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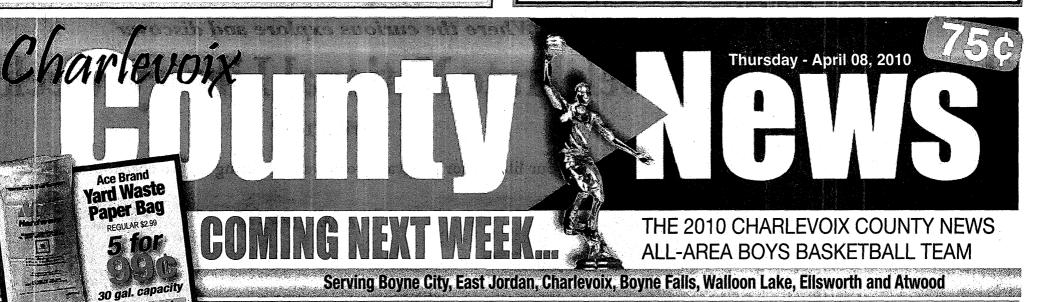


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National Library Week: April 11-17



Established in 1958 by the **American Library Association** as well as libraries across the country, National Library Week is designated as a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's school, public, academic and special libraries and librarians.

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America & Me



By Jim Akans

🔻 ight talented, beautiful young ladies, all seniors at East Jordan High School, will participate in the 22nd annual Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant this year.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 17th at the East Jordan High School Auditorium starting at 7 pm.

"We will be awarding \$5,300 in scholarship money this year,"

states Patti Tisron, Director of the Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant. "Judging will be base on several areas, including a private interview, casual modeling and prepared speech, talent, formal and spontaneous questions. This is one of the biggest events of the year in East Jordan and is a great night of entertainment."

All of the young ladies participating in the pageant will receive a portion of the scholarship. Two \$250 scholarships will also awarded to senior boys in East Jordan. The judges for the Miss East Jordan Pageant will also pick the two winners from the applicants for the senior boy's scholarship.

Tickets for the Miss East Jordan Scholarship Pageant are \$8 and can be purchased from the contestants, Main Street Hair Cottage or the E J Shoppe.



Seated from left; Hannah Oliver, Kalie Tyree, Stephanie Clavier and Mel Skrocki. Standing; Hannah David, April Wakeham, Kaitlin Keane and Sara Robinson.

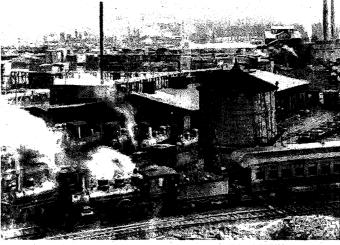
Boyne District Library Celebrates National Library Week

Local history will be highlighted as the Boyne District Library celebrates National Library Week, April 11-17. Historic Boyne City photographs will be on display throughout the library, and patrons will have a chance to test their knowledge of Boyne's past. Each photo will have accompanying questions about location, date, or other information. The person who can answer the most questions correctly will win a book of their choice.

A separate contest will be held for young people involving "historic" photos of Boyne City teachers, with the prize being a book or extra computer time.

"This event highlights both an ongoing focus at the library as well as a new project we recently began," said library director Cliff Carey. "We are working in collaboration with the Boyne City Historical Museum to digitize and organize historical artifacts and photographs of Boyne City."

The library purchased Past-Perfect, the most widely used museum software in the world, and has begun by scanning pho-



"Where was the Boyne City roundhouse located? What was the name of the railroad? When did it operate? To answer these questions and view other photos from Boyne City's past, visit Boyne District Library during National Library

tographs from several collections within the library. Boyne City Historical Commission member Michele Hewitt is looking forward to using the software to help organize and manage the museum's collections. "I'm very excited about using PastPerfect. I think it's a wonderful program, and I've seen how it works for other museums in Michigan," Hewitt said.

Once everything is entered

into the program, museum workers will be better able to keep track of artifacts and donors, and in turn make everything more accessible to the public. "We will be able to rotate items now in storage into our displays, and we will be better able to assist people with research," said Hewitt.

"If someone comes into the library or the museum and

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MDOT offers toll-free pothole hotline to Michigan motorists

Freezing and thawing cycles lead to potholes in the spring. In addition to a toll-free pothole line, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has posted a form on the MDOT Web site to encourage motorists to report potholes on state roads. Reports of potholes on state roads (M, I and U.S. roads only) will be routed to the nearest MDOT Transportation Service Center (TSC).

"The pothole hotline is an easy and efficient way for residents to help us identify potholes on state roads that need to be repaired," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "We hope that residents will call the hotline or use the link on the MDOT Web site to report potholes that need attention."

To report a pothole, call 888-296-4546, around-the-clock, seven days a week, or use the "Report Potholes" link on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot. Those reporting pothole locations are asked to provide the route name (M, U.S. or I designation), the county, the nearest

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Jordan Valley District library goes digital

The library will soon be one of the first in the Northern Michigan region to have available a digital collection for patrons. This project has been in the works for many months to bring this digital service at no cost to our patrons. It will allow access 24/7 to downloadable ebooks, eaudio books, music and videos. Patrons will be able to download these materials from home, inside the library, or through a wireless device anywhere in the world to a computer, laptop, CD or a compatible device. Go to jvdl.info and click on the "Up North Digital Collection" Link. Find the digital material of interest and it will take you to the page in the "Up North Digital Collection" to check out. Patrons will then be prompted to type in their library barcode number and their last name. A patron must have a valid library card, in good standing to check out materials.

The "Up North Digital Collection" is a shared collection between five participating regional libraries (Hart Area Public Library, Mason County District Library, Otsego County Library, and Pentwater Township Library). Pictures in the region were taken to represent the "Up North" atmosphere on the "Up North Digital Collection" homepage. The Jordan Valley scene is a fall picture representing East Jordan. The service area of libraries who will be able to join the "Up North Collection" in the future is the area north of the ear buds on the logo.

This collection will begin with a variety of different genres. More titles will be added to the collection as donations/funding becomes available.

National Library Week

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A "Best Books" brochure listing the best books of 2010 for children, teens, and adults is available.

Children's Programs

Library Assistant Robin Moyer will read Library Lil with other library themed books during Play Group and Literacy Club

Secret Book of the Week

The library will select a title to be the National Library Week "secret book". If a patron checks out this book

Teen program

Books by teen author Neil Gaiman will be featured during the week.

Computer Training

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April 14 - How to search Mel databases April 15 - Search materials

in MeLCat April 16 - Search library col-

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April 11-17

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POLIGEBEAT

Boyne City Police Dept.

Incident Report

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

- 12:10am Officers responded to accidental alarm trip in the 200 block of S Lake St.
- 12:42am Arrested subject on warrant. 10:35am Unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of E Water St.
- 3:54pm Report of vehicle running school bus's red lights on Division St. Located
- 10:47pm Report of possible intoxicated driver on N Lake St. Unable to locate.

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

- 12:20am Unlocked vehicle in the 300
- block of E Division 10:56am Officer responded on parking
- complaint in the 100 block of E Water St 1:48pm Officer responded to parking
- complaint in the 100 block of E Lincoln 1:54pm Unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 8:30pm Citizen calling with child custody questions.

Thursday, April 1, 2010

- 12:41am Citation issued for speed 9:23am Received littering complaint from the 100 block of E Water St
- 9:44am Received driving complaint from the 1100 block of Boyne Av
- 5:47pm Report of Speeder in the area of Trent St. Driver located. 6:32pm Key missing from the Mclean St
- area. Located and returned. 7:30pm Report of CSC in the 300 block of
- Main St. Suspect arrested.

Friday, April 2, 2010

- 10:53am Unlocked vehicle in the 1100 block of Pleasant Av
- 12:06pm 2 vehicle property damage accident in parking lot in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1:19pm Citation issued for speed. 8:27pm Open door reported in the 500 block of Front St. All Ok

Saturday, April 3, 2010

- 3:47am Report of 3 suspicious juveniles in the 300 block of State St
- 5:03am Intoxicated subject refusing to leave porch in the 400 block of Boyne Av. 5:20am Report of subject lying in road on Park St near Wildwood Harbor.
- 6:11pm Arrested subject on warrant in the 100 block of Addis St
- 9:21pm Subject ran over license plate and 11:18pm Unlocked vehicle in the 100 block

Sunday, April 4, 2010

- 3:39am Noise complaint reported from the 300 block of E Division St 12:30pm Report of breaking and entering in
- the 300 block of Silver St. 8:30pm Assisted Sheriff's Department
- with car deer accident on M-75 S
- Monday, April 5, 2010
- 7:50am Wallet turned in that had been found on S Lake St. Owner later picked
- 8:17am Unlocked vehicle in the 600 block of W Court St

7:49pm Citation issued for speed.

East Jordan Police Dept.

Incident Report

- March 26, 2010 14:12 - Juvenile complaint
- 14:59 911 hang up
- 15:50 Mlicious Destruction of Property
- 19:26 Traffic stop on Echo St near John St for defective brake light
- 19:55 Traffic stop on Mill St near Elm St for defective brake light
- 20:35 Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:05 Traffic stop on Maple ST near Bennett St for Driving While License Suspended
- 21:13 Traffic stop on State St near Manning Dr for excessive speed
- 22:25 Traffic stop on Bridge St near Water St for defective headlight

March 27, 2010

- 02:55 Verbal domestic
- 03:31 Breech of Peace Violation
- 07:40 Assisted Parks Dept
- 07:45 Assisted Parks Dept
- 07:50 Malicious Destruction of Property 12:35 - Malicious Destruction of Property
- 13:30 Malicious Destruction of Property 14:15 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Bridge St for No Insurance/Expired Registration
- 18:24 Illegal Burning 21:10 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Ontario St for defective taillight
- 21:17 Traffic stop on S Lake St near Water St for defective taillight
- 22:00 Assisted Parks Dept 22:03 - Assisted Parks Dept
- March 28, 2010
- 01:28 Suspicious Vehicle
- 07:35 Assisted Parks Dept
- 07:40 Assisted Parks Dept 21:28 - Traffic stop on Maple St near Bennett
- St for defective headlight 21:40 - Traffic stop on Water St near Beech St for defective headlight
- 22:00 Assisted Parks Dept 22:07 - Assisted Parks Dept

March 29, 2010

- 08:07 Assisted citizen
- 11:30 Served Junk Ordinance Violation 11:40 - Assisted citizen
- 11:46 Served Junk Ordinance Violation
- 12:53 Served Junk Ordinance Violation 13:32 - Assisted citizen
- 20:35 Keys locked in vehicle
- 20:50 Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:05 Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:15 Suspicious situation 21:45 - Malicious Destruction of Property
- 21:48 Malicious Destruction of Property
- 23:00 Civil Dispute
- March 30, 2010 02:30 - Suspicious vehicle 10:23 - Assisted City Treasurer
- 17:17 Reckless driving complaint 18:56 - Reckless driving complaint 1934 - 911 hang up

10:46 - Larceny of gasoline

21:14 - Assist Parks Dept

- 05:46 Breech of Peace complaint
- 11:34 Neighbor dispute
- 15:12 Public relations at Rotary Skate Park
- 21:56 Assist Parks Dept
- **April 01, 2010**
- 12:05 Assist City Clerk

