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East Jordan City Commissioner Election on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd

Civic Center Polls Open from 7 am to 8 pm

By Jim Akans

Registered voters in East Jordan will be able to cast their votes for a new City Commissioner in a special election being held this coming Tuesday, February 23rd. Polls will be open at the Civic Center from 7 am until 8 pm. The Civic

Center is located at 101 Civic Center Lane in East Jordan.

The special election is being held to fill a City Commissioner seat 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 East Jordan residents.

Tinea Spence was born and raised in East Jordan, where she currently resides with her husband Daniel "Versile" Spence and two sons. She has been a self-employed cosmetologist in East Jordan for the past 23 years, has served on several civic boards of directors, is currently a member of the East Jordan Lioness serv-



Rebecca (Becky) Rowbotham



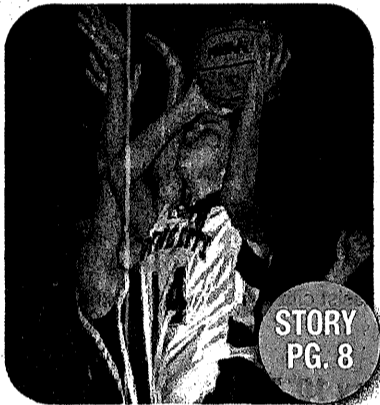
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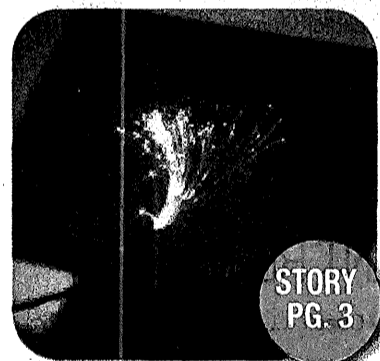
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Boyne City senior Maddie Moeke slashes her way to the basket to score two of her game-high 17 points in Tuesday's victory over Charlevoix.

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High Speed Internet Expansion Planned

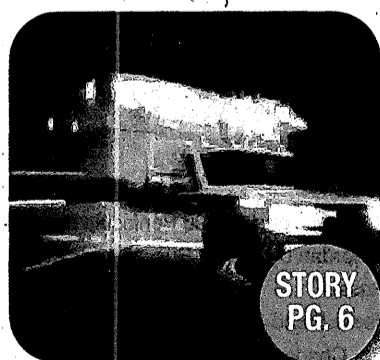


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Emergency Services Under Discussion



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Charlevoix may serve townships with emergency services

...& MORE!

COA Will Hold Public Forums

Commission on Aging seeks input from area residents

By B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — Public hearings will be held in various county locations by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, so citizens have an opportunity to voice comments and concerns.

The commission on aging is undergoing a comprehensive reorganization and the process is now at a point that the COA staff and board members need senior citizens and other residents' input, Margo Johnson Board Chairwoman said.

"We're going to collect information on needs from senior citizens in various areas of the county," she said.

An info box accompanies this article that gives the dates of the public forums.

With more and more people aware of the baby boom retirees, entrepreneurs are creating services and products that seniors would use. Johnson discussed this at the COA board meeting held on Monday, Feb. 15 in the County Building.

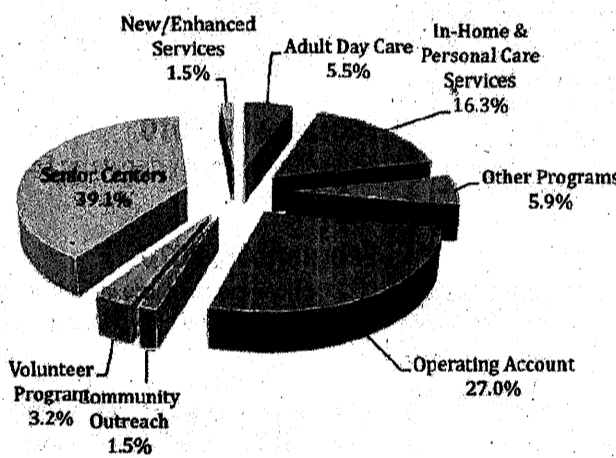
"We need to understand the for-profit as well as the not-for-profit (businesses) because we need to consider the whole picture out there when we're deciding what programs to do," she said.

The COA currently offers programs such as congregate meals, transportation, home delivered meals, adult day care and homemaker services, among other programs.

The COA is in search of a new director and has narrowed applicants to three. The three finalists will be interviewed by the county board of commissioners who do the actual hiring.

Interim director David Emmel said the process is moving along, but is taking a little longer than planned because the county board of commissioners ran the advertisement an extra week to ensure that local people had an opportunity to apply.

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Schedule of Meetings

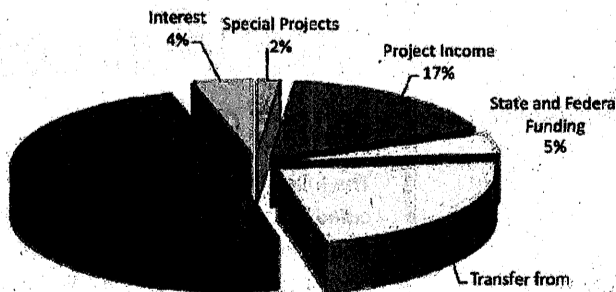
Monday, March 15
 10:30 a.m., Charlevoix (venue TBD)

Monday, April 19
 10:30 a.m., East Jordan East Jordan Library

Monday, April 26
 10 a.m., Walloon Lk./Boyne Falls (venue TBD)

Monday, May 17
 1:30 p.m., Boyne City (venue TBD)

FY2010 BUDGETED REVENUE BY COMPONENT



Boyne City Increases Marina Slips for Boaters

By B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — With talk of marinas, can spring be far behind? The city and the owner of One Water, a resort project, have made an agreement for the city to operate and rent out the One Water marina slips this summer.

Developer Glen Catt would like his 24-slip marina, expected to be completed in May, in business for the season, but he needed someone to operate and manage it. With the city marina located close by, it was proposed that the city use his marina on the condition that the harbor master operate and manage it. The idea was brought before the city commission at a Tuesday, Feb. 9 meeting.

The agreement will benefit the city because it has a shortage of slips and this will help to meet the demand of boaters. That, in turn, will draw more people to Boyne City, city manager Michael Cain said. Catt's marina has several 80-foot slips that the city marina does not have.

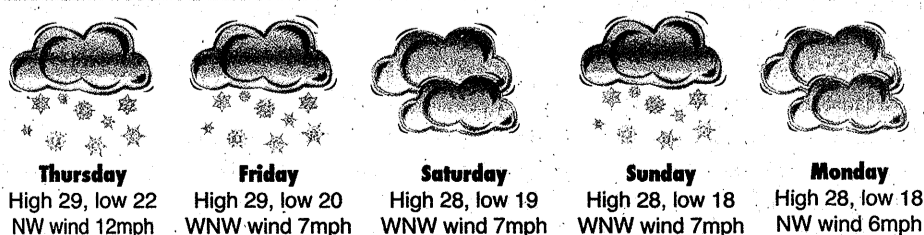
The benefit to Catt is that boats docked at his marina are a draw for selling suites in the waterfront hotel he is building.

The permit applied for to expand Boyne City's 42-slip marina will still be pursued Cain said.

The agreement includes the provision that operating expenses, such as utilities, would be paid for both parties from boat slip revenue. Any revenue remaining after expenses would be split 60-40, with the city receiving the 60 percent.

Catt's marina will accommodate both transient and seasonal rentals. Boaters docked at the One Water marina will have full use of the city marina's facilities. Boaters will make reservations through the city's marina office, said harbor master Barb Brooks. The telephone number is: 231-582-0336. E-Mail is: marina@boynecity.com.

weather forecast



snowfall totals

Charlevoix - Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 137.6" Season total this year through 2/15/10 - 71.8"

Ellsworth - Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 157.3" Season total this year through 2/15/10 - 76.0"

Petoskey - Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 119.9" Season total this year through 2/15/10 - 78.4"

Gaylord - Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 163.0" Season total this year through 2/15/10 - 77.1"

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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

This year, I encourage Michigan residents to "check off" for the United Way Fund on your Michigan tax return. Form 4642 on the 2009 income tax return allows taxpayers to donate all or part of their tax refund, or to increase their tax payment, to donate to the United Way Fund. The Fund provides food, clothing and shelter for Michigan's low to moderate income families. Funds donated will be returned to the local United Way based on the taxpayer's zip code. In our area, Char-Em United Way will receive all tax donations from Charlevoix and Emmet Counties and will reinvest them to provide basic needs for our

neighbors.

Given today's economic conditions and high unemployment in Northern Michigan, more families are at risk than ever before and the need for assistance has never been greater. The Michigan Legislature has created a quick and easy way to donate resources that help ease the burden for many Michigan families. This year, please be sure to "check off" for the United Way Fund. All proceeds will directly benefit people served by our local United Way. Giving has never been so easy.

Sincerely,

Barb Perreault, Treasurer
Char-Em United Way

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

February 9, 2010

9:33am Report of Black GMC Sonoma driving on beach at Peninsula Beach. Was gone on arrival.
5:45pm Report of gasoline stolen from vehicle in the 300 block of W Morgan.
6:05pm Unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of E Division St.

February 10, 2010

6:45am Report of cash stolen from a business in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
8:37am Male calling about civil situation involving his former wife in the 500 block of Hannah St.
10:28am Assisted Petoskey DPS with paper service in the 700 block of E Main St.
3:55pm Unlocked vehicle in the 1000 block of Boyne Ave.
7:18pm Unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of N Park St.
9:32pm Female in the 400 block of North St reporting male calling her and children and he is not supposed to have contact with

February 11, 2010

3:42pm Unlocked vehicle at Avalanche.
5:49pm Hit and Run accident reported on Park St near Pine St
7:52pm Female on North St reported receiving more calls from subject from last night. Report forwarded to Probate Court for Contempt of Court charges.

February 12, 2010

12:20am Breaking and Entering reported in the 300 block of Collings St.
1:54pm Report of 2 hour parking violation on Water St near park St.
2:57pm Report of female refusing to leave business in the 200 block of S Lake St.
7:41pm Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St

February 13, 2010

1:32pm Report of male being assaulted in the 100 block of S Lake St.

10:15am Male unable to pay bill at business in the 1400 block of Boyne Av. Was eventually able to pay. He was later across the street reported as being annoying and asked to leave there as well.
3:55pm Report of female leaving W Division St driving without a license. Unable to locate.

February 14, 2010

7:48am Alarm at business in the 100 block of S Lake St. Building secure.
11:17am Dog running at large on Line St. Owner was located.
5:45pm Car seat found in the 300 block of E Water St.

February 15, 2010

8:12am Male reporting civil dispute with female in the 300 block of Silver St.
10:27pm Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St
11:50pm 911 hang up call from the 100 block of N East St. All OK.

