egg. Likewise, some individuals react positively to certain circumstances and others negatively. We don't know why.

Two things are clear to me from this understanding. First, parents have been far too quick to take the credit or blame for the way their children turn out. Those with bright young superstars stick out their chests and say, "Look what we accomplished." Those with twisted and irresponsible kids wonder, "Where did we go wrong?" Well, neither is entirely accurate. No one would deny that parents play an important role in the development and training of their children. But they are only part of the formula from which a young adult is assembled.

Second, behavioral scientists have been far too simplistic in their explanation of human behavior. We are more than the aggregate of our experiences. We are more than the quality of our nutrition. We are more than our genetic heritage. We are more than our biochemistry. And certainly, we are more than our parents' influence. God has created us as unique individuals, capable of independent and rational thought that is not attributable to any source. That is what makes the task of parenting so challenging and rewarding. Just when you think you have your kids figured out, you had better brace yourself! Something new is coming your way.

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

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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How To Choose a Hearing Aid

By Jim Akans

According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), approximately 17 percent, or 36 million, Americans report some degree of hearing loss. And while a large portion of people with hearing loss are 65 years and older, it is estimated that more than 5 million from the ages 18 through 64 have decreased hearing ability. It is plain to see that selecting a hearing aid is no longer the exclusive domain of older Americans.

Before shopping for a hearing aid, it's good to understand the basic components that all products have in common.

All hearing aids operate by collecting sounds, amplifying those sounds, and directing them into the ear. This is achieve utilizing a microphone, amplifier powered by a tiny battery, and speaker all contained in the hearing aid unit.

There are a number of hearing aid designs that range in size as well as the method used to place the unit in the ear. Some common styles are;

Inside the Ear Canal – These are the smallest and least visible types of hearing aids. They are molded to fit inside the ear and designed to compensate for mild to medium hearing loss. They are typically the most expensive and, because they are so small, they usually do not have a volume control, (though some have remote control units for volume). Since the ear isolates the unit from the outside environment,

this style is less prone to interference from wind noise.

Partially in the Ear Canal -These are similar to the Inside the Ear Canal style, but they are not inserted quite as deeply. The advantage is that they are able to compensate for slightly greater hearing loss.

In the Ear - This style fits into the outer ear, and can compensate for a wide range of hearing loss severity. They are visible and can be susceptible to wind noise, but they are also easy to adjust and can accommodate larger batteries which have a longer operating life.

Behind the Ear - This is the most visible style and has a component that sits behind the ear and conducts sound to another component that sits in the ear canal. This design is appropriate for nearly any type of hearing loss and is easily adjusted.

Open Fit – This is smaller version of the Behind the Ear design. A small unit sits behind the ear and sends a signal to a speaker located in the ear canal via a small wire or tube. The design leaves the ear open and is targeted for those experiencing high-frequency hearing loss.

Hearing aids employ either analog or digital electronics. Analog is the least expensive, ranging from around \$800 to \$1,200, though the technology is becoming less and less available as manufacturers switch to digital designs.

The reason is that digital technology allows the aid to be tailored to the characteristics of the user's hearing loss, and they can be programmed to accommodate varying listening environments. Price varies according to features and the technology can be applied to any device style. Depending on the type of hearing aid selected and the features included, digital hearing aids range from around \$1,300 to \$3,000 in price.

Your audiologist will offer advice on the type of hearing aid that will produce optimal results for your particular hearing disorder. Ask about a trial period, which is a great way to make sure you are comfortable with the device before paying full price for it. Often, the audiologist will credit the amount paid for the trial to the final cost of the hearing aid. Also, check the warranty period and make sure it covers both parts and warranties.

Remember that getting used to a hearing aid takes a little time. Sounds, while intelligible, will be different (even your own voice!) but gradually you will adjust to the change. Start by using the aid in a quiet environment and build up to noisier situations such as busy streets or shopping malls. Take the device out if noises bother you, it isn't always necessary to hear everything around you!

While a hearing aid won't fully restore normal hearing, it will dramatically improve your ability to hear and decipher audio information. Much like eyeglasses or contact lenses for vision problems, hearing aids help to enhancing our hearing and the quality of our lives.

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Do You Have Hearing Loss?

