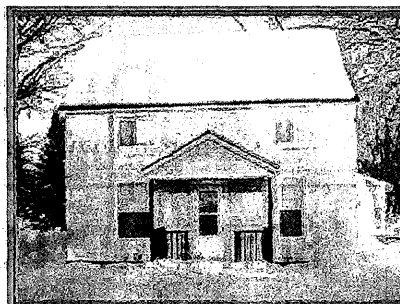


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Felons Could Be Released Early Under Bills

By B. J. Conley

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution in opposition to bills in the state Legislature that would, if passed and signed into law, eliminate Truth in Sentencing for convicted felons.

The commissioners voted unanimously to oppose House Bills 4497 and 4499. Truth in Sentencing is a Public Act passed in 1998 that requires a convicted felon to serve the minimum sentence imposed by the judge. Victims were assured that perpetrators had to serve the minimum time before being eligible for parole.

The resolution states that Michigan has the highest per capita violent crime rate in the Great Lakes Region, and one of the highest in the nation, but has the fewest number of police officers.

Michigan sends the fewest number of felons to prison, two in 10 go to prison, half of the national average, but spends 26 percent more than other Great Lakes Region states, such as Ohio, to house each felon, according to the resolution.

County Prosecutor John Jarema said the bills are based on "good time" and "special good time" to newly sentenced felons.

A point of opposition for many prosecutors across the state is that if the Truth in Sentencing Act is eliminated, persons not involved in the case would determine when the felon would be released, instead of relying on the sentencing judge. Judges sentence those convicted after hearing the facts, seeing and listening to the victim and hearing arguments from the prosecutor and defense counsel, Jarema said.

Commissioners approved Resolution No. 10-035 and sent it to the county's state representatives. A copy may be obtained from the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office.

By B. J. Conley

City commissioners have grappled with mooring at the end of Charlevoix Street since it became an issue when vacation homeowners Robert and Barbara Frisch, along with a neighbor, complained to the city. They claimed that moored boats were drifting into their area, that the boats didn't have lights on them and that people were being noisy late at night and other complaints.

The city master plan and waterfront plan do not address mooring, making the issue complicated as to the course to take to a solution.

City manager Michael Cain said he had four options and then he presented his recommendation at the Feb. 23 commission meeting. Cain said the options were to take no action, to regulate mooring off of all city property, to regulate mooring of some city prop-

BOYNE CITY

Mooring Boats a Hot Topic with Local Residents

Residents spoke out at a city commission meeting about mooring boats off of public street ends

erty and prohibit others, or to ban mooring altogether. Cain recommended that city commissioners direct staff to draft an ordinance that will ban private mooring except in a designated area at the city marina. That idea didn't go over too well with local residents

who attended the meeting. Walter Ward was first on his feet. He informed commissioners and the city manager that the marina was subjected to more wind than the protected area at the end of Charlevoix Street. It would be dangerous for boats at

the marina, especially with the large rocks along that location, he said. Ward also said he sees the city trying to please only the visitors and the wealthy. "I see a real quick decision to again impede local

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EAST JORDAN

Greg Van Stedum Benefit Dinner

Fundraiser at EJ High School to Help Young Man in CRPS Treatment



Greg Van Stedum at his brother Adam's recent wedding.

By Jim Akans

Tuesday, March 1st 2005 began as any other work day at the Grand Traverse Pallet Factory in 2000 graduate of Ellsworth High School,



Greg's senior picture, taken just a few years before the accident.

Greg Van Stedum, until a 250 pound log tumbled from a conveyor belt on top of Greg's right foot, a tragedy that would greatly alter Greg's young life from that moment forward.

As a result of the injury, Greg suffers from a condition known as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), a painful disease that causes extreme sensitivity in the lower regions of his body, where even a faint breeze inflicts excruciating pain. While he has been treated at numerous medical facilities, including the famed Mayo Clinic, nothing has proved effective to this point. Yet hope remains for Greg.

On Saturday evening, March 13th, a benefit dinner will be

See BENEFIT DINNER Pg. 3

EAST JORDAN

East Jordan Police Chief changes jobs

By B. J. Conley

EAST JORDAN — The city police chief is now a patrol officer with the East Jordan Police Department.

Dan Reece discussed changing positions with interim city administrator Denny Jason.

"It was his decision," Jason said. As far as a new police chief is concerned, Jason said he would wait until a new administrator was at the helm.

"I think the new administrator should make that decision," Jason said. "It's best for the city. I think for now the department is in very capable hands."

Dale Boehm's acting police chief as of Monday, March 1. He has been with the department for 13 years.

Reece, who begins his shift as patrol officer on Thursday, March 4, has been with the city police department for 20 years and chief for approximately five years.

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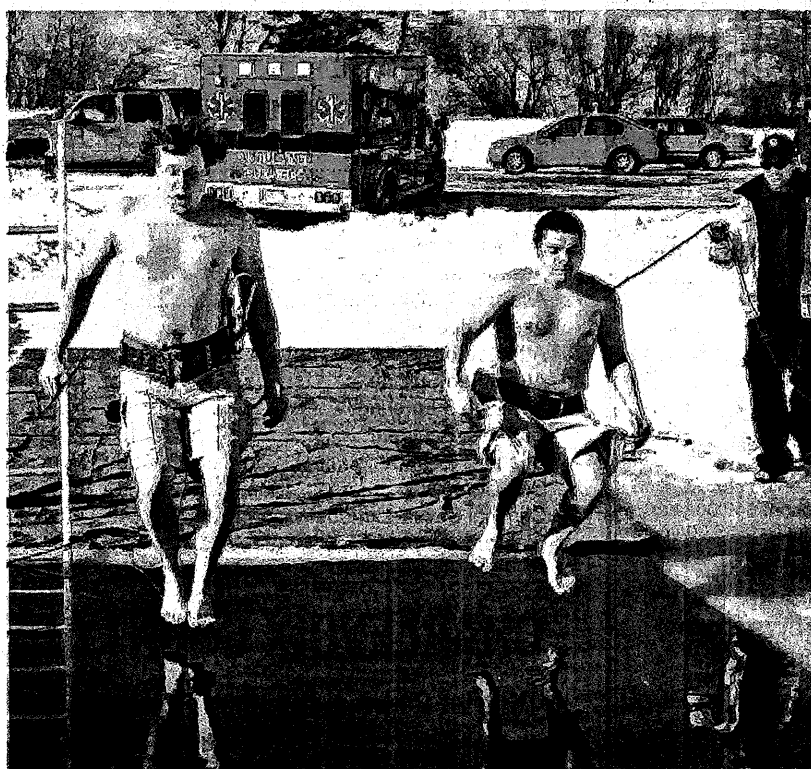
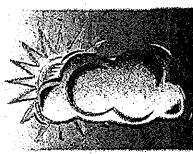


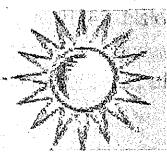
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Matthew Hizeberger, left, and Jesse Gomez simultaneously plunge into the icy St. Mary's River during an annual polar bear swim held Feb. 20 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Lake Superior State University's Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity has been sponsoring the charity fundraiser since 1984 under the watchful eye of Sault firefighters. This year's swim raised almost \$700 for the Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Fund. Hizeberger is a sophomore from Ellsworth, Mich., majoring in fire science. Gomez is a senior from Mio, Mich., majoring in criminal justice.

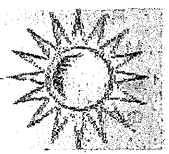
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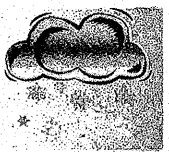
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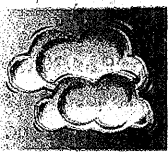
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WSW wind 5mph



Saturday
High 42, low 32
SW wind 7mph



Sunday
High 41, low 32
SSW wind 6mph



Monday
High 41, low 28
WSW wind 7mph

* snowfall totals *

Charlevoix -

Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 137.6"
Season total this year through 3/1/10 - 74.3"

Ellsworth -

Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 157.3"
Season total this year through 3/1/10 - 79.2"

Petoskey -

Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 119.9"
Season total this year through 3/1/10 - 83.3"

Gaylord -

Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 163.0"
Season total this year through 3/1/10 - 78.5"

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

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Republican Candidate Tim Boyko Files for the Michigan House of Representatives 105th District

Norwood Township, Charlevoix County - February 26, 2010

Tim Boyko, Republican Candidate for Michigan House of Representatives 105th District filed his final document to place his name on the August 3rd, 2010 primary ballot. "With all the election law issues that can take a candidate's focus off their job, I felt it was prudent to finalize my paperwork now rather than later." Honorary Campaign, Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater (Ret.) reported that the "Friends of Tim Boyko" campaign committee did file a 2009 year end annual report which put him clearly ahead with the most cash on hand of any of the candidates. Tim is already campaigning in the district that covers all of Antrim, Charlevoix, Otsego and all but two Townships in Cheboygan. "The most direct path to winning the election is to get out and meet the people in the district, there is no substitute for this hard work."



Tim Boyko

"As the former owner-operator of a small business in Northern Michigan, I am aware that we face the biggest challenge in many generations. With a family leaving Michigan every 12 minutes it looks bleak. I entered the work force while I was still in college and my years of experience gives me confidence that with common sense ideas, hard work and proper leadership, Michigan's economy can turn around."

In 2009, Tim was elected to a two year term as the Chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican Party. Tim has served as Chairman of the Charlevoix County Road Commissioner, he was elected to three terms as Supervisor for Hayes Township and was appointed to serve a partial term as Supervisor in Norwood Township. Tim and his wife of 32 years, Sue, have a son serving in the US Navy and a daughter in her senior year at Charlevoix High School. Interested voters can follow his campaign on his online journal www.tim-boyko.org.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

- 7:10am Residential alarm in the 800 block of Front St. All secure.
- 1:11pm Female in from Lincoln St to report gun that was misplaced during a move.
- 2:46pm Female in the 900 block of Robinson St receiving harassing e-mails.
- 5:35pm Female in the 100 block of Cherry St receiving scam phone calls from Canada.
- 10:18pm Assist Sheriff's Department on complaint of someone smoking dope at Glenwood Beach. Gone on arrival.
- 11:21pm Resident in the 500 block of Jefferson reports someone banging on door. Gone on arrival.

Thursday, February 25, 2010

- 7:05am Citation issued to male for speed at Lake/Lower Lake Streets
- 3:24pm Unlocked vehicle in the area of 1 Water St.
- 7:29pm Report of dogs barking in the 500 block of S East St. Located dogs.

- 9:10pm Civil dispute over property in the 500 block of N Lake St.

Friday, February 26, 2010

- 5:23am Black lab running at large in the area of Pleasant and Timber Streets. Unable to contact owner. Turned over to Animal Control.
- 1:00pm Female at PD ref annoying phone calls she is receiving from another female.
- 1:14pm Anonymous male reported female driving on suspended license. She was not suspended.

Saturday, February 27, 2010

- 1:15pm Driving complaint received in the area of Second and Leroy Streets. Male was given warning for not wearing snowmobile helmet.
- 3:50pm Unlocked vehicle on Lacvue.
- 5:48pm Performed welfare check on female in the 800 block of S Park St.
- 6:47pm Report of 2 dogs running at large in the area of Hemlock St. Unable to locate.
- 8:02pm Located an open door at business in

the Industrial Park.. All Ok. Secured door.

Sunday, February 28, 2010

- 11:40am Report of two juvenile females playing in the street in front of Rotary Park. Gone on arrival.
- 12:51pm Female reporting civil situation in the 800 block of Thompson St.
- 10:58pm Female came to PD requesting medical assistance. Called ambulance and assisted her until it

Monday, March 1, 2010

- 10:42am Possible suicidal subject reported from the 1000 block of Boyne Av. Located in the Charlevoix area.
- 1:48pm Female calling from downstate to request house check on her residence on S East St. All secure.
- 6:05pm Citation issued to male for speed on State St.
- 7:12pm Unlocked vehicle on E Main Near park St

EAST JORDAN POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

February 19, 2010

- 15:18 - Juvenile refusing to get off bus and go home, father contacted and subject was picked up by babysitter and taken home
- 16:44 - Served Trespass After Warning Notice on subject for business on Maple St
- 17:51 - Assist CXSH with report of domestic at residence on M32, juvenile subject was transported to residence on Elm St
- 18:30 - Out at Elementary School for carnival
- 21:10 - Report of child abuse at Elementary School, turned over to Prosecutor for review
- 21:14 - Suspended student trespassing at Elementary School
- 21:16 - Assault at Elementary School, suspect removed from building
- 23:07 - Assist High School Principal with extra patrol in parking lot after School Dance

February 20, 2010

- 00:11 - Traffic stop on N Lake St near Pine St for excessive speed
- 13:05 - Report larceny of medication from vehicle on S Lake St
- 18:01 - Report of vehicle driving in excess of posted speed on Third St, UTL vehicle

February 21, 2010

- 00:32 - Traffic stop on State St near Depot St for defective headlight
- 02:55 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Erie St for defective headlight
- 12:30 - Assist citizen on Manning Dr in re-

gards to questions about case

February 22, 2010

- 03:55 - Traffic stop in Spring St near Esterly St for defective headlight
- 06:18 - Suspicious vehicle parked at High School with no one around
- 15:09 - Students fighting at High School, report taken and turned over to Prosecutor for review
- 22:08 - Keys locked in vehicle on Park Dr, vehicle unlocked