EAST JORDAN POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

February 05, 2010

00:10 - Suspicious Vehicle parked in front of EZ Mart, subject was using cell phone
03:38 - Traffic stop on Water St near Beech St for defective headlight and taillight
17:52 - Subject lost purse somewhere between Charlevoix State Bank on Main St and Post Office
18:27 - Alarm at Huntington Bank, it was cleaning person and all was okay
19:22 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Ontario St for defective headlight

February 06, 2010

13:05 - Assist Fire Dept with attempting to obtain phone number for owner of residence that burned on Holy Island Rd
15:25 - Subject lost gift certificates at EZ Mart, checked with EZ Mart employees and they had not been turned in
16:41 - Domestic dispute, advised to contact courts
16:47 - Subject receiving threats at BC Pizza, called subject and advised to stop threatening behavior
17:55 - Assisted subject by signing defective taillight citation

February 07, 2010

13:38 - Child custody dispute on Esterly St, matter settled

February 08, 2010

00:21 - Suspicious vehicle in parking lot of Harvest Barn Church, was subject check-

ing hours of church service
00:35 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Bridge St for Third St near Williams St for defective exhaust
02:01 - Found open door at business on Main St, bldg checked and was then secured
03:12 - Found open door at business on State St, bldg checked and all was secure
11:30 - Assist citizen at PD
14:56 - Report of vehicles parked in handicapped spaces at Elementary School, unfounded
16:58 - Unlocked bldg for Rotary Board Meeting
21:19 - Report of controlled substance violation at residence on Nicholls St, unfounded
21:45 - Family dispute in 500 block of Maple St

February 09, 2010

00:00 - Suspicious vehicle parked at High School, it belonged to a staff member
02:01 - Found open door at business on Main St, bldg was checked and then door was secured
02:45 - Traffic stop on State St near Elm St for defective taillight
07:31 - Suspicious situation in 200 block of Garfield St
07:43 - Did records check for subject regarding housing application
11:08 - Report of stolen plate from vehicle while parked at Glen's on 02/08/10
11:22 - Subject brought in set of keys that were found at Lighthouse Missionary Church

February 09, 2010

11:50 - Subject arrested (cited) for Possession of Tobacco by Minor at High School
14:29 - Did record checks on subject for US Army Recruiter
15:18 - Family dispute at residence in 500 block of Maple St
19:40 - Alarm at business on Main St, bldg was secure
19:46 - Assisted Antrim County Sheriff Dept by taking Car/Deer Accident that occurred on US 31 near Fisher Rd
20:50 - Report of fraud complaint in 800 block of Vance St
21:31 - Assist citizen by defective exhaust citation

February 10, 2010

16:00 - Assisted Circuit Court Probation/Parole Agent at residence in 600 block of Nicholls St

February 11, 2010

09:05 - Keys locked in vehicle at Elementary School, vehicle unlocked
15:30 - Report of subject attempting to purchase large amount of spark plugs from business in Canada, number given to business has been disconnected
15:40 - Landlord/tenant dispute in 600 block of Nicholls St
Liquor license inspections done for February
19:48 - Motorist had brakes freeze up in 500 block of Maple St, wrecker was enroute

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

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Complaint	Number
Property Damage Accident	3
Car/Deer Accident	15
Private Property Accident	2
Personal Injury Accident	2
Traffic Stop	76
Citations Issued	20
Assist Other Agency	10
Suspicious Situation	4
Attempted Suicide	1
Noise Complaint	1
Animal Complaint	10
Malicious Destruction of Property	1

Miscellaneous Criminal	1
Civil Complaint	1
Assault	2
Violation of a Controlled Substance Act	3
Breaking & Entering	3
Vehicle in the Ditch	4
911 Hang up check	2
Assist Motorist	3
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	1
Lock Out	8
Domestic Dispute	1
Disturbance	1
Paper Service	23
Alarm	1
Driving Complaint	3

Property Check	27
Larceny	2
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Snowmobile Accident	2
Operating Under the Influence	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Attempt to Locate	1
Health & Safety	1
Hit & Run	1
Mental Subject	1
Road Hazard	1
Snowmobile Violation	1
Unknown Accident	1
Juvenile	1
Found Property	1

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS FEBRUARY 18, 2010

DISTRICT COURT

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

Matthew William Helvie, 32, Waterford. Domestic violence, 1st offense. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for 18 days and 75 days held in abeyance.

Matthew William Helvie, 32, Waterford. Malicious use of telecommunication services. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to 180 days in jail with credit for 18 days, serve 162 days.

Jeremy Michael Kunz, 32, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated, 1st offense. Sentenced to pay \$1,180 and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days on work release, 30 days on electronic monitor, 42 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Tracy Andrew Schuman, 47, Port Hope.

Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and to serve 30 days in jail, serve 20 with credit for 12 days.

Dawn Leslie Rhodes, 54, East Lansing. Driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to pay \$1,080 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 nine months on probation.

Logan Gregory Stachler, 19, Charlevoix. Minor driving with any blood alcohol count. Sentenced to pay \$630 in fines and costs and to five days of community service work.

ASSUMED NAMES:

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

"Precious Moments" in Time by Teresa, 04230 U.S. 31 S., Charlevoix by Teresa May Loper.

The Bug Boss, 1695 Barnard Road by Scott

P. Boss.
Rabbit Hill Designs, 02990 Peninsula Road, East Jordan by Lisa A. Russell and Linda K. Russell.

A Louise Piano Service, 05831 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Raymond L. Louise and Thelma Joyce Louise.

Northern Michigan Leather, 6779 Bay Shore West Dr., Charlevoix by Tom Hovie and Dawn Hovie.

Boss Pest Control, 1695 Barnard Road, Charlevoix by Scott Boss.

Boss Services, 1695 Barnard Road, Charlevoix, by Scott Boss.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix:

John David Stanfield Sr., 51, Boyne City and Anne Marie Sierocki, 29, Boyne City.

Brooks Howard Ehler, 39, Boyne City and Natasha Laine Wittermyer, 22, Boyne City.

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A Giant Leap for Broadband Access



Merit Network, Inc. to Build 955 Mile Statewide System Backbone

By Jim Akans

Representatives from several Northern Lower Michigan counties gathered at the University Center in Gaylord this past Friday morning, February 12th, to learn about Merit Network Inc's plans to begin construction of a 955 mile fiber-optic backbone that marks a beginning toward a potential future when virtually every Michigan resident may have high speed data, voice and video access.

Known as REACH-3MC, an acronym for Rural, Education, Anchor, Community and Healthcare - Middle Mile Collaboration, Merit's proposal to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), which is funded by the Stimulus Package, was awarded \$33 million (plus nearly \$10 million in matching funds) on January 20th for the construction of a high speed network backbone in the state of Michigan. That begins to open the doorway for private ISP providers to deliver broadband data, voice and video to homes throughout northern Michigan. This award, however, is just the first of many steps toward this all encompassing service goal.

This stage is referred to as "Round 1" and will extend the backbone, or main-

line, from the southern part of the state up two primary corridors; one roughly following US 31 and another up US 127 and I 75. A section will also be constructed in the Upper Peninsula from Sault Ste. Marie to Marquette, south to Iron Mountain, and north to Houghton.

Merit is already at work submitting a proposal for "Round 2", due in March, which will tie much of the northern Lower Michigan backbone network together, particularly on the northeastern side of the state, and extend it along the southern edge of the Upper Peninsula to Duluth, Minnesota.

Construction of Round 1 is expected to begin in June, and utilize approximately fifteen crews working simultaneously. The BTOP requires that construction must be sixty-seven percent complete within twenty-eight months of release of funds, and fully completed within thirty-six months.

The 955 miles of fiber-optics will have tremendous available bandwidth, providing incredible capacity for local service providers to tap into in delivering high speed services to the home or business. For those "techies" out there, the system initially provides forty, ten-gig waves and it can be upgraded to handle eighty.

Part of the goal of the Round 1 fiber

network is to allow state and local government divisions, schools, libraries, healthcare facilities and other anchor institutions to connect to Merit's private, high-performance network, enabling them to lower costs, consolidate services and provide more efficient service to Michigan's citizens.

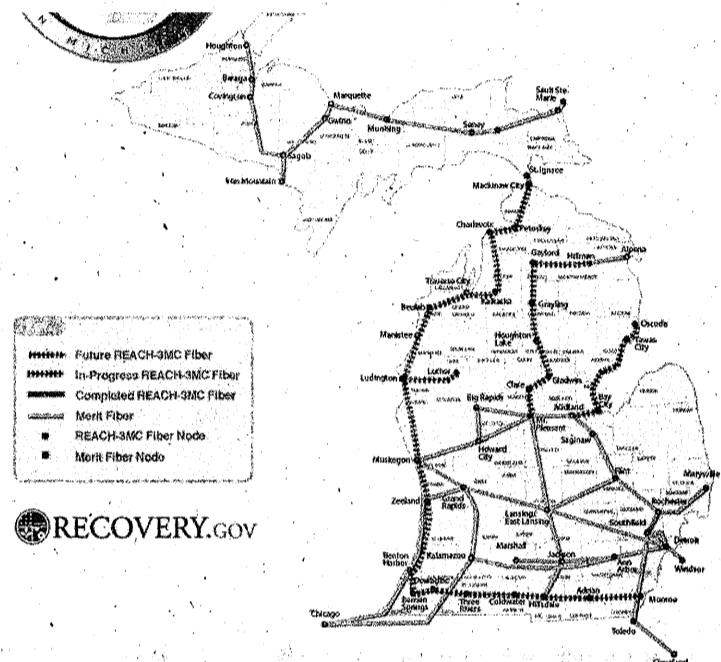
Tying in local fiber networks, such as Gaylord's UCMAN (University Center Metropolitan Area Network) into the statewide Merit network, is an example of how this initial step will benefit communities throughout the state. The UCMAN system currently interconnects the Gaylord Community School District, Otsego County Government, 46th Circuit Trial Court, University Center at Gaylord, and several local businesses on a high-speed communication network. Once local systems such as these have access to the Merit backbone, they will be able to have direct, high speed communications with all other entities on that system.

Merit has also partnered with several potential "last mile" service providers, which will be a key element in bringing broadband serv-

ice to the end users throughout rural areas in Michigan. As the Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative, a group comprised of individuals representing counties in northern third of Lower Michigan have observed and promoted; reliable broadband services to businesses and residences throughout all of Northern Michigan

would have a tremendous impact on the quality of education, governmental services, economic development and commerce, healthcare and emergency services.

This current step in creating the Round 1 backbone network is an exciting move forward toward that future goal.



Appliance Rebates Now Available

Michigan Appliance Rebate Program Encourages Upgrades to Energy Efficient Models

By Jim Akans

Recent incentive programs have targeted vehicles and homes, now it's time to give consumers a monetary nudge in the direction of replacing those energy hungry refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers, furnaces and water heaters with more efficient models.

The Michigan Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (MEEARP) is a State of Michigan "trade up" program available to all qualifying residents as of February 10, 2010. It is hoped that the program will spur economic growth, save energy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging appliance replacements.

The program will end when

the available funds run out. Rebates are not retroactive. Only Michigan residents will be eligible to participate and rebates are limited to one per product per household, the old appliances have to be replaced.

Customers can go online or call a toll-free number to reserve a rebate (act now!). Participants will be required to mail in a rebate application and valid receipt for proof of purchase. To reserve your rebate, and for complete program information and applications, please refer to the following:

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Products to be Rebated	Rebate Level (\$)	Targeted Quantity	Total Cost
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Refrigerators ENERGY STAR	\$50	30,000	\$1,500,000
Refrigerators Tier 3	\$100	28,073	\$2,807,300
Dishwashers ENERGY STAR	\$25	10,601	\$265,025
Dishwashers Tier 2	\$50	10,600	\$530,000
Propane Furnaces - AFUE 95%	\$300	4,280	\$1,284,000
Propane Storage Water Heaters EF>=.67	\$100	1,280	\$128,000
Propane Tankless Water Heaters EF>=.82	\$100	3,000	\$300,000
Oil Furnaces ENERGY STAR	\$300	770	\$231,000
Solar Water Heaters ENERGY STAR	20%, max \$1200	200	\$240,000
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NEWS IN BRIEF

BOYNE CITY

H1N1 vaccination

No, it's not too late for H1N1 vaccination! Flu season lasts through the spring. Get yours at Boyne City Glen's, 2/17, 3pm - 6pm. Also at Boyne Area Free Clinic 2/19, 1pm - 4pm. Appointments are available at health department offices by calling 800-432-4121.

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 board games. Phyllis might 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

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.

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

Middle School Talent Show

"Boyne City Middle School has

Talent!" will feature student and staff performances at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the high school Performing Arts Center. Admission is free, and a free dessert bar and silent auction are included, although donations are accepted. Talent includes gymnastics, singing, instrumentals and dancing - plus the North American debut of "The Little Rambler Schmoos." The talent show is sponsored by the Middle School Parent Teacher Organization and Great Lakes Energy.

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 Dave Baragrey at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

CHARLEVOIX

A Plein Air Paint Out at the Circle of Arts

On Saturday, February 27th, a plein air paint out, "For Hearty Souls Only" will take place at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Artists wanting to brave the cold and participate need to bring their blank canvases into the Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street. Registration will begin on Friday, February 26th between 1 and 4pm or Saturday, February 27th between 8 and 10am. Please call Margie Guyot at 231-599-2538 for further information.

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ELLSWORTH

Share the Warmth Soup Supper

The Good Samaritan of Ellsworth will be holding its 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.

CHARLEVOIX

Chamber Awards Banquet

You are cordially invited to the Chamber's Annual Meeting on Feb. 27. The evening's agenda includes the presentation of Awards, the 2009 Year in Review and the 2010 Outlook. In addition to the Award presentation there will also be live entertainment, silent auction (to benefit the Charlevoix Chamber & Charlevoix Food Pantry) and open bar! Light Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktails -6pm, Dinner & Awards Presentation -7pm. Tickets will be available for \$50 per person and includes dinner and cocktails. Contact the Chamber at 231-547-2101 for additional information.

