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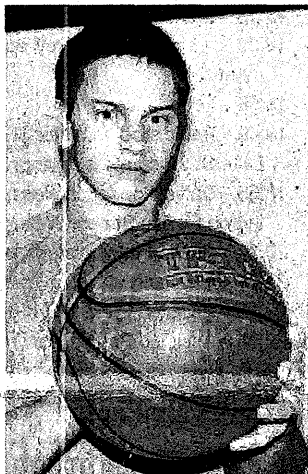
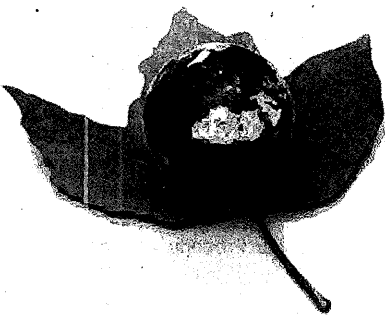


PHOTO BY MIKE DUNN

Charlevoix County News Sports Editor Mike Dunn has named Ellsworth Senior Jared Danbert (Above) Player of the Year for area teams.

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Earth Day turns 40!



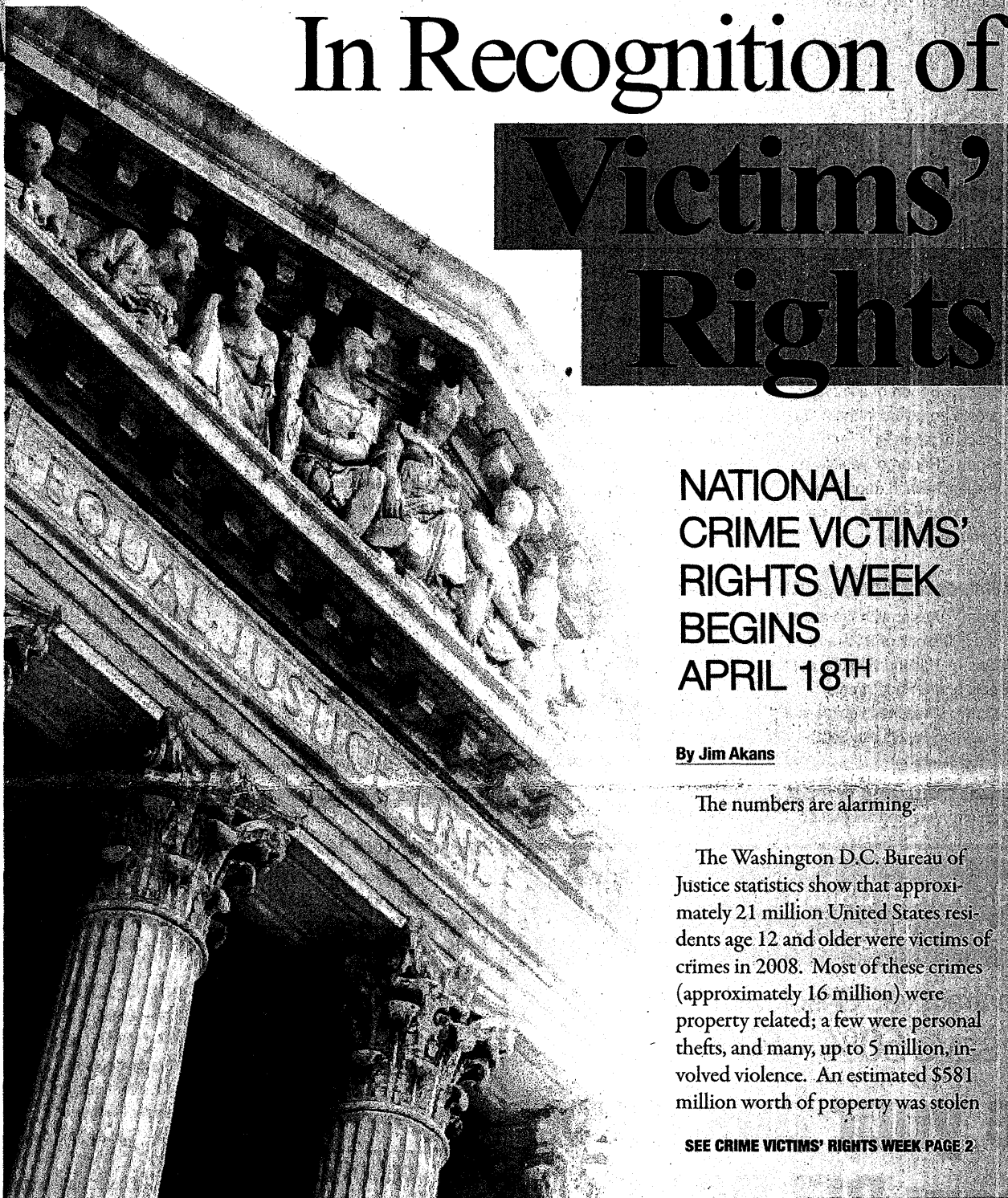
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In Recognition of Victims' Rights

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK BEGINS APRIL 18TH

By Jim Akans

The numbers are alarming.

The Washington D.C. Bureau of Justice statistics show that approximately 21 million United States residents age 12 and older were victims of crimes in 2008. Most of these crimes (approximately 16 million) were property related; a few were personal thefts, and many, up to 5 million, involved violence. An estimated \$581 million worth of property was stolen

SEE CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK PAGE 2

Boyne City man charged with criminal sexual conduct in Otsego County

A 22-year-old Boyne City man is facing five counts of criminal sexual conduct involving two thirteen-year-old girls.



Steven Gardner

Steven W. Gardner was arraigned April 8, 2010 on four counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, which involves penetration, and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, which involves touching.

State police from the Gaylord Post led the investigation into allegations the man had sexual contact with two 13-year-old Otsego County girls. Charges involving the same victims are pending against Gardner in Emmet and Cheboygan counties, police said. Gardner is a current registered sex offender in Charlevoix County.

East Jordan to Continue with Main Street Program

By B. J. Conley

The city will continue its involvement in the Main Street Program at the Associate level, which will allow it to benefit from training and education offered to officials.

Qualifying to become a Main Street Program city opens the doors to state grant opportunities, and although those grants usually require the city to contribute in some formula of match, Main Street makes it possible to make downtowns attractive to residents

SEE MAIN STREET PAGE 7

New Director for Commission on Aging

CHARLEVOIX

By B. J. Conley

A new director for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is in his second week on the job with the interim director staying until the new director is acclimated to the position.

With 35 years of experience in public service management, Jack Messer shouldn't take long to get up to speed. Messer, 59, who lives in Bay Township, has a background that includes managing director of the regional office of emergency management, that is related to but separate from 9-1-1. He also worked for the Michigan State Police where he began as a trooper, then eventually was promoted step by step to 1st Lieutenant.



PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

Jack Messer is the new Executive Director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. He will attend the COA's Public Forum in East Jordan on Monday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the East Jordan Civic Center. Seniors, caregivers and other interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.

The county board of commissioners approved the contract appointment with Messer at a commission meeting on March 25. His salary is \$68,250 per year, plus county benefits and a 401K retirement program. The interim director, David Emmel, is being paid \$10,000 per month, however that fee will end soon. Emmel, working as a consultant, reorganized the COA, worked on the commission's budget and updated the bylaws.

Messer said he is looking forward to working with seniors and advocacy groups. Although he has no background in geriatric

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Commission on Aging seeks public input

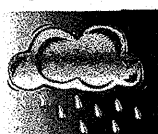
Public forums are scheduled as follows:

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

Melrose Township Hall, 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 26

Boyne City High School, 1:30 p.m., Monday, May 17

7 day weather forecast



Thursday
High 70, low 48
SW wind 13mph



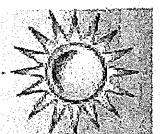
Friday
High 52, low 36
NW wind 16mph



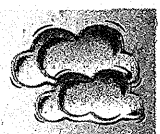
Saturday
High 53, low 35
NNW wind 15mph



Sunday
High 57, low 39
W wind 8mph



Monday
High 61, low 35
WSW wind 9mph



Tuesday
High 60, low 39
N wind 10mph



Wednesday
High 56, low 37
NNW wind 10mph

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Concord Boyne hosts Kindergarten Roundup

BOYNE CITY – Concord Academy Boyne, a tuition-free public Charter school, is holding its Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, April 20.

School administrators ask parents to take this opportunity to visit the school, have their child individually tested, and meet with the teacher. Concord Academy Boyne is committed to excellence with small class sizes. The school offers education in conjunction with the fine arts.

Elementary students, K-4, learn music through the Orff method which helps students develop their natural sense of rhythm and melody through speech, movement and instrument playing. This method helps students use both sides of their brain to achieve their optimal potential.

Please call (231) 582-9194 to schedule an appointment.

County Nursing Home Sued

By B. J. Conley

A registered nurse with 13 years of employment at the county's public nursing home, Grandvue Medical Care Facility, filed a Complaint with the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office on Friday, April 4.

Janet Renkiewicz was discharged by Administrator Kevin Evans from her position as manager of the dementia unit at Grandvue recently. She brought her case under the

Whistleblowers Act (MCL 15.362). Renkiewicz alleges that Evans fired her in retaliation for a report she wrote to him in defense of employees she said he planned to discipline. She stated he would be in violation of Grandvue's policies of ethics and common sense.

The complaint states that her job performance record was spotless until just before her discharge when two negative entries appeared. Renkiewicz began at Grandvue as a

nurse, then became a team leader, a clinical coordinator and in October 2006, was named manager of the dementia unit.

Evans said the complaint is in the hands of a lawyer. He assured the public that Grandvue is fully staffed and patients' needs are being met. Grandvue has 21 days to answer the complaint.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Boyer City Police Dept. Incident Report

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

7:15am Open door reported in the 400 block of State St. All OK
12:49pm Report of solar light stolen from yard in the 200 block of North St
6:39pm Report of vehicle at Avalanche with doors open and no one around. It was gone on arrival.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

1:00am Assist with fire alarm in the 200 block of S Park St.
10:25am Parking violation at Lincoln and S Park Streets.
3:03pm Unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of S Lake St

Thursday, April 8, 2010

12:58am Arrested subject on

warrant from Kalkaska County, also no insurance and driving while license suspended.

8:38am Set of keys dropped off that were left at Avalanche.
12:17pm Assist State Police Fugitive Team arrest subject on warrant.
2:55pm Received parking complaint at Lincoln and S Park Streets. Owner contacted and advised to move car.
6:53pm 911 hang up call from payphone outside PD. No one around phone.
7:08pm Report of skateboarders in roadway on Park near Division Streets. Gone on arrival.
11:10pm 911 hang up call from Edwin St. All OK.

Friday, April 9, 2010

6:56pm Report of vehicle blocking entrance to parking lot in the 200 block of E Water St. Owner located and asked to

move vehicle.

Saturday, April 10, 2010

12:50pm Responded to civil complaint in the 300 block of E Division St.
2:55pm 2 skateboarders located in the Central business District.
11:19pm Citation issued for speed.

Sunday, April 11, 2010

1:32am Citation issued for broken windshield and headlight out.
8:15am Citation issued for Driving While License Suspended-4th.
8:50am Report of suspicious situation in the area of Main and Front St.
2:30pm Gasoline drive off from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
2:53pm Noise complaint in the 400 block of Harris St
7:55pm Unlocked vehicle in the 500 block of Jefferson St
9:12pm Assisted Sheriff's Department with arrest on Wilson Rd

Monday, April 12, 2010

11:00am Green kayak stolen from the 300 block of N Lake St
4:00pm Received complaint of barking dogs in the area of Trent and Second Streets. Made contact with owner.
5:44pm Report of citizen burning on Wilson St. Burn ban still on. Citizen contacted and put fire out.
8:12pm Parking citation issued in the 100 block of S Lake St.

East Jordan Police Dept. Incident Report

April 02, 2010

08:09 – Assisted Parks Dept
08:10 – Assisted Parks Dept
10:52 – Assisted Fire Dept w/traffic control
16:25 – Illegal Burning
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 defective taillights
22:20 – Subject arrested on warrant
23:57 – Traffic stop on State St near Depot St for defective headlights

April 03, 2010

07:10 – Assisted Parks Dept
07:15 – Assisted Parks Dept
07:25 – Traffic stop on S Lake St near Water St for improper turn
08:30 – Arrest subject on bond violation
11:20 – Domestic dispute
12:45 – Traffic stop on S Lake St near Water St for expired tabs
13:00 – Report of embezzlement
15:28 – Assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff Dept
17:45 – Assisted citizen
18:01 – Civil dispute
22:50 – Assisted Parks Dept
22:55 – Assisted Parks Dept

April 04, 2010

00:50 – Traffic stop on Maple St near Cooperage St for defective muffler
01:23 – Traffic stop on Echo St near Bridge St for driving left of center
01:58 – Traffic stop on Water St near Bridge St for defective taillights
07:20 – Assisted Parks Dept
07:30 – Assisted Parks Dept
12:05 – Assisted Fire Dept
12:15 – Larceny of kayak
17:08 – Stalking complaint
22:00 – Assisted Parks Dept
22:05 – Assisted Parks Dept

April 05, 2010

09:11 – Assisted City Treasurer
10:44 – Verified address for Sex Offender Registry
12:43 – Verified address for Sex Offender Registry
14:04 – Served junk ordinance violation
14:08 – Served junk ordinance violation
20:40 – Assisted Parks Dept
20:50 – Assisted Parks Dept
21:02 – Annoying phone calls
23:20 – Assisted ACSD
23:30 – Suspicious vehicle

April 06, 2010

02:30 – Suspicious vehicle
08:21 – Keys locked in vehicle
13:27 – Subject arrested for assault & battery
22:00 – Assisted Parks Dept
22:10 – Assisted Parks Dept

April 07, 2010

10:28 – Verified address for Sex Offender Registry

fender Registry
10:53 – Verified address for Sex Offender Registry
14:14 – Assisted citizen
16:10 – Illegal burning
17:20 – Assisted Chamber of Commerce
21:07 – Traffic stop on State St near Manning Dr for defective taillight
21:28 – Assisted Parks Dept
21:29 – Assisted Parks Dept

April 08, 2010

13:49 – Breaking & Entering
14:39 – Larceny of hockey equipment
15:58 – Found bike
18:49 – Traffic stop on Water St near Lake St for careless driving
18:55 – Traffic stop for careless driving on S Lake St near Water St
20:17 – Public Peace disturbance
21:21 – 911 hang up
22:23 – Assisted Parks Dept
22:34 – Assisted Parks Dept

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department April 5-11, 2010

COMPLAINT	NUMBER
911 Hang Up Call	3
Alarm	2
Animal Complaint	10
Assault	1
Assist Other Agency	4
Car/Deer Accident	4
Citations Issued	14
Civil Complaint	1
Disturbance	1
Domestic Dispute	1
Fraud	1
Found Property	1
Larceny	2
Lockout	4
Mental Subject	1
Miscellaneous Criminal	1
Noise Complaint	1
Paper Service	18
Private Property Accident	1
Property Check	5
Property Damage Accident	1
Road Hazard	1
Suspicious Situation	7
Traffic Stop	38
Trespassing	3
Unknown Accident	1
Assist Citizen	3

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MSU TO HOLD NEW ECONOMY WORKSHOPS

Michigan State University will lead a series of free training programs this spring to help citizens understand shifts in Michigan's economy and what will be needed to get the state moving in a prosperous direction.