February 23, 2010

- 10:58 - Assist citizen with signing off cite for fail to display snowmobile registration
- 11:55 - Report of vehicle running n parking lot of High School and no one around, owner contacted
- 13:35 - 911 hang up from residence on Water St, child was playing with phone and all was okay
- 14:09 - Assist motorist that broke down on Maple St near Bartlett St
- 14:34 - Newspaper driver struck mailbox post on Echo St, driver was located and will repair post
- 19:40 - Report of subject driving around intoxicated, subject was located and not intoxicated
- 20:25 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Erie St for careless driving
- 21:36 - Keys locked in vehicle on Maple St, vehicle unlocked

February 24, 2010

- 01:50 - Assist motorist with directions to East Jordan Iron Works
- 02:10 - Gave subject ride to residence on Third St
- 09:38 - Check well being of elderly subject on Mary St, all was okay
- 12:09 - NSF check turned in for investigation/possible prosecution from business on Main St
- 12:28 - Report of vehicle broken down on State St near Manning Dr, owner had vehicle removed
- 12:59 - Subject locked keys locked in vehicle on Sloop Rd, vehicle was unlocked
- 15:07 - Did civil stand by at residence on Esterly St while subject dropped off items
- 19:16 - Subject on Sixth St reports not receiving important document in mail, advised to check with Post Office to see if document was there
- 19:35 - Report of dog RAL in roadway on S Lake near Bridge, checked area UTL
- 21:24 - Report of 2 dogs RAL in yard on Barker St, owner came and picked them up

February 25, 2010

- 08:08 - Juvenile subject in possession of marijuana at High School, report being submitted to Prosecutor
- 20:00 - Assist CXSH with report of 2 intoxicated subjects in roadway on S M66 near Rogers Rd, checked area, UTL

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT INCIDENT REPORT

February 22 - 28, 2010

COMPLAINT	NUMBER HANDLED
911 Hang Up Call	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Abuse	1
Alarm	5
Animal Complaint	12
Assault	1
Assist Motorist	3
Assist Other Agency	9
Attempt to Locate	1
Attempted Suicide	1
Breaking & Entering	2
Car/Deer Accident	19
Citations Issued	25
Civil Complaint	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Disturbance	3

Domestic Dispute	1
Driving Complaint	1
Fraud	1
Found Property	1
Health & Safety	1
Hit & Run	1
Juvenile	4
Larceny	2
Lockout	5
Lost Property	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	1
Mental Subject	1
Miscellaneous Criminal	1
Noise Complaint	1
Operating Under the Influence	1
Paper Service	15
Personal Injury Accident	3
Private Property Accident	1
Property Check	3

Property Damage Accident	6
Road Hazard	3
Snowmobile Accident	1
Snowmobile Violation	1
Suspicious Situation	7
Traffic Stop	51
Trespassing	1
Unknown Accident	2
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	1
Vehicle in the Ditch	8
Violation of a Controlled Substance Act	1
Assist Citizen	3
Bank Alarm	1
Disorderly Person	1
DNR Complaint	1
Intoxicated Person	1
Minor In Possession	2

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS MARCH 4, 2010

District Court

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

Carrie Ellen Farkas, 34, Charlevoix. Driving without a license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Mark Eugene Follette, 45, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$930 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

Steven Daniel Valley, 41, Boyne City. Disturbing the peace. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

Jonathon Paul Stewart, 21, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Alan Denise, 34, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$830 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

Scott Allan Louiselle, 44, Charlevoix. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs.

William Dean Pardee, 53, Central Lake. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,380 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days on work release, 60 days on electronic monitor, 52 days held in abeyance, 20 days of community service work and one year on probation.

James William Bowerman, 29, East Jordan. Motor vehicle passenger with open intoxicant. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Roman John Idolski, 24, Boyne City. Motor vehicle passenger with open intoxicant. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Charlevoix by Robin Fogg.

Joe's Professional Services, 01337 Red Pine Run, Charlevoix by Joseph L. Schwartzfisher.

SoBo, 309 S. Lake St., Boyne City by Cindi Malin, Chris Meyer and Liz Glass.

Boundary Research, 301 Silver St., Unit 100, Boyne City by Adam John Patterson.

RCE Services, 04675 Boyne City-East Jordan Road, East Jordan by Susan Pennington.

Charlevoix Trade Center, 4817 Wickersham Road, Charlevoix by David Balyo.

Burris Masonry, 29405 Young James Trail, Beaver Island by Amy Burris.

Request Services, 434 S. Lake St., East Jordan by David Benjamin Lamb.

Marriage Licenses

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

Patrick Clifford Bearden, 26, East Jordan and Jessica Mary Villarreal, 21, Big Rapids.

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Mooring

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people's use and enjoyment of Lake Charlevoix," he said. "Somebody is awful quick to kick us out and give it to the people with money. Am I upset about that? Yes, I am."

John McCahan told commissioners that the people complaining have violated city regulations by placing no trespassing signs on public land.

Lynn Murray said the lakefront homeowners were whiners and that he, too, thought the city gave more importance to visitors than to local residents.

"In a municipality it's up to us to decide how we're going to regulate the public road ends," Murray said. "We have five people out of 3,800 people complaining about sail boats sitting in the water. My good God in Heaven. I understand that we want to get the marina and get the waterfront looking nice and get the riff-raff off the high paying taxpayer's waterfront. But this land is our right, it's not a privilege and it's our right to use it," Murray continued. "There is no valid argument here — this is just whining. Public road ends are held in the public trust."

Another issue at the Charlevoix Street location is lack of parking. Commissioner Mike Cummings wants the city to resurvey the property and provide more parking.

"I don't like the idea of an ordinance. I think we can put an attractive fence there and we probably should have done it before," Cummings said.

Commissioner Ron Grunch agreed with Cummings.

"A fence might be the answer," Grunch said. "If that seems like a valid idea then I would like staff to look into it."

On a motion, the commissioners decided to postpone taking any action at the meeting and review it again at the March 9 commission meeting.

Benefit Dinner Planned

WHERE: East Jordan High School

WHEN: March 13th from 5 to 7:30 pm.

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held at East Jordan High School, to help cover expenses for two promising treatment options on the horizon for Greg. The dinner will include sloppy joes, hot dogs, pasta salad, chips, dessert and beverages, as well as a Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and musical entertainment by the Northern Nites band.

Greg's fiancée, Emily Hughes, states, "We are so lucky to have had many people step forward to either be a part of Greg's benefit committee, donate food, their time or items for our silent auction."

Proceeds from the benefit dinner will hopefully help to defray some of the substantial costs for what seem to be Greg's only remaining treatment options.

After extensive research, Emily found two doctors in the United States who specialize in the disease Greg has.

One is a renowned specialist in Philadelphia and the other a specialist in Tampa, Florida, each focusing on helping people with some of the most severe cases of CRPS that exist.

This revolutionary proposed treatment utilizes high doses of ketamine, a procedure that has been shown effective for severe cases of CRPS. If improvement is not achieved, a second level would involve placing Greg in a medically induced coma at a Monterrey, Mexico facility, a procedure that would effectively "reboot" his brain, potentially causing the pain signals causing the disease to stop.

"This procedure is very expensive," notes Emily Hughes, "but could be Greg's best bet to get his life back. Greg has only been able to leave the house about four times in the past three and a half years, and all those times were with the assistance of an ambulance and stretcher."

Currently, Greg's workman's compensation insurance will not cover the cost of these treatment options, and Emily notes that his present doctor has decided



Greg's mom, Sandy, his dad, Tom, Greg and Emily Hughes, at Adam's wedding.

that, after March, he will no longer see Greg as a patient as there is nothing he can do to fix the cause of the disease.

"It is amazing to Greg, me, and his whole family how people around Northern Michigan have come to our aid when we need help the most," states Emily Hughes. "The towns of Ellsworth, East Jordan, Charlevoix, Central Lake, Bellaire, and Petoskey have all joined forces to get the word of Greg's benefit out there to help make this as successful as possible."

She adds, "I never thought so many people, even ones who don't know Greg or his family personally, would come together to change one man's life

from one of pain and suffering, to hopefully one with a bright and healthy future. We just want to say thank you to everyone who has done anything to help us...we appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts."

The Greg Van Stedum Benefit will be held at the East Jordan High School on March 13th from 5 to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for children 5 to 11, and there is a special family rate of \$20. For more information or those wishing to make donations should contact Grace Charbonneau at (231) 588-6065 or Jean Timmons at (231) 536-0845.



Greg's Benefit Committee.

Girl Scouts Offering Reflective Signs

County Ordinance Requires Signs for Every Address

The East Jordan Middle and High School Girl Scout Troop #364 has teamed up with the East Jordan Ambulance and Fire Departments to help SAVE YOUR LIFE?

Do you have a sign posted next to your driveway on a 5' stake with reflective numbers that can be seen from either direction? If not, did you know that you are in violation of a Charlevoix and Antrim County Ordinance? The Charlevoix County ordinance states, "Each primary structure shall display an address number. The number shall not be displayed containing numbers less than 3 inches (7.62 centimeters) in height. After the date of the adoption of this amended ordinance, address number signs shall have a green background with white reflective numbers in block Arabic numerals and shall be visible from the roadway named in the address."

The county ordinance was passed in 2007 to help emergency responders locate people in distress. In an emergency situation response time could be delayed when Fire Departments, EMS and other responders try to find the address that is not clearly marked with the reflective signs.

The idea for our team effort is to follow the recommendation of the county and have every home marked with a green sign, on a 5-foot stake, displayed vertically with 3" reflective numbers.

The Girl Scout Troop will be selling signs during the month of March. In the spring, both the East Jordan EMS & Fire Departments have teamed up with the Girl Scouts to install signs that have been sold.

Connie Roberts has been coordinating with both the East Jordan EMS and Fire Department on this project. Connie had a concern that maybe sales should be limited to a certain number of signs be-



The East Jordan Middle and High School Girl Scout Troop #364 has teamed up with the East Jordan Ambulance and Fire Departments to sell and install reflective address signs in the community.

cause she didn't want to overwhelm the EMS and Fire Departments with the installation of the posts. The response she received was a very direct "we want to find every person that places a 911 call. No matter what the circumstance. Limiting the signs is not an issue for us."

Homeowners think of law enforcement, fire departments or EMS as the only people who use these signs. However, there are other ways they come in handy. If you have a package delivery, a utility emergency, or someone who breaks down on the road, they can use your sign to identify their location.

The idea behind these signs is that the responder driving down the road will be able to find you by using the numerical system on the signs, and if at night, by the numbers reflecting in the headlights.

When you call 911 from your home, your address shows up for the dispatcher, so if you are unable to communicate, the dispatcher can still give your address to the responding units. If your address is only on your house, and your house is hidden from the road, this could cause a delay in response time.

The cost of these signs, including installation, is \$25.00. The area in which the Girl Scouts will be selling these signs covers the City of East Jordan and the Village of Ellsworth. Also included are the Townships of South Arm, Wilson, Eveline, Banks, Echo and Jordan. You can also buy a sign and install it yourself at a reduced rate.

To order your sign from the Girl Scouts contact Connie Roberts 231-675-4332 or Nancy Brooks 231-536-0149.

Boyer City High School Culinary Team Medals in Regional Competition

Boyer City High School Team Hospitality won two gold medals during the Skills USA Regional Competitions this February. Team member Francisco Martinez took first place in the Food & Beverage division and Jacob Kovel taking first in culinary.

Both students will go on to compete in Lansing at the Skills USA State competition in April.

Team Hospitality will also be competing in Frankenmuth during the ProStart Culinary Invitational in March.

BOYER CITY HIGH SCHOOL TEAM HOSPITALITY MEMBERS ARE:

CULINARY TEAM — Jacob Kovel & Ben Oliver from East Jordan and Dylan Percy, from Boyer City.

COMMERCIAL BAKING TEAM — Jessica Benner, Zachary Matthew, Tanner Cooper and Travis Stark.

FOOD & BEVERAGE — Francisco Martinez

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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

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 employee 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.

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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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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 in-

cludes a delicious breakfast buffet, a round of introductions, City/Chamber updates and a guest speaker. Interested? Then join us at the Grey Gables Restaurant March 5 at 7:30am. It is \$7 admission. We hope to see you there!

EAST JORDAN & BOYNE CITY

Fashion Show Benefit

Come see the latest Spring Fashions presented by Mary's of Boyne and the EJ Shoppe, Saturday, March 6 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 lunchtime. 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 in-

land 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. Try-outs will be March 27 in the Boyne City High School Gym.

EAST JORDAN

Fiddler's Jamboree

The Jordan Valley Fiddlers are hosting a Fiddler's jamboree March 6 at the Harvest Barn Church on M-66, next to Glens. The jamboree is from Noon - 5pm. Dance 7pm - 10pm. Everyone is welcome. Musicians and callers should register at the front desk. Registration opens at 11:30am. Instruments must be non-electrified. No admission fee, donation box at the door.

EAST JORDAN

Business After Hours

Wednesday, March 10 from 5-7p.m. at The Mallard. Sponsored by Jordan Construction Group and The Mallard Golf Club. \$3.00 Members and \$5.00 Not Yet Members.

BOYNE CITY

Boyer 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.

EAST JORDAN

Black, White and Red All Over

Jordan River Arts Council presents Black, White and Red All Over now through March 12. Open 1-4pm

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.

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

Business After Hours

Celebrate St. Pat's day early on March 16 at Boyne City's Business After Hours. Pat O'Brien Real Estate will host the Boyne Area Chamber Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7:30pm March 16, at 128 Water St. Business people are invited to this free event that includes networking, Irish beer and hors d'oeuvres.

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. 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.