ELLSWORTH

Euchre Tournament

The Ellsworth Lioness Club is hosting a cabin fever reliever Euchre tournament Feb. 27 at Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth from 7pm - 11pm. Come and enjoy the evening with food, fellowship and euchre. Tickets are \$10 in ad-

vance (available at the Front Porch Café and from Lioness members) or \$12 at the door. Proceeds benefit Lioness community projects.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

First Friday Biz Breakfast

It is a well-known fact that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It enables you to feel better & perform better in all daily activities. Whether you work at home, on the farm, at the office, at school, or on the road, eating breakfast sets the tone for the rest of the day. Give yourself a great start this Friday, and join the Chamber and your colleagues at the Chamber's First Friday Biz Breakfast! Each breakfast includes a delicious breakfast buffet, a round of introductions, City/Chamber updates and a guest speaker. Interested? Then join us at the Grey Gables Restaurant March 5 at 7:30am. It is \$7 admission. We hope to see you there!

EAST JORDAN & BOYNE CITY

Fashion Show Benefit

Come see the latest Spring Fashions presented by Mary's of Boyne and the EJ Shoppe, Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 1-3 pm. The House on the Hill is hosting the event to benefit Good Samaritan Food Pantry. RSVP 231-588-6304 or e-mail innkeeper@thehouseonthehill.com

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@northern-lakes.net with questions.

EAST JORDAN

Fiddler's Jamboree

Enjoy the Fiddlers Jamboree March 6 from Noon to 5pm at the Harvest Barn Church. Registration at 11:30 am. Dance from 7-10 pm. Donation at the Door.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne Business Breakfast

The series for 2010 opens with business coach Bill Ulvund speaking on "How to Read Your Clients' Behavior Patterns" at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, March 11 in the Boyne District Library Community Room. Admission is \$5, including

continental breakfast. Call 582-6222 for reservations.

CHARLEVOIX

St. Patrick's Day Party

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day party at Castle Farms on March 13 beginning at 6:30pm.

CHARLEVOIX

Business After Hours

This month's Business After Hours is sponsored by Whitney's Oyster Bar, 307 Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix. 5pm - 7pm on March 17. Everyone is invited to attend! There is no charge for Chamber members or \$10 general admission.

CHARLEVOIX

Chamber Scholarship Opportunity!

Attention all 2010 High School Graduates! The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce will be awarding a 2010 Charlevoix area graduate a \$500 scholarship. Applications must be received no later than April 1, 2010 at 5pm. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at manager@charlevoix.org or 231-547-2101.

BOYNE FALLS

Chefs Challenge

3rd annual Chefs Challenge at Boyne Mountain, April 23-25 is now accepting unique Michigan products and the opportunity for local chefs to bring home the "Chefs Challenge" bragging rights. If you would like to participate with a booth or to enjoy the show visit www.chefs-challenge.com

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

Scrapbookers Night

A scrapbookers 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. Scrapbookers 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.

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.

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

STATEWIDE

Scholarship Opportunity!

Michigan Retailers Association has launched its scholarship competition for the 2010-11 school year. While the exact number of scholarships has not yet been set, it is expected to award at least 30 \$1000 scholarships. The awards are not based on financial need. To be eligible, the student or his/her parent must be employed at a business that is a member of the Michigan Retailers Association. To learn more about this opportunity, students may call the Michigan Retailers Association at 800-366-3699. Applications must be requested by March 15 and submitted by April 1.

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.

EAST JORDAN

Used Furniture needed 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

Charlevoix Area Hospital's next "Wellness Wednesday" has extended its hours into the evening! The next screening will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screens include: Cholesterol and Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, Fat Percentage, and a Blood Pressure reading. Cost for the service is \$12. Participants will also receive a blood pressure log and pedometer as well as all test results at the time of the screen. A Registered Nurse will adapt health Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the office of Community Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 231-547-8906 or by email: [kjacobson@cah.org](mailto:kjacobsen@cah.org). Walk-ins are always welcome.

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.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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The City of East Jordan EMS Receives Multiple Grants for Equipment Purchases

The City of East Jordan Emergency Medical Services (EMS) now has two new pieces of equipment to work with.

The Stryker cot helps to greatly reduce the chance of work-related back injuries as it

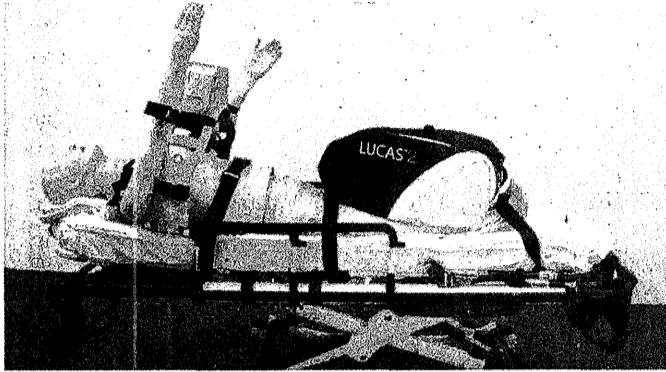
performs most of the lifting of a patient itself, making it safer for EMS personnel.

The Lucas II is an automated chest compression system that is used during cardiac arrest. It makes performing CPR on a

patient safer and more efficient, especially while transporting the patient to the ambulance and while driving down the road.

With grants from the United States Department of Agriculture and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, along with money from the East Jordan Ambulance Association and the City of East Jordan EMS fund, the EMS was able to purchase a Stryker Power-Pro Cot and a Lucas II.

East Jordan EMS would like to thank all of the above named organizations that made this equipment purchase possible.



How To Apply For Medicare

By Amy Kennedy

You become eligible for Medicare health insurance in the United States when you turn 65. (Some younger people with disabilities also qualify for the federally sponsored program.) If you are approaching age 65, there is a seven-month period during which you can apply for Medicare. You may apply three months before your 65th birthday, the month of your birthday, or three months after your birthday by visiting the Social Security Administration office near you.

Part A Medicare helps pay for hospital bills, and Part B helps pay for doctor bills. (Part D is the prescription drug insurance program that went into effect in 2006 and it requires a separate application process.) Most people do not have to pay a monthly premium for Part A, which covers hospital bills. The Medicare taxes you or your spouse paid while working cover the cost.

Whether you sign up for Part B, which covers doctor bills, is your choice. You will have to pay a deductible and monthly premium for Part B coverage. You may sign up when you first go on Medicare, decline the coverage, or sign up in the future. If you are still working or have group health insurance from your employer or your spouse's employer, you might not have an immediate need for Part B. However, if you postpone signing up, the premium could go up by 10 percent each year.

If you are 65 or older when you sign up for Part B, you have six months to buy any Medicare Supplemental (Medigap) policy you choose no matter what your state of health. (This open enrollment period occurs only once.) If you are 65 or older and working and you have group health insurance from your employer or a spouse's employer, you can postpone your open enrollment period.

The Original Medicare Plan is available throughout the United States while Medicare Advantage Plans (HMO, PPO, PFFS plans) are available only in certain parts of the country. If you have other plans besides the Original Medicare Plan available to you, compare the costs and benefits, then choose the plan that suits your needs best.

The amount you pay for Medicare depends on which plan you choose and whether you have other insurance. If you choose a Medicare HMO or PPO, you won't need to purchase a Medicare Supplemental (Medigap) policy. (Medigap is insurance that helps pay some of your uncovered costs in the Original Medicare Plan.)

In the Original Medicare Plan you can go to any doctor or hospital in the United States that accepts Medicare. In a Medicare HMO or PPO you will pay more if you go to doctors outside the plan network, and with a PFFS plan you can choose any doctor or hospital that accepts the

Medicare plan. (If you need emergency care, you can go any doctor or hospital no matter which Medicare plan you have.)

If you are on a limited budget, costs in a Medicare HMO or PPO are typically lower. You may be able to get help from your state to pay some of your health care costs if you qualify.

All Medicare plans pay for your health care costs away from home if you have an emergency or need urgent care. If you travel outside the country frequently you should choose a plan that covers health care outside the United States.

As we get older many of us have medical concerns that require the services of a specialist. With the Original Medicare Plan, PFFS plans, and PPO's you can go directly to any specialist. With a Medicare HMO you can only see a specialist after your primary care doctor makes a referral.

In January 2005 Medicare expanded coverage to include a one-time comprehensive physical exam after enrolling in Medicare Part B, plus screening tests for heart disease and diabetes. The exam must take place within the first six months that you have coverage. It includes an overall evaluation of your health, information about preventive care, and referrals for additional care if needed. The exam includes a review of your medical history, blood pressure check, vision test, and evaluation of drugs you take.

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TOP THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. You have seven months to sign up for Medicare (three months before your 65th birthday, the month of your birthday, and three months after your birthday.)
2. Part B Medicare covers doctor bills and it's optional. If you choose to enroll, you will pay a deductible and monthly premium.
3. The "Welcome To Medicare" physical exam (during the first six months of enrollment in Part B) includes screening tests for heart disease and diabetes.

Health Department receives funding to continue H1N1 vaccination initiative

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has received a grant from Michigan Department of Community Health to continue providing H1N1 vaccination. Included in the grant is funding for a mass media and community outreach campaign.

"It is not too late to get an H1N1 vaccination," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Flu season typically peaks early in March and it can last well into April. Vaccination is the best protection against the flu.

All age groups are now eligible for H1N1 vaccination and vaccine supplies are plentiful. Everyone who wants an H1N1 vaccination can get it."

The Health Department will continue to offer appointments for free H1N1 vaccination; it is also available at many doctors' offices (physicians may charge a small administrative fee). In addition, public health nurses will be bringing H1N1 vaccination to places in the community where people work, live, and play.

"Many healthy adults let high risk groups get the vaccine first, early on when supplies were limited," said Meyerson. "We've vaccinated most of the pregnant women, children, and adults with underlying health conditions who wanted the vaccine. Now we're concentrating on reaching healthy adults, older adults, and adults who may have trouble getting to a doctor's office or health department clinic for a shot, like residents of nursing

homes, assisted living facilities, or adult foster care homes."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control opened H1N1 vaccination to healthy and older adults mid-December. Meyerson said the holidays interfered with many people's intention to get vaccinated.

The Health Department has contacted businesses with at least 50 employees and offered to bring an H1N1 vaccination clinic to the worksite for workers and their family and friends. Some worksites are also opening up the clinics to the community. Check the Health Department's website www.nwhealth.org for details.

The Health Department is also launching a mass media and community outreach campaign this week that includes print, radio, and television ads and public service announcements as well as less traditional promotion like movie theatre and restroom advertising.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about H1N1 vaccination, contact your health care provider, visit www.nwhealth.org, or call the Health Department at 800-432-4121.

Help fight breast cancer in Michigan by "Checking Off" on your tax form



Placing a check mark on line 1 of the Voluntary Contributions Schedule within your 2009 state income tax form could help save a life. Your donations to Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Treatment and Prevention will go directly to the Michigan Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCCP). One hundred percent (100%) of donations to Amanda's Fund will go directly to the BCCCCP, providing breast cancer screening, follow-up care, and cancer treatment to an expanded number of low-income women served through the program across the state.

"This year we are able to screen over 800 eligible women for breast and cervical cancer in our four-county Health District, thanks to funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health and U.S. Centers for Disease Control," said Pat Fralick, Director of Family & Community Health. "We are very fortunate to have additional financial support from groups like the Antrim County High Tea for Breast Cancer Prevention and the Kappa Sigma sorority in Charlevoix County. Their donations provide funding for community outreach, client support, and patient needs that are not covered in state and federal grants."

The BCCCCP is making a difference in Michigan. Since the program's inception in 1991, more than 150,000 women have been screened for breast cancer with more than 2,400 breast cancers diagnosed. Without the BCCCCP, many women would not have access to these life-saving services.

During the 2008 tax season, Amanda's Fund raised \$71,628. While MDCH is grateful for the generous donations made to the fund, the department needs the public's help to raise \$100,000 this year. If the fund raises less than \$100,000, it will not be available as a

tax check-off option next year.

Sen. Patty Birkholz (R - Saugatuck Township) introduced legislation for Amanda's Fund and Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed it into law in November 2007. The bill was named for Sen. Birkholz's friend, Amanda Price, who has survived three battles with breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Michigan women, and it is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women in our state. In 2006, 6,882 women in Michigan were newly diagnosed with breast cancer, with 1,456 women dying of the disease in 2007. According to the 2008 Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey results, women less likely to receive appropriate breast cancer screening are those with lower household incomes.

