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**A Rebirth Planned for Wolverine Dilworth Hotel**

Community's top goal may be realized



PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

ABOVE: The spacious lobby of the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel offers a place for guests and visitors to mingle. Off the lobby is a large porch for relaxing and dining. Developers are at the initial stage of restoring the hotel.



PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

The Wolverine Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City will be restored to its classic beauty by three developers who want it to become a community gathering place as well as a fine hotel for guests. They are (from left) Rick Yarling, Dave White and Tom Johnson.

By B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — Drawing from the best of both worlds — the heyday of lumbering and the technology of today — a trio of entrepreneurs will restore the historic Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel and set in motion a new era for the hotel in the community.

Restore is the key word, because the hotel's layout will not change. It will have the look and feel that it did in the 1920s, but new internal structures, such as the heating and air conditioning, a rebuilt porch, safety systems and other internal upgrades will be installed. State-

of-the-art amenities, such as broadband also will be installed.

Each of the three businessmen involved with the restoration bring the experience and talent needed to undertake the approximately \$5million project. Tom Johnson, who has been executive director of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance for 15

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Retro Night

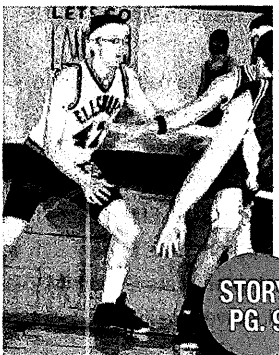


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Ellsworth senior John Clevenger defends against Reggie Fiel of Boyne Falls during the Retro Night contest on the Lancers' home floor.

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Alice in Wonderland



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Tim Burton is back in the Director's chair with this revised 3D adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic story. See what our own Jim Akans has to say on the subject.

**East Jordan Establishes Industrial District**

By B. J. Conley

EAST JORDAN — An Industrial Development District is established on city parcels of land by a resolution passed by city commissioners at a March 2 meeting. The city was petitioned to establish the district by

Burnette Foods, Inc.

The five parcels are located at 200 State St. and notices were sent to residents in the area by the city. A public hearing was held at the March 2 meeting prior to passing the resolution.

The city commission then consid-

ered a resolution approving an application by Burnette Foods, Inc. for an industrial facilities exemption certificate for real and personal property improvements. Burnette plans to make building improvements and to install new machinery and equipment. The company said that upon

completion of facility improvements it is likely to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the city.

Commissioners approved the exemption, or tax break, that will be in effect for 12 years to encourage busi-

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**BOYNE CITY ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**

**3RD ANNUAL IRISH HERITAGE FEST**

When:  
**Wednesday, March 17**  
Doors Open at 5PM

Where:  
**Eagles Lodge Community Room**

By Jim Akans

The Boyne City Main Street Program celebrates the "greenest day of the year" once again as the 3rd Annual Irish Heritage Fest takes place on Wednesday, March 17th at the Eagles Lodge community room.

Doors will open at 5 pm, and attendees will be treated to a jubilant selection of Irish music and song, storytelling, dance

and plenty of Irish food and beverages.

Linn William, volunteer with the Main Street Program and coordinator of the event, states, "We offer a full Irish dinner, cooked and served by students in the Boyne City High School culinary arts program. There will be appetizers, choice of two entrees and three salad, two vegetable selections, and a choice of three deserts. The Eagles Lodge will be serving at a cash

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Irish music fills the Eagles Hall for the Boyne City Irish Fest. Returning this year is John Rickey, pictured at the far left, and his band.

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**weather forecast**

<b>Thursday</b> High 52, low 38 E wind 13mph	<b>Friday</b> High 49, low 35 E wind 10mph	<b>Saturday</b> High 46, low 32 NE wind 13mph	<b>Sunday</b> High 47, low 32 NNE wind 13mph	<b>Monday</b> High 49, low 29 N wind 7mph

**\* snowfall totals \***

<b>Charlevoix -</b> Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 137.6" Season total this year through 3/9/10 - 74.3"	<b>Petoskey -</b> Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 119.9" Season total this year through 3/9/10 - 83.3"
<b>Ellsworth -</b> Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 157.3" Season total this year through 3/9/10 - 79.2"	<b>Gaylord -</b> Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 163.0" Season total this year through 3/9/10 - 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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## United Way Nears Goal

Char-Em United Way announces that it has reached 90% of its 2009-2010 Campaign goal, with two months left to go in the campaign.

"We are optimistic that we will reach our \$333,000 goal," says Joanne Curtis, United Way Board member and Campaign Co-Chair. "Despite - or perhaps because of the recession - we have had a very good response to our campaign this year. It appears that those who donate this year want to help the basic health and human service programs such as those United Way supports. We hope that a final push for donations will take us to the top."

The Frey Foundation has offered an additional \$20,000 challenge grant to United Way if it meets the campaign goal.

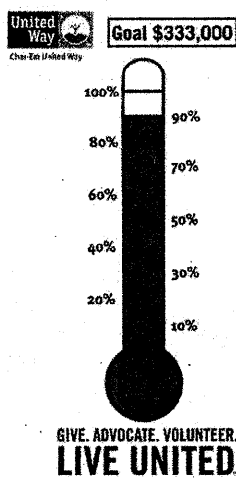
"We are very motivated by the Frey Challenge," says Dale Hull Campaign Co-Chair. "If the drive falls even \$1 short, we will receive only \$15,000. With the human service needs so great in our community right now, we hope to be able to reinvest the maximum amount back into the services people need."

"With the economic situation, the number of requests from local agencies and the amount of funds requested is greater than ever," continues Hull. "We hope that we will be able to invest at least as much as we did last back into the community, but that will only happen if we raise additional funds. I encourage everyone who has not donated to the Campaign to make a donation now, before the end of April. A gift at any level will, when combined with those of others, help us to improve the lives of people in our community."

Char-Em United Way's funding priorities for the year are: Fulfilling Urgent and Basic Human Needs; Improving Financial Stability; Promoting Individual and Family Health and Wellness; Increasing Independence and Self Sufficiency; and Helping Youth Succeed. Agencies applying for United Way support must demonstrate specific program outcomes. Funds raised through the end of April will be invested this spring.

The United Way campaign raises funds to meet the needs of residents of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Last year, Char-Em United Way invested over \$205,000 in effective health and human service programs reaching local residents. In addition, United Way is involved in many other initiatives - Volunteer Connections, Day of Caring, Stuff the Bus, Project Connect, 2-1-1, Friends Enhancing Emmet Transit and more.

Tax-deductible contributions to the United Way 2009-2010 Campaign can be mailed to P O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770. Gifts can be made online by going to: [www.charemunitedway.org](http://www.charemunitedway.org) and selecting "Give." For more information about United Way call 487-1006 or email: [info@charemunitedway.org](mailto:info@charemunitedway.org)



## Boyerne City Irish Heritage Fest

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bar and will have Irish beers and spirits available."

Linn was the catalyst for starting the Irish Heritage Fest three years ago. She had noticed at the Boyne City 150th birthday celebration that while there were many wonderful activities, missing was something reflecting Boyne City's Irish heritage. Irish immigrant John Miller and his wife Harriet were among the first to arrive in the Boyne City area, and John named the river leading into Lake Charlevoix the Boyne River, commemorating a river of the same name in Ireland.

"I went to two Irish festivals that were held in Traverse City," Linn recalls, "and had a conference with one of those festivals organizers; Michael Sullivan, to help plan a festival for Boyne City. We were also able to find much of the talent for the festival in this immediate area. We will have a Celtic band that performs every other Sunday right here in Boyne City, some musicians from the Charlevoix area, and a wonderful storyteller who is also the Petoskey Library's Services Director."

The Irish Heritage Fest is a fabulous way for people of all ages to join together in a celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Tickets, which include the dinner and an evening full of terrific entertainment, are \$20 for adults, \$8 for children ages 5-12, and the event is free for preschoolers. For additional information, contact the



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BOYNE CITY MAIN STREET PROGRAM

What's an Irish Fest without dancing? Dancers of all ages will be celebrating Boyne City's Irish heritage for the third annual festival hosted at the Eagles community room.

For additional information, contact the Main Street Program at (231) 582-9009.

## POLICE BEAT

### Boyerne City Police Dept. Incident Report

#### Tuesday, March 2, 2010

- 10:47am Female reporting civil issue over rental property in the 800 block of Brockway.
- 12:26pm Male at PD to turn himself in on warrant.
- 1:14pm Unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 6:38pm Suspicious situation in the 200 block of N Park St. All OK

#### Wednesday, March 3, 2010

- 1:32am Disturbance reported in the 300 block of E Division. Male trying to get into female's apartment. He was disoriented and at the wrong apartment. Returned to correct apartment.
- 9:52am Male in to report possibly hitting something in road on Lakeshore near Front the night before. No damage to car and not able to find anything in road.
- 11:03pm Found multiple doors open at business in Industrial Park. Doors secured

#### Thursday, March 4, 2010

- 8:45am Report of foul smelling smoke coming from E. Division.
- 11:41am Assist ambulance in the 800 block of E Main St
- 12:13pm Female reports being harassed by another female in the 800 block of Brockway.
- 12:37pm Male at PD ref stolen bicycle frame that has come into his possession
- 10:00pm Female receiving unwanted phone calls from male downstate. He was advised to stop calling.
- 10:41pm Female came to PD after taking overdose. Turned over to ambulance.

#### Friday, March 5, 2010

- 9:19am Checked on vehicle left in Rotary Park overnight. Made contact with owner. All OK
- 10:07am Female in to report suspicious activity in the area of Vogel/Jersey.
- 12:53pm Female from 400 block of E Lincoln anticipating problem later in evening with ex-husband.
- 1:12pm Open door reported at the Airport. Secured and keyholder contacted.
- 2:02pm Female on Timber Ridge reporting credit card fraud.
- 3:15pm Male reports being followed around town by a former employee.
- 3:50pm Received bad check complaint from the 400 block of N Lake St
- 6:51pm Unlocked vehicle on Water St
- 9:20pm Female calling from 500 Jersey St ref civil situation

#### Saturday, March 6, 2010

- 2:57am Report of male and female yelling at each other in the 300 block of E Division. Gone on arrival.
- 3:31am Car deer accident on State St at the city limits.
- 12:05pm Found credit card on Lake St near Main. Returned to owner.
- 2:29pm 911 hang up call from the 100 block of N East St. Was a misdial. All Ok
- 2:32pm Driving complaint received in the area of Harris and Brockway.
- 7:50pm Citations issued to 2 vehicles for parking violations in the 100 block of N Lake St
- 10:32pm Assist motorist in Rotary Park

#### Sunday, March 7, 2010

- 12:20pm Assisted citizen who slipped on ice in the 200 block of N Lake St. Refused ambulance.

- 1:40pm Male reports 3 subjects in another vehicle threw item at his windshield while he was driving on Boyne Av near E Main St.
- 4:47pm Report of hit and run accident in the 300 block of E Division St
- 11:14pm Arrested male for parole violation.

#### Monday, March 8, 2010

- 9:34am Parking ticket issued to vehicle parked in handicap spot in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 9:59am Unlocked vehicle in Industrial Park.
- 2:48pm Report of fraud in the 100 block of E Michigan
- 7:55pm Citation issued to male for speed on Lake St near Michigan
- 8:10pm Citation issued to male for disregarding light at Lake and Water Streets.