BOYNE CITY

Oklahoma

Attend the Boyne City High School Spring Musical "Oklahoma" at the Performing Arts Center, March 20-21-26-27 (new dates) at 7pm and 2pm on March 21.

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.

CHARLEVOIX

Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 from 10am until 4pm. Every two seconds someone in America needs blood, but only five percent of the eligible U.S. population donates blood in any given year. And, there is no substitute for human blood. The Red Cross collects nearly half (45 percent) of the nation's blood supply, providing more than 14 million blood products to some 3,000 hospitals nationwide. Making a donation is quick and easy—taking about an hour—and a single blood donation can help up to three people. To be eligible to donate blood, an individual needs to be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Please call Kathy Jacobsen RN today to

schedule your appointment at 231-547-8906.

BOYNE CITY

Easter Egg Hunt

Bring the kids to Veteran's Park April 4 to enjoy the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 2pm.

CHARLEVOIX

Chamber Scholarship Opportunity!

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

BOYNE FALLS

Chefs Challenge

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

EAST JORDAN

Roller Skating

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

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

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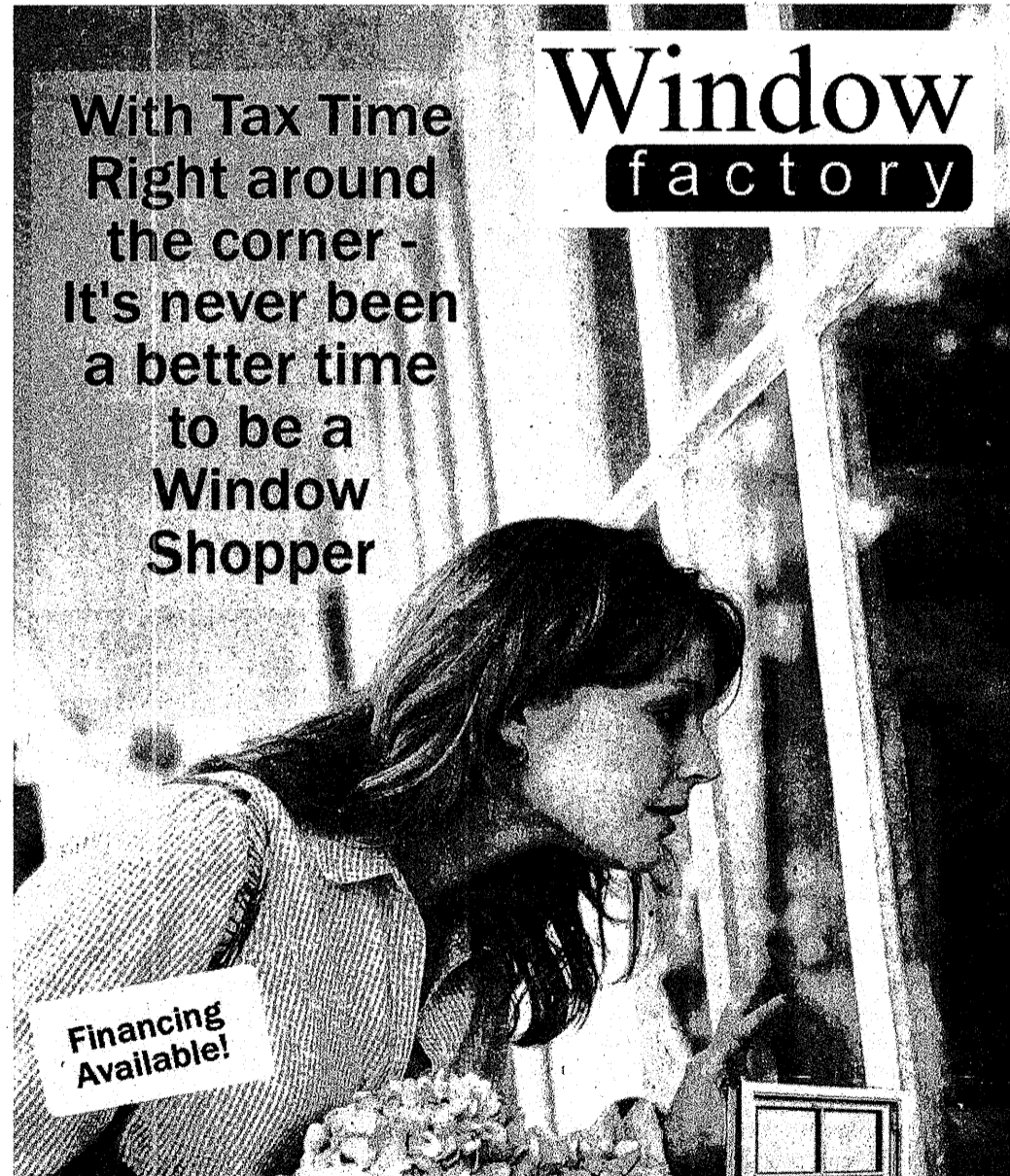
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LIFE-SAVING AWARD PRESENTED



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A commendation plaque was awarded to Peggy O'Neil (right) for her quick actions when she saw a local resident, Dan Faust of Wilson Township, (center) in physical distress. O'Neil is a nurse. Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider (left) presented the life-saving award at a Feb. 23 city commission meeting at Boyne City City Hall.

HOW TO CHOOSE A CHIROPRACTOR

By Tracy Johnson

Today, Chiropractors are moving up in the world as a practitioner that can heal your body from so much more than the everyday aches and pains and the occasional back injury. The spinal cord in the body is being linked to pretty much your overall health and fitness. For example, if you are having a problem with depression, a pinched nerve can cause it. Same for sinusitis, fatigue, migraines, and so many more symptoms that most doctors just prescribe drugs for. Chiropractic medicine is being looked at more and more for help with common ailments. This is starting to take trend due to the unnecessary drugs most doctors prescribe which may help the symptoms, but do not take care of the underlying problem. In research, it is found that your spinal cord is the traffic point for all your nerves. If one of them becomes pinched, or blocked, then you will begin to experience different types of ailments. So how does one go about finding the right Chiropractor for them? Well here are a few tips to help you when shopping around for one.

First, when choosing a chiropractor, consider what you are looking for. Some chiropractors only treat most aches, pains, and serious injuries, while others are interested in constant care with routine adjustments and assessments. If you have a chiropractor that only sees you when you are in pain, and you are looking for more of a permanent solution, not just a relief from symptoms, then try looking towards a holistic chiropractor. These chiropractors will give you a complete work up, from doing a spinal read-

ing, to x-rays, to a full medical questionnaire and history. During these visits, the chiropractor will first meet with you to see where your trouble areas are and begin to address these areas. He/she will also begin to formulate a routine treatment plan to help read-just any spinal shifts and re-align your neck as well to keep the nerves from pinching and ending in medical symptoms.

Now that you know what type of chiropractor you are looking for, begin asking around (ask friends, neighbors, co workers, and family members) if they recommend any one that fits in your requirements. However, remember, just because your mom may love her chiropractor, it doesn't mean that he/she will be a good fit for you. After receiving your recommendations, call the office and ask some questions on their policies and areas pertaining to the type of care you would like to receive. First impressions are always the most important, so if you do not feel like they will best complete your needs, then keep shopping around. Another thing to remember, is that most chiropractors accept insurance, so make sure yours will be compatible with them prior to setting your appointment.

Some chiropractors offer free consultations and x-rays when starting up as a new patient. Use this time to ask more questions of your chiropractor and describe to him/her what you hope to receive from their care. A lot of chiropractors will be upfront and let you know if they can provide the type of care you are looking for and will even refer you to another if they cannot. Make sure to check on licenses and school credits prior to allowing the chiro-



practor to begin any adjustments on you. A good rule of thumb is to make sure they have been in their own practice for at least two years prior to becoming their patient. You don't want to go see an intern that just graduated from his/her schooling and is looking for fresh meat to begin practicing on.

A good chiropractor, as any other doctor will listen to you and work to meet your health goals and treatment needs. During your first visit, your chiropractor will ask you questions about your family history, diet, occupation, and prior treatment. The chiropractor will perform a physical exam. He will conduct a spinal examination to check for any structural abnormalities that may be causing problems. In some cases, you will be recommended for lab tests and X-rays.

If after all of your careful shopping around, asking for referrals, and interviewing your prospective chiropractor, if you are not happy with the treatment you are receiving, you are always free to ask for a second opinion or find a new chiropractor to treat you.

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Things to keep in mind when choosing a chiropractor.

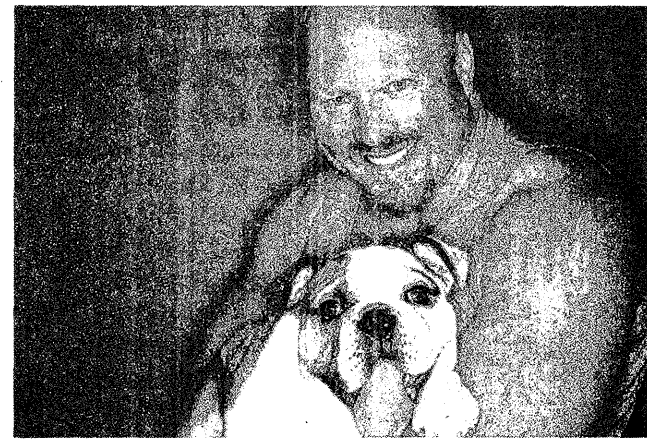
■ Friends, family, and co-workers may be able to provide a starting point by referring you to a chiropractor they are familiar with.

■ Chiropractors are licensed by the state, and should have completed six to seven years of college and post-graduate schooling from an accredited university.

■ Chiropractic treatment can help with a wide variety of ailments, but a good doctor will make referrals when needed.

■ Choosing a chiropractor is ultimately a personal decision, and you should choose a doctor you feel personally comfortable with.

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Muscle Building Tips: Do's and Don'ts

By: Jasdeep Singh

Packing on Muscle mass involves a lot of dedication and care. At times, trying too hard can have its negative effects too. Right guidance and proper techniques make the perfect recipe to muscle building. Muscle Building is no joke, but at the same time, very much possible. The bottom line is to workout in the right direction and not to harm your body. Here are some Do's and Don'ts for Muscle Building.

Muscle Building Tips: Do's and Don'ts

- 1** Popping a pill to reach your health and fitness goal is not the answer! Results are temporary and affects the body adversely in the long run.
- 2** Remove the tag "Short cut" from your workout schedule. There is no such thing as quick-fix. Dedication and hard work hold the key for muscle building.
- 3** Dietary Supplements can be helpful in achieving your goals. Supplementation is designed to supplement your healthy eating and exercise habits.
- 4** Don't go for any supplement you come across. Before taking a supplement, consult your trainer or a physician. Always buy supplements from a reputable health store or pharmacy. Do your research before taking in a supplement.
- 5** Supplements shouldn't be misunderstood as steroids. Steroids are not the answer.
- 6** Muscle Building Diet: It occupies a prominent area in muscle building pie-chart. You should be highly careful related to your muscle building diet. Always ask your trainer to write down a diet schedule for you.
- 7** Give rest to your body between two sets. Rest for two minutes.
- 8** Do not work on more than two muscle groups at a time. Train those muscles in a group which work with each other. This technique has proven to be effective. For example: chest and triceps or biceps and backs.
- 9** The most effective time to do muscle building exercises is in the morning. You have consumed a lot of carbs by evening. Carbs become the source of energy for you when you do your exercises in evening. But in the morning your body depends on its alternative source like fat for energy. Fats get burned up more effectively in morning.
- 10** Last but not the least; don't be biased to any body part. Proper balance is a necessity. Having a big upper body and skinny legs is not how to build a healthy body. Work out your entire body.

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DAVE Says

(right time to expand the family?)



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are trying to pay down our debt. We've got a long way to go, and it's pretty scary sometimes. We've also started thinking that we'd like to have another child. We're not getting any younger, but we know this would prolong the time it would take us to get out of debt. Do you think we should wait until we're out of debt, or until we have most of it paid off?

Holland

Dear Holland,

The only time I tell people to let their financial situation dictate when to have children is when it's an extreme case. I mean, if you've got six kids and you want 20, I'd probably tell you to slow down and get control of your money first. Or, if you're sitting square in the middle of bankruptcy, it might be a good idea to wait a year or two while you straighten things out and get back on solid ground financially.

If everything else is within reason, and you're talking about a normal number of kids and a normal income, the idea that children will cause you to go broke is simply not true. It might slow things down a little if you're trying to get out of debt, but chances are it won't be anything earth shaking.

Generally speaking, I guess what I'm saying is when God wants you to have a kid, have a kid!

—Dave

(buy or wait?)

Dear Dave,

I'm 18, and I have a job making \$30,000 a year. I've also got about \$40,000 in stocks and \$10,000 in savings. I want to buy a house in the near future. Should I pay cash and buy it outright, or is a 15-year mortgage okay?

Sam

Dear Sam,

I love the idea of paying cash for a house, but I'm even more impressed that you've got \$50,000 you could put toward a house and a job making \$30,000 a year at age 18. Man, you're really kicking it!

It's a great time to buy a house. Interest rates are low, and prices are great. But the thing that keeps sticking in my mind is that you're still just 18 years old. Now, there's nothing wrong with being 18, but there's also nothing wrong with waiting a few years and getting a little more life experience under your belt before you saddle up with a mortgage.

At times like this, I think about what I'd tell my own 18-year-old son. And honestly, I think I'd advise him to wait and let life happen for a while. I'm not putting you down because you're 18. You've done some amazing things. But I think the best thing would be to keep piling up cash, then take a look and see how you feel and what your life is like in two or three years.