Early detection is the key to survival. With regular screening, breast cancer is more likely to be detected at an earlier age when it is most treatable. The Michigan Cancer Consortium recommends that average-risk women get an annual clinical breast exam and mammogram starting at age 40.

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LOCAL NEWS

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DAVE Says

(lotto rip-off)



Dear Dave,

I've been playing the lottery a bit lately. I'm a little behind and I'm wondering what your views are on this. We've been struggling financially, and it seems that a chance to win millions is worth a buck or two. Your advice and opinion on this would be cherished.

Dawn

Dear Dawn,

You're kidding. Do you really want my opinion? I don't think you do, but here goes. I'll tell you ahead of time—it's not going to be pretty!

Basically, you've told me that you're having money troubles and at the same time you're throwing money out the window. You can tell yourself that it's only a buck or two if you want, but that little bit of money represents a lot of financial irresponsibility in your life. You're thinking somebody has to win, right? Well, let me tell you something. You're more likely to be hit by lightning five times and survive than you are to win the lottery. Five times! How many people do you know who have been hit once by lightning and survived, much less five times?

You're not going to win, Dawn. Think I'm just being negative? No, I'm not. I'm being positive. I'm positive you're not going to win! Stop placing your hope in the wrong things.

Honestly, as a Christian, ask yourself if you believe God thinks this is a good use of your money. The lottery is a tax on poor people and people who can't do math. How do I know this? Because these are the only people who play the lottery!

—Dave

(responsibility leads to wealth)

Dear Dave,

Why is it that some people have enough money for pizza, lottery tickets, cable television and cigarettes, but they don't buy something as inexpensive as renter's insurance, and then they expect someone else to bail them out when a fire destroys their home?

Keith

Dear Keith,

This kind of behavior falls into the Stupid Tax category. It's an aggravating thing, but at the same time there's something about fire that elicits sympathy from me. Even if there's stupidity involved in what happened, it's such an emotionally devastating event. But I think it's important to talk about what you've brought up.

Let's put it another way. Why are there people who get mad at others for building wealth, or expect other people to bail them out after they've behaved irresponsibly? Ninety percent of America's millionaires are first-generation rich. They started with nothing, and instead of buying lottery tickets and smokes, they saved money and bought things like renter's insurance. They kept things like car insurance and health insurance in place, so that if they totaled their car or had to have an operation, they could pay for it instead of filing bankruptcy!

In other words, they were responsible. They stayed out of debt because they were mature enough and responsible enough to delay pleasure, and then after years of living this way, they looked up and discovered they were millionaires. That's how it happens. You delay bits and pieces of fleeting pleasure for a quality life in the future. Now, you don't trade away all momentary pleasures. You don't have to completely give up fun to win with money, but you trade impulsive, immature decisions and purchases for the reward of a better life later.

Most poor people delay none of the pleasures. They live only in the moment, and that's why they stay poor. If they want a better washer and dryer, they'll rent-to-own instead of saving up for a little while and buying a decent, used combo in the classifieds. I understand that bad things sometimes happen to good people, and you can end up broke that way, too. But I firmly believe that in most cases, it's not that they don't have the money, it's more a case of they don't have a vision for the future. They surrender a great life down the road for "Thank God it's Friday, Oh God, it's Monday!"

—Dave

* For more financial help, please visit daveramsey.com.

CHARLEVOIX MAY SERVE TOWNSHIPS WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES

By B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — The city continues talks with Charlevoix, Eveline and Hayes townships about the city providing emergency services to the townships on a contract fee basis.

City manager Rob Straebel and fire chief Paul Ivan updated city council at a Feb. 15 council meeting, following a session the two had with Charlevoix and Eveline townships recently. Hayes Township officials were unavailable for the session, but plan to reschedule.

The agreement includes EMS, fire and rescue services. The townships may sign up for all three or one or two of the services.

The townships want the contract for one year at a time, rather than the six-year term

proposed by the city. In addition, the townships say the fees for providing the services are too high. Straebel responded to the fees issue.

"The increases are pretty steep for the townships," he said. "We think that the only way to get it down is to reduce our staff from four employees to three employees."

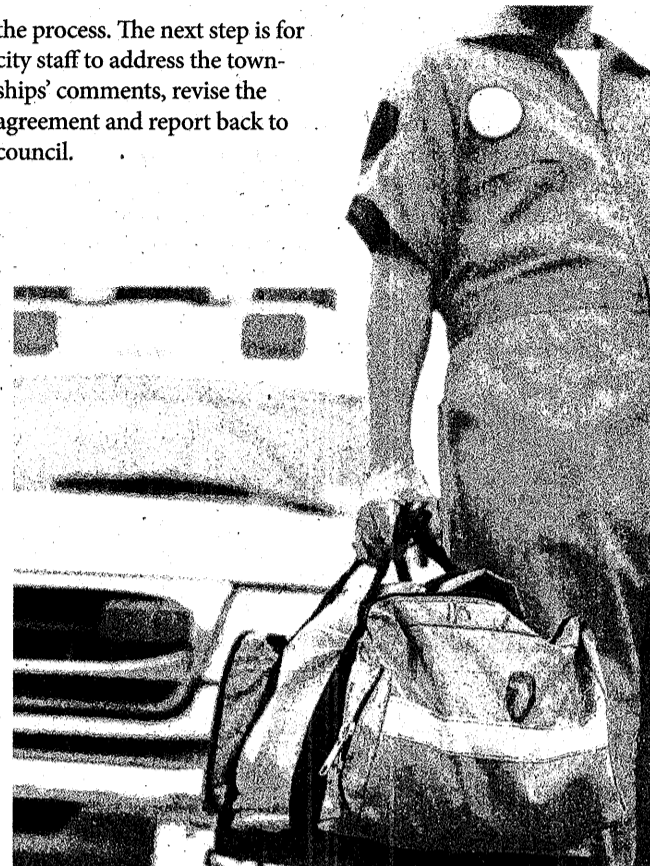
Council member Jill Picha voiced opposition to reducing staff.

"I do not want to lose a fireman," she said. "He's fully trained. You cut a fireman and you put our fire department in a whole new position."

Mayor Norm Carlson said that in the budget process, cutting personnel is the last resort.

The townships want to have input into the emergency services budget. Straebel agreed with the idea, saying it would make the townships a part of

the process. The next step is for city staff to address the townships' comments, revise the agreement and report back to council.



ELECTION

Continued from front page

ice club, as well as a mentor with the Strive program sponsored by East Jordan Rotary in cooperation with the East Jordan High School.

Tinea states, "I believe I would be a good commissioner because I am a great communicator — which includes being an earnest listener. I follow through with what I believe in. I am not a "yes" person, and do not hold with a "Good Old

Boys" philosophy. I will get the information or resources necessary to address concerns and make good decisions. If a citizen makes a request of me, I follow up — if I know an answer, I'll give it. If I don't, I'll get it."

Becky Rowbotham has lived in East Jordan since 1978, is married to Mark Rowbotham, and the couple has three school-age children. After working at Glens in East Jordan from 1988 until 1995, Becky managed a small company in Charlevoix for several

years, and is currently working at Airgas Great Lakes in Gaylord. Becky has also been very active in several East Jordan community organizations over the years, and is currently a youth leader and Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph Catholic church.

"Our city needs to focus on the future," she states. "Repeatedly at (commission) meetings I have heard references to how we did things 20 years ago. We need to stop living in the past and move forward....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."

The successful candidate will serve a partial term on the City Commission, running through November 1st 2011. All registered voters in the City of East Jordan are eligible to participate in the election on February 23rd. 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

What about my Career Path and General Direction in Life?

QUESTION:

I'm in my early 20s and trying to figure out a career path and general direction for my life. What do you suggest for a person like me? How can I get my rocket to lift off the pad?

DR. DOBSON:

First, you need information. You might begin by going to an occupational psychologist or another knowledgeable counselor who can assess your skills and interests. There are excellent psychometric tests available today that will acquaint you with your own abilities. Computers will analyze your responses and correlate them with those of people who are successful and contented in given professions. You might be surprised at what you can learn about yourself from an occupational inventory. Second, you should begin an energetic

exploration of eight or ten occupations that you might find exciting. Visit people who are working in those fields, and ask them for advice and counsel. Attack this problem like a private investigator who is determined to unravel a mystery. Leave no stone unturned.

Third, when you've identified the area of greatest interest, commit to it. Beyond that point there's no looking back. Even if there might be a more attractive goal out there somewhere, there comes a point where you have to get on with life. Take your best shot and stay with it until you have a more secure and certain alternative to chase.

Finally, remember that the Lord is mindful of your decision too. What you do with your life is important to Him because He cares about you. Lean heavily on prayer and godly counsel as you zero in on a choice. There is no other way to make any decision that is of critical significance. The psalmist wrote, "Unless the Lord builds the

house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." (Psalm 137:1, NIV)

Those words offer incredible meaning for you and your peers at this stage in life. Whatever you try to accomplish will be useless if you do it in your own strength. That may sound very old-fashioned, but I promise you it is true.

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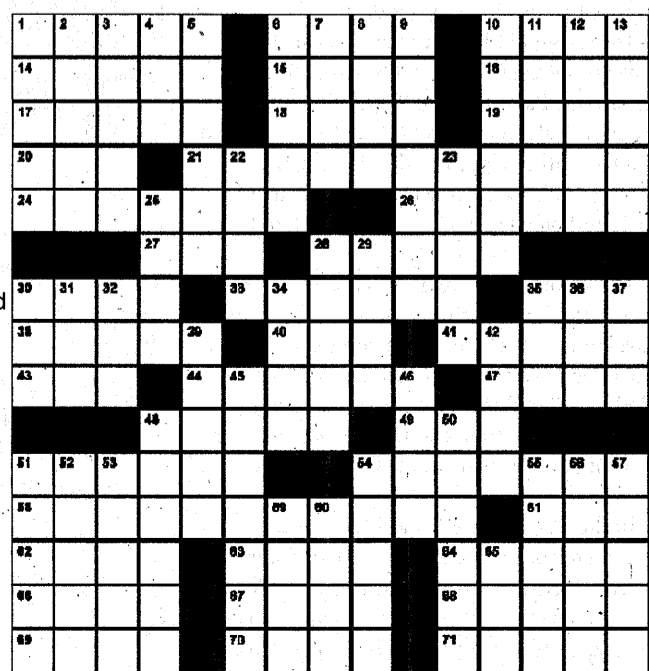
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RAYDERS RALLY, ESCAPE WITH WIN

Charlevoix takes the lead with 21 seconds remaining

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY – For Boyne City, it was another painful defeat. For Charlevoix, it was a narrow escape. The Rayders managed to come from behind to edge perennial cross-county and Lake Michigan Conference rival Boyne City 56-53 in a boys hardwood showdown on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Charlevoix, coming off tough losses the week before to Petoskey and Traverse City St. Francis, stayed above .500 with the victory, going to 8-6 overall, and kept itself among the top tier teams in the league with a 7-2 mark. The Ramblers (1-12, 0-9) scrapped, clawed and hustled, turning in 32 minutes of inspired ball for first-year coach Nick Redman. In the end, though, the effort was not quite enough to produce a win.

The Rayders, spurred by the steady play of Dylan Putman and Brennan Ackerman, rallied from a 28-21 halftime deficit to eventually overtake the home team with 21 seconds remaining in regulation. Putman was poison from the perimeter, rocking the iron for a game-high 19 points, and Ackerman hit for 11.

Sweet-shooting sophomore wing Jay Redman paced the Ramblers with 16 points and spitfire senior guard Nick Young scorched the nets for 14. Senior Dalton Looze was a load down low for the Ramblers, pulling down seven boards, and senior guard Parker Ameal made precision passes, recording five assists.

ON FRIDAY, Charlevoix improved to 9-6 overall and 8-2 in the conference with still another close victory, this one a 64-63 triumph over Kalkaska. The Rayders held off a late Kalkaska charge, fueled by the hot hand of scoring ace Travis

Schuba, to secure the victory.

Schuba sank three free throws with 2.2 seconds showing on the clock to make it a one-point game, 64-63, but Charlevoix was able to run out the clock on the ensuing inbounds pass. The Blazers fell to 8-6 and 4-4.