Because the development of hearing loss is often very gradual, it can be difficult to notice the onset of a problem. Here are a few indications that it might be time to visit your doctor or audiologist to be tested for loss of hearing;

- You begin to sense that more and more people are not speaking clearly or that you only hear parts of their conversation.
- People complain that you listen to the television or radio too loudly.
- You often miss hearing a knock on the door or the telephone ring.
- You notice that by looking at people as they speak it makes it easier to understand what they are saying.
- In group situations you have difficulty distinguishing one conversation from another seems at him a agree forth in seem
- There is a constant ringing or buzzing in your ear
- You consistently notice a muffled quality to the sounds around you.
- You find yourself asking people to repeat what they said to you on a reqular basis.

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Ramblers take on Chiefs, **Blazers**

BC going through loaded portion of schedule

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY - The Boyne City boys basketball team is going through one of the tougher portions of the schedule. In the week just past, the Ramblers played host to powerful non-league foe Cheboygan on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and on Friday, they were on the road against Kalkaska, one of the top tier teams in the Lake Michigan Conference this season.

The road didn't get any easier after that. The Ramblers played host to perennial hardwood power Charlevoix on Tuesday, Feb. 9 (after this issue went to press), and will travel to the court of league front-runner Traverse City St. Francis this Friday, Feb. 12.

Cheboygan improved to 10-1 with an impressive 82-52 victory at the court of the Ramblers. Senior All-State candidate Trevor Closs led the streaking Chiefs, who won their eighth straight, with 21 points.

Scrappy senior point guard Nick Young, who always goes with the motor on full tilt no matter what the score is, tallied 11 to pace the Ramblers and reliable Parker Ameel, another blue-collar battler;

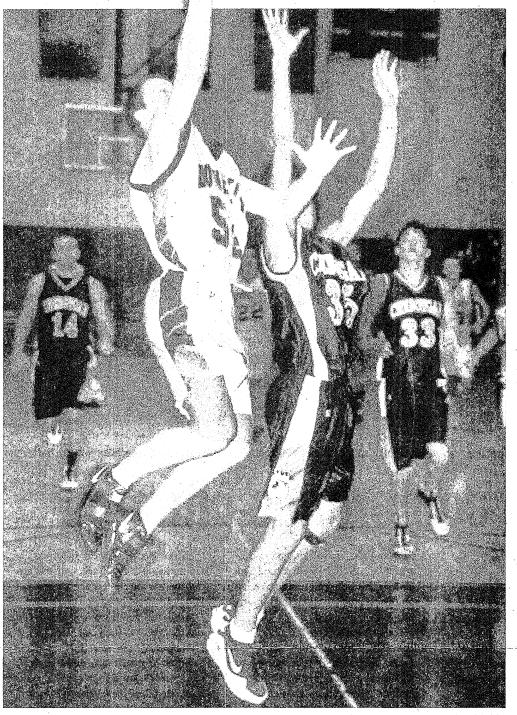


PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Boyne City senior forward Dylon Ferguson shows lots of spring in his legs as he goes high to launch a shot against Cheboygan. Dylon scored a pair on the play

pulled down seven rebounds.

In Friday's 59-41 loss at Kalkaska, Young rang up 16 points. Talented Travis Schuba hit for 27 points to pace the Blazers (8-5, 4-3) and he also had six assists and five steals.

Boyne City put up a tough scrap at Kalkaska and trailed by just four, 38-34, after three quarters. In the fourth quarter, though, the Ramblers were outscored 21-7.

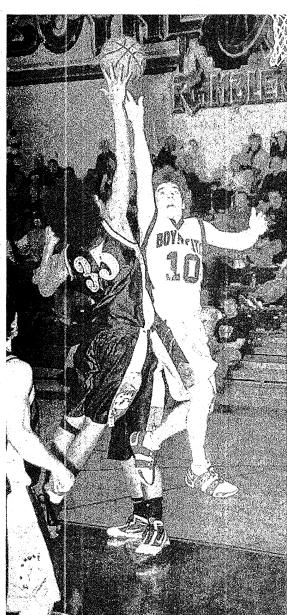


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Boyne City's scrappy senior guard Nick Young launches himself in the air in an attempt to block a shot attempted by Cheboygan's Richard Evans during the game on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