You've got lots of time and a huge head start already. Plus, there will still be plenty of properties out there. Then, when the time is right, either pay cash or do a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage. And if you take out a mortgage, make sure the monthly payments are no more than 25 percent of your take-home pay!

Great job, Sam!

—Dave

For more financial help, please visit daveramsey.com.

Charlevoix County Recycling Program Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary



On Wednesday, January 20th, the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee celebrated the Program's 10-year anniversary. Pictured are the remaining original Committee Members, (from left); Shelly Hewitt, Larry Levengood, Nancy Ferguson, Michelle Rick-Biddick, and Shirley Roloff (Chair).



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

While some might think ADHD is overdiagnosed, it is real

QUESTION: I've heard that ADHD is controversial and that it may not even exist. You obviously disagree and believe that ADHD does exist.

DR. DOBSON: Yes, I disagree, although the disorder has become faddish and tends to be overdiagnosed. But when a child actually has this problem, I assure you that his or her parents and teachers don't have to be convinced.

QUESTION: My marriage to my husband has been a very unsatisfying thing for me. I would divorce him if it were not for my concern for our three children. What does the research say about the impact of divorce on kids?

DR. DOBSON: It's now known that emotional development in children is directly related to the presence of warm, nurturing, sustained and continuous interaction with both parents. Anything that interferes with the vital relationship with either mother or father can have lasting consequences for the child.

One landmark study revealed that 90 percent of children from divorced homes suffered from an acute sense of shock when the separation occurred, including profound grieving and irrational fears. Fifty percent reported feeling rejected and abandoned, and indeed, half of the fathers never came to see their children three years after the divorce. One-third of the boys and girls feared abandonment by the remaining par-

ent, and 66 percent experienced yearning for the absent parent with an intensity that researchers described as overwhelming. Most significant, 37 percent of the children were even more unhappy and dissatisfied five years after the divorce than they had been at 18 months. In other words, time did not heal their wounds.

That's the real meaning of divorce. It is certainly what I think about, with righteous indignation, when I see infidelity and marital deceit portrayed on television as some kind of exciting game for two.

The bottom line is that you are right to consider the welfare of your children in deciding whether or not to seek a divorce. As empty as the marital relationship continues to be for you, it is likely, from what I know of your circumstances, that your kids will fare better if you choose to stick it out.

QUESTION: My children are still in elementary school, and I want to avoid adolescent rebellion in the future if I can. What can you tell me to help me get ready for this scary time?

DR. DOBSON: I can understand why you look toward the adolescent years with some apprehension. This is a tough time to raise kids. Many youngsters sail right through that period with no unusual stresses and problems, but others get caught in a pattern of rebellion that disrupts families and scares their moms and dads to death. I've spent several decades

trying to understand that phenomenon and how to prevent it. The encouraging thing is that the most rebellious teens usually grow up to be responsible and stable adults who can't remember why they were so angry in earlier days.

I once devoted a radio program to a panel of formerly rebellious teens that included three successful ministers, Rev. Raul Ries, Pastor Mike MacIntosh, and Rev. Franklin Graham, son of Dr. Billy and Ruth Graham. Each of them had been a difficult adolescent who gave his parents fits. With the exception of Raul, who had been abused at home, the other two couldn't recall what motivated their misbehavior or why they didn't just go along and get along. That is often the way with adolescence. It's like a tornado that drops unexpectedly out of a dark sky, tyrannizes a family, shakes up the community, and then blows on by. Then the sun comes out and spreads its warmth again.

Even though the teen years can be challenging, they're also filled with excitement and growth. Rather than fearing that experience, therefore, I think you ought to anticipate it as a dynamic time when your kids transition from childhood to full-fledged adulthood.

Dr. Dobson is founder and Chairman Emeritus of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80995 (www.focusonthefamily.org). COPYRIGHT 2010 JAMES DOBSON INC.

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In Like A Lamb

Grab the Sun Block, March Begins Bright and Warm

By Jim Akans

"Here Comes the Sun," George Harrison enthusiastically proclaims in the 1969 Beatles classic. The bright and cheerful tune captures the undeniable feeling of hope and joy that washes the spirit with warmth as the first inklings of the coming spring take hold here in the north.

With "plenty of sunshine heading our way," and temperatures nudging the forty degree mark the first week of March, it would appear the journey toward spring has come in like a lamb.

Does that mean we will face the dreaded "lion" as the month begins to ebb?

"There are signs that we may soon be seeing a shift in the weather pattern," observes meteorologist, Jim Keysor of the National Weather Service office near Gaylord. "This winter, we experienced a combination of an El Nino pattern, which typically produces drier and less active winters, and we also had an unusual blocking pattern in the North Atlantic, preventing weather from easily tracking from west to east as it normally would, so our weather here was actually quite stable."

That stability has been a good thing, allowing a rather meager amount of snowfall over the winter remain in place, much to the delight of winter sports enthusiasts visiting the area, and a northern economy that heartily welcomes them.

Over the next few weeks, however, there are indications that the "blocking effect" which has kept the precipitation low and temperatures steady may diminish.

"There are signs that we will begin to see a more active weather pattern by mid March," notes Jim Keysor. "The blocking pattern will weaken a bit, at least temporarily, potentially allowing precipitation and storms to become more prevalent."

Whether that means rain or snow, only the thermometer knows for sure.

Any form of moisture, however, is something we will benefit from. At

just under seventy-five inches, the Gaylord area may be heading for only its fourth winter in the past sixty years to clock in at less than one-hundred inches of snowfall. The Cheboygan area, at just over forty-one inches of snow so far this season, is nearly three feet below normal. Charlevoix's has had just over seventy-two inches of snowfall, about two feet below normal, yet Traverse City is just ten inches below normal.

"There has been a fair amount of lake-effect snowfall near the Lake Michigan shoreline," Jim Keysor states. "But for most of northern Michigan, this could easily be one of the top five least snowy winters on record."

Less snow on the ground translates into a shorter melting period as spring arrives, an earlier rendezvous with the lawnmower, but it also means less moisture seeping into the ground.

"At this point it does look like temperatures will be above normal, with less precipitation than normal for the spring," observes Jim Keysor. "And while we may be able to get outside earlier and enjoy those milder temperatures, the potential for dryness is the biggest concern."

Low moisture levels are not a good thing for spring planting and fire danger season.

So perhaps we should welcome the tame beginnings to month of March, and look forward to the lion's roar of a good storm, accompanied by a healthy dose of precipitation, frozen or liquid, as we move closer to April.

In the meantime, sing it George... "it seems like years since it's been clear... Here Comes the Sun!"

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During the next several weeks, the National Weather Service Office located near Gaylord will be conducting free, Skywarn Spotter training classes at several northern Michigan locations.

"The free classes are about one and half hours long," notes meteorologist Jim Keysor, "are open to public, and provide all the educational tools someone needs to become weather spotter, such as the science of storms, cloud formation, and how to make reports to weather service. We currently have about 1,500 active spotters in our data base, and encourage anyone interested in becoming a spotter to attend one of these classes."

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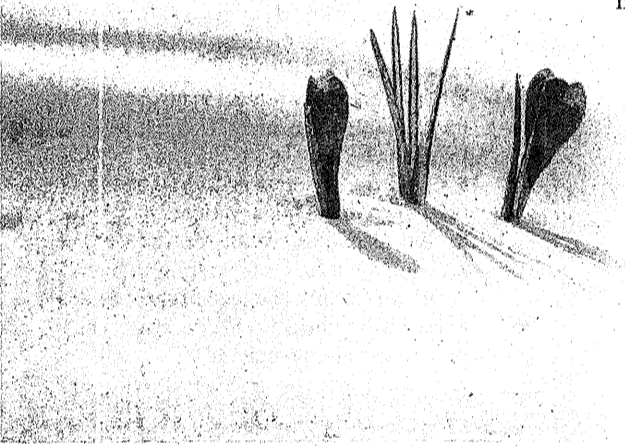
11th - Bellaire, 6:30pm, Antrim County Building, 205 East Cayuga Street (2nd floor)

16th - Charlevoix, 6:00pm, Charlevoix Library, Meeting Room A, 220 W. Clinton St.

23rd - Petoskey, 7:00pm, North Central Michigan College, Conference 4 (Student Center/Conference Center), 1515 Howard Street

25th - Atlanta, 7:00pm, Montmorency County Courthouse - West Entrance, 12265 M-32

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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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\$22,355 in People Fund grants awarded to local organizations

Great Lakes Energy was looking out for local residents when its People Fund directors recently awarded seven grants totaling \$22,355 to non-profit organizations in Northern Michigan.

The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. Since 1999 more than \$1.8 million in grants have been awarded to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"The People Fund is made possible by the generosity of our members who contribute a few cents each month by rounding-up their bill," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "We're receiving more grant requests than ever before and we thank our members for their continued support of this worthwhile program."

Non-profit organizations can apply for a grant through the People Fund by downloading the application at www.gtlakes.com or by calling Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537. The next grant application deadline is June 1.

People Fund grants were awarded in February to the following groups:

1. **Boyer Valley Lions Club:** \$7,000 for the replacement of their concessions trailer.
2. **Hospice of Northwest Michigan:** \$3,000 for File of Life Distribution to at-risk residents of Emmet, Charlevoix, Antrim and Otsego counties.
3. **Boyer City Preschool:** \$1,000 for Preschool Tool Totes for disadvantaged preschoolers.
4. **Children's Bereavement Network:** \$2,500 for five campers to attend Camp Live, Laugh, Love.
5. **Gaylord Community Meal:** \$2,000 to help fund the purchase of a commercial stove.
6. **Good Samaritan Family Services:** \$2,000 for equipment for food pantry warehouse.
7. **Otsego County Literacy Council:** \$4,855 to establish tutoring space, purchase a computer and training materials.

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East Jordan coach Steve Hines congratulates his players following the hard-fought victory at Charlevoix in Monday's Class C district opener.

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Class C District Tournament at Charlevoix

East Jordan 56, Charlevoix 47

EAST JORDAN GIRLS ADVANCE!

Peters has hot hand as Red Devils prevail in district opener

By Mike Dunn

CHARLEVOIX – East Jordan girls basketball coach Steve Hines was looking for his players to string together four solid quarters of play. On Monday in the opening round of the Class C districts at Charlevoix,

East Jordan senior Shaina Peters is flying high as she splits a pair of Charlevoix defenders en route to the basket on Monday. Peters scored two here and made 16 consecutive free throws in the game.

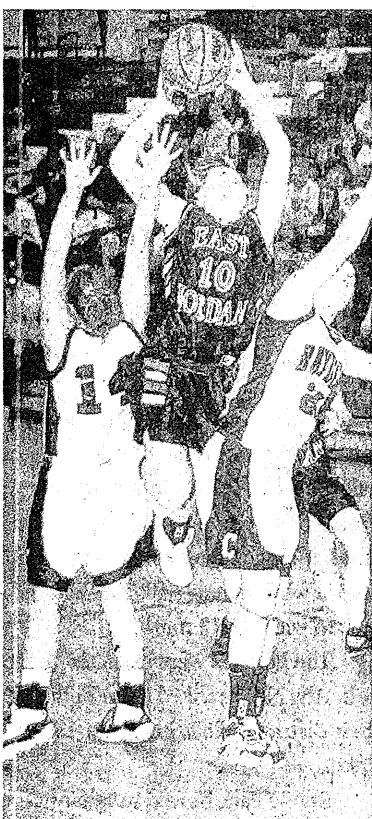


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the Red Devils did it.

As a result, East Jordan moved on in the district tourney, defeating the host Rayders 56-47 to earn a berth in Wednesday's semifinals against Mancelona. (That game was played after this issue went to press.) If East Jordan beat Mancelona, the next step is the district finals on Friday against either Boyne City or Harbor Springs.

East Jordan, which reversed a 58-39 loss to Charlevoix just the week before, improved to 8-13 while the Rayders, who were the five-time defending district champions, finished the season with an 8-13 log.

"It's a great feeling," said East Jordan coach Steve Hines. "Charlevoix has a great program and they've pretty much dominated the districts the past five or six years. So being able to beat a team that's so well-coached and that's been at the top for such a long top is very satisfying. It's great for our kids."

Spitfire senior forward and team co-captain Shaina Peters led the way for the Red Devils, scoring a career-high 26 points while helping to secure the biggest win of her career. Peters took it to the hole big time in the fourth quarter, either putting the ball through the basket or drawing a foul.

And she was poison at the stripe, hitting 16 consecutive free throws. She was 9 for 10 in the fourth quarter alone as the Red Devils scored 21 points to gradually pull away on the scoreboard.

"Shaina was on fire from the free throw line," Hines said. "She was like a shooting machine out there. She's always been a good free throw shooter but last night she was hitting on all cylinders."

Peters packed a powerful wallop at the stripe and from the floor but she wasn't the only one who made the district win happen. Junior center Stephanie Holm also had a big night, recording a double-double with 11 points and 10 boards, and junior guard Tanner McCune collected 10 points.

Grace Howes and Maribeth Poindexter each had five rebounds and McCune, Peters and Howes had three assists apiece. Poindexter also drained a 3-pointer at a critical juncture in the fourth quarter as the Red Devils were forging ahead.

"It was a nice team effort all the way around," Hines said. "We distributed the ball really well on offense and we played a good defensive game, especially in the second game. We didn't rebound real well in the first half and that put us behind but we came out in second half and held Charlevoix to 14 points. That was the big difference right there."