### East Jordan Police Dept. Incident Report

#### February 26, 2010

- 12:10 - Assist Circuit Court Probation/Parole Agent
- 16:15 - Assist CXSH with checking on report of vehicle in ditch on Behling Rd near Dutchman Bay
- 17:40 - Assist EMS at residence on Third St
- 18:50 - Arrest subject at residence on S Lake St for FTA warrant out of Emmet Co
- 19:00 - Report of vehicles unable to make it up hill on S Lake near Bridge St due to icy roads

#### February 27, 2010

- 18:12 - Report of subjects defrauding Innkeeper
- 20:27 - Car/Deer accident on Maple St near State St
- 23:28 - Assist citizen on Water St near Bridge St

#### March 01, 2010

- 06:36 - Suspicious situation at business on S M66 near Goebel Rd, owners contacted
- 11:33 - Personal Protection Order violation on Mary St near Main St
- 16:19 - Keys locked in vehicle in parking lot of East Jordan Iron Works, vehicle unlocked

#### March 02, 2010

- 10:14 - Annoying phone calls to residence on Esterly St near Third St
- 13:59 - Assist citizen at Police Dept
- 16:20 - Report of subject parked in roadway on Main St near Division
- 18:10 - Traffic stop on Maple St near McKay St

#### March 03, 2010

- 07:00 - Out at High School for bullying, anti drug and anti theft presentation to Middle School students
- 11:37 - Property found at EZ Mart
- 12:40 - Out at High School for bullying, anti drug and anti theft presentation to High School students
- 18:30 - Keys locked in vehicle on S Lake St, vehicle unlocked
- 21:31 - Report of careless driver on S M66
- 22:45 - Keys locked in vehicle on Main St, vehicle unlocked

#### March 04, 2010

- 07:00 - Out at Elementary School for bullying, anti drug and anti theft presentation to 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students
- 09:57 - Out on P/R at Elementary School for bullying, anti drug and anti theft presentation
- 13:34 - Report of subject passing on Memorial Bridge
- 15:00 - Records check on subject for employment with government

- 15:50 - Records check on subject for US Army
- 16:50 - Report of threats being made to neighbor at residence on Erie St
- 18:40 - Traffic stop on Bridge St near Water St
- 18:45 - Traffic stop on Elm St near State St
- 22:10 - Traffic stop on State St near Manning Dr
- 22:20 - Traffic stop on State St near Elm St
- 22:28 - Traffic stop on State St near Maple St
- 22:45 - Suspicious vehicle in parking lot of Save A Lot

### Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department

#### Incident Report

March 1-7, 2010

#### COMPLAINT .....NUMBER HANDLED

911 Hang Up Call	4
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Abuse	-
Alarm	3
Animal Complaint	12
Assault	-
Assist Motorist	4
Assist Other Agency	8
Attempt to Locate	3
Attempted Suicide	-
Breaking & Entering	2
Car/Deer Accident	15
Citations Issued	17
Civil Complaint	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct	-
Disturbance	1
Domestic Dispute	1
Driving Complaint	1
Fraud	1
Found Property	-
Health & Safety	1
Hit & Run	-
Juvenile	5
Larceny	4
Lockout	10
Lost Property	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	1
Mental Subject	1
Miscellaneous Criminal	-
Noise Complaint	2
Operating Under the Influence	1
Paper Service	8
Personal Injury Accident	-
Private Property Accident	1
Property Check	11
Property Damage Accident	2
Road Hazard	2
Snowmobile Accident	1
Snowmobile Violation	1
Suspicious Situation	6
Traffic Stop	56
Trespassing	-
Unknown Accident	-
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile	-
Vehicle in the Ditch	1
Violation of a Controlled Substance Act	1
Assist Citizen	-
Bank Alarm	1
Disorderly Person	-
Unattended Death	1
Robbery	1
Minor In Possession	1
Threat	3
Annoyance	1

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## Senate approves plan that adds \$9.5 million to successful campaign

LANSING — Legislation that would earmark \$9.5 million for the state's successful "Pure Michigan" promotional campaign was approved today by the Michigan Senate, said Sen. Jason Allen, who sponsored the measure.

Allen, who chairs the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee, said the effort still makes sense as Michigan navigates through economic difficulties.

"The Pure Michigan Program is a wise investment especially during our current situation," said Allen, R-Traverse City. "Michigan has a great story to tell and we need more people to hear about it. With proper marketing, the tourism industry can thrive and be a bright spot in our state's economy."

According to researchers studying the program, the advertising spending is effective in attracting visitors.

"While we wish more revenue was available for this excellent program, it's important that we continue moving forward," Allen said.

"This compromise keeps the advertising strategy going and that is vital to our state's future. Our competitors will not be standing still, and Michigan must remain aggressive. This plan keeps us in the game."

Senate Bill 619 now goes to the House for further consideration.

## First Annual Brew-Ski Festival at Boyne Highlands Resort

Celebration of Suds and Spring Skiing

Swap the winter coat for a t-shirt, goggles for sunglasses and enjoy morning runs on the slopes, sun soaking and craft beer sampling at Boyne Highlands' newest spring event, Brew-Ski Festival, March 13, 2010.

The first annual Brew-Ski Festival features more than 100 craft beers and entertainment beginning at noon on Saturday, March 13. Craft brewers from throughout the state of Michigan and beyond will serve up samples of their premium brews at this outdoor festival. Sampling tickets are \$2 each and are good for 3-ounce pours. Participat-

ing breweries include Short's Brewing Co., Bell's Brewery, New Holland Brewing Co., Arcadia Brewing Co., Arbor Brewing Co., Founders Brewing Co., North Peak Brewing Co., Sam Adams, Stone Brewing Co., Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., Leinenkugel, among others.

Brewers and representatives will gather in a large festival tent at the base of the slopes to serve as the après-ski headquarters where the craft beers, along with grilled brats will be served and music will play until 4 p.m. Admission to the tent is free and guests must be at least 21 years of age to

enter. At 4 p.m., the fun continues in the resort's legendary Zoo Bar featuring live music by the Aaron Vaughn Band. Spring is a treasured time at ski areas as temperatures warm, the sun shines boldly from blue-bird skies, and the slopes become even more inviting with softer snow and fast cruising. Enjoy the best of spring skiing plus local and regional brews at Brew-Ski Festival, March 13. For more information, please call 800.GO.Boyne (462-6963) or visit www.Boyne.com.

## Industrial District

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ness development and retainment.

Also at the March 2 meeting, commissioners discussed the proposed Drug and Alcohol Policy for city employees that is under consideration for adoption. Interim city administrator, Denny Jason, said he had talked with the department heads who said they believed the proposed policy should only apply to full-time employees and not to volunteers, seasonal employees or board and commissioners.

The decision of whether to send an employee in for a drug or alcohol test rests with the appropriate department head. Jason cautioned against quick judgments about employees.

"We all need to trust the people we have working for us and have them assess each situation to determine whether an employee needs to be sent in for testing or not," Jason said. "This (policy) can't be so fine-tuned that you can't operate and can't use judgment."

The next city commission meeting is at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 16 at City Hall.

## Rebirth planned for Historic Hotel

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years, brings his experience in financing business expansions and community-initiated development to the venture. Dave White brings his experience in economic development as the 13-year city administrator for the city of East Jordan, and Rick Yarling contributes his background as the director of the architectural division for Marriott International. Johnson and White own Boyne City's Landmark Development LLC, a company that specializes in historic building projects. Yarling's family has had a summer home in the area for the past 35 years. He owns a business in Portage known as R.A. Yarling & Company, Inc.

The hotel located at 300 Water St., has been closed for the past 16 months and Johnson said the project presents an economic challenge, but that he is positive about success.

"Research conducted so far indicates the property can once again become a profitable business by fully utilizing all of its amenities and taking advantage of state grants and tax credits," Johnson said.

"The historic aspect adds a sense of place and a unique experience that makes country inns, bed-and-breakfasts and boutique hotels popular tourist destinations across the country," he said. "Market

data shows that the top preferences for Michigan travelers are eating out, exploring a small town and shopping. All these amenities have attracted tourists to Boyne City for decades," Johnson said.

Johnson and White see the hotel serving the community as a location for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and other events.

Dave White said the restoration of the Wolverine Dilworth is at the top of the list of goals chosen by the community in recent goal-setting public forums. Approximately 44 permanent new jobs will be created at the hotel and 50 to 75 tradesmen will work on the restoration.

"The hotel will once again become a landmark for northern Michigan," White said. "And it will keep young people here."

The Wolverine Dilworth was built in 1911 by Price Bros. At the time, lumbering was the king of industry in the area and the Boyne City population grew to approximately 6,000 residents. Today its population is approximately 3,300. The 33,000-square-foot, two-and-one-half-story hotel has 27 rooms, a few of which are suites, banquet rooms, restaurant space and a pub. Its expansive wrap-around porch will be a popular place to relax and watch the world go by, or to enjoy dining. The spa-

chous lobby with its large windows and fireplace lends itself to social gatherings and conversations.

Yarling with his Marriott experience says that hotels should be inviting to everyone who walks in the door.

"The hotel has to reconnect with the area and its residents," Yarling said. "It's a place for people to gather, not only tourists, but local residents, boaters, all kinds of people. A hotel is a very living place."

The Wolverine Dilworth Hotel was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. The National Register states that it has historic significance for its Classical Revival style architecture.

Landmark Development is working with a major hotel chain that is interested in making the hotel a member of Ascend, its new line of historic and boutique hotels.

For more information, call Tom Johnson at 231-633-2593 or Dave White at 231-499-5296, or e-mail at tjohnson@communitylandmark.com or dwhite@communitylandmark.com.

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## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS MARCH 11, 2010

### ASSUMED NAMES:

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

- Maintenance One, 523 Maple St., East Jordan by Victor Devers.
- Wedding Doves, 4952 Loeb Road, Charlevoix by Rebecca Parker.
- The Banas Group, 410 Anderson Road, Boyne City by Kristine A. Mihelich and B. Drew Mihelich.
- Offers Interiors, 02625 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix by Karen Largent.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

- Robert James Green II, 22, East Jordan and Ashley Nicole Reid, 23, East Jordan.
- Stephen John Whittaker, 51, Walloon Lake and Karen Sue Whittaker, 49, Walloon Lake.
- Mark Jonathan Newman, 36, Charlevoix and Kimberly Joy Ruck, 35, Charlevoix.
- Dustin Gary Cole, 28, Boyne Falls and Ammie Jo Follette, 27, Boyne Falls.
- Dennis Victor Cichoracki Jr., 52, Boyne Falls and Leona Irma Evans, 42, Boyne Falls.

## Northern Michigan Begins its Own Economic Recovery

### Be a Part of the 20/20 Project

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

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

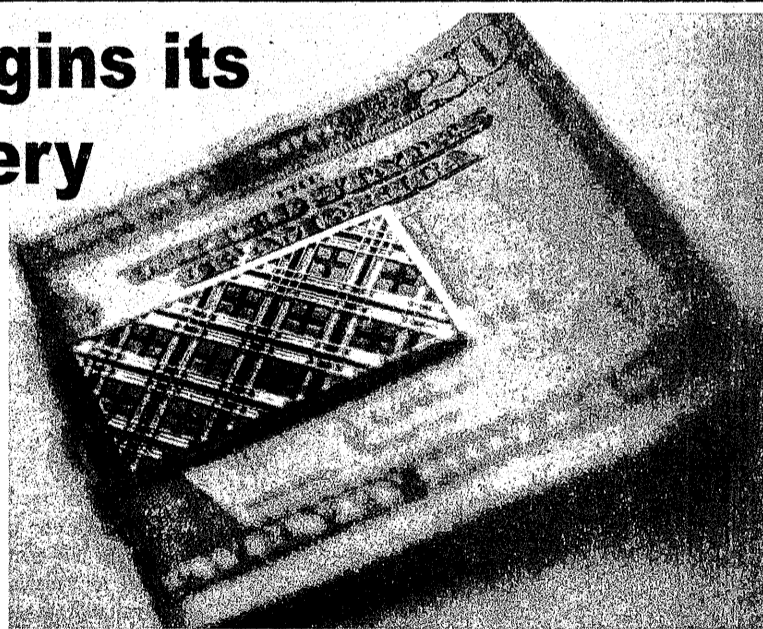
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partners. Your commitment will be to agree to spend \$20 a month... by the 20th of each month for a year at 2 of the 20/20 Project business partners. If you want a stronger community, do something about it! Get involved! Sign up now. Registration is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

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# LOCAL NEWS

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### BOYNE CITY School finance input sought at March 11 session

Boyne City Public Schools Superintendent Bob Alger is planning a two-part presentation on school finance and the upcoming budget entitled, "The Financial Vision Series." The first session will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in the Performing Arts Center and will be designed to educate the attendees on school funding in its current form, where or how the district currently allocates its revenue, the philosophy or reasoning behind the allocations, and a look into the crystal ball of the future. The goal of this session is for attendees to have a better grasp on the current budget process and be better prepared to understand and make recommendations during the second session. The second session of the Financial Vision Series is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24. This session will be designed to identify goals and prioritize programs as a critical function of preparing a 2010-2011 budget recommendation for the board in April. Alger strongly recommends attending Session I for those who plan to attend and participate in Session II.

### 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.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN Text Your Ad - \$25 a month

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

### 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

### BOYNE FALLS Senator Allen Office Hours

State Senator Jason Allen has scheduled office hours from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, March 12 at the Boyne Falls Village Hall, 2290 Railroad St. The office hours are open to residents needing assistance or

wishing to express their opinions. For more information call toll-free, 866-525-5637. Residents unable to attend office hours can contact Sen. Allen at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, or via e-mail at [sen-jallen@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:sen-jallen@senate.michigan.gov).

### EAST JORDAN Pruning Apple Trees

Friday, March 12th, 6 pm-Potluck: Do you have any young or old apple trees that you'd like to make more productive, but you're really not sure how to do it? Then come to Wagbo's Second Friday Potluck. We'll start by filling our bellies with great food, then head out to the Wagbo apple orchard where you'll learn hands-on pruning techniques. If you have any pruning shears or a pole saw, bring them along! This workshop will be presented by Pepper Bromelmeier, who, along with her husband, Tom Brown, and friend, Mark Randolph, operate an organic, heirloom apple orchard near Central Lake. For more info, call Wagbo at 231-536-0333, or visit <http://WagboPeaceCenter.blogspot.com>.