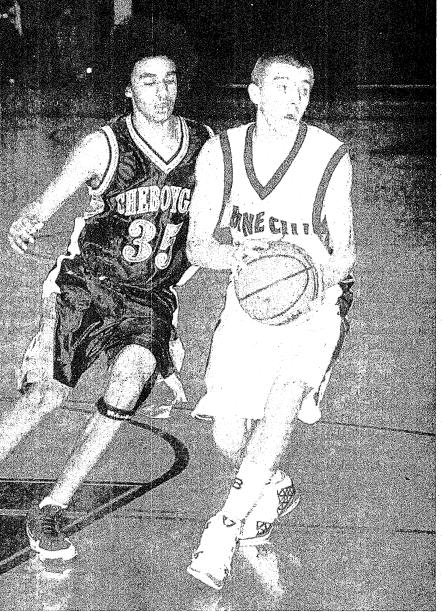


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Boyne City junior Caleb Roberts, right, is guarded by Cheboygan's Richard Evans as he brings the ball up the floor during the game played Tuesday, Feb. 2.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wolverine hosts snowmobile drags

WOLVERINE - The annual Snow Flake Festival Snowmobile Drags sponsored by the Wolverine Lions Club will be held Sunday, Feb. 21, on North Shire Road. Just follow the signs to reach the racing site.

Registration for the drags will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. with the drivers' meeting slated for 11:30 a.m. Racing kicks off at noon.

Classes include: Mini Stock 120 (12under); Fan 13-16 Jr. (0-600cc); Unstudded Stock (0-600, 601-700, 701-800 and open); Stock Studded; Fan Class Liquid Cooled (0-600, 601-700, 701-800 and open stock); Improved Stock Studded (0-600, 601-700, 701-800 and improved open); and Outlaw (must meet safety tech).

Registration is \$15 for the first race and \$10 for each additional race. The mini-fee regard istration is \$5 per class and there is a \$1 fee to as participate in the radar run.

For more information, contact Randy at (231) 420-2133, Mick at (231) 420-0132 or Jay at (231) 525-8954.

There will also be an ice sculpture contest with prizes of \$20, \$10 and \$5 for the top three. To apply, call (231) 525-8954 or (231) 525-

Winter baseball camp at Charlevoix

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

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.

Wolverine seeks baseball coach

WOLVERINE — Wolverine is seeking a varsity baseball coach for the spring. The coach will be responsible for recruiting players, holding meetings, conducting practices and being present at all practices and games.

Those interested should send a letter of interest to Wolverine Athletic Director Al Thomas, Wolverine High School, 13131 Brook St., Wolverine 49799. Letters may also be send via e-mail to alant@wolverine.k12.mi.us.

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.

