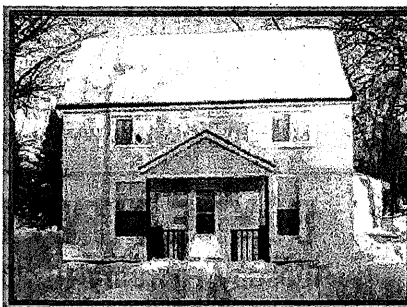


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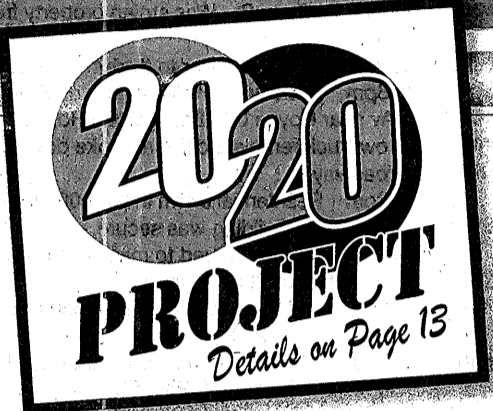
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FATHER FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST BC POLICE DEPT.

By B. J. Conley

The father of a young girl who was attacked by an intruder in her family's home said from the beginning that the police were not doing their job, because they failed to conduct a timely investigation of the crime.

Nelson Duncan, who lives with his wife and three children in Boyne City, filed a complaint recently with the Michigan Attorney General's office with a request for an investigation of the Boyne City Police Department.

Duncan said he believes the police decided

it was probably a family member who cut the throat of his 9-year-old daughter with a kitchen knife on April 26, 2009. The daughter survived the attack, but her father says she still suffers emotionally.

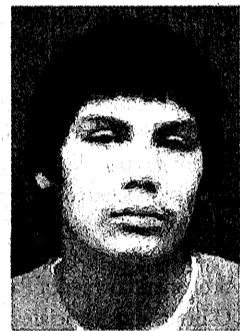
Duncan said he became so frustrated with the lack of an investiga-

tion, that he attended a city commission meeting where he read a statement about the lack of police work in the case.

Some of the other issues that Duncan complained about to the Attorney General's office were suspected alcohol on the breath

of one of the officers, extensive interviews of Duncan and his wife, and the request by the police that they take a polygraph test.

The crime was committed by a 14-year-old boy Michael Meza, a stranger to the Duncan



Michael Meza

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EAST JORDAN ELECTS A NEW COMMISSIONER!

Voters Elect Tinea Spence in Tuesday's Special Election



East Jordan's newly elected Commissioner, Tinea Spence.

By Jim Akans

A Special Election on Tuesday, held in East Jordan to fill a City Commissioner seat left open this past fall, resulted in Tinea Spence being elected to serve a partial term through November 1st, 2011.

Prior to the election, the East Jordan Commission consisted of six members; Jane Booze, Ray Fisher, Deneille Moes, Thomas Breakey, Paul Timmons, and Mayor Russ Peck. Tinea Spence will fill the seventh seat left vacant when Commissioner Dan Bennett resigned in September 2009.

"I want to thank the people who came out to vote, and those who voted for me," states Tinea Spence. "I look forward to serving the City of East Jordan. We can now move forward with a full commission in place."

The Special Election, held at the Civic Center, drew 263 voters, including 91 absentee ballots, representing just under seventeen percent of East Jordan's 1588 registered voters. Tinea Spence received 146 votes and opponent, Rebecca (Becky) Rowbotham garnered 117 votes. These results are deemed "unofficial" as of press time as they had yet to be entered into the county computer.

East Jordan Harbor Transforms

Maintenance and Updating Increases Appeal of East Jordan's Marina

By Jim Akans

"Any port in the storm" may sound appealing to sailors in dire need of a landing, but to attract water-bound wayfarers seeking a mooring that provides comfort, convenience and state of the art facilities, it is essential that a marina remain updated, and impeccably maintained.

That has been the ongoing mission of Tom Cannon, Parks Director for the City of East Jordan, for the past several years. The marina at East Jordan's municipal harbor was created in the mid 1980's, and while it has received attentive general maintenance over the years, it slowly began to lose its appeal, succumbing to long term natural effects, such as deteriorating infrastructure and a gradual build up of sand from the Jordan River which rendered a growing number of boat slips unusable.

So a feasibility study was conducted in 2006, the results of which dictated a plan of action to address maintenance concerns and updating



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The East Jordan Harbor Marina was in dire need of maintenance as several boat slips became inaccessible as a build up of sand from the Jordan River was deposited in the Harbor.

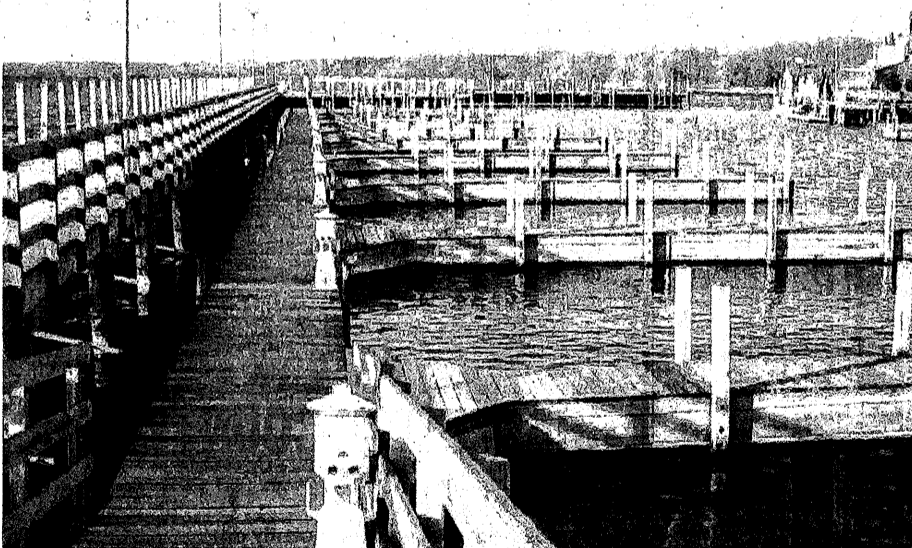


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As the 2009 season came to an end, the East Jordan Harbor Marina was looking fine, with all slips open and upgraded the electrical and cable television wiring installed in new pedestals.

targeted to increase the appeal of the marina to local and visiting boaters.

"We began by replacing the original gas pumps and waste pump out stations,"

notes Tom Cannon. "That has allowed us to service boats in half the amount of time it took using the old equipment, and the new units are much

more accurate in terms of measuring volume. We upgraded the electrical and cable television wiring to the

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County Considers Land Bank

By B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners are looking at instituting a Land Bank to use as a means of converting vacant, abandoned properties into productive use.

Commissioners met with Lyn Johnson, the Emmet County Controller, to inquire about the Land Bank that Emmet County formed approximately six months ago.

"Emmet County wants to put property back on the tax rolls and provide affordable housing," Johnson said.

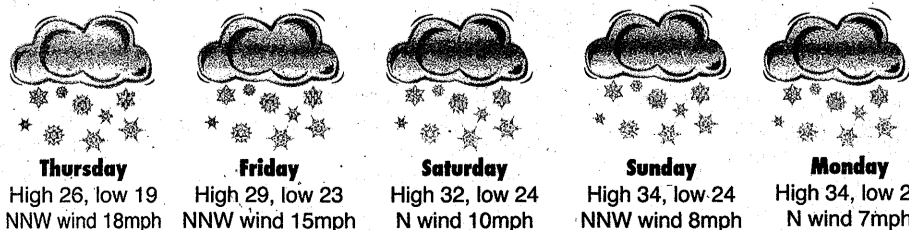
The Land Bank allows the county to acquire property that has been foreclosed upon, following the redemption period, and following the opportunity first for the state to take the property and then for the city or township where the property is located to have the property.

The federal government's Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, describes a Land Bank as a governmental or a non-governmental nonprofit entity established to temporarily manage and dispose of vacant land to stabilize neighborhoods and to encourage reuse or redevelopment of property.

Commissioner Shirley Roloff said she could see where large cities with many foreclosures and blight may benefit from a Land Bank, but

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Weather forecast



*** snowfall totals ***

Charlevoix Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 137.6" Season total this year through 2/22/10 - 72.3"	Petoskey Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 119.9" Season total this year through 2/22/10 - 81.3"
Ellsworth Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 157.3" Season total this year through 2/22/10 - 77.2"	Gaylord Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 163.0" Season total this year through 2/22/10 - 78.8"

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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she doesn't see a need in the Charlevoix County area.

The land bank would operate in a specifically defined geographic area. It would purchase properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon and redevelop, market and dispose of the properties, according to HUD.

If the Land Bank is a governmental entity, it may also maintain abandoned or foreclosed property that it does not own, provided it charges the owner of the property the full cost of the service or places a lien on the property for the full cost of service.

Eligible uses for Land Banks include establishing financing methods for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed upon homes; purchase and rehabilitate homes and properties; establish land banks for homes that have been foreclosed upon; demolish blighted structures; and redevelop demolished or vacant properties.

Commission chairman, Joel Evans, agrees with the Land Bank concept and said it is up to the county to set it up the way they want and how they handle it that is important.

More discussions are expected in the future. For more information on Land Banks, access HUD's website at: hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/cpnplan/foreclosure/land-banks.cfm.

Young State Park Hopes For Trail

By B. J. Conley

Visitors to Young State Park have long wished for a way to get from the park into Boyne City, a distance of approximately a mile, without using a car. Now, the state Department of Natural Resources has proposed construction of a non-motorized trail that will pave the way for people to hop on a bicycle or put on walking shoes to traverse back and forth.

Sue Topham of the Department of Natural Resources is the manager at Young State Park and Fisherman's Island State Park. She spoke to Boyne City commissioners at a Feb. 23 commission meeting.

"People have mentioned that they would like a trail from the park to the city for quite some time," Topham said. "I know they will be excited about the proposal and expected construction of a non-motorized trail."

City commissioners were all for the idea, as well as the Main Street director, Hugh Conklin.

"It's something the Main Street board has talked about for a long time, and we totally support the trail," Conklin said. "It will bring people into town."

Police Chief Randy Howard said it would be much safer because some people have walked or used a bicy-

cle on the edge of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road to get back and forth.

The DNR's Topham will relay the city's reaction to the proposed trail and apply for funding from the state.

Also at the meeting, presentations of donated funds from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians were made to the Boyne Area Free Clinic, represented by retired Sheriff George T. Lasater and to the Alano Club, represented by Dr. Dick Fish.

BELOW: Sue Topham, Unit Manager for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, spoke at the city commission meeting in Boyne City on Feb. 23, about a DNR proposed non-motorized trail that will provide a way for people to walk or bike back and forth from Young State Park to the city

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ABOVE: The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians donated funds to the Boyne Area Free Clinic and to the Alano Club. Dr. Dick Fish (left) accepted on behalf of the Alano Club and retired Sheriff George T. Lasater accepted on behalf of the Boyne Area Free Clinic. Boyne City Mayor and county Undersheriff, Chuck Vondra (right) thanked the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians at the city's Feb. 23, city commission meeting.

Complaint

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family, who had been at a party nearby. He entered the house and began searching for money to buy drugs. Meza was reportedly in the girl's bedroom when she woke up and he then attacked her with the knife. When she screamed, Meza fled.

Meza was apprehended by the police and charged as an adult with assault with intent to commit murder and home invasion, first degree. In a plea bargain arrangement with the Charlevoix County Prosecutor, Meza pled guilty to a reduced charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, along with home invasion first degree.

Meza has charges against him in other counties. He was sentenced in January in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court and is now serving between 15 to 30 years in prison.

Duncan's complaint with the Attorney General's office has not yet been acted upon, but should be soon.

The Chief of Police, Randy Howard, and the Assistant Chief, Jeff Gettle, were both out and could not be reached for comment.

East Jordan Harbor Transforms

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boat slips and installed new pedestals. We also undertook a two-phase dredging project beginning in the spring of 2008, which resulted in all of our boat slips being open for the first time in several years."