### CHARLEVOIX St. Patrick's Day Party

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

### CHARLEVOIX & PETOSKEY Columbian Festival

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) in concert: "Columbian Festival, Saturday, March 13 at 7:30pm at First Congregational Church in Charlevoix and Sunday, March 14 at 4pm at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. Tickets: \$15 for adults available at the door. For More Information: Janet Fowler 231-487-0010 or [glco@charterinternet.com](mailto:glco@charterinternet.com)

### MICHIGAN Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday morning, March 14. Set your clocks ahead one hour.

### BOYNE CITY Sign up for Boyne City Little League

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

### BOYNE CITY Make an Appointment for the Board of Review

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

### STATEWIDE Scholarship Opportunity!

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

### BOYNE CITY Irish Heritage Fest planned for St. Patrick's Day

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

### BOYNE CITY North Country Trail Assn. plans open house

The North Country Trail Association will kick off the 2010 hiking season on Thursday, March 18 by offering local outdoor enthusiasts an opportunity to become part of hiking history. The open house will be held at 7 p.m. at Boyne Valley Fire & Rescue, 2286 Railroad Street in Boyne Falls. As development of the North Country Trail continues, new trail building projects, trail adoption and hike organiz-

ing opportunities will be discussed. Part of the National Scenic Trails System, the North Country Trail stretches more than 4,200 miles across seven states, from New York westward to North Dakota. Michigan is home to approximately 1,000 miles, all of which are maintained by volunteers. Locally, the Tittabawassee Chapter maintains nearly 80 miles of trail, which stretches northward from Kalkaska through the Jordan River Valley, Chandler Hill, and the City of Petoskey. The NCTA website's Premier Segment page features the Jordan Valley section as one of the best the NCT has to offer. Chapter members will present a description and history of the trail, tips on how to make the most of your North Country Trail experience and how you can become involved. For more information, call Gary Johnson at (989) 289-4477

### 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.

### EAST JORDAN Maple Syrup Family Field Day

Saturday, March 20, 10:30am-3:30pm, MAPLE SYRUP FAMILY FIELD DAY. Come out to the Wagbo Farm for a fun and educational tour of the world of maple syrup. Learn how to tap trees, boil syrup in your own backyard, and operate a large-scale commercial evaporator. There will be separate children's activities, including a short hike, storytelling, and puppet shows. Hot beverages, soup, and snacks provided. Cost \$10 of adults, \$5 for children, \$28 for a family, 3 and under are free. Please register by Thursday, March 18. For more info, call 231-536-0333, or visit <http://WagboPeaceCenter.blogspot.com>.

### 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](mailto: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.

### EAST JORDAN Get Your Green Road Sign

East Jordan Middle School and High School Girl Scout Troop #100364 is teaming up with the East Jordan Ambulance and East Jordan Fire Department to get the green 911 signs up. For more information contact Connie Roberts at 536-7195.

### BOYNE CITY Dental clinic offices coming to One Water Street

A statewide dental services organization, Michigan Community Dental Clinics, Inc. has announced its commitment to occupy the entire second floor of the new One Water commercial business space currently under development in downtown Boyne City. Occupancy is expected in late June or early July. Phase I of the One Water project, which is an undertaking of Catt

Development, will include a selection of small retail shops along with Magnum Hospitality's new restaurant, Santé, which will have a European Bistro theme. In addition there will be a state-of-the-art 24-slip marina, operated this year by the Boyne City Municipal Marina. Phase II of the development, scheduled to break ground in the fall of this year, will round out the new marina district of Boyne City with a 37-room hotel that will include 17 beautifully appointed condominium suites overlooking Lake Charlevoix. Michigan Community Dental Clinics, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit dental services corporation, operates 17 public health dental clinics statewide, serving people on Medicaid and low-income uninsured individuals at reduced rates. MCDC facilitates the development of dental facilities for local health departments, and operates the clinics on their behalf. With a total staff of over 160, which includes 46 dentists, 28 dental hygienists, and over 80 auxiliary staff, Michigan Community Dental Clinics served more than 50,000 individuals in 2009. The administrative staff in Boyne will number about 20 in July, and will grow over time with continued growth of the clinic network. The organization expects to add three new clinics to its network in 2010.

### EAST JORDAN Maple Syrup Festival

Saturday, March 27, 10 am-3 pm- 8TH ANNUAL MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL. Join us at the Wagbo Farm for our annual family event to celebrate Maple Syrup! Pancake breakfast served all day with real Wagbo Maple Syrup and locally-produced sausage and bacon. Music, sleigh rides out to the sugar bush, syrup tasting, pancake flipping contests an more plus view maple syrup being made in our sugar shack! All food and activities are included for one price! Cost \$10 of adults, \$5 for children, \$28 for a family, 3 and under are free. No pre-registration required. For more info, call 231-536-0333, or visit <http://WagboPeaceCenter.blogspot.com>.

### BOYNE CITY New European bistro will be named Santé

"As-yet-unnamed" no longer! Magnum Hospitality is thrilled to "toast" the name of their European-themed bistro, Santé, scheduled to open in late May or early June at the One Water project in downtown Boyne City. According to Magnum's website, "The thrill comes from finally having the naming process over - this was tougher than naming any of our children! "A votre santé!" translates from the French to "To your health!", and is commonly shortened to "à la votre!" or "Santé!". It is used in similar fashion to our "Cheers!", the German "Prost!", Spanish "Salud!", or Italian "Salute!" Whether it is a special occasion or the celebration of another day, Santé! will be the place to raise a glass in appreciation of good friends, family, health and life. The new café will feature artisan pizzas baked in a wood-fired oven and classic fare from all of Europe.... Santé!

### 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

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## COMMISSION ON AGING

# COA to Host First Public Forum

By B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — The first in a series of public forums hosted by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is set for 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 15, at the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Center.

The public forums are open to people of every age and questions and comments are encouraged from all. The COA Advisory Board hopes to increase public awareness of the tax-supported organization that was formed to assist the county's senior population in a variety of ways.

Some of the topics of the March 15 forum are: management of chronic diseases and care issues among the elderly; fall prevention and injury avoidance; prevention of elder ex-

ploitation; physical and mental wellness and living a healthy lifestyle.

New bylaws clarified and refocused the COA board's role as an advocate for county seniors. The forums are one of several outreach efforts that came out of the bylaws revision. They are an opportunity for the board to hear from members of the public about current and emerging senior needs.

Details are being finalized for future public forums on April 19 in East Jordan, April 26 in Walloon Lake or Boyne Falls and May 17 in Boyne City. A community forum was held on Beaver Island in the fall of 2009.

The COA Advisory Board meets monthly on the third Monday at 9:30 a.m., usually in the County Building, Pine Lake Room downstairs.

### Charlevoix County Commission on Aging 2010 Advisory Board members:

- Margo Johnson, **Chair**
- Nancy Tritsch, **Vice Chair**
- Janet F. Shepherd, **Secretary**
- Lynda Christensen
- Ward Cook
- Sally Gilmore
- Richard Hodgson
- Robert Drebenstedt, **Board Liaison**

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH:

# 5 Ways Parents Can Help Children Lead Healthier Lifestyles

By Vicki Rackner

Believe it or not, you impart a legacy of health to your children that goes well beyond the genes you give them. You also pass along health beliefs and model health-related choices.

Here are 5 tips that will set your kids up on a path towards a healthy life.



### 1. Instill a sense of wonder about the body.

Many adults fear and distrust their bodies. They believe that the body is fragile, and illness is just around the corner. The myth that you will catch a cold if you go outside without a coat persists. Your kids are listening when you look in the mirror and say to no one in particular, I'm so fat.

The truth is your body is the most miraculous mechanical system on the planet. Cuts heal without a single thought or action on your part. Your immune system is your own personal homeland security system, protecting you from bacterial and viral terrorists. Yes, illness is part of the human condition. And we have powerful treatments that add to your body's own ability to heal. Look at your body's ability to battle illnesses, such as the common cold. This alone offers concrete evidence of your body's resiliency.

Comment on your child's amazing body. "Wow, that cut healed in no time!" or "You have such strong, fast legs" or "Look at what your hands have been able to draw." Remind your child how great it is to have eyes and kidneys and hearts that work so well.

### 2. Become a student of the human body with your child.

Your kids will come to you with questions about how their bodies work. It can be uncomfortable for both you and your child when you don't have the answers. This discomfort can teach children that they should avoid questions about how their bodies work, which may, in part, explain why parents themselves are reluctant to ask doctors embarrassing questions.

Remember, no one has all the answers. That's why your doctor participates in continuing medical education. Your child can remind you of the joy of discovery. Together you can look for answers. I mentioned to my son that bones make blood and he asked, What about creatures with exoskeletons? I said, "What an interesting question. Let's get on the Internet and see what we can find out." Have a child-appropriate book about the body available and learn and use anatomically correct words. Maybe you can have a family contest to come up with the coolest medical term.

### 3. Teach your kids to listen to their bodies.

Often it feels as if adults are rewarded for ignoring or overcoming the signals from their bodies. The hero who comes to work with the flu or the mom who ignores her need for food or sleep. Health is maintained when you know the signals that suggest your body is out of balance and respond in a timely manner when your body indicates it needs something.

Help your kids identify when they're cold or hungry or tired. You can say even to an infant, You look hot, so I'm taking off the blanket. Give your child some experience regulating his external environment like taking on and off sweaters. Educate your children that pain is there to keep them safe. Say, Owies are no fun, but they're there to keep you from burning yourself on the stove or cutting yourself with a knife. That's how your body reminds you to be careful.

### 4. Model healthy eating habits.

Childhood obesity is a growing problem. Talk with your kids about good food choices and bad ones. Encourage them to ask themselves, What kind of food is my body hungry for right now? and Am I full? even if there's still food on the plate. Pay attention to see if your child is a grazer or a 3-squares-a-day kid and set an eating schedule that reflects their style. Decide whether it's OK to indulge in unhealthy food choices now and then. When I inquired about the nutritional value of my son's snack of donuts, he said, It's health food for the soul!

### 5. Reward health rather than illness.

Some of my best childhood memories come from times when I was sick. In an effort to ease my pain, my mother unwittingly rewarded illness by lavishing attention on me, delivering endless bowls of ice cream and playing games with me. Who wouldn't want to be sick!

Instead, lavish attention on your kids when they're well. While you don't want to punish your kids for being sick, consider which privileges of health should be withdrawn during sick days.

When you instill in your children a sense of pride, wonder and respect for their bodies, you have given them the foundation of health.

Have you ever left your doctor's office with unanswered questions? Been embarrassed to talk with your doctor about a health issue concerning your child? If so, you're not alone. Vicki Rackner MD is a board-certified surgeon who helps people get the health care they want, need and deserve. Sign up for Dr. Vicki's free monthly newsletter at www.DrVicki.org and get tips that will put you in charge of your child's health care.

# CLOCK TICKING on Medicare Cut

## Extension to Halt Payment Reduction Expires April 1<sup>st</sup>

By Jim Akans

It was a tense moment, and unless Congress acts soon, it's due for an encore in the next few weeks.

At issue is a planned 21.2 percent cut in Medicare reimbursements to physicians, which results from the application of an SGR (Sustained Growth Rate) formula passed by Congress back in 1997. The formula utilizes a 1996 baseline for establishing physician fees, and directs that physician spending should not increase faster than the GDP (Gross Domestic Product). The end result is a yearly "target" amount for Medicare payments to physicians.

The problem is, SGR doesn't allow for increases resulting from advances in technology, increases in drug costs, and new patient services. So beginning in 2002, just five years after SGR was enacted, the designated "tar-

get" payment amount for physician services began to fall behind the actual amount being paid. And each year since, Congress has intervened to block those SGR targeted cuts in payments. So in the past eight years, the difference between what Medicare paid to physicians and what SGR indicated they should be paid has been growing steadily.

On March 1st, 2010, that "difference" amount indicated there should be a 21.2 percent cut in payments, and Congress hiccupped in blocking the cut from going into effect. Actually it was more of a sustained drone, as Kentucky Senator Jim Bunning objected to the passing of a bill that would have averted the cuts and extend unemployment benefits. On March 2nd, he changed his mind.

So on that day, the Senate voted 78-19 to approve a bill (HR 4691) that ex-

tended these two items for 30 days. In the meantime, the Senate has been considering a \$149 billion bill (HR 4213) which would extend the current Medicare payment rate (i.e. no cuts) through October 1st, and Congress is working on an even longer-term solution to the SGR problem.

According to StateHealthFacts.org, there are approximately 1.5 million Medicare enrollees in Michigan based on 2008 figures. That's a whole lot of folks that would be affected should such a payment reduction in physician fees actually take place. Such a significant reduction

would likely cause many physicians to reduce the number of Medicare patients they see, and some would even stop taking new Medicare patients at all.

"The Senate should use this time to permanently repeal the flawed Medicare physician payment formula that puts access to care for seniors and military families at risk," AMA (American Medical Association) President J. James Rohack, MD, said in a March 3 statement. "Access to health care for seniors, disabled and military families hangs in the balance."

According to AMA

data, a repeal of SGR would prevent a loss of \$610 million a year for the care of elderly and disabled patients in Michigan, and prevent cuts of \$23,000 on average per year to each Michigan physician.