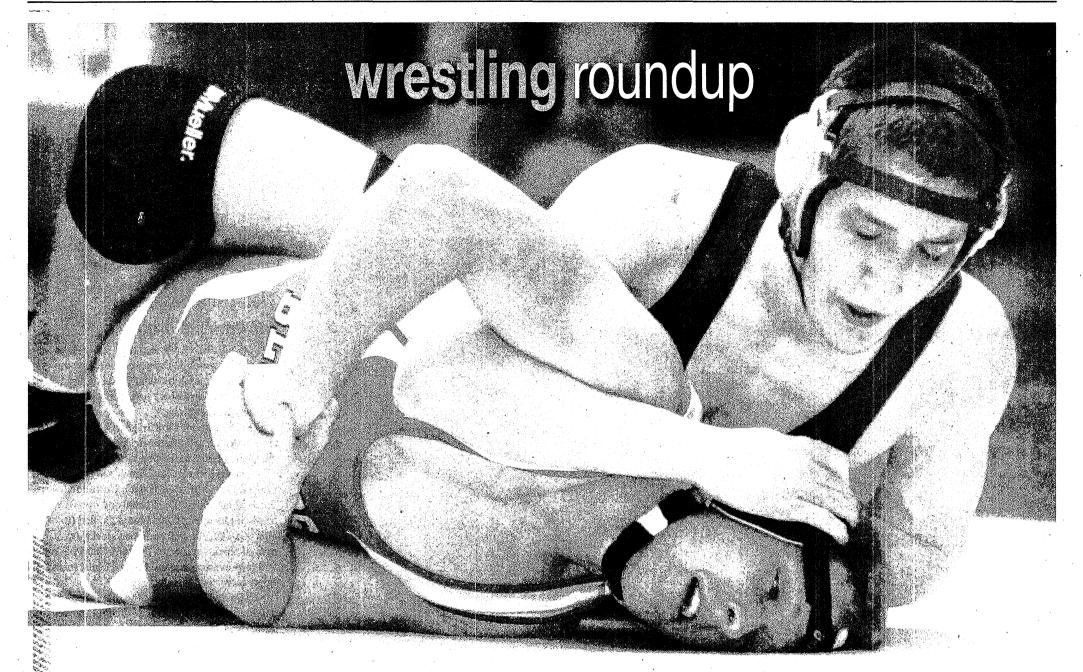
Announcing upcoming events

The Charlevoix County News offers readers a forum for announcing upcoming events. Send information about upcoming basketball tournaments, fundraising events, hockey tournaments, wrestling tournaments, youth events, etc. and the News will get the word out in Sports Briefs.

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Boyne City sophomore Jon Calo, top, has the upper hand in his grueling, hard-fought match with Kalkaska's Blake Brooks. Calo earned a 2-0 decision to claim the league title at 145 pounds. PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER

BC crowns 3 conference champs

Bush, Calo and Nohel are victors;

Nohel reaches 100 wins:

First Ever Wrestling Tournament held in the **Boyne City** Gymnasium

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY – In the first-ever wrestling tournament ever held at the Boyne City gym, the Ramblers gave the home fans in attendance lots to cheer about. Three Boyne City grapplers claimed titles in the annual Lake Michigan Conference tourney on Saturday.

Senior Zach Bush, a first-year wrestler, won at 135 pounds. Sophomore Jon Calo captured the title at 145 pounds and senior Drew Nohel repeated as conference champ at 160 pounds. Nohel also achieved a notable milestone in his mat career, surpassing

Bush, Boyne City's mini-bulldozer, lowed and powered his way to victory with a 9-4 decision over Ryan Edwards of Kalkaska in the semifinals and a second-period pin of Grayling's No. 1 seed Dan Duvall in the finals.

"Zach had a very exciting match against the No. 1 seed who had beat him soundly two weeks ago," said BC coach Don Nohel. "He wrestled a lot cleaner this time and was aggressive in going after the fall when the opportunity presented itself."

Calo claimed his first league title impressively, earning a razor-thin 2-0 decision over rugged Blake Brooks of Kalkaska in a grueling, hard-fought battle. Calo also beat Jake Ervin of Grayling by pin in the semifinals.

"Jon is a real worker," Nohel said. "He wrestles very clean, doesn't make many mistakes, and wears his opponent out. In the 2-0 win over Brooks, he was in control most of the time."

Drew dominated his two matches, taking down Mike Batdorf of Elk Rapids in 1:20 in the semifinals for his 100th win and then claiming a 16-7 major decision over Grayling's Josh Handrich in the finals. Nohel, seeking to advance to the state meet for the first time, pushed his personal log this season to 26-3.

"Drew is a two-time conference champion at 160 pounds, and was undefeated in the conference for the past two years," said his coach and father Don. "It was a nice way for him to close out his career in the Lake Michigan Conference."

Bryan Wonski (189), Jake Looze (215) and Dylan Nelson (285) also competed for Boyne City. Nelson, a first-year wrestler with punch and promise, pinned Brennan Burrick of Kalkaska in 27 seconds to reach the finals. He lost to Kyle Peters of Grayling to finish as runner-up.

Coach Nohel was pleased with his team's performance.

"It was the first tournament ever held in the Boyne City High School gym and I encouraged the kids to represent themselves and our school well," he said. "Every one of them wrestled with intensity. And to have three come out as conference champions is extremely

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DNR REPORT

Big year for big fish in Michigan

Five new state records were set in the state in 2009

Five new state record fish — highlighted by a world record brown trout were among 1,433 fish entered in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's Master Angler Program in 2009.

State records were also broken for pumpkinseed (twice), redear sunfish and Great Lakes muskellunge.