- 13:29 Assist DPW
- 14:16 Missing Person 14:34 - Larceny of CD'S
- 15:56 Assisted Fire Dept with traffic control
- 20:14 Illegal Burning Violation
- 22:05 Assisted Parks Dept 22:10 - Assisted Park Dept
- **April 02, 2010** 08:09 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 08:10 Assisted Parks Dept 16:25 - Illegal Burning Violation
- 20:15 Arrested subject on warrant 21:00 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:05 Assisted Parks Dept 21:30 - Traffic Stop on M-32 near Airport for
- no taillights 22:20 - Arrested subject on warrant 23:57 - Traffic stop on State St near Depot St for defective headlight

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March 29 - April 4

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Abandoned Vehicle
Abuse
Alarm
Animal Complaint1
Assault
Assist Motorist
Assist Other Agency1
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Attempted Suicide
Breaking & Entering
Car/Deer Accident
Citations Issued1
Civil Complaint
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Domestic Dispute
Driving Complaint
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- lealth & Safety......3 Hit & Run.....-Juvenile1 Larceny.....3 Lockout11 Lost Property.....2 Malicious Destruction of Property......1
- Mental Subject2 Miscellaneous Criminal2 Noise Complaint.....2 Operating Under the Influence..... Paper Service8 Personal Injury Accident3 Private Property Accident2 Property Check15
- Property Damage Accident4 Road Hazard5 Snowmobile Accident.....-20:46 - Verbal domestic Snowmobile Violation-21:09 - Assist Parks Dept Suspicious Situation.....9
- Traffic Stop52 Trespassing3 March 31, 2010 Unknown Accident.....-
- 12:12 Traffic control for Consumers 14:10 - Assist Charlevoix PD 15:07 - Assist Dept of Human Services
- 22:00 Assist Parks Dept
- 10:39 Lost property
- Violation of a Controlled Substance Act 2 Assist Citizen.....4 Bank Alarm-Disorderly Person.....-DNR Complaint.....-Lost Child1 Miscellaneous Complaint1

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United Way Launches Viral Fundraising" Effort

To complete its 2009/2010 fundraising campaign, Char-Em United Way has launched a 'viral fundraising'

"We are utilizing social networking to encourage the community to join our Give 5 effort and complete our campaign," said Martha Lancaster, Executive Director.

United Way is encouraging people to take five minutes to:

- Watch the Give 5 video that can be found at www.give5upnorth.org or on YouTube by searching for Char-Em United Way.
- Make a donation of \$5 (or more) to CEUW before the campaign deadline at the end of April.
- Forward the message to 5 (or more) friends/family members/co-workers.
- Become a Fan of the Char-Em United Way page and update their status to include the Give 5 message.

"With a little over one month left in Char-Em United Way's annual fundraising campaign, we are still \$23,000 short of our goal and earning the Frey Foundation challenge grant. We encourage everyone to help us March to the Finish, by making a donation during the month of March (or April!) and enable us to meet the ever-increasing needs of our community," explains Lancaster.

Vital agencies such as Manna Food Project, YMCA, Exceptional Riders, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and others all depend on United Way for funding. In addition, donations help fund United Way's initiatives and projects such as Volunteer Connections, 2-1-1, and Project Con-

"The Give 5 effort is a fun way to engage new donors for whom a \$5 gift is very affordable – in supporting United Way this year," continued Lancaster. "All donations received by the end of April will be invested in community programs this spring."

Donors can give online at www.charemuniteway.org or by calling 231-487-1006 or by mail to: Char-Em United Way P O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770. LATER OF WEST RELEASE.

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Hospice of Northwest Michigan awarded grant from **Great Lakes Energy People Fund**

Funding supports "File of Life" to communicate wishes at end-of-life

Hospice of Northwest Michigan has received a \$3,000 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund for the "File of Life" program.

The "File of Life" is a transparent red folder filled with important medical information that you complete in advance. The "File of Life" includes a Health Information Form that details personal information, such as physician and emergency contact telephone numbers, insurance policies, medical conditions, and recent hospitalizations; Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form; Medication List; and "Five Wishes" end-of-life planning document. Emergency personnel know to look for a "File of Life" mounted on your refrigerator with Velcro or magnets when they see a sticker on your front door. Then, if there's an emergency where you are unable to communicate, EMS will know your wishes for treatment.

"We're very grateful to the People Fund for supporting the 'File of Life," said Cheri Hoffman, Executive Director for Hospice of Northwest Michigan, which provides comprehensive hospice services in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, "The File

of Life' gives people peace of mind, especially people who have a debilitating condition."

Hospice will be distributing the "Files of Life" at no charge. "We are eager to get the 'File of Life' to people who are at risk of a medical emergency," Hoffman said. "It's also available to anyone interested in

planning ahead for a time when they may not be able to communicate their wishes."

Emergency personnel take the "File of Life" with patients if they are transported to a hospital, assisted living facility, or nursing home. As patients are released, their "File of Life" should be updated and posted back on their refrigerators.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan will distribute the "File of Life" folders through physicians' offices, county senior centers, nursing homes, at community events like health fairs, and by hospital discharge planners and Health Department staff.

Preparing for end-of-life is something everyone should do, no matter what your age, Hoffman said. She finds completing



Mary Robinson from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Nancy Staley from RSVP, and Cheri Hoffman from the Hospice of Northwest Michigan work to stuff envelopes with "File of Life" forms. Great Lakes Energy provided \$3,000

> the "Five Wishes" is a good way for many people to begin the conversation about preferences for end-of-life. The "Five Wishes" document, which is available separately from the "File of Life" at no charge at Health Department offices in Bellaire, Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey/Harbor Springs, and Gaylord, clearly defines issues

- Who you want to make health care decisions for you when you can no longer make them yourself.
- The kind of medical treatments you want or don't want.
- How comfortable (pain free) you want to be.
- How you want people to treat you when you are dying.
- What you want your loved

ones to know about your medical condi-

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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about the "File of Life", call Hospice of Northwest Michigan at 231-547-6029 or 800-551-4140, or visit www.hospicenwm.org.3

"Hospice of Northwest Michigan awarded grant from Great Lakes Energy People Fund"

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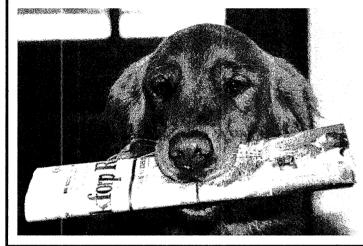
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2010 Father of the Year



Nomination East Jordan Rotary Club

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- Nominee's name, address and phone number
- •A brief biography of the nominee
- An explanation of why the nominee should be Father of the Year for 2010

Please include your name, address and phone number. Send nominations to the address below **on or before April 15, 2010.**

Father of the Year Nominations PO Box 1324 East Jordan, MI 49727

The Father of the Year will be announced at the Father & Son Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the East Jordan High School Cafeteria at 6:00 PM.

ADULTS \$ 8.00 PRESCHOOL FREE STUDENTS \$ 5.00

Tickets will be available at the door, from any East Jordan Rotary Member and at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, 231.536.7351.

POLITICS

GARY MCDOWELL ANNOUNCES RUN FOR STATE SENATE

TO WORK TO CREATE JOBS,
DIVERSIFY ECONOMY AND PRESERVE
OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

PETOSKEY, MI-State Representative Gary McDowell today announced that he is running for the 37th State Senate seat covering Northern Michigan and the Eastern Upper Peninsula (Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Mackinac and Chippewa Counties). He is seeking to replace Republican State Senator Jason Allen who will leave the seat because of term limits. "With experience as a farmer, a business owner, an economic development official and a legislator, I understand the issues facing families and business today," said McDowell. "We need to get people back to work, and I will do everything I can to help turn Northern Michigan's economy around by helping our displaced workers as well preparing students for the jobs of the future." Rep. McDowell will take his ability to work with his colleagues from both sides of the aisle to the State Senate to create good jobs, supporting traditional industries like agriculture and manufacturing while helping new businesses grow. Rep. McDowell will support our Community Colleges and Universities to provide retraining programs that workers need to find jobs in the new economy. He will also ensure they are providing the real-world curriculum necessary to help prepare students for the growing industries of the 21st Century such as renewable energy and the medical field. McDowell also will continue to promote partnerships between colleges and universities and local businesses to put students on the fast track to entering a career.

"We are known for our bountiful woods and beautiful waters, and we need to protect them so we can continue to enjoy them for work and play," McDowell said. "Our natural resources are a vital part of our tourism economy that brings in visitors from all over the country, but our scenery is also well-suited for green jobs in the renewable energy field, and I will continue to help these industries expand."

As an outdoor enthusiast, Rep. McDowell wants to protect our natural resources that are so important to our way of life in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. McDowell will continue his fight against invasive species, like the Asian Carp, that threaten our native fish. Our woods and waters not only provide year-round recreation opportunities, but they are also essential to Northern Michigan's tourism economy. McDowell will continue his work to strengthen and support tourism that is the backbone of

so many Northern Michigan



State Representative Gary McDowell today announced that he is running for the 37th State Senate seat

McDowell is a lifelong resident of the Upper Peninsula. He still works with his brothers as the treasurer for McDowell Hay, Inc., a 1,000-acre hay farming and distribution company that he owns with his brothers. He wants to take this same work ethic and sensibility to the State Senate to reform state government and protect Northern Michigan's hardworking middle class families. His special interests are not big corporations and high-priced lobbyists, but the people in his communities, and he will keep fighting for

Rep. McDowell was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2004. He is a member of the Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations subcommittees on Community Health (Chair), Agriculture (Vice Chair), and Higher Education. His legislative experience on these issues is well-suited to understanding and supporting these industries back home.

Rep. McDowell began his public service on the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners in 1981 and served for 22 years, the last four years as Board Chairman. McDowell served for 17 years as board member of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation. Since 1988 he has served as a Chippewa County War Memorial Hospital Trustee. He has also served his community on the Emergency 911 Central Dispatch Board, the Chippewa County Recycling Committee, the U.P. Planning and Development Agency, and as a Rudyard Township Volunteer Firefighter and EMT.

"If elected to the State Senate," McDowell said. "I promise to use my experience to work as hard for my paycheck as those who elect me."

Gary and his wife Carrie are the parents of three daughters, Alivia, Emily, and Rochelle.

On-line at www.charlevoixcountynews.com

alle Beatlag the worldwide web occupies THROUGH 17TH a virtual intangible. **IS NATIONAL** While collecting information for future reference is a LIBRARY WEEK

By Jim Akans

You have to wonder if the whole idea would fly today.

Perhaps it is too liberal; the thought of having a network of facilities spread across the nation where any member of society can borrow information and literature...free of charge! Or maybe it's too conservative, a system of tax-exempt entities with bureaucratic structure that, among other things, quells our desire for speaking with anything even approaching "outdoor voices."

Thankfully, there are already approximately 9,000 public libraries in the United States, and almost the same number of branch libraries, as we celebrate National Library Week.

Established in 1958 by the American Library Association as well as libraries across the country, National Library Week is designated as a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's school, public, academic and special libraries and librarians.

The public library is based on a simple, trusting concept that harkens back to those infamous words repeated by generations of moms across America; "if you pick some-

thing up, put it back where you found it."