The AMA has set up a toll-free hotline at (800) 833-6354 open to anyone who would like to weigh in their opinion on the SGR issue. They also have a form on their web site (www.ama-assn.org) - then follow "Medicare Cuts" links) for those who would like to send a message to their senators regarding SGR repeal.



## Health Department announces H1N1 flu clinics

H1N1 flu is circulating in northern Michigan; vaccination is the best protection against the flu

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, 99% of the flu-circulating across the country this week is the H1N1 strain. The virus is still in northern Michi-

gan; some schools are reporting increased absenteeism due to flu-like illness. It's not too late to get vaccinated against H1N1 or seasonal flu.

There is plenty of H1N1 vaccine now and the CDC recommends vaccination for everyone over age six months.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is offering several H1N1 flu vaccination clinics through the end of the month. H1N1 vaccination is free; no appointment is necessary.

Thursday, March 11, 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Baby Pantry, Mancelona

Monday, March 15, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Pellston High School

Friday, March 26, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Boyne Area Free Clinic, Boyne City

Petoskey/Harbor Springs, and Gaylord by calling 800-432-4141.

Friday, March 12, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Wal-Mart, Petoskey

Tuesday, March 16, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Glen's Market, Gaylord

At the clinics in Emmet County only, Tdap vaccine, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis, will also be available for free, in response to pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information, visit www.nwhealth.org

Friday, March 12, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Boyne Area Free Clinic, Boyne City

Friday, March 19, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Boyne Area Free Clinic, Boyne City

Appointments for H1N1 and other vaccines are available at Health Department offices in Bellaire, Mancelona, Charlevoix,

Saturday, March 13, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Petoskey Home Show, at NCMC

Tuesday, March 23, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Glen's Market, Petoskey

Sunday, March 14, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Petoskey Home Show, NCMC

Thursday, March 25, 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Baby Pantry, Mancelona

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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.

### CHARLEVOIX Hospital plans blood drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Tuesday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. Call Kathy Jacobsen RN to schedule your appointment at 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](mailto: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](http://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

### ELLSWORTH Pig Roast Seeks Volunteers

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The Performing Arts Center presents the Harry Goldson Sextet 100th Anniversary Tribute to Benny Goodman at 7:30 P.M. Saturday, April 24. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors age 65 and up - available at the door, Local Flavor, Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River, and the Boyne Area Chamber office. Credit card orders are accepted at the Chamber. The Performing Arts Center is located at Boyne City High School at 1035 Boyne Avenue. Coming on June 12 is The Young Americans annual performance.

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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

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## Boyne City Business Breakfast March 11

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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 coffee and breakfast sandwiches courtesy of Subway; reservations are strongly encouraged. The Business Breakfast is sponsored by the Boyne Area Chamber and Boyne City Main Street Program. Bill Ulvund is a Boyne City resident who works as a business coach with Centermark Coaching. He has been a BNI director, sales manager, operations manager, martial arts instructor and professional musician. Bill also owns and operates Boyne Country Services which has provided carpet, upholstery and HVAC duct cleaning for almost 15 years.

Bill Ulvund explains the value of this seminar: "Most business people understand the importance of that very first impression and desire to communicate in a positive manner that results in the most impact. This workshop will help you recognize behaviors that you communicate and also how you may need to adapt your communication to be more effective. Can you determine from a handshake, clothing, verbal cues and behaviors when you should try to "close that sale"? Relationships are only effective when they are mutually beneficial for both parties... Imagine if you were to refer a friend to a potential client and you informed them how to best communicate with the potential client to close the sale. Would this increase the perceived value of your relationship? What if you knew how to communicate more effectively with your children?"

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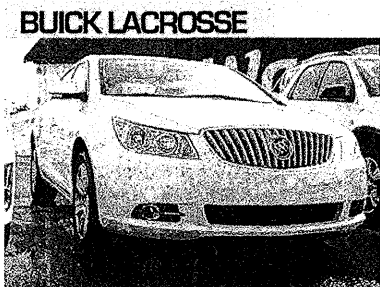
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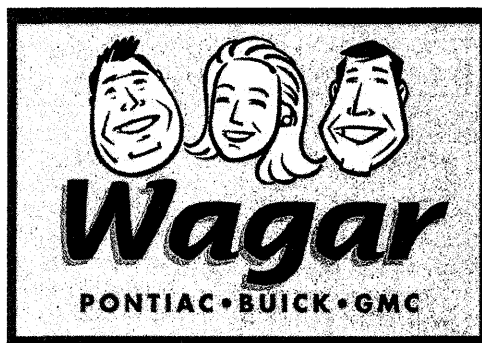
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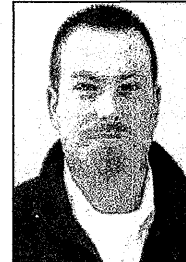
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East Jordan 57, Boyne City 42

# RED DEVILS TAKE TITLE!

Peters rips the nets for 18, Holm hits for 12 as EJ claims district title

By Mike Dunn

CHARLEVOIX - The ride continues for the East Jordan girls.

The Red Devils, peaking at the perfect time, stormed through the Class C district tournament at Charlevoix with three straight victories, including Friday's 57-42 victory over Boyne City in the championship game.

It was the first district title for East Jordan since 1988. The Red Devils (10-13) took on unbeaten, seventh-ranked Kalkaska (23-0) in the opening round of the regional tournament on Tuesday of

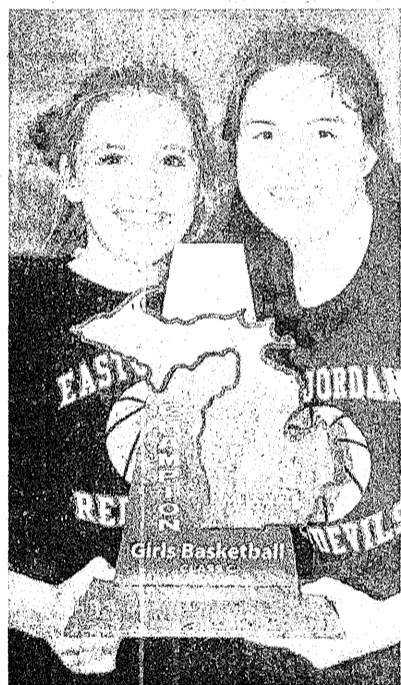


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East Jordan seniors Shaina Peters, left, and Maribeth Poindexter are all smiles as they pose with the Class C district championship trophy.

this week (after this issue went to press) at Traverse City West. McBain and Lincoln Alcona faced off in the other semifinal. The finals are set for Friday at 7 p.m.

East Jordan coach Steve Hines was extremely happy with his girls' achievements in the district tournament but not that surprised.

"We've been playing well," he said. "I thought we knew what we needed to do to win going into districts and the

girls followed through. It's been a real team effort."

The two seniors on the East Jordan roster, forward Shaina Peters and point guard Maribeth Poindexter, played key roles in the championship game. Shaina, a clutch player from all season long, came through once again, draining the nets for a team-high 18 points, including a huge momentum-swinging 3-pointer in the fourth quarter, and she also recorded six assists and five rebounds.

Poindexter, who was switched from forward to point guard by Hines this season to take advantage of her ball handling and leadership abilities, scored six with three steals, three assists and three rebounds. Remarkably, she didn't have a single turnover against the Ramblers.

"This was a game where you expected your senior team captains to shine and Shaina and Maribeth certainly did," Hines said. "Shaina's just a great athlete and she has that very strong competitive drive. She hates to lose and her intensity affects everybody. Maribeth is also an excellent all-around player. We asked her to move to point guard this year and she's gotten better and better. She's almost like having another coach out there on the floor."

East Jordan broke open a close game with a run late in the third quarter. Val Peters, Shaina's freshman sister, drained a triple to help ignite the run and Shaina nailed one a few minutes later to keep it going. The Red Devils, employing a suffocating press, created more separation on the scoreboard as the game clock wore on.

"Once we got a nice run going and got a good lead, we didn't back off," Hines said. "Not only did our press cause some turnovers, it took them out of the rhythm of their offense."

Junior forward Steph Holm played big inside, putting 12 points on the board, and she also dished off three assists. Grace Howes, who had the unenviable task of guarding Boyne City's explosive Maddie Moeke, pulled down six rebounds and also notched four steals.

"Grace had the toughest assignment guarding Maddie," Hines said.

"We knew we couldn't shut Maddie down but we did want to slow her down and Grace did a good job of that, holding her to 14 points."

Sophomore Tanner McCune contributed three assists from the backcourt and also handled the ball well against Boyne City's tenacious defense. Tanner, who put up a career-high 29 points in Wednesday's semifinal victory over Mancelona, was also part of the imposing fourth-quarter press along with Val Peters and Poindexter.

Boyne City, which had beaten Harbor Springs 40-26 in the semifinals, finished the season with a 12-10 log and won nine of its last 12 games. Moeke's 14 points paced the Ramblers against East Jordan while sweet-shooting sophomore Rachel Butler put nine on the board.

In the win over Harbor Springs, Moeke put up nine of her team-high 16



PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

East Jordan freshman Val Peters looks toward the basket as she attempts to elude the pressing defense of Boyne City's Sydney Gahn.

points in the first half and was an imposing presence under the boards defensively. In the second half, senior guard Sydney Gahn lit things up, scoring 10 of her 13 points with a pair of connections from beyond the arc. Butler tallied seven.

The seniors who played their final game for Boyne City and coach Jim Brown included speedy guard Amanda Welborn in addition to Moeke and Gahn.



PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

The East Jordan girls basketball team poses with the district championship trophy following Friday's big win over perennial rival Boyne City.

## LANCERS PUT UP GRAND BATTLE

CENTRAL LAKE 61, ELLSWORTH 51

No. 1 ranked Trojans claim district title but not without a struggle

By Mike Dunn

CENTRAL LAKE - The Ellsworth girls were faced on Friday

with the task of facing Central Lake, the No. 1 ranked Class D team in the state, and playing the Trojans on their home floor to boot. The Lancers didn't win in the district title game but did put up a hellacious battle.

Central Lake, featuring the bruising presence of powerful 6-foot-3 junior forward Jasmine Hines, finally came away with a 61-51 triumph. Ellsworth coach Mark Essenberg said after the game that he couldn't have asked for anything more from his girls.

Multi-talented senior forward Jalyn Ingalls - the only senior on the Lancer roster - put up 21 points while dishing off four assists and pulling down six rebounds to help keep the game competitive. Tara Essenberg also showed up big for the Lancers, nearly recording a double-double with 11 points and nine boards, and junior center Emily Veenstra stroked the nets for nine points and played solid defense against Hines under the nets before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Hines, one of the most coveted

recruits in the state as a junior, did what the exceptional players do in games with everything on the line. She finished strong to keep the pesky Lancers at arm's length in the final minutes of the game. Hines put up 19 of her 44 points in the fourth quarter as the Trojans improved to 23-0 and advanced to the regional round of the playoffs for the third straight year.

Ellsworth, which finished another productive season with a 17-5 log, trailed by just three points, 38-35, after three quarters. Hines was the dif-

ference for the home team in the fourth quarter, though, taking the ball to the hole continually and frequently drawing fouls from either Veenstra or Ingalls.

Central Lake faced McBain Northern Michigan Christian in a regional semifinal game on Tuesday (after this issue went to press). If the Trojans won, as expected, they advanced to Thursday's regional title game at T.C. Central against either Frankfort or T.C. Christian.

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### DNRE REPORT

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Part- and full-time employment is available, with an opportunity to work up to 1,040 hours during the summer season. Seasonal employees, or state workers, are paid a minimum of \$7.65 per hour. Candidates should be 18 and older and be willing to work varied shifts including weekends, evenings and holidays.

Summer employees are needed at Michigan's 98 state parks and recreation areas, nearly 700 boating access sites and 16 state harbors. The DNRE will hire more than 1,200 workers for summer jobs.

"These are great jobs for college students, individuals who are looking to re-enter the workforce, and seniors and retirees looking to be active outdoors in the warmer months," said Karen Gourlay, DNRE Explorer Program coordinator.

Job responsibilities may include handling permit sales in the visitor contact booth and performing other operations and maintenance work such as mowing, landscaping, trail maintenance, janitorial, and clerical work.

The DNRE also hires summer naturalists to work as an Explorer Guide or as Visitor Center staff at one of 50 state parks and recreation areas or fish hatchery locations. These jobs are suitable for persons wanting to gain experience in resource education. Typical job duties may include preparing and presenting a variety of programs, hikes or tours to park visitors on topics related to the resources within the parks and hatcheries. Training and program supplies are provided. Explorer Guides work individually within their parks, while Visitor Center staff work under the guidance of a permanent DNRE park interpreter.

Interested individuals should submit an employment application to the park, recreation area, boating facility, or visitor center where they would like to work. Applicants should specify the position type — State Worker, Explorer Guide or Visitor Center. Applications are available at all state parks or online at [www.michigan.gov/stateparks](http://www.michigan.gov/stateparks).