A 41.45-pound brown trout, caught by Thomas Healy of Rockford on the Manistee River on Sept. 9, has been certified as a world record by the International Game Fish Associa-

Overall anglers entered 503 fish in the catch-and-keep category and 930 fish in the catch-and-release category, up from 430 and 871, respectively, in

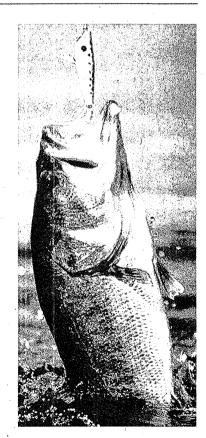
The Master Angler Program recognizes anglers who catch fish that weigh more (catch and keep) or measure longer (catch and release) than established standards.

"Fishing was excellent in 2009 as evidenced by the large number of quality fish entered into our Master

Angler Program," said DNRE Fisheries Divisions Chief Kelley Smith. "This only reaffirms what we've long known — there's world-class fishing in Michigan."

For complete lists of Master Angler fish submitted in 2009, visit the DNRE Web site at

www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing, and click on Angler Information. Anglers who think they may have a record fish may contact Barbara Dilts in the DNRE Fisheries Division at (517)



by the numbers

Free throws made out of 4 attempts by East Jordan point guard Maribeth Poindexter late in the second overtime to help secure a tense 65-61 win over Ellsworth

Number of 3-pointers drained by Ellsworth's little stick of dynamite, junior guard Jordan Muma, while scoring 24 in the Lancers' triumph Friday Mancelona

over Vanderbilt

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Number of career wins for Boyne City senior 160-pound grappler Drew Nohel after his first-period pin of Elk Rapids' Mike Batdorf on Saturday in the Lake Michigan Conference championship meet

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ATHLETE OF WEEK

Zach Bush, Boyne City

The Ramblers' Mini-Bulldozer plowed, pushed and powered his way to the Lake Michigan Conference wrestling championship at 135 pounds on the home mats Saturday. Zach, a first-year wrestler for coach Don Nohel, pinned Grayling's Dan Duvall in the second period of the title match.



basketball roundup

GIRLS HOOPS Strong finish for Red **Devils**

EJ follows up OT win at Ellsworth with league win at Grayling

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN - After starting the week with a loss to Lake Michigan Conference rival Traverse City St. Francis, the East Jordan girls rallied to earn back-to-back victories on the road against Ellsworth and Grayling on Thursday and Fri-

The 65-61 victory at the court of perennially strong Ellsworth came in double overtime and the 46-32 victory at Grayling came after the Red Devils fell behind early.

"It was a nice way to come back and finish the week," said Red Devil coach Steve Hines. "Going into the Ellsworth game, we had lost two in a row to tough opponents and we were facing the possibility of keeping that losing streak going. The girls battled through it and got a really big win."

With the wins at Ellsworth and Grayling, East Jordan improved to 6-8 overall and 3-5 in the league. The Red Devils played at home against Elk Rapids on Tuesday of this week (after this issue went to press) and travel to Harbor Springs this Friday. They lost close games to Elk Rapids and Harbor Springs during the first half of the season and are looking to reverse those de-

Hines credited seniors Shaina Peters and Maribeth Poindexter with playing key roles in the tense victory at Ellsworth. Peters scored seven of her 22 points in the two overtimes, including a critical 3-pointer in the second overtime that gave the Red Devils a lead they did not relinquish. Poindexter, reliable as the sunrise, drained 3 of 4 free throws in the final minute of the second overtime to help preserve the lead and secure the win.

East Jordan made 7 of 9 free throws in the extra sessions and hit 15 of 21 from the line for the game.

In addition to her 22 points, Peters also had a teamhigh seven rebounds. She was one of four Red Devils in double figures. Freshman guard Val Peters tallied 13 with a fine effort while backcourt mates Tanner McCune and Poindexter each hit for 11.

"When you put four players in double figures, you make yourself that much tougher to defend," Hines said.

Shaina Peters and Mc-Cune each had four steals and Stephanie Holm and Poindexter each pulled down five rebounds.