The 21st Century's information sharing techno-marvel; the worldwide web is probably the library's closest contemporary match. Each is a place where people can gather to share information, usually without resorting to monetary compensation. However, while the internet flourishes on autonomy, the public library depends on accountability, relying on an identifiable user returning physical inventory so it will be accessible to others in the future. While the library exists in a "hard copy",

practice that dates as far back as ancient Babylonia, some of the first evidence of massive accumulation of literature and documents can be traced to the huge Greek libraries of Alexandria. Gutenberg's invention of movable type did a lot to fuel the growth of mass market bookmaking starting in the 1,400's, and Benjamin Franklin's "social library" made book sharing very popular among the literary elite in the 1730's.

But most credit the establishment of the American town library to an alternative use of tax money that was collected in Peterborough, New Hampshire back in 1833. Rather than build a

state college as originally intended, the townspeople purchased some books and established a library. The idea caught on, and in 1849 New Hampshire was the first state to pass a law permitting the collection of local taxes to support public libraries.

The first "high profile" public library, the Boston Public Library, was founded in 1848 and opened to the public in 1854. It is the oldest free public city library supported by taxes, and the first to allow community members to borrow books.

Famed American industrialist Andrew Carnegie took the United States public library system to new heights in the early 20th Century, granting over \$50 million toward the building of more than 2,500 libraries in small

towns and big cities throughout America.

Today, there are many types of libraries at our resource.

We have academic libraries, corporate libraries, national libraries, historical society libraries, private libraries, public libraries, school libraries, special interest libraries, data libraries, digital libraries, photographic libraries, architecture libraries, arts libraries, law libraries, medical libraries, theological libraries...and no doubt somewhere there must be a library of libraries.

Be sure to celebrate them all between April 11th and April 17th in recognition of National Library Week.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS APRIL 8, 2010

Assumed names:

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

Eyes on Main, 102 East Main, Boyne City, by Ronald Mead, Peter Opperman, Robert SlezakTim Kenney Building, 04305 Pearsall Road, Eats Jordan, by Timothy Kenney & Julie Ann Ken-

Charlevoix Trade Center, 4817 Wickersham Rd, Charlevoix, by David Balvo

Boyne Bamboo Fly Rods, 03818 Boyne City Road, by Alex Wolff

Pro Power Wash, 5329 Fraley Road, Boyne Falls, by Tom

Hillcrest Club Apartments, 712 Faet Divor

John Kurtz Ramsey Construction, 05070 Lone Pine, Charlevoix, by

Kyle J. Ramsey Bells Cleaning Service, 9883 US 31 North, Ellsworth, by

Ursula Bel J. T. & Associates, 605 Forest Ave., Boyne City, by James

Phillip Thomas III The Pit Stop BBQ, 11590 De-

tour Road, East Jordan, by Kevin T. Heard Jakes Concessions, 3724

Barnard Road, Charlevoix, by Jacob Rosenthal Along the Cutting Edge, 509 Hannah St., Boyne City, by Michael Phillips

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All proceeds go to

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MAB Construction, 3127 M66, East Jordan, by Michael Andrew Brooks

Stitch n Lyds Embroidery and Alterations, 13929 Phelps Road, Charlevoix, by Lyddy

MMCC LTD; Sunset Enterprises, 111 East Pine, Boyne City, by Chris Christensen Aurora Stained Glass, 748 Seventh St., East Jordan, by Leslie J. Winters

No Boundaries, 126 Water St., Boyne City, by No Boundaries LLC and Jeffrev S.

Oliver Construction, P.O. Box 59, Beaver Island, by Ryan

Marriage Licenses

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

Jeremy Joseph Snyder of East Jordan and Napat Janprapasri of East Jordan

Christopher David Morley of Boyne Falls and April Christina Wasielewski of Boyne Fails

Robert James Green II of East Jordan and Ashley Nicole Reid of East Jordan

Dennis Victor Cichoracki Jr. of Boyne Falls and Leona Irma Evans of Boyne Falls

Spencer Stroud Bryan of Charlevoix and Jennifer Jean Swenor of Charlevoix James Allen Graham of

Charlevoix and Sheryl Lynnette John of Charlevoix

District Court

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

Justin John Russell, 35, Charlevoix; motor vehicle operator without security; pay \$365 in fine and costs or serve 20 days in jail

Jacob I. Aglow, 21, Charlevoix; no license on person; pay \$200 or serve 10 days in jail

Peter John Lyons, 59, Boyne City; impaired driving; credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend;

\$980 in fines and costs David Matthew Lashuay, 31, Waters; larceny greater than \$200, but less than \$1,000; credit for 87 days in jail; 278 days held in abeyance; to serve 18 months on probation; pay \$850 in fines and costs with restitution to be determined

Purl Jacob Leazier, 40, Boyne City; impaired driving; credit for 21 days in jail; to serve nine days in jail; 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; 53 days held in

abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; \$1,480 in fines and costs

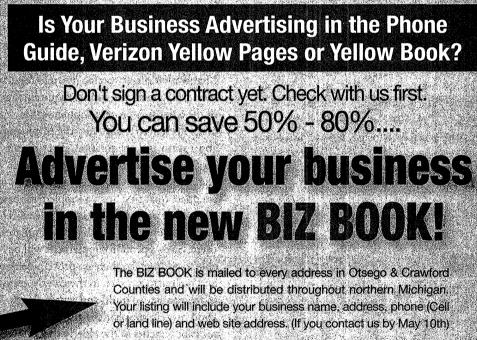
Joshua David Gardner, 25, Boyne City; stalking; credit for two days in jail; to serve seven

days in jail; 341 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend mens group; \$750 in fines and costs

Suann Renee Hefflinger, 43, Port Clinton; domestic violence; credit for one day in jail; 92

days held in abevance: to serve one year on probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances: to attend substance abuse classes; \$1,000 in fines and

John Allen Napier, 43, Boyne City; no license on person; pay \$200 in fines and costs



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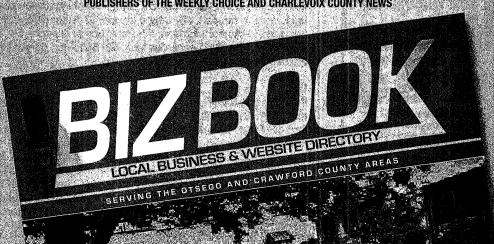
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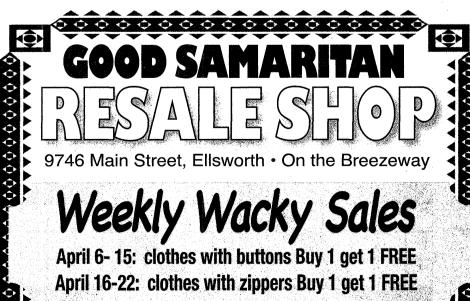
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Doctors Sue to Overturn the Health Care Bill

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) became the first medical society to sue to overturn the newly enacted health care bill, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). AAPS sued Friday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (AAPS v. Sebelius et al.).

"If the PPACA goes unchallenged, then it spells the end of freedom in medicine as we know it," observed Jane Orient, M.D., the Executive Director of AAPS. "Courts should not allow this massive intrusion into the practice of medicine and the rights of patients."

"There will be a dire shortage of physicians if the PPACA becomes effective and is not overturned by the courts."

The PPACA requires most Americans to buy government-approved insurance starting in 2014, or face stiff penalties. Insurance company executives will be enriched by this requirement, but it violates the Fifth Amendment protection against the government forcing one person to pay cash to another. AAPS is the first to assert this important constitutional claim.

The PPACA also violates the Tenth Amendment, the Commerce Clause, and the provisions authorizing taxation. The Taxing and Spending power cannot be invoked, as the premiums go to private insurance companies. The traditional sovereignty of the States over the practice of medicine is destroyed by the PPACA.

AAPS notes that in scoring the proposal the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) was bound by assumptions imposed by Congress, including the ability to "save" \$500 billion in Medicare, and to redirect \$50 billion from Social Security. HHS Secretary Sebelius stated that PPACA would reduce the federal deficit, knowing the opposite to be true if these assumptions are unrealistic.

AAPS asks the Court to enjoin the government from promulgating or enforcing insurance mandates and require HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Social Security Commissioner Michael Astrue to provide the Court with an accounting of Medicare and Social Security solvency.

Congress recognized that PPACA cannot be funded without the insurance mandates, and will become unenforceable without them.

Court action is necessary "to preserve individual liberty" and "to prevent PPACA from bankrupting the United States generally and Medicare and Social Security specifically," AAPS stated.

AAPS is a voice for patient and physician independence since 1943. The complaint is posted at http://www.aapsonline.org/hh-slawsuit

Review of the Changing Protein Requirements for Seniors

young. Too busy figuring life they hardly take the time to enjoy it.

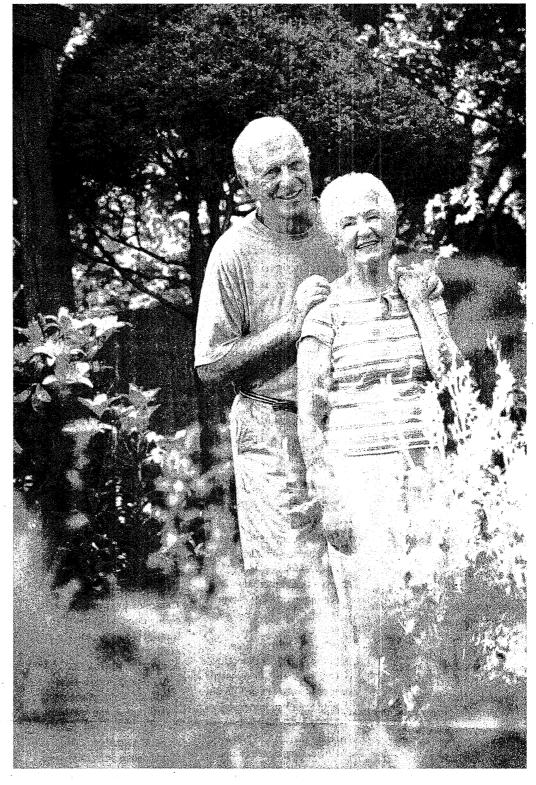
Fortunately, with medical research and scientific progress, life spans have doubled over the last century. We can now start life at fifty and have another go at youth.

Health consciousness, appropriate diet and exercise, can make the later years of life a pleasant experience. Dietary principles play as especially important role in this regard. Compensating for the physiological changes of aging, they can give us better odds at achieving our genetically determined life spans.

The advancing years experience a complex interplay of changes affecting the mind, body, and the environment. Alterations in organs systems and cellular function can often predispose to malnutrition and a host of chronic illnesses. Some of these problems can be attributed to the decrease in the total protein content and are in themselves preventable with appropriate attention to the protein content of the diet. A decrease in protein turnover, such as that seen in aging, has far reaching effects. Vital organ systems like the heart and lungs slow down, becoming incapable of further exertion. Neural processes like thought, planning and cognition are also affected. The immune system becomes weak, exhibiting a delay and difficultly in dealing with infections. Wound healing and repair, which requires a constant supply of amino acids, is also compromised.