For additional information, call Karen Gourlay at (248) 349-3858 or email [DNRE-ExplorersProgram@michigan.gov](mailto:DNRE-ExplorersProgram@michigan.gov).

## Boys district basketball roundup

### East Jordan, Ellsworth move on

Red Devils edge Mancelona, Lancers outscore Boyne Falls

By Mike Dunn

The East Jordan and Ellsworth boys basketball teams took a successful first step in the district playoffs on Monday.

East Jordan, coming off an impressive 62-59 victory over St. Ignace in its final regular-season game, held on to edge Mancelona 59-53 in the Class C opener on the Red Devils' home floor. It was the sixth win in the last seven games for the surging Red Devils, who improved to 10-11. Next up was a date with Boyne City in Wednesday's semifinals (after this issue went to press). In the other semifinal Charlevoix (12-8) took on streaking Harbor Springs (8-12) in an anticipated barn-burner.

Ellsworth, also playing at home, broke open a close game with familiar league rival Boyne Falls in the third quarter en route to a 56-33 triumph. It was the ninth straight win for the Lancers, who pushed their record to 16-5. Boyne Falls closed out a solid campaign with a 13-8 record.

#### EAST JORDAN 59, MANCELONA 53

AT EAST JORDAN, the nuclear option was a good one for the Red Devils, especially in the first half. Junior guard "Nitro" Nico Cornstalk was dialed in like a smart bomb, assaulting the iron with one missile after another while compiling a team-high 19 points, including 16 in the first half as East Jordan built a 35-18 lead. Sweet-shooting senior guard Teddy Snowden also showed up big in the biggest game of the season, collecting 13 points and turning in solid minutes at both ends of the floor.

Junior Taylor Borst, one of the top underclassmen in the area, fueled Mancelona's comeback bid with his hot hand in the second half. Borst scored 18 of his 24 points in the third and fourth quarters. Tyler Hartzell fueled the comeback fires as well, hitting for 12 points. In the end, though, the Ironmen (14-7) fell a bit short and

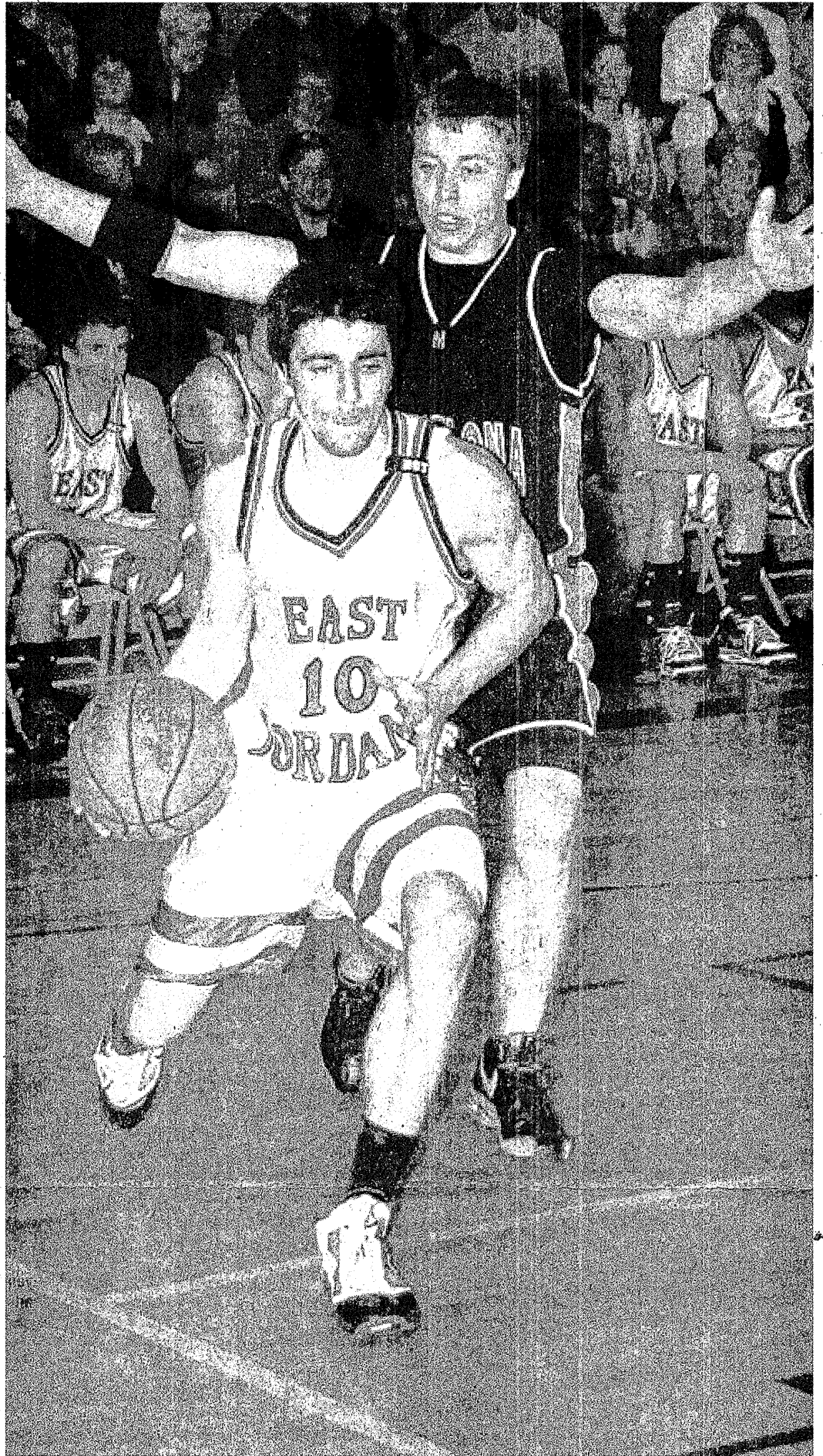


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East Jordan's Matt Werner makes a drive with a Mancelona player on his tail during Monday's district opener.



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East Jordan employed the nuclear option in the first half and "Nitro" Nico Cornstalk obliged, launching missiles and scoring 16 of his 19 points.

East Jordan lived to play another day.

#### ELLSWORTH 56, BOYNE FALLS 33

AT ELLSWORTH, versatile senior Jared Danbert rose to the occasion, turning in a solid all-around performance with the playoffs in session. Danbert, who helped the Lancers outscore Boyne Falls 71-66 in a see-saw affair just the week before, drained the nets for 21 points with 10 boards. One of the strengths of Danbert, who draws a crowd every time he approaches the bucket, is that he knows where to find his open teammates. This was the case on Monday as well, as he dished off seven assists.

Mercury-quick junior point guard Jordan Muma, another catalyst in Ellsworth's success all season long, hit for 15 points and fleet-footed junior point guard Robert Gruse scored nine and proved himself a capable floor general once again, recording five assists.

Sophomore forward Josh Puroll, one of the top sophomores in a region rich with sophomore talent, paced the Loggers with 15 points.

Ellsworth faced another stiff battle in Wednesday's semifinal round, taking on a very good Bellaire team. It is a rematch of the

February game where the Lancers gave state-ranked Bellaire its first loss of the season.

In the other semifinal, Central Lake played Alba. The finals are set for Friday at 7 p.m.

#### REGULAR SEASON FINALE

Charlevoix, which played Harbor Springs on Wednesday, closed out the regular season on Thursday of last week with a 75-60 loss to a very good Cheboygan team. Joe Filipiak and Dylan Putman both had double-doubles for the Rayders, who took a 12-8 record into the playoffs. Filipiak had 15 points with 10 boards and Putman 10 points and 10 rebounds. Boog Nitchman hit for nine.

Boyne City, which played Wednesday against East Jordan, finished the regular season with a high-scoring 84-74 loss to U.P. rival Cedarville. Boyne City went into the East Jordan game with a 2-18 record but was playing its best basketball, having lost a number of close games against quality opponents over the final stretch of the season.

Caleb Roberts hit for 22 points to pace the Ramblers and was dialed in from downtown, connecting with five 3-pointers. Senior point guard Nick Young tallied 16 and sophomore Jay Redman, another of those promising young players, hit for 14 with six boards and eight assists.

## Allen Legislation Establishes Moose Hunting Season

LANSING — Legislation that would require the Natural Resources Commission to establish the first moose hunting season in Michigan has been approved by the state Senate. Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, sponsored the measure. "There has been considerable interest in expanding hunting and fishing opportunities in Michigan and many

observers believe that creating a moose hunting season in Michigan will help to attract both new and existing sportsmen," Allen said. "If carefully studied and controlled, moose can be successfully hunted without impacting the overall health of the population." Allen, who chairs the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee, said

outdoor recreation remains a valuable component to the state's economy. "A moose hunt would draw people to the Upper Peninsula, generating revenue for local economies and for the Department of Natural Resources and Environment through license and application fees," Allen said. The northern Michigan lawmaker said the state's lottery system for elk

and bear hunting has generated much interest and a moose license likely would have similar appeal. Senate Bill 1013 now goes to the House for further consideration.



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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Shaina Peters, East Jordan

The Red Devils' senior forward and team co-captain had a super week in the Class C district tournament, scoring a career-high 26 points with 16 straight free throws in Monday's win over Charlevoix, seven points with 10 boards in Wednesday's win over Mancelona, and a team-high 18 points in Friday's title-clinching win over Boyne City.

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Retro Night at Ellsworth was a flashback to the 1970s with the coaches and players from the Ellsworth and Boyne Falls basketball teams wearing what was fashionable back in those days. Here Lancer players, from left, Nate Peterson, Jordan Muma and Jared Danbert walk onto the floor wearing the retro uniforms.

# Lancers have RETRO success

Retro Night match-up is prelim for districts

ELLSWORTH 71  
BOYNE FALLS 66

By Mike Dunn

ELLSWORTH - The boys basketball game played Tuesday, March 2, between Ellsworth and Boyne Falls on the Lancers' home floor was a number of things. It was a Northern Lakes Conference showdown for one. It was also the next-to-last regular season game for both teams and a warmup for the opening round of districts when the two teams would face each other yet again at Ellsworth.

It also happened to be "Retro Night," a fun event where the players wore circa 1970 uniforms and the coaches for both teams even got into the swing of things, putting on their polyester duds for the occasion. Many in the crowd dressed in "retro" style as well. The atmosphere was fun but the

game was just the kind of hardwood battle expected when these rivals face off. Ellsworth finally prevailed 71-66 to win its seventh straight game. The Lancers went on to beat non-league rival Mancelona 59-49 two nights later in the regular-season finale - fueled by Jared Danbert's 29 points - to extend the winning streak to eight and finish the regular season with a 15-5 record and 11-3 in the league.

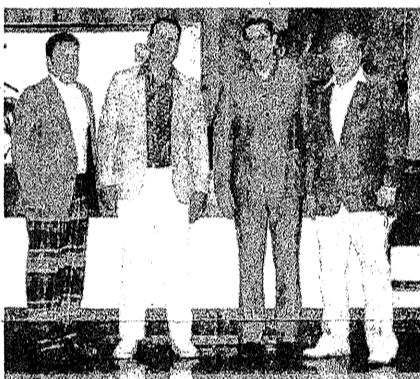


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Even the Ellsworth and Boyne Falls coaches gamely got into the retro spirit of things with these fancy polyester duds.

Boyne Falls, after losing by 15 points to the Lancers earlier in the season, put up a tough fight in defeat. The Loggers closed out the regular season with a 13-7 record

and 9-5 in the league. The versatile Danbert continued his torrid play, collecting 23 points with 10 rebounds in the win over the Loggers. Danbert was also selected as Retro Royalty, wearing the king crown while fellow

senior Jalyn Ingalls was picked as queen. The Lancers' little stick of dynamite, junior guard Jordan Muma, crashed the nets for 18 points and was dialed in from the charity stripe, connecting on 9 of 10 attempts. Fleet-footed junior point guard Robert Gruse hit for 12 points with four assists and athletic senior forward Nate Peterson tallied eight with 10 boards.

Boyne Falls' sophomore forward Josh Puroll added some numbers to his burgeoning point total this season, connecting for 26 points, while Jared Mathers tallied 12 and Reggie Fiel hit for 11.

Ellsworth also won the JV game 45-34, thanks to some Corbin action offense. Corbin Cassio hit for 16 to pace the Lancers.



PHOTO BY JODELL DANBERT

RIGHT: Queen Jalyn Ingalls and King Jared Danbert were selected as Ellsworth's 2010 Retro Royalty during the halftime festivities.

by the numbers

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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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Points generated by Ellsworth JV net crasher Corbin Cassio in the thrilling Retro Night 45-34 victory at home over Boyne Falls.

16

Points produced by strong-armed sophomore Concrete Coby Heriman as the Charlevoix JV pushed its final record to 16-4 with a victory Wednesday over Cheboygan.

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Seconds it took Pete Oppermann to descend on Wednesday in the Boyne Mountain PBR Adult Ski League.

