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# INVESTIGATION ONGOING

By B. J. Conley

Grandvue Medical Care Facility is taking the complaint filed against it by a former employee seriously.

Grandvue summoned its attorney, Grant Pecor, from Grand Rapids to respond to the allegations of a Whistleblower case and investigation filed by Janet Renkiewicz on April 4. Renkiewicz is an RN who worked for Grandvue for 13 years, with her most recent position as the manager of the dementia unit. She alleges in her complaint that she was fired by the Administrator, Kevin Evans, for talking about his policies with employees.

Attorney Pecor stated that, contrary to common belief, the county board of commissioners

has no authority concerning the investigation at Grandvue. Public Act 280 gave the county the authority to establish a medical care facility and the county board appoints two members of the human services board but that the Act does not give the mechanism to remove their appointees during their term.

Renkiewicz and others who were fired have hired an investigator to conduct an investigation of alleged wage discrepancies.

The Grandvue Board Chairman, Oral Sutliff, addressed the wage issue through a letter dated April 15, that said in part:

"Your allegations the Administrator (Kevin Evans) did not follow through on the Board's motions are entirely false. . . . In the December 2008 minutes, the LPN and RN positions refer specifically to floor nurses. There is nothing in

the minutes nor in the Board's intent that stated in any way licensed nurses received the raise, as you imagined, 'regardless of job or pay classification.' What the motion did state is all other positions receive a \$0.40 hour raise in the first full pay period in 2009. All other positions did receive the raise."

The Grandvue board is meeting with the Administrator in closed session as the process continues.

## INSIDE...

### Charlevoix County News All-Area Girls Basketball Teams Named



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

CHECK OUT ALL OF MIKE'S SELECTIONS ON PAGE 11.

### Farmer's Market to Open May 1st



25th Season starts at 8 am on May 1st in Boyne City's Veteran's Park. The Farmer's Market is open from 8am to noon every Wednesday and Saturday from May thru October.

FULL STORY ON PAGE 7

## STREET PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY



Expect traffic to move a little slower through downtown Charlevoix for the next few weeks. The nearly \$800,000 road and sewer infrastructure project is expected to be completed by late May.

## Boyne City Commissioners Support Tax Cut

By B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — City commissioners addressed a myriad of issues at the April 22 meeting at City Hall, including a tax cut for residents made possible by lowering the millage rate by 0.25 making the tax levy rate 15.76 mills.

Mayor Chuck Vondra said the city has the authority to raise the millage rate up to more than 20 mills, but that it is in the position to lower the rate for taxpayers at this time.

"I feel really strongly that we should reduce the millage when we can," Vondra said. "The fund balance is healthy and citizens are investors in the city. It will create good will and we're in a position to do it."

The commission agreed and voted unanimously to reduce the millage rate by 0.25 of a mill. The 2010-2011 budget was then approved.

Fourteen bids have been received for work to be performed on North East Street and engineers say they expect a few more. The deadline for submission of bids is April 22. City Manager Michael Cain hopes to have a bid recommendation at the next commission meeting on April 27.

Cain reported that the city has received its portion of the road millage from the Charlevoix County Road Commission in the amount of \$167,000. Cain said the allocation is \$22,500 less than projected in this year's budget. \$202,000 was levied in the city and of that amount the city is receiving \$167,000.

Commissioner Laura Sansom said the city could save approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 by cutting back on its newly es-

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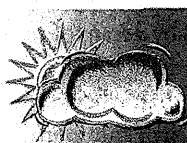
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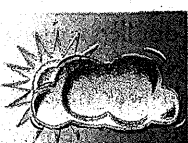
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High 56, low 36  
N wind 6mph



Friday  
High 65, low 42  
S wind 7mph



Saturday  
High 60, low 42  
E wind 12mph



Sunday  
High 60, low 43  
ENE wind 15mph



Monday  
High 61, low 43  
ENE wind 15mph



Tuesday  
High 58, low 43  
NNE wind 11mph



Wednesday  
High 59, low 42  
N wind 10mph

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Founder of the world-wide Living Proof Ministry, Beth Moore is known to women of all ages, races and denominations for her Bible studies, conference teaching and numerous best-selling books, including Breaking Free, Believing God and Get Out of That Pit.

In this powerful one-day simulcast based on her newest book, So Long Insecurity, you've been a bad friend to us. Beth reveals a transparent, almost autobiographical look

at the common sources of female insecurity: the unattainable perfection of media images; dependence on a man's love as ultimate validation; and success that is defined by money, power and status. In her straight-talking yet loving style, Beth will strike a chord with women of all ages, showing them how to face their fears, rediscover their God-given dignity, and develop a new and stronger sense of self. So Long, Insecurity is a 5-1/2 hour, one-day event. Teaching sessions will be presented by Beth Moore with praise and worship led by Travis Cottrell and his band.

The Lighthouse Missionary Church is located in East Jordan at 7824 Rogers Road. There is no charge to attend this event and lunch will be provided. Several of Beth's book will be available for purchase the day of the event. Please call the church at 231-536-2128 for further questions.

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### East Jordan Police Dept. Incident Report

#### April 09, 2010

- 00:56 - Report of assault & battery
- 02:19 - Noise complaint
- 06:36 - Assisted citizen
- 12:50 - Assisted US Office of Personnel Management with records check on subject for Military
- 14:52 - Assisted CXSH
- 18:09 - Report of disturbance
- 18:18 - Annoying/harassing phone calls
- 20:10 - Civil stand by
- 20:37 - Served trespass after warning notice
- 20:38 - Served trespass after warning notice
- 21:08 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:25 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 22:01 - Traffic stop on Garfield St near Third St for defective brake light
- 23:39 - Traffic stop on N Lake St near Pine St for careless driving

#### April 10, 2010

- 10:44 - Civil dispute
- 10:50 - Civil stand by
- 12:31 - Keys locked in vehicle
- 13:52 - Assisted Fire Dept
- 14:14 - Tree limbs in roadway
- 15:05 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 15:06 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 15:07 - Suspicious vehicle
- 16:46 - Breaking & Entering
- 20:41 - Dog running at large
- 21:59 - Larceny of motor vehicle parts
- 22:34 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 22:35 - Assisted Parks Dept

#### April 11, 2010

- 10:18 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 10:19 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 11:27 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Bridge St for excessive speed
- 12:26 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near City Limits for excessive speed
- 13:44 - Water main break
- 14:58 - Report of criminal sexual conduct
- 19:44 - Felonious assault
- 21:36 - Found bike

#### April 12, 2010

- 06:41 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 06:42 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 06:43 - Assisted Hancock MS Sheriff Dept
- 13:10 - Public relations at Parks
- 15:04 - Civil dispute over child
- 15:24 - Changed and verified address for Sex Offender Registry
- 21:12 - Traffic stop on State St near Elm St for defective taillight
- 21:28 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:32 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:37 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:42 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 22:53 - Suspicious subject

#### April 13, 2010

- 09:36 - Assisted City Treasurer
- 15:03 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 15:04 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 16:34 - 911 hang up
- 18:01 - Larceny of gasoline
- 21:27 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:35 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:41 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:45 - Assisted Parks Dept

#### April 14, 2010

- 07:40 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 07:41 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 07:42 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 07:43 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 11:43 - Larceny of wallet
- 11:49 - Annoying/harassing phone calls
- 12:35 - Annoying/harassing phone calls
- 14:35 - Possible road hazard
- 15:15 - Assisted citizen
- 17:51 - Driving violation on Water St near S Lake St
- 20:58 - Traffic stop on Water St near Lake St for excessive speed
- 21:51 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:55 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:59 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 22:02 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 22:13 - Traffic stop on Mill St near Bridge St for defective headlight

#### April 15, 2010

- 09:12 - Assisted Fire Dept
- 09:19 - Assisted Fire Dept
- 09:32 - Assisted Fire Dept
- 10:53 - Assisted Circuit Court Probation
- 11:29 - Assisted Fire Dept
- 11:40 - Assisted Fire Dept
- 12:45 - Arrested subject on Circuit Court detainer
- 12:51 - Arrested subject on Circuit Court detainer
- 21:00 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:05 - Assisted Parks Dept
- 21:10 - Traffic stop on Bridge St near Water St for defective taillights

## Chefs Challenge for Challenge Mountain

If you are looking for a fun-filled, exciting event don't miss the 3rd Annual Chefs Challenge for Challenge Mountain, April 23-25, 2010, at Boyne Mountain Resort showcasing the best chefs in the state of Michigan.