Another issue associated with aging is the reduced capacity to deal with free radical species. These highly reactive molecules are produced by cells under stress. Free radicals can precipitate a chain reaction, damaging cell membranes and the genetic code. They have been implicated in a variety of disease processes from infection, heart attacks and cancer. This inability to handle free radicals is also responsible for aging. It is now believed a high protein diet can be helpful in attenuating many of these problems. Merely providing proteins through regular diets fail to meet the special requirements of the elderly. A protein supplement is often needed to ensure easy digestion, rapid absorption and assimilation. The protein supplement should also be of good quality and contain all the essential amino acids in adequate quantity. Such a supplement can adequately provide essential amino acids irrespective of the guts ability to assimilate them. Such a protein supplement will be able to address the increase protein demand and malnutrition seen in the elderly, restoring the ability to build and repair tissues. A good protein supplement also has other significant benefits in the elderly that often go

A high protein diet has a thermogenic or fat-burning effect. The body spends more energy to assimilate protein than carbohydrates or fats. This energy is often derived from the adipose tissue, thus burning fat in exchange for protein. Then if the protein



supplement has whey in it, it can also inhibit cholesterol absorption in the gut, reducing the risk of obesity and cardiac disease. Protein supplements that have casein can form a clot in the gut, thereby slowing down intestinal motility and giving the gut enough time to absorb all the amino acids from a meal. This property is important considering that aging also slows down and compromises digestion.

Protein supplements that combine casein with whey multiply the advantages of each component. Both casein and whey protein have a group of substances called kinins that can lower blood pressure by relaxing the blood vessels. Both proteins enhance the immune system through several mechanisms. Lactoferrin, in whey protein, binds iron and depriving many micro-organisms of a growth stimulus. Free iron induces the formation of free radicals and is one factor responsible for colon cancer. This is also prevented by protein supplements that contain lactoferrin (whey).

Whey also has other antioxidants to offer. It is rich in cysteine, a precursor of Glutathione that is potent at mopping up free radicals. This

generalized improvement in antioxidant capacity can counter cancerous and aging processes seen in the later years of life. Whey protein is also known to enhance memory as it promotes the synthesis of a neurotransmitter, serotonin that is involved in cognition and thought. Milk basic protein, a component of whey, has the ability to stimulate proliferation and differentiation of bone forming cells as well as suppress bone resorption as found in vitro and animal studies. This can protect against weak bones, or osteoporosis, especially in the post-menopausal women.

Thus there is extensive medical literature in support of a high protein, casein and whey supplement in the elderly population. These studies have also failed to document any major adverse effects with long-term intake of such supplements. Such a supplement can go a long way in making the later years of life more productive and fruitful.

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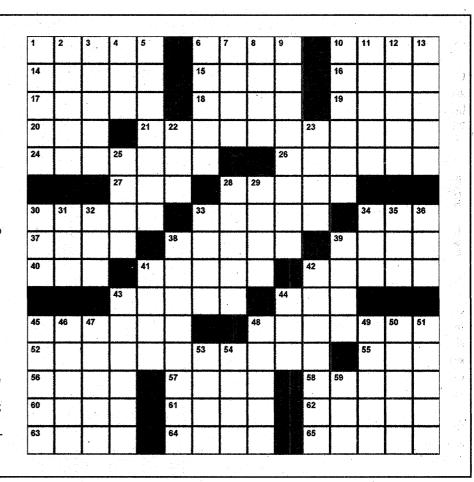
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Local Students named Essay Contest Winners

Three students from Boyne City Middle School have been named winners in the 41st annual America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school are Alison Burnell, first, Alyssa Belcher, second and Claire Wellman, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Alison's name will be en-

graved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Farm Bureau agent Valerie Diener of Gaylord sponsored Boyne City Middle School's participation in the America & Me Essay contest.

Alison's first place essay

now advances to state level competition from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide entries will be announced later this month. Each will receive a plaque, medallion and a cash award of

\$1,000. In addition the top ten essayists will be recognized at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 500 schools participated in the 2009 - 2010 America & Me Essay Contest. The topic was "My Personal Hero."

Back Row Karen Sherwood, Principal of Boyne City Middle School; Peg Wilcox, 8th grade Teacher.

Front Row (I-r) Third place winner: **Claire Wellman** First place winner: Alison Burnell Second place winner: Alyssa Belcher



THE AWARDS CEREMONY WAS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 29TH AT THE BOYNE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL



Participants in the America & Me **Essay Contest included** (in no particular order)

Alison Burnell, Alyssa Belcher, Claire Wellman, Zach Wandrie, Jill Solomon. Cassidy Moody, Bailee Lynn McDougall Brooke Jaynes, Bradley Fouchia, Skyler Davis

MY MICHIGAN HERO

Winning essay written by

Alison Burnell, Boyne City Middle School

Have you ever heard the saying, "You learn something new everyday?" I know for a fact that I don't discover new things just from school only. I learn lessons from superheroes, right here in Michigan! My heroes are funny, intelligent, honest and just your everyday people! In my eyes they 'wear the pants' when it comes to saving the day. My heroes are my friends.

When first grade was over, my family moved downstate. When I moved to Holland, MI it was a true challenge to become friends with the children going to school there. I never really felt accepted. Most of the students were Hispanic Americans so it was hard to interact with them, a few didn't know English.

After fifth grade was over, I moved back to Boyne City. The first day only three people remembered me. And now in eighth grade I know several hundred people whom I think about all the time who have affected me. The people I surround myself with, I see as heroes; each individual is so important to me. But the kids I see everyday, the eighth graders at BCMS, are my true heroes. The eighth grade graduates of my school strive to achieve their goals. Some want to get into business or work with animals. Others want to associate with people or find themselves through music and art. Everyone has their own personality and that is what I love about them most!

My fiends and I are the future of Michigan, and further, America. There are so many different interpretations I get from my friends, so many hopes and dreams. Some may or may not know what their dreams are, but we are ever changing. No matter what the situation we are faced with, we will always pull through because we find strength in each other. All of us are practically related.

I can't be sure how I was chosen to be blessed by knowing all these amazing, talented people – but all I can do about it is thank God every day that I have superheroes to save me, Michigan born and raised.

National Library

Continued from Front Page

wants information on the Tannery, they'll be able to search according to names, places, or dates. They will see pictures to go along with the information."

The digitization project dovetails perfectly with a long established priority at the Boyne District Library. For more than 30 years, the library has had a good working relationship with the Charlevoix County Genealogical Society, which meets at the library and houses its genealogy information with the library's resources. A digital-format microfilm reader provides easy-to-read access to old issues of The Boyne Citizen, and there are now digital copies of old city directories and some newspapers.

The library is located in a historic Carnegie Library building renovated in 2001. For more information, visit the library at 201 E. Main St., call 231-582-7861, or visit www.boynelibrary.org.

Pothole Hotline

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community, and the closest cross street or interchange. Potholes on non-state roads should be reported to local road commissions since MDOT does not have jurisdiction over roads that are not part of the

Information about how potholes are formed is available on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9615_30883---,00.html.



Student Of The Week

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Madelaine Moeke

PARENTS: Burt and Sharon Moeke

GRADE: 12th

sire to learn."

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society (NHS)

Varsity basketball, Varsity tennis

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Sports, Friends, Family

FUTURE PLANS: Attending University of Michigan and

plans to major in business

STAFF COMMENT

"Awesome student, Maddie has a great work ethic and de-

Sandra Clausen, Math teacher

"Maddy has a fun personality and a great learning attitude." Andy Bryant, Science teacher



"Understands and exemplifies Boyne Pride!"

Randy Calcaterra, TV and Film teacher

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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.

WALLOON LAKE Swing Dance Series

April 10 & 24 at the Rustic Ballroom, Walloon Lake featuring the Up North Swing Band. Beginners are welcome. Instruction starts at 6:45pm. And Dance begins at 7:30pm. Dances are \$10/ adult, \$6 / Under 18 and free under 5.

EAST JORDAN **Final Weekend for Roller** Skating

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

BAY HARBOR It's Raining Cats and Dogs

Cava at Bay Harbor hosts a fundraiser for the Charlevoix County Humane Society April 11, 4pm -7pm. \$25 per guest (pay at door). Hors d' oeuvres and complimentary glass of wine. Live auction, door prizes and cash bar. RSVP Marcia 231-582-5646.

BOYNE CITY Spring leaf pickup

The city will pick up leaves April 12 - May 7 weekdays. Please set bagged leaves curbside in clearly marked biodegradable bags. Biodegradable bags are available at city hall or Glen's Market for \$2.70 per package of 5. NOTE: BOYNE HARDWARE, DOWNTOWN BC, HAS ACE BRAND PACKAGE OF 5 BAGS ON SALE THIS WEEK FOR JUST 99 CENTS. Leaves only in the bags. Brush or unbagged leaves may be brought to the North Boyne Compost site on Robin-

EAST JORDAN **Wake Up East Jordan**

April 14, Sponsored by Save A Lot located at 530 South Maple 8:30am - 9:30am.

CHARLEVOIX Varicose Vein Screening

There will be a free varicose vein screening by Dr. Marc Lame on April 15 from 4-7pm at the Charlevoix Surgeons Office at 14695 Park Ave in Charlevoix, Michigan. Please call 231-547-2812 to schedule an appointment

EAST JORDAN **Meet the Red Devils**

EJ Red Devil baseball dinner. Meet the 2010 Varity and JV Red Devils April 15 at EJ High school. Silent auction at 5pm. Dinner 6pm. Meet the team 7pm. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 family. Tickets at the

EAST JORDAN

Mother of the Year

East Jordan Lions Club is looking for nominations for 2010 "Mother of the Year". Please submit nominations, a brief summary of why you feel they deserve this honor to East Jordan Lions Club, P.O. Box 845. East Jordan, MI 49727. Nominations must be received no later than April 16. The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held Saturday, May 8. Any questions please call Bill Chase at 231-536-7250.

EAST JORDAN Father of the Year

East Jordan Rotary Club is now accepting nominations for the Father of the Year Award. Nominations should include: Nominee's name, address and phone number, A brief biography of the nominee, An

explanation of why the nominee should be Father of the Year for 2010. Please include your name, address and phone number. Send nominations to PO Box 1324, East Jordan, MI 49727 on or before April 15, 2010. The Father of the Year will be announced at the Father & Son Banquet to be held on April 24 at the East Jordan High School Cafeteria at

EAST JORDAN **Stand Strength Team**

Power lifters who share their faith at Lighthouse Missionary Church April 16, 17, 18 at 7pm.

ELLSWORTH Interested in starting your own business?

If so, the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance invites you to attend "How to Start a New Business' workshop. The two-hour session presented by one of the NLEA/SBTDC Business Consultants, will acquaint you with the process and tools needed to help you begin developing your ideas. Scheduled class dates in the area include: April 21 -Banks Township Hall, Ellsworth, May 26 -Charlevoix Public Library. They are scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8pm. Event fee is \$20 and registration is required. To register, please contact Sara at 231.582.6482 or sara@northernlakes.net

BOYNE FALLS Chefs Challenge

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

EAST JORDAN **Grief Support program**

A series of 5 weekly sessions for

those coping with a loss will be held from 6:30pm - 8pm on Thursdays April 22 - May 20 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7855 Rogers Rd. Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Health Dept of NW Michigan, Charlevoix Area Hospital and North Country Community Mental Health sponsor the grief support program. There is no charge. Pre-register by calling the hospice office, 231-547-7448. Registration will be closed once the first class begins.