There are three separate training programs, with each progressively more complex.

The first program, Fundamentals of the New Economy, will take place on

Monday, April 19, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. This program will describe how Michigan's present economic circumstances developed, and emphasize that because Michigan has many assets there is good reason to be hopeful about our economic future.

The second program, Place-Based Regional Economic Planning, is scheduled for

Wednesday, May 19, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Charlevoix Public Library.

This intermediate-level program will focus on a simple common vision and

basic goals for prosperity, and will describe Michigan's critical assets and

strategies to help create new regional prosperity.

The third program, Strategies to Bridge the Gap, will be held in Traverse City on June 11.

This six-hour advanced program will address detailed economic analyses that can help governments create and implement regional strategic growth plans.

"These workshops," said Dean Solomon, Charlevoix County MSU Extension Director, "will be a great way for interested citizens, government leaders and economic development professionals to learn the tools for bringing our region back."

All three workshops will be held in many other Michigan locations. They are part of the new Michigan Prosperity Initiative, an innovative effort by Michigan State University in partnership with state agencies and major state organizations to help return economic prosperity to the state.

For more information contact the MSU Extension offices in Charlevoix

(231-582-6232) or Emmet (231-348-1770) Counties. Online registration is available at www.landpolicy.msu.edu/mpa.



Members from the Day of Caring committee gather early to start plans for this year's event. Day of Caring will be September 14, 2010.

Committee Members Needed for 7th Annual Day of Caring

The Day of Caring committee and Char-Em United Way started planning this year's event. Day of Caring will be September 14, 2010 - in honor of the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11. The one-day event is an incredible opportunity for people in our community to get involved and volunteer their time to complete projects that area non-profits and organizations just don't have the staff, time, or funds to complete without help.

Volunteers are matched with non-profits, schools, and government agencies from all over Charlevoix and Emmet counties during Day of Caring. With such a large geographical area, help

is needed to ensure a successful event for all who are involved. The committee is seeking new members to assist with planning from the Boyne City, East Jordan, and northern Emmet County areas.

The committee meets monthly from now through September sharing skills and ideas to organize and promote Day of Caring. Last year the committee helped bring 690 volunteers together with 57 projects.

"Last year we had many project requests from the Boyne City-East Jordan area, but unfortunately we couldn't find enough volunteers to complete them. We're hoping that having committee members from those areas will help us meet more

of the needs this year," said Savannah Zednick, project coordinator from Char-Em United Way.

The committee is currently represented by American Red Cross-Northern Lower Michigan Chapter, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, Charlevoix Library, Charlevoix High School, Emmet County Friendship Centers, Harbor Industries, Huntington National Bank, North Central Michigan College and St. Mary's Cement. If you have ideas to share and want to help plan Day of Caring contact Char-Em United Way at 487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS APRIL 15, 2010

DISTRICT COURT

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

Wayne Collins Pardee, 23, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended and no security. Sentenced to pay \$525 in fines and costs and to two days in jail with credit for two days.

Kevin Mac Hersha, 25, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$310 in fines and costs.

Christopher Lewis Osawabine, 18, Charlevoix. Driving without a license. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Valerie Lynn Loranger, 20, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana and use of narcotic-cocaine. Sentenced to pay \$1,105 in fines and costs, and to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve five days, 344 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work, one year on probation.

Gary Lee Brodin, 67, Charlevoix. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for 16 days.

Brian Kent Duke, 53, Rapid City. Check - no account. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and \$85 in restitution.

Sheryl Marie Mosley, 42, Charlevoix. Disorderly person. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Billie Kenneth Miracle, 36, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs and to four days

in jail with credit for four days.

Paul Earl Shafer II, 22, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated and selling/furnishing alcohol to minors. Sentenced to pay \$1,630 in fines and costs and \$325.39 in restitution, and to 93 days in jail with credit for three days, 75 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Cory Matthew Vroman, 19, East Jordan. No license on person. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs.

Timothy Steven Kondrat, 19, Boyne Falls. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs.

Richard Ralph Tessmer Jr., 55, Houston, TX. Driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to pay \$1,080 in fines and costs and to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work, six months on probation.

Samantha Rae Duffey, 22, Ypsilanti. Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs.

Steffiney Ann Carpenter, 37, Boyne City. Driving while impaired and open intoxicant in motor vehicle. Sentenced to pay \$1,030 in fines and costs and to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and nine months on probation.

Lonell Bradley Perry, 19, Charlevoix. Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$950 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for eight days,

serve 15 days, 332 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work.

Zachary Dane Whitley, 23, Boyne City. Use of Vicodin. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail, serve 30 days, 335 days held in abeyance and 18 months on probation.

Jerry Dale Jackman Jr., 39, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,285 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 77 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Jeremiah Robert Harmon, 30, Indian River. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 89 days.

April Sue Cross, 33, Mount Pleasant. Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and \$600.30 in restitution and to seven days in jail with credit for seven days.

Michelle Leigh Hammond, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. Sentenced to pay \$250 and to 30 hours of community service work.

Daniel Oliver Cote, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs and to 30 hours of community service work.

Daniel Macconnachie, 49, Grosse Pointe Woods. No license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

David Alan Martinchek of Charlevoix and Kathryn Mary Hall of Charlevoix. Kevin Scott Ashbridge of East Jordan and Cheri Lynn Gensman of East Jordan.

DIVORCES GRANTED

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:
Shawnee Foss vs. Guy Foss Jr.

ASSUMED NAMES

Truly Materialistic, 114 Amber Lane, East Jordan by Wendy Congdon
Ghettomutt Ramps & Rails, 9170 Northpointe Woods Drive, Charlevoix by David
Scott Stebe and Laura Ann Stebe
Ghettomutt Board Company, 9170 Northpointe Woods Drive, Charlevoix by David
Scott Stebe and Laura Ann Stebe
Eric Berarducci, 6416 Old US 31 South Charlevoix by Eric Berarducci
H. Peters Handyman Services, 929 Wilson Street, Boyne City by Henry Peters
Unique Painting, 710 Hemlock, Boyne City by Matthew O'Keefe and Angela Christopher
Charlevoix Machine Products, 15164 Ferry Road, Charlevoix by James Bearss

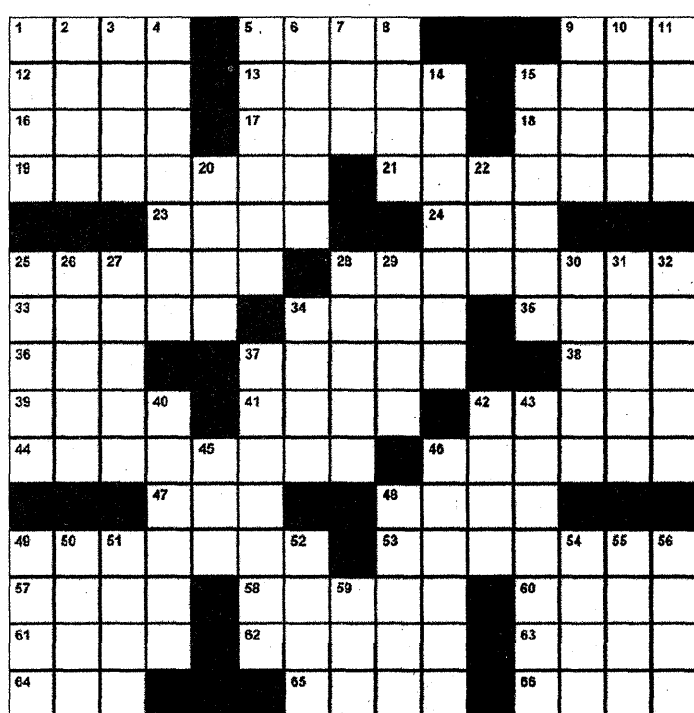
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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1- Pressure; 5- Cross inscription; 9- Dash lengths; 12- ___ boy!; 13- ___ lift?; 15- Split; 16- Pierce with a knife; 17- Assorted; 18- Give up; 19- Teacher; 21- Release from slavery; 23- Snack; 24- ___ favor; 25- Spurt; 28- In public, it's ladies or men; 33- Covered with mud; 34- Della's creator; 35- Dextrous, lively; 36- Brit. lexicon; 37- Lucid; 38- Acapulco aunt; 39- Ship stabilizer; 41- Employs; 42- Biblical abode of the dead; 44- Registered; 46- Crevice; 47- Deserter; 48- Cries of discovery; 49- Woodblock; 53- Scatter; 57- Asian sea; 58- Thorny flowers; 60- Switch ending; 61- Extremely; 62- Author Zola; 63- Finishes; 64- Aurora's counterpart; 65- Songwriter Jacques; 66- Capone's nemesis;

Down

1- Clasp for a door; 2- Kitchen addition; 3- Not much; 4- Bloodsucking fly; 5- Deeply personal; 6- Sound of a horse; 7- Latin king; 8- As previously given, in footnotes; 9- K-6; 10- Calf-length skirt; 11- Editor's mark; 14- Power plug transformer; 15- Move in haste; 20- Bloody; 22- Japanese drama; 25- Cigarette; 26- Female sovereign; 27- Mammary gland in cows; 28- Cultivate; 29- Exclamation to express sorrow; 30- Like Cheerios; 31- Betelgeuse's constellation; 32- Dry and crumbly; 34- Additional; 37- Artistic pursuits; 40- Arrogant; 42- Ladies of Sp.; 43- Person that is no longer popular; 45- Resinous deposit; 46- Wedgelike tool; 48- Designer Simpson; 49- Swell; 50- Hydrox rival; 51- Crew needs; 52- Grave; 54- "Rule Britannia" composer; 55- Agrees tacitly; 56- Crash wherever convenient; 59- Highly respectful way of addressing a man;



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National Crime Victims' Rights Week

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that same year, with an average loss per offense as just over \$1,300. Keeping pace with technology, internet fraud was over \$264 million in 2008 (about \$931 per victim) and the number of identity fraud cases rose for the first time in five years, resulting in 10 million victims.

Behind these frightening statistics are the faces and lives of crime victims and, as well as their families, that quickly unravel as they attempt to come to grips with the physical, emotional and financial repercussions of being subjected to a criminal act.

Prior to the passage of the Victims of Crime Act in 1984, crime victims were often cast aside in the eyes of the legal system, obtaining little or no assistance in their recovery, without a voice in the trial process, typically left

uniformed in regards to the status of the offender.

"Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness, Dignity, Respect" is this year's powerful theme for National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which begins on April 18th, and celebrates the 26th anniversary of the passage of the Victims of Crime Act. National Crime Victim's Rights Week not only raises awareness of this hallmark of American justice, it serves as a recommitment to the ideals and values inherent in the Act; providing victim assistance as they face the financial, physical and psychological effects of being a target of crime.

"There are many different kinds of victims," states Kristen Herriman, who is part of the Victims Advocate Program in Charlevoix County, "ranging from assault & battery, domestic violence, sexual crimes, breaking & entering, larceny....anyone

that is hurt by a crime emotionally or physically."

She adds, "My job is to explain the court procedures to them and support them during the various hearings. I meet with them before court to explain what is going to happen, be with them in court for emotional support and talk with them afterwards to explain the next steps. Whatever I can do to make sure their wants are heard."

The Victims of Crime Act also provides for assistance in post sentencing rights, such as letting the victim know when the offender has a parole hearing and when they are released from jail or prison.

"Victims now have a voice and a platform in the courtroom," states Peggy Mills, Cheboygan County Victim Rights Advocate. "That can play a key role in the resolution of a case. This also provides a way to help the victim feel whole again, some sense that their feelings are recognized and validated. Justice now serves the victim as well."

Peggy Mills points out that being a victim of crime is often a life-altering event.

"There is suddenly a 'new normal' in life," she observes, "and part of the process is adjusting to that new normal; such as re-establishing boundaries. It may sound easy...but it isn't."

The Victims of Crime Act includes the establishment of the Crime Victims Fund, which appropriately, is financed by fines and penalties paid by offenders. Over the years, the fund has grown from \$68 million to nearly \$2 billion and supports victim compensation programs nationwide. It also helps to fund victim assistance programs, such as rape crises and domestic violence programs.

"The concepts of 'fairness, dignity and respect' are highly intrinsic for crime victims and survivors," states Anne Seymour, National Crime Victim Advocate. "It means supporting them where they are in the aftermath of criminal victimization, and ensuring that they have voices and choices in their difficult recovery process, whether or not they choose to report the crime and engage in justice processes."

There will be an annual Crime Victim Foundation Candlelight Vigil held at the Capitol Rotunda in Lansing on Wednesday, April 21st at 6 pm. For additional information about National Crime Victims Week and the Victims' of Crime Act, visit www.ovc.gov/ncvrw.