Emily Veenstra tallied 22 with 11 rebounds to lead Ellsworth, which saw its 10game winning streak stopped. Jalyn Ingalls was in double digits as well with 15 points and she hauled in six rebounds. Tara Essenberg and Sarah Kearney each hit for nine points for the Lancers, who slipped to 11-3 overall with the close non-league de-

Paige Roberts put 14 on the board and Jordyn Bacchus hit for nine as the East Jordan JV claimed a 47-28 victory.

In the victory over Grayling, Grace Howes helped the Red Devils overcome a hostile environment and a slow start with her strong play in the paint. Howes tallied 15 with eight boards and she was also into piracy, making five steals.

Tanner McCune also helped the cause with an excellent all-around game, scoring 14 with eight boards, four assists and four steals. Hines also noted the contributions of sophomore forward Emily Crick off the bench. Crick took two for the team, twice drawing charging fouls.

"The first charging foul Emily drew early in the game helped to give us some energy and get us going," Hines said. "The combination of the double-overtime game the night before and the long bus ride affected us and we were in a haze in the first quarter."

Ann Hamlin was top gun for Grayling with 11 points.

T.C. St. Francis 42, Charlevoix 32

CHARLEVOIX - In a physically punishing defensive showdown, visiting Traverse City St. Francis was able to secure a 42-32 Lake Michigan Conference victory over Charlevoix. It was the sixth straight win for the Gladiators, who improved to 9-4 overall and 7-1 in the conference, while the Rayders slipped to 5-9 and 4-4.

Charlevoix battled hard before a large Winterfest crowd but could produce little offense against the tough St. Francis defense. Madison Way paced the Rayders with eight points and Jenna Way hit for seven. Strong-armed senior Sarah Potter was a presence in the paint, grabbing 10 boards to go with her six points. Madison Way, who was named the Winterfest Queen at halftime of the boys' game, also grabbed five rebounds.

Cassie Williams paced the visitors with 11 points and Ellen Kendziorski tallied eight.

Kalkaska 93, **Boyne City 40**

KALKASKA - Highpowered, unbeaten Kalkaska

had too much artillery for visiting Boyne City in a Lake Michigan Conference battle Friday, assaulting the iron for 93 points in a 94-40 victory.

Mariska Bruggenthijs, an exchange student from The Netherlands, paced the Blazers with 27 points and 18 rebounds on a night when some of her family members were in attendance. Chelsea Matley hit for 22 points and Kelli Guy for 16 as Kalkaska pushed is record to 14-0 and 8-0.

Sophomore Rachel Butler rang up 17 points to lead the Ramblers.

Mackinaw City 35. Boyne Falls 26

MACKINAW CITY - It was a big night for the host Comets, who finally ended a 16-game losing streak that extended to the latter part of last season. Freshman Courtney Wallis played a big part in helping Mack City get the win, scoring 12. Taelar Steward added six.

Danielle Reynolds and Emily Matelski each hit for seven to pace the Loggers in the contest dominated by both defenses. Mack City improved to 1-15 and 1-10 in the Northern Lakes Conference while the Loggers slipped to 6-9 overall and 4-7 in the league.

BOYS

Ellsworth takes two

ELLSWORTH - The Lancers rebounded from the stunning loss to Wolverine the week before to earn a pair of victories, beating league foe Alanson 71-40 on Wednesday and then outscoring Mancelona 67-59 in a nonleague battle on Friday.

Ellsworth's little stick of dynamite, junior guard Jordan Muma, made the twine dance to the tune of 28 points with six assists and four steals against Alanson, and versatile senior Jared Danbert tallied 22 with six assists and six steals. Senior strong man Nate Peterson powered his way to a double-double, recording 17 points and 11 boards to go with five steals.

Thomas Williams drained 20 to pace Alanson (2-11, 2-8).

The cool hand of Corbin Cassio accounted for 17 points as the Lancers won the JV game 66-48.

In the hard-fought victory over tough, talented Mancelona, it was Muma once again rocking the iron from long range, this time ringing up 24 points with six connections from downtown to his credit. Danbert was dangerous as well with the ball in his hands, taking it to the hole for 20 points to go with nine assists and seven boards. Peterson patrolled the paint with

purpose, grabbing 10 re-

and handled the ball efficiently.