BOYNE FALLS Char-Em Poverty Reduction Initiative

Is your business looking for qualified workers to fill job openings? You'll find them at the job fair as part of an Opportunity Conference on April 23, at Boyne Mountain Civic Center, Boyne Falls. If you are interested in being part of the job fair from 12-1:30pm on April 23, please con-Rummer at Jim tact 231-547-9947. There is a \$25 registration fee for your business booth. The Char-Em Poverty Reduction Initiative sponsors the Opportunity Conference. For more information about the conference, visit char-empri.org.

ELLSWORTH **Pig Roast Seeks Volunteers**

This year Ellsworth celebrates its 30th Annual Pig Roast June 17 through 20. The Pig Roast is the town's annual celebration of food, family and fun. Most events are offered free or at low cost and a delicious roast pork lunch is available at a bargain price. The continued success of the event reflects the excellent support it receives from sponsors and volunteers. The 2010 Pig Roast Committee is now seeking volunteers and sponsors for this year's event. You can give of your time for a couple of hours, or donate a homemade dessert. You can be a brochure or event sponsor. Whatever you are able to give is always most welcome. Please contact Alana Haley at 231-588-6391 or alanajhaley@yahoo.com to volunteer or to find out about sponsorship opportunities.

BOYNE CITY Heart of the Matter

Explore how you can make informed decisions regarding home health care, continue to be independent, and the importance of a will. Free to the public. Presentations from the following - Vital-Care: home health care; Otsego County Commission on Aging: Services for the Aging Population in Northern Michigan; Joel & Sarah Schraw, Attorneys at Law: Estate Planning and Elder Law; First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City: Handling Emotional and Spiritual Issues. This event is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church and will be held at the Boyne District Library on April 17 from 9am - Noon.

ELLSWORTH A Night with Chef Pete Peterson

The House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast Inn proudly presents a night with Chef Pete Peterson (of Tapawingo Restaurant) Saturday, April 17th, 2010 Check in is at 3:00 pm Dinner served at 7:00pm Total package price: \$250 per room (double occupancy). Includes: One night lodging at HOH (for two) Four course dinner (for two) Three course breakfast on Sunday (for two) For one night only, we will bring back the tastes of Tapawingo Make your reservations by calling HOH (231) 588-6304 http://www.thehouseonthehill.com/location: 9661 Lake Street, Ellsworth.

CHARLEVOIX **Freedom From Smoking** Clinic

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking. If you have reached the point where you are ready to be free from smoking this program will provide support, guidance and advice to help you reach your goal. This 8 session, 7-week program, conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital beginning April 19 and ending June 7, 2010. Classes will be held on Mondays (excluding Memorial Day) from 5-6 pm in classroom B. There is no charge for this program. Let this be YOUR year to be Free From Smoking. Call 231-547-8672 or send an e-mail to mhines@cah.org and register

BOYNE FALLS Conference on overcoming hardships

On Friday April 23rd, The First Annual Opportunity Conference sponsored by Char-Em ISD along with a collaborative of human service agencies throughout Northern Michigan will be held at Boyne Mountain. The purpose of the conference is to provide education on overcoming hardships for you, your family and our community as whole. The conference is free of charge and is open to the public.

BOYNE CITY Tribute to Benny Goodman `

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 Elavor, 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 Ameri-

EAST JORDAN So Long Insecurity

cans annual performance.

Beth Moore satellite simulcast at Lighthouse Missionary Church April 24 from 9:30am - 4pm. (lunch provided). For over a decade, Beth has touched the hearts of women worldwide-offering freedom, deliverance, and depth through her powerful teaching of God's Word. In her new message, So Long Insecurity, Beth is sure to make yet another remarkable impact on women today and for generations to come as she exposes the lies that have debilitated women for

CHARLEVOIX **Saturday Family Story Time**

Story Time Kickoff Event at the Charlevoix Public Library. Can't make it on Thursday mornings? Try a Story Time on a Saturday morning. Every 2nd Saturday of the month. Families are invited. Guest Laura Pershin Raynor. Laura is a visiting storyteller from Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is a much loved Children's Librarian at the Ann Arbor District Library.

EAST JORDAN **Polish Dinner Fundraiser**

April 25, Sponsored by Ministerial Association. "Funds for Needy" at St. Joseph Church Hall, 209 Nicholls. East Jordan.

BOYNE CITY

Wine tasting

Boyne Country Provisions and Red Mesa Grill are teaming up to sponsor Seasonal Wine Tastings on the second Thursday of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m. and continuing through winter and spring. The tastings will be held on the "back porch" at Red Mesa Grill, 117 Water St., and featuring four wines, one beer and an appetizer buffet for \$10. Ed Brehm, the sommelier from Boyne Country Provisions, will conduct the tastings.

EAST JORDAN

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

CHARLEVOIX **April Fashion show**

The Charlevoix Area Hospital cancer support group, "The Circle of Strength" is planning its annual Fashion Show from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Charlevoix Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit access to cancer care in the area. Light fare will include hors d'oeuvres by Esperance and chocolate by Kilwin's.

EAST JORDAN **Polar Plunge**

There will be a Polar Plunge on Saturday, April 24 at 11:00 a.m. at the East Jordan Tourist Park. It is a fund raiser for high school sports. The EJ High School principal has agreed to take the plunge herself if at least \$5,000 is raised.

BAYVIEW **Pasta Dinner Benefiting** Manna Food Project

The Petoskey-Bay View Country Club is sponsoring the Second Annual Benefit Pasta Dinner for the Manna Food Project on April 28 from 4:30 to 8 pm. All profits from the dinner will go to The Manna Food Project and the pantries they serve in Emmet, Charlevoix, and Antrim Counties. The pasta dinner will take place at the Petoskey-Bay View Country Club's clubhouse. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 10 years, and children under 5 are free. Advance ticket sales are available at the Manna Food Project (347-8852) and the Petoskey-Bay View Country Club clubhouse (347-2402). Tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the event.

EAST JORDAN **Moms and Tots**

Ladies Spring Brunch April 28, 10am - Noon at Banks Township Hall.

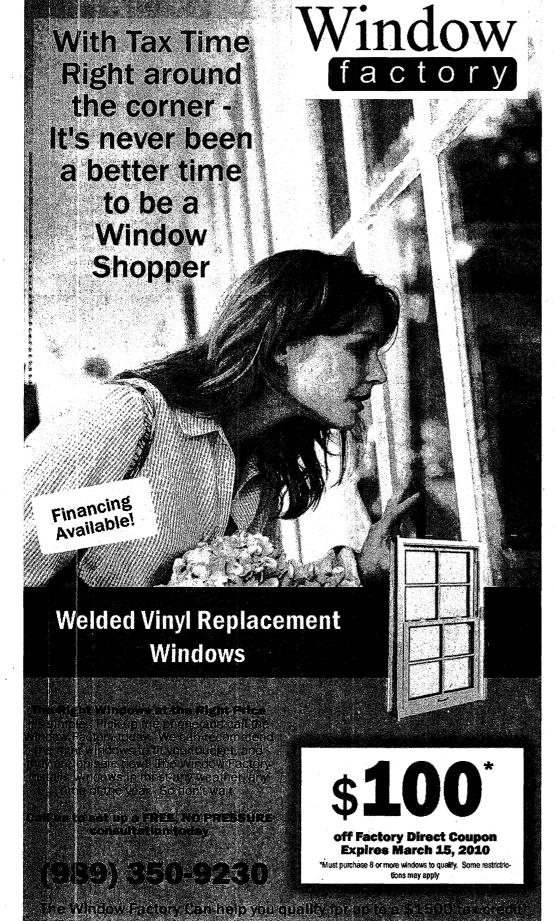
BOYNE CITY Expo Set for April 29

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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

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The RSVP of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties invites everyone 55 and older to join them in volunteer service. Keep active, share your talents, serve your community and meet new friends. We have many volunteer opportunities in Charlevoix County. For more information



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POSSOS



The Last Song Plays the Heartstrings

Miley Cyrus's Second Dramatic Lead Role a Tear-Jerker

STARRING(VOICES):

Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth RUNNING TIME: 97 min.

RATED: PG

MOVIE REVIEW

By Jim Akans

An adaptation of author Nicholas Sparks's fifteenth published novel, The Last Song starts out much like any typical teen summer romance movie. It's a trip to her estranged father's ocean-side home for Miley's character, Ronnie Miller, there's a beefcake local boy named Scott (played by Liam Hemsworth) chasing her soon after her arrival, and of course, Ronnie doesn't want any part of the whole situation (can anyone say; brat?).

However, those familiar with Spark's previous work, which includes The Notebook and A Walk to Remember, know that plenty of drama is lurking just a few scenes away, and the tissue box should be ready and wait-

You see, Ronnie isn't the only one unhappy with her life, and soon a swirl of sub-plots begin to unfold that includes a case of suspected arson, a gothic teen underworld, a devastating illness, a vintage church restoration, and some sea turtle eggs. Somehow, the film manages to interweave these seemly disconnected elements into a love story centered on the power of forgiveness.

Surprisingly, The Last Song is actually an engaging film. Greg Kinnear

gives a terrific performance as Ronnie's father, Steve, and despite her somewhat limited acting skills, seventeen year-old Cyrus takes advantage of her age and plays a very convincing troubled adolescent teenager. The Georgian filming locations, shot primarily on Tybee Island, are also absolutely gorgeous.

The contemporary musical soundtrack is decent, and includes just two Miley Cyrus numbers (another surprise!), even though her character in the film is a child musical prodigy who has been accepted to the famed Julliard School of Music. A love for music is a common passion Ronnie shares with her father in the movie, a reflection of her real-life relationship with her father, Billy Ray Cyrus. Miley reportedly chose the name Ronnie for her character in the film in honor of her grandfather, Ron Cyrus, who died in 2006.

The Last Song is rated PG for some mild thematic material and language. Unlike some female teenage music icons over the past decade or so, Cyrus has managed to keep her public act relatively clean, and that carries over to her big



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Movie;



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EXIT COMMENTS;

"A good tear-jerker. Felt like real life," Jessica & Brittney - Alpena 🧸

"Read the book and the film stays pretty close to it," Samantha - Gaylord

"Close to home for me as I lost my mom to cancer," Mark - Gaylord

"It was sad... I cried." Elena - Mio

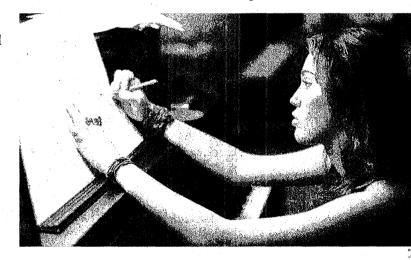
"Followed the book well." Grace - Mio

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"Good for all ages," Diane - Mio

screen presentations as well. While nothing here should be offensive to younger viewers, the subject matter of The Last Song is Vs really aimed toward audiences above pre-pubescent age.