Tom notes that the marina has sixty-seven total dock spaces, including six for larger boats over forty-five feet in length. The marina accommodates seasonal and transitional dockings, with transitional traffic varying according to activity at area festivals such as Boyne Thunder, Venetian Festival, Freedom Festival, and the new South Arm Boat

Show. The marina's seasonal docking is already eighty percent booked for the coming season according to Tom Cannon.

Of course, addressing maintenance issues and boosting the East Jordan municipal harbor's appeal to boaters does come with a price tag. Fortunately, the feasibility study resulted in approval of fifty-percent funding by the State of Michigan's Waterways Commission for the work completed so far, as well as for pending harbor upgrades, including relocation of the fuel station and expansion of the dock facilities over the next several years.

"While the East Jordan General Fund was accessed for the first time

since the creation of the marina to start these upgrades," notes Tom Cannon, "we have developed a five-year payback plan to eliminate that debt. While the amount accessed was just over \$220,000 initially, we have already been able to reduce that to approximately \$137,000 after receiving a \$90,000 reimbursement check from the Waterways Commission grant."

He observes that the General Fund debt also includes moneys used to purchase property next to the existing boat launch, land which will ultimately be utilized for improvements to that facility.

Starting in May, the East Jordan municipal harbor will become part of the

Michigan Clean Marina Program, a joint venture by Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan Boating Industries Association, and the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth. Promoting environmental stewardship, the marina will be endorsed by the Clean Marina Program and promoted to boaters through the program.

"The municipal harbor adds so much to the appeal of the East Jordan community," states Tom Cannon, "and it is a source of revenue. The improvements and upgrades we are making will only enhance that in the coming years."

United Way "Check-off" Aids Local Communities

There is a new way to help those in needs in our community this year.

While you fill out your 2009 Michigan tax return forms, don't forget to "check off" for the United Way Fund. This year, Michigan residents will be able to use their tax returns to easily donate to the United Way Fund, which was created to help low to moderate income Michigan families with basic needs like food, clothing and shelter.

"The United Way Fund is a new check-off option for Michigan taxpayers this year," explains Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "Although there are many other great options, the United Way Fund is an easy way to impact a wide range of community needs with one donation." All of the check-offs from taxpayers will be returned to their local county's United Way and used to support basic human services in their community.

Taxpayers can indicate if they would like to donate all or part of their Michigan tax returns on Form 4642 of their state income tax return. The funds donated will be returned to the taxpayer's local United Way, based on the zip code of their filing address.

"The funds are earmarked to directly benefit needy families in our community," continues Lancaster. "The need in Northern Michigan has never been greater and making a donation to help ease the burden so many are facing has never been easier! This year, be sure to "check off" for the United Way Fund."

Ferris Hosts Regional Rube Goldberg Machine Contest

Area Students Compete in Annual Competition

The Granger Center for Construction and HVACR on Ferris State University's campus will be filled with aspiring engineers Saturday, Feb. 27. An annual tradition for Ferris to host the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, the competition has now grown to include a battle for high school students.

Competing high schools include Brandywine, Clare/Gladwin ISD, East Jordan and Mackinaw City. The task for high school students is the same as for Ferris' team: Dispense an appropriate amount of hand sanitizer into a hand.

The Ferris Rube team, consisting of seniors Mike Dunakin of Grand Rapids and Kyle Hebner of Oscoda, and sophomore Bryan Williams of Lupton, will be unopposed for a shot at the national competition being held at Purdue University in March (when?).

Since January, the team has been busy building two machines, one in Japan where they broke their previous world record for most steps to complete a task and the one they will run at the regional competition.

The competition is named after Reuben Garret L. Goldberg, co-founder and president of the American National Cartoonists Society. One of the most famous cartoonists in history, Goldberg earned lasting fame for his Rube Goldberg machines - machines that perform simple tasks in exceedingly complex ways.

The day begins at 10 a.m. with the Ferris Rube team. The high school competition will commence at 1 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

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Boyer City's One Water Street Project: Michigan Community Dental Clinics, Inc. will occupy 2nd Floor for Administrative Offices.

Statewide dental services organization, Michigan Community Dental Clinics, Inc., aka MCDC, announces its commitment to occupy the entire 2nd floor of the new commercial business space currently under development in downtown Boyer City. Lease documents were finalized earlier this month, and a late June-early July occupancy is expected.

Phase I of the One Water project, which is an undertaking of Gaylord's Catt Development, will include a selection of small retail shops along

with Magnum Hospitality's new restaurant, which will have a European Bistro theme. In addition there will be a state-of-the-art 24 slip marina, operated this year by the Boyer City Municipal Marina. Phase II of the development, scheduled to break ground in the Fall of this year, will round out the new marina district of Boyer City with a 37 room hotel, that will include 17 beautifully appointed condominium suites overlooking Lake Charlevoix.

MCDC, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit dental serv-

ices corporation, operates 17 public health dental clinics Statewide, that serve folks on Medicaid and low-income uninsured individuals at reduced rates. MCDC facilitates the development of dental facilities for local health departments, and operates the clinics on their behalf. With a total staff of over 160, which includes 46 dentists, 28 dental hygienists, and over 80 auxiliary staff, MCDC served over 50,000 individuals in 2009. The administrative staff in Boyer will number about 20 in July, and will grow over

time with continued growth of the clinic network. MCDC expects to add three new clinics to its network in 2010.

For more information, contact Dr. Tom Veryser, MCDC Executive Director, at tveryser@mcdental.org, or by phone 231 547-7656; or Glen Catt at gbcatt@cattdevelopment.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

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

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

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

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

and frequently sipping on sugary drinks, may contribute to a tendency toward tooth decay.

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

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

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

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

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

Monitor beverage consumption. Instead of soft drinks, children should choose water and low-fat milk.

Help your children develop good brushing and flossing habits.

Schedule regular dental visits.

Gregory P. Heintschel, DDS, Chief Operating Officer/Dental Director of Michigan Community Dental Clinics, Inc

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This is hardly new, this corporate campaign funding; the blatant aspect is that it's so blatant, so arrogant, insouciant and presumptuous. The 5 of 9 per usual have just taken this country back to when political parties went hand in hand openly with industrialists and imperialists. This is tantamount to the SEDITION ACT which effectively superseded the First Amendment's first clause, free speech. What can they be thinking? All we need do is examine history to find out.

Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, annihilated the Arawak Indians, the Jamestown colony in more subtle manner dispersed the American Indians in the beginning of a 400-year extermination and relocation program, African blacks were imported to Hispaniola even before to America in 1619 when the first slaves arrived, the adage of *The business of America is business* remains the status quo. The richest 1 percent of American wealth controls 40% of it in cash, industry and land, inclusive of foreign lands for mineral and crop profits. Naturally such wealth would purchase influence in making and keeping its advantage over not only competition but the very workers and consumers attendant to industry. On Columbus Day, America, the country celebrates this advent upon its soil, erroneously attributing Columbus to the many landings subsequent. Columbus was in every sense a ruthless confidence man who played civilization against civilization, resolutely exterminating an entire people.

Americans, as historian Howard Zinn explains, are 99% under the yoke of our guards and in effect become the guard troops by merely partaking of crumbs from the table in unequal portions according to social stratification, thereby creating warring factions racially/ethnically, economically, socially, religiously and philosophically. The 1 percent followed by the next nine percent actually rules the country through controlling the government. The very rich, with

very rare exceptions, don't go to jail for any reason. The Declaration is a nicely worded lie as is much of the Constitution. The Bill of Rights addenda rectifies this but has been usurped, enough by now to be negligible in actual practice.

Of course if we look back to the biblical stories, some of the most exoteric resource available for history, considering the sometimes esoteric nature of those tomes, we find that mankind's inhumanity to man has been around quite awhile. Always and throughout all time the rich and powerful have repressed the poor and working classes. The hierarchy allows an upper class to exist since industrialism is necessary for a functioning government, just as rank and file workers are allowed their crumbs so long as they replicate the hegemony declared by the autocracy. The guards are every bit as ruthless as the rulers simply because they have to be to maintain their positions. Empathy and sympathy are not viable concepts. Every class is pitted against every other class to keep up the tension that allows for an aristocracy to maintain rule. Certainly the ancient Greek writings extant substantiate that even though intelligent thought was purveyed while the contiguous world remained at war.

War itself is a profit oriented undertaking. Munitions make billions of dollars for industrialists and legislators in the pockets of industry make sure they get their contracts regularly by dint of making sure the country is at war or at least in attrition or cold war somewhere. It's a despicable equation that is largely unrealized by most Americans. The GI that volunteers, the yellow ribbon brigades, the patriotic factions, all keep the paranoia fervor alive as if we were constantly under siege. 9-11-2001 was a boon to the political and the patriotic and especially to the industrialists. Suddenly they had another WWII exuberance to play with and they made the most of it. War is profitable as evidenced by WWII which brought us out of the Great Depression. The patriots like it too, those gung ho American heroes who subscribe to the nomenclature of battle and Marlboro Man toughness. But it's all hyperbole. This kind does not learn because they will not learn. This is known as mumpsimus, sticking to old theories no matter how obviously obtuse or oft disproven.

Machiavellian are the machinations of jurisprudence and legislation, aided, abetted by the executive most times, this being true in microcosmic form every bit as much as macrocosmic, that is state replicates federal triumvirate. All is deceit and specious. The New World, supposedly a reversal of the Old

World via the Constitution had by the time of constitutional implementation already supplanted much of the indigenous population in true imperialist form. The colonists took what they wanted and called it EMINENT DOMAIN or MANIFEST DESTINY, a supreme arrogation usurping others' natural rights. But the privileged white male and female were only marginally privileged comparatively and there is where the leverage came to be, the percentage of liberation being the delineator in hierarchical pyramid apex to base.

Such background material is not included in history books prior to the 1960s. In the 1950s grade school teachers still referred to balcony seating at movie theatres as *Nigger Heaven*, this to their all-white students. Indians were still left out of the history books and but for Hollywood movie representations non-existent. In point of fact, but for civil rights and Equal Opportunity Employment (EOE), many Americans would undoubtedly still consider Negroes and Indians inferior and even of near-slave status. Many the young housewife of the 1950s was heard to say she "need[ed] a slave" to get everything done in her burgeoning household. Such people get their priorities all wrong due to ignorance of the pyramid scheme that governs them. They think a tri-level home is the ultimate goal, security the bastion that contains their lives. In reality it is their prison, willfully though unwittingly.

Come the US Supreme Court 5 to adjudicate the allowance of corporate funding of political figures and parties. This is a consequence, be it natural or unnatural, of the longstanding tradition of campaign dollars. If campaign funding is limited by law, there are ways found to supersede this whether legal or not. If illegal the courts in general merely go through the motions of hand-slapping the defendants and letting them go, perhaps a fine to substantiate the severity of their indignation. This legalizing of limitless funding is what has just transpired through the long history of the court system begun in Western Europe, imported to the New World though denied as such. Examining the English court system one is hard put to find discrepancies between old and new. The Bill of Rights is non-effective now even though still heralded as our guiding principles. Mindless automata provide surveillance of the supposed detractors which follow the guiding principles to the hilt, thereby making them effectually illegal in whatever terminology might be conjured or construed. Police forces nationwide uphold this controlling factor and keep our jails filled with defendants who purvey the rights outlined in the Amend-

ments, which mean nothing other than release on fine or bail and negligible court findings, for it matters not whether one is guilty or not of civil rights demands, the outcome is always repressive, one's time and money wasted on cop and court interference at the behest of the overseers. These are the tools of oppression – not that far removed from Gestapo tactics – different uniforms for different hegemonies. And now the Supreme Court has made the final move toward complete control of the pyramidal scheme, they being toward the middle top of the polygon, guards well paid and privileged. Why they did this is not in question. Whether they will prevail in public opinion and legislative determinants is. It would be difficult to imagine a happier more schadenfreude-prone corporate celebration at this point. They, after all, have prevailed in their fondest rapacious goals.