Grayling 71, East Jordan 68

loss to the powerful Chiefs.

Taylor Borst topped the

scoring ledger for Mancelona

(7-6) with 26 points and he

also dished off five assists.

bounds and scoring eight.

GRAYLING - The Red Devils went on the road and gave host Grayling a scare on Friday night, staging a furious fourth-quarter rally to pull close on the scoreboard. Nico Cornstalk was hotter than a bowl of Texas chili for East Jordan, racking up a careerhigh 35 points with five connections from beyond the arc, but it wasn't quite enough in a 71-68 defeat.

Colin Hamlin hit for 20 points to lead Grayling (9-3, 5-3) while sophomore Steven Enos hit for 13 and Zane Tobin for 10,

The T.B. Tornado, Tony Pentecost, notched a doubledouble for East Jordan, scoring 10 with 11 boards, and senior strong man Michael Becker was a presence in the paint as well, scoring 10 with 10 rebounds.

Earlier in the week, East Jordan battled conference front-runner T.C. St. Francis to the wire. The Red Devils, employing a "slow down" strategy, lost by a 26-19 mar-

Senior point guard Teddy

Snowden paced the Red Devils (4-9, 2-6) with seven points

Boyne City senior point guard Nick Young is flying high as he delivers a deuce on the home floor

Tuesday, Feb. 2, against non-league rival Cheboygan. Young led the Ramblers with 11 points in the

T.C. St. Francis 53, **Charlevoix 41**

CHARLEVOIX - St. Francis closed out strong to outscore host Charlevoix 53-41 on Friday in Lake Michigan Conference action. The Gladiators, paced by Ian Sheldon's 26 points, improved to 10-3 overall and remained unbeaten in the league at 8-0. Charlevoix, hoping to forge a first-place tie in the league standings, fell to 7-6 and 6-2.

St. Francis led 34-33 after three quarters but outscored the host Rayders 19-8 in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore point guard Keegan LaBlance continued his impressive play this season, scoring 15 with five assists to lead Charlevoix, and Ben Myers hit for 12. Big Bill Ivan put eight on the board.

T.C. Christian 58, **Boyne Falls 50**

TRAVERSE CITY -Sophomore forward Josh Puroll had a double-double, recording 20 points and 11 rebounds, and point guard Reggie Fiel found the net for 13 points with six assists, but

Boyne Falls fell a big short in its non-league showdown with Traverse City Christian on Friday,

losing by a 58-50 margin. The Loggers slipped to 6-6 while the Sabres improved to 7-7. Paul Bump scored 18 to lead T.C. Christian and Scott Raetz hit for 16, including 11 in the fourth quarter as the Sabres came from behind to win.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, Boyne Falls outscored Vanderbilt 67-52 in league play and Puroll once again had a double-double with 22 points and 13 boards. Jared Mathers also had a doubledouble for the Loggers with 13 points and 13 boards, and Fiel was fine from the floor, finding the net for 16 points.

Travis Ormsbee led Vandy (6-8, 4-6) with 17 points and Cody Hunter tallied 15.