Early in the movie Ronnie cites a Tolstoy quote about families; 'Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.' Defining that unhappiness, while playing on the heartstrings of the audience, is the underlying medley in The Last



AREA MOVIE LISTINGS April 9-15

Gaylord Cinema West

Clash of the Titans - PG13 Starring: Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson FRI-THURS 7:00, 9:00 MON, TUE, WED 7:00 SAT, SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

The Bounty Hunter- PG13 Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler

FRI-THURS 7:00, 9:00 MON, TUE, WED 7:00 SAT, SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Hot Tub Time Machine - R

Starring: John Cusack, Clark Duke FRI-THURS 7:00, 9:00 MON, TUE, WED 7:00 SAT, SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

How to Train Your Dragon - PG Starring: Voices of Gerard Butler, Jonah Hill

FRI-THURS 7:00, 9:00 MON, TUE, WED 7:00 SAT, SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Date Night-PG Starring: Steve Carrell, Tina Fey FRI-THURS 7:00, 9:00 MON, TUE, WED 7:00 SAT, SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00 **The Last Song- PG** Starring: Miley Cyrus

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Kingston Theatre,

The Bounty Hunter- PG13

Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler FRI, THUR 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

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Petoskey Cinema, Date Night- PG

Starring: Steve Carrell, Tina Fev FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 MON, TUE, WED 7:00, 9:00 SAT, SUN, THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00. 7:00, 9:00

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Alice in Wonderland- PG

Starring: Johnny Depp FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 MON, TUE, WED 7:00, 9:00 SAT, SUN, THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00. 7:00, 9:00

Diary of a Wimpy Kid-PG

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The Last Song - PG Starring: Miley Cyrus FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

MON, TUE, WED 7:00, 9:00 SAT, SUN, THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00. 7:00, 9:00

Bellaire Theatre

How to Train Your Dragon - PG Starring: Voices of Gerard Butler, Jonah Hill Nightly at 7:00

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DAVE Says

(budget trouble!)





A friend of mine loaned me some of your books, and even took me to one of your live events. Since then, I've been trying to work the Baby Steps, including building my emergency fund and creating a monthly budget. However, I'm having trouble transitioning to living on a budget. I get paid in the middle and end of each month, but my bills are due at different times. Can you help?

Brenda

Dear Brenda,

In your situation, I recommend using a two-column approach when you sit down each month to create your written budget. In it, one column would represent the first of the month, while the other represents the fifteenth. Place the income you'll receive for each pay period at the top of each column, then work your way down spending every dollar on paper for that pay period, until all the money is gone.

If your cable bill is due on the tenth, then it would go under the first column. If your electric bill is due on the twenty-first, it would go in the second column. Once you've got this in place you can adjust the categories where you might have a little more flexibility. A good example of this might be clothing. You can budget for any new clothes you need in the pay period that has the fewest bills.

When you do this, you're not just spending every dollar on paper before the month begins. You're also spending every dollar on paper before the pay period arrives! — Dave

(checking account and debit card for teenager?)

Dear Dave,

I'm a single father with a 14-year-old daughter. I want to teach her to avoid the financial mistakes I've made. Do you think I should open a checking account with a debit card for her? I think the practice in dealing with money before she gets out on her own would be good for her.

Paul

Getting your daughter a checking account with a debit card is a good idea at some point. But I'd suggest that you first give her a year or two to deal solely with cold, hard cash.

Have her create four envelopes, one each for giving, saving, entertainment, and miscellaneous spending. Then, anytime she earns some money, she can divide it up and put some into each of the envelopes. Once she's done this for a while and you're both comfortable with the situation, then you can think about opening a checking account for her.

The problem with giving her a checking account right off the bat is that the money is all lumped together. There's no division between the concepts of giving, saving, and spending. These are some pretty important things she needs to learn while she's being educated about money. Also, when the time is right and she can handle the responsibility of a checking account, make sure you work with her every month in balancing her checkbook. Sit down with her, one on one, and help walk her through the process. This will reinforce the idea that it's a necessary part of handling money properly. After a few months she'll get the hang of it and be able to do it on her own. And it will also give you peace of mind that she's taking care of her checking account the right way!

— Dave

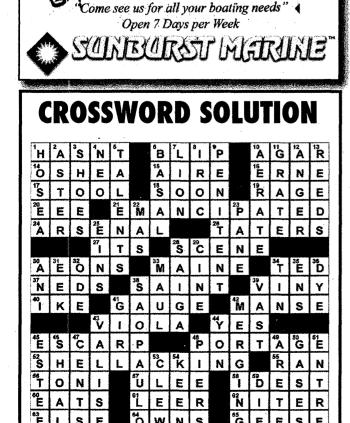
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call Sally Pickering, RSVP Project Director, at 231-347-3211, ext. 29.

BOYNE CITY Concord Academy Boyne Family Carnival

The 2010 senior Class of Concord Academy Boyne is throwing a school-wide carnival for all of it families and students in the community April 30 from 5pm - 8pm. Tickets available at the Concord office or the night of the event!

BOYNE CITY SOBO Arts Festival

FIRST ANNUAL SOBO Arts Festival is being planned for June 25-26 in Boyne City's SOBO (South Boyne) Arts District. Events will include a juried art fair coordinated by the Boyne Arts Collective, entertainment, demonstrations and workshops of various arts fields, and a food and wine-tasting event at 220 Lake Street. Contact Festival Director Jerry Douglas at (231) 459-4023.

CHARLEVOIX Fit-4-Life

If you are among the 25 million Americans that are overweight or obese, your risks for death and disability are significantly higher. You are most likely coping with ongoing pain, fatigue, difficulty moving, sleep deprivation or other obstacles to a vibrant, healthy life. The good news is that if you are committed to making positive changes in your lifestyle, Charlevoix Area Hospital's Fit-4-Life program can teach you how to reclaim your health and vitality. This 6month program can help you turn your life around with the help of experts in the fields of nutrition, physical therapy, and nursing. To learn more about this program you are invited to attend an informational presentation of the program, open to the public, on May 4 from 6pm - 6:30pm in the Charlevoix Area Hospital Solarium. Please feel free to call Kathy Jacobsen, RN at 231-547-8906 if you have any questions.

MICHIGAN **Smoke Free Air Law**

A new law goes into effect May 1 in all Michigan restaurants, bars and workplaces (including hotels and motels). Visit the Smoke-Free Air Law website for information about the law, exemptions allowed, frequently asked questions, tools for businesses to prepare for the law, and tobacco dependence treatment information. If you have questions about the law, you can call the Tobacco Reduction Coalition Coordinator at 231-347-5832.

BOYNE CITY 50th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival

Boyne City hosts the National Morel Mushroom Festival and the Boyne Valley Lion's National Morel Mushroom Hunt May 13 -16, and for a few short days, everything is all about mushrooms. Restaurants prepare exotic, morelladen entrees, local songsters sing of the morel, secret hunting places (maybe) and recipes (definitely) are shared, and everybody goes on the mushroom hunt.

BOYNE FALLS Dinner for DARE

The Boyne City Police, Charlevoix County Sheriff Dept. and East Jordan Police sponsor the DARE Assn. benefit golf outing and dinner May 13 at Boyne Mountain Resort. Golf & Dinner, \$80. Dinner only \$14. For tickets or sponsorship call 231-582-6611

CHARLEVOIX **Hospice Scales Up for New-Look Auction**

The annual fund-raising auction for Hospice is scheduled for June 4 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. The granddaddy of area actions has a new look featuring an evening of fun activities and high-end live auction items and experiences. A \$50 ticket includes a multi-course meal by Chef Michael Peterson (Lulu's and Siren restaurants). The evening is a tribute to long-time Hospice administrator, Margaret Lasatar. Contact by phone: 231-547-7448 or on-line www.hospicenwm.org

ELLSWORTH **Great Lakes Timber Show**

In honor of its 30th Anniversary, The Ellsworth Pig Roast is bringing back crowd favorite, the Great Lakes Timber Show on Saturday, June 19. The show gives a humorous twist to the very colorful and exciting events that have evolved from the logging industry of the 1800's and features chainsaw carving, axe throwing, wood chopping, one and two-man crosscut sawing, modified chain sawing, log rolling and loads of good, clean family fun. You can see the show several times throughout the day by donation; times to be announced. For more information on the Great Lakes Timber Show go to www.laughsandlures.com. For more information on the Ellsworth Pig Roast contact Alana Haley at 231-588-

BELLAIRE Join the Relay for Life of **Antrim County**

This year's Relay will be held on June 25th & 26th starting at 3 pm on Friday at the Shaun Davies Track behind the John R Rodger's Elementary School in Bellaire. Relay For Life offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer, and the event is currently recruiting more teams to join the event. Teams are made up of coworkers, friends, and family Many businesses. members. schools, organizations and religious groups also build teams. Prior to the Relay event, team members raise money by fundraising and securing sponsorships. During Relay, teams camp out overnight and take turns walking a track in effort to raise awareness and funds in the fight against cancer. If you are interested in starting or joining a team, logon to www.relayforlife.org/antrimcountymi. If you are not able to join a team, you can also logon to make a donation or buy a luminaria. For more information call (231) 947-



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

Kids' Bed-Wetting can often be treated with medication

Question: What causes a child to wet the bed? Our five-year-old soaks his sheets nearly every night, which drives me crazy.

Dr. Dobson: There are about five to seven million kids in the United States who wet the bed nightly. They are a misunderstood lot. Many of their parents believe that their bed-wetting is deliberate and that it can be eliminated by punishment. Others think these kids are just too lazy to go to the bathroom. These are wrong and unfortunate notions.

Bed-wetting is often caused by medical factors, such as a small bladder, physical immaturity or other physical conditions. That's why you should begin by consulting a pediatrician or a urologist when

bed-wetting starts. Many of the kids can be helped or cured by medication.

For other boys and girls, the problem is emotional in origin. Any change in the psychological environment of the home may produce midnight moisture. During summer camps conducted for young children, the directors routinely put plastic mattress covers on the beds of all the little visitors. The anxiety associated with being away from home apparently creates a high probability of bed-wetting during the first few nights, and it is particularly risky to be sleeping on the lower level of bunk beds!

There is a third factor that I feel is a frequent cause of enuresis. During chil-

dren's toddler years, they wet the bed simply because they are too immature to maintain nighttime bladder control. Some parents, in an effort to head off another episode, begin getting these kids up at night to go to the potty. The youngster is still sound asleep, but he or she is told to "go tinkle," or whatever. After this conditioning has been established, the child who needs to urinate at night dreams of being told to "go." Particularly when jos tled or disturbed at night, the child can believe he or she is being ushered to the bathroom. I would recommend that parents of older bed wetters stop getting them up at night, even if the behavior continues for a while.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters and opinions may be submitted by e-mail to Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

HUTAREE HILARITY **Militia Amongst Us**

Outright hostility toward authority is how the news report summed up the allegations against family David Stone by federal investigators, which could mean any or all of some dozen agencies. It is actually against the law to disrespect an officer of the law. If you disrespect the guy who's paying you, he can fire you; if you disrespect an officer of the law who is not paying you, he can take you to jail where you will be fined or sentenced otherwise. Of course people are hostile toward authority.

Looking even cursorily at the alleged perpetrators though, what we see are just Dukes of Hazard hillbillies living in hovels. That hole in the ground where two youngsters drowned twelve years ago was dug for a septic tank never constructed, hence the porta-potty nearby. Like these guys are going to wage war on the government? Sure, they managed to have guns but to date there are only nine of them. What kind of a war is that?