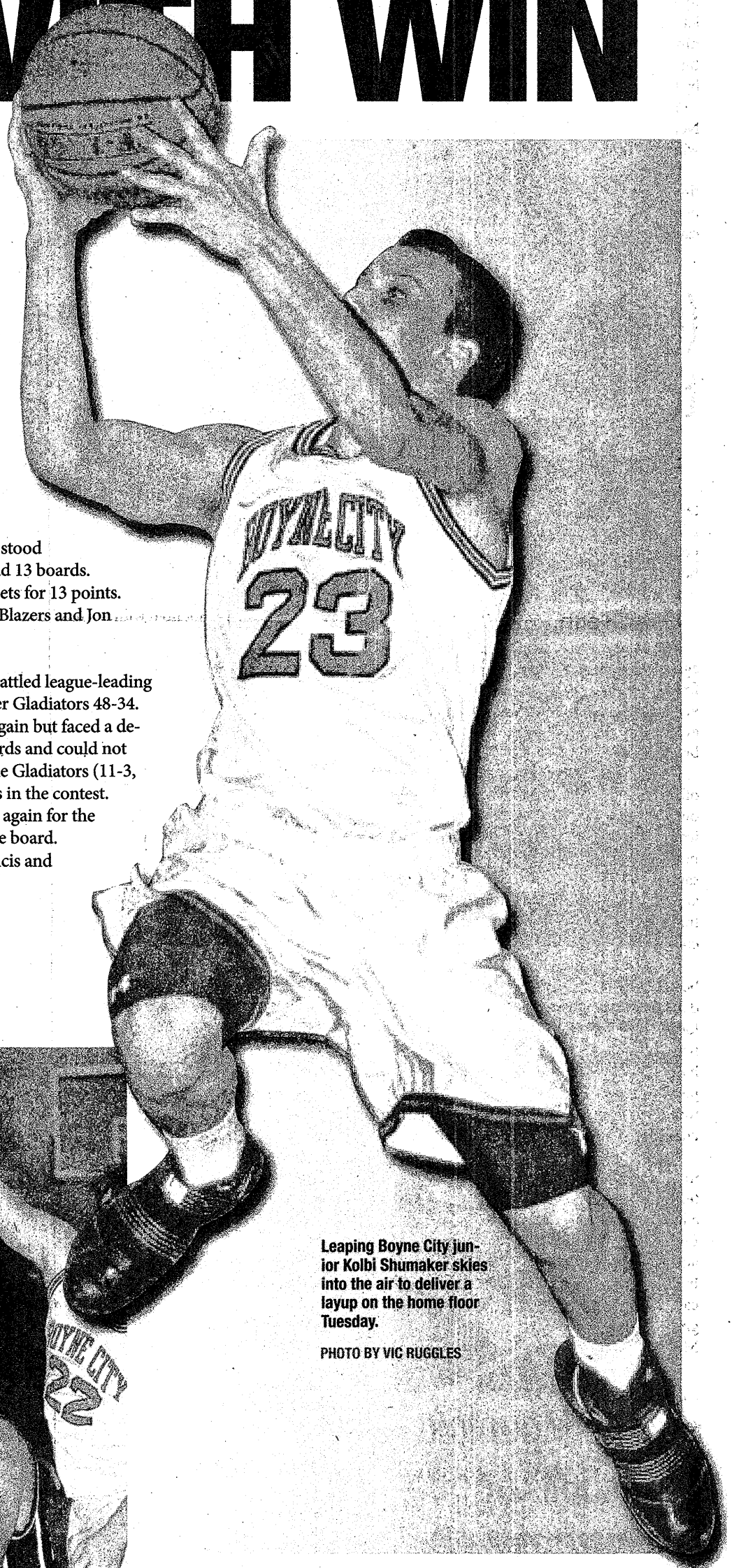
Putman was a powerful presence in the paint, scoring 15 with 14 rebounds, and Ackerman stood tall as well, recording 14 points and 13 boards. Bazooka Ben Myers drained the nets for 13 points.

Schuba tallied 20 to pace the Blazers and Jon Groesser hit for 15.

ALSO FRIDAY, Boyne City battled league-leading T.C. St. Francis and fell to the taller Gladiators 48-34. The Ramblers battled hard once again but faced a decided disadvantage under the boards and could not keep up in rebounds or points. The Gladiators (11-3, 9-0) had a 34-11 edge in rebounds in the contest.

Jay Redman led the way once again for the Ramblers, putting 10 points on the board.

Ian Sheldon hit 17 for St. Francis and Sean Sheldon tallied 11.



Leaping Boyne City junior Kolbi Shumaker skies into the air to deliver a layup on the home floor Tuesday.

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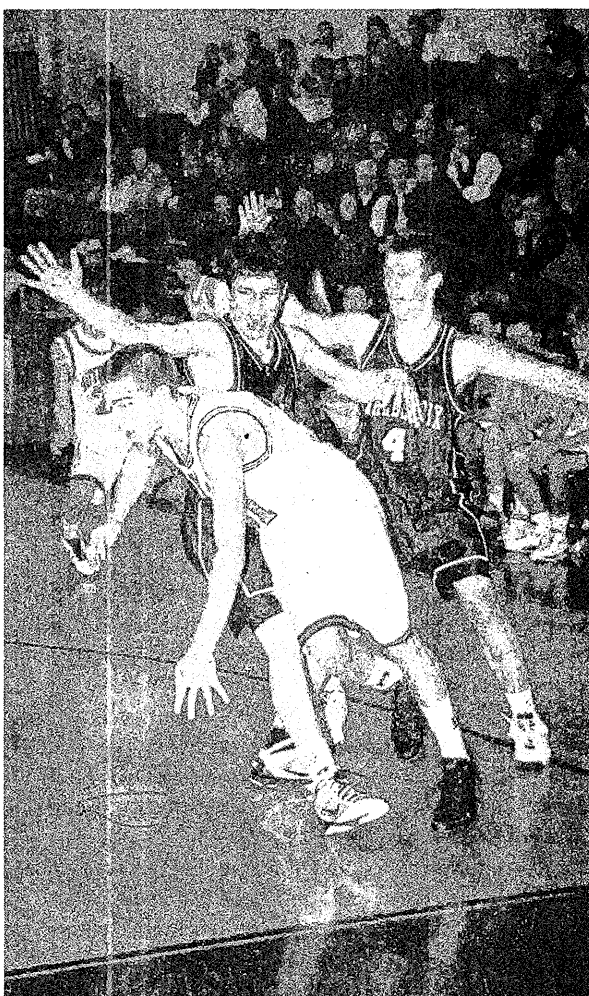


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Boyne City junior Caleb Roberts makes a baseline drive past a blockade of Charlevoix defenders formed by Joseph Filipiak, left, and Casey Helstrom.

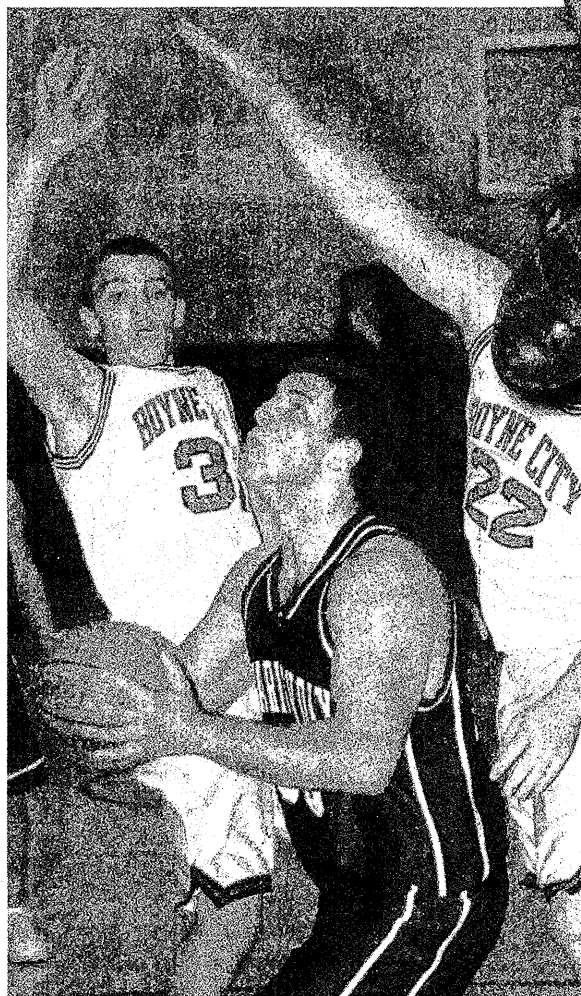


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Charlevoix senior strong man Bill Ivan prepares to make a push to the basket as Caleb Roberts, left, and Dalton Looze of Boyne City attempt to defend.

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WELBORN'S CLUTCH SHOT LIFTS RAMBLERS TO VICTORY



PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Boyne City senior guard Amanda Welborn drives by a pair of Charlevoix defenders during the game played Tuesday, Feb. 9. Welborn would go on to score the game-winning basket with 4 seconds remaining.

Perfect pass from Sydney Gahn sets up game-winning shot

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY – Senior Sydney Gahn made the pass and fellow senior Amanda Welborn made the shot. As a result, Boyne City came from behind in the final seconds to edge perennial hardwood rival Charlevoix 48-47 in a Lake Michigan Conference girls basketball battle on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Boyne City trailed by a point, 47-46, when Gahn grabbed a defensive rebound following a missed free throw and quickly made her way up the court. With the game clock winding down, Gahn calmly surveyed the court. The point guard saw Welborn suddenly breaking free and gave her a perfect backdoor feed.

Welborn got the ball in stride and banked it home, allowing the Ramblers to dramatically reclaim the lead with 4 seconds remaining.

After winning for the fourth time in the last five games, the Ramblers pushed their record to 7-8 overall and 4-5 in the Lake Michigan Conference while the Rayders slipped to 5-10 and 4-5.

Senior sharpshooter Maddie Moeke scorched the nets for 17 points while Gahn and Welborn each connected for 12.

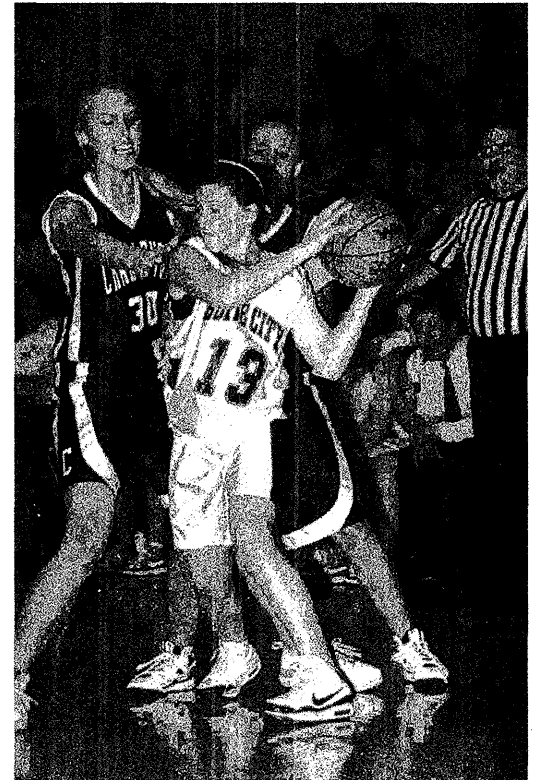
"A win like this gives us a nice lift

going into districts," said Boyne City coach Jim Brown.

Madison Way and Lyndsey Gotshall led the way with 11 points apiece for the Rayders, who battled hard in defeat. Gotshall had a double-double with 10 rebounds and senior forward Sarah Potter tallied eight. Taylor Storm struck for seven rebounds under the boards.

Feisty Boyne City freshman Jessica Sellison secures the ball and looks to pass as Charlevoix's Katie Mays, left, applies the pressure.

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES



ON FRIDAY, Charlevoix and Boyne City both faced stiff competition in the league. The Rayders lost to unbeaten, state-ranked Kalkaska 60-35 and Boyne City fell to Traverse City St. Francis 55-26.

Sydney Carlson, Jenna Way and Sarah Potter each scored six for Charlevoix. Freshman Kelli Guy hit for 20 to lead the Blazers and exchange student Mariska Bruggenthijs tallied 16.