As has been written by several commentators, the original Constitution was composed by rich white men of property and social standing, slave holders, entrepreneurs, plantation harvesters, foreign product imperialists &c. In other words they were the aristocracy of the day and their interests were definitely connected to economic advantage. If England or France or Holland or Spain got in the way financially, they simply declared war on the interloper. Of course wars were mislabeled to garner the support of the legislature which benefitted by campaign contributions and the populace who fought for pitances and patriotic acclaim. It has been working this way for several hundred years depending on what time perspective one wants to gauge the advent from in burgeoning US consolidation. Despite the advent of a few women and blacks things remain basically the same. It is, after all, a money game, replete with full pension and benefits for life and of course the fortuitous *investments* potential one automatically acquires when once in the inner circles. Everyone below that level will play the game for the money no matter how picayune, even those crushed under the base of the pyramid. The only truly free persons are those with absolutely nothing left to lose.

Is this then the best country in the world? That's a relative assumption, most of us not having firsthand knowledge of what it's like in others. Statistics tell of a lopsided prison system with the US way at the top in incarceration numbers. Health care even in the land of startling innovation remains good for those who can afford the best care, negligible or non-existent for many lest one learns the tricks of the system. Media? Rarely does media

come up with the real stories. The Detroit Free Press and USA Today are the out front runners at present in presenting both accurate news and in-depth studies. Most media shrinks from controversial articles other than *Man Bites Dog* trivia. Most anyone can partake of the largesse of economic boon if the games are played accordingly, but the level of expectations ought not rise above the ordinary and even this is being curtailed at present as the Great Recession shakes out. You think the supreme justices of the US are merely uninformed of or taciturn to the inequality issue? They laugh about it, just as attorneys and judges joke about court cases of the day while seated around the upscale spirits palaces, and cops joke about busting hookers and homosexuals. Lately Supreme Justice Anthony Kennedy, considered the leveraging vote amongst the nine, voted for continuance of the 3-strikes law while simultaneously speaking out against it at university lectures and legal symposiums. Doublethink prevails. But the catalyst is money. When imprisonment becomes unaffordable, leniency is promoted. Building of prisons throughout the 80s, 90s, even into the millennium, is a profit oriented business since builders and workers are employed, states garner benefits through all this, and the politicians gain clout via constituents for reelection, or indeed rooky legislators for replacing soft on crime adherents. It's all a game, a money game.

But for four of the nine the Supreme Court is laughing all the way to the bank, but the others are still banking anyway if sulkily. They're set for life, pay, perks, pension, health care. They can write books upon retirement, give lectures for high dollars, hobnob with whomever they choose. What care they how the vast public is treated or concerned? The circle is now unbroken. The elite have won at least temporarily. This will likely evolve per usual, as in when the Seditious Acts were outlawed as unconstitutional by Thomas Jefferson upon inauguration to highest office in 1801-2. It's always a push-pull battle but always reverts to the one or the other side. There has never been a war fought that didn't have at base economic and power rewards for the elite. Elections 2010 and 2012 will be revealing, election 2016 perhaps more so. Supreme Court personnel can be impeached, but they won't be. For that they would have to lie about philandering with interns. Volunteers anyone? Yuck.

The Apparition of Aristotle

Mitchell Jon MacKay, East Jordan

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Giving Card Holders a Break

Major Reforms of the Credit Card Act of 2009 are now in Effect

By Jim Akans

This past Monday, February 22nd, the majority of the reforms provided by the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure (CARD) Act went into full effect. While the event was unheralded by any noticeable fanfare, the provisions of the Act will provide some increased protections for the users of the approximately 1.4 billion credit cards on the loose.

"For too long, credit card companies have had free rein to employ deceptive, unfair tactics that hit responsible consumers with unreasonable costs," President Obama stated on Monday. "But today, we are shifting the balance of power back to the consumer and we are holding the credit card companies accountable."

Here are some key features of the new regulations;

No more "Universal Default." This is the practice of raising interest rates on a card because the consumer was late paying on a card for a different account.

Promotional interest rates must have a minimum six-month period, and new card accounts cannot have interest rates raised during the first year.

Creditors must provide a minimum 45 day notice before making changes to the card terms, including interest rates or any fee changes.

Application and annual fees cannot exceed twenty-five percent of the initial credit limit.

No more fees for going over your credit limit (although the consumer can opt-out of this) or for processing payments made via mail, telephone or electronic transfer.

Those under the age of 21 years can no longer open an account without a cosigner or proof of independent income.

Card billings must be sent at least 21 days before payment is due, and the due date must be the same date every month.

Billing statements will now have additional information, such as disclosure of



any penalties for late payments, and a disclosure of how long it will take to pay off an existing balance if only the minimum payments are made.

Of course, credit card companies have been studying this bill since it was introduced approximately nine months ago, and they have a few plans of their own. Some things to watch out for;

Card issuers have been boosting interest rates terms in recent months, so many are starting out with exorbitantly high rates already. If you have one of these, try finding a new account with a lower interest rate that will be subject to the new rules. Transfer any balance on the high interest card to this one, and cancel the old one.

Companies can still increase interest rates on new charges if the consumer is more than sixty days late making payments, so be timely.

Card companies may be making persuasive arguments to consumers trying to get them to "opt out" of the ban on over the limit fees, urging that it is better to allow these fees than have a purchase declined if the credit limit is exceeded. Best advice; don't waive this over limit fee protection.

There is no federally mandated cap on the interest rate a card company can charge...yikes, how'd they miss that one!

One thing is for sure, credit card companies won't be going broke because of these new regulations. The observant consumer, however, will enjoy some added protection from the heavy hand of credit...wield it wisely.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BOYNE CITY Students present Hospitality Pasta Night

The young chefs from the Boyne City High School Hospitality Class will be hosting a Hospitality Pasta Night dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. The dinner will be served in the Hospitality Classroom located in the Early Childhood Building across Main Street from the Boyne District Library. The students will make homemade pastas like ravioli and fettuccine plus sauces and baked garlic focaccia bread and, they advise, "Save room for dessert." The dinner is a fundraiser for upcoming competitions and their end-of-the-year trip. Suggested donation is \$6 for adults, \$4 students, \$3 for ages 6 to 10, and free for ages 5 and under. RSVP's are appreciated to 439-8153 or dcrissman@boyne.k12.mi.us.

BOYNE CITY Free Computer Classes

Classes are held at 10 a.m. every Friday at the Boyne District Library through February. Classes are available to all levels of learning. For more information call the Library at 582-7861 or Ron Grunch at 582-6974.

BOYNE CITY Fish Fry

Fish Fry Benefit dinner will be presented by the Boyne City Presbyterian Church from 4:30

to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 at 401 South Park St.

BOYNE CITY Skills USA Culinary regional competition

Team Hospitality will host and participate in Skills USA Culinary regional competition on Feb. 26. Students participated in Skills Food & Beverage and Commercial Baking competitions in Cadillac on Feb. 19. Team members are: Culinary Team - Jacob Kovel and Ben Oliver from East Jordan and Dylan Percy from Boyne City; Commercial Baking Team - Jessica Benner, Zachary Matthew, Tanner Cooper and Travis Stark. Food & Beverage - Francisco Martinez. The instructor is Dennis Crissman Sr.

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.

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 Lions 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 advance (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.

BOYNE CITY Outdoor sports shop opening on Water Street

126 Water Street will be home to a new outdoor sports shop called No Boundaries in early April. The new store will offer outdoor apparel and gear for hiking, camping, paddle sports, kayaks, cycling and Nordic (but not downhill) skiing. Owners are Bob South, a Boyne City area resident who will manage the store, and Jeff Collins, a Petoskey resident and custom homebuilder who also owns Glennwood Construction, which is doing the tenant improvements for the store. "We are friends from cycling, we ride together regularly," South said. "Jeff has an entrepreneurial mind and so do I, and we share the same vision for the store. It's not the best economy to open a new business, but we believe in Boyne City." South is a former board member of the Boyne Area Chamber, and says "We really want to be involved in the community and the Chamber." Another key em-

ployee will be Ben Tompkins, who will help manage the store and will also be involved with building strong community relations. South grew up in Indiana, graduated from the University of Indiana. He and his wife Carrie moved here in 1997; they now have three children. South was one of the original owners of North Country Cycle Sport in Boyne City and most recently worked at High Gear Sports in Petoskey.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Text Your Ad - \$25 a month

Utilizing new cutting edge technology businesses can now send text ads, coupons, photos and more to their customer's mobile device. Monthly fees are just \$25. For detailed information, e-Mail Dave 1 at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

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!

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.

EAST JORDAN & BOYNE CITY Fashion Show Benefit

Come see the latest Spring Fashions presented by Mary's of Boyne and the EJ Shoppe,

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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

BOYNE CITY Toastmasters

A group of employees of Great Lakes Energy are considering starting a Toastmasters club in Boyne City. If there is enough interest to start a club, it would meet at lunch-time. The club would be open to anyone who would like to improve their communication and leadership skills. Anyone interested may contact Charity Gee at 487-1325 or by email at cgee@glenergy.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@northernlakes.net with questions.

BOYNE CITY Sign up for Boyne City Little League

Boyne City Little League sign-ups begin March 6 at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St., at the following times: March 6 from 9:30 to 12:30; March 10 from 4:30 to 6:30; March 13 from 9:30 to 12. For more information call Cindy Banner, Little League President, at home at 231-582-9087. Tryouts will be March 27 in the Boyne City High School Gym.

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 Boyne Business Breakfast 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 breakfast sandwiches courtesy of Subway. Call 582-6222 or email the Chamber 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.

BOYNE CITY Make an Appointment for the Board of Review

Board of Review for the City of Boyne City will meet (by appointment only) at City Hall March 15 from noon to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., and March 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 582-6597 to make a 10-minute appointment.

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 Irish Heritage Fest planned for St. Patrick's Day

Boyne City will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the third annual Irish Heritage Fest on

Wednesday, March 17, at the Eagles Lodge community room. Sponsored by Ace Hardware, Pat O'Brien & Associates Real Estate and the Boyne City Main Street Program, doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 5:30. The event is a celebration of Boyne City's Irish heritage for the entire family with Irish music, song, storytelling, dance, and - of course - food. The Boyne City High School Hospitality Program students will showcase their talent for diversity and excellence with a multi-course meal. There will be a cash bar, and perhaps even some Irish spirits. Revelers will dance to Irish tunes played and sung, and watch traditional dancers perform, listen to storytellers, and get in touch with their Irish sides. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$8 for children ages 5-12; and free for preschoolers. They are available at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, Local Flavor, Country Now & Then, and the Eagles Lodge. The event is organized by the Boyne City Main Street Program with assistance from the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information call the Main Street Program at 582-9009.

CHARLEVOIX Business After Hours

The March 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.

BOYNE CITY Starting a Business

Classes are held monthly by the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance. The next class will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at Elk Rapids High School and March 24 at the Boyne District Library. The fee is \$20 and you must pre-register by calling 582-6482 or emailing info@northernlakes.net. NLEA and its partners also offer a number of business training workshops.

CHARLEVOIX 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

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

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 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

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.

BOYNE CITY Expo Set for April 29

The Boyne Area Chamber will host its second annual

Business Expo and Taste of Boyne from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at the former Carter's store on M-75 South. This event attracted a crowd of 1,000 people to visit 70 exhibitors last year. To reserve a space contact the chamber at 231-582-6222.