Your Rights as a Victim of Crime

As a victim of a crime, you have the following basic rights as provided by Article I, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan:

The right to be treated with fairness and respect for your dignity and privacy throughout the process.

The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.

The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the juvenile justice process.

The right to notification of court proceedings.

The right to attend court proceedings.

The right to confer with the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney assigned to the case.

The right to make a statement to the court at sentencing.

The right to restitution.

The right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.

As a victim of crime, you also have the following rights under the Crime Victim's Rights Act of 1985. In order to fully exercise these rights, and to be informed of the status of your case, you must complete and return the Victim's Rights Request form that is forwarded to you by the prosecutor's office. You have the following rights prior to prosecution upon written request:

To be notified about victim's compensation benefits and the address of the Victims Compensation Board.

To be given the telephone number of the Regional Detention Center to call to determine if the defendant has been released from custody.

To be instructed on court procedures.

To be notified of the procedures to follow if you are threatened or intimidated by the defendant.

Post-Sentence Rights Provided Only Upon Written Request

To take advantage of the post-sentence rights, you must notify the Sheriff (if the defendant was jailed) or the Department of Corrections (if the defendant was sent to prison), that you want to be notified of defendant's release or placement change. It is your responsibility to keep them informed of your current address.

To receive within thirty (30) days of your request, a notice of the earliest possible release date for the defendant.

To be notified of a release or pending release of the defendant to a community residential program extended furlough or transfer to community status.

To be notified of a reduction of defendant's sentence as a result of the Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act.

To be promptly notified of defendant's release on parole.

To be notified of hearing on reprieve, commutation or pardon of sentence.

Your Obligations and Responsibilities to our Community as a Victim of Crime

As a victim of crime, your help is very important to our system of justice. When victims report a crime and testify, they help to make the community a safer place to live. As a citizen of our community and as a victim of a crime, please be advised of the following obligations:

Report the crime immediately.

Cooperate fully with law enforcement officials

Cooperate fully with prosecuting officials

Testify honestly and completely

Immediately notify the Crime Victim's Services Division in the event of a change in your address or phone number.

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Otsego County Republicans host "Meet the Candidates"

Otsego County Republicans are hosting "Meet the Candidates" for the 105th State House Seat on April 27, 2010 at 5:30 PM at Marsh Ridge Resort in the Bergin Building. The State House Seat is currently held by Kevin Elsenheimer who is leaving this post because of term limits. There are five candidates vying for the position in the primary election, August 3rd. The event will begin with an informal meet and greet at 5:30. There will be brief Otsego GOP meeting at 6:00 PM followed by candidate speeches. Following the speeches will be a second opportunity for questions and answers from the individual candidates. Robert Huta, Chair of the Otsego GOP, says, "this will be an opportunity to talk directly the candidates and address issues of concern to you personally. In August you'll be able to make a

confident decision in the voting booth." Optional dinner and fellowship will follow at 7:00 PM at Jac's Place. The candidate and websites are as follows: Greg MacMasters (www.gregmacmaster.com); Dennis Lennox (www.fixinglansing.com); Ken Glasser (www.voteforkenglasser.com); Triston Cole (www.tristoncole.com); and Tim Boyko (www.timboyko.com). You are encouraged to view their websites and prepare questions for the candidates. The public is welcome to attend. If you plan to stay for dinner please RSVP with Marsh Ridge at 732-5552. Visit Otsego County GOP at www.otsegogop.org or on Facebook: Otsego County Michigan Republican Party.

Showcasing the Best Chefs in the State of Michigan

If you are looking for a fun-filled, exciting event don't miss the 3rd Annual Chef's Challenge for Challenge Mountain, April 23-25, 2010 at Boyne Mountain.

Chef Teams from Northern and Southern Michigan present the state's great Agricultural diversity at its succulent finest, complimented by fine Michigan wines and micro-brews, a true premier Michigan event.

Boyne Mountain Resort offers the finest amenities in the mid-west—golf, skiing, Solace Spa, Avalanche Bay—Michigan's best indoor water park, a new zip line and much, much more. Plan to celebrate spring at Chefs Challenge and bring the entire family.

Judging will take place in two separate events:

- Tasting; chefs, microbrewers, vintners and spirits distillers are judged by a team of celebrity judges and the public;

- Iron-Chef cook-off; between the winning teams from the South and North.

This year's celebrity judges consists of Chef Michelle Bommarito of Food Network fame, who also serves as the event emcee; Chef Hermann Suhs, owner of Hermann's European

Café of Cadillac; Chef Angus Campbell, international chef and professor at Grand Rapids Community College; Chef Rob Hancy, U.S. Olympic pastry chef; Barb Tholin, editor and co-publisher of Edible Grande Traverse; and Ruth Mossok Johnston, author and food journalist.

The celebrity judges, among other special guests, will lead a series of seminars in the Civic Center available to the public on Saturday, from 9 am until 5:30 pm. On Sunday, April 25, local high school culinary students take center stage as the chefs-in-training compete in their own tasting competition from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The event takes place at Boyne Mountain's Stein Eriksen's restaurant and offers a bar-beque theme. Tasting tickets can be purchased at the event and are six for \$10.

All Chefs Challenge proceeds go to help Challenge Mountain, the nation's only adaptive recreational facility dedicated exclusively to people with special needs. 100% of all donated dollars go directly to our programs.

For additional event information, please visit www.chefs-challenge.com.

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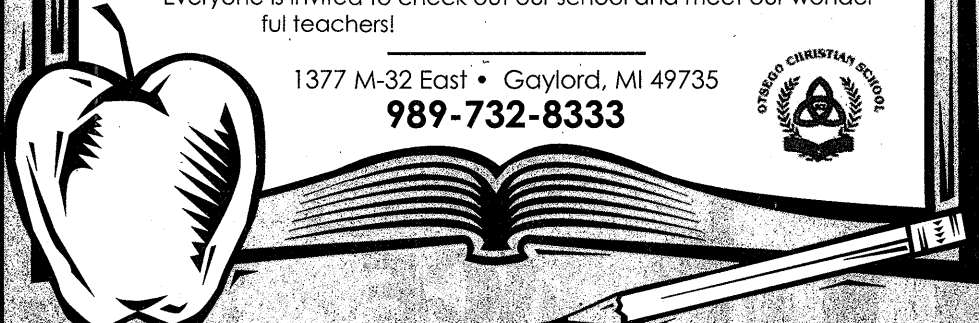
STUDENT AUTHOR'S NIGHT AND OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 29th ~ 6:30 to 8 pm.

Otsego Christian School will be having a special "Author's Night and Open House" here at the school on Thursday, April 29th from 6:30 to 8 pm.

The student's have been busy writing all kinds of stories and poems, and we will be showcasing those in the Matz Center that night. All of our families are invited to come check out the children's handiwork, and to enjoy a time of refreshments, fellowship and fun. Everyone is invited to check out our school and meet our wonderful teachers!

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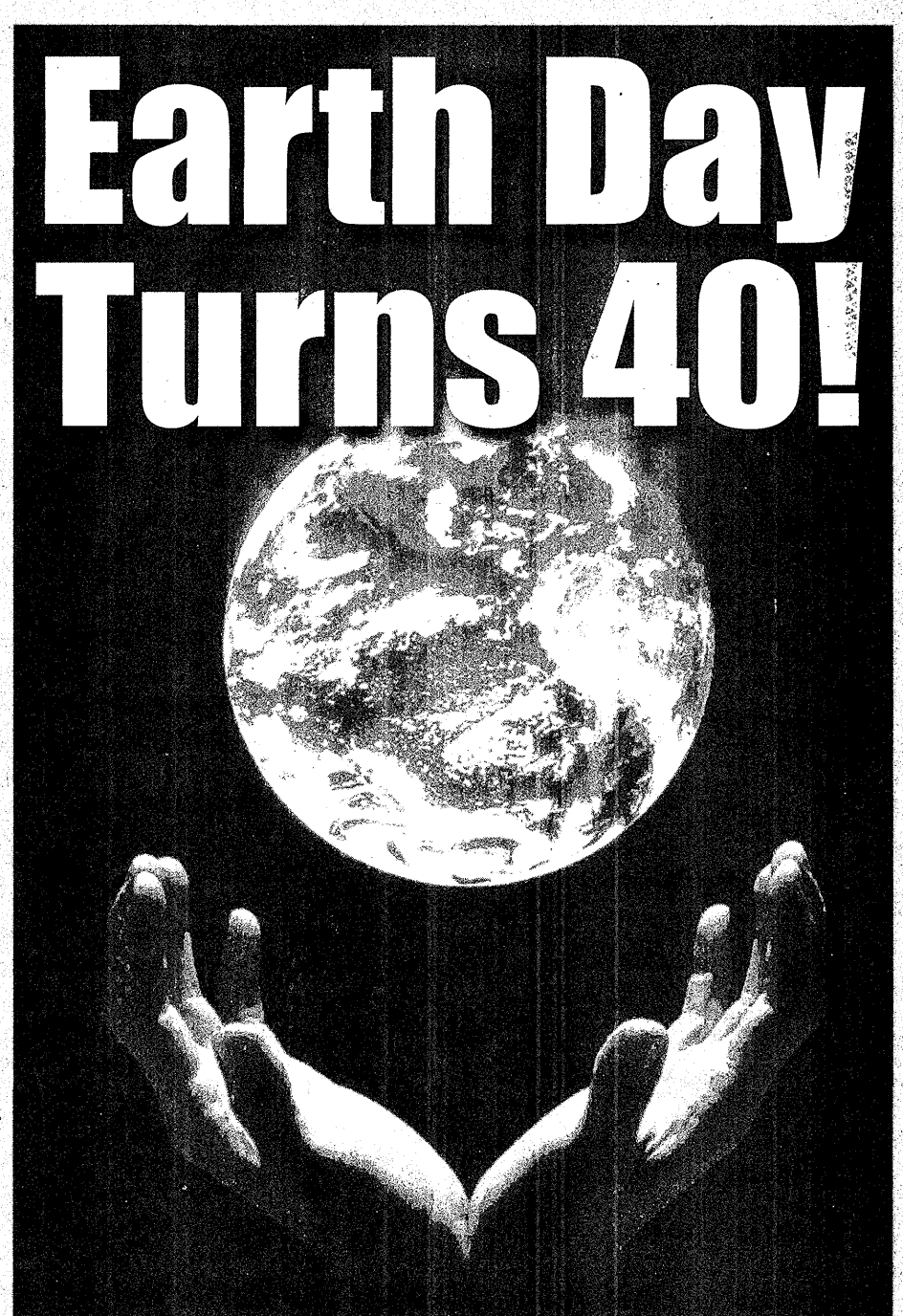
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And the Planet Doesn't Look a Day Over 4.5 Billion

By Jim Akans

1970 was a particularly troubled year...Apollo 13 had a near disaster in space, Kent State University was the site of a student war protest that escalated with devastating consequences, the Beatles broke up, a few rock icons died at a very young age, and there was a little publicized meltdown at a nuclear plant in South Carolina.

Yet 1970, on April 22nd of the year to be precise, also marked the very first Earth Day. Earth Day was originally proposed by a Wisconsin Senator named Gaylord Nelson, who was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his efforts, as a nationwide environmental protest to "shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda." Sounds a bit like a tea party gathering.

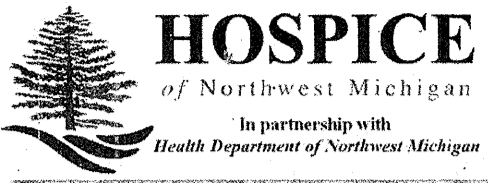
It is estimated that nearly 20 million Americans joined in the Earth Day "protest," lamenting the deterioration of the environment, from oil spills, polluting factories, the dumping of raw sewage, and use of pesticides and other toxins. Echoing many sentiments we continue to hear to this day, the call was to promote change in creating a healthier, more sustainable living environment.

The impact of that first Earth Day 40 years ago led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

In honor of the 40th anniversary, Earth Day has become Earth Week in many part of the country. One of the biggest events is a Climate Rally the Earth Day Network is holding on the National Mall in Washington, DC, featuring appearances by Sting, John Legend, James Cameron, the Reverend Jesse Jackson and many other artists and leaders concerned out the care and feeding of our planet. Earth Day event will also be held in New York City, Morocco, India, Argentina, Japan, and in countless other communities, large and small, located across the globe.

A few things to consider about how we humans utilize our planet;

- We each use about 12,000 gallons of water a year, one-third of that to flush our toilets
 - The more than 500 million (and growing) vehicles on earth each burns about 2 gallons of fuel daily. Each gallon of burned fuel releases 20 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air
 - Since the start of the Industrial Revolution, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is up thirty-five percent.
 - It took 125 years for the world population to consume the first trillion barrels of oil; the next trillion will only take 30 years. We will consume forty-seven percent more oil in 2030 than we did in 2003.
 - Oil production is in decline in 33 of the 48 largest oil producing countries.
 - 14 billion pounds of trash, and 5 million tons of oil, end up in the ocean each year.
 - It takes ninety-percent less energy to recycle cans than to make new ones, and recycling one can saves enough energy to watch TV for three hours (allowing us to create more empty cans)
 - Recycled paper requires sixty-four percent less energy to make than paper from virgin wood, and every ton of paper recycled prevents the destruction of 17 trees (at least for paper)
 - Only eleven percent of the earth's surface is currently used to grow food, yet every day approximately 18,000 children die from chronic hunger, malnutrition and related illness
- Even for those who are not attending a national rally or Earth Day event in your community, Earth day is a reminder that there are many ways each of us can contribute to improving the sustainability of our home planet and assist those who are less fortunate. Simple things like replacing an aging toilet with a new, low-flush model, installing water restrictors on our faucets, or turning off those faucets while brushing our teeth. Compact fluorescent bulbs can save over eighty percent on electrical consumption, and they last longer than incandescent. Turn off the TV, computer, and lights when you're not using them. Recycle trash, paper, cans, furniture, clothing...it's easy and it saves.
- And while Earth Day may be 40 this year, the earth itself is estimated to be 4.55 billion years old (plus or minus around 45,000 years). Let's all do our part to help the old girl continue to age long and gracefully.