And we oughtn't neglect to consider the past travesties of Ruby Ridge, Waco, the Mormon group in Texas, as well as the hundreds of militia groups nationwide that advocate against too-strong government controls. These latter mostly disagree with the Hutaree doctrine as being more a cult than a militia, and indeed David Stone claims the group is a Christian Militia, sort of an oxymoron contradiction of terms. Randy Weaver, who survived both an armed attack by ATF agents and a court case defended by Gerry Spense, lost a son in the attack by the agents who fired upon them without warning in the rural hills of Idaho. A very convoluted firefight ensued days later which finally wound its legal way to dismissal of charges against all defendants, inclusive of the infamous Lon Horiuchi in a subsequent trial for having shot both Randy Weaver and his wife under other than Rules Of Engagement stipulations, which collective upshot is said to have inspired Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing. Randy Weaver and family were set up, entrapped and all that sort of misfeasance that passes for surveillance and investiga-

All this sort of activity has propelled the militia movement into the limelight. Thus when a radical ragtag consortium begins to make noise about government controls the government naturally listens up, sets its gears to turning and the inevitable confrontation occurs. They even managed an informer in this case, an infiltrator who apparently convinced the group of his interest in the cause. The cause? Kill a cop, then bomb the funeral, split the scene for hideouts prepared with IED trip wire bombs, no other plans having been considered, no further retribution foreseen from a government that commands hundreds of thousands of troops and trillions of dollars worth of surveillance equipment and assault weaponry.

These are fringe area people. They'll be dragged through the jail and court system for years while the government tries to make a case of sedition from out the straggled pieces of dubious evidence. But they don't even have a letter bomb or bomb-making materials confiscated. What they have is suspicion of conspiracy and that's all. These Hutaree are disgruntled with the way America has become perceived as a police state, just as are perfectly law-abiding citizens concerned about encroaching government controls - witness the Tea Partiers. It's true that one can't go about boasting of taking out cops without retribution of some kind and nobody wants to be associated with such demented schemes no matter how ostracized or trenchantly aware of malfeasance they might be. This is just another case of being all dressed up and nowhere to go, whether in fatigues or federal combat gear.

Though this can be a deadly game it's about as pointless as attacking windmills via lance on horseback like Don Quixote and Sancho Panza. The government windmill is similarly tragicomedy.

Mitchell Jon MacKay East Jordan, Michigan

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We'll be Announcing the 2010 Charlevoix County News All-Area Boys Basketball Team

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EJ's Peters is just DE BERGER EGYPTE

Senior mound ace fires a perfect game in season opener v. I-Lakes



Shaina Peters

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN – The weather was amazingly mild and the pitching was just plain amazing. East Jordan mound ace Shaina Peters, showing midseason form on March 31, a day when northern Michiganders are typically more likely to go ice fishing than play softball, fired a perfect hitter in the season opener at home against Inland Lakes.

The senior served up sizzling deliveries with surgeonlike precision, courting the edges of the plate and befuddling the Bulldog batters.
When it was all finished in the Red Devils' thoroughly impressive 13-0 triumph, Peters had struck out 13 of the 15 batters she faced.

Shaina had lots of support from her teammates. Jessica Kinner cranked out a pair of hits, including a towering triple, while slugging Mel Skrocki and Peters each recorded a two-bagger, and Monica Capelin and Valerie Peters each banged out two hits. Morgan Skop, Hannah

Streufert and Michelle Finley each singled.

East Jordan completed the sweep with an 11-6 triumph in the nightcap. Peters picked up the victory in the circle, though this time it was Shaina's younger sister Valerie serving up the sauce. The feisty freshman struck out six I-Lakes hitters en route to the win and also helped her own cause, striking three hits.

Skrocki, a line drive waiting to happen at the plate, ripped two more hits. Megan Keyser and Finley also drilled twohits while Kinner and Streufert both singled.

Alysha Bishop had a pair of hits for I-Lakes in the nightcap and Bridget Scales stroked a double, the Bulldogs' lone extra-base hit of the day.

East Jordan returns to action on Wednesday, April 14, at Pellston, then opens Lake Michigan Conference play at home on Friday against Elk Rapids at 4:30 p.m.

sports briefs...

Grayling cage fights this Friday

GRAYLING – The annual Battle at the 45th 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 45th 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. Preregistration 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 45th is sponsored by Master and World Champion Zack Burns and New World Karate.

Former Tiger slugger Northrup at card show

GAYLORD — Former Detroit Tigers slugging outfielder Jim Northrup, a member of the 1968 World Series champions and the man who got the key hit in Game Seven against Bob Gibson of St. Louis, will be the featured guest at a sports card show Sunday, April 11, at the Eagles Hall in Gaylord.

Northrup will be signing autographs at the show from noon-2 p.m. and the show will last from 10 a.m.-4

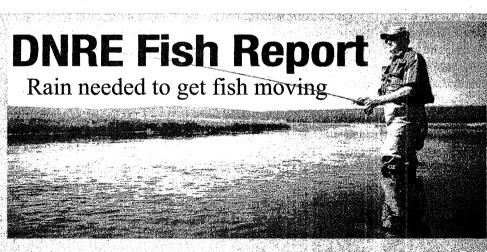
Gaylord native Kurt David, who wrote the book "From Glory Days" featuring Northrup and other Detroit athletes, will also appear at the card show.

Those who purchase David's book for \$20 will receive autographs from David and Northrup in addition to one other memorabilia item signed by Northrup. Northrup's autograph alone on a memorabilia item will cost \$5.

There will be more than 30 dealer's tables at the show. For more information, contact Steve Kowal at (248) 543-9810 or visit www.scificards.com/gaylord.htm.

Reporting scores

The Charlevoix County News is interested in reporting boys and girls basketball results, wrestling and bowling results (or any other sporting event) for Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth. Coaches, please send any information you wish to have in the paper via email to sports@charlevoixcountynews.com or by fax at (888) 240-5499. Or call Mike at (989) 370-0605.



Fishing comes and goes with the weather, which is pretty much the pattern this time of year. Anglers are reminded that a 2010 fishing license was required starting April 1. The 2010 regulations also went into effect on April 1. Fishing Guides should be available from all license vendors.

Petoskey - The clear water has slowed pier fishing for steelhead. First light was the best time to catch fish. Rain is needed to get the fish moving. Some were starting to catch lake trout off the smaller piers at Bay Harbor, Petoskey and Harbor Springs. Little Traverse Bay is now ice free, however the docks are not in at the boat launches.

Bear River - Steelhead were caught near the dam, however the low and clear water is starting to slow the numbers of fresh fish entering the river.

Traverse City - Lake trout and whitefish have been caught in 140 to 150 feet of water in both bays however the West Bay did produce better catches. No word on perch fishing.

Boardman River - Water levels are low and catch rates for steelhead are slow.

Au Sable River - Is producing steelhead all the up to Foote Dam. Those fishing Cook.

Pond have caught a few perch off Bissonette Road.

Higgins Lake - Trout are coming into the shallows.

Houghton Lake - The ice is finally gone and spring fishing has started. With the warm weather, anglers are catching perch and crappie can be found in the canals.

Alpena - Boat anglers are still heading out for steelhead, brown trout and walleye.

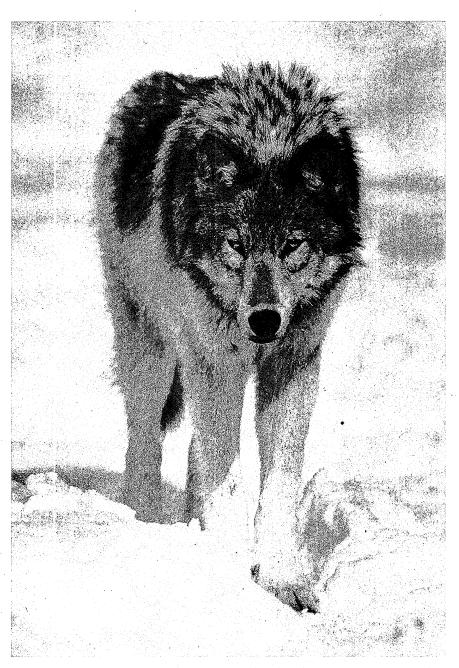
Thunder Bay River - Is producing steelhead up near the Ninth Street Dam. Try spawn;
yax worms or flies.

Rifle River - Sucker runs are well underway. Dip-netting season opens April 1st. The hook and line anglers are having a ball, with some catching up to 50 suckers per trip.

Frankfort - Boat anglers are trolling in shallow waters 2 to 12 feet deep for steelhead and brown trout. Some are using planer boards and some are long-lining with small spoons or body baits. Pier anglers are casting spoons, rapalas, or body baits.

Betsle River - Fishing has slowed quite a bit. Those fly fishing at the Homestead Dam have managed to catch light numbers of steelhead. Good sucker action between the dam and Elberta. Anglers say the fish are hitting on all baits.

DNRE REPORT



The DNRE is supporting the Minnesota petition to get the gray wolf removed from the Endangered

DNRE supports delisting wolves

There are 'no biological reasons' for wolves to remain on Endangered Species list

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment announced on Thursday, April 1, that it supports recent action by the State of Minnesota to remove the gray wolf from the list of species protected by the Federal Endangered Species Act.

The State of Minnesota filed a formal petition with U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar on March 15.

"Our colleagues in Minnesota have done an excellent job of making the case for the regional recovery of the gray wolf," said DNRE Director Rebecca Humphries. "The strength of this petition will hopefully compel the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to act swiftly so that we can implement our wolf management plans. We stand in full support of Minnesota's formal petition."

The recovery goals established by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to allow removal of wolves from Endangered Species Act protection across the region have been met since 1999 and the current wolf population in Michigan and Wisconsin exceeds the recovery goal by more than 10 times. "There are no biological reasons for wolves to remain on this list," Humphries added. Because of this recovery, the wolf was removed from the state's list of threatened and endangered species in 2009.

Michigan developed a wolf management plan with extensive public input and that plan contains goals to ensure the longterm viability of wolves in Michigan. The Michigan wolf management plan has been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as being adequate to provide for the longterm conservation of the species. Removal of wolves from the list of species protected by the Federal Endangered Species Act would transfer all management authority from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. DNRE has an effective management program in place and full state authority would allow full implementation of the wolf management plan signed by Director Humphries in 2008.

Full implementation would include the lethal taking of wolves where the DNRE feels it is warranted, for example, in cases of livestock depredation. In addition, state laws passed in 2009 to allow citizens to kill wolves in the act of attacking livestock and pets would be reinstated.

Fire prevention sateam effort:

DNRE receives assistance from U.S. Forest Service and volunteer fire departments during wildfire season

Although overall respon- fires occur during April, May sibility for wildfire suppression and prevention in the state rests with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, personnel from the U.S. Forest Service and local volunteer fire departments provide significant assistance to this effort.

The backbone of the wildfire suppression operation is a force of highly trained fire fighters equipped with modern specialized heavy equipment designed for this rugged assignment. The majority of these wildand June with minor occurrences the rest of the summer and fall.

Aircraft are used for fire detection purposes. These detection aircraft provide early warning of fires and an accurate description of its location and behavior. This offers an additional measure of safety to the fire fighters on the

Aggressive fire prevention efforts are targeted at many areas. A computerized program allows fire personnel to focus these efforts in areas

of high fire occurrence and high property values.