Lyndsey LaCourse scored 10 with nine rebounds for St. Francis and Kelly Greiner scored 10 with seven blocked shots.

wrestling roundup

Boyne City, Charlevoix compete in districts

Two Ramblers qualify for regional tourney; Levens of Charlevoix wins title at 189

By Mike Dunn

ST. IGNACE – The Boyne City and Charlevoix wrestling teams competed in the Div. 4 individual district tournament held at St. Ignace on Saturday. Boyne City had two wrestlers advance to the regional round of the tournaments and Charlevoix had one.

For Boyne City, senior Drew

Nohel reached the finals at 160 pounds before losing to Tim Tippet of Iron Mountain, the third-ranked wrestler in the state. Nohel will go into this Saturday's regional competition at Roscommon as a No. 1 seed in his weight class.

Senior Zach Bush also made the grade for the Ramblers, coming in fourth place at 135 pounds. Boyne's Mini-Bulldozer pinned fourth seed Joe Krause of St. Ignace in 2:02 of a stirring match to assure himself of advancing.

For Charlevoix, senior Chris Levens won the 189-pound title and will go to Roscommon as the No. 1 seed in his weight class. Lightning Levens used his quickness and mobility to gain a 9-5 decision over highly regarded Caleb Pommerenke of Rogers City in the championship match.

Levens, who owns a 37-5 record this season, also pinned Conrad Jewett of Manistique in the semifinals and earned a victory over Boyne City's rugged Bryan Wonski.

Nohel, who surpassed 100 wins for his mat career last week, pushed his persona log this season to 30-4. He pinned Chris Keie of Charlevoix in his first match before battling rugged St. Ignace rival Gallaway Thurston to the wire in the semifinals, earning a 4-

2 decision. It was a sweet victory for Nohel, reversing an overtime loss to Thurston in the Northern Michigan Championships held at Gaylord in late January.

Boyne coach Don Nohel, who is also Drew's father, was naturally pleased with Drew's success.

"We feel very blessed he has even gotten the opportunity to wrestle this year, and to do this well is particularly satisfying," coach Nohel said. "After all Drew battled this year – shoulder surgery 11 months ago and knee surgery 6 ½ months ago – to finish second in a tough district is a credit to his toughness."

Bush, a senior in his first year wrestling, was 2-2 on the day, reaching the consolation finals against Daniel Marx of Rogers City. He will go to Roscommon as a No. 4 seed in his weight bracket.

"Zach has steadily improved as the season has progressed," Nohel said. "He is wrestling at his best right now. We're just working on improving every day and enjoying the ride."

Two other Boyne wrestlers, Jon Calo at 145 pounds and Wonski at 189 pounds, finished just one victory shy of advancing. Calo battled No. 4 seed Mike Looby of Newberry in the deciding match but lost a tough 5-2 decision.

Wonski came back after losing to Levens to pin Rob Sayles of St. Ignace and keep his hopes of advancing alive. He lost to T.J. Cotter of Munising, however. In his first match of the tourney, Wonski pinned Mitchell Paris of Gwinn in 1:33.

Dylan Nelson also competed for Boyne City at 215 pounds and battled hard in defeat.

"Dylan came so far as a wrestler and an athlete in the wrestling season," Nohel said. "It was a privilege to watch him grow and become an integral part of our team."

Two other Charlevoix wrestlers came within one victory of joining Levens in the regional tourney: Alex Waha at 152 and Chris Keie at 160.

Waha pinned Dakota Orman of Manistique in 1:29 in the wrestlebacks to put himself in position to vie for a spot at regionals against Joe Blacyki of West Iron County. The spirited, seesaw match went back and forth for six lively minutes before Blacyki prevailed with a 16-14 decision.

Keie faced Ben Tulgestke of Rogers City with a berth in regionals on the line. Keie acquitted himself well against Tulgestke before losing.



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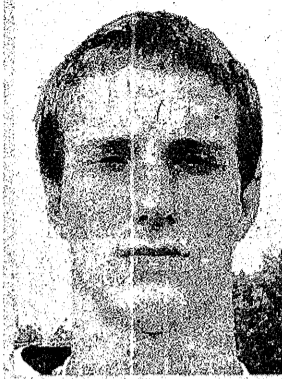
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5. Hart FORD.....3.65

Fastest Male: Bud Shear
Fastest Female: Robin Wottowa

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Chris Levens, Charlevoix

The lightning-quick Flayder 189-pound senior grappler captured first place in the Div. 4 individual district tourney held at St. Ignace on Saturday, pushing his personal record to 37-5 with three straight wins, including a 9-5 decision over Caleb Pommerenke of Rogers City in the finals.

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basketball roundup

GIRLS HOOPS Red Devils rally, beat Harbor Springs

Peters, Poindexter drain clutch free throws in final minutes

By Mike Dunn

HARBOR SPRINGS – East Jordan rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit and a six-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter to edge host Harbor Springs, 48-47, in a Lake Michigan Conference clash on Friday.

Sweet-shooting senior Shaina Peters, who led all scorers with 18 points, hit a key 3-pointer with 3:30 left in the game to bring the Red Devils to within three points of Harbor Springs, then made some critical free throws in the final minutes along with fellow senior Maribeth Poindexter to put East Jordan

over the top.

“Shaina and Maribeth are both seniors and you like to have the ball in their hands in situations like that,” said East Jordan coach Steve Hines. “They knocked them down when it mattered.”

Peters and Poindexter were poison from the stripe but Grace Howes also delivered from the line big time, hitting back-to-back free throws to tie the game with less than two minutes left to play.

Howes, a scrap-iron tough 5-foot-7 post player, finished another productive night with 14 points, her fifth straight game in double figures. Point guard Tanner McCune recorded four assists and handled the ball with typical efficiency, and the opportunistic Peters was the top glass cleaner, pulling down eight boards.

“This was a big game for us,” Hines said. “We lost a close one to them the first time around at our gym, so we wanted this second opportunity to beat them.”

East Jordan (7-9, 4-6) played at Boyne City on Tuesday of this week (after this issue went to press) and take on Charelvoix on Friday. The Red Devils lost close decisions to both of those league opponents in the first half of the season and Hines was hoping to reverse those losses this week.

“We’re starting to develop more consistency,” he said. “Our confidence is starting to climb a little.”

East Jordan lost to Elk Rapids, 54-48, on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Howes hit for 14 to pace the Red Devils in that

one while Poindexter and Peters each hit for 10.

Ellsworth rebounds

ELLSWORTH – The Lancers rebounded quickly, from the loss to No. 1 ranked Central Lake earlier in the week, beating Northern Lakes Conference foe Wolverine 61-19 on Thursday to move one step closer to clinching the conference title.

Sweet-shooting Jalyn Ingalls celebrated Senior Night with a typical performance, draining the nets for 20 points and pulling down six rebounds, as Ellsworth improved to 12-4 overall and 11-1 in the league.

Sarah Kearney was also in double figures with 11 points while Kari Steenwyk hit for nine and Tara Essenberg tallied eight.

The Lancers played at Alanson on Tuesday of this week (after this issue went to press) and clinched at least a share of the title with a win.

In the 54-37 loss at Central Lake on Tuesday, Feb. 9, Ingalls scored 15 with four assists and Emily Veenstra hit for eight.

Junior forward Jasmine Hines, one of the top recruits in the state as a junior, scored 27 for the Trojans and fellow junior Heidi Hicks hit for 16.

Harbor Light 42, Boyne Falls 27

BOYNE FALLS – The host Loggers bowed to Northern Lakes Conference front-runner Harbor Light Christian, 42-27, on Thursday.

The Swordsmen, who improved to 9-7 overall and 9-2 in the league, broke open a close game in the third quarter.

Ali Bearss topped the Boyne Falls scoring ledger with five points on a night when points were at a premium. Kristen Matelski and Emily Matelski were a presence in the paint, with each grabbing nine rebounds.

Ashley Dominic paced Harbor Light with 16 points and Logan Kleinhenz hit for 14.

BOYS HOOPS

Boyne Falls 64, Alba 35

BOYNE FALLS – The Missile, Jared Mathers, and the Pistol, Josh Puroll, helped launch host Boyne Falls to a 64-35 victory over visiting Northern Lakes Conference foe Alba. Mathers scorched the nets for 24 points and Puroll connected for 20 as the Loggers improved to 8-6 overall and 7-4 in league play.

Mathers added 12 rebounds for a double-double and Puroll hauled in eight boards with five assists and five steals. Travis Lange made precision passes, accumulating five assists.

Wilby Gates tallied 12 for Alba (4-10, 3-8).

Ellsworth 70, Vanderbilt 32

ELLSWORTH – Senior Jared Danbert adding to his

career scoring totals with a 25-point night, helping host Ellsworth to cruise to a 70-32 victory over scrappy-but-outmanned Vanderbilt in Lake Michigan Conference action. Danbert, who does much more than just score, also had nine rebounds, six assists and five steals.

The Lancers pushed to a 12-3 mark overall and 9-2 in the league while Vandy slipped to 6-9 and 4-7.

The little stick of dynamite, junior guard Jordan Muma, made the twine dance to the tune of 15 points for the Lancers and Muma also pulled down six rebounds. Jeff Sutherland had a double-double, recording 10 points and 10 boards, and Eddie Veenstra also pulled down 10 rebounds.

Cody Hunter tallied 10 to pace Vandy.

Elk Rapids 63, East Jordan 61

EAST JORDAN – The Red Devils held the lead going into the fourth quarter but could not withstand a late surge by explosive Elk Rapids in a Lake Michigan Conference hardwood showdown. The Elks outscored East Jordan 18-8 in the fourth quarter to prevail by a narrow 63-61 margin.

Nico Cornstalk, East Jordan’s deadly perimeter shooter, made the twine dance three times from beyond the arc while scoring a game-high 27 points. The scrappy Cornstalk also grabbed eight rebounds and made four steals.

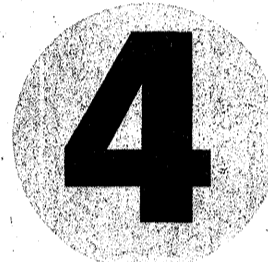
Luke Morrison, one of a number of talented sophomores in the league this season, led the Elks (7-6, 5-4)

with 22 points.

On Friday, East Jordan snapped a five-game losing streak with a 57-53 victory at home over Harbor Springs. The Red Devils improved to 5-10 and 3-7.

The East Jordan JV, fueled by the furious play of Downtown Dustin Mellios, also beat Harbor Springs, 66-59. Mellios had a monster game, ringing up 20 points and pulling down 17 rebounds. Austin Mellios was a factor, too, scoring 12 with nine boards, and Skyler Gibson tallied 13.

by the numbers



Seconds remaining when **Amanda Welborn** of Boyne City took a backdoor pass and banked home her game-winning shot as the Rambler girls edged Charlevoix 48-47



Rebounds secured by big **Brennan Ackerman** to go with 14 points as Charlevoix edged Kalkaska 64-63 in a tense Lake Michigan Conference thriller



Points recorded by East Jordan’s Downtown **Dustin Mellios** to go with 17 rebounds in the Red Devils’ 66-59 JV victory over Harbor Springs



Points scored by Ellsworth senior **Jalyn Ingalls** to help celebrate Senior Night on the home floor with a victory over conference foe Wolverine



Points produced by Boyne Falls’ missile launcher **Jared Mathers** in a Northern Lakes Conference triumph over Alba

DNRE REPORT

DNRE seeks input about wolves

Survey seeks presence of gray wolves in Lower Peninsula

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment today announced it will conduct a survey in the northern Lower Peninsula Feb. 16 through March 12 to detect the presence of gray wolves in this area of the state.

Survey teams will be searching areas where the public reports observing a wolf or wolf tracks during the survey period. Priority will be placed on the most recent reports and reports with potential wolf evidence.

“The purpose of the survey is to both verify the presence of wolves where we have previously confirmed animals and to detect new occurrences in other areas,” said DNRE Wildlife Biologist Jennifer Kleitch. “Given the low probability of observing a wolf or tracks in the Lower Peninsula it’s helpful to have as many eyes looking as possible. That’s why public reports are important.”

The DNRE is asking the public to report wolf sightings that occur during the survey period to the Gaylord Operations Service Center at 989-732-3541, ext. 5901. Observation reports can also be submitted online year-round at www.michigan.gov/wolves. The Web site also contains identification information for wolves.

“It’s imperative that observations are reported in a timely manner so we can work with fresh evidence. If the public finds what appear to be wolf tracks, they should preserve the physical evidence and disturb it as little as possible or take a photo of the tracks with a ruler,” Kleitch said. “If someone has a photo or video of a wolf in the Lower Peninsula, we’re interested in that as well.”