Hospice of Northwest Michigan's new logo demonstrates partnership with Health Department

The Board of Directors for Hospice of Northwest Michigan has approved a new logo for the agency, which provides comprehensive hospice services in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

"Our close relationship with the Health Department makes us unique among hospices in Northern Michigan," said Cheri Hoffman, Executive Director. "Sometimes people think we're separate from the Health Department's hospice program. The new logo clearly demonstrates our partnership."

A home care team led by a registered nurse is customized for clients, whether they are enrolled in the Health Department's home health care program or the Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Clients who have received home health care services can keep the same team members if they need hospice services.

"Cross training nurses and therapists for both home care and hospice sets us apart from other providers," Hoffman said. "Caring for people in their homes is intimate. Our clients tell us they appreciate the seamless transition from home care to hospice we can provide."

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. Hospice of Northwest Michigan provides end-of-life care throughout the Health Department's Health Districts, Medicaid, Blue Cross, and other insurance is accepted. For additional information about Hospice of Northwest Michigan, or to schedule a free consultation visit, call 800-551-4140.

Back Pain and Pregnancy

By Derek Semp

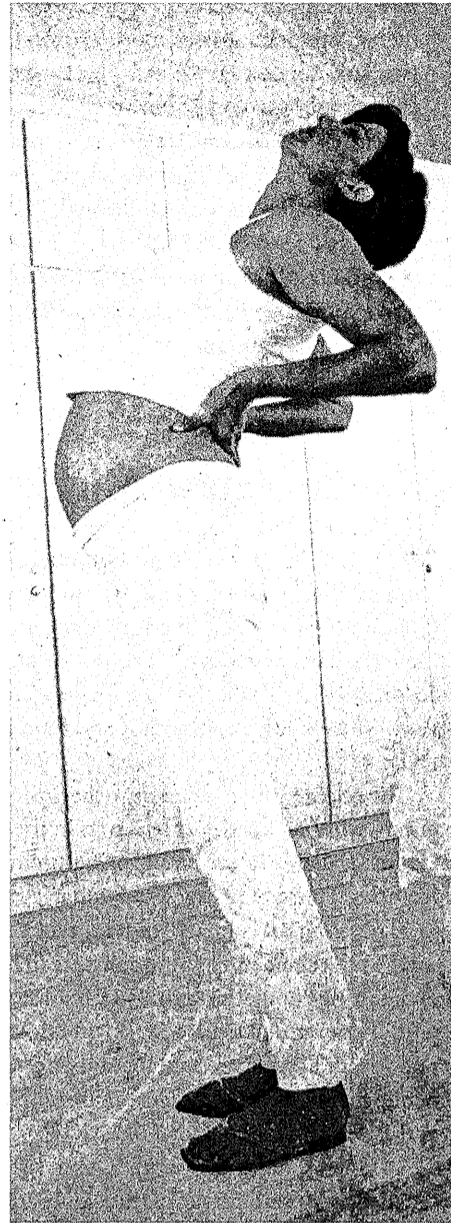
For many women, back pain and pregnancy go hand in hand and not surprisingly, there are a number of physical reasons why it occurs.

- 1. Hormones.** During pregnancy, hormones can soften ligaments causing more movement in the joints than usual and in some cases the ligaments are stretched or strained.
- 2. Uterus.** The growing fetus in the uterus can cause changes in posture which result in lower back pain. As the entire area enlarges, pressure is put on the spine and vertebra.
- 3. Position of fetus.** Especially in the later stages of development, the position of the fetus can compress nerves in the spinal column, causing back pain.

Once you have determined which of the physical reasons is causing your back pain, there are some steps you can take to lessen the pain and in some cases eliminate the problem. The most important thing to remember is that the body changes during pregnancy and that some simple strategies can go a long way to keeping those changes in check.

The biggest factor for back pain and pregnancy is posture. Slouching should be avoided at all times, and when sitting, a pillow or rolled up towel can be used to cushion the lower back. This goes for lounge chairs as well as rigid chairs. Other strategies to keep a correct posture include keeping the shoulders back, chin upwards, head centered over shoulders and using abdominal muscles to maintain a flat, not arched back. Knees lightly bent and the avoidance of uncomfortable footwear such as high heels are also helpful.

A simple strategy to avoid back pain after suddenly sitting after a period lying down is



to roll onto one side, then use the arms to push into an upright position.

As mentioned above, abdominal muscles are important to prevent arching of the back, and the best way to strengthen them is through exercise. Your experienced Doctor

or midwife will be able to provide exercises specially designed for pregnant women. Walking for 20-30 minutes each day can also be very helpful.

The need increasing as the pregnancy progresses, rest is also an important factor. When sleeping, lying on the side is advised with a pillow between the knees. An extra pillow under the growing tummy will also take a lot of pressure of the spinal column.

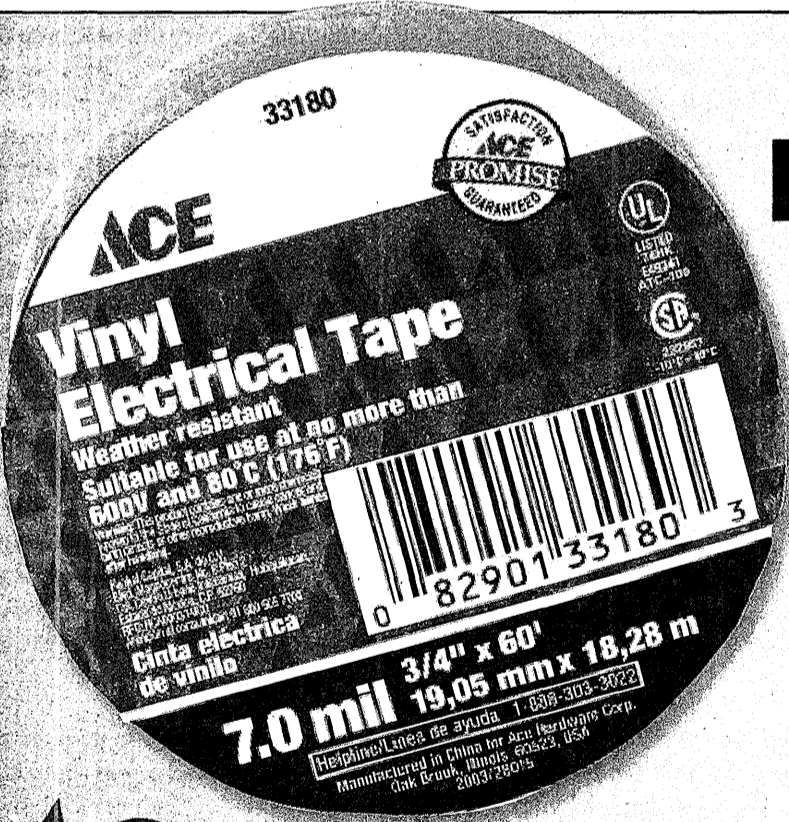
Most of the discomfort women feel in the later stages of pregnancy can be attributed to back pain, so paying close attention to avoiding it is paramount. Proper lifting technique should be observed no matter how heavy the object, that is the legs should be bent at the knee and the back kept straight at all times. At no stage should you bend over with straight legs. If there is another child, picking up your child should also be treated carefully.

Finally, domestic work should be kept to a minimum, especially vacuuming. An extension may be required to prevent the back from being bent and a good tip for hanging clothes is to place the basket on a table or chair, so the need to constant bend down is removed. When carrying bags of shopping, the load should be evenly balanced, i.e. one light bag in each hand. For any more than that, assistance should be sought.

As you can see there are a number of factors that contribute to back pain and pregnancy. By paying close attention to your physiology and keeping a straight back at all times, much of the pain can be alleviated or avoided in the first place.

Derek Semp is the author of the recently released ebook, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Back Pain and Physical Therapy But Never Dared to Ask." He runs <http://backpainz.com>

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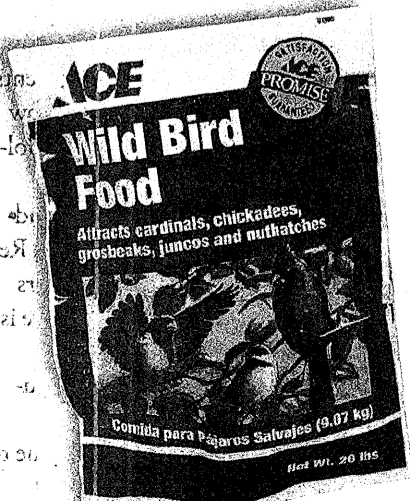
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New Director

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management, he has personal family experience with the needs of seniors, he said.

"We (COA) want to provide for seniors a quality of life that takes down barriers and makes it possible for them to stay in their own community and in their own home," Messer said.

He addressed the surplus of more than \$2.4 million the COA has accumulated by saying the COA is looking for ways to best make use of those funds. The staff has outgrown the house on 207 Antrim Street out of which it operates, so it is looking for larger office space.

Messer said as director of the COA, his door is always open and he welcomes public input.

The Commission on Aging is conducting a series of public forums. The next meeting is in East Jordan at the Civic Center at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 19. Meetings have taken place on Beaver Island. An information box accompanies this article with the dates of upcoming forums. For more information call the COA at 231-237-0103.

Main Street

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and visitors and to keep the history of the downtown district.

Mark Penzien addressed the city commissioners with a request that they pass a resolution to support the city remaining an associate of the Main Street Program for another year, during which time Penzien will attend Main Street conferences. That resolution was approved unanimously.

A discussion was held concerning a full-time fire chief and centered on how to fund the position, as were past discussions. Mayor Russ Peck asked acting Fire Chief Glen Thorman if he had any research on billing for fire runs and calls.

Thorman stated he wasn't sure, but that everyone uses different formulas to calculate charges to the townships. Acting city administrator Denny Jason agreed. As far as East Jordan is concerned, Jason informed the commissioners that the city shares the revenues with the townships and that goes towards reducing the townships' contributions to fire runs and call costs.

Jason gave a report on the community park. The fields at the community park require a tremendous amount of water to maintain the grass in any kind of repair. The city invested a large amount of money in the park.

"We are spending more than \$13,000 per year and not keeping up with the demand to do a good job," Jason said.

He proposed a solution that not only solves this problem at the complex, but also provides a source of water for the Industrial Park where there is not any potable water supply. If the city installed a test well at the Industrial Park, then when there is a sale of a lot the city can then extend the line to the pump house in the Industrial Park.

The Parks Department will then install a 4-inch submergible pump and connect it to the city's irrigation system. The cost to install a test well is approximately \$15,000. The parks department can use the budgeted fund for this coming year to make the connection and will be able to then provide all the water needed at a reasonable cost, Jason said.

In other city news, Jordan Construction is installing a new roof at the Civic Center. They expect to complete the project in about a week. Law enforcement is issuing notices for Junk Ordinance violations. Four notices have been issued as of April 6. Commissioner Deneille Moes resigned and Mayor Peck and several commissioners thanked her for her service.

OPINION

Stupak and the Tea Party

U.S. Representative of Michigan's First Congressional district, Bart Stupak announced he will not seek re-election for what would be his tenth term in Congress. I'm disappointed.

I could probably count the number of Democrats I have voted for during the past 35 years on one hand, but Stupak is in that select group. I have not always agreed with how Rep. Stupak has voted but he has represented Northern Michigan well in the U.S. Congress.

On most of the issues that are important to Northern Michigan he has voted the way that the people that live here would have voted. That is what we expect a representative of the people to do. He has protected the Great Lakes, tried to save American jobs and is Pro-Life. He has always had the reputation of being a hard working, roll your sleeves up and get your hands dirty guy. I like that about him. I think that further represents the people of Northern Michigan.

During the recent health care debate he went away from his political party to stand firm that the new health care reform would not fund abortions. Throughout the debate he said he supported health care reform but not at the expense of the unborn. That was an unpopular stand with his democratic peers. He stood tall to the pressure from other members of Congress and even the President of the United States. It took a

strong person to withstand that pressure. When President Obama realized that Rep. Stupak was not going to back down he agreed to sign an Executive Order. The president's Executive Order maintains the Hyde language that states that no taxpayer dollars will be used to pay for abortion under the new health care reform legislation. Once President Obama agreed to sign the Executive Order, Mr. Stupak did what he said he would do all along. He supported the health care reform package as long as it did not fund abortions.

Some have criticized the general provisions section of Executive Order saying the language would prevent the Executive Order from having force of law in the courts. Yet the language critics point to is standard language with any Executive Order, including President Bush's ban on embryonic stem cell research. Again, these same pro-life groups did not express concern over the language under President Bush; yet claim it is unacceptable under President Obama.

"This Executive Order protects the sanctity of life," Stupak said. In addition to the Executive Order, Stupak engaged in a colloquy on the House floor with Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman to further enter into the record Congress' intent that the Hyde provisions of no public funding for abortion will apply to the

health care reform legislation. Together, the Executive Order and the colloquy, provide strong assurances that there will be no taxpayer dollars going toward abortion in the health care reform legislation.

I am not sure what Right to Life expected, but apparently it was not that. They pulled their endorsement of Stupak and the Tea Party went to war with one goal in mind, to remove Bart Stupak from office. The real problem after he leaves office in January is that Representative Stupak will no longer be in Washington to hold the President accountable for his executive order. I hope this does not result in Tea Party shooting itself in the foot.

I like the idea of the Tea Party. It is (or was) a grass roots organization that seemed to be made up of regular Joe's (like plumbers) and people who were concerned that government was overstepping its constitutional bounds, spending way too much and becoming too intrusive.

A year ago one of the concerns was that it appeared the Tea Party had no structure and no leadership. Still, it was a grass roots organization that was speaking from the heart. What a great idea!

Looking back, the lack of structure may have been a problem. After watching recent Tea Party-funded TV attack ads, it struck me that it sounded just like any other political organization running the same kinds of ads that

have sickened most of us during campaign seasons. The negativity of the ads has made the political landscape an awful place to be a part of.