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Career-high point total delivered by East Jordan scrappy sophomore guard Tanner McCune in Wednesday's Class C district semifinal victory over Mancelona.

## East Jordan JV finishes 17-3 season

Victory over St. Ignace closes out notable campaign for coach Bill Tison Jr.

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN - The East Jordan JV boys basketball team coached by Bill Tison Jr. closed out a notable 2009-10 campaign on Thursday with a 66-50 victory over St. Ignace. The young Red Devils posted a 17-3 record overall.

Skyler Gibson aired it out efficiently during the contest, making the twine dance to the tune of 14 points while Austen Mellios drained the nets for 11, Dustin Mellios hit for 10 and Dominique Brogan tallied eight. Center John Richards cast a long shadow inside, as he has done all season, gathering in eight rebounds.

"This was a real fun team to coach this year," Tison said. "Their overall work ethic was a big factor in their success, not just during the season but also in the off-season."

Four of the five starters attended JV team camp and a couple of the players also par-

ticipated in varsity team camps and everyone on the roster spent time in the weight room over the summer.

"The group as a whole were real good friends so they enjoyed being around each other," the coach said. "There was no bickering or fighting throughout the year. They all had a great sense of humor, too. They just enjoyed playing basketball and they never let any situation get too big for them."

Tison believes this group of players will have continued success at the varsity in the next two seasons.

"If they continue to work

at it (weight room, shooting, and playing over the summer), they will be able to enjoy success at the varsity level," he said. "This year's varsity team has nine seniors who will be graduating and there are only four juniors, so the upcoming UJV guys will have a shot to play and make an impact right away."

Dual threat Dustin Mellios topped the stat sheet for the Red Devils in both scoring and rebounding. "Downtown Dustin" racked up 265 points from his forward post, good for 13.95 points per game, and he was a force down low also, pulling down 168 rebounds

(8.8 per game).

Wyatt Werner manned the point for Tison. Wyatt was the sheriff on the floor, handling the ball efficiently, while accumulating 76 assists (3.6 per game).

On defense, guard Austen Mellios covered the floor like a fresh coat of wax, recording a whopping 63 steals (3.2 per game). Towering John Richards was Mister Rejection under the boards, making 19 blocks during the campaign.

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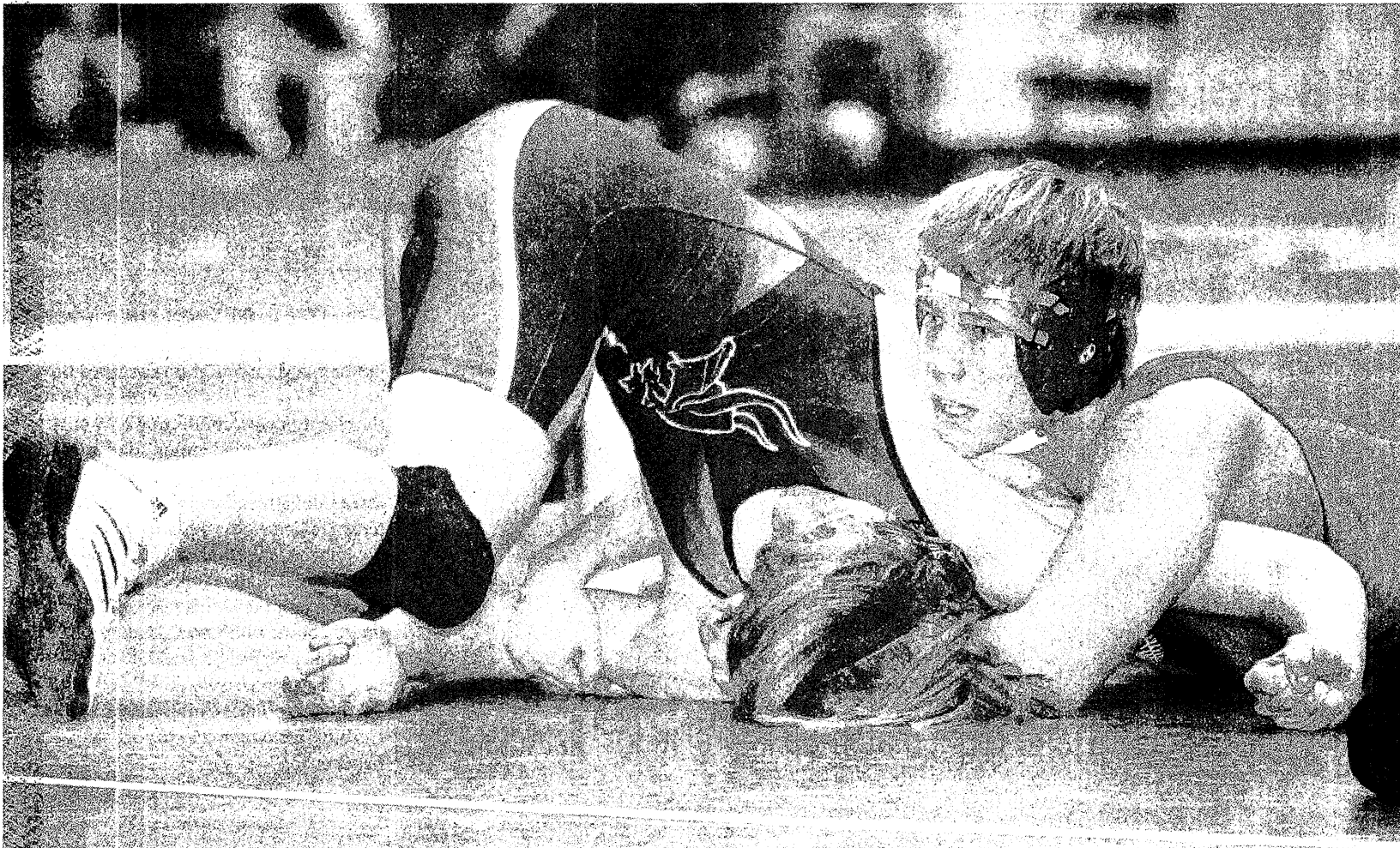


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Boyer City senior Drew Nohel, right, shown here en route to winning the Lake Michigan Conference 160-pound title, was just one victory shy of earning All-State honors over the weekend.

# Nohel comes close at state

BC grappler finishes one win shy of All-State honors

By Mike Dunn

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AUBURN HILLS – Boyne City senior wrestler Drew Nohel came within a victory of earning All-State honors in the Div. 3 state meet held over the weekend at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Nohel, a four-year grappler competing at 160 pounds, went into the state meet as a No. 2 seed and won his first match of the prestigious meet convincingly, whipping Kurtis Brackman of Pittsford with a 9-3 decision.

After losing a close decision to David Tyler of Bangor in a high-scoring, seesaw battle, Nohel battled back through the consolation bracket and

needed one more win to secure a top-eight finish at state.

He faced Ricky Waterman of Constantine and lost a decision, however.

Nohel, who was competing at state for the first time, concluded his notable senior campaign on the mats with a 33-7 record. In spite of starting the season at less than 100 percent after a long recovery from a knee injury sustained prior to the football season, Nohel went undefeated in the Lake Michigan Conference. He finished his four-year career with an excellent 107-26 record and is the first Boyne City grappler to surpass 100 wins since his coach and father, Don Nohel, started the program

again five years ago.

“It’s sad to see his wrestling career come to an end, but if you have to end it anywhere, the Palace is a great place to do it,” coach Nohel said. “Drew finished in the top 10 in the state, and actually beat the kids that finished sixth and seventh, so he proved it to himself that he was capable and able to wrestle with the best.”

“We are proud of Drew and all the hard work and self-discipline he has displayed in this run through the state tournament. He did an awesome job!”

## BOYNE MOUNTAIN PBR ADULT LEAGUE

Results as of March 3, 2010

### Handicapped Format

1. Punctuality Vending .....	18t
4--Wild Wild Women 1 .....	18t
3. Sunburst Marine 2 .....	17
4. Sunburst Marine 1 .....	16.5
5. Wild Wild Women 2 .....	14.5t
5. Skee Dawgs Too! .....	14.5t
7. Skee Dawgs .....	14
8. Greenhouse Effect .....	13.5
9. Boyne Ave. Greenhouse .....	12

### Team Format

1. F.O. Barden & Sons 1 .....	8.59
2. F.O. Barden & Sons 2 .....	8.30
3. Hart GMC .....	7.33
4. Riverside Tire .....	5.80
5. Hart FORD .....	4.04

**Fastest Female:** 1. Robin Wottowa 22.06; 2. Janie Guiliani 22.56; 3. Theresa McClellan 22.80

**Fastest Male:** Pete Oppermann 20.39; 2. Evan Cahppuies 20.83; 3. Barrett Bartelli 20.85

## CAGE FIGHT CARD AT GRAYLING RAMADA INN

**APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

GRAYLING – The annual Battle at the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel mixed-martial arts event will be held on April 9-10 at the Grayling Ramada Inn. The popular two-day event includes a cage fight card on Friday, April 9, and an open karate tournament on Saturday.

The Battle at the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel cage fight card features many top MMA battlers. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

The karate event on Saturday begins at 10 a.m. and is an open martial arts tournament featuring forms, weapons, sparring and breaking. Pre-registration for the tourney is \$40 before April 1 and \$50 at the door. There are black belt and underbelt divisions and age groups in each category.

For information about the MMA cage fights or the martial arts tournament, contact the Ramada Inn at (989) 348-7611 or (800) 348-7611. The Battle at the 45<sup>th</sup> is sponsored by Master and World Champion Zack Burns and New World Karate.

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### Announcing upcoming events

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## Gemini Lanes Bowling League Results: Feb 26 - Mar 4

### EJ MERCHANTS LEAGUE

1. The Zone	
2. Site Planning	
3. Tom's Diesel	
High Team Game .....	Site Planning.....959
High Team Series .....	Site Planning.....2740
High Game .....	Chad Hart.....276
High Series .....	Anthony Castle.....677
High Game w/hdcp .....	Chad Hart.....293
2715h Series w/hdcp .....	Jeff Skeel.....729

### INTER CITY LEAGUE

1. Hurricane Alice	
2. American Legion	
3. Korthase Flinn	
High Team Game .....	Korthase Flinn.....1017
High Team Series .....	Hurricane Alice.....2889
High Game .....	Terry Sierocki.....247
High Series .....	Denny Skrocki.....654
High Game w/hdcp .....	Denny Peck.....262
High Series w/hdcp .....	Mick Luichenbill.....689

### FOUNDRY AM

1. Foundry Rats	
2. Sand Baggers	
3. Smokin' Hot	
High Team Game .....	Foundry Rats.....664
High Team Series .....	Foundry Rats.....1929
High Game .....	Rob Goodrich.....245
High Series .....	Jody Harris.....102
High Game w/hdcp .....	Ivan Castle.....591
High Series w/hdcp .....	Jody Harris.....290
High Game w/hdcp .....	Rob Goodrich.....273
High Series w/hdcp .....	Jamie Mayhew.....188
High Game w/hdcp .....	Rob Goodrich.....636
High Series w/hdcp .....	Jody Harris.....533

### COFFEE CUP

1. Michigan Officeways	
2. Charlevoix Properties	
3. J & J Auto	
High Team Game .....	Michigan Officeways.....617
High Team Series .....	Michigan Officeways.....1703
High Game .....	Billie Grody.....195
High Series .....	Billie Grody.....526
High Game w/hdcp .....	Anna Murray.....224
High Series w/hdcp .....	Margaret Farmer.....604

### HAPPY HOUR

1. Four Seasons Marina	
2. The Zone	
3. E.J. Shoppe	
High Team Game .....	Darlene's.....735
High Team Series .....	Darlene's.....2042
High Game .....	Sandy Garland.....225
High Series .....	Joann Vermillion.....561
High Game w/hdcp .....	Sandy Garland.....255
High Series w/hdcp .....	Connie Spence.....659

### EJ LADIES LEAGUE

1. Scared Splittless	
2. EJIW	
3. ABCO Storage	
High Team Game .....	EJIW.....806
High Team Series .....	EJIW.....2237
High Game .....	Shelly Bolser.....253
High Series .....	Megan Willson.....533
High Game w/hdcp .....	Shelly Bolser.....316
High Series w/hdcp .....	Shelly Bolser.....697

### JV YOUTH LEAGUE

1. Red Devils	
2. Team 4	
3. Pin Crushers	
High Team Game .....	Red Devils.....297
High Team Series .....	Red Devils.....805
High Game .....	Dillion Arb.....129
High Series .....	Mariah Vermillion.....140
High Game w/hdcp .....	Dillion Arb.....299
High Series w/hdcp .....	Mariah Vermillion.....347
High Game w/hdcp .....	Wesley Gotts.....208
High Series w/hdcp .....	Wesley Gotts.....567
High Series w/hdcp .....	Mariah Vermillion.....599