A growing nationwide concern for fires in areas where cities and wildlands meet is of similar concern in Michigan. Every year buildings are lost due to wildfire. Michigan's Stephan Bridge fire in 1990 destroyed 76 homes and 125 other structures in one afternoon. Michigan State government has accepted the challenge to reduce the wildfire risk associated with this city/wildland interfere and is currently developing



No open debris burning permitted

BAN REMAINS IN FORCE IN U.P. AND NORTHERN LOWER PENINSULA

s warm, dry weather persists in Michigan, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment would like to remind property owners that open debris burning is prohibited at this time and no burn permits are being issued due to high danger fire conditions throughout the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Michigan.

With a lack of snow on the ground in the Upper Peninsula, exposed dry, dead grasses and vegetation is easily ignited. More than half of wildfire occurrences this year, numbering more than 50 in March, have been caused by property owners burning de-

"This is an unusual spring for us because we lack snow in parts of the state that usually are blanketed with snow into April," said Paul Kollmeyer, DNRE fire prevention specialist. "Normally, wildfire season starts in the southern part of Michigan and works its way north. This year, we have had wildland fires occur in all regions of the state."

"In order to reduce fire danger right now, we need all property owners to forgo debris burning at this time until fire conditions improve," said Kollmeyer. "If you do debris burning now and the fire escapes your control, you will be held liable for the cost of putting out the fire."

Kollmeyer suggested that property owners try safer alternatives, such as composting yard waste or chipping brush into mulch, rather than burning it.

Citizens can check burning conditions in their area by going to www.michigan.gov/burnpermit. The interac-

tive map on the site will list burning conditions by county down to the township level. Kollmeyer reminded citizens that persons burning yard waste in the northern

Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula are



required to obtain a DNRE burn permit first. The permits are free and available online

at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit.

This year, the burn permit Web site has been streamlined and improved. It shows a map of Michigan, and by clicking on the county in which a person needs a burn permit, homeowners will be informed of local burning ordinances and restrictions.

On the DNRE burn permit Web site, residents are not required to give personal information about their location or what they are burning. They simply need to check the site for what burning conditions are in their area. Persons without Internet access can call (866) 922-2876 toll-free.

Kollmeyer also urged that homeowners take fire prevention measures, including staying with your fire at all times while burning. Evenings are a safer time to burn, when temperatures are cool and the wind has died down. You also should have garden tools and a charged hose ready for when it is time to put your fire out or to handle unexpected flare-ups. Thoroughly extinguish your fire with water, and do not simply cover it with dirt. If a fire escapes your control, call 911 immediately.

For more information on wildland fire prevention, check the DNRE's Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr-fire.

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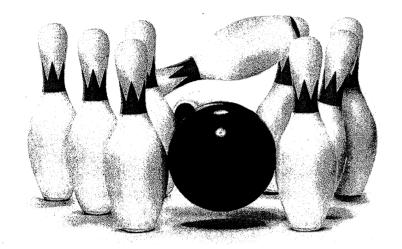
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Shaina Peters, East Jordan

The Red Devils' senior softball mound ace was sizzling hot in her first appearance of the season, recording a perfect game in a 13-0 triumph over visiting Inland Lakes on March 31. Shaina befuddled the Bulldog batters brilliantly, striking out 13 of the 15 she faced. She also cracked a double in the game.





GEMINI LANES BOWLING LEAGUE RESULTS: March 26-April 1

EJ MERCHANTS LEAGUE

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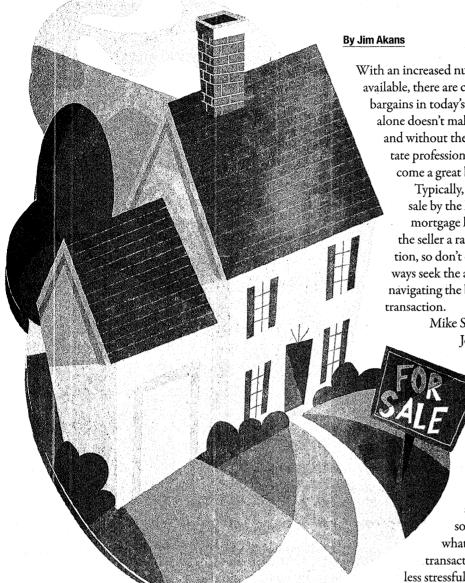
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Know This BEFORE Buying a Foreclosure...

...and Avoid Turning a Great Deal into a Great Big Headache



With an increased number of foreclosed homes available, there are certainly some excellent real estate bargains in today's marketplace. But a low price alone doesn't make a home offering a great deal... and without the guidance and advice of a real estate professional, that great deal can quickly become a great big headache.

Typically, a foreclosed home is offered for sale by the lender holding the outstanding mortgage loan on the property. This makes the seller a rather savvy party to the transaction, so don't expect to outmaneuver them. Always seek the assistance of a real estate agent in navigating the best path toward a satisfying

> Mike Stark, of Stark Realty, Inc in East Jordan, states, "Each foreclosure

process varies depending on the lender that owns the property. There can be as many as nineteen pages of addendums in a foreclosure transaction, and lenders require that the paper work be completed exactly to their requirements. A professional real estate agent has the resources and experience to find out what needs to be done to make the transaction go smoothly, resulting in a less stressful transaction for the buyer."

Some of the steps the consumer takes when buying a foreclosed home are the same as in a traditional

home sale transaction. For instance, getting pre-approved or prequalified for a mortgage before making an offer demonstrates the purchaser's ability and creditworthiness. It is a must when the seller is a lender themselves, as is the case in a foreclosed home.

Having the property inspected as a condition of the offer to purchase is also a must.

"Michigan is an "As Is" state," notes Mike Stark, "and since the lender has never actually lived in the home they are selling, they are not required to fill out a Seller's Disclosure for the home. So it's always a good idea to have the home inspected. If there are safety issues, the seller may do small repairs to make the sale happen. But if a house needs a significant amount of work, they will usually expect the buyer to make those repairs."

And even though this is a foreclosed property, don't play games with the asking price if this is a home you hope to purchase.

Mike Stark points out, "There are enough serious home buyers in Northern Michigan so that if a foreclosed home is priced right, it will sell. The average time on market right now is about 6 to 8 months but that excludes foreclosures. Foreclosed property prices are set to encourage sales within 90 days. So if a purchaser likes a property, they should bid high enough so that if they loose it they aren't upset about what they bid. Don't play games with asking

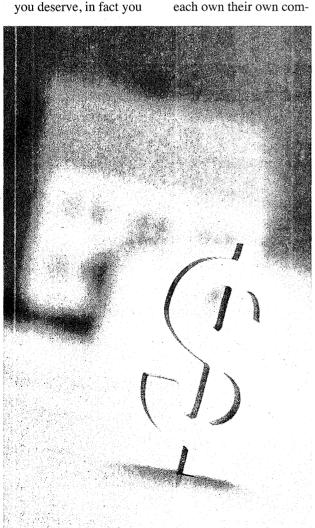
Mike also notes that it's a good idea to have the title work for the property prepared locally if possible. This will help to ensure the most thorough research into the ownership chain and the discovery of any possible liens against the property. Utilizing a local title company may require the home purchaser to spend a few hundred dollars up front, but the investment can be well worth the added peace of mind regarding the transaction.

With some market research, forethought, and assistance from an experienced real estate professional, home inspector and local title company, purchasing a foreclosed property can result in a transaction that represents and outstanding market value.

Short Sales

f you are considering a short sale on your property, you have likely heard all of the horror stories about how long they take, how difficult the banks are to deal with, and just how HARD it is to make them happen, period. Unfortunately, much of that is true, as the banks are streamlining their process for short sales. This is the exact reason you deserve, in fact you

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Mike Stark, of Stark Realty, has been involved in the real estate "world" for over 25 years. He started with investment and residential properties, and has specialized in foreclosures for over 5 years. In those 5 years, he has consistently been one of the leaders of the local Realtor Association, with millions of dollars in sales each year and typically leads all Realtors in the area with the number of transactions that he successfully closes each year. Mike has a lot of experience and strengths that are invaluable while attempting to sell your home with a short sale: he knows how banks think, and he knows how buyers think. He can "talk the talk" to a lender - and that strength alone often determines the agent who is successful with closing a short sale versus the ones who are only successful at attempting them. Mike is well known as a deal-maker and one of the best negotiators around.

of Blue Water Realty, has also been specializing in foreclosures and bank-

Sara Schroeder, owner sale was. She is considered to be well educated on the foreclosure market and an easy person to

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owned real estate for over 10 years. In fact, she was one of the first Brokers in the area to complete Broker Price Opinions, and was also successful in negotiating one of the first short sales back in 2002 long before most people even knew what a short

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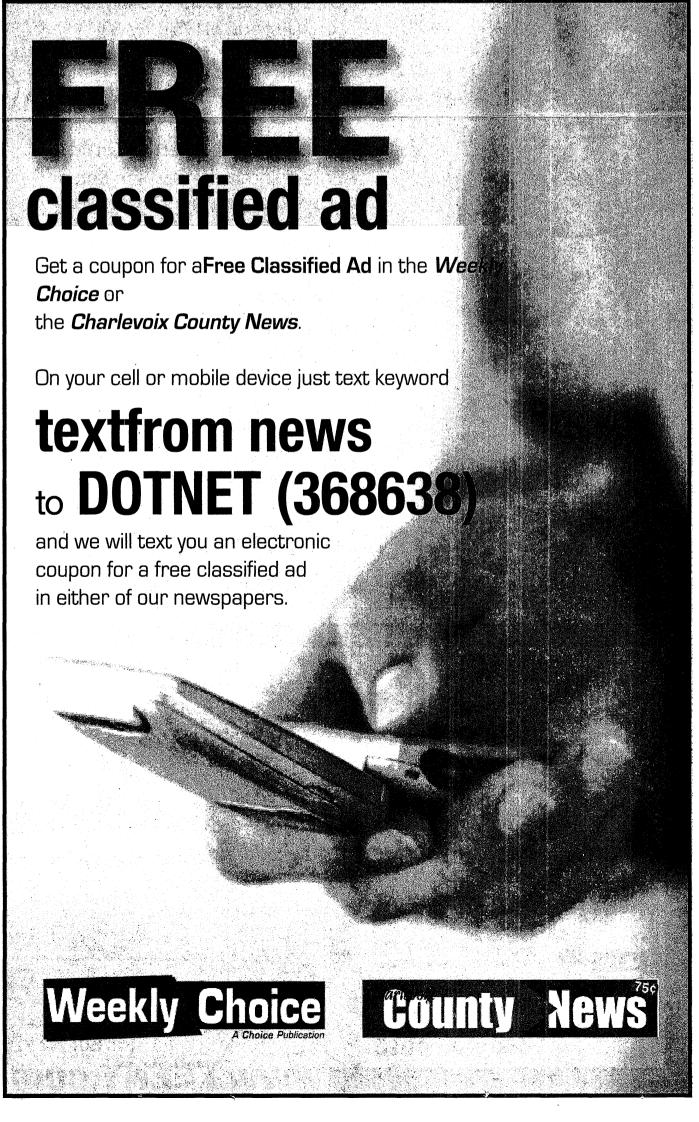
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