The Tea Party is made up of people that share many of the same conservative views I share. As an optimist, I had hoped this grass roots organization would make a difference in a positive way by rolling their sleeves up and making their community a better place to live, one community at a time. I had hoped the Tea Party was going to set an example for how people can have a positive influence on local, state and national government. I had hoped the Tea Party was going to be a refreshing change from the negative attacks that fill the airwaves. I had hoped the Tea Party was something different than what we have all become sick and tired of. I'm disappointed.

Dave Baragrey 1, Publisher of the Charlevoix County News

Note: We recognize that the passage of the health care bill and Stupak's role in it are volatile issues. We welcome readers to express their opinions and views on this matter or any other, or why you agree or disagree with my take on the Tea Party's negative attack ads. Letters to the Editor can be sent to Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Producing more food with fewer resources is the ethical choice

Gardeners are preparing to sink seed into soil in these first days of spring, starting the process to produce their own personal harvest. Being involved in food production is a noble pursuit. Food is one of the few necessities of life and having a garden is a wonderful opportunity to capture nature's goodness to share with family and friends. But those who suggest the entire food system should be slowed down or rolled back to a simpler time are risking dangerous unintended consequences.

Producing some of your own food, making smart choices about nutrition and supporting responsible, efficient contemporary food production systems that produce more food using fewer resources should not be mutually exclusive. In fact, an informed public discussion about responsible choices for people, animals and the planet is exactly what we need.

According to the World Wildlife Fund, we are currently consuming at the rate of 1.25

planets. If China develops as expected that becomes two planets. If all other developing countries continue the current projected path of growth and consumption, that becomes 11 planets. All of this at a time when we are adding 6.3 million people to the planet, or an additional Los Angeles and Chicago, every month according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Based on current projections we need to double food production in the next 50 years. That won't happen by slowing down improvements in productivity. According to the United Nations, 80% of future production growth must come from increased yields, roughly 10% from higher cropping density and 10% from expanded land use. In other words, to meet the growing global demand for food we have to produce more, using less through innovation and the responsible use of technology. The good news is that America's farmers have been doing that for decades.

Consider the bacon, eggs, toast and milk you may have enjoyed for breakfast. Today, we produce 29% more eggs with 36% fewer hens, 145% more pork per sow with 47% fewer sows, 120% more wheat on 23% fewer acres and 63%

more milk with 68% fewer cows than in 1950. Through responsible innovation, we are producing more food using fewer resources.

The public has a right to expect food producers to act responsibly, and because we have the most affordable food supply in the world, U.S. consumers have an amazing array of options from which to choose -- the supermarket, a farmers market or your own backyard to name just a few. But choices carry consequences. Decisions that limit the ability to increase productivity will impact future generations in the U.S. and around the world. Decisions that roll-back productivity improvements have immediate consequences on food affordability and availability.

If you want to do the right thing for people, animals and the planet, learn more about food production and nutrition; better understand the consequences of market and political decisions that limit productivity, and be supportive of responsible efficient production systems that allow us to feed more, using less. That's the ethical choice.

Mark Crouser, Center for Food Integrity

What does a Trillion dollars look like?

I tell people it's \$100 bills stacked 2 pallets high & covers an entire football field. A \$100 bill is not one hundred dollars in U.S. Lawful money. It is a document to get \$100 dollars. It is a bill of lading (a purchase order).

"No state shall . . . coin money, . . . or make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts . . ." (Article I, section 10). To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures; - U.S. Constitution.

A real dollar is a unit of measurement divided into an oz. of gold. From 1792 - 1935 it was \$22.50 an oz. The U.S. Gov. recalled the

gold in 1933 and raised it in 1935 to \$35 an oz. Robbing wealth from the people in the worse year of the Depression. Rose again in the 60's to \$42 oz. Last raised in 1986 to \$50 oz. when the mint started making \$50 1 oz. Gold Eagle coins. The gold USA owns in Ft. Knox & West Pt & New York Fed. is valued at \$50 oz. This is the reason you can't use a U.S. Postal money order outside the U.S.

Every bill from 1862-1950's tells the truth and says "will pay to the bearer on demand" (Silver & Gold Certificates & National Bank & United States Notes & Federal Reserve Notes) and FR NOTES say "is redeemable in Lawful money at the U.S. Treasury or Federal Reserve Bank."

If you had a \$1 Million lottery ticket but never cashed it in, would you have to pay taxes on it ?

To get a 1 oz. \$50 Eagle coin today takes over \$1,100 in Federal Reserve Notes. The value of this note has a ratio of less than 5 cents on the dollar to Lawful Money. Nice to know we are paying 25-35% taxes on the Whole dollar worth 5 cents. We are all Patriots!

How did this happen? Government spending and borrowing money from the Federal Reserve, paying interest to the Fed. all this years has ate 95% of its value. The Federal Reserve is not part of the U.S. Government. U.S. Rep. Ron Paul wants the Federal Reserve to be audited. (S. 604 of 2009) Why? Because they have never paid a cent in taxes ever! Is It time to ask the IRS to go after the Federal Reserve! Will Washington, D.C. ever get this? God Bless the USA!

David L. Clink, Petoskey

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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.

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 Varsity 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 door.

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 Nomination

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. 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 6pm.

EAST JORDAN

Stand Strength Team

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

CHARLEVOIX

K of C Cash Raffle Party

Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172 34th Annual Cash Raffle Party. It's that time again! Big changes this year! You asked, we listened! April 17, 6-11:30pm. Bars close 11pm. Castle Farms Knights east garden room. All religions and denominations welcome! You do not have to be Catholic to attend, open to all and all welcome! Ticket Price still \$150 for two admissions. About 30

minutes for announcements and ticket pulls! More party time! Music: Rave Reviews from last year-Steve Larsen is back with Disc-O-Nection DJ selections! Dining: Four loaded food stations featuring over 24 food choices from Italian, American, Asian and Mexican selections. Appetizers and handmade desserts available. Serving from 6:30-10pm. Refreshments: Cocktails, beer, wine and soft drinks all included in ticket price. Serving from 6pm -11pm. Cash prizes: Grand Prize, \$10,000; \$6,500 in additional prizes! Four 50/50 drawings! All proceeds stay in our community and fund charitable good works and youth programs.

CHARLEVOIX

Senior Center Luncheon

Please join us April 18, 11:30am-2:00pm at the Charlevoix Senior Center for our monthly luncheon. The menu will consist of: Roast Beef, potatoes, vegetables, salad bar and home made desserts. A 50/50 drawing will also be held during the luncheon. Cost: \$8.00 per person and \$4.00 kids (10 and under) Take out also available, 231-547-5361 Location: 06906 Norwood St. (at the very end of Carpenter St. by the Chx softball fields)

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

EAST JORDAN

Business After Hours

Join EJ businesses April 21 at Business After Hours at the Jordan Inn, 5pm - 7pm. Sponsored by Northwestern Bank.

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 contact Jim Rummer at 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 alanahaley@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 - VitalCare: 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,+MI+49729>

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 today.

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 a whole. The conference is free of charge and is open to the public.

WALLOON LAKE

Swing Dance Series

April 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.

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 Flavor, Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River, and the Boyne Area Chamber office. Credit card orders are accepted at the Chamber. The Performing Arts Center is located at Boyne City High School at 1035 Boyne Avenue. Coming on June 12 is The Young Americans annual performance.

EAST JORDAN

So Long Insecurity

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 ages.

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. 4pm - 6pm

BOYNE CITY

Wine tasting

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

EAST JORDAN

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

CHARLEVOIX

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.

ELLSWORTH

Banks Township Historical Society

The Historical Society will meet April 27 at 7pm. This is the first meeting of this year and we invite anyone interested in History, Genealogy, and Photo's to come and join us. Looking for new members.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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Kindergarten Round-up

April 20

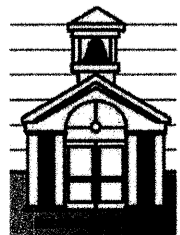
9 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Please take this opportunity to have your child individually tested and meet with the teacher.

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April 29

7 - 8:00 pm

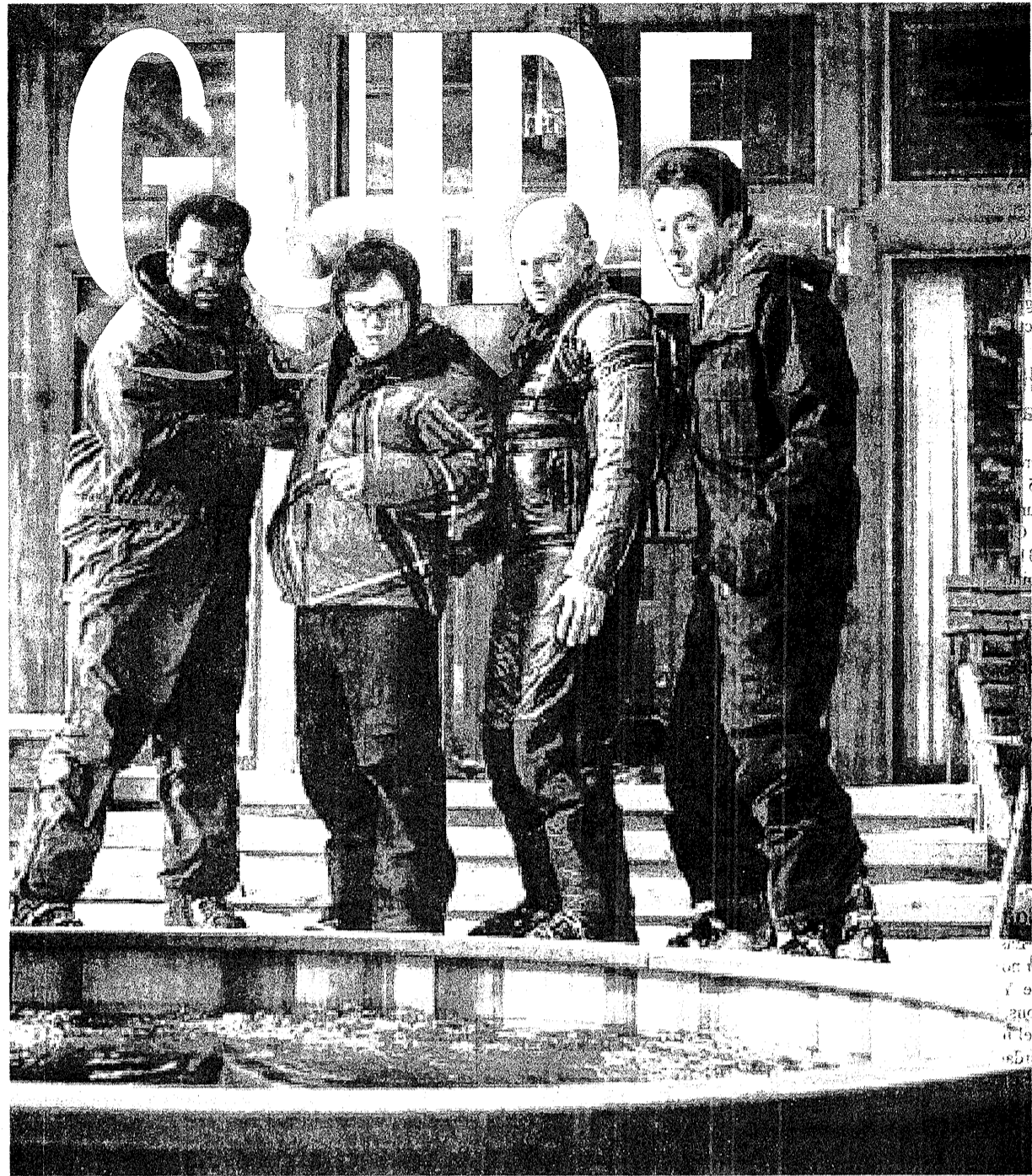
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Northern Michigan
MOVIE

Plunge into the
Hot Tub Time Machine
And Party Like
it's 1986



STARRING:

John Cusack,
Rob Corddry,
Craig Robinson,
Chevy Chase

RUNNING TIME: 100 min.

RATED: R

MOVIE REVIEW

By Jim Akans

For Adam, played by John Cusack, life didn't turn out quite like he expected.

His latest in a string of girlfriends has just left, his video game obsessed nephew lives in his basement, and he's barely making ends meet in a dead-end job as an insurance salesman. And it isn't any better for his two life-long friends; Nick (Craig Robinson), who is desperately in love with a wife who is cheating on him, and Lou (Rob Corddry) who was never able to shake his "party guy"

past and has apparently just tried to commit suicide.

Now that doesn't sound like a prime set-up for a side-splittingly funny comedy, but after the trio, with Adam's nephew in tow, gather at one of their favorite resort haunts from decades past and jump into a hot tub together, the plot literally spins into a black hole of fun, frolic an occasionally fiendishly raunchy revelry.

Hot Tub Time Machine doesn't even try to compete with intellectually-based time travel classics, such as the H.G. Wells inspired 'The Time Machine, several of the Star Trek Films, or even Doc Brown's complex "flux capacitor" fueled journey to the past in Back to the Future.

This adventure is simply the result of a Russian energy drink that accidentally spills on the hot tub controls and sends the boys careening back to 1986. For the scientific crowd, there is some concern about the implications of the "butterfly effect", and Chevy Chase occasionally shows up as the "hot tub repairman," giving the foursome subtle clues as to how to get back to 2010.

Those who remember the mid-1980's will likely get a kick out of

some of the "blasts from the past" invading the screen. There is a plethora of wildly colorful fashions, rather mundane yet readily identifiable music, and glimpses of some of the budding technology that has evolved into our present day electronic addictions.

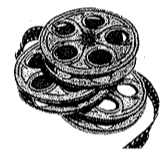
Hot Tub Time Machine is rated R, and there are a long list of reasons why. Rambling in and out of the film's one hour and forty minute run time are various scenes containing sexual content, foul language, crude

humor, drug use and just about everything else your mother wouldn't want you to see. However, if you can tolerate such behavior in others, this quartet's journey into the not so distant past is quite funny indeed.

So if you want to party like its 1986 all over again, and don't go to the theater with anyone who raised you or whom you are raising, Hot Tub Time Machine is a sure way to soothe your aching funny bone.