Wolves began naturally returning to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula via Canada and Wisconsin in the early 1990s. Since that time populations have increased and continue to expand their range. Evidence of range expansion into the Lower Peninsula came when a gray wolf was accidentally killed in Presque Isle County in 2004. More recently, the DNRE verified two wolf observations in 2009 in the northern Lower Peninsula as a result of a video and trail camera photo taken by Michigan citizens.

The DNRE is partnering in this survey effort with USDA Wildlife Services, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and Central Michigan University.



The Department of Natural Resources is conducting a four-week survey to detect the presence of gray wolves in the Lower Peninsula.

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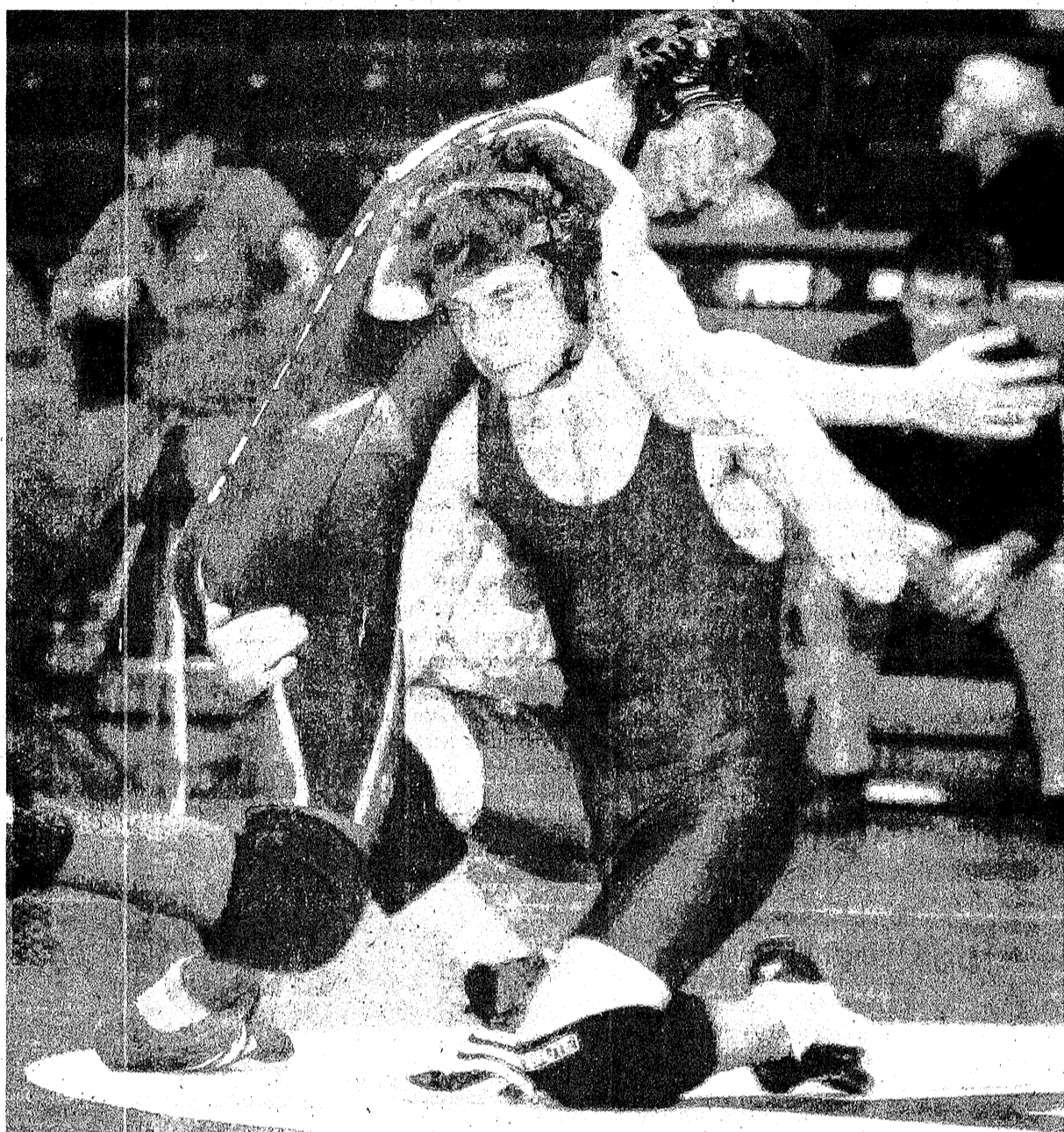


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Boyer City junior Zach Bush, shown here competing for the Lake Michigan Conference 135-pound title the week before, was one of two Rambler wrestlers to advance to individual regionals on Saturday at St. Ignace. Bush pinned Joe Krause of St. Ignace in the consolation semifinals to secure his place in the Div. 4 regional tournament.

the Week Ahead

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Wolverine snowmobile drags this Sunday

WOLVERINE - The annual Snow Flake Festival Snowmobile Drags sponsored by the Wolverine Lions Club will be held Sunday, Feb. 21, on North Shire Road.

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

Classes include: Mini Stock 120 (12-under); 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 registration is \$5 per class and there is a \$1 fee to 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) 525-8778.

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 sent via e-mail to alant@wolverine.k12.mi.us.

Charlevoix baseball camp this Saturday

CHARLEVOIX - Charlevoix High School is hosting the fourth annual Northern Michigan Winter Baseball Camp this 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.

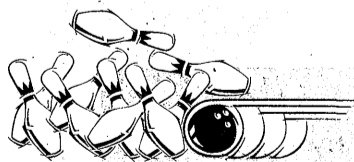
The cost is \$40 for one session, \$75 for both at the door. Those registering on or before Feb. 8 will receive a \$5 discount per session.

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

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.

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



Gemini Lanes Bowling League Results ~ Results from Feb 5-11, 2010

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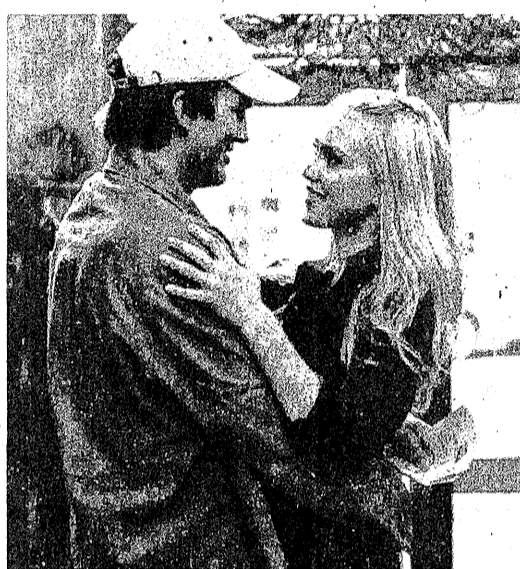
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MOVIE GUIDE

IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY!

STARRING: Ashton Kutcher, Julia Roberts, Jennifer Garner and most of Hollywood **RUNNING TIME:** 117 Minutes **RATED:** PG13



A Starry Journey among Love's Many Perceptions

MOVIE REVIEW

By Jim Akans

Hollywood's other production studios must have been barren during the shooting of Valentine's Day, director Garry Marshall's latest romantic comedy set during the annual "Day of Love," because there are more stars than in a bowl of Lucky Charms in the cast of this film. Ac-

tually, a good part of the fun of watching this movie is seeing who will pop up on the screen next, though there are several interweaving story lines that are rather interesting as well.

Valentine's Day is set in Los Angeles, which is not surprising, considering what it would have cost to move all this star power to another location, and follows the romantic lives of several different couples as they experience Valentine's Day. Love is in the air, for as lead man Ashton Kutcher's character beams early on,

"Everyone's a romantic on Valentine's Day."

Well, maybe not everyone. Playing a sports publicist, Jennifer Biel holds an "I hate Valentine's Day" party on this special day each year, and Jamie Fox, playing a sports announcer, struggles with an assignment to interview street subjects about the romance of the day, a sentiment he doesn't share at all.

There are far too many sub plots to explore here, suffice to say they all somehow inter-connect, looking into the eyes of love shared between the young, the middle, and the old generations. Staring at an old photograph, grandparent Hector Elizondo is asked by his grandson if "that pretty girl in the photo was grandma," Hector replies, "that pretty girl is grandma."

This is a great movie for star gazing. Some of the recognizable faces sharing varying amounts of screen time (no one gets too much camera time in this just under two-hour film), are; Jessica Alba, Julia Roberts, Anne Hathaway, Shirley MacLaine, Patrick Dempsey, Emma Roberts, Taylor Swift, Taylor Lautner, Queen Latifah, Kathy Bates, Jennifer Garner, Adam Sandler...even director

Gary Marshall has a brief appearance near the end of the film.

Valentine's Day is rated PG-13 for a scattering of sexually-oriented material, which should probably be expected in a romantic tale about Valentine's Day. The viewing my wife and I attended was packed with teenagers, and the story seemed to resonate with that age group as well as those seeing this as Shirley MacLaine's latest release.

Yeah, the real Valentine's Day may be over, but love goes on and on. If you're in the mood for a movie that celebrates romance in its many, many shapes and colors, with a nice big boost of star power, Valentine's Day is just a theater ticket away.

EXIT COMMENTS;

"Fun, light...liked the complementing circle of stories,"

Nona & Marilyn - Roscommon

"Lots of relatable moments,"

April - Onaway

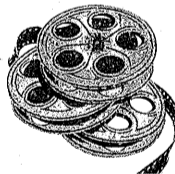
"Like seeing the Taylors" the best,"
Taylor & Autumn, Gaylord

"Quite an array of famous actors and actresses,"

Meranda & Klynn - Gaylord

"Very good movie, a lot of different perspectives on love,"
Maureen - Mancelona

WHICH DID YOU PREFER?



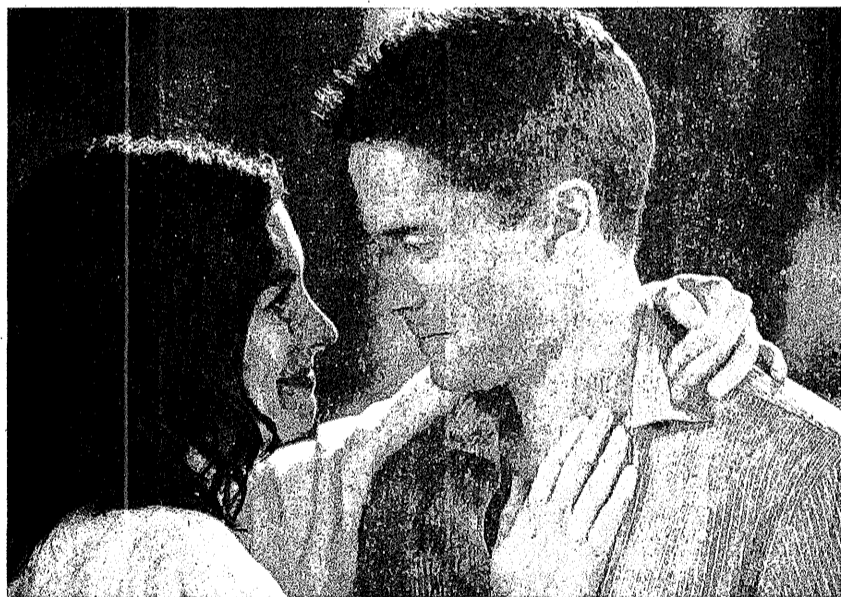
Movie;

90%



Popcorn;

10%



AREA MOVIE LISTINGS FEBRUARY 19-25

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
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The Wolfman - R
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Percy Jackson & The Olympians - PG
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Dear John - PG13
Starring: Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried
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Kingston Theatre,

Edge of Darkness - R
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Petoskey Cinema,

Valentine's Day - PG13
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Shutter Island - R
Starring: Michelle Williams, Leonardo DiCaprio
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From Paris With Love
Starring: John Travolta, Richard Durden
FRI-MON-TUE-WED 9:15
SAT-SUN-THUR 5:00, 9:15

Tooth Fairy - PG
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd
FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00
SAT-SUN-THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Avatar - PG13
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What a Great Value!