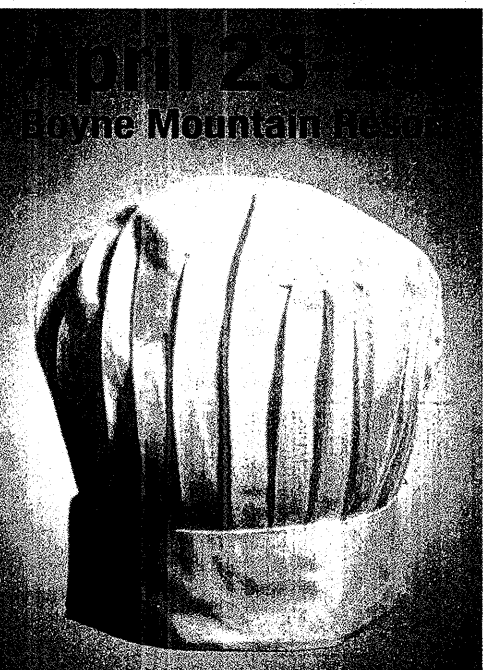
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Iron-Chef Cook-Off: A battle between the winning teams from the north and south

The event doubled in participation and attendance last year and promises to do the same in 2010.

Plan to celebrate spring at Chefs Challenge and bring the entire family. Special lodging rates are offered on April 23 and 24 including the Clock Tower Lodge for \$67 per night and \$118 per night for the luxurious Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa. For lodging reservations, please call 800.GO.Boyne (462-6963). For additional event information, please visit



[www.chefs-challenge.com](http://www.chefs-challenge.com)

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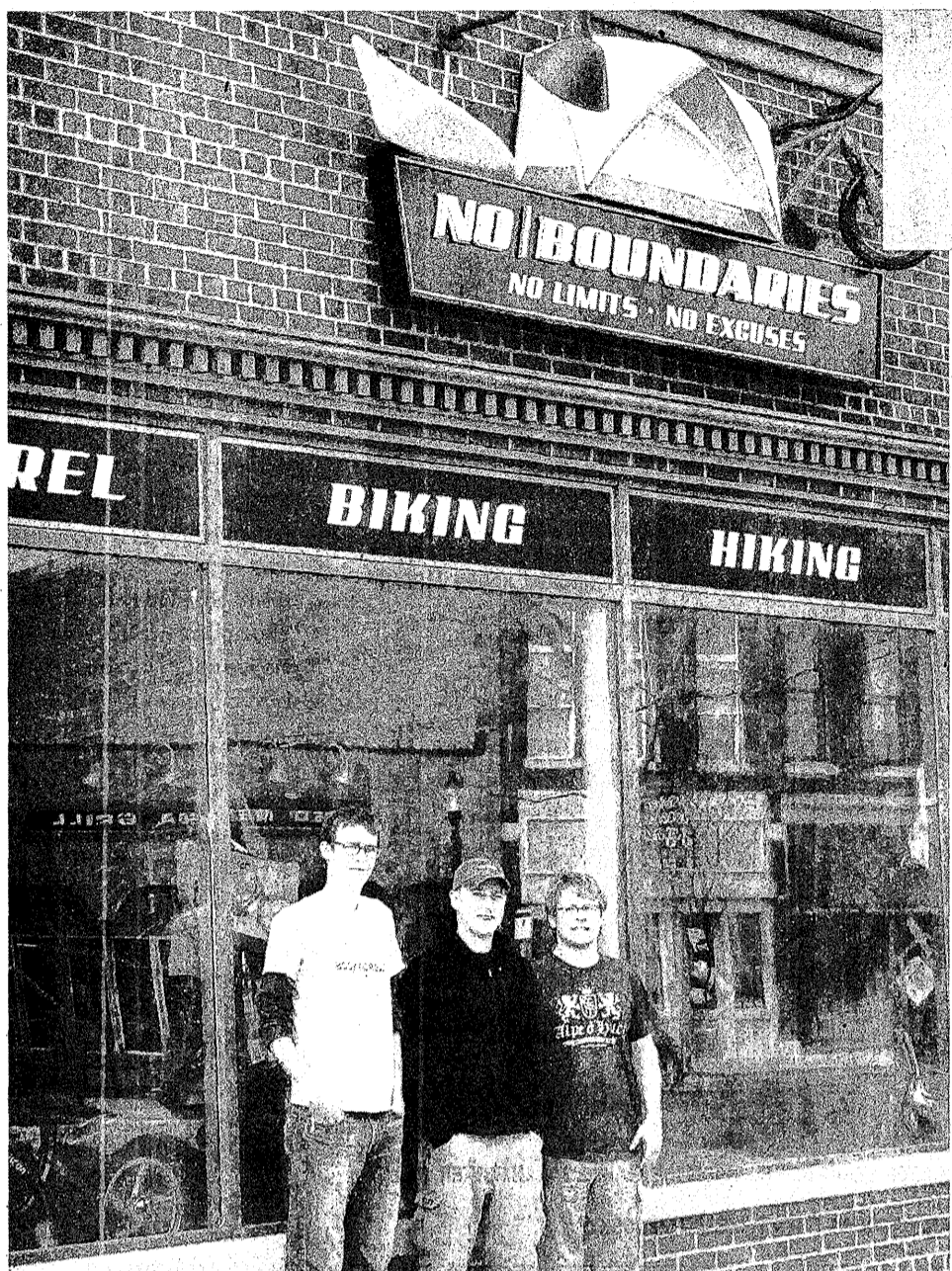
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No Boundaries, located at 126 Water Street, held their grand opening celebration this past weekend. It is the place to shop for those who enjoy the wide range of recreational activities that make northern Michigan such a gorgeous and fun place to play all year long. Pictured are; Ben Tompkins (store manager), Bob South (co-owner), and Brandon Inglehart (sales and service).

## NO BOUNDARIES Opens in Boyne City

### A "Laid Back" Shopping Experience for the Outdoor Recreational Enthusiast

By Jim Akans

Boyne City has a new store specifically tailored to meeting the needs of the outdoor recreational adventurer.

No Boundaries, located at 126 Water Street, held their grand opening celebration this past weekend welcoming area residents and visitors who stopped by to view first-hand what all the excitement is about. A complete outdoor outfitter, with products and apparel geared toward hikers, bikers, campers, trail sojourners, kayakers and other paddle sports, and much more, No Boundaries is the place to shop for those who enjoy any of the wide range of recreational activities that make northern Michigan such a gorgeous and fun place to play all year long.

"These are all the activities that we enjoy," states co-owner, Bob South. "While my experience is in the biking industry, everyone who works here enjoys a variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, camping and trail running. Our store manager, Ben Tompkins, has been on five different continents pursuing outdoor activities and brings a lot of worldwide travel

experience to our staff. Another employee, Meryl Masserang, is a college student at NMU majoring in outdoor recreation & tourism management. Together, we offer enthusiastic, knowledgeable and professional experience for our customers."

Bob South, who co-owns the shop with Jeff Collins, notes that the store has carefully aligned themselves with product vendors who not only provide the highest quality products and value; they will also be offering regular clinics and demonstrations regarding those products. It's a perfect match for No Boundaries comfortable store setting.

"We have designed our store with a laid back atmosphere," Bob observes, "that is visually pleasing and has a nice ambience. We have a lounge area set up where people can come in relax and meet with others."

In addition to offering bike sales, No Boundaries also has a shop capable of full-service repairs. They even offer a pick-up/drop off repair service, and will have rentals of bikes and kayaks as part of their summer business.

Bob observes, "Boyne City is a town that is growing, is very favorable to new business, and the local business people are very interested in helping new businesses develop. This town is destination, and we want to make ours a destination store."

For more information, visit No Boundaries web site at [www.noboundariesmi.com](http://www.noboundariesmi.com) or call 231-582-3200.

## It's the Business Expo and Taste of Boyne Extravaganza!

Chamber Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Event at former Carter's Store Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Clear your calendar for Thursday afternoon, April 29<sup>th</sup>, because the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Taste of Boyne Event will be taking place at the former Carter's Store on M-75 from

3 until 7 pm. Last years event attracted a huge crowd of approximately 1,000 people, checking out the 70 plus exhibitors featuring fantastic food, art, music, area business exhibits and more. In what is quickly be-

coming an annual tradition, this year's event will be even larger, with over 85 exhibitors including area businesses and non-profits, and 12 Taste of Boyne food booths that will even include wine tasting.

"We are thrilled," states Jim Baumann, Executive Director for the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce. "This was a big event last year and it will be even bigger this year. We have more participants in the Taste of Boyne, including a new restaurant called The BBQ, which will be opening in the old Railroad Depot building this May."

Jim Baumann adds, "We will also have a parking shuttle this year as we ended up lacking parking spaces in the

former Carter's Foods lot last year. The shuttle service is being provided free of charge by the Charlevoix County Transit System, and will transport attendees from the St. Matthew Church parking lot

next to the Expo location." Admission to the Boyne Business Expo and Taste of Boyne is just \$5 per person (2 for \$8), and with those tickets attendees are treated to a delicious sampling at each of the

12 Taste of Boyne participants.

There will also be blood pressure and cholesterol screenings by the Charlevoix

SEE BOYNE CHAMBER PAGE

The 2009 Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Taste of Boyne Event was a huge success, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event promises to be even bigger.



## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS APRIL 15, 2010

### DISTRICT COURT

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

Ronnie Leroy Hibbler II, 30, Boyne City. Driving a motor vehicle without security. Sentenced to pay \$365 in fines and costs.

Cletus George Kewagshken, 20, Chicago, IL. Disorderly person. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to 60 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 56 days.

Wayne Collins Pardee, 23, East Jordan. Driving while license is suspended and driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$525 in fines and costs and to two days in jail with credit for two days.

### CIRCUIT COURT

The following sentences were handed down in Charlevoix County Circuit Court recently:

Travis Foster Gunderson, 21, Petoskey. Controlled substance-delivery-manufacture marijuana, habitual offender - Second office notice. Sentenced to 365 days in jail.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Patrick Horton of Naperville, IL and Angela

Renee Quintal of Naperville, IL  
Joseph James Bender of East Jordan and Amy Laurel Sullivan of East Jordan  
Willard Jay Higdon III of Boyne City and Lora Elizabeth Muethel of Boyne City

### DIVORCES ISSUED

James Michael Earegood vs. Kristin Kay Earegood  
Gary L. Shaver vs. Mary E. Shaver  
Ryan Mark Pittman vs. Jennifer Ann Pittman

### ASSUMED NAMES

Northern Confidential Investigative Services, N.C.I.S., Inc. - PO Box 278, Charlevoix by Brian L. Van-Meter  
Petoskey Construction Group - 980 Evergreen Court, Petoskey by Mathew L. Bailey  
Team K Auto - 3107 Main St., Boyne Falls by Michael J. Kondrat  
Jordan River Manufacturing - 9039 Lord Rd., East Jordan by Michelle Nowka  
Gaffney Home Improvement - 08910 Boulder Farm Court, Charlevoix by Aaron Gaffney  
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## It is time to give Boyne City a shine.

Buff Up Boyne, Boyne City's annual community-wide spring clean-up, is Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m.-noon.

The Boyne City Main Street Program, organizer of the event, is calling all residents, civic organizations, and schools to lend their shovels, rakes, and brooms to give Boyne City a shine during the annual cleanup. Volunteers will be sweeping, picking up trash and raking up debris from the city's sidewalks, parks, alleys, and along the waterfront.

Volunteers are asked to meet at Sunset Park in downtown Boyne City next to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to sign-in, get instructions on what areas need to be cleaned, and receive trash bags and gloves. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning and lunch will be served beginning at noon.

For more information, contact Hugh Conklin at 582-9009, or email [mainstreet@boynecity.com](mailto:mainstreet@boynecity.com).

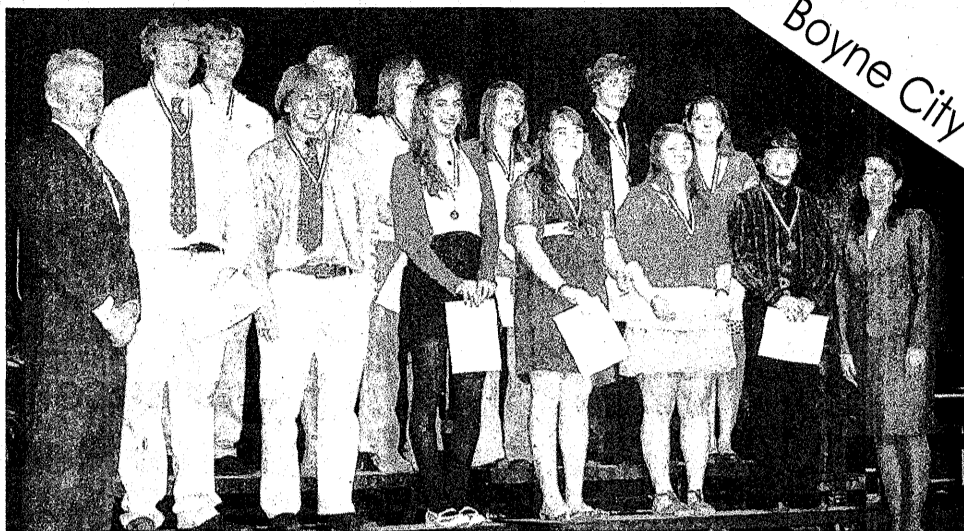
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## LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE RECOGNIZES ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Boyne City High School is proud to recognize the twelve senior scholars earning the title of the 2010 Lake Michigan All-Conference Academic Team. The All-Conference Academic Team is selected by a formula using a student's cumulative grade point average and ACT composite score. The students were recognized formally at an Awards Program on March 18, 2010 at the TC St. Francis High School by the eight principals of the Lake Michigan Conference Schools (Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Harbor Springs, Kalkaska, and TC St. Francis) with a certificate and All-Conference medalion. In attendance at the program was Superintendent Bob Alger, parents and other family members of the honorees.



PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT): SUPERINTENDENT BOB ALGER, BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ALEX WANGEMAN, BRENDAN BAIC, EVAN ORBAN, KARALYN CAIN, ERICA CAPP, MADELAINE MOEKE, JESSICA CAPP, KELSEY KRUZEL, NATHAN CLUBINE, BROOKE JUDAY, MEGHAN CYTACKI, CALEB FAIR, AND PRINCIPAL KAREN JAREMA



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### BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## Kaitlyn Bohnet

**PARENTS:** Russ and Mindy Bohnet

**GRADE:** 11th

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Ski Team, National Honor Society

**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Skiing, Girl Scouts, family and friends

**FUTURE PLANS:** Win a state skiing title, complete Girl Scout Gold Award.



### STAFF COMMENT

"Kaitlyn is a conscientious, dedicated student. She is a pleasure to have in class."  
- Michele Deming, History teacher.

"Kaitlyn has a great work ethic in class. She is a serious, dedicated student."  
- Jeanne Heath, English teacher

"Kaitlyn is focused, positive, and productive. She is an admirable student and citizen of BCHS."  
- Aaron Fritzsche, English teacher

"Excellent student. Self motivated and has high expectations of herself."  
- Sandra Clausen, Math teacher

"I am always impressed with her hard work and dedication to academic excellence."  
- Andy Bryant

## Boyne Chamber Hosts Event

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Area Hospital from 3 to 6 pm, an art exhibit from the Boyne Arts Collective, and the unveiling and distribution of the Boyne Chamber's new Visitors Guide.

"I think this is one of the best events we hold for our members during the year," states Jim Baumann. "For businesses, it offers a terrific way to present their product or service to a large number of people, and it is a great networking opportunity; allowing both attendees and exhibitors a chance to interact and learn more about each other."

For more information, visit [www.boyneexpo.com](http://www.boyneexpo.com) or call (231) 582-6222.

## BC Meeting

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established rubbish pick-up. "We jumped from zero to 13 weeks and I think we could save money if we cut it down," she said.

"People procrastinate, I think it's human nature."

Sansom said if people know they have three weeks in the spring and three weeks in the fall, for instance, they are more likely to gather the items together and be done with it.

Cain said he would check the contract with Waste Management on changing the number of weeks for rubbish pick up and report back to commissioners.

Demand is increasing for use of the baseball and softball fields at Rotary Park with 37 teams and almost 400 children active in the sport. Use of the fields has been first come, first served, however it has become necessary for a schedule. City staff will look into a solution.

## NEW LOCATION

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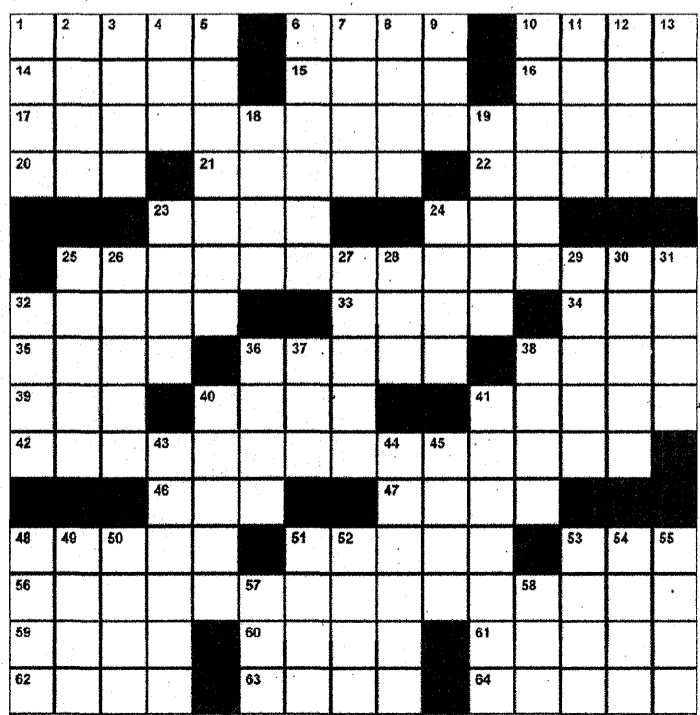
## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Across

1- A bit, colloquially; 6- Floating platform; 10- Cairo cobras; 14- Whip formerly used in Russia; 15- Inter \_\_\_\_; 16- Castle ring; 17- Informally; 20- Hunky-dory; 21- Paddled; 22- Hold responsible; 23- Lhasa \_\_\_\_; 24- Shoe-box letters; 25- Insensitive; 32- Marshal; 33- Swear words; 34- Dr. of rap; 35- Call for; 36- Orgs.; 38- Narrow inlets; 39- 1980's movie starring Bo Derek and Dudley Moore; 40- Et \_\_\_\_; 41- Nuisances; 42- Permeate; 46- Hi-\_\_\_\_ monitor; 47- Get rid of; 48- Baffled; 51- Walked back and forth; 53- Evergreen tree; 56- Cause light to pass through; 59- Fix up; 60- Be in front; 61- Perfume the air; 62- Not many; 63- Corn syrup brand; 64- Twist;

### Down

1- Gull-like predatory bird; 2- \_\_\_\_ account (never); 3- Music genre; 4- Calendar abbr.; 5- Wasting away; 6- Strict disciplinarian; 7- Drug-yielding plant; 8- Discover; 9- Skater Babilonia; 10- Talisman; 11- Slammin' Sammy; 12- Inner surface of the hand; 13- Eye sore; 18- New Orleans is The Big \_\_\_\_; 19- Belief involving sorcery; 23- Mil. school; 24- CPR experts; 25- Primp; 26- Ain't right?; 27- Histological stain; 28- Campaigned; 29- Writer of lyric poetry; 30- Component of organic fertilizer; 31- Cong. meeting; 32- Against; 36- Mountain range in central Europe; 37- Sprechen \_\_\_\_ Deutsch?; 38- Interpret; 40- Neighborhoods; 41- Foretell; 43- Before this time; 44- Previous monetary unit of Portugal; 45- Not us; 48- Gillette brand; 49- Not kosher; 50- "No Ordinary Love" singer; 51- Entreaty; 52- Banned apple spray; 53- Temple; 54- \_\_\_\_ boy!; 55- Smell; 57- Class; 58- Fresh;



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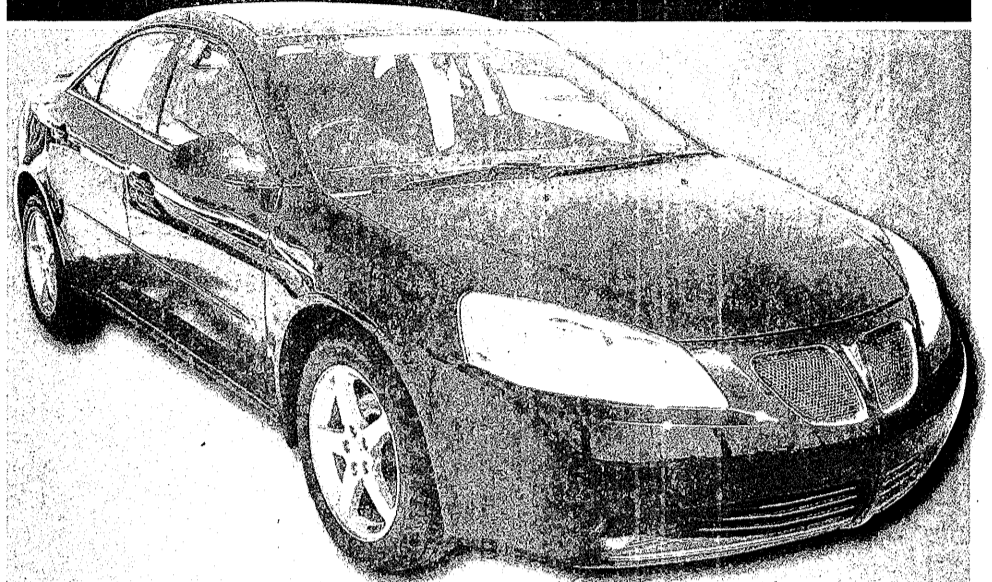
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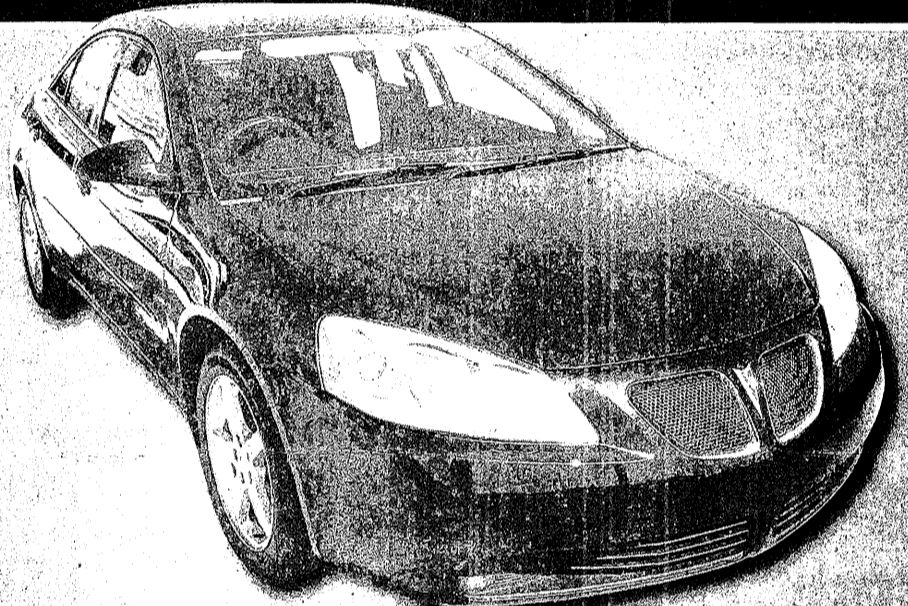
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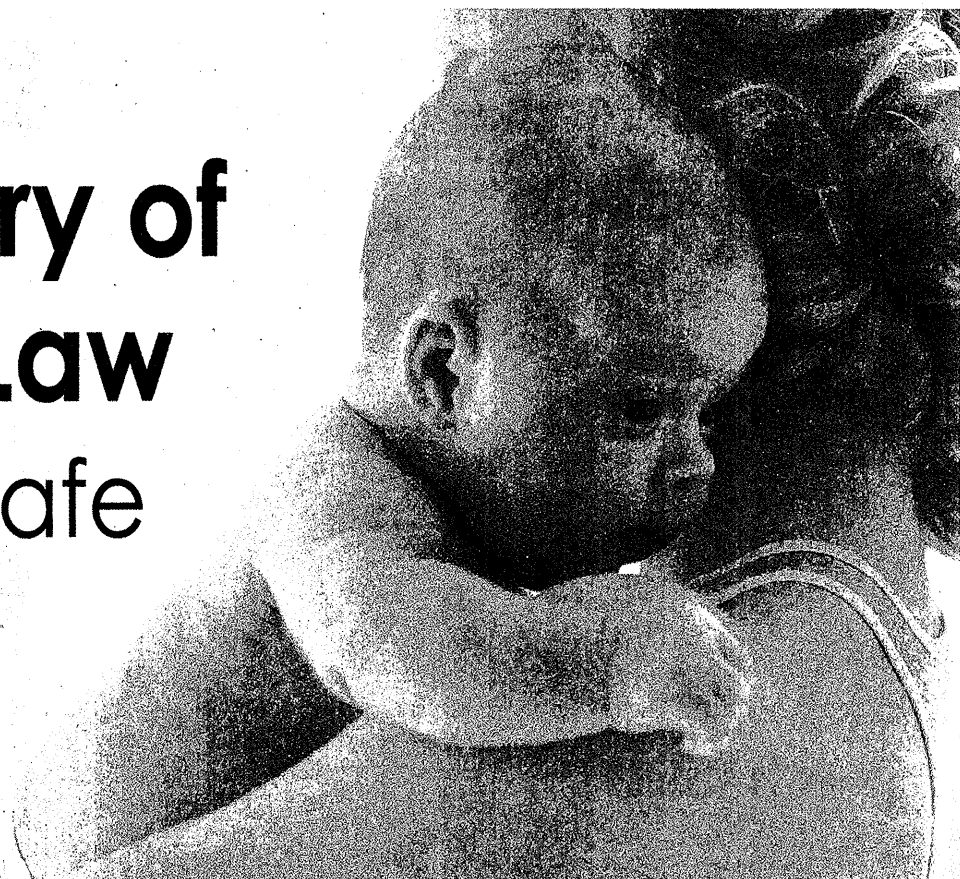


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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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# Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns Law Encourages Safe Placement of Newborns



In Michigan, parents seeking to release their newborn for adoption are often referred to or have already begun working with a licensed private adoption agency that specializes in infant adoptions. These agencies work with the parent in releasing the child in accordance with Michigan's adoption statute.

However, Michigan, like many states across the country, have stories reported in the news media of newborn babies abandoned in dumpsters, parking lots, car washes or public restrooms. While there are a number of reasons a frightened or panicked parent may abandon a baby, this newborn abandonment phenomenon led many states to

look at how to prevent such happenings from occurring, thus saving lives.

On June 26, 2000, Michigan approved the Safe Delivery of Newborns law with an effective date of January 1, 2001. While targeting desperate parents, the law encourages the placement of their newborns in a safe environment as opposed to an unsafe environment. This law allows for the safe, legal, and

anonymous surrender of an infant, from birth to 72 hours of age, to an emergency service provider (ESP). An emergency service provider is a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital or police station that is inside the building and on duty. Emergency service provider

also includes a paramedic or emergency medical technician when either of those individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 call. The parent has the choice to leave the infant without giving any identifying information to the ESP. The ESP, upon accepting the infant will provide whatever care may be necessary.

Following an examination at a hospital, temporary protective custody will be given to a private adoption agency for placement with an approved adoptive family, if the child is unharmed. If the examination reveals signs of abuse and/or neglect, hospital personnel will initiate a referral to Children's Protective Services for an investigation.

The Adoption Agency Directory

is a listing of Michigan private adoption agencies that will provide a placement for an abandoned newborn in an approved pre-adopt home. Private adoption agencies are also listed at the following Web site: [www.mare.org](http://www.mare.org).

To promote the Safe Delivery Program, the Safe Delivery Program FACT Sheet (DHS Pub 867) describing the intent of the legislation, has been developed. A toll-free, 24-hour telephone line has also been established to provide information on services available to a prospective parent. The toll-free number is: 1-866-733-7733.

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## Safe Delivery Program FACT Sheet SAFE LEGAL ANONYMOUS

### Why a new law?

To end the tragedy of unwanted newborns being hidden and left to die in dumpsters and elsewhere, Michigan lawmakers passed a law in 2000 to make it legal for a parent(s) to surrender their infant in a safe and anonymous manner.

### What the law provides?

- Unharmed newborns, up to 72 hours old, can be taken to an Emergency Service Provider (ESP), meaning, a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital or police stations that is inside the building and on duty. ESP includes a paramedic or EMT when either responds to a 9-1-1 call. The parent(s) has the choice to leave the infant without giving any identifying information to the ESP.
- The ESP is authorized to accept the infant and provide whatever care may be necessary.
- The ESP will make a reasonable effort to provide the parent(s) with the following information:
  1. A written statement of the parent's rights following surrender of the infant.
  2. Information about other confidential infant placement options, as well as information about the availability of confidential medical and counseling services, e.g., Public Health, Community Mental Health, Family Planning Clinics, Adoptions Agencies.

### What are the rights of the surrendering parent?

- To be informed that by surrendering the newborn, the parent is releasing the newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption.
- To petition the court to regain custody of the newborn within 28 days of surrender or notice of surrender.
- Any information the parent(s) provides the ESP will not be made public.
- A criminal investigation shall not be initiated solely on the basis of a newborn being surrendered to an ESP.
- To file a consent to release identifying information with the Adoption Central Registry.

### What happens to the baby?

- After the child's medical status is assessed and any urgent medical needs are met, the newborn is placed under the temporary custody of the court in an approved preadoptive family.
- After the 28-day period for the parent(s) to petition the court for custody elapses, there will be a public hearing to terminate parental rights.
- There will be a public notice of this hearing, and the notice will not contain the parent's name, even if known.
- The parent will not receive personal notice of this hearing, even if the parent(s) has provided a name and address to the ESP.
- The infant will be placed for adoption as soon as parental rights have been legally terminated.

### Can the parent provide background information?

Yes! Definitely, yes. The ESP will make a reasonable attempt to offer the parent(s) the opportunity to:

1. Identify herself/himself and the other parent.
2. Provide information about prenatal care.
3. Provide the family medical history and any history of parental substance abuse.
4. To sign a release of parental rights.
5. Redact information about confidential medical care she may be in need of herself.

For more information call:  
Toll Free: 1-866-733-7733

## Pre-Term Birth Rate Drops Three Percent

### Fewer Babies Face Health Risks of an Early Birth

The nation's preterm birth rate dropped for the second consecutive year. New nationwide statistics shows a 3 percent decline in the preterm birth rate, according to a report released today by the National Center for Health Statistics.

March of Dimes officials say they are encouraged and hope that the decline is a new trend in infant health. The data are based on 99.9 percent of U.S. births and the improvement must be confirmed in the final data.

"We're beginning to see the benefits of years of hard work by the March of Dimes and its partners. This decline, although small, is heartening," said Dr. Jennifer L. Howse, president of the March of Dimes. "It means about 14,000 babies were spared the health risks of an early birth. We hope that this is just the beginning of what's possible, and that efforts such as health care reform and our programs to make woman and their doctors aware of things they can do to lower the risk of a preterm birth will continue to bear fruit in years to come."

The preterm birth rate dropped to 12.3 percent, according to the report, "Births: Preliminary Data for 2008," which was released today by the National Center for Health Statistics. That's down from the 2007 preliminary rate of 12.7 percent. The declines follow a more than 20 percent increase in the preterm birth rate between 1990 and 2006.

Premature birth is a serious and costly problem, the March of Dimes says. Even with the decline in the preterm birth rate, more than a half million babies are born too soon in the United States each year, costing the nation more than \$26 billion annually. Babies who survive an early birth often face lifelong health challenges, including cerebral palsy, blindness, hearing loss, learning disabilities, and other chronic conditions. Even infants born "late preterm" – between 34 and 36 weeks gestation – have a greater risk of re-hospitalization, breathing problems, feeding difficulties, temperature instability (hypothermia), jaundice, delayed brain development and learning problems.

The March of Dimes says 79 percent of the decline in the preterm birth rate occurred among late preterm babies. There are known strategies that can lower the risk an early birth -- such as smoking cessation programs, progesterone treatments for women with a history of preterm birth, avoiding multiples from fertility treatments and avoiding unnecessary c-sections and inductions before 39 weeks.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide and its premier event, March for Babies®, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The March for Babies is sponsored nationally by the March of Dimes number one corporate supporter Kmart, Farmers Insurance Group, CIGNA, Continental Airlines, Famous Footwear, FedEx, Sanofi Pasteur, First Response and Mission Pharmacal. To join an event near you, visit [marchforbabies.org](http://marchforbabies.org). For more information, go to the March of Dimes Web site at [marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com) or its Spanish language Web site at [nacerano.org](http://nacerano.org).

## National Infant Immunization Week is April 25-May 1

### Emmet County Pertussis Cases Confirm Need to Immunize against Vaccine-preventable Diseases

(April 19, 2010) In a typical year, three or four cases of pertussis, or whooping cough, are reported to the Health Department from its four-county district. So far this year, six cases of pertussis from Emmet County alone have been reported, confirming the need to raise awareness about vaccination against pertussis and many other communicable diseases.

"National Infant Immunization Week is a good reminder to review your family's immunization records and make sure everyone's immunizations are up-to-date," said Pat Fralick, Director of Family & Community Health at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Children should receive the DTaP immunization, which provides protection against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis, at two, four, six and fifteen months and again between ages four and six years. The protection received from pertussis vaccinations administered in childhood begins to wear off after five to ten years, leaving preteens, teenagers, and adults at risk.

"The best way to help prevent preteens, teenagers, and adults from getting pertussis is to make sure they receive the Tdap booster shot. It also protects against tetanus and diphtheria," said Fralick.

All preteens and teenagers should receive a single Tdap booster between age 11 and 18. Adults up to age 65 can also get the Tdap booster to reduce their risk of getting whooping cough.

Whooping cough starts with a runny nose, mild fever, and mild cough, similar to a common cold. Then symptoms progress to severe spasms of coughing that can interfere with eating, drinking, and breathing. Infants and younger children often have more severe symptoms than older children, adolescents, and adults.

Anyone with whooping cough should stay home and away from public activities, including school, daycare, and work, to avoid exposing others. "They should be treated with certain antibiotic medications," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Health Department. "If given early enough, antibiotics can limit the spread of whooping cough to others. A course of preventive antibiotic therapy may also be recommended for other members of the household and other close contacts of a person being treated for whooping cough."

In addition to making sure immunizations are up-to-date, everyone can help prevent the spread of communi-

ble diseases by taking the following precautions:

-Washing hands frequently

Covering

mouth

and nose when

coughing

-Staying home

from school and work when sick

-Contacting your health care provider if they have a

prolonged or severe cough.

-Public health officials say vaccines are among the most

successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death.

"In our grandparents' time, before the development of

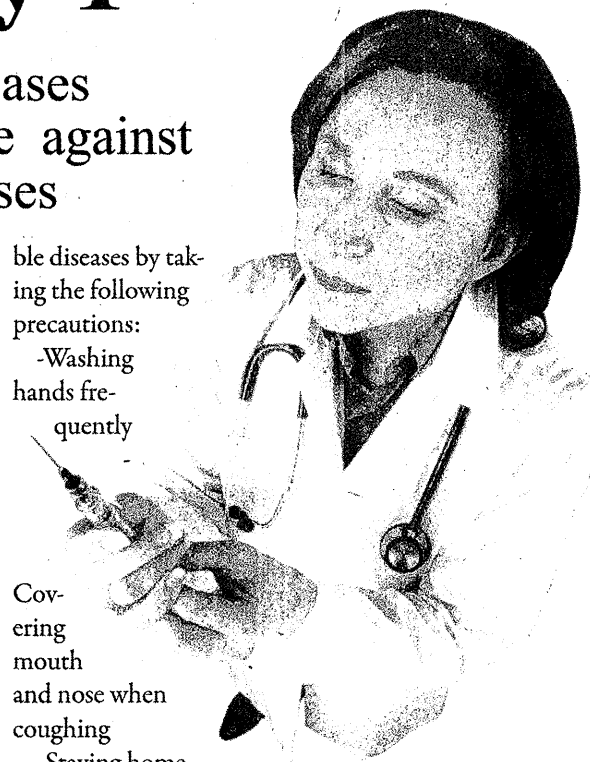
vaccines, infectious diseases like polio, diphtheria, and

pertussis were commonplace, causing deaths of many, especially children," Meyerson said. "Vaccines are among

the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. They not only

help protect vaccinated individuals, but also help protect entire communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious diseases."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, contact your local health department office or health care provider or visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).



# Farmer's Market Opens Saturday, May 1st

25<sup>th</sup> Season starts at 8 am in Boyne City's Veteran's Park

## BOYNE CITY

The Boyne City Farmers Market, which over the past 25 years has gained a reputation as the best farmer's market in northern Michigan, opens the 2010 season on Saturday, May 1, at Veterans Park.

The market runs from 8 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and Saturday, May through October.

Mark Contrucci is the new market manager, taking over for Jen Lewis, who managed the market for the past four years. Contrucci of Boyne City is the owner of Mark C's Trees and has been a vendor at the Boyne City market for the past two years.

"I look forward to

working with all the vendors and the community of Boyne City to continue to build and enhance our market," Contrucci said. "I hope to build upon all the hard work Jen has done over the past four years."

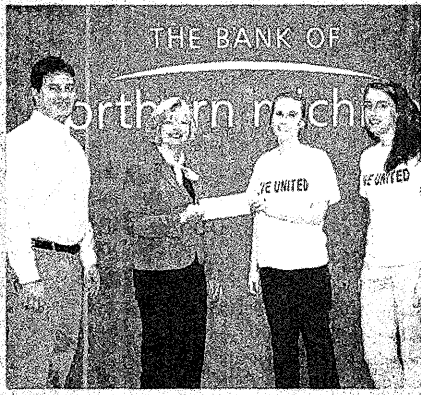
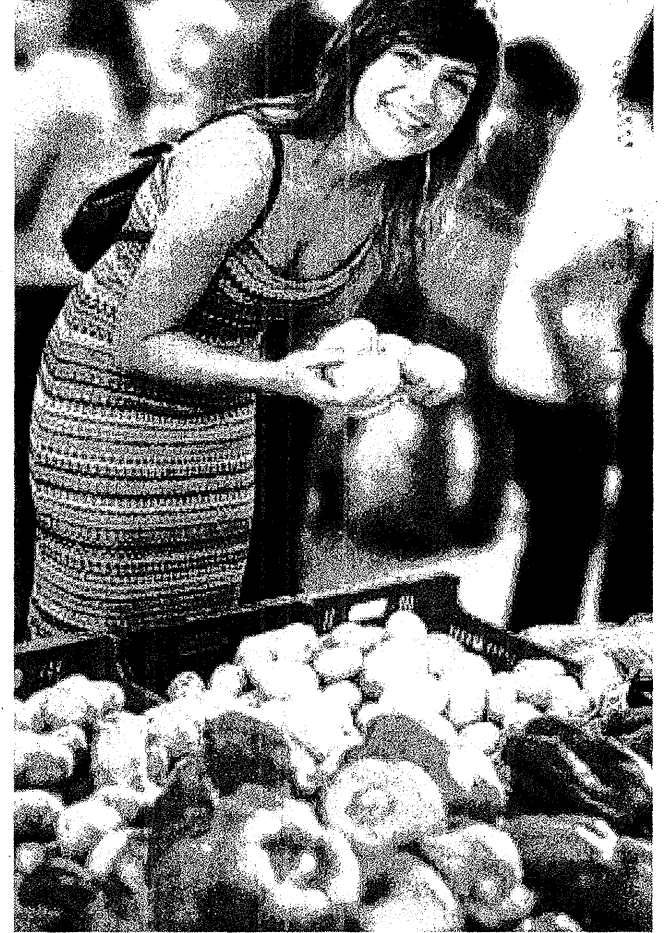
The Boyne City Farmer's Market boasts more than 50 regular producer vendors, all local and all serving the best that northern Lower Michigan has to offer including seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs; gourmet baked goods and preserves; eggs and cheese; honey and maple syrup; meat, poultry and fish, ported annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, and cut flowers; plus a juried craft market with unique hand-made items for your home or a

special gift.

Local artisans offer everything from colorful wooden toys to body care products, from one-of-a-kind fabric bowls to cement landscape statuary.

The Boyne City Farmer's Market is a program of the Boyne City Main Street / Downtown Development Authority. It is governed by an 11-member committee consisting of vendors and community members.

For more information contact market manager Mark Contrucci at 231-838-0569 or email [manager@boynecityfarmersmarket.com](mailto:manager@boynecityfarmersmarket.com). You can also contact the Main Street Program at 582-9009 or [mainstreet@boynecity.com](mailto:mainstreet@boynecity.com).



The Bank of Northern Michigan is proud to co-sponsor a statewide youth volunteer recognition program with Char-Em United Way. Jordan Dutcher and Kathy Erber from the Bank of Northern Michigan meet with Sarah Cleary and Savannah Zedniczek of Char-Em United Way to present the financial contribution.

## Char-Em United Way and Bank of Northern Michigan Team Up to Offer Student Volunteer Award

Thanks to a financial scholarship from the Bank of Northern Michigan, high school students in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties have the chance to receive the Michigan Student Service Award. Char-Em United Way is offering the statewide recognition to all participating high school students who volunteer a significant number of hours to benefit their communities. Students will be awarded with a certificate of achievement as well as a medallion to be worn at graduation ceremonies.

"The Bank of Northern Michigan is proud to sponsor the Michigan Student Service Award. Our entire team believes in supporting local community projects. It is the spirit of volunteerism that helps to make this naturally beautiful region a wonderful place to live, work and play. It is especially important for the community to recognize our young volunteers for it is the youth of today that will grow to be our leaders of tomorrow," stated Jordan Dutcher, head of the Charitable Giving committee at the Bank of Northern Michigan.

The Volunteer Centers of Michigan launched the Michigan Student Service Award and as a volunteer center of that network, Char-Em United Way will sponsor the program in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. By partnering with high school counselors and students, Char-Em United Way will serve as the coordinator and contact point for all program activities.

"We're so excited to offer this award in our community. Part of United Way's efforts is promoting volunteerism and this program is a perfect way to give youth a chance to get involved and make a difference for the better. The MSSA is quite a prestigious award and I know there are some outstanding students in our area that will be able to achieve it," said Sarah Cleary, VCM AmeriCorps VISTA at Char-Em United Way.

The award program will start this summer. During the first year of implementation seniors will be required to complete 100 hours, each year thereafter the hours would increase in 100 hour increments until reaching the 400 hour mark. High schools participating in the program during the first year are Alanson, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Harbor Springs, Pellston, and Petoskey.

Students can log on to Char-Em United Way's Volunteer Connections website to find volunteer opportunities that fit their skills and interests at: <http://tinyurl.com/volunteerconnections>.

Any schools in the Char-Em ISD interested in participating in the program can contact Char-Em United Way at 487-1006 or [info@charemunitedway.org](mailto:info@charemunitedway.org). More information is available at [www.charemunitedway.org](http://www.charemunitedway.org).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters and opinions may be submitted by e-mail to [Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com).

### "Ban to Boom"

Dear Friends,  
Michigan finally has accomplished its no smoking law, and I thought it might be fun to start a little movement in celebration of its initiation May 1st.

There are quite a few restaurant owners who have been concerned that they will lose customers because of this new law. What I'd like to do is show them that there is new business to

gain because they don't have a smoky atmosphere.

Maybe, like us, you know of a restaurant or pub that you'd frequent more often if you didn't have to hang your jacket out in the garage when you get home to air it out.

What I'd like to suggest is that we give this new law a fitting launch while supporting local business, and all go to one of those restaurants Monday, May 1st. We could help their business boom from the ban.

I think we are going to hit the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth. We like owner Keith Stewart, we like the renovations he's done, and he's been a key supporter of village activities for a long time.

So, take a deep, clean breath, and enjoy your meal! Spread the word for May 1st, and it could indeed turn into a fresh celebration.

Regards,  
Jeff Kessler

### Cheetahs at a horse farm in Connecticut?

Dear Editor:  
I am writing to urge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny Lionshare Zoological's permit application (PRT-01671A) for a cheetah from South Africa.

Unfortunately, it appears that Lionshare's application for the importing cheetahs from

South Africa was approved last year. Why would they need to import an additional cheetah?

I am very concerned that Lionshare Farm Zoological will use the cheetahs for the purpose of breeding for zoos and for the pet trade. There is no sound reason for anyone in the United States to breed cheetahs for this purpose and call it conservation.

Additionally, bringing captive cheetahs to the United States for conservation education really does nothing to conserve the species. It

only serves the individual interest of a private exotic animal collector.

Wild animals belong in the wild. Why go against nature? Please deny this application.

Thank you for considering these comments in opposition of the permit request by Lionshare Farm Zoological.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Burwell

### Why Patients Need to Opt Out of Third Party Health Insurance

If the mandate to buy insurance survives constitutional challenges, individuals should consider defying the mandate and not purchasing insurance. Why is opting out a sound idea for patients?

All third party payers limit options. Limitations will by necessity become more stringent as the system expands. The idea that "universal coverage" will make everything available to everyone is absurd. Care is a finite resource and it will be heavily rationed. Trading liberty for the illusion of "free" care is a fool's bargain.

Limitations begin with choice of physician. While many plans (even Medicare!) partially reimburse payments to out-of-network physicians, it's discouraged by the financial structure. As more physicians drop third party payment, choices will become even more limited. Since the 21% cut in Medicare reimbursement to physicians did go through on April 1, Medicare beneficiaries will find it harder to find a physician.

Since participating physicians' reimbursement is constrained, large numbers of patients are needed to generate adequate revenue. There are frequent distractions by requests for "prior authorization" (see below) and other time-wasters. The result is crowded waiting rooms followed by brief, rushed, and stressful encounters with the doctor. High quality care is rendered all but impossible.

Payers try to control costs by limiting access to consultants, expensive tests, drugs, hospitalization, and procedures by requiring "prior au-

thorization" before approving payment. This is usually a time-consuming, frustrating phone conversation with a minimally educated person who goes through inane screening questions prepared by an accountant. Many doctors are so fed up with this process that they become reluctant to order anything out of the ordinary.

Participating physicians agree to periodic chart audits by the payers. This is a blatant violation of medical confidentiality.

Choice of drugs is limited by a formulary—a list of "approved" drugs. The list is set up to maximize profit for the pharmacy benefit managers (e.g., Medco) by promoting drugs for which they have negotiated low prices. All patients are unique and drugs are idiosyncratic. It is to the patients' advantage to have a broad selection of pharmaceuticals, not a narrow one.

Increasingly, treatment decisions are being controlled by payers through "payment-for-performance," where doctors get a bonus for treating according to official "practice guidelines." I will go into more detail about this in my next column. For now, suffice it to say that this promotes a "one-size-fits-all" approach—the antithesis of good, individualized care.

The best solution for the vast majority of citizens is to open and fund a Health Savings Account (HSA) linked to a high-deductible policy to insure against catastrophic illness. Routine health-related expenditures such as office visits, drugs and many tests would be paid for directly from the HSA. Unused money grows, tax-deferred, year to year. Most people would never need to trigger their policy, and such insurance would be very cheap. Some states impose coverage mandates that make such arrangements impossible. This is why

across-state sale of health insurance has so much appeal, and also why it was never considered by the ruling class in Washington, DC. ObamaCare is expected to extend mandates to all states, creating "Cadillac plans" for all with the stroke of a pen.

Thousands of new rules and regulations from newly minted bureaucrats will determine the gory details of ObamaCare. One thing is clear—the government will force insurance companies to accept all comers, regardless of pre-existing conditions. It may therefore be economically advantageous to not buy insurance! Take that \$10,000 per year and put it into a savings account. HSA contribution limits will be lowered, but they have not been outlawed. Even if the tax penalty for non-compliance survives legal challenges, most will be better off financially, and more in control of their lives. It may also be wise for seniors to opt out of Medicare Part B and D (doctors and drugs) and pay for these services directly. Part A, which is mandatory, covers hospital expenses.

Relying on government for health care is exactly what the statist want. But no government can ever deliver health care. Medicare and Medicaid are already broke, and neither can sustain the expected growth. The system will implode.

Together with the growing community of opted-out physicians who will compete for patients on quality and price, a thriving free market will be created that will actually deliver health services to ever-greater numbers of patients.

Richard Amerling, MD, is a nephrologist practicing in New York City

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 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](http://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](http://char-empri.org).

### BOYNE CITY

#### Arbor Day Celebration

The City of Boyne City's open House April 23 from 8am - 5pm. Free Trees! Get your free seedlings at Boyne City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City. Call 231-582-0338 for more information

### 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](mailto:alanahaley@yahoo.com) to volunteer or to find out about sponsorship opportunities.

### BOYNE FALLS

#### Conference on overcoming hardships

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

### 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

### 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.

### EAST JORDAN

#### American Girl Doll Tea Party

Spring has arrived and it's time to celebrate with the Jordan Valley Library Friend's annual tea party on April 25, 1:30 - 2:30pm at the high school. Admission is \$2 per person. Enjoy tea, punch and a variety of delicious desserts. Please bring your own tea cup.

### 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.

### BOYNE CITY

#### Concord Academy Open House

Feel the difference at Concord Academy Boyne during the open house April 29 at 7pm. The academy is located at 00401 E. Dietz Road, just off M-75 east of Boyne City.

### CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

#### Volunteer Opportunities

The RSVP of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties invites everyone 55 and older to join them in volunteer service. Keep active, share your talents, serve your community and meet new friends. We have many volunteer opportunities in Charlevoix County. For more information call Sally Pickering, RSVP Project Director, at 231-347-3211, ext. 29.

### BOYNE CITY

#### Concord Academy Boyne Family Carnival

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

### BOYNE CITY

#### Buff up Boyne

Bring your broom, rake, shovel and gloves as the residents of Boyne gather to clean, rake, and sweep up the town to prepare for the summer season. Meet at Sunset Park next to the Chamber building at 9am on May 1. Boyne City's Main Street will supply food and refreshments.

### EAST JORDAN

#### Community Band Concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band invites you to its 20th anniversary concert, 'A Sentimental Journey', to be held on Sunday, May 2nd at 3:00 pm in the East Jordan High School auditorium. Also featured and back by popular demand will be the East Jordan Rotary Barbershoppers. Admission is free.

### 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 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.

### CHARLEVOIX

#### Wellness Wednesday

Charlevoix Area Hospital's next "Wellness Wednesday" will be from 9am until 4pm on May 5. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, ratio, and Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, Fat Percentage, and a Blood Pressure reading. No fasting required! Cost for the service is \$12. Participants will also receive a blood pressure log and pedometer as well as all test results at the time of the screen. A Registered Nurse will adapt health Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the office of Community Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital: 231-547-8906 or by email: [kjacobson@cah.org](mailto:kjacobsen@cah.org) Walk-ins are always welcome.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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

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

### 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 proj-

ect that aids in access to an inland lake. A WRIA may not be created or expanded after December 31, 2011. Get the MEDC's Fact Sheet. Contact Sheri at 231-582-6482 or [sheri@northernlakes.net](mailto:sheri@northernlakes.net) with questions.

### MICHIGAN

#### Smoke Free Air Law

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

### 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

#### SOBO Arts Festival

First ever 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.

### ELLSWORTH

#### Farmers Market

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

### 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 that will be held at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School at 7pm on June 11 and 12. Tickets

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# LOCAL NEWS

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## MASA Region 2 Announces Champion for Children Award

(Boyer City, MI) – Region 2 of the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) has announced their Regional Champion for Children Award recipient. Marty Moody, Vice President of the Boyne City Public Schools Board of Education, received the Regional Champion for Children Award April 16, 2010, during the MASA Region 2 meeting at the Otsego Club in Gaylord, Michigan.

The Regional Champion for Children Award is presented by each of the 10 regions in the

MASA organization to an individual who has shown tremendous effort and dedication to enriching the lives of children and the community as a whole. Marty Moody is recognized for outstanding leadership and dedication that has enhanced children's opportunities for success and achievement in the Boyne City Public Schools.

Nominators pointed to Mr. Moody's 15 years spent on the Boyne City Board of Education, and his involvement in the school district and support for children that goes much farther than his