WHICH DID YOU PREFER?



Movie;
85%



Popcorn;
15%

EXIT COMMENTS:

"It was great...funny from the beginning to the end,"
Tammy,- Gaylord

"Very funny...would like that kind of hot tub,"
Chris - Warren

"Very good and funny movie,"
John - Johannesburg

"It had its moments,"
Kathy -

AREA MOVIE LISTINGS April 16-22

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

Kick Ass - R
Starring: Aaron Johnson, Nicholas Cage
FRI-THURS 7:00, 9:15
MON, TUE, WED 7:00
SAT, SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

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

Kingston Theatre,
The Bounty Hunter- PG13
Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler
FRI, THUR 7:00, 9:15
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MON-TUES-WED 7:00

Petoskey Cinema,
Date Night- PG
Starring: Steve Carrell, Tina Fey
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Alice in Wonderland- PG
Starring: Johnny Depp
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Diary of a Wimpy Kid- PG
Starring: Zachary Gordon, Steve Zahn
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The Last Song - PG
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Nightly at 7:00

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DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(say no to credit counseling services!)

Dear Dave,

I have a friend with \$30,000 in credit card debt, an \$80,000 second mortgage, and a car loan. She makes about \$70,000 a year, and is considering using a credit counseling service to help. They say they can negotiate her credit card debt down to almost half of what it is now, but there's an 18 percent fee attached for their services. What are your feelings about this?

Frank

Dear Frank,

This is a bad idea for several reasons. For one thing, it will virtually destroy her credit with regard to buying a home. Almost every lending institution will look at using a credit counseling service as if she had filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy.

Here's something else to think about. Some of these "counseling" companies withhold credit card payments until the account is three to six months past due. Then, they contact the lender and negotiate to settle the bad debt. See where I'm going? That's how they get negotiated discounts on credit card debt. Card companies don't settle on your debts when your payments are on time.

These services are always a bad idea, and sometimes they're a complete scam. Some of them will go as far as to request power of attorney. Believe it or not, many people who are in debt are either naïve or desperate enough to sign this control over to them!

Your friend needs to handle this herself, and the best way to do that is by making her money behave, and creating and living on a monthly budget. Tell her to sell some stuff, or pick up an extra job on weekends. It would probably be a good idea to sell that car she's financing, and find a cheap, little beater to drive around, too. Regardless, she's got some tough decisions and hard work ahead if she wants to free up her cash flow, and clean up this mess the right way!

— Dave

(low-limit card the answer?)

Dear Dave,

A while back I field Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Then, not long ago I saw an article saying the best way to re-establish credit after a bankruptcy is to find a low-limit credit card, make small purchases, then pay it off early each month. I'd like to buy a home in a few years, so what do you think of this advice?

Kim

Dear Kim,

That's just about the worst advice I've ever heard. People file bankruptcy because they got themselves so far into debt they couldn't get out. If debt has already pushed you into bankruptcy, then don't you think debt is something you should avoid? Whoever wrote that article is a real bozo!

First of all, don't worry about re-establishing your credit. If you go three or four years after bankruptcy without borrowing a dime, then you'll add no new entries to your credit bureau report. This will help show a potential mortgage lender that you learned from your mistakes the first time around. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Getting another credit card after all you've been through would be really dumb.

You can't borrow your way out of debt or into wealth, Kim. If you want to see different results you'll have to change your behavior!

— Dave

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ect 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 its families and students in the community April 30 from 5pm - 8pm. Tickets available at the Concord office or the night of the event!

EAST JORDAN Community Band Concert

East Jordan Community Band Concert at East Jordan Community Auditorium May 2 at 3pm.

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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Text Your Ad - \$25 a month

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

CHARLEVOIX 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. Each year that passes without you taking charge of your health is an opportunity missed - an opportunity to feel good, enjoy greater energy, and feel less stressed. 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 6-month program can help you turn your life around with the help of experts in the fields of nutrition, physical therapy, and nursing. Charlevoix Area Hospital's Fit-4-Life Program will empower you with the tools you'll need to embrace wellness including an individually tailored exercise program and eating real food. To learn more

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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.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Create a Water Resource Improvement Authority (WRIA)

PA 94 of 2008 allows any city, village or township to create a WRIA around an inland lake. The WRIA may use its funds, including tax increment financing, to enhance water quality, water dependent natural resources, and access to an inland lake. The tool can be used to eliminate aquatic nuisance species (no chemical treatment allowed), replace failing on-site disposal systems with sewer systems, provide storm water systems to service existing infrastructure, and provide a project that aids in access to an inland lake. A WRIA may not be created or expanded after December 31, 2011. Get the MEDC's Fact Sheet. Contact Sheri at 231-582-6482 or sheri@northlakes.net with questions.

EAST JORDAN State of the Community

May 6, 8am - 10am at the East Jordan Community Auditorium. Light Breakfast. Sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank

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.

EAST JORDAN Garden Club Farmers Market

Every Thursday May - October 9am - 1pm at Sportsman's Park. Vendors contact Laurie Wakeham 231-536-2636

BOYNE CITY Spring leaf pickup

The city will pick up leaves now - 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 HAS A BAG OF 5

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 Robinson St.

EAST JORDAN Rotary Variety Show

Mark your calendars! The East Jordan Rotary Club is busy putting together the plans for the 4th Annual Variety Show which will be held at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School at 7pm on June 11 and 12. Tickets go on sale end of April. Proceeds from the show this year will be used to support Rotary Scholarships.

CHARLEVOIX Wellabration

A day of health and wellness for all ages on May 8 at Charlevoix Public Library. Fitness activities, exhibits, and freebies. Keynote Address: Holistic health approaches that Work at 3pm with Joseph B. Cordes, Physical Therapist and owner of Sound Body, Sound Brain in Grand Rapids.

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

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, morel-laden entrees, local songsters sing of the morel, secret hunting places (maybe) and recipes (definitely) are shared, and everybody goes on the mushroom hunt.

BOYNE CITY Drag Race

The Boyne Valley Lions Club and Boyne City Police Dept are sponsoring the annual Drag Race fundraising event Memorial Day Weekend, May 30 from Noon - 6pm at the Boyne City airport. For information contact Chief Randy Howard, 231-582-0352 or 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.hospicewm.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 231-588-6391.

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 members. Many businesses, 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, log on to www.relayforlife.org/antrim-countymi. If you are not able to join a team, you can also log on to make a donation or buy a luminaria. For more information call (231) 947-0380.

ELLSWORTH Farmers Market

Every Saturday May - September at Vollmer Auto Sales, Corner of Main St. & Center St. 8am - Noon



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

Anxiety about children's future can spoil the present

QUESTION: My children are still young, and they are doing fine now, but I worry a lot about the adolescent years that lie ahead. I've seen other parents go through some pretty terrible things when their teenagers began to rebel. How can I help my sons avoid that turmoil ten years from now?

DR. DOBSON: The apprehension that you describe is well-founded, and many parents feel something similar today. The most important suggestion I can make is for you to redouble your efforts to build good relationships with your kids while they are young. That is the key to surviving the adolescent years. If they emerge from childhood with doubts about whether you really love and care for them, anything is possible during the turbulent teens. Boundaries, restrictions and threats will be no match for adolescent anger, frustration and resentment. As author Josh McDowell said, "Rules without relationship lead to rebellion." He is right. That's why parents can't afford to get preoccupied with business and other pursuits that interfere with the task of raising children. Kids are young for such a brief period. During that window of opportunity,

they must be given priority.

Once you've done what you can to lay the proper foundation, I urge you to approach your parenting duties with confidence. Anxiety about the future is risky in itself. It can make parents tentative and insecure in dealing with their youngsters. They don't dare cross them or deny their wishes for fear of being hated in the teen years. Teenagers pick up those vibes intuitively, which often generates disrespect in return. Don't make that mistake. You have been placed in a position of authority over your young children. Lead them with confidence and care.

QUESTION: If it is natural for a toddler to break all the rules, should he be disciplined for routine misbehavior?

DR. DOBSON: Toddlers get into trouble most frequently because of their natural desire to touch, bite, taste, smell and break everything within their grasp. These are normal and healthy reactions that should not be inhibited. When, then, should they be subjected to mild discipline? When they openly defy their parents' very clear commands! When he runs the other way when called,

purposely slams his milk glass on the floor, dashes into the street when being told to stop, screams and throws a tantrum at bedtime, or hits his friends. These behavior patterns should be discouraged. Even in these situations, however, severe punishment is unwarranted. A firm rap on the fingers or a few minutes sitting on a chair will usually convey the same message as convincingly. Spankings should be reserved for a child's moments of greatest antagonism, usually occurring after the second, third or fourth birthdays.

Without watering down anything I have written about discipline, it should also be understood that I am a firm believer in the judicious use of grace (and humor) in parent-child relationships. In a world in which children are often pushed to grow up too fast, their spirits can dry out like prunes beneath the constant gaze of critical eyes. It is refreshing to see parents temper their harshness with a measure of "unmerited favor." Likewise, there's nothing that buoys every member of a family quite like laughter and a lighthearted spirit in the home.

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COACH OF THE YEAR:
Tex Drenth,
Ellsworth



PHOTO BY MIKE DUNN

Ellsworth coach Tex Drenth is stepping down after a highly successful 13-year tenure as coach of the Lancers. (photo by Mike Dunn)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Jared Danbert,
Ellsworth



PHOTO BY MIKE DUNN

Ellsworth senior Jared Danbert had an All-State season in spite of being slowed down in the early part of the season while fully recovering from hip surgery.

DREAM TEAM

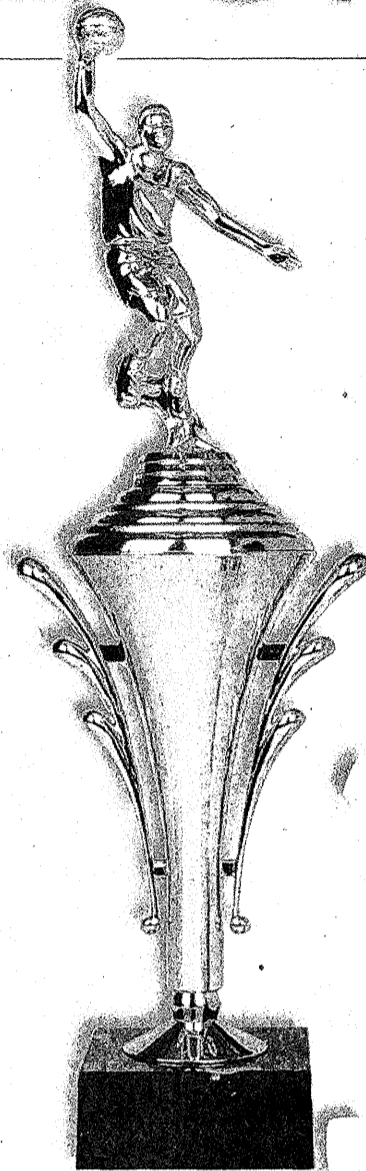
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Danbert is Player of the Year

Drenth is Coach of the Year



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS' 2010 ALL-AREA BOYS BASKETBALL



by Mike Dunn
Sports Editor

When the 2009-10 basketball season started, Ellsworth senior Jared Danbert was still recuperating from summer hip surgery. By the time the season ended, though, Danbert was at the top of his game. He did well

enough after making his return to the Lancer lineup in the third game of the season, in fact, to earn first-team All-State honors from the Associated Press and second-team All-State recognition from Bank Hoops, among many others accolades.

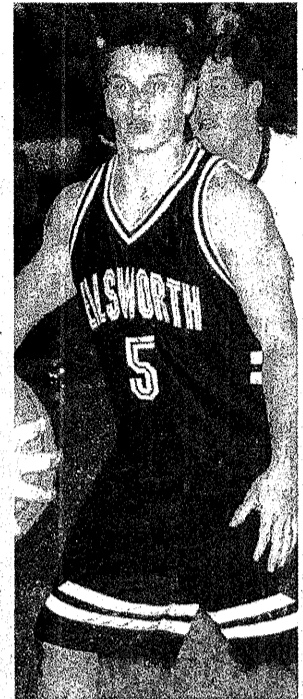
And the well-constructed 5-foot-10 Ellsworth guard can add one more item to his long list of achievements: He is the 2010 Charlevoix County News Player of the Year.

Ellsworth's Tex Drenth is the Coach of the Year after leading the

Lancers to a 17-6 record, a runner-up finish in the highly competitive Northern Lakes Conference, and a berth in the district finals against Central Lake.

Joining Danbert on the first-team All-Area roster are senior teammate Nate Peterson, junior Ben Myers and sophomore Keegan LaBlance of Charlevoix, senior Teddy Snowden of East Jordan, sophomore forward Josh Puroll of Boyne Falls and sophomore wing Jay Redman of Boyne City.

The second team includes junior



Jared Danbert



Ben Myers



Teddy Snowden



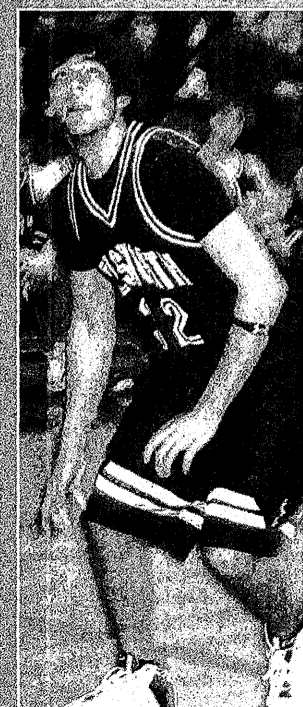
Keegan LaBlance



Jay Redman



Josh Puroll



Nate Peterson

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DNRE REPORT

Leave wildlife in the wild

Animals in the wild don't need human help

As spring brings the season for wildlife to give birth, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment reminds Michigan residents to resist the instinct to try to help seemingly abandoned fawns or other baby animals.

"The truth is, the animal doesn't need help - even if a fawn appears to be abandoned, its mother is almost always nearby," said DNRE wildlife biologist Brent Rudolph. "We appreciate the good intentions of those who want to help, but the animals are better off left alone than removed from the wild."