PETOSKEY GO GRANTS Announced

Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a niche group of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, is proud to announce the launch of its GO Grants for Girls. GO Grants, or Girls Outreach Grants, will reach out to young girls in our area who have an idea and passion to try something new. Grants will range from \$100 to \$500, and can be used as resources in any field of endeavor. The purpose of the grants is to provide small grants to girls in grades 6 to 10 in the Char-Em ISD service area of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. The grants will allow the applicant to pursue a special interest gain or improve a skill, participate in an outdoor experience and more. CWIB encourages applications that will be challenging to the applicant. Girls will be required to work with an adult mentor - a relative outside of the immediate family, teacher, youth pastor, social worker, etc. - who will help them fill out and submit the application, and will work with the girl to help her achieve her dream. The mentor will also work with each girl to submit her final report on her completed activity and what it meant to her. The ideal applicants are girls who have not received awards for outstanding achievements. CWIB is seeking girls who do not ordinarily apply for awards, but instead under-represented girls who need more support to realize their potential. Girls need to clearly state their financial need, as well as describe a special interest that will spark their imagination, creativity, or follow a dream that they may not imagine possible. The Go Grant Application and background information is available on the Chambers website at <http://chamber.petoskey.com/cwib-161/> or at the Chamber office. Applications must be postmarked is April 1, 2010. For more information, contact Kathy Bardins at 231-487-1188, kbardins@winternet.com, or Lisa Hoyt at 231-347-4150, lisa@petoskey.com.

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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Are you prepared if your child has a dental emergency?

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Thousands of dental emergencies—from injuries to a painful, abscessed tooth—take place every day. Would you know what to do if your child broke a tooth or had a tooth knocked out while playing outdoors? What if you had a bad toothache in the middle of the night and couldn't get to the dentist until the next day? According to Dental Clinics North, knowing what to do can lessen the pain and save a tooth that might otherwise be lost.

"Keep your dental office phone number and an emergency number where the dentist can be reached after hours with other emergency numbers," said Matthew Pawlick, DDS, Dentist at Dental Clinics North's Petoskey/Harbor Springs location. "Some families post these numbers on the refrigerator or inside a kitchen cabinet-door near the phone." He said it is important to call your dentist immediately for instructions on how to handle a dental emergency.

The American Dental Association suggests the following actions for common children's dental problems:

Toothache: Rinse the mouth with warm water to clean it out. Gently use dental floss to remove any food or other debris that may be caught between the teeth. Never put aspirin or any other painkiller against the gums near the aching tooth. This could burn gum tissue. If the toothache persists, try to see the dentist. Don't rely on painkillers. They



may temporarily relieve pain but your dentist should evaluate the condition.

Knocked out tooth: Try to find the tooth! This may not be as easy as you think if the injury took place on a playground, basketball court or while skateboarding, so try to stay calm. Hold the tooth by the crown and rinse the root in water if the tooth is dirty. Don't scrub it or remove any attached tissue fragments. If it's possible, gently insert and hold the tooth in its socket while you head to the dentist. If that's not possible, put the tooth in a cup of milk and bring it to the dentist. Time

is critical for successful reimplantation, so try to get to your dentist immediately.

Broken tooth: Rinse the mouth with warm water to clean it. Use cold compresses on outside of the cheek to prevent swelling.

Tongue or lip bites or wounds: Clean the area gently with a clean cloth and apply cold compresses to reduce any swelling. If the bleeding can't be controlled, go to a hospital emergency room or clinic. You may be able to reduce bleeding from the tongue by pulling it forward and using gauze to put pressure on the wound.

Objects caught between teeth: Try to gently remove the object with dental floss. Never use a sharp instrument to remove any object that is stuck between your teeth. If you can't dislodge the object with floss, contact your dentist.

Possible broken jaw: Apply cold compresses to control swelling. Get to the hospital emergency room immediately.

Dental Clinics North offers general dentistry for the entire family. In partnership with local health departments, Dental Clinics North caters to patients with Medicaid, Delta Dental Healthy Kids, Northern Dental Plan and low-income/uninsured families. For more information or for an appointment in Mancelona, East Jordan, Petoskey/Harbor Springs, or Gaylord, call Dental Clinics North toll-free at 877-321-7070.

Charlevoix County Health Rankings

Charlevoix County ranked 25th overall in Michigan in the County Health Rankings: Mobilizing Action toward Community Health report released this week. Each county in the U.S. was ranked on how healthy people are and how long they live. They were also ranked on key factors such as smoking, obesity, binge drinking, access to primary care providers, rates of high school graduations, rates of violent crime, air pollution levels, liquor store density, unemployment rates, and number of children living in poverty.

The online rankings, available at www.countyhealthrankings.org, include snapshots of U.S. counties with a color-coded map that compares each county's overall health with other counties in each of the 50 states. Researchers used the latest data available for each county, ranging from 2000 to 2008, to develop rankings.

Overall, the rankings show that people who live in healthier counties tend to have higher education levels, are more likely to be employed, have access to more health care providers, and have more access to healthier foods, parks, and recreational facilities.

Charlevoix County ranked high, 25 of 84, compared with other counties in Michigan. Overall health was measured by death and illness rates in the county. The County Health Rankings also show how Charlevoix County ranked on individual factors that influence its overall health ranking.

For example, Charlevoix County has strengths in the area of clinical care, ranking ninth, in factors such as the proportion of uninsured adults, preventable hospital stays, and diabetic screening. The rankings also indicate Charlevoix County is at-risk in the social and economic factor section, which includes unemployment rates.

"These rankings demonstrate that health happens where we live, learn, work, and play," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Much of what influences how healthy we are and how long we'll live happens outside the doctor's office."

"All of us—the medical community, public health officials, government and business leaders, educators, and media—must play a role in transforming our communities," Meyerson said.

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 regarding County Health Rankings, visit www.countyhealthrankings.org.



Mackinac Island Resident Rides Across Country for Breast Cancer Awareness

On January 7, 2010, Tim Leeper of Mackinac Island, Michigan, put his rear wheel in the Pacific Ocean and started his cross-country bicycle trip. Along the way he has had quite an adventure, battling bad weather, bad roads, rude drivers, and dogs, but also seeing incredible sights, meeting the best kinds of people, and discovering that life is a journey and everything happens for a reason.

It was in January of 2009, when I first had contact with Tim. The Charlevoix/Emmet County Pink Ribbon, an event held the third Saturday in June each year, raises money for breast cancer programs offered through Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Regional Hospital. The Pink Ribbon Rides are part of Bike4breastcancer, a non-profit organization whose goal is to establish rides in communities throughout the country, such as we have done here in Northern Michigan. Eighty-five percent of the monies raised at an event remain within the community for local programs.

Tim lost his wife, Patty, to breast cancer in 2001. Her breast cancer was discovered when she was pregnant with their daughter, Ariel. The plan was that she would either ride tandem with Tim or in a support vehicle as they made their way across country. Four times she had the cancer beat, the fifth time it took her life, an eleven-year battle. When Tim called me, he was ready to make good on his promise to do this, Ariel was out of high school and off to college. He wanted to make it a fundraiser and donate the money to an organization that kept the funds local. He had ridden in our Pink Ribbon Ride a couple of years ago with his good friend, Linda Richards. It was Linda who contacted me originally and then had Tim call me.

To date, Tim has raised nearly \$9,000, through the sale of his artwork and donations. This does not include the per-mile-pledges that he has received; those will be collected once he finishes his trip. The entire amount raised will go to the Charlevoix/Emmet County Pink Ribbon Ride. Tim is paying his own way and has refused to take his basic expenses, hotel and food, from the proceeds. His donation, along with the income from this year's Pink Ribbon Ride, will help so many women in Charlevoix and Emmet County. One of our biggest concerns has been testing, and now both hospitals can provide testing year-round for under and uninsured women. You need only to contact Kathy Jacobsen at Charlevoix Area Hospital, (231) 547-8906, or Kathy Hutchinson at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, (231) 487-3137.

On March 2, 2010, Tim will finish this massive undertaking by putting his front wheel in the Atlantic Ocean at Anastasia State Park in St. Augustine, Florida. Please read Tim's daily postings at the Charlevoix/Emmet County Pink Ribbon Ride facebook page. You can learn more about Tim on our website as well, www.bike4breastcancer.org.

Health Department and Charlevoix Area Hospital co-sponsoring H1N1 vaccination clinic

Many clinics also scheduled at community sites, workplaces, and residential facilities

On Friday, February 26, 2010, Charlevoix Area Hospital and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan are co-sponsoring an H1N1 vaccination clinic at the hospital from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

"So far, we've given over 17,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine but there are still a lot of people who have not received their vaccination yet," said Pat Fralick, Director of Family & Community Health for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "We want people to know it is not too late to get their shot. There is plenty of vaccine now and the vaccination is

open to all age groups."

H1N1 vaccinations from the Health Department are free.

"We've received grant funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health to improve the H1N1 vaccination rate in our four-county Health District," she said. Public health nurses are bringing H1N1 vaccine to hard-to-reach populations like people who live in group homes, assisted care facilities, and long-term care facilities, as well as workplaces with at least 50 employees. "We've planned over 50 clinics in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego

counties for February and March," Fralick said.

SEVERAL H1N1 VACCINATION CLINICS, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26:

February 24: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Glen's Market in Charlevoix and 4:30 PM to close at the Community Free Clinic

February 25: 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Baby Pantry in Mancelona; 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Glen's North in

Petoskey; 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM at Tree-tops in Gaylord

February 26: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Boyne Area Free Clinic; 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Inn at Bay Harbor; 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM at the Otsego Club.

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DAVE Says

(don't get caught up in the glamour)



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

Our son is 21, and he's embarking on a career as a professional soccer player. The beginning money isn't huge. He'll only be making about \$30,000 a year, and we want to know how we can help him manage this money and not get caught up in the idea that he has to live a glamorous lifestyle.

Karen

Dear Karen,

The whole soccer thing is pretty cool, but you're right about the money. "Glamorous" isn't the word I'd use to describe a \$30,000-a-year job, even for a 21-year-old. I think the biggest thing here is to make sure he develops some emotional maturity and uses basic, common-sense guidelines to help keep things in perspective. If he makes a habit right now of budgeting and living on less than he makes, he's going to have a lot easier time later on if he starts raking in the big bucks.

The biggest problem with professional athletes is they think the ride is going to last forever. I always tell players that NFL really stands for "Not For Long." The average pro football player's career lasts 3.7 years. That's not a long time, and the same is true in other sports, too. There just aren't a lot of Brett Favres running around out there.

Help him prepare his heart for two things. First, that it will probably be a short run. Enjoy it, be smart, then prepare to move on to the next part of your life, and develop a different career track. The second thing is that even if he beats the odds and ends up making a ton of money, he's got to view the money as a responsibility and a privilege. This is when the common sense and maturity really come into play. You can't run out and buy a bunch of houses and cars and expect even big money to last for long.

This could be a very cool thing for your son. But it's only going to be cool if it brings blessings to him and doesn't ruin his life!

—Dave

(how much do I need?)

Dear Dave,

Does a single person with no dependents need life insurance? If so, how much?

Shirley

Dear Shirley,

A single person with no dependents doesn't need much life insurance at all. You're just looking at enough to cover final expenses and maybe take care of any outstanding debts. In most cases, around \$8,000 will cover funeral costs. You just don't want to leave things behind that would end up being a burden to someone else.

Lots of times you'll find there's a small life insurance policy built into your healthcare coverage. Check that out, or get with your human resources department if you have insurance through an employer. The last thing you want is for mom or dad to have to write a check to the funeral home on the worst day of their lives.

But having no dependents is the key here. If you had a spouse or kids, they would need to be taken care of after you were gone. That would change the whole equation. In that case, I'd recommend you have eight to 10 times your annual income wrapped up in a good, level term life insurance policy!

—Dave

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jessie Willson of Boyne City celebrated her 99th birthday on Monday, February 15th. On Monday, 20 guests attended a party in her honor. On Tuesday she had lunch at Boyne Mountain. On Thursday she went on a shopping outing in Petoskey, and Friday she went out with family and friends for a Chinese luncheon. At 99 she is still hard to keep up with. A game of cards anyone? (Photo by Vic Ruggles)



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

Learning How To Converse is Like a Game of Catch

QUESTION: Last week you answered a question from my girlfriend. I'm the boyfriend who doesn't talk very much. I've been that way all of my life. Part of the problem is that I just don't like to reveal what I'm feeling. But also, I don't know how to talk to people. I get really uncomfortable when I'm with people and I'm expected to say things. Can you give me some hints about how to express myself?