Junior Lynzie Gotshall, one of the promising underclassmen on the Rayder roster, tallied 19 to pace her team and she also grabbed 10 rebounds for a double-double. Madison Way hit for seven and senior power forward Sarah Potter pulled down six rebounds.



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Determination can be seen in the features of EJ sophomore Grace Howes as she maneuvers her way toward the basket Monday.

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

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Rebounds pulled down by tenacious East Jordan guard **Tanner McCune** to with 15 points in Tuesday's tense loss to LMC rival T.C. St. Francis

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Points produced by Boyne Falls sophomore **Josh Puroll** with 11 rebounds in Wednesday's non-league boys' hardwood victory over Atlanta

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Points scored by **Parker Harbaugh** for the Boyne City JV on Thursday in a narrow defeat at the hands of Harbor Springs

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Number of feet from basket Charlevoix sophomore **Keegan LaBlance** stood when he launched his game-winning shot in overtime against Grayling on Friday

DNRE REPORT

Shanty removal deadline nears

Ice shanties must be off ice by March 15 in northern Lower Peninsula

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment reminds anglers that the dates for mandatory ice shanty removal are approaching. Anglers are required to remove shanties as soon as the ice is unsafe to hold them, regardless of the date.

In the northern Lower Peninsula, ice shanties need to be removed by midnight on March 15. Counties included in the northern Lower Peninsula are: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford.

In the Upper Peninsula, shanties must be removed by midnight March 31.

After mandatory removal dates, shanties may be placed on the ice on a daily basis, but must be removed daily.

Shanty owners who allow the structures to fall through the ice are subject of penalties of up to 30 days in jail, fines of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 or both. If a shanty is removed by a government agency, the court can require the owner to reimburse the government for an amount of up to three times the cost of removals.



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Hustling Boyne City freshman Jessica Sellison rumbles after a loose ball with a Grayling player in close pursuit during Tuesday's game.

BC girls close out strong

Ramblers take momentum and confidence into districts

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY – As this issue went to press, the Boyne City girls basketball players were poised to begin district play at Charlevoix on Wednesday against Harbor Springs. The

Boyne City coach Jim Brown signals in a play to his team during the 40-26 Lake Michigan Conference victory at home over Grayling.

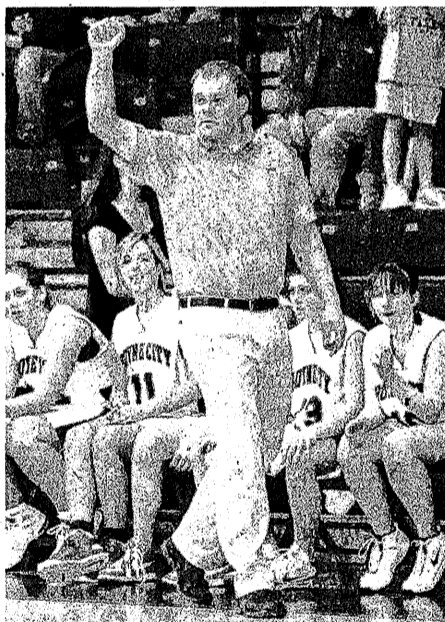


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Ramblers of coach Jim Brown were going into districts with confidence, having closed out the regular season on a strong run.

Ironically, the final victory of the regular season came against Harbor Springs on Friday, a hard-fought 47-45 triumph on the home floor. The win over the Rams combined with the 40-26 win over Grayling earlier in the week enabled Boyne City to finish the second half of the season with an impressive 8-2 record. Overall in the regular season, the Ramblers posted an 11-9 log with an 8-6 mark in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The victory over the Rams did not come easily. Boyne City, sparked by the hot shooting of surefire senior wing Maddie Moeke and smooth-flowing sophomore forward Rachel Butler and the tenacious defense of back-court battlers Sydney Gahn, Abbi Fair, Jessica Sellison and Amanda Welborn, rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit to finally overtake the Rams in the fourth quarter. Moeke and Butler each drained the nets for 15 points and also helped the cause with their ability to penetrate into the paint and draw fouls.

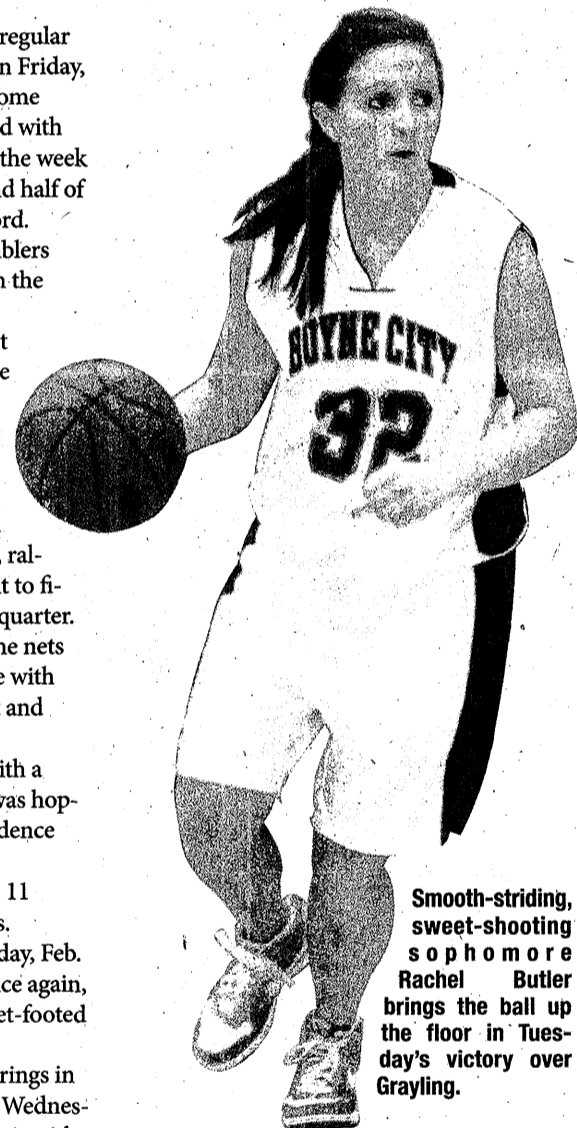
Coach Brown credited his girls with a "great second half of the season" and was hoping to carry the momentum and confidence into the postseason.

Haley Kloss paced the Rams with 11 points and also pulled down 11 boards.

In the win over Grayling on Tuesday, Feb. 23, Moeke was the chief rim rocker once again, accounting for 13 points, while the fleet-footed Gahn put nine on the board.

If Boyne City defeated Harbor Springs in the district semifinal at Charlevoix on Wednesday, the Ramblers advanced to the district title

game on Friday at 7 p.m. against East Jordan, Charlevoix or Boyne City.



Smooth-striding, sweet-shooting sophomore Rachel Butler brings the ball up the floor in Tuesday's victory over Grayling.

PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER

girls basketball roundup

Ellsworth claims Northern Lakes league title

Lancers, Loggers opened district play on Wednesday at Central Lake

By Mike Dunn

ELLSWORTH – As this issue went to press, Ellsworth was waiting for its opportunity to begin play in the Class D district tournament at Central Lake on Wednesday of this week. The Lancers were set to take on a pretty good Bellaire team at 8 p.m. In Wednesday's other semifinal, Boyne Falls was expected to face Central Lake, the No. 1 ranked team in the state.

Ellsworth closed out the regular season in strong fashion, securing the Northern Lakes Conference championship on Tuesday, Feb. 23, with a workmanlike 35-19 win over Vanderbilt and then finishing things out on Thursday, Feb. 25, with a 59-41 triumph against non-league foe Mancelona.

The win over Vandy enabled the Lancers to lay claim to their third league title in four years and their sixth in the last eight years. Jalyn Ingalls, who has been putting together All-State caliber numbers all season, led the way once again with 13 points to go with five boards and four assists in a game that featured lots of protracted offensive possessions at both ends.

Emily Veenstra, who has also been having an outstanding season for the Lancers, delivered a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Sammie Jones paced the Yellowjackets with 13 points.

The victory at Mancelona gave Ellsworth a 16-4 record for the regular season. Ingalls was hotter than a steaming serving of Texas tamales, scorching the nets for 28 points to tie her career best total. She also recorded five assists and four boards. Veenstra patrolled the paint with purpose, collecting 12 points and eight rebounds and rejecting three shots.

Kayla Adkins was top point producer for Mancelona with 18.

Johannesburg-Lewiston 68, Boyne Falls 28

BOYNE FALLS – The Loggers faced a tough opponent to close out the regular season, facing the No. 3 ranked Class D team in the state on the home floor. Johannesburg-Lewiston pulled away in the third quarter en route to a 68-28 victory. The Cardinals, who went to the Final Four a year ago and are expected to make another long playoff run, finished with an 18-2 record while Boyne Falls finished the regular season with a 7-13 mark.

The Loggers were expected to face Central Lake, the No. 1 ranked team in the state, in their district opener on Wednesday at Central Lake.

Boyne Falls bowed to Johannesburg but put up a fight. The Loggers trailed just 17-13 in the second quarter. Kristen Matelski battled gamely under the boards, scoring seven with seven rebounds, and Danielle Reynolds delivered six points.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Maddie Moeke, Boyne City

The Ramblers' sweet-shooting senior wing helped lead her team to a pair of Lake Michigan Conference victories during the week, scoring a game-high 13 in a 40-26 win over Grayling and then making the twine twitch to the tune of 15 points in a come-from-behind 47-45 win over Harbor Springs on Friday.

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BC BOYS BOUNCE BACK

Victory at home over Inland Lakes is second win of season

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY – It's been a long, tough season for the Boyne City boys basketball team. The young Ramblers of

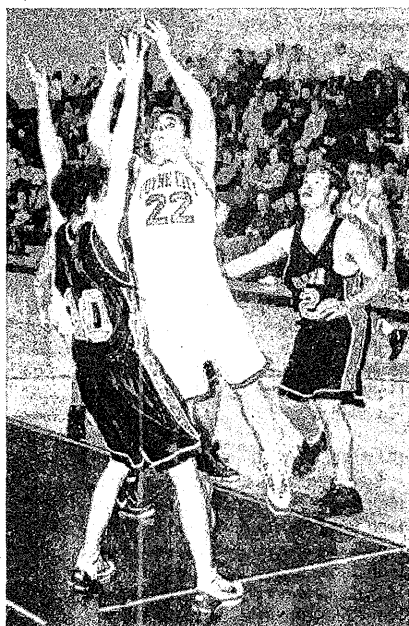


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Boyne City senior power forward Dalton Looze goes high to score a basket during Friday's down-to-the-wire battle with Harbor Springs.

coach Nick Redman have played better as the season has gone along but, until Monday, had little to show for their efforts in terms of digits in the win column. In recent weeks, the hard-luck Ramblers have suffered some excruciatingly close defeats.

On Monday, though, the Ramblers strung together four solid quarters of play in a 62-54 triumph at home over non-league rival Inland Lakes.

Senior point guard Nick Young, who is also the quarterback on the football team, led the way. Young was poison from the perimeter, making more long-distance connections than AT&T during the game. Seven times Young made the twine twitch from downtown to account for all 21 of his points in the thrilling victory. Young also handled the ball with efficiency and turned up the intensity level at the defensive end along with Jay Redman, Parker Ameal, Caleb Roberts, Dalton Looze and Kolbi Shumaker, among others.

Boyne City improved to 2-17 with one final non-league game at home remaining on Thursday against Cedarville. The Ramblers are hoping to come out on top again and take a two-game winning streak into district play next week.

One thing is certain. Redman's team is playing its best basketball of the season with the regular season winding to a rapid close.

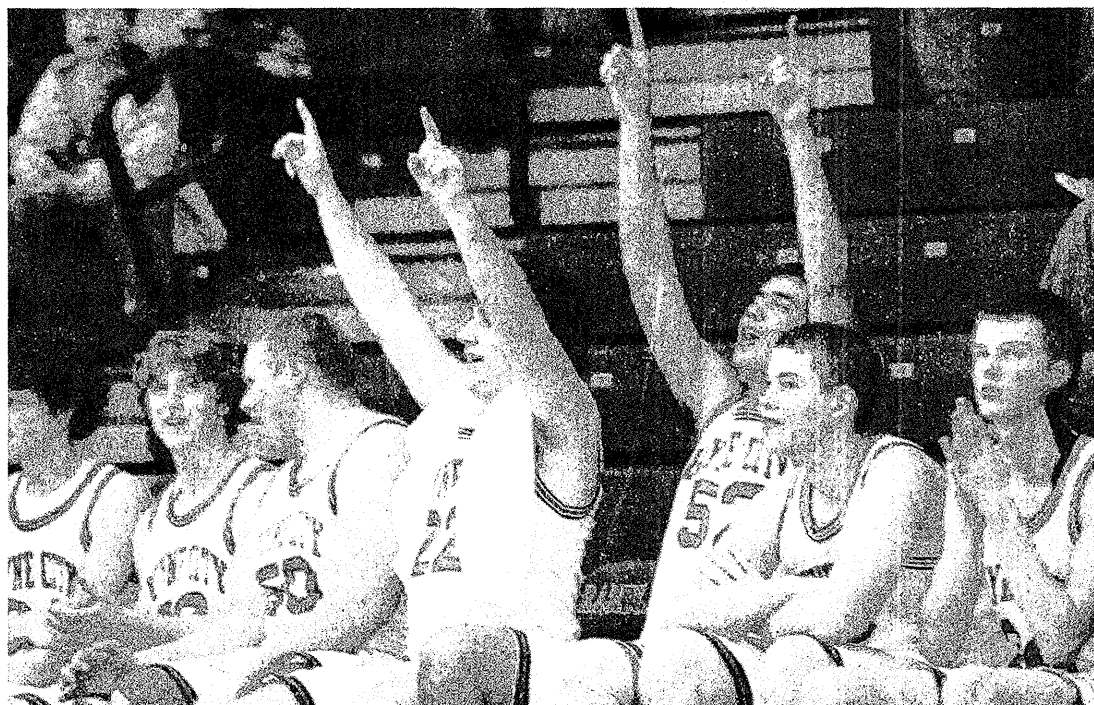


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Boyne City seniors Dalton Looze (22) and Dylan Ferguson (52) throw their arms in the air as the final buzzer approaches during Monday's victory at home over Inland Lakes.