Rudolph said it's not uncommon for does to leave their young unattended for up to eight hours at a time, an anti-predator mechanism that minimizes scent left around the newborn animals. "The same holds true for rabbits, ground-dwelling birds and other wildlife," he said. "Even avian parents will continue to care for hatchlings that have fallen from a nest."

The DNRE advises that:

Many baby animals will die if removed from their natural environment, and some have diseases or parasites that can be passed on to humans or pets.

Some "rescued" animals that do survive become habituated to people and are unable to revert back to life in the wild. It is illegal to possess a wild deer in Michigan, and every day a deer spends with humans makes it that much less likely to be able to survive in the wild. Eventually, habituated animals pose additional problems as they mature and develop adult animal behaviors. Habituated deer, especially bucks, can become aggressive as they mature, and raccoons are well-known for this, too.

"If you know of a deer or other animal that has been orphaned, early in the year - for example, if a doe is dead nearby - please call your local DNRE office, which can refer you to a licensed rehabilitator," said Rudolph. "Licensed rehabilitators are trained to handle wild animals and know how to release them so that they can survive in the wild."



A fawn may appear to be abandoned in the wild but usually the mother is nearby.

Fish kills common in spring

'Winterkill' is often evident in shallow lakes and streams this time of year

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment reminds everyone that after the ice melts on Michigan's lakes, it is not uncommon to discover dead fish or other aquatic creatures. Typical Michigan winters with heavy snow and ice cover create conditions that cause fish and other creatures such as soft-shell turtles, frogs, toads, and crayfish to die.

"Winterkill is the most common type of fish kill," said DNRE Fisheries Division Chief Kelley Smith, "It is particularly common in shallow lakes and streams. It can have significant impacts on fish populations and fishing quality."

Winterkill occurs during especially long, harsh winters. Shallow lakes with excess aquatic vegetation and mucky bottoms are particularly prone to this problem. Fish and other aquatic life typically die in late winter, but may not be noticed until a month after the ice leaves the lake because the dead fish and other aquatic life are temporarily preserved by the cold water.

"Winterkill begins with distressed fish gasping for air at holes in the ice and often ends with large numbers of dead fish that bloat as the water warms in early spring," Smith explained. "Dead fish and other aquatic life may appear fuzzy because of secondary infection by fungus, but the fungus was not the cause of death. The fish actually suffocated from a lack of dissolved oxygen under the ice."

Dissolved oxygen is required by fish and all other forms of aquatic life. Once the daylight is greatly reduced by ice and snow cover, aquatic plants stop producing oxygen and many die. The bacteria that decompose organic materials on the bottom of the lake use the remaining oxygen in the water. Many locations had conditions for winterkill with heavy ice and snow cover; some locations likely ran out of dissolved oxygen to support fish and other aquatic life.

"The DNRE is still concerned about Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus (VHSV) infections, particularly after a stressful winter, and asks citizens to report fish with symptoms of this disease," Smith said.

Information on VHS can be found at www.michigan.gov/dnr-fishing. If anglers or citizens see unusual die-offs of fish with clinical signs of VHSV, please e-mail information about the fish kills to DNR-FISH-Report-Fish-Kills@michigan.gov. If you suspect a fish kill is caused by non-natural causes such as a chemical spill, please call your nearest DNRE location or Michigan's Pollution Emergency Alert System at (800) 292-4706.

Recreational Passports now the law

Passports replace state park and boating window sticker permits

On March 31, Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm signed into law the "Recreation Passport" legislation, which creates a new funding source for Michigan's state parks, state recreation areas, state forest campgrounds, non-motorized trails and pathways and local parks.

The new law takes effect Oct. 1, meaning citizens who want to visit state parks this year will still need a 2010 Motor Vehicle Permit.

"This new method will create a sustainable funding source that will support our state parks and forests, as well as local recreational facilities," said Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) Director Rebecca Humphries. "It also makes accessing recreational opportunities easier and more affordable for Michigan citizens."

The Recreation Passport replaces the traditional state park and boating Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP), or "window sticker" system in place now at state parks, recreation areas and boat launches. Motorists may choose to pay a \$10 fee when they renew their vehicle plate registration. This fee will authorize entry into state parks and boat launches for the usual one-year period of the registration. Camping fees will remain in place.

When residents opt to pay the \$10 passport fee, they'll enjoy a per-vehicle savings of 60 percent over the current \$24 annual Motor Vehicle Permit fee. "It is our hope that the

less expensive fee will encourage all Michigan residents to buy the Recreation Passport for every vehicle they register," said Recreation Division Chief Ron Olson. "Supporters will be integral in restoring the infrastructure of an aging state park and forest system, while supporting local parks and recreation systems at the same time."

The DNRE's Recreation Division lost all taxpayer support for its programs in 2004. Since then, park operations have been funded primarily from user fees. "Currently, we are able to address less than 1 percent of the critical infrastructure repair needs annually (\$38 million needed), and are about \$4.8 million short of adequately funding day-to-day park operations. Without an alternative funding structure in place, drastic cuts to park programs and services were inevitable," Olson said.

"Revenue generated from the Recreation Passport depends on the level of participation from the public," Olson said.

Projected revenue based on participation includes:

25 percent participation generates	\$18,060,000
50 percent participation generates	\$36,120,000
75 percent participation generates	\$55,180,000
100 percent participation generates	\$72,240,000

This Recreation Passport initiative grew out of a proposal developed by the Citizens Committee for Michigan

State Parks, to provide a more stable, sustainable funding source for state parks, which lost all general taxpayer support in 2004. Since then, state parks and recreation areas have operated primarily on user fees and by borrowing from funds intended for capital repairs and improvements.

For the 2010 calendar year, a Motor Vehicle Permit will still be required for entry to state parks, recreation areas and boating access sites. As citizens renew their vehicle registrations on and after Oct. 1, they will be offered the option to support state parks and recreation areas, state forests and boating access sites by paying an additional \$10 toward their vehicle registration fee.

Out-of-state residents will still be required to purchase a \$29 annual Motor Vehicle Permit, or \$8 Daily permit.

According to Olson, the signing of this new law is timely. In 2011, all fund balances in the restricted funds that operate state parks will be exhausted. "There are \$38 million in annual unmet needs for failing infrastructure at our state parks that the current system cannot generate enough revenue to cover," he said. "This new system will prevent the further decline of the state park and state forest system."

Visit www.michigan.gov/recreation-passport for more information, or call the DNRE, Recreation Division at (517) 373-9900.

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All Area Boys Hoops

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forward Caleb Roberts of Boyne City, junior guard Reggie Fiel and senior forward Jared Mathers of Boyne Falls, senior center Bill Ivan and junior forward Dylan Putman of Charlevoix, sweet-shooting junior guard "Nitro" Nico Cornstalk of East Jordan, and Ellsworth's little stick of dynamite, junior guard Jordan Muma.

Danbert capped a brilliant five-year hardwood career as a varsity player for Drenth. He surpassed the 1,000-point scoring mark in January but Danbert was much more than just a point producer for the Lancers. Not only did he average 21 points this season, he also averaged 10 rebounds, 6 assists and 5 steals, amazing numbers at any level. In the game after he reached 1,000 points, Danbert set a school record with 15 assists in a win over Alba.

Drenth, who has coached a number of quality athletes at Ellsworth, says Danbert has more natural ability than anyone he's coached and "works as hard as anybody I've ever had."

Danbert, who also earned first-team All-State honors as a running back in football following his junior season (he wasn't able to play this past fall because of the hip injury), is presently weighing offers from different schools and will have to decide between pursuing football or basketball at the next level.

This was Drenth's final season after a highly successful 13-year tenure behind the bench at Ellsworth. In spite of losing a pair of All-State players, Jarod Steenwyk and Tyler Ingalls, to graduation from last year's team that finished 24-1 and advanced to the Class D quarterfinals, Drenth guided the 2009-10 Lancers to a 17-6 mark.

DNRE REPORT

Fishing Report

Steelhead reports on the rise

Little Traverse Bay yielding steelhead, brown trout and lake trout in 20-30 feet

The recent storms have raised water levels in the rivers and that should help those seeking steelhead and suckers. The pursuit of panfish should be more fruitful with the temperatures getting warmer. As we move into spring fishing, anglers are reminded that bass season is closed.

Harbor Springs - No docks were in as of this report.

Petoskey - The docks are in at the launch sites. Boats are fishing in 20 to 30 feet of water for steelhead, brown trout and lake trout. Anglers are reminded that the minimum size limit for lake trout is 24 inches. Pier anglers were catching steelhead in the early morning when floating spawn off the bottom.

Bear River - The better steelhead fishing was up near the dam. Traverse City - The East Bay had good catches of whitefish in 120 feet of water. Lake trout were found in both bays however no big numbers over the last week.

Boardman River - Light numbers of steelhead have been caught however if water levels go up by the end of the week, the bite should improve.

Betsie River - Catch rates for steelhead improved with some fish on the gravel. Red worms and crawlers were good for sucker fishing.

Cheboygan River - Anglers are catching steelhead.

Ocqueoc River - Is producing some steelhead in the lower river.

Rogers City - Small brown trout were spotted however the fish would not bite. For those casting, try spoons or body baits in colors that resemble smelt. Boat anglers are running planer boards with body baits. Try blue and silver, fire-tiger, green and silver or anything that looks like smelt and run the lines way back behind the boat.

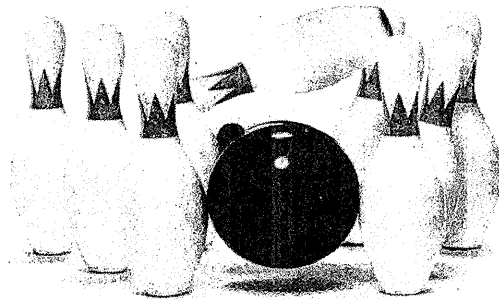
Thunder Bay River - Boat anglers caught brown trout behind the Armory and near the mouth when using black and silver rapalas. Shore anglers caught steelhead and suckers up at the dam. Steelhead anglers were drifting spawn bags or fluorescent and black flies.

Au Sable River - Anglers should find good numbers of steelhead after much needed rain this week. Try spawn, flies, spinners or small spoons.

Higgins Lake - The ice is gone. Boats are trolling for lake trout and rainbow along the drop-off. Yellow perch should start coming up along the drop-off in the evening.

Houghton Lake - Those fishing the canals were taking some nice catches of bluegill, perch and crappie. Most were using minnows or leaf worms. The cold spell will most likely stall the bite however it should return with warmer temperatures.

Rifle River - Sucker runs continue and should hold up for another week. Steelhead were caught further upstream.



GEMINI LANES BOWLING LEAGUE RESULTS:

April 2-8

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sports briefs...

DNRE offers archery instructor course

GAYLORD -- The Department of Natural Resources and Environment is offering free basic archery instructor (BAI) courses for teachers at Family Fellowship Church in Gaylord on these dates: May 13 and June 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The church is located on Schreur Street a short distance west of the intersection of Schreur and North Ohio. Contact Mark Copeland at (989) 705-1339 for more information or to enroll.

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

Archery in the Schools introduces international-style target archery to students in 4th through 12th grade physical education classes. The in-school curriculum's core content covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration and self-improvement. To date, more

than 360 schools across Michigan have implemented the program.

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

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

Announcing upcoming events

The Charlevoix County News offers readers a forum for announcing upcoming events. Send information about upcoming basketball, soccer or softball tournaments, fundraising events, youth events, etc. and the News will get the word out in Sports Briefs.

Include the date, time, location, registration fee and contact information (phone number, e-mail address and/or Web site) and send to

sports@charlevoixcountynews.com or via fax at (888) 240-5499.

Mountain bike race May 1

TRAVERSE CITY -- A mountain bike race to benefit Mt. Holiday is set for Saturday, May 1. The race starts at the ski lodge and cuts through private land to get to the Vasa trail system. Officials are capping entries at 500.

All race proceeds benefit Mt. Holiday, the Midwest's last remaining nonprofit ski area.