### THE RED DEVILS LEAGUE

1. Double Trouble	
2. Duo	
3. Team 4	
High Team Game .....	Double Trouble.....380
High Team Series .....	Double Trouble.....1068
High Game .....	Matt Werner.....200
High Series .....	Tori Fehrlen.....104
High Game w/hdcp .....	Matt Werner.....575
High Series w/hdcp .....	Tori Fehrlen.....280
High Game w/hdcp .....	Andrew Nemecek.....223
High Series w/hdcp .....	Tori Fehrlen.....180
High Series w/hdcp .....	Matt Werner.....629
High Series w/hdcp .....	Tori Fehrlen.....508

### JORDAN VALLEY LADIES LEAGUE

1. J & J Auto	
2. Thomas Well Drilling	
3. D & D Marine	
High Team Game .....	Thomas Well Drilling.....962
High Team Series .....	Thomas Well Drilling.....2603
High Game .....	Karen Thomas.....226
High Series .....	Karen Thomas.....585
High Game w/hdcp .....	Karen Thomas.....257
High Series w/hdcp .....	Alice Fales.....703

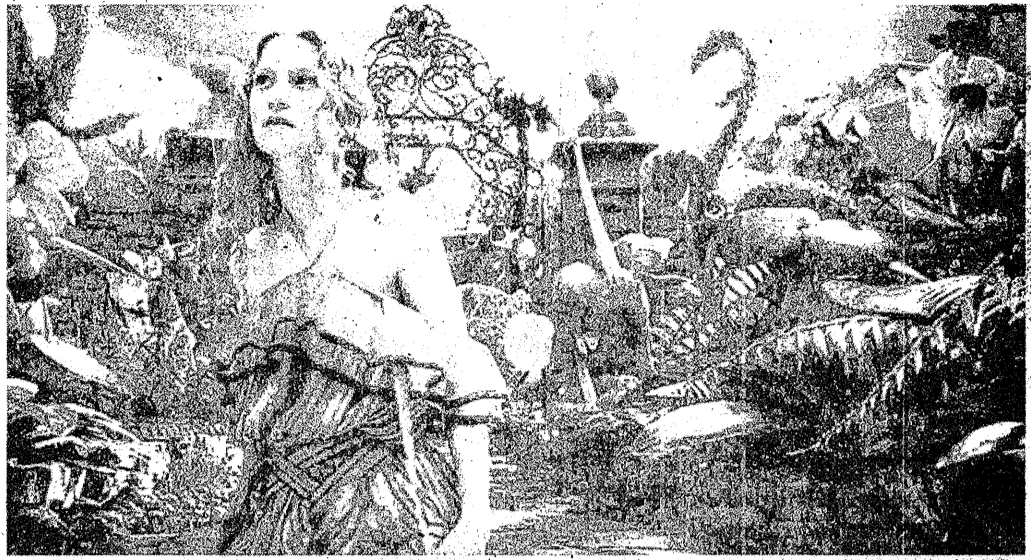
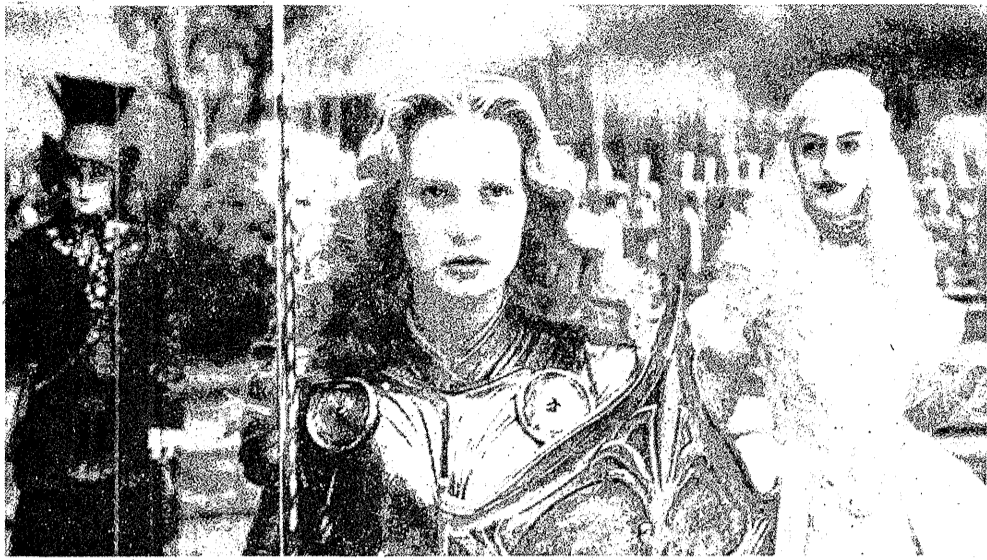
### SWAN VALLEY MISFITS

1. Spare Time	
2. Dead Last	
3. The Lucky Four	
High Team Game .....	The Lucky Four.....577
High Team Series .....	The Lucky Four.....1656
High Game .....	Steve Sitzema.....165
High Series .....	Alice Fales.....197
High Game w/hdcp .....	Warren Nise.....472
High Series w/hdcp .....	Alice Fales.....510
High Game w/hdcp .....	Steve Sitzema.....216
High Series w/hdcp .....	Alice Fales.....242
High Game w/hdcp .....	Warren Nise.....610
High Series w/hdcp .....	Alice Fales.....645

### Reporting scores

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN

**MOVIE GUIDE**

*Is it Really Just a Dream?*



*Or is it a Mad, Mad Tumble into the World of Alice in Wonderland*

**STARRING:** Johnny Depp, Mia Waskikowska, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne Hathaway

**RUNNING TIME:** 1 hr. 49 min.

**RATED:** PG

**MOVIE REVIEW**

By Jim Akans

Hang on to your armrests, movie goers, its Tim Burton at the helm of Disney's latest live action/animation adventure; Alice in Wonderland.

The complex, colorful caper embraces elements from both of Lewis Carroll's classic novels, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass. The surreal nature of each tale provides

the perfect palette for Tim Burton's darkly comedic on-screen imagination; creating an improbable yet fascinating landscape interspersed with characters long familiar to anyone who has ever followed the March Hare down the hole or stumbled into the mirror and through the written pages of Carroll's works.

Johnny Depp, who has collaborated with Tim Burton on such films as Edward Scissorhands, Ed Wood, Corpse Bride, Sleepy Hollow, and Sweeny Todd, plays one of Alice's most memorable characters; the Mad Hatter. Helena Bonham Carter provides a stand-out performance as the dastardly yet lovable-in-spite-of-herself Red Queen, and Mia Wasikowska (who reminds me of a blossoming Gwyneth Paltrow) makes her starring debut in the role of Alice.

At 19 years of age, Alice is a bit more mature in this adventure than she was during her first adolescent journey. While she skirts many similar encounters during this second trip through Wonderland, her mission is to join with the beautiful and nauseatingly nice

White Queen (played by Anne Hathaway), slay the sinister Jabberwocky, and end the reign of the Red Queen. Being older, Alice isn't quite as naïve as she was the first time down-under, and not as eager to take on her apparently pre-determined heroine role. As Tweedledee or Tweedledum observe (I get them confused), or maybe it was the Mad Hatter after all; "She seems to have lost much of her muchness."

Alice in Wonderland is rated PG for some scary images and situations (and get this; a smoking caterpillar), though I wouldn't say it transcends the disturbing imagery Carroll's printed words can conjure up. This isn't "animation-lite" either...the visuals certainly deliver what fans Tim Burton would expect.

"Your mad, entirely bonkers," Alice's father chides her early in the film, "all the best people are." Alice in Wonderland is a marvelous trip inspired by the imaginations of some of the strangest yet creative minds from two different centuries...how could it not be, fun?

**WHICH DID YOU PREFER?**  
Movie; **95%**  
Popcorn; **5%**

**EXIT COMMENTS;**

- "Liked the characters and added content," Jessica - Gaylord
- "Played out well and didn't leave open endings," Cody - Gaylord
- "Great animation and a clean story, which is rare today," David - Onaway
- "Liked the visuals, creativity and the Tim Burton factor," Nick - Gaylord
- "Weird, but good. Was surprised it focused on the second novel" Darci - Gaylord
- "Good story for younger people...Liked the White Queen," Noel - Gaylord

**AREA MOVIE LISTINGS March 12-18**

**Gaylord Cinema West**

**Shutter Island - R**  
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo  
FRI-THUR 6:45, 9:15  
MON-TUES-WED 6:45  
SAT-SUN 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 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

**Green Zone - R**  
Starring: Matt Damon, Jason Isaacs  
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15  
MON-TUES-WED 7:00  
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

**She's Out of my League- R**  
Starring: Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve  
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00  
MON-TUES-WED 7:00  
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

**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  
FRI 7:00, 9:15 SAT 1:00, 3:15, 7:00, 9:15  
SUN 1:00, 3:15, 7:00  
MON-TUES-WED 7:00 THURS 7:00, 9:15

**Green Zone - R**  
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**Shutter Island - R**  
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo  
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Starring: Johnny Depp  
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SUN 1:00, 3:00, 7:00  
MON-TUES-WED 7:00  
THURS 7:00, 9:00

**Petoskey Cinema,**

**She's Out of my League- R**  
Starring: Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve  
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

**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  
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

**The Crazies- 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

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MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00  
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**Avatar - PG13**  
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman  
FRI 6:30, 9:20, MON-TUES-WED 6:30  
SAT-SUN-THUR 12:00, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20

**Percy Jackson & The Olympians- PG**  
Starring: Logan Lerman, Rosario Dawson  
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

**Bellaire Theatre**

**Alice in Wonderland- PG**  
Starring: Johnny Depp  
Nightly at 7:00

**Percy Jackson & The Olympians- PG**  
Starring: Logan Lerman, Rosario Dawson  
Nightly at 7:00

# LOCAL NEWS

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## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

### (automatic bill pay is great!)

Dear Dave,  
What do you think about online bill payments or automatic monthly deductions to pay for everyday bills?  
Jay

Dear Jay,  
I love them, and I have tons of them. I've got mutual funds that automatically tap my checking account, and all of my utilities are set up to be automatically zapped. This way, I never miss the early payment discounts, and I don't have to worry about payments being late. It's like automatic discipline!  
But never, ever allow anyone you're fighting with—like a collector if you're trying to settle a disputed credit card account—to have automatic access to your account. They'll clean you out! I don't have a problem with paying for things like your electric bill, water, cable television or investments this way, though. It's just a good, consistent way to take of business!

—Dave

### (do I need accidental death insurance?)

Dear Dave,  
My wife and I have accidental death and dismemberment insurance through our workplace. Do we also need level term life insurance policies?  
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,  
You definitely need good level term life insurance policies. You do not need accidental death and dismemberment. Think about it, dude. You're not more dead if you die by accident. Dead is dead! You need to make sure your family is taken care of in the best way possible, no matter how you die.

Don't buy gimmick insurance. Stick with 15- to 20-year level term life insurance, and make sure you have coverage that's separate from anything provided by your employer. You don't want to suddenly lose your life insurance if you're diagnosed with something awful like cancer and have to leave your place of work—and your life insurance—behind.

Each one of you needs about 10 times your yearly incomes wrapped up in your policies. That means if you make \$40,000 a year, you need a \$400,000 level term policy. The idea of life insurance is to take the place of income. If you died, then your wife could invest the \$400,000, make 10 percent on that money over time, and replace your income.

Make sure you take care of your family. Term life insurance is very inexpensive. For next to nothing, you can ensure that your family will get a million bucks when you die.

—Dave

### (emergency fund is not an investment!)

Dear Dave,  
Is a balanced mutual fund a good place to put your emergency fund?  
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,  
Absolutely not! You should never put your emergency fund into anything that can go down in value. Also, never put it into anything that will charge you a penalty for early withdrawal, like a CD. Or as I like to call it, a Certificate of Depression.

I recommend putting your emergency fund into a good money market account with check-writing privileges. Your emergency fund is not an investment. It's insurance, and the money you have sitting in it has one purpose—to protect you, your family, and your stuff when Murphy comes knocking.

That's one of the reasons an emergency fund is so important. If you don't have one, and something unexpected happens, you'll end up borrowing the money from the bank or cashing out your 401(k) to fix things. So don't worry about investing this money. Just park it, and think of it as an insurance policy against all the junk life will throw at you!

—Dave

\* For more financial help, please visit [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

## MAPLE SYRUP TIME!



PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER

On the family's centennial farm on Deer Lake, Grandpa Harv Crozier passes down the tradition of maple syrup collecting to his granddaughter Emma.

## Alien Plant Invades East Jordan

The E.J. Thespians will perform one of the longest-running Off-Broadway musicals of all time, Little Shop of Horrors. It's an affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies. The show is charming, tuneful and hilarious, with tongue firmly planted in cheek; audiences will find it entertaining. The E.J. Thespians are comprised of 6th through 12th grade East Jordan students under the direction of Miss Paula Vollbach.