On Friday, the Ramblers entertained Lake Michigan Conference foe Harbor Springs and battled to the wire in a tough 58-56 defeat.

Senior guard Tommy Halstead had the steady hand for the Ramblers, rocking the iron for a

game-high 17 points. Looze helped the cause, too, putting on his hard hat and banging shoulders in the paint while generating 12 points and fluid junior Caleb Roberts tallied 11.

Casey Keiswetter and Matt Matteson each scored 11 for the

Rams (7-11, 4-9).

In the JV game, Parker Harbaugh assaulted the iron to secure 26 points and wild man Weston Kartes scored 16 but it wasn't quite enough as Boyne City bowed to the Rams 62-53.

boys basketball roundup

LaBlance bomb lifts Rayders

Keegan's 29-footer at buzzer gives Charlevoix OT win; Nitro Nico explodes as EJ trims Kalkaska

By Mike Dunn

GRAYLING – It couldn't have been much more dramatic. Sophomore point guard Keegan LaBlance, who has been turning heads all season with his slick ball handling skills and speed of foot, propelled Charlevoix to a stunning, thrilling 73-70 overtime victory on Friday at Grayling when he found nothing but net with a 29-foot bomb at the buzzer.

There were 1.85 seconds remaining when LaBlance delivered the goods, allowing the Rayders to push their record to 12-7 overall and 11-3 in the Lake Michigan Conference going into the final week of the regular season. The Vikings slipped to 12-6 and 8-6.

LaBlance capped what was already a notable performance with his clutch 3-pointer. The sizzling sophomore accumulated 27 points in all on the night to go with six rebounds and three assists.

Dylan Putman was a prime point producer for the Rayders as well, collecting 19 points, and he also did a Windex number underneath, cleaning the glass for 13 boards and a double-double. Big Bill Ivan tallied 12 with seven rebounds and Bazooka ben Myers was on target with his passes, as usual, garnering six assists.

Super dangerous sophomore Steven Enos and senior point guard Colin Hamlin each scored 24 points for the Vikings and Jensen Aubry hit for 11.

The seesaw game was tied at 62 at the end of regulation.

Charlevoix also prevailed in overtime in the JV game that was played the night before, edging

Grayling 64-55 on the home floor. Andrew Potter was a power inside, putting 22 on the board, and Will Jeakle hit for 10 as the Rayders improved to 15-4.

In the freshmen game, Charlie Hamilton made the twine dance to the tune of 21 points and Tanner Catt tallied 19 as the Rayders won 71-53.

East Jordan 63, Kalkaska 52

KALKASKA – The visiting Red Devils found rocket fuel in a Cornstalk once again and it helped propel them to a thoroughly impressive victory over host Kalkaska in Lake Michigan Conference action on Friday. East Jordan's ever-dangerous perimeter prowler "Nitro" Nico Cornstalk was on fire from the floor, stroking the nets for a game-high 20 points, and sturdy senior forward Erik Brun delivered the brawn under the boards with 12 points and plenty of muscle as the surging Red Devils, playing their best hoops of the season in recent weeks, finished strong to secure a 63-52 triumph.

East Jordan broke open a very close game in the third quarter, outscoring the Blazers 13-5 while keeping potent Travis Schuba from getting good looks at the basket.

Red Devil coach Darrin Weber credited tenacious Teddy Snowden, Andrew Nemecek, Matt Werner and Wes Petrie with surrounding Schuba like ocean around an atoll all night long. Schuba, one of the best pure shooters in the region, was limited to 17 points in the contest, well below his average. John Groesser added 12 points for the Blazers (10-8, 7-6).

East Jordan (8-11, 6-8) closes out the regular season at home on Thursday against St. Ignace and then opens district play on Monday, March 8, at home against a pretty good Mancelona team.

JV: East Jordan pushes to 16-3

EAST JORDAN – The East Jordan JV team improved its excellent record to 16-3 overall with a pair of wins last week, taking down Traverse City St. Francis 44-36 on Monday, Feb. 22, and then outscoring Kalkaska 70-43 on Thursday, Feb. 25.

Downtown Dustin Mellios was a driving force for the Red Devils in both wins, scoring a team-high 13 points against St. Francis and hit-

ting for double figures with 11 points against Kalkaska. Dustin also pulled down six boards against St. Francis while John Richards delivered down low, gathering 11 points and nine rebounds, and Skyler Gibson launched an air raid on the rim that resulted in 10 points.

Against Kalkaska, it was Skyler filling the airways once again, this time for a team-high 13 points while Marcus Wingate hit for 12 points to join Dustin in double digits. Zach Shepard and Dominique Brogan both tallied seven while Skyler, Marcus and Austin Mellios covered the floor defensively like syrup on pancakes, each recording five steals.

Ellsworth 74, Alba 24

ELLSWORTH – Versatile senior wing Jared Danbert put up his usual numbers on the stat sheet while athletic Nate Peterson was a power in the paint and the little stick of dynamite, shooting guard Jordan Muma, was poison from the perimeter as Ellsworth took a 74-24 win over Northern Lakes Conference foe Alba on Friday.

The Lancers improved to 13-5 overall and 10-3 in the league going into the final week of the regular season while Alba slipped to 5-13 and 4-9.

Danbert, as usual, had close to a triple-double with 19 points, nine boards and eight assists as the Lancers won their sixth straight. Peterson pulled down 10 boards and handed out five rejection slips on defense and he also scored 13 for a double-double. Muma made the twine spin for 15 points and also grabbed seven rebounds and junior floor general Robert Gruse tallied 13 and handled the ball with typical efficiency.

The Lancers close out the regular season at home against Mancelona on Thursday and then open district play at home against Boyne Falls on Monday, March 8, at 7 p.m.

Boyne Falls 70, Mackinaw City 25

BOYNE FALLS – It was another double-double for sophomore center Josh Puroll on the home floor Friday as the Loggers claimed a lopsided Northern Lakes Conference victory over Mackinaw City. Puroll, a force at both ends of the floor for the Loggers all season long, scored 17 with 13 boards in the 70-25 triumph. It was the sixth win in a row for the Loggers, who improved to 12-6 overall and 9-4 in the league.

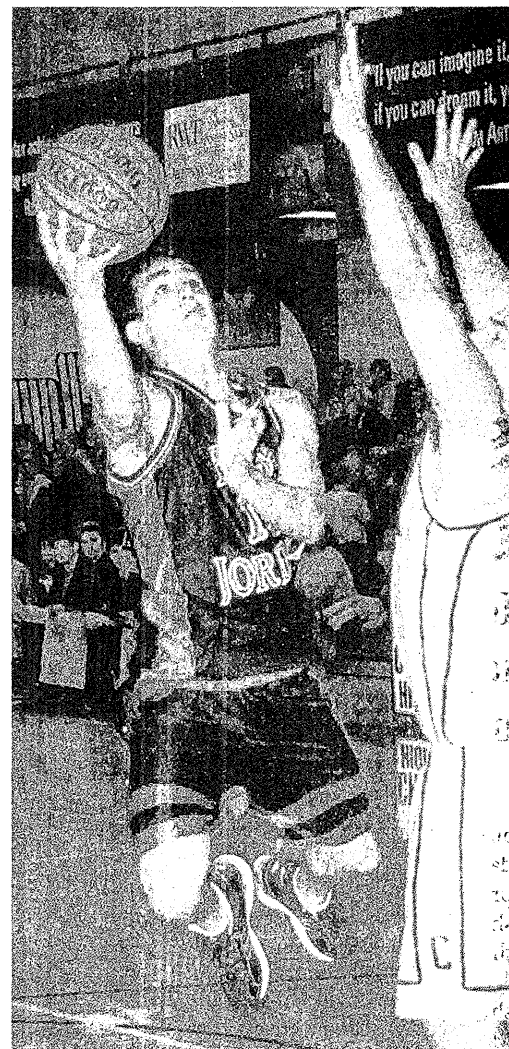


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East Jordan's smooth point producer "Nitro" Nico Cornstalk, shown here delivering the goods in an earlier game against Charlevoix, scored 20 to pace the Red Devils at Kalkaska.

Zach Hausler rocked the rim for 16 points, and reliable Reggie Fiel found the range from the backcourt for 11. Jared Mathers hit for nine with 10 rebounds from his forward post.

Adam Alexander, who has been quietly having an outstanding season for the struggling Comets, scored 19.

In Wednesday's 68-40 win over Atlanta, Puroll put up 24 points with 11 boards while Fiel hit for 15 and Steven Howie was a howitzer off the bench, connecting for 11.

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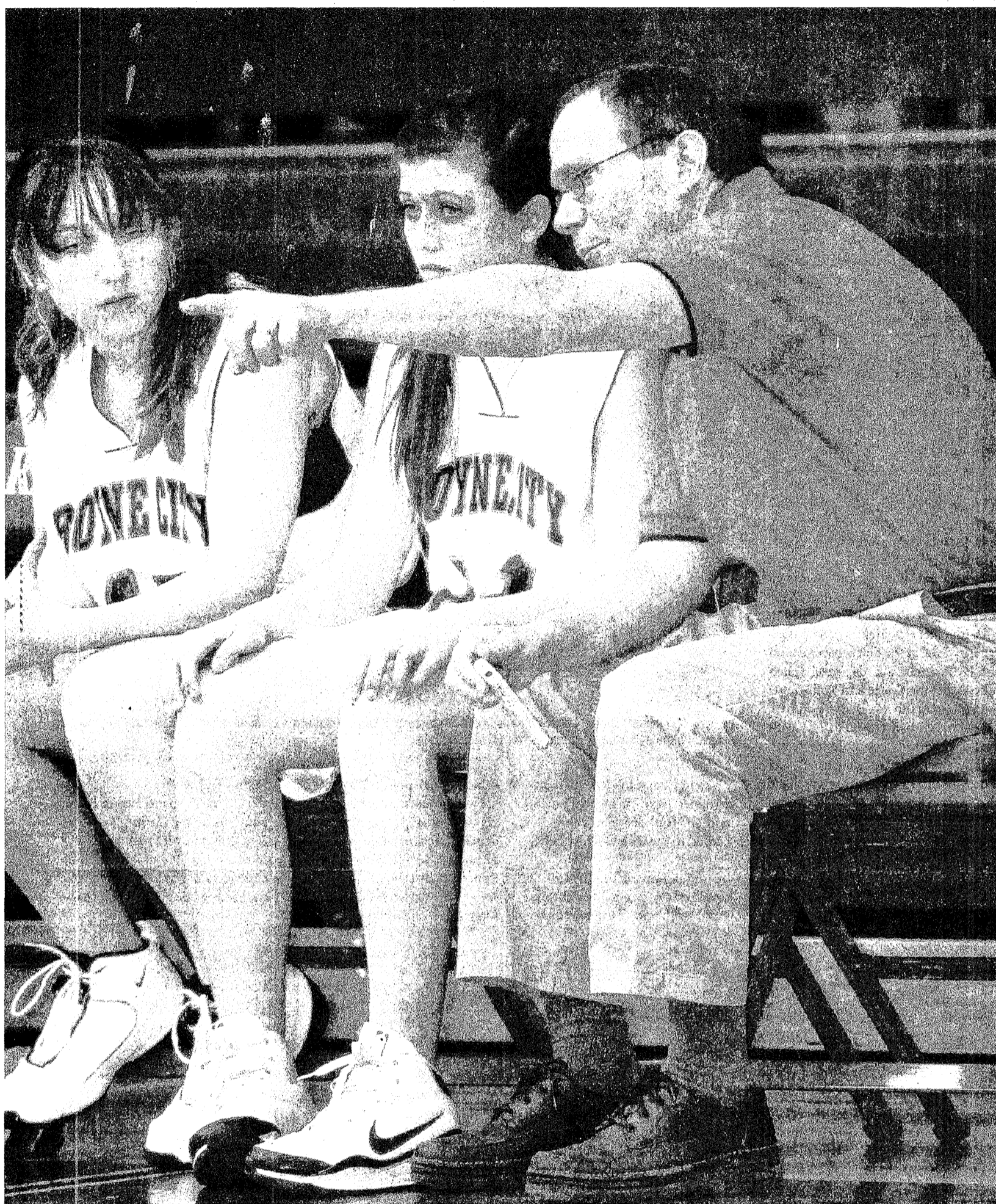


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Boyne City girls basketball assistant coach Maurie Tomkins makes a point to a few of the Rambler players during Tuesday's Lake Michigan Conference victory at home over Grayling.