DR. DOBSON: It might help you to understand the basics of good conversation. Let me ask you to imagine that the two of us are facing each other about eight feet apart. You have four tennis balls in your hands, and you toss one of them to me. Instead of throwing the ball back, however, I hold it and wait for you to toss another to me. Eventually all four balls are in my hands. We stand there looking at each other awkwardly and wondering what to do next. The game is over.

Good conversation is something like that game of catch. One person throws an idea or a comment to the other, and he or she then tosses it back. But if that second person doesn't return it, the game ends. Both players feel awkward and wish they could be somewhere else. Let me illustrate further.

Suppose I say to my son when he comes home in the afternoon, "How did it go in school today?" If he answers, "Fine," he has caught the ball and held it. We have nothing more to say to each other unless I can come up with another comment — another "ball" to throw to him.

But if my son says, "I had a good day because I got an A on my history test," he has caught the ball and thrown it back. I can then ask, "Was it a difficult test?" or "Did you study hard for it?" or "I'll bet you're proud of yourself!"

If my son replies, "Yes," he has wrecked the game again. To keep the conversation

going, he needs to throw back something of substance, such as "It was a tough examination, but it was fair." Then our "game" can continue.

I hope you see that the art of talking to people is really very simple. It's just a matter of throwing the conversational ball back and forth.

As for your relationship with a future wife, it won't be enough to just throw the ball back to her. She's going to want you to be more intimate than that. She'll need to know how you feel about her, what you dream about, things that upset you, what you'd like her to do, how you feel about God, etc. You can learn to put these thoughts into words, even though you will probably never be a big talker. I suggest that you push yourself in this direction rather than saying, "That's just how I am." Your wife will probably have to make some changes to accommodate you, too.

That's what a good marriage is all about.

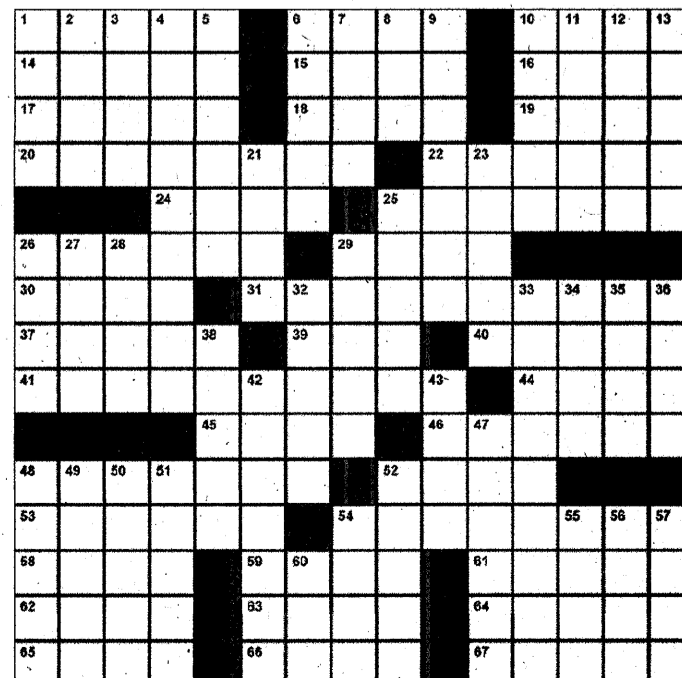
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GREAT WEEK FOR RED DEVILS!

East Jordan posts victories over league rivals BC & Charlevoix

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN – It was a week to celebrate for the East Jordan boys basketball team. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Red Devils traveled to the court of perennial hardwood rival Boyne City and came away with a hard-fought 53-50 victory. On Friday, East Jordan stayed at home and took on another longtime rival, Charlevoix. The Red Devils rallied in the second half to record a 75-66 triumph.

The success of the week lifted East Jordan's record to 7-10 overall and 5-7 in the Lake Michigan Conference and, more than that, lifted the Red Devils' confidence level to somewhere in the stratosphere.

The win over Charlevoix on Friday was particularly big. The Rayders came to town with a 10-6 log and a 9-2 record in the league. They needed to beat East Jordan to remain in contention with St. Francis for the conference title. It didn't happen because East Jordan stubbornly refused to allow it to happen.

Senior Matt Werner was the chief thorn in Charlevoix's side on this night. Werner, who returned to the lineup the week before after being sidelined by a hand injury, got hot at the right time and fueled a second-half comeback.

Charlevoix led by nine, 35-26, at halftime and everything seemed to be going according to script at that point. In the third quarter, Werner got into AT&T mode, dialing long distance and making connections. Three times he made the twine dance from beyond the arc as the scrappy, determined Red Devils slowly cut the deficit. They eventually outscored the Rayders 21-12 in the quarter to create a 47-47 tie heading into the final period.

East Jordan had all the momentum of a pickup on a steep incline heading into the fourth quarter and the Red Devils also had Werner, who was hotter than a heaping bowl of Texas chili from the floor. The combination proved to be too much for the visiting Rayders.

Werner connected twice more from 3-point land as the Red Devils outscored Charlevoix 28-19 over the final eight minutes of the game. Josh Williams also helped the cause considerably, draining 5 of 6 free throws down the stretch.

Werner finished the productive night with 27 points and 23 of those came in the second half. Fellow senior Teddy Snowden rocked the iron for 16 points from his guard post and Nico Cornstalk tallied nine.

Dylan Putman had a big night scoring for Charlevoix, accounting for 22 points, and slick sophomore point guard Keegan LaBlance hit for 12. Senior 6-foot-5 forward Bill Ivan did his usual blue-collar battling under the boards, gathering nine points along with some bruises in the physical contest.

The intense nature of the game can be seen in the huge number of trips taken to the charity stripe by both sides. Charlevoix hit on 22 of 37 free throw attempts and East Jordan made 25 of 41.

Charlevoix coach Keith Haske, one of the classiest and most respected coaches in the state, credited East Jordan with a solid showing, noting the Red Devils "outhustled, outworked and outplayed" his team.

Earlier in the week, East Jordan held off a late charge by the Ramblers to secure the 53-50 victory. This time, it was Cornstalk making the connections for the Red Devils. Nitro Nico made the net dance to the tune of 21 points to land atop the scoring ledger and Snowden, reliable as the sunrise, hit for 13.

Sophomore Jay Redman, one of the promising underclassmen on the Boyne City roster, tallied 16 and pulled down eight boards and junior guard Caleb Roberts hit for 10. Redman also recorded three assists, as did Parker Ameal.

Charlevoix got the best of Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Feb. 16, posting a 78-55 decision over the visiting Elks. Dylan Putman and Bill Ivan hit for 17 and 16 points, respectively, to pace the Rayders, who won their third straight. Putman also grabbed seven boards. Bazooka Ben Myers fired away for eight points and also dished off six assists and point guard LaBlance, one of several super-talented sophomores dotting league rosters this season, recorded eight assists.

Broc Crandall topped the Elks' stat sheet with 19 points and Kyle Doran tallied 18 for coach Luke Johnson's squad.

Boyne City took on Elk Rapids on Friday and suffered a 60-36 defeat. Redman and Roberts each hit for 11 to lead the Ramblers.



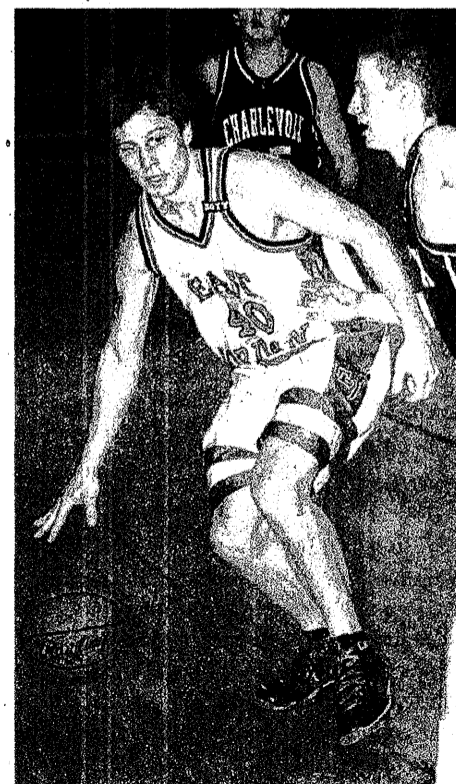
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Erik Brun of East Jordan goes high to deposit two points into the net during the Red Devils' tense battle at Boyne City on Tuesday.



(PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

East Jordan senior forward Mike Becker finds Charlevoix strong man Big Bill Ivan blocking his path to the basket during Friday's game.



(PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

Andrew Nemecek of East Jordan maneuvers along the baseline with the ball during Friday's Lake Michigan Conference battle with Charlevoix.

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by the numbers

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Number of weeks Robin Wottowa has been the fastest female, or tied for the fastest, in the Boyne Mountain PBR Adult Ski League

4

Free throws tried and made in the fourth quarter by Ellsworth's Jalyn Ingalls, part of 20 points scored in the Lancers' come-from-behind 47-41 win over T.C. Christian

16

Rebounds pulled down by Charlevoix power forward Sarah Potter to go with 21 points in the Rayders' 56-43 Lake Michigan Conference win over Elk Rapids

21

Points produced by "Nitro" Nico Cornstalk with eight rebounds in East Jordan's hardwood triumph at Boyne City on Tuesday

25

Points scored by The Pistol, Josh Puroll, in Boyne Falls' tense 50-47 victory over Wolverine in Northern Lakes Conference play

BOYNE CITY 46, EAST JORDAN 40

Streaking Ramblers edge EJ

MOEKE SCORES 39 IN BC WINS OVER RED DEVILS AND ELK RAPIDS

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City girls are closing out strongly. With impressive victories over East Jordan and Elk Rapids to their credit last week, the Ramblers pushed their record to the .500 mark and kept themselves on a streak that features six wins in eight starts. It's a good streak for coach Jim Brown's girls to be on with the regular season rapidly winding down.

Boyne City edged East Jordan 46-40 on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and then outscored Elk Rapids 54-42 on the road on Friday. That gave the Ramblers a 9-9 log overall and a 6-6 record in the league going into the final week of the regu-



(PHOTO BY ROB DEFORGE OF RDSPORTSPHOTO.COM)

Boyne City junior guard Abbi Fair brings the ball up the floor as Jessica Kinner of East Jordan defends during the Lake Michigan Conference game on the Rambler home floor.



(PHOTO BY ROB DEFORGE OF RDSPORTSPHOTO.COM)

East Jordan senior sharpshooter Shaina Peters goes high to launch a jump shot during Tuesday's Lake Michigan Conference showdown with Boyne City. Maddie Moeke defends for the Ramblers.

lar season. The Ramblers faced Grayling at home on Tuesday, Feb. 23 after this issue went to press and they are home again on Thursday, Feb. 25, in the regular-season finale against Harbor Springs.

Boyne City opens Class C district play at Charlevoix on Wednesday, March 3, against the Rams. If Boyne City advances, it could face either East Jordan or Charlevoix in the district finals.

East Jordan fell to 7-10 overall and 4-7 in the league following the loss to Boyne City.

Boyne City senior sharpshooter Maddie Moeke led the way against the Red Devils, draining the nets for 19 points, and sparkplug senior guard Sydney Gahn put 15 on the board. With Moeke and Gahn assaulting the iron, the Ramblers created some separation on the scoreboard in the third quarter, outscoring the

visitors 19-10.

Gritty point guard Tanner McCune paced the Red Devils with 12 points and junior backcourt mate Maribeth Poindexter tallied 11. McCune was also active defensively, racking up six steals, and she had three assists as well. Senior forward Shaina Peters pulled down 10 rebounds and Grace Howes hauled in five.

In the 54-42 win at Elk Rapids, it was sweet-shooting sophomore Rachel Butler and Moeke the missile launcher both leading the way for the Ramblers with 20 points apiece. Moeke had a combined 39 points in the back-to-back wins. Sydney was super at the point once again, handling the ball efficiently and making smart decisions.

Megan Gregorski scored 11 for the Elks.

wrestling roundup

Nohel advances to state meet

BC 160-pound senior defeats fourth-ranked wrestler in semifinals to secure spot at Palace

By Mike Dunn

ROSCOMMON — Boyne City senior wrestler Drew Nohel will have the opportunity to close out his career on the mats in the Div. 4 state meet. Nohel, Boyne City's all-time win leader in the years since coach Don Nohel started the wrestling program again, earned his 160-pound berth at state by finishing in second place Saturday in the Div. 4 regional meet held at Roscommon.

Zach Bush of Boyne City at 135 pounds and Chris Levens of Charlevoix at 189 pounds also competed in the regional meet but were not able to advance.

Nohel, who has compiled a 32-5 record this season and has 108 career victories for the Ramblers, competed in one of the toughest weight classes of the meet, with many of the matches being decided by just one point. In fact, the No. 1 seeds from both districts failed to advance.

Nohel had two one-point victories to his credit, defeating Brandon Bordeaux of Hesperia 10-9 in his opening match and then edging No. 1 seed Solomon Kerkulah of St. Louis 3-2 in a stirring semifinal match. Kerkulah was the fourth-ranked wrestler in the state by Michigan 'Grappler' and did not go down without a fierce struggle. Nohel came away with the grueling, intense battle with a bruised lip and a black eye — and a big smile on his face.

Nohel faced highly regarded Matt Kelsey of Pine River in the 160-pound finals and lost a 10-6 decision. Kelsey, a part of the one of the more established Div. 4 programs in the state, brought a 39-12 record into the match. Kelsey goes to the state meet as a No. 1 seed and Nohel as a No. 2 seed.

Even though he lost in the finals, Nohel was thrilled with the prospect of qualifying for the state meet for the first time. The state meet takes place March 4-6 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

"I've been to the Palace a couple of times just to watch the finals, always waiting to wrestle there," Drew said. "It feels great to finally get to be a part of it! Well worth all the time I've put into it."

Drew's father and coach Don Nohel was naturally pleased as well.

"Drew wrestled his butt off, especially in the semifinal, which was a real war," coach Nohel said. "He's at the top of his game right now and wrestling the best he ever has. We're just so happy for him. He's worked very hard to get here; the state finals has been a dream of his for a very long time."

The top four wrestlers advanced from each weight division. The other two to advance at 160

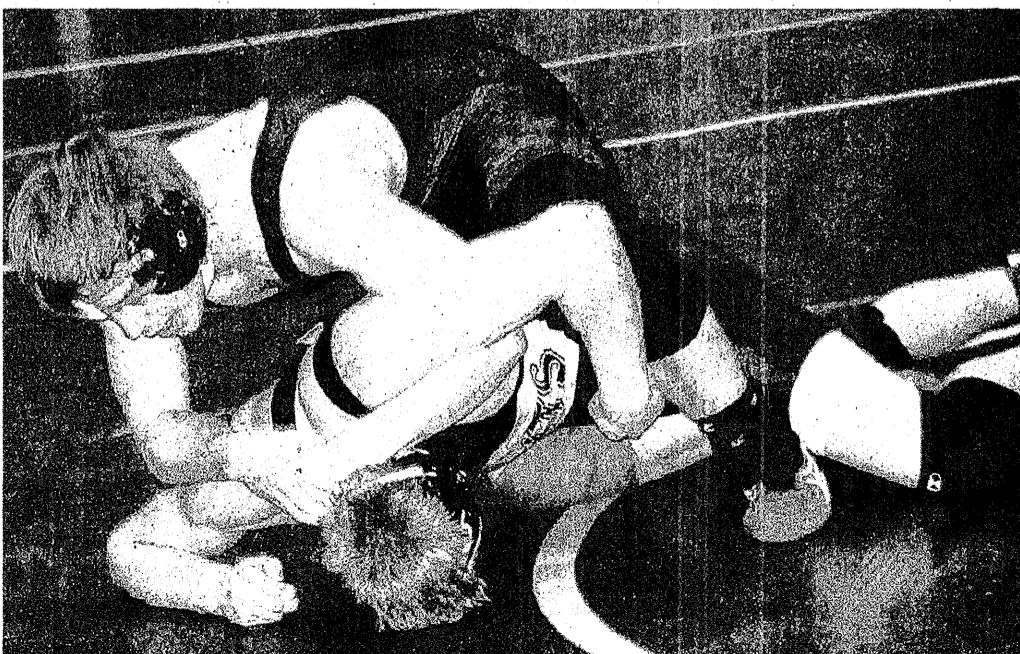
pounds were Galloway Thurston of St. Ignace as the No. 3 seed and Steve Thome of Hesperia as the No. 4 seed.

Nohel will face Kurtis Brackman of Pittsford, a senior with a 41-8 record. Brackman is a No. 3 seed from another region.

Bush, a first-time regional qualifier, acquitted himself well in his two matches, losing to No. 1 seed Collin Zerrip of Hesperia in the opening round and then dropping a close decision to Jack Jamieson of Traverse City St. Francis

in the consolation opener.

Levens capped an excellent senior campaign on the mats with a 38-7 record. After losing a razor-thin 7-6 decision in overtime to Travis Barton of St. Louis in the opening round, Levens kept his hopes of qualifying for state alive with a 9-5 decision victory over Conrad Jewett of Manistique. Levens needed just one more victory to earn his berth at state, but he lost to Dillon Sibley of Hesperia in the consolation semifinals.



(PHOTO BY MIKE DUNN)

Boyne City senior Drew Nohel, top, is shown battling Galloway Thurston of St. Ignace in late January. Nohel advanced as the No. 2 seed and Thurston as the No. 3 seed from their region.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Matt Werner, East Jordan

The Red Devils' sweet-shooting senior made a high-impact return to the hardwood, scoring 27 points, including 23 in the second half, to lead the rally as East Jordan defeated Charlevoix 75-66 in a Lake Michigan Conference showdown on Friday.

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basketball roundup

BOYS HOOPS

Puroll Paces big Logger victory

Sophomore hits 25 points as BF edges state-ranked Wolverine

By Mike Dunn

WOLVERINE – It was a difficult environment on the road but Boyne Falls found a way to get the job done. The Loggers took a three-game winning streak and a lot of confidence to Wolverine on Friday and came away with a tense 50-47 victory over the Class D honorable mention Wildcats. In its previous game, Boyne Falls had knocked off unbeaten Bellaire.

Sweet-shooting sophomore forward Josh Puroll was a pistol for Boyne Falls, pulling the trigger on 25 points and also grabbing 11 rebounds for a double-double as the Loggers im-

proved to 10-6 overall and 8-4 in the Lake Michigan Conference. Jared Mathers hit for 11 points and Luke "Rip City" Rypkowski rammed home nine points.

Josh Brush racked up 16 points and Alex VandenHoek hit for 12 as the Wildcats slipped to 12-4 and 9-3.

In the JV game, Jake Wilson packed a wallop for the Loggers, scoring 14 in a 59-19 triumph.

Ellsworth 78, Mackinaw City 35

MACKINAW CITY – Ellsworth had too much of too many things Friday against Northern Lakes Conference foe Mackinaw City, assaulting the iron for 78 points in a 78-35 victory.

The Lancers' little stick of dynamite, shooting guard Jordan Muma, was explosive from the floor once again, draining the nets for 22 points, and senior forward Jared Danbert, dependable as the times tables, hit for 20 points with 12 rebounds and nine assists as Ellsworth won its fifth straight to improve to 12-5 overall and 9-3 in the league. The win, coupled with Wolverine's close loss to Boyne Falls, forged a second-place tie in the league standings between the two schools. Harbor Light Christian sits atop the standings.

Point guard Robert Gruse racked up five assists with 11 points and versatile big man Nate Peterson generated 10 points with seven rebounds.

Adam Alexander, a highly skilled player on a struggling

team, paced the Comets, as usual, with 23 points.

On Wednesday, Ellsworth earned a 63-49 decision over Central Lake in non-league play. It was another big night for Danbert, featuring a triple-double: 25 points, 19 rebounds and 10 assists.

Muma helped to ignited the offense as well, lighting it up for 17 points, and Peterson tallied 12 with seven boards. The long arms of Jeff Sutherland accounted for 10 rebounds and Sutherland also played suffocating defense.

Gus Meriwether rang up 16 points for Central Lake and Adam Folsom hit for 15.

GIRLS HOOPS

Ellsworth 47, T.C. Christian 41

TRAVERSE CITY – Senior Jalyn Ingalls sparked a second-half comeback as Ellsworth rallied to claim a hard-fought 47-41 victory over host Traverse City Christian on Thursday. Ingalls was fouled while scoring a bucket and then drained the free throw to give the Lancers the lead in the final quarter.

Ingalls finished with a team-high 20 points and also pulled down eight rebounds and she was a perfect 4 for 4 from the line in the closing minutes. Teammate Emily Veenstra showed up big as

well, blocking three shots while recording a double-double with 14 points and 11 boards. Tara Esenberg was a presence in the paint also, scoring nine to go with six boards as Ellsworth (14-4) won its third straight game.

Mary Raetz tallied 22 for the Sabres (8-10).

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, Ellsworth defeated Alanson 58-38 as Ingalls scorched the nets for 28 points to go with eight rebounds and five steals. The Lancers, 12-1 in league play, clinched a share of the Northern Lakes Conference title with the win.

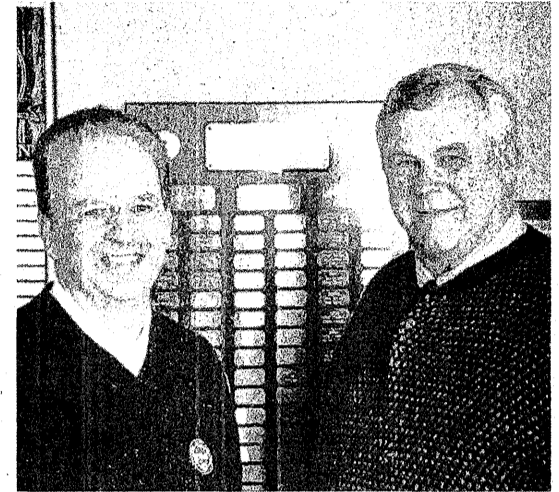
The Lancers had the chance to clinch the title with a win Tuesday at Vanderbilt (after this issue went to press).

Boyne Falls 37, Vanderbilt 27

VANDERBILT – The Matelskis were a menace under the boards and Katie Fraser was smokin' hot from the perimeter as Boyne Falls edged host Vanderbilt 37-27 in Lake Michigan Conference play. Emily Matelski and Kristen Matelski combined for 16 rebounds and Fraser drained the nets for nine points as the Loggers improved go 7-11 overall and 5-8 in the league.

Emily scored a team-high 11 points with six boards and Kristen hauled in 10 boards and dished off six assists.

Sammie Jones and Christina Drayton each scored nine for the Yellowjackets (9-8, 8-5).



COURTESY PHOTO

Loren Musilek, the on-site realtor for Prudential Preferred Properties Network at the Charlevoix Golf and Country Club, recently learned that his request to sponsor and locate the 2010 Michigan PGA Senior Championship at the Charlevoix Golf and Country Club has been approved. The three-day event will kick-off Sunday, Aug. 1. Here Musilek (right) is pictured with David Mocini, a 23-year member of the PGA and former Michigan Section president, who in March 2009 purchased the Charlevoix Golf and Country Club.

PGA Senior Championship comes to Charlevoix

Charlevoix will be home of the 2010 Michigan PGA Senior Championship this summer.

Loren Musilek, the on-site realtor for Prudential Preferred Properties Network at the Charlevoix Golf and Country Club, recently learned that his request to sponsor and locate the event at the club has been approved.

"This professional golf tournament will bring many first time visitors to the country club and to the Charlevoix area this summer. This is a great opportunity to showcase the Charlevoix Golf & Country Club, the community of Charlevoix, and all that our resort lifestyle has to offer," Musilek said.

The three-day event will kick-off Sunday, Aug. 1 with a pro-am event pairing PGA senior players with event sponsors and other amateurs for a round of 18 holes at the award-winning Jerry Matthews designed championship course. Proceeds from this outing will benefit the Charlevoix Junior Golf Program.