Reporting scores

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

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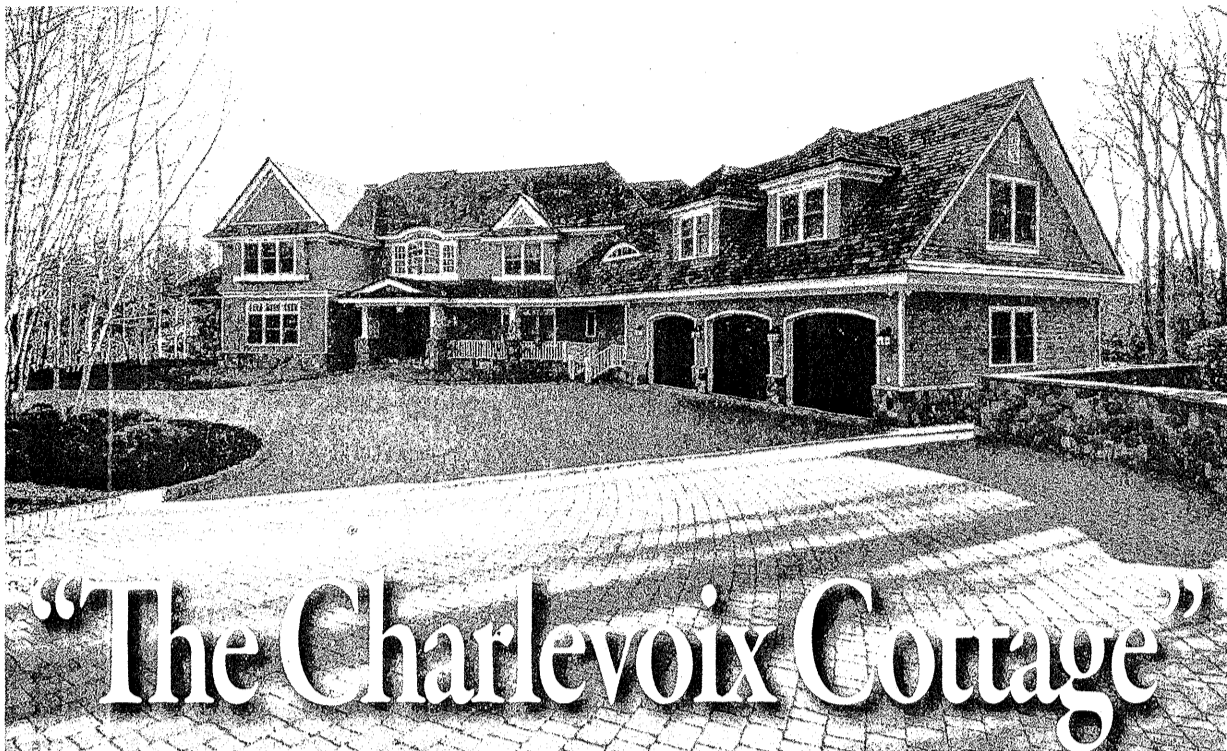
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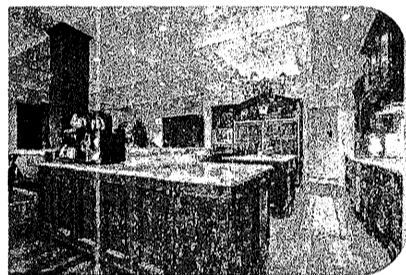
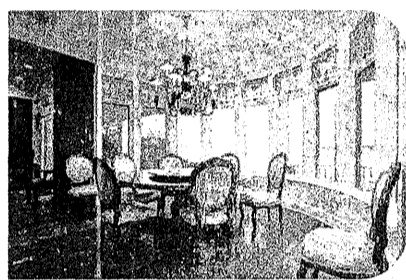
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"The Charlevoix Cottage"

...on the North Shore of Lake Charlevoix

"The Charlevoix Cottage" overlooks the main body of Lake Charlevoix facing southwest to take advantage of the sun's path and is midway between the main communities of Charlevoix, Boyne City



and Petoskey. The magnificent 14,895 square foot home was built to house the owners, their five adult children and all the grandchildren for summer vacations, family gatherings, holidays and special events. This feat was accomplished with a careful eye to thoughtful design related to the use and comfort of the family by architect Nick White, who worked closely with the owners during planning and building. Shortly after completion of the residence, it was featured on HGTV's Amazing Waterfront Homes, as an excellent example of cottage living in Northern Michigan.

Upon entering the estate, a two-bedroom carriage house is perched above a storage building for boats, canoes, jet skis, ATVs and other recreational vehicles. A cobblestone paved circle drive passes the tennis court to the entrance of the main residence. An impressive home, the stately style offers balance and symmetry in a tranquil setting.

Inside, the guest is immediately immersed in a warm family atmosphere created by fine craftsmanship, and tasteful furnishings throughout the home in an eclectic traditional style. A central staircase offers access to all floors, yet the eye is immediately taken to the left to view the spectacular two story living area with magnificent views of the patio, manicured grounds, as well as the lake and hills beyond. A beautifully appointed lounge, excellent for entertaining informally includes a billiard room for recreational pastimes.

The master suite at the far end of the home features custom bedding and draperies, furnishings by Marge Carson, a sitting area with fireplace overlooking the lake, a luxurious master bath with heated floors, his and hers custom vanities as well as separate closet spaces. Step out the door onto the lakeside flagstone patio for morning coffee.

A finely appointed formal dining

room features seating for 12 and enjoys a grand piano for entertaining family and guests alike. Directly across the hall is a complete home theater room. Antique Turkish and Persian rugs add warmth to the Brazilian cherry floors.

The main kitchen offers ample cooking space with a warm appeal. Chef's appliances, quality detailed millwork, granite counters, Kitchen & Co. custom cabinetry by William Ohs, a cozy informal breakfast nook with lake views, and a casual seating area with fireplace make this the heart of the home. Hart lighting fixtures enhance the atmosphere throughout and unique Maitland Smith accessories offer a fun, tasteful experience. A full laundry and elevator are adjacent to the three car attached garage.

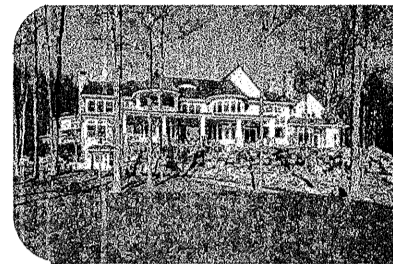
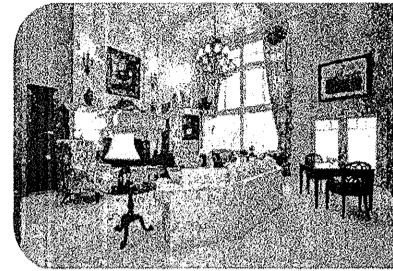
The upper level houses four complete bedroom suites with full baths and fold out sofas for additional sleeping accommodations. At each end of the upper level are bunkrooms. The boy's area offers custom designed bunk-beds for 12, plus a closet and a bath and a half as well as a large laundry room. The girl's bunkroom is fit for a princess or many, sleeps six with custom designed single beds and boasts a full bath with two closets.

The spacious family room in the walk out lower level features a full kitchen, and plenty of comfortable seating with a big-screen TV and game table. An impressive full workout room houses all the equipment you could ever want. In fact, the whole family could exercise together.

A computer and game room for the kids offers TV, videos, computers, juke box, karaoke machine and just about everything to keep them occupied during a summer rain or winter blizzard.

The owner's favorite room is the "Cucina" wine grotto where creative ethnic meals are cooked and enjoyed adjacent to the wine cellar, - a great place for making memories.

A final interior space is designed specifically for lakefront use. A full bath as well as additional showers, lockers,



linen and full laundry area allow you to clean up before entering the home from the lakeside. Large storage closets are for each of the children to leave their belongings at this fine residence so that quick trips to the cottage don't require planning and packing.

Outside, the grounds are meticulously maintained and beautifully landscaped with a custom spa and putting green nestled into the surroundings. At the water's edge on this private sandy beach, a screened gazebo seats 22 for casual lunches and dinners and a brick paved patio keeps you out of the sand. A handsome maintenance free PVC dock makes access to your inland lake boats and jet skis a breeze. A 2700 pound mooring was placed beyond the dock to accommodate a 54' yacht.

Nearby Boyne Mountain Resort, Bay Harbor Resort and the Odawa Casino offer amenities including spas, shopping, fine dining and entertainment as well as the area's largest indoor water-park through all seasons.

Now is the time to schedule a tour of this fine luxury residence designed to accommodate the family experience where no expense was spared.

Know This BEFORE Buying a Foreclosure...

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

By Jim Akans

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 transaction.

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 paperwork 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 pre-qualified 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.

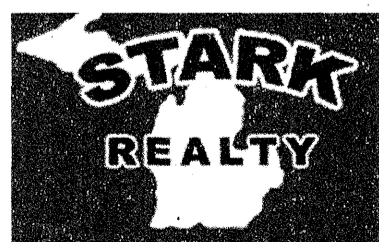
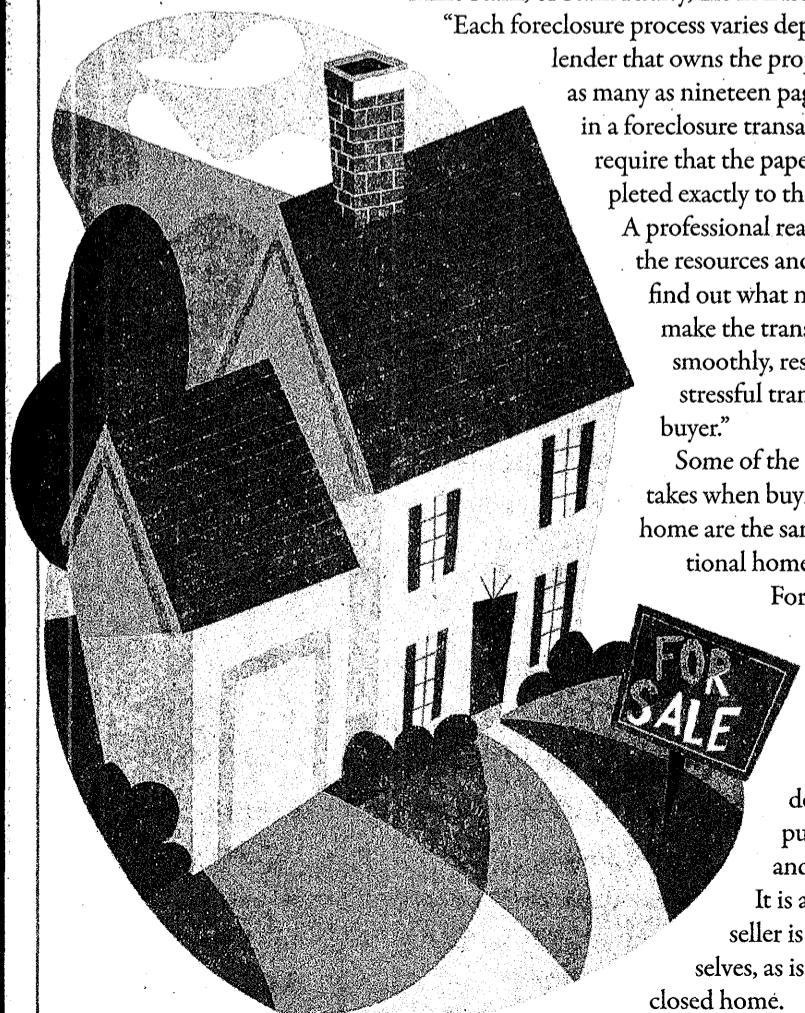
"Michigan is an "As Is" state," notes Mike Stark, "and since the lender has never actually lived in the home they are selling, they are not required to fill out a Seller's Disclosure for the home. So it's always a good idea to have the home inspected. If there are safety issues, the seller may do small 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 price."

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 an outstanding market value.



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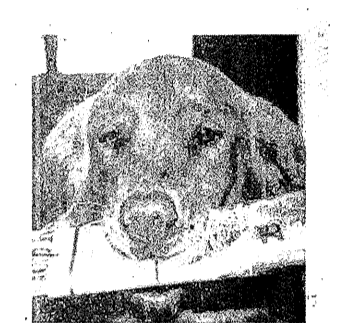
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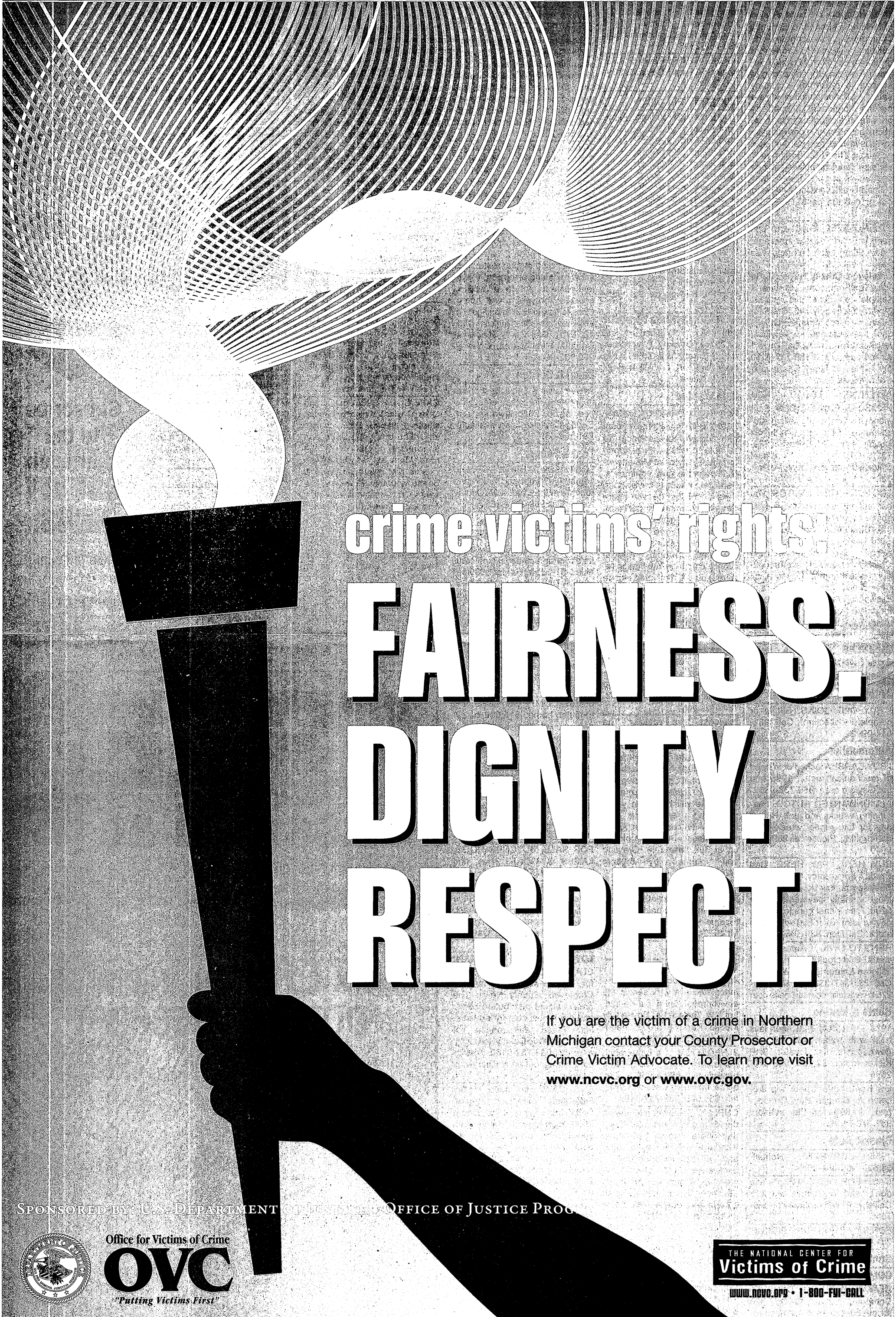
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