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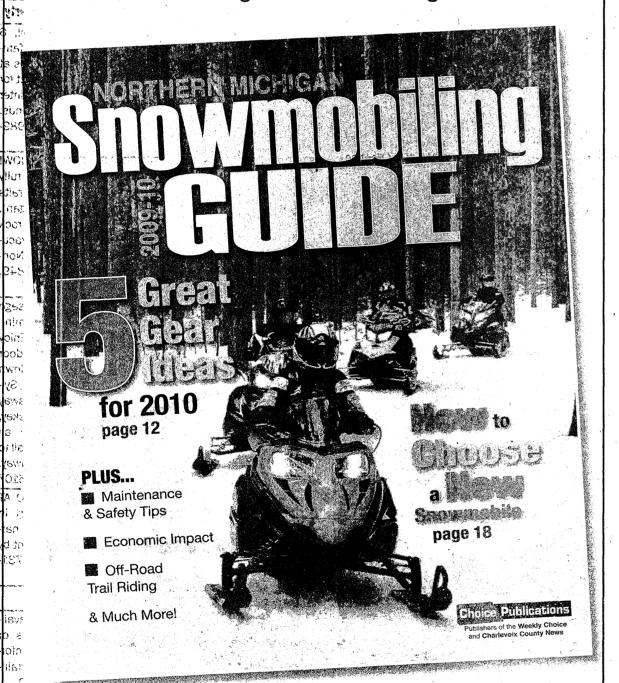
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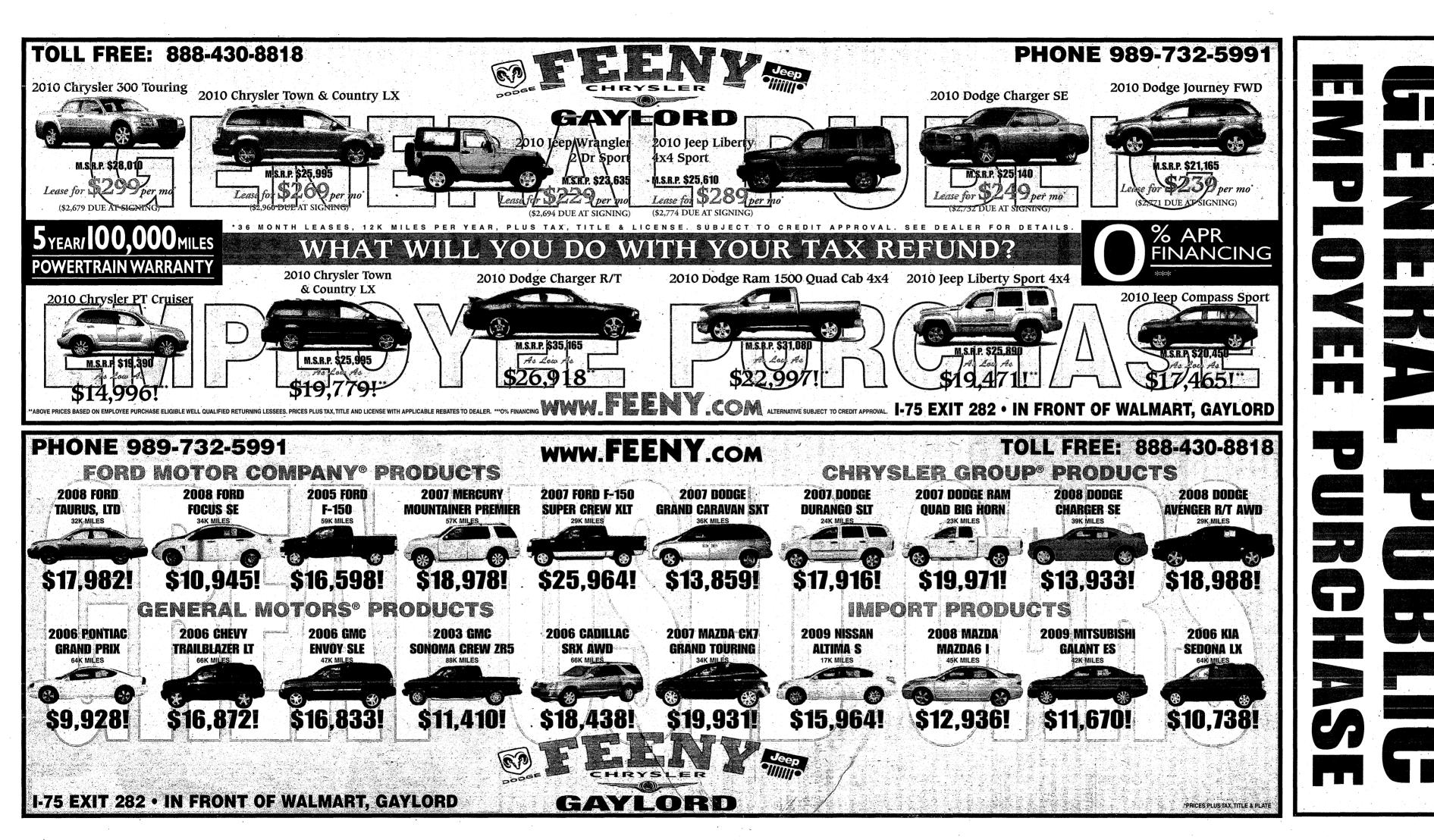
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