Miss V. states, "We wanted to challenge ourselves beyond the typical school musical. That's why we decided to take on the science fiction genre for this year's show." She continued, "I'd like to remind the audience that the musical is different than the movie version. We've also given the show a PG-11 rating because several scenes may be too intense for younger children."

Little Shop of Horrors will be performed on March 19, 20, 26, 27 at 7:00 p.m. and March 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School. Tickets are \$3.00 each. Pre-sale tickets will be available at E.J.H.S. on March 13 from 11am-1pm. They will also be on sale March 15-18 and March 22-25 from 4-7 p.m. at the high school. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are not sold during the school day. No phone reservations will be accepted and all sales are final.

The main characters are portrayed by: Josh Rathbun (Seymour Krelborn), Sara Robinson (Audrey), Michael Manville (Mr. Murnik), Mathew Bourdo (Orin Scrivello DDS), Erric Hosler and Chris Berish (both Audrey II). The Chenilles are Kallie Tyree, Casey Keane, April Wakeham, Shannon Tyree, Kaitlin Keane and Martina Peterson. Louise Sahlman (Miss Bernstein), Cameron Zimmer (Skip Snip), Angela Norton (Mrs. Luce), Donny Miller (Patrick Martin) and Alex Hanson (Ron Gates).

The chorus roles are comprised of Joel Liesenberg, Lila Gee, Sarah Jordan, Briana Balogh, Kassandra Franklin, Tess Weerstra, Eliissa Weerstra, Chelsea Kline, Leah Jordan, Gracie Ambrosio, Gabe Hawley, Monica Capelin, Trista Karlskin, Kim Sewell, Rachel Harden, Courtney Gibbard, Angie Kile, Emily Pentecost, Laura Harden, Grace Robbins, Kayla Keane, Jordan Liesenberg, Shiann King, Collin Bajko, Sydney Campbell, Stephen Hosler, Adriana Dixon and Murphy Holt.



## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

### Your family should always come before your career

QUESTION: I've always thought a man should be willing to work and sacrifice to reach his goals. I've heard you say cool the passion and postpone the dream. That isn't the way I was taught.

DR. DOBSON: There's nothing wrong with having a passion and a dream. It should, however, be kept in balance with other valuable components of your life—your family and your relationship with God being chief among them.

Let me illustrate that need to keep the various components of our lives in perspective. I read an article in the Los Angeles Times about a man named J.R. Buffington. His goal in life was to produce lemons of record-breaking size from the tree in his backyard. He came up with a formula to do just that. He fertilized the tree with ashes from the fireplace, some rabbit-goat manure, a few rusty nails and plenty of water. That spring, the scrawny little tree produced two gigantic lemons, one weighing over five pounds. But every other lemon on

the tree was shriveled and misshapen. Mr. Buffington is still working on his formula.

Isn't that the way it is in life? Great investments in a particular endeavor tend to rob others of their potential. I'd rather have a tree covered with juicy lemons than a record-breaking but freakish crop, wouldn't you? Balance is the word. It is the key to successful living ... and parenting.

Husbands and wives who fill their lives with never-ending volumes of work are too exhausted to take walks together, to share their deeper feelings, to understand and meet each other's needs. This breathless pace predominates in millions of households, leaving every member of the family frazzled and irritable. Husbands are moonlighting to bring home more money. Wives are on their own busy career track. Their children are often ignored, and life goes speeding by in a deadly routine. Even some grandparents are too busy to keep the grandkids. I see this kind of overcommitment as the

quickest route to the destruction of the family. And there simply must be a better way.

Some friends of mine recently sold their house and moved into a smaller and less expensive place just so they could lower their payments and reduce the hours required in the workplace. That kind of downward mobility is almost unheard of today—it's almost un-American. But when we reach the end of our lives and we look back on the things that mattered most, those precious relationships with people we love will rank at the top of the list.

If friends and family will be a treasure to us then, why not live like we believe it today? That may be the best advice I have ever given anyone—and the most difficult to implement.

So keep your dream and your passion. Work hard to achieve the success you crave. But don't let it become a five-pound lemon that destroys the rest of your crop. You'll regret it if you do!

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

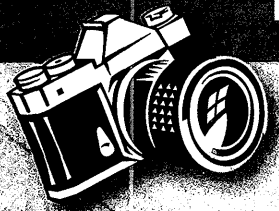
**Across**  
 1- Group of eight; 6- Blend; 10- Draw near; 14- Close friend; 15- Ashtabula's lake; 16- Indigo; 17- Kind principles; 20- Compass dir.; 21- Artery that feeds the trunk; 22- Totaled; 23- Old Dodge model; 24- This \_\_\_ stickup!; 25- Haphazard; 32- Impassive; 33- Goes astray; 34- Resinous deposit; 35- Crown of the head; 36- Style; 38- Farm structure; 39- Biblical high priest; 40- Room in a casa; 41- Caracole; 42- Star groups; 46- The Company; 47- Look after; 48- Clear-headed; 51- Like Cheerios; 53- Foul; 56- Cause light to pass through; 59- Area of 4840 square yards; 60- Faculty head; 61- Parachute material; 62- Tibetan oxen; 63- Barbarous person; 64- Mucilaginous;

**Down**  
 1- Publisher Adolph; 2- Leg unit between tarsus and femur; 3- Heavy book; 4- Gasteyer of "Saturday Night Live"; 5- Energetic; 6- Like grams and liters; 7- Part of Q.E.D.; 8- Currency of Turkey, and formerly of Italy; 9- Agnus \_\_\_; 10- The land of promise; 11- Getting \_\_\_ years; 12- Atomizer output; 13- Patron saint of sailors; 18- Charged particles; 19- Bears the ictus; 23- Comics canine; 24- Hungary's Nagy; 25- Author Calvino; 26- Out; 27- Of the kidneys; 28- Like some vbs.; 29- Extra-terrestrial being; 30- Stories; 31- Earth Day subj.; 32- Blueprint detail; 36- Greek goddess of the earth; 37- Building add-on; 38- Not barefoot; 40- Agitates; 41- Charming; 43- Views; 44- Adjust; 45- Abound; 48- Remain; 49- Killer whale; 50- Dog cry; 51- Designer Cassini; 52- Banned apple spray; 53- Aromatic fragrance; 54- Energy source; 55- Contradict; 57- Altar words; 58- Big Apple sch.;

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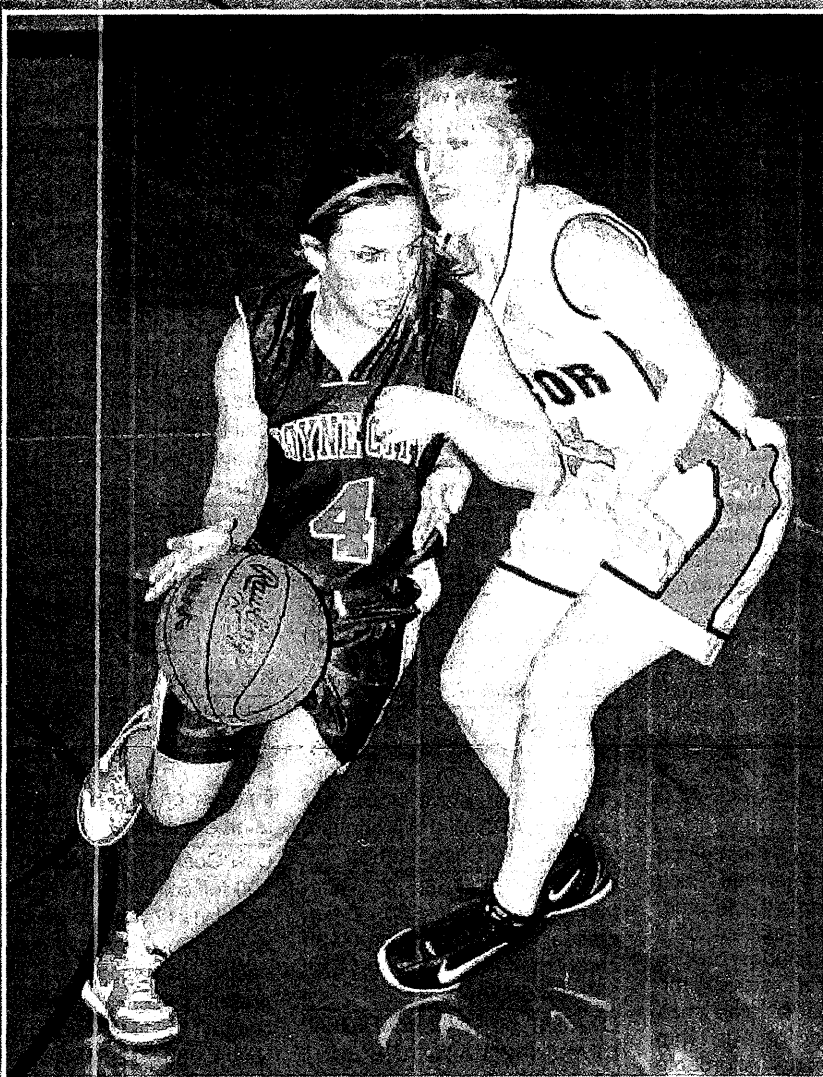
# GIRLS DISTRICT HOOPS

## Area Teams Battle it out on the Hardwood

Ketrin Hocquard of Boyne City protects the ball Wednesday as she is tightly guarded by a Harbor Springs defender in a Class C district semifinal game at Charlevoix.  
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Intensity is etched in the features of Boyne City junior Abbi Fair as she makes her way past a Harbor Springs defender in Wednesday's district semifinal contest.  
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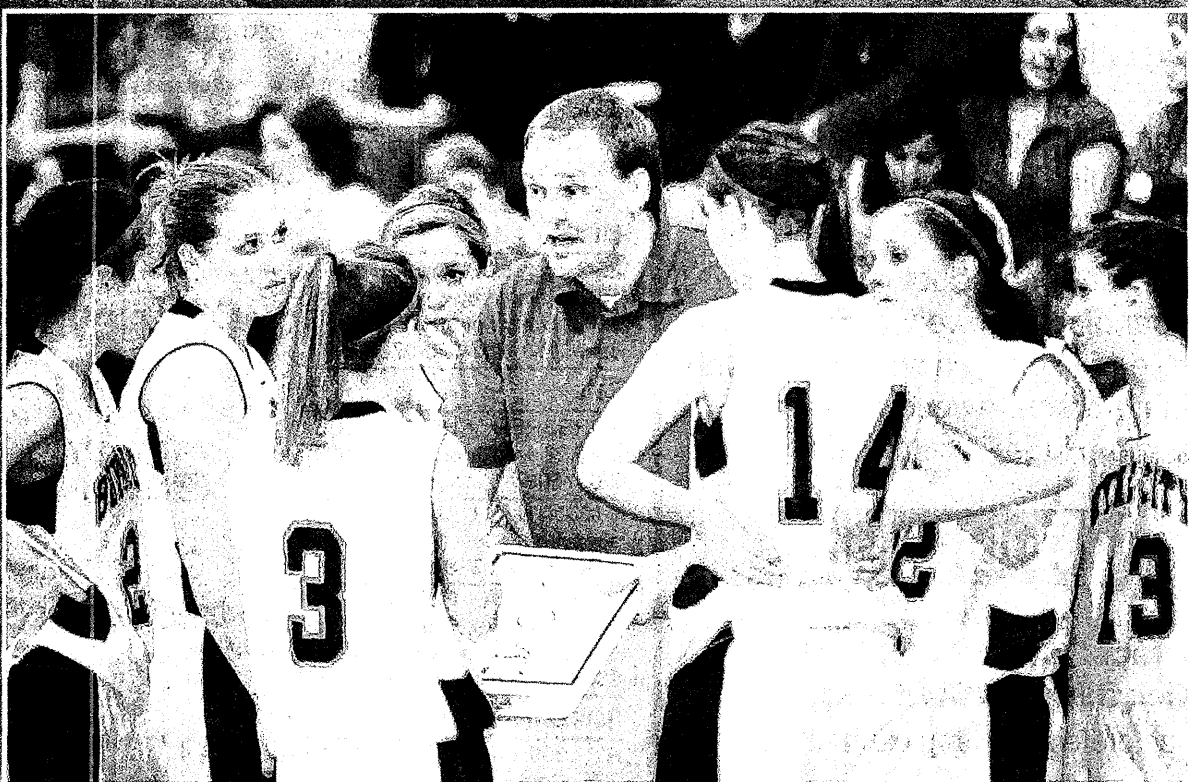
Boyne City sophomore Rachel Butler maneuvers with the ball while a Harbor Springs defender pursues during Wednesday's district semifinal contest.  
PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER



Freshman Val Peters of East Jordan, left, and super quick Sydney Gahn of Boyne City scramble for a loose ball during Friday's title game.  
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Boyne City coach Jim Brown gives his team some instructions during a timeout Friday in the district championship game against East Jordan.  
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Scrap-iron tough East Jordan sophomore guard Tanner McCune forges a path to the basket to launch a layup during Wednesday's district semifinal showdown with Mancelona.  
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