The championship tournament will follow with 50-60 players anticipated to compete on Monday, Aug. 2 and Tuesday, Aug. 3. Spectators are welcome and there is no charge.

In March 2009 David Mocini, a 23-year member of the PGA and former Michigan Section president, purchased the Charlevoix Golf and Country Club including the 18-hole golf course and 13,000 square foot clubhouse with associated restaurant, tennis courts and pool amenities, from the club's founders. He's taking time this winter to plan for the summer event.

"We will be coordinating the maintenance of the course to hit tournament 'tough' conditions for the event in August. Special projects will include bunker restoration, bridge repair and general perimeter grooming which will help to make the overall conditions superior for the event."

In addition, "Our crew will be working overtime prior to the event to help ensure immaculate presentation of the tees, greens and fairways. We already have received member support for the event and I expect to have a solid number of volunteers to help make everything run smoothly for the players. To my knowledge, the only other Michigan PGA event held here was in the mid 90s and it was a one-day event," Mocini said.

The Charlevoix Golf and Country Club is located three miles north of Charlevoix off U.S. 31. To inquire about 2010 Michigan PGA Senior Championship sponsorship opportunities, call Loren Musilek (231) 547-6768 or Dave Mocini at (231) 547-9796.

skiing roundup

Boyne City's Harding earns All-State

Rambler is eighth overall in GS in Div. 2 state meet

HARBOR SPRINGS – Morgan Harding of Boyne City earned All-State honors on Monday in the Div. 2 state ski meet at Nub's Nob, taking eighth-place overall in the Giant Slalom.

On Wednesday, the Boyne City boys and girls ski teams both took second place behind Harbor Springs in the Lake Michigan Conference meet at Boyne Highlands. Harding won the girls' GS in a time of 1:02.11 with teammates Lexie Harding in fifth and Kaitlyn Bohnet in sixth.

In the slalom, Morgan Harding was second with Bohnet in fifth, Lexie Harding in sixth and Kelsey Kruzel in 10th.

Mike Cortright of Boyne City was second in the boys' GS with Andy Blossom in eighth and Dean Hague in 10th. In the slalom, Cortright took second again with Hague in fifth.

DNRE REPORT

Bear harvest of '09 on target

Hunters took 2,026 bears last year

Michigan hunters took 2,026 bears in 2009, a harvest that was about 1.5 percent lower than projections by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

In 2008, hunters harvested 2,346 bears. "The season went really well," said DNRE bear specialist Adam Bump. "We were very close to our harvest goal statewide."

Hunters harvested more bears than projected on Drummond Island and in the Red Oak unit in the Northern Lower Peninsula. The increased harvest in the Red Oak unit was likely due to regulations changes, such as lengthening the season by two days.

At Drummond Island, all three license holders successfully harvested bears.



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LONG GAHN...

the Week Ahead

FEBRUARY 17-26, 2010



PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Boyne City sparkplug guard Sydney Gahn is in perfect position to complete this breakaway against East Jordan during the Lake Michigan Conference hardwood game held Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Rambler gym. Maribeth Poindexter of East Jordan is in pursuit.

Table with 7 columns: Date, boy/girls, Sport, Level, Opponent, Location, Time. Rows list games for Boyne City from 2/25/10 to 3/4/10.

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Table with 7 columns: Date, boy/girls, Sport, Level, Opponent, Location, Time. Rows list games for Ellsworth from 2/25/10 to 3/6/10.

sports briefs...

DNR offers archery instructor course

GAYLORD — The Department of Natural Resources and Environment is offering free basic archery instructor (BAI) courses for teachers at Family Fellowship Church in Gaylord on these dates: March 4, April 1, May 13 and June 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Each eight-hour session is for physical education teachers who wish to join the DNRE's popular Archery in the Schools program.

Archery in the Schools introduces international-style target archery to students in 4th through 12th grade physical education classes. The in-school curriculum's core content covers

archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration and self-improvement. To date, more than 360 schools across Michigan have implemented the program.

For more information on Archery in the Schools, contact Mary Emmons at (517) 241-9477 or by email at emmonsm@michigan.gov. Information also is available online at www.michigan.gov/dnrarchery.

The DNRE also is offering archery equipment grants to schools, both public and private, that enroll in the Archery in the Schools program.

Reporting scores

The Charlevoix County News is interested in reporting boys and girls basketball results, wrestling and bowling results (or any other sporting event) for Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth. Coaches, please send any information you wish

to have in the paper via e-mail to sports@charlevoixcountynews.com or by fax at (888) 240-5499. Or call Mike at (989) 370-0605.

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BOYNE MOUNTAIN PBR ADULT LEAGUE

Results as of Feb 17, 2010

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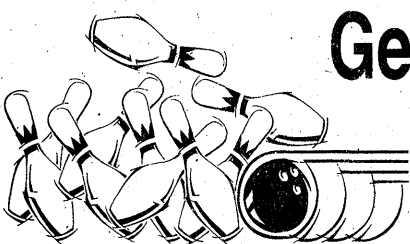
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Team Format

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4. Riverside Tire.....5.19
5. Hart FORD.....3.65

Fastest Female: Margaux Rowley ..22.72
Robin Wottowa22.72
Fastest Male: Pete Oppermann.....20.72

Gemini Lanes Bowling League Results ~ Feb 12-18, 2010



EJ MERCHANTS LEAGUE

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FOUNDRY AM

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COFFEE CUP

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HAPPY HOUR

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INTER CITY LEAGUE

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EJ LADIES LEAGUE

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JV YOUTH LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Game/Team, Score. Rows include Red Devils, Team 4, etc.

THE RED DEVILS LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Game/Team, Score. Rows include Double Trouble, Team 4, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Game/Team, Score. Rows include Double Trouble, Andrew Nemecek, etc.

JORDAN VALLEY LADIES LEAGUE

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THE YOUNG AND OLD LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Game/Team, Score. Rows include Team Fehrlen, Grandma and the Taz, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Game/Player, Score. Rows include Zach Fehrlen, Anna Roskamp, etc.

SWAN VALLEY MISFITS

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CHARLEVOIX 58, EAST JORDAN 39

Rayders improve to .500 in league

■ Potter is power in paint, scoring 18 first-half points

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN – Senior power forward Sarah Potter had a big night, putting 19 points on the board as Charlevoix went on the road to defeat Lake Michigan Conference rival East Jordan 58-39 on Friday.

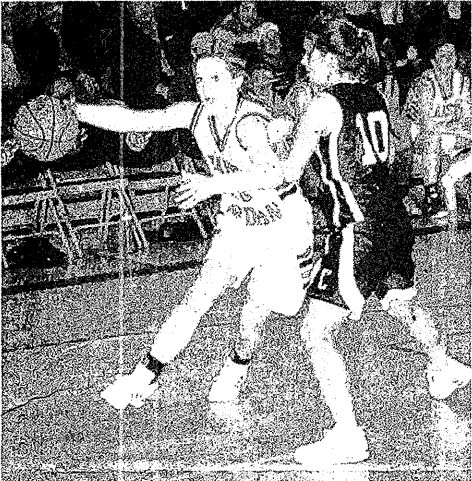
Potter scored 18 of her 19 points in the first half as the Rayders built a daunting lead. The Rayders improved to 7-11 overall and 6-6 in league play while the Red Devils slipped to 7-11 and 4-8.

Once East Jordan got into a hole, it was difficult to climb back out, said coach Steve Hines. Charlevoix outscored the home team 21-9 in the second quarter.

"We had another one of those poor quarters and it put us in a hole," he said. "We were down

Taylor Storm of Charlevoix, right, defends as Shaina Peters of East Jordan seeks to drive toward the basket during Friday's game.

(PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)



16 at the half. We got it down to 10 at one point early in the fourth quarter but then we kind of ran out of gas."

Senior wing Shaina Peters and center Grace Howes each tallied 11 to pace the Red Devils and Howes also pulled in a team-high six rebounds. Peters and Maribeth Poindexter each recorded five rebounds.

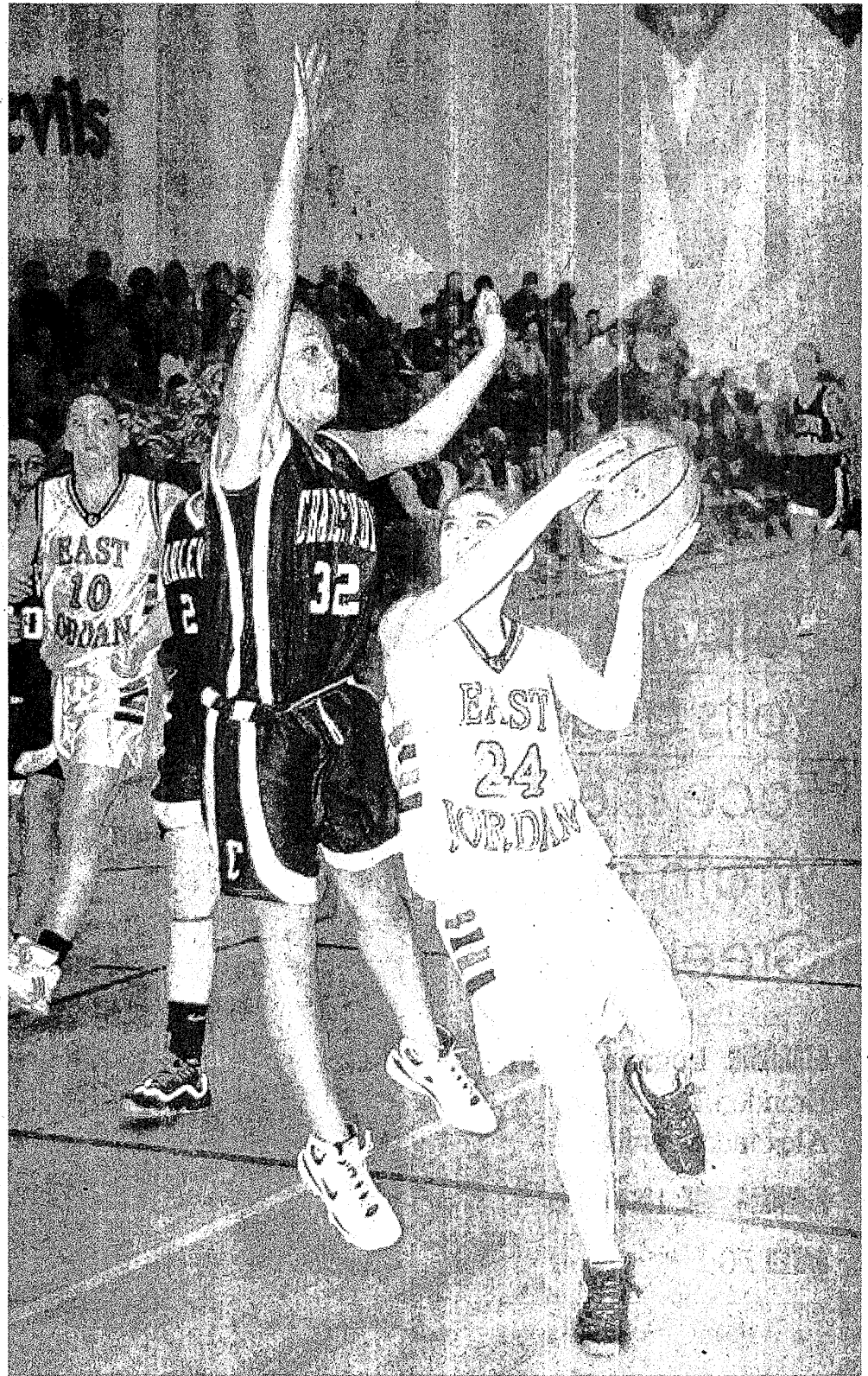
Freshman guard Val Peters, one of the promising young talents on the Red Devil roster, put nine points on the board and also recorded three steals. Junior guard Tanner McCune also made three steals.

East Jordan played at T.C. St. Francis on Tuesday (after this issue went to press) and is on the road Friday against league power Kalkaska to close out the regular season. On Monday, March 1, the Red Devils travel to Charlevoix to take on the Rayders in the opening round of district play.

"We won there the first time we played them earlier in the season, so we know we can beat them," Hines said. "We have to keep our turnovers down against their press and we have to find a way to shut down Sarah Potter. The biggest thing for us is to put four good quarters together. It seems like we always have one bad quarter that costs us."

ON TUESDAY, Feb. 16, the Rayders defeated Elk Rapids 56-43 and it was Potter once again leading the way. The senior was into Windex big time, cleaning the glass for a whopping 16 rebounds, and she also scored 21 points. Madison Way tallied 10 and Jenna Way hit for nine.

Charlevoix also won the JV game 58-32 as Megan Peters drained the nets for 15 points and made her presence felt in the paint, grabbing 11 rebounds. Anna Way also helped the cause, scoring 10.



(PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

Madison Way of Charlevoix soars high and gets in the way with her long, outstretched arms as freshman Val Peters of East Jordan looks to launch a shot.

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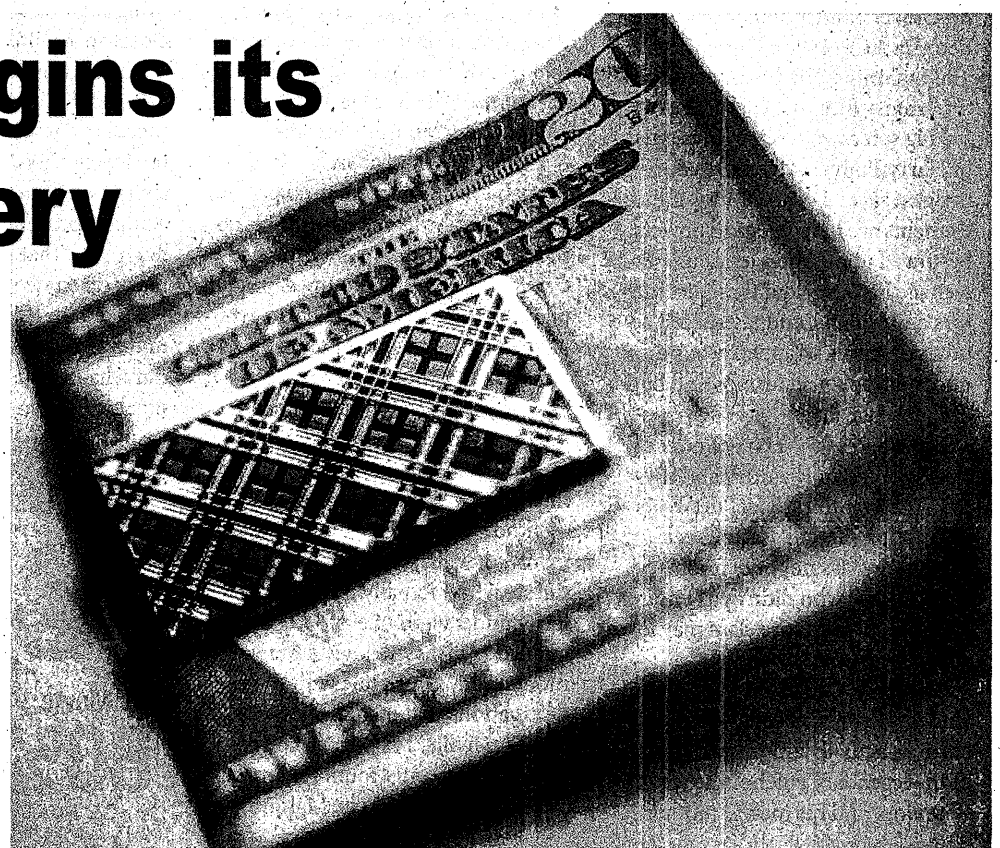
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MOVIE GUIDE

Who is *The Lightning Thief*?

Bolt with the Volts and Face the Wrath of the Greek Gods

STARRING: Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, Alexandra Daddario
RUNNING TIME: 118 Minutes
RATED: PG



MOVIE REVIEW

By Jim Akans

An adaptation of Rick Riordan's first novel in the popular series; *Percy Jackson & The Olympians... The Lightning Thief* is an entertaining fantasy film that captures a bit of the big screen mysticism presented in Harry Potter's adventures during the past several years. Most of those elements are here; magical powers bestowed upon unpretentious teenage heroes, older than dirt mentors and villains, and fast-paced action sequences wrapped around unconditional friendships and budding teenage love.

But whereas the Harry Potter series is rooted in wizardry and mystics, *The Lightning Thief* draws its inspiration directly from Greek Mythology. It's not only fun to watch, those who didn't pay enough attention in literature class may learn a few things here.

The story focuses on high school student, Percy Jackson, who discovers he is actually a Demigod; the son of the legendary ruler of the waters; Poseidon, and his mortal mother,

played by Catherine Keener (who seems to be showing up in a lot of movies lately).

When someone steals the "master lightning bolt" from Poseidon's brother Zeus, this King of all Greek Gods gets all charged up and blames Percy, and threatens an all out war that will destroy humanity if the bolt isn't returned by the start of the fast approaching Summer Solstice.

Being the son of a Greek God, Percy has some supernatural powers himself. So he teams up with his apprentice "protector," a satyr named Grover, and another young demigod, played by Alexandra Daddario, who happens to be the daughter of Athena. After some preparatory cross-country work, the trio heads for Hades to rescue Percy's mom and maybe even save the world during their daring underworld quest.

I know it sounds complicated and involved, which it certainly is, but the storyline actually unfolds in a fairly understandable and logical sequence. At least it's logical for a modern day Greek tale with travel destinations that include New York City, Nashville, Las Vegas, Hollywood, Hades and Mount Olympus.

Part of the fun in *The Lightning*

Thief is seeing the many grand icons of mythology; Minotaur's, Fury's, Hydras, Centaurs, omnipotent Greek Gods and unpleasant underworld locations in a film that still manages to retain a sense of humor...keeping things light as the world moves ever closer to annihilation.

The Lightning Thief is rated PG, officially for action and peril, and there are a few scenes, such as when the lovely Uma Thurman, portraying a nasty looking Medusa, preys menacingly with snakes crawling out of her head. That might leave a visual mark on some younger cortexes.

I liked this film, and have a better understanding of which Greek Gods did what because of watching it. It's nice to learn something and have fun while doing it.

WHICH DID YOU PREFER?



Movie;
80%



Popcorn;
20%

EXIT COMMENTS;

"I liked it because it is different from most movies,"

Kevin -
Johannesburg

"Great action and an interesting story-line,"

Kayla, A.J. & Myla -
Mancelona

"I've read all the books and this movie stayed pretty close to them,"

Tyler -
Grayling

"I liked the books better,"

Sam -
Johannesburg

"Liked it all, especially Percy and Annabeth,"

Mallory -
Grayling



AREA MOVIE LISTINGS FEBRUARY 26 - March 4

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

The Wolfman - R

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

Percy Jackson & The Olympians– PG

Starring: Logan Lerman, Rosario Dawson
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

Up In the Air - R

Starring: George Clooney
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

Kingston Theatre,

Cop Out – R

Starring: Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan
FRI 7:00, 9:15
SAT 1:00, 3:15, 7:00, 9:15
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Dear John - PG13

Starring: Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried
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MON-TUES-WED 7:00,
THURS 7:00, 9:15

Petoskey Cinema,

Valentine's Day – PG13

Starring: Julia Roberts, Bradley Cooper
FRI 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:15
SAT-SUN-THUR 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Shutter Island– R

Starring: Michelle Williams, Leonardo DiCaprio
FRI 6:45, 9:15
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Cop Out – R

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The Craziest– R

Starring: Timothy Olyphant
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

The Wolfman - R

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MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:15
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Tooth Fairy - PG

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

Avatar – PG13

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that Charlevoix County Public Transit has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for Fiscal Year 2011, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

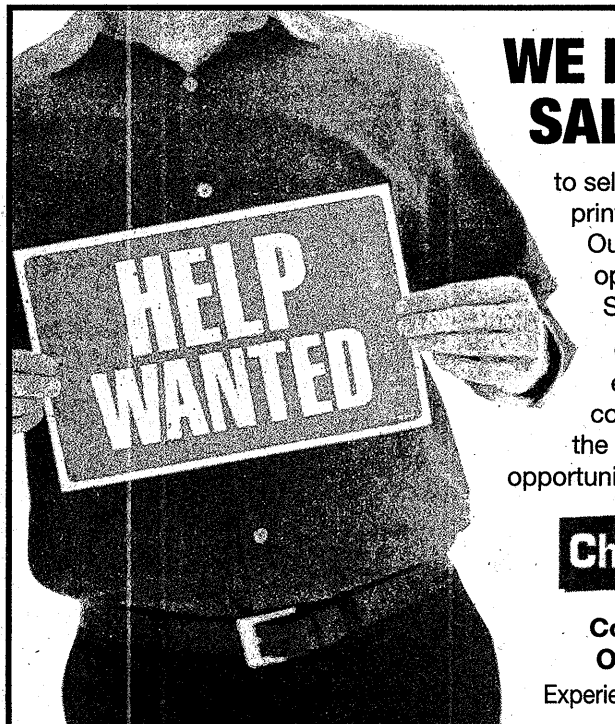
Charlevoix County Public Transit is requesting a total of \$1,568,972.00 through the following funding sources; State Operating Assistance of \$446,076.00, Federal Operating Assistance of \$203,398.00, Federal Capital Assistance Section 5309 of \$735,598.00 and State Capital Match of \$183,900.00. Capital items include replacement of six (6) Buses, Digital Recording and Real Time GPS Equipment, Facility Energy Improvements, Vehicle Shelters, Replacement Service Vehicle, Vehicle Diagnostic and Repair Equipment, Server and Workstation Computer Equipment Replacement, Replacement Communications Equipment, and Planning and Design Funding for Vehicle Maintenance Facility.

Charlevoix County Public Transit ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Right Act of 1964. For more information regarding our Title VI obligations or to file a complaint please contact us at the address given below.

The proposed application is on file at the Charlevoix County Public Transit, 1050 Brockway Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712, and may be reviewed upon request, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM M-F, excluding Holidays.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a Public Hearing to review the application must be received by March 15, 2010. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be sent to Charlevoix County Public Transit, 1050 Brockway Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712.



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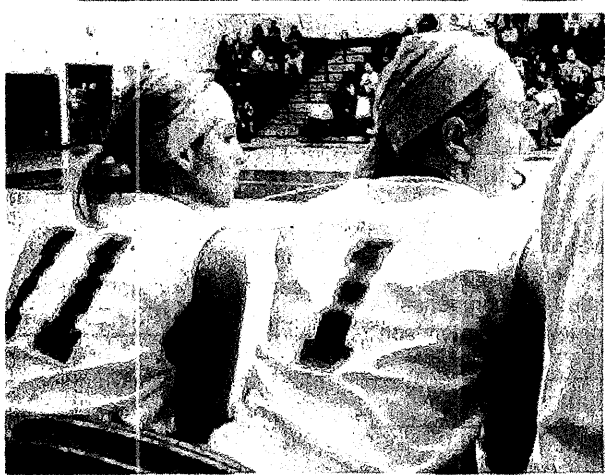


PHOTOS BY B. J. CONLEY

Boyer City High School Girl's and Boy's varsity basketball teams played on Tuesday, Feb. 16, to raise funds to fight breast cancer. The players and

many of those who attended the games dressed in pink, the color of the cause. February is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. More than

\$900 was raised. Teammates Ketrin Hocquard (left) and Mary Myers wait to return to the game against East Jordan. East Jordan won 53-50.



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LOCATION

Gaylord Evangelical Free Church
1649 E M 32 • Gaylord, MI 49735
989-732-2647

DATES

March 7-9, 2010

TIMES

Sunday 9:30am Worship Service
Sunday 2pm-6pm
Monday 6:30pm to 9pm
Tuesday 6:30pm to 9pm