BOYNE MOUNTAIN PBR ADULT LEAGUE

Results as of Feb 24, 2010

Handicapped Format

- Greenhouse Effect18
- Wild Wild Women 217t
- Sunburst Marine 117t
- Skee Dawgs17t
- Skee Dawgs Too!17t
- Puncuality Vending17t
- Sunburst Marine 217t
- Wild Wild Women 110
- Boyne Ave. Greenhouse8.5

Team Format

- F.O.Barden 17.60
- F.O.Barden 26.90
- Hart GMC6.76
- Riverside Tire6.27
- Hart FORD1.64

Fastest Female: 1. Robin Wottowa 22.56; 2. Margaux Rowley 22.85; 3. Theresa McClelland 23.28

Fastest Male: 1. Pete Oppermann 21.23; 2. Bryan Diller 21.40; 3. Evan Cahppuies 21.70

the Week Ahead

MARCH 3 - 13, 2010

BOYNE CITY

Date	boy/girls	Sport	Level	Opponent	Location	Time
3/4/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Cedarville	Home	7:30pm
3/4/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Cedarville	Home	6:00pm

BOYNE FALLS

Date	boy/girls	Sport	Level	Opponent	Location	Time
3/4/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Central Lake	Home	6:00pm
3/4/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Central Lake	Home	7:30pm

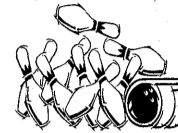
EAST JORDAN

Date	boy/girls	Sport	Level	Opponent	Location	Time
3/4/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	St. Ignace	Home	6:00pm
3/4/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	St. Ignace	Home	7:30pm

ELLSWORTH

Date	boy/girls	Sport	Level	Opponent	Location	Time
3/3/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Boyne Falls	Home	6:00pm
3/3/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Boyne Falls	Home	7:30pm
3/4/10	Boys	Basketball	JV	Mancelona	Home	6:00pm
3/4/10	Boys	Basketball	Varsity	Mancelona	Home	7:30pm
3/6/10	Girls	Volleyball	Jr. High	Wolverine	Away	9:00am

Gemini Lanes Bowling League Results: Feb 19-25



EJ MERCHANTS LEAGUE

- The Zone 2. Gemini Lanes 3. Darlene's
- High Team GameSite Planning.....951
- High Team SeriesSite Planning.....2742
- High Game.....Bill Werner.....247
- High Series.....Jim Gregware.....654
- High Game w/hdcp.....Virgil Sineway.....272
- 2715h Series w/hdcp.....Virgil Sineway.....688

INTER CITY LEAGUE

- Hurricane Alice 2. American Legion 3. Jordan Const.
- High Team Game.....Hurricane Alice.....923
- High Team SeriesKorhase Flinn2685
- High Game.....Frank Hosler.....255
- High SeriesWillie Castle.....637
- High Game w/hdcp.....Frank Hosler.....271
- High Series w/hdcpDel Hart.....662

FOUNDRY AM

- Foundry Rats 2. Sand Baggers 3. Smokin' Hot
- High Team GameFoundry Rats.....661
- High Team SeriesFoundry Rats.....1821
- High GameIvan Castle.....228
- Jody Harris.....121
- High SeriesIvan Castle.....609
- Jody Harris.....318
- High Game w/hdcp.....Sam Maza.....235
- Jody Harris.....204
- High Series w/hdcp.....Ivan Castle.....627
- Jody Harris.....567

COFFEE CUP

- Michigan Officeways 2. Charlevoix Properties 3. J & J Auto
- High Team Game.....Michigan Officeways589
- High Team Series.....Michigan Officeways1705
- High GameBillie Grody179
- High SeriesBillie Grody524
- High Game w/hdcp.....Rosemary Fuller.....218
- High Series w/hdcp.....Jean Stowe626

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- Four Seasons Marina 2. EJ Shoppe 3. The Zone
- High Team Game.....The EJ Shoppe.....687
- High Team SeriesDarlene's.....1887
- High GameJane Donaldson.....203
- High SeriesCindy Bennett.....553
- High Game w/hdcp.....Nikki Skrocki.....242
- High Series w/hdcp.....Cindy Bennett.....664

EJ LADIES LEAGUE

- Scared Splitless 2. EJLW 3. Big Mama's
- High Team Game.....Scared Splitless.....813
- High Team Series.....Scared Splitless.....2203
- High GameBillie Grody.....226
- High Series.....Billie Grody.....610
- High Game w/hdcp.....Ruth Bernier.....263
- High Series w/hdcp.....Claudette Baugh.....678

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- Red Devils 2. Pin Crushers 3. Team 4
- High Team Game.....Red Devils.....278
- High Team Series.....Red Devils762
- High GameXavier Sadelmeir116
- Blaiyzz Sedelmeir.....78
- Caitlyn Baugh.....78
- High Series.....Dillion Arb.....308
- Blaiyzz Sedelmeir.....210
- High Game w/hdcp.....Jared Hock.....219
- Blaiyzz Sedelmeir.....190
- High Series w/hdcp.....Jared Hock.....585
- Blaiyzz Sedelmeir.....546

THE RED DEVILS LEAGUE

- Double Trouble 2. Duo 3. Team 4
- High Team GameDouble Trouble.....335
- High Team Series.....Double Trouble.....952
- High GameAndrew Nemecek.....171
- Michelle Finley.....148
- High Series.....Andrew Nemecek.....460
- Michelle Finley.....387
- High Game w/hdcp.....Andrew Nemecek.....207
- Tori Fehrlen.....203
- High Series w/hdcp.....Dylan Newton.....581
- Michelle Finley.....531

JORDAN VALLEY LADIES LEAGUE

- J & J Auto 2. Thomas Well Drilling 3. D & D Marine
- High Team Game.....J & J Auto.....769
- High Team Series.....J & J Auto.....2260
- High GameKat Janeczek.....216
- High Series.....Karen Thomas.....561
- High Game w/hdcp.....Cammie Yettaw.....259
- High Series w/hdcp.....Cammie Yettaw.....661

MIXED DOUBLES

- Full-O-Bowl 2. Friends 3. Mama's & Papa's
- High Team GameAnything Goes.....655
- High Team Series.....Anything Goes.....1797
- High GameTracy Malpass.....213
- Brenda Malpass.....152
- High Series.....Greg Kitson.....603
- Brenda Malpass.....433
- High Game w/hdcp.....Ken Schiemann.....236
- Lindsey Skop.....202
- High Series w/hdcp.....Tracy Malpass.....658
- Brenda Malpass.....577

MIXED DOUBLES #1

- IDGASWYCI 2. Polar Bears 3. DC's
- High Team GameIDGASWYCI.....653
- High Team Series.....IDGASWYCI.....1887
- High Game.....Mick Luchenbil.....198
- Sheri Luchenbil.....182
- High Series.....Mick Luchenbil.....518
- Cindy Bennett.....469
- High Game w/hdcp.....Mick Luchenbil.....225
- Sheri Luchenbil.....223
- High Series w/hdcp.....Mick Luchenbil.....599
- Kim Hejka.....593

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- Team Fehrlen 2. Grandma and the Taz 3. Fehrlen Dragons
- High Team Game.....Team Fehrlen347
- High Team Series.....Team Fehrlen931
- Boys/Girls
- High Game.....Zach Fehrlen123
- Tori Fehrlen144
- High Series.....Zach Fehrlen264
- Tori Fehrlen397
- High Game w/hdcp.....Zach Fehrlen231
- Tori Fehrlen224
- High Series w/hdcp.....Zach Fehrlen579
- Tori Fehrlen628
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- High Game.....John Fehrlen219
- Florence Bartholomew67
- High Series.....John Fehrlen573
- Florence Bartholomew30
- High Game w/hdcp.....Bob Huffman251
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MOVIE GUIDE



An Obnoxiously Funny Cop Out

BUMBLING NYPD BUDDIES' MOST UNUSUAL ADVENTURE

STARRING: Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan, Seann William Scott

RUNNING TIME: 1 hr. 47 min.

RATED: R

MOVIE REVIEW

By Jim Akans

"There's a right way to do police work," shouts New York City Police Captain to slack-jawed partners Jimmy Monroe (Bruce Willis) and Paul Hodges (Tracy Morgan). "There's a wrong way to do it, and there's the way you idiots do it."

It's an observation that pretty much sets the tone for director Kevin Smith's latest dark comedy/crime drama/suspense and completely irreverent satire film; Cop Out.

Kevin is also responsible for directing such off kilter flicks as Clerks, Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back, and Mall-

rats...and if you are familiar with these rather odd big screen presentations, you have an idea what to expect here. If not, let's just say this isn't the kind of matter to see with your parents, no matter how old you are.

The basic storyline of Cop Out follows Jimmy and Paul, a pair of long-time NYPD partners, as they attempt to thwart the expansion of a drug ring led by an obsessed sports memorabilia collector named Poh Boy.

There's a collection

of standard, though skewed, "police pal" movie ingredients here; including a car chase through a cemetery, a damsel in distress who can't communicate with her rescuers and good cop/bad cop roles purposely lifted from other classic movie scenes. It's kind of bizarre seeing Willis in his usual "Die Hard" type character role with his macho attitude curbed by fumbling ineptness...I found it a bit unsettling.

A highlight of the film is the inclusion of Seann William Scott as "Dave" the

baseball card thief. Through this improbable robbery sequence, drug kingpin Poh Boy eventually ends up with Jimmy Monroe's prized, rare baseball card; a 1952 vintage Andy Pafko, turning the mission of nabbing the drug czar into a personal one for the clumsy cops.

Dave, however, steals the show, and his bantering with the leading duo creates some genuinely funny, though ear-splittingly crude, moments.

About those foul mouths; this film is rated R primarily because the humor and language is unabashedly raunchy throughout. There are also some brief scenes of graphic violence that stand in stark contrast to the movie's overall humorous tone.

All in all, this is a very "earthy" movie indeed. Like the idiom the title refers to; Cop Out avoids taking responsibility for itself - or as Jimmy Monroe observes

of his crime fighting partner midway through the film, it's simply a "compendium of useless information."

There are, however, some funny moments, and if this style of off-beat, street level humor runs up your alley, there are probably several funny moments lurking in frames of Cop Out.

WHICH DID YOU PREFER?



Movie; **50%**



Popcorn; **50%**

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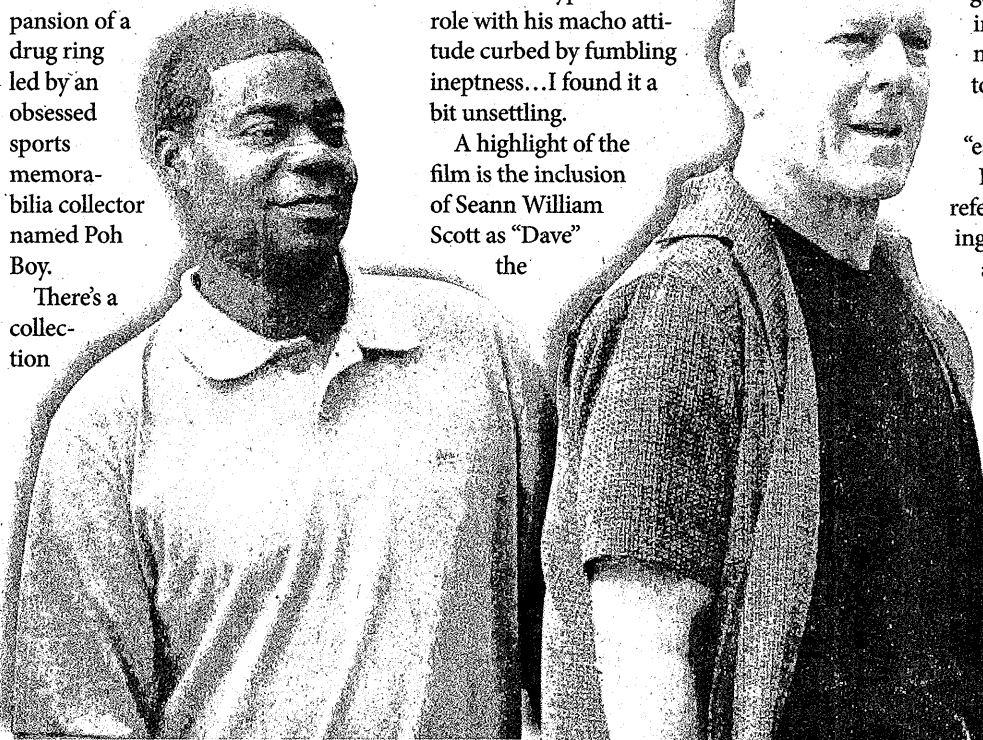
"It's my kind of humor," Courtney - Roscommon

"I expected more from these actors," Jason - Roscommon

"It was pretty funny...especially Tracy Morgan," John - Grayling

"I like anything directed by Kevin Smith," Winston - Gaylord

"Thought it was quite bad," Sue and Tom - Gaylord



AREA MOVIE LISTINGS March 5-11

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

Cop Out - R

Starring: Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

The Wolfman - R

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

Alice in Wonderland - PG

Starring: Johnny Depp
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Kingston Theatre, Cop Out - R

Starring: Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan
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The Lovely Bones - R

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Rachel Weisz
FRI 6:45, 9:15 SAT 1:00, 3:30, 6:45, 9:15
SUN 1:00, 3:30, 7:00
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Valentine's Day - PG13

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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
MON-TUES-WED 6:45, 9:15
SAT-SUN-THUR 11:45, 2:15, 6:45, 9:15

Cop Out - R

Starring: Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan
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MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:15
SAT-SUN-THUR 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

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

Alice in Wonderland - PG

Starring: Johnny Depp
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A Single Man - R

Starring: Colin Firth, Julianne Moore
FRI 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN-THUR 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Avatar - PG13

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman
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Valentine's Day - PG13

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1565 Gregg Road, Petoskey

Contemporary
Style Hillside
Home Features
Breathtaking Vistas

Gorgeous Walloon Lake View

By Jim Akans

This is a real estate offering that truly must be seen to appreciate. The outdoor vistas presented from the upper and lower decks of this home, and also from the interior through a floor to ceiling wall of windows in the open living and dining room, master suite and lower guest bedroom, are simply breathtaking. We're talking million dollar views here, at just a fraction of the price.

This four bedroom, two bath home, which is located approximately three miles from Petoskey, is situated on nearly an acre of hillside property that overlooks the beautiful blue waters of Hemmingway's favorite northern retreat; Walloon Lake and the surrounding woodlands. The property is finely groomed and impeccably landscaped (the previous owner was a professional landscaper), and the low profile, contemporary flavored design of the home fits perfectly into the natural setting.

There is just over 2,500 square feet of living space in the home, with about 1,300 square feet on the main level and the remainder in the lower level walkout. The design theme throughout the home is open and spacious, with cathedral ceilings on the main level, a "see through" wood-burning fireplace located between the kitchen/dining and living room, and the "wall of windows" across the rear of the home which maximizes the spectacular outdoor views.

The master suite and one additional bedroom are located on the main level, with the remaining two bedrooms downstairs. All of the bedrooms are well-sized. Also located on the lower level is a huge, 20 x 24 foot family room including a kitchenette, and an amply-sized utility room.

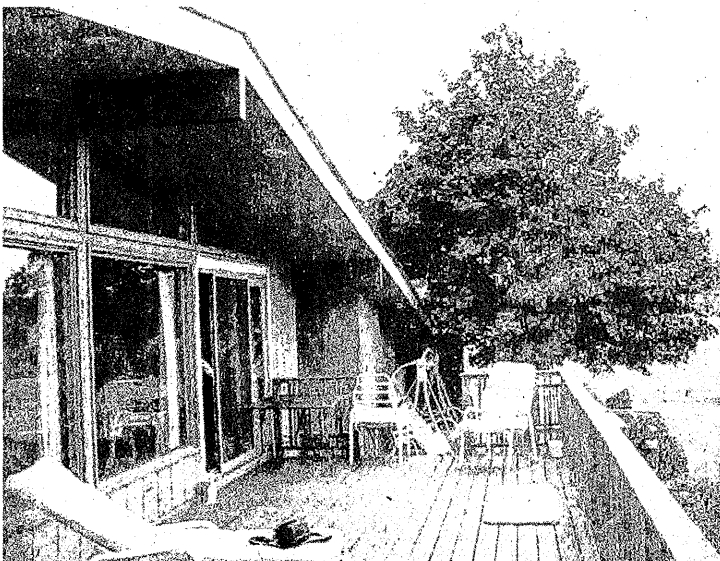
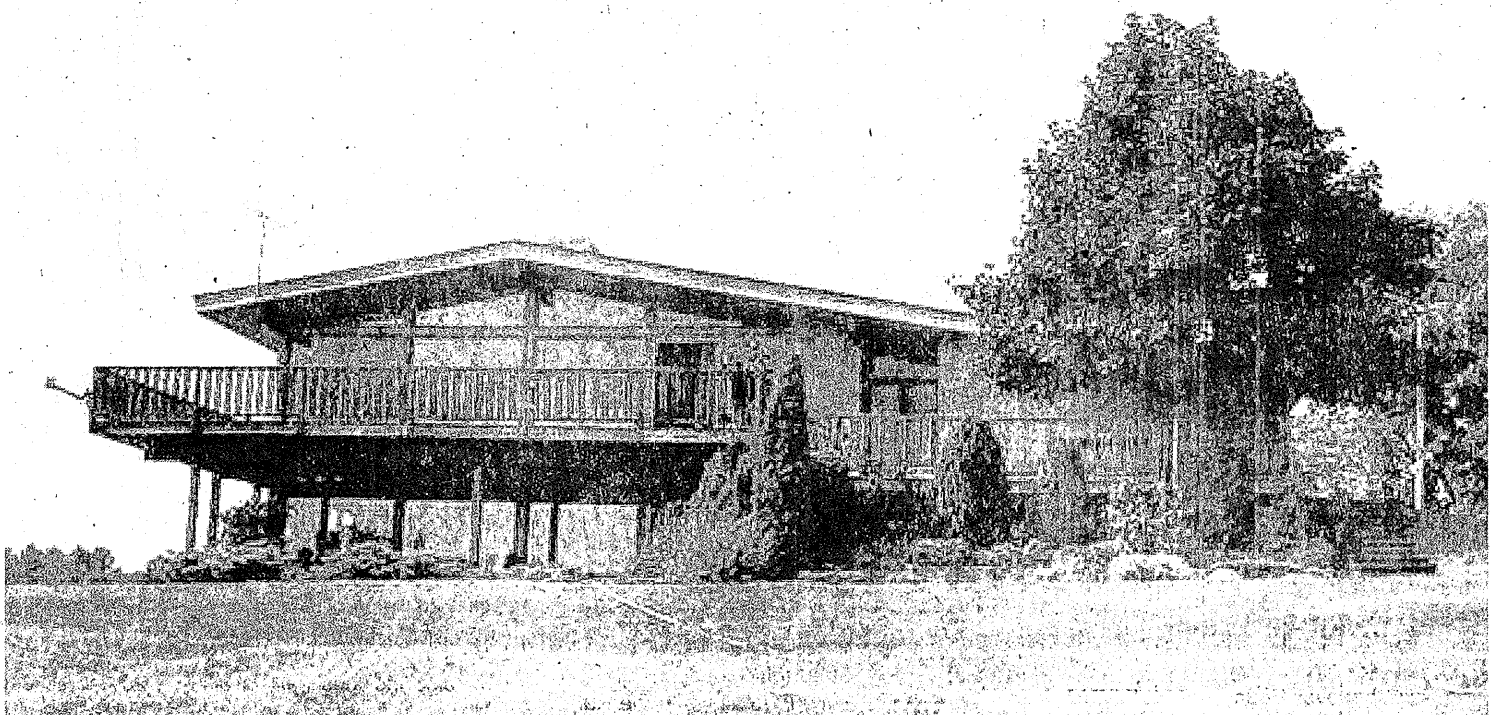
Speaking of utilities, the home has energy-efficient Andersen brand windows, the furnace was replaced in 2003, and a water softener is included with the home. Additional appliances included are a range, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer.

Stretching across the entire rear of the home, on both the upper and lower levels, are nearly 900 square feet of decking. The decks can be accessed from the main living area, the master suite, as well as the family room and guest bedroom on the lower level.

Should the new homeowner desire a bit of boating, swimming, fishing, or beachside tanning opportunities, a public access to Walloon Lake is located approximately one-half mile from this property.

Indoors and out, this home provides a wonderfully journey for the senses, and an incredible value for the pocketbook at an asking price of just \$185,000.

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Lake Charlevoix and Round Lake shoreline treated against Invasive Plant Species

By B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — Imagine a wall of tall grasses that reach so high that lake views are obstructed, and that are so invasive as the plant grows, that wildlife leaves the area and native grasses and flowers are crowded out.

This may happen to two Lake Charlevoix waterfront homeowners who refused to allow trained volunteers to enter onto their property to treat an invasive plant known as Phragmites (frag-MY-teez). The two part-time Boyne City residents were the only homeowners around Lake Charlevoix that did not give permission, according to the Lake Charlevoix Association that conducted the work to reduce the Phragmites from around the lake.

There is more than one species of Phragmites, most of which are not invasive. However the species, Phragmites australis, is a problem because it grows and spreads so fast. People are asked not to try to manage it without training because

they could inadvertently spread the plant and its seeds.

Phragmites australis is insidious in its takeover of shorelines. Eighty percent of the plant is contained below the ground in a dense mass of roots that can penetrate the soil to a depth greater than six feet, according to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The plants range in height from six-to-16-feet and have horizontal roots that produce new shoots that continue until the roots exceed 60 feet in length.

Approximately 40 volunteers received training from the state



Kelly Martin

after which they surveyed the entire shoreline of Lake Charlevoix and Round Lake to identify stands of Phragmites so the plant could be treated with an herbicide. The treatment was conducted in September 2009. A grant was received from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The Lake Charlevoix Association collaborated with the Charlevoix County Conservation District in the endeavor. Kelly Martin from the Conservation District gave a presentation to county commissioners on Feb. 10 in the county building. She said 100 sites were identified and treated around the lake. Now the dead Phragmites need to be removed and a request was made to commissioners to provide assistance.

County commissioner Shirlene Tripp made a motion, seconded by commissioner Ron Reinhardt, to support the removal of the Phragmites at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. The motion passed 4-2, but it was rescinded later because counsel advised that there might be lia-

bility if a county employee was used for the task.

Commissioners Tripp, Reinhardt, Shirley Roloff and Bob Drebenstadt voted to approve the support from the county and commissioners Joel Evans and Chris Christensen voted no. In a telephone interview, Evans said he was not familiar with the

issue and that he based his vote on the potential liability. Christensen said at the meeting that he was concerned about the county budget. Sheriff Schneider said at the meeting that inmates could do the work, but that his concern was the cost of paying a bailiff out of his budget to monitor the inmates, accord-

ing to the meeting minutes of Feb. 10.

The Lake Charlevoix Association and others are continuing to seek a means of removal of the Phragmites before mid-April. For more information access the Association's website at: lakecharlevoixassociation.org.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Lake Charlevoix is protected by the people who cherish it. Volunteers worked for days on end to eliminate the Phragmites that grows rapidly and chokes out native plants and flowers. Wildlife habitat is also adversely affected. Resident and volunteer Vasco Zucchiatti (PICTURED ABOVE) was one who gave of his time and effort.

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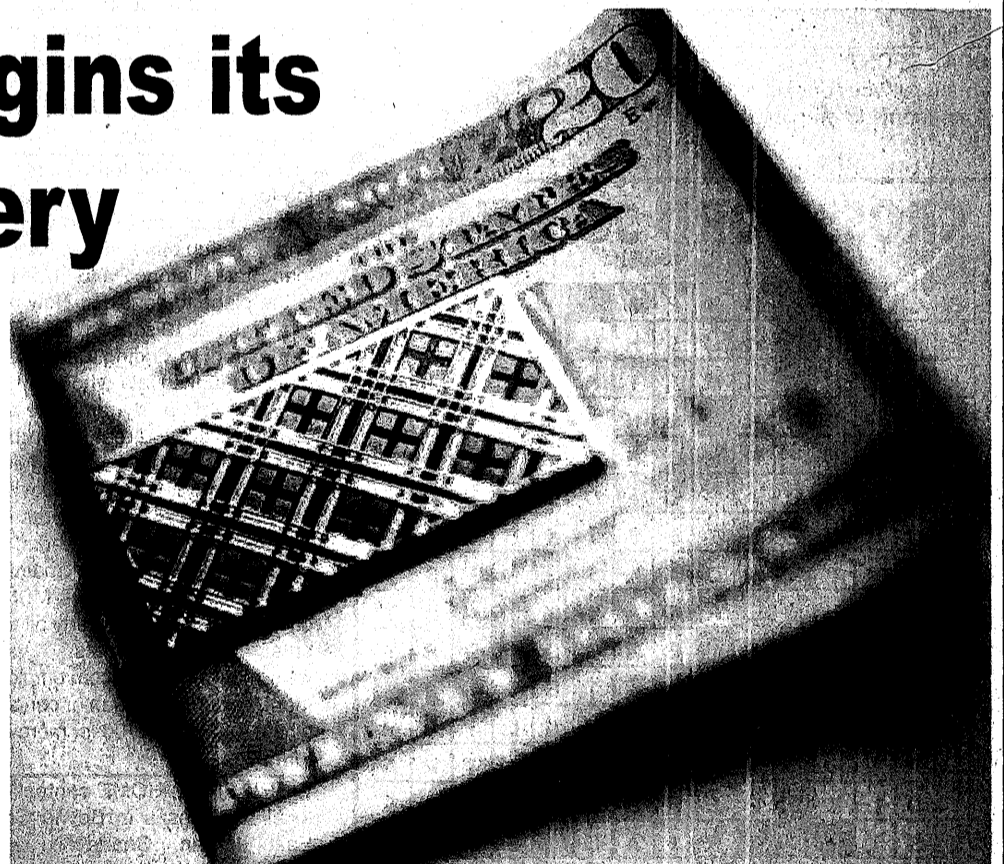
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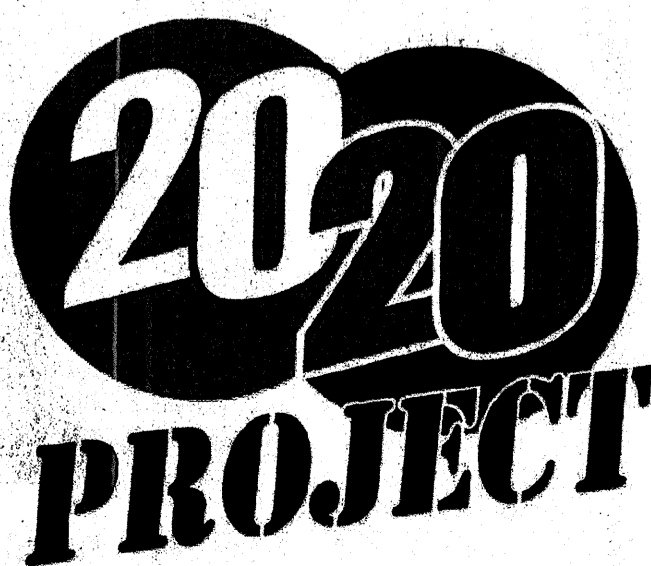


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