In-Town East Jordan Classic has been Completely Remodeled

By Jim Akans

Presenting a classic in-town architectural style, this 1,350 square foot, three bedroom, two bath home in East Jordan has the added appeal of recently undergoing extensive renovations, resulting in a residence that is fresh, impeccably updated, yet retains the character of classic mid-20th Century small town America home. The curb appeal of this

home is very welcoming, featuring low maintenance vinyl siding and crisp, energy-efficient Pella brand windows. There is a detached, one-car garage with plenty of additional space for storage. The yard is absolutely fantastic, measuring 60 feet wide by a stunning 157 feet deep...that'll provide lots of room for backyard games plus space for a garden. As charming as this home is

outside; the presentation inside is amazing.

The first item that draws attention is the incredibly beautiful hardwood flooring throughout much of the main level. Gorgeous graining and a light, natural finish evokes an ambience of elegance and warmth, provides ease of maintenance, plus the surface is optimal for those who have allergies. The kitchen is also spectacu-

lar. Natural finished wood cabinetry is perfectly complemented by dark countertops. Quality appliances, including dishwasher, gas range/oven, refrigerator and built-in microwave are also included.

The two full baths have also been completely renovated, with new fixtures, vanities and flooring. One bath is located on the main level and the other on the upper level. One of the three bedrooms is also on the

first floor, and the remaining two, including the master bedroom, are on the upper floor.

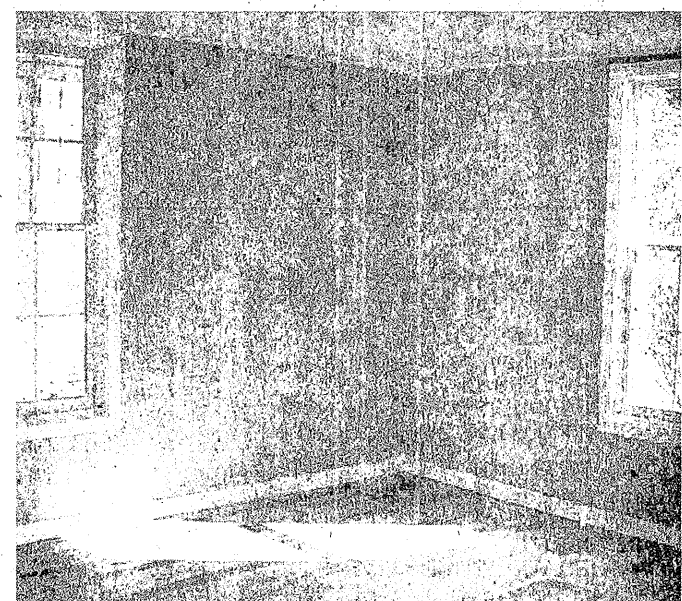
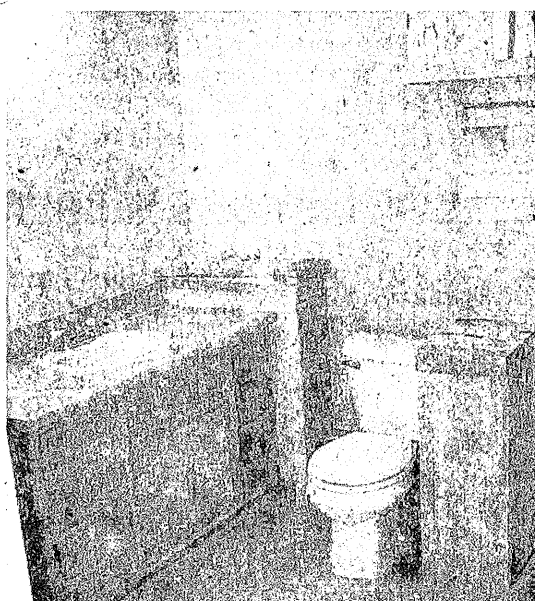
The home also has a convenient main level utility room and a partial "Michigan" style basement.

Location is also a huge plus, as the home is across the street from the Elementary School (great for the kids), near the snowmobile trails (great for riding), and is also close to downtown East Jordan (great

for the whole family).

Perhaps the most incredible feature of this classic remodeled, in-town home is the asking price; a mere \$68,500! What a deal!

For a more information or to arrange a tour of this property, call Marty Moody at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndasrealestateservice.com or Chris@lyndasrealestateservice.com.



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Synopsis - February 10, 2010

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met February 10, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room in the County Building. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting as presented.

Motion approved the minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting as presented.

Motion approved a wording change to Resolution #10-015, Building Registration Fee. Commissioner Tripp voting no.

Motion approved Resolution #10-024, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #10-025, Agreement Regarding Non Skilled Community Health Nursing Services.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Cheryl Pötter Browe, County Clerk



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Free Seminar Presents Alternative to Foreclosure

RE/MAX Professional Advantage Petoskey Offers Free Seminar for Buyers and Sellers on February 23rd

By Jim Akans

For the homeowner facing the prospect of foreclosure, there is a much shorter path to recovery available.

RE/MAX Professional Advantage Petoskey will be holding a free "Short Sale" seminar on Tuesday, February 23rd, at the Emmet County Fairgrounds from 7 to 9 pm. Offering advice focusing on helping both buyers and sellers, Mr. Ron Newton, a Nationwide Loan Help Representative (and Short Sale Specialists), will explore the "Basics on Short Sales."

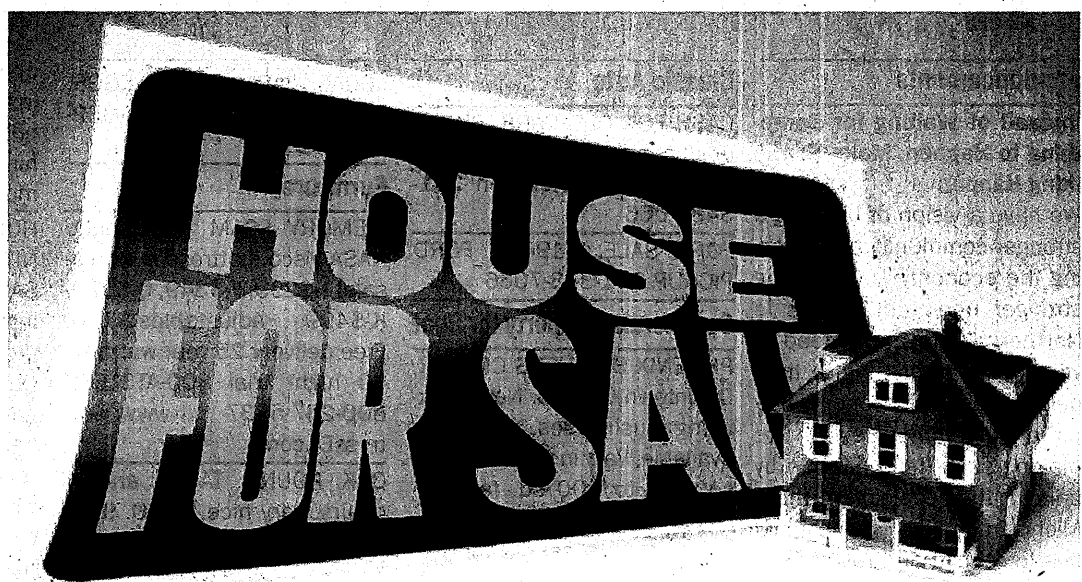
Typically, a foreclosure can have a devastating impact on a homeowners credit score

leading to higher interest rates on current credit lines. Their home is auctioned, usually leaving the homeowner still owing their lender thousands of dollars.

A "Short Sale" offers several advantages over a traditional foreclosure. The homeowner's credit score will not be as severely impacted, allowing them to re-establish their credit much more quickly. In some cases the full deficiency is waived. Their home will be sold by a professional, and perhaps best of all, there are no upfront costs.

For more information about this Short Sales Seminar event, call or email Wayne Stahl of RE/MAX Professional Advantage Petoskey at WayneStahl@Remax.net or (231) 347-4100.

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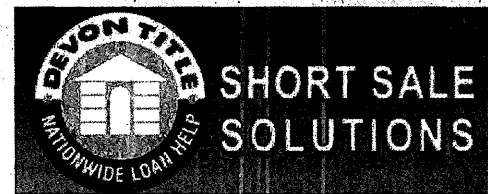
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Instead of Waiting for Something to Happen, Make Something Happen

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.

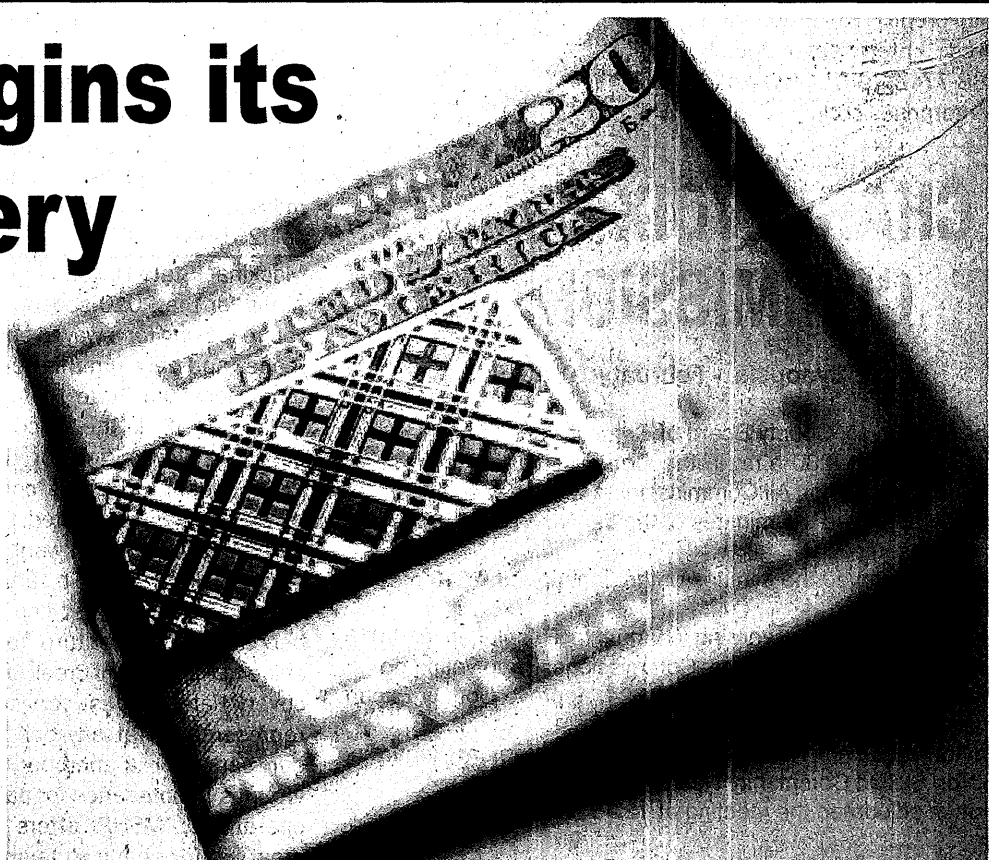
Your involvement: When you sign up for the 20/20 Project you will receive special offers that are only available to 20/20 Project

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.

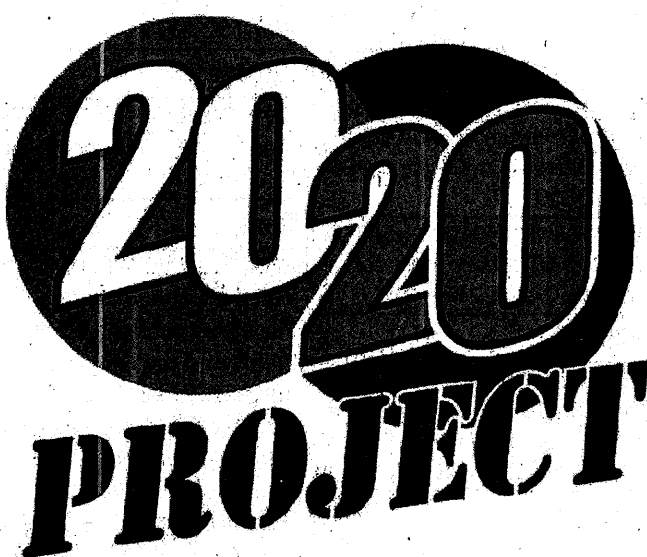


Additional Bonus: To jump start the program you can purchase one \$40.00 gift card for \$20.00. This gift card can be used to purchase items at any 20/20 Project Business Partner. Watch the Weekly Choice or Charlevoix County News every week for a list of Local Business Partners.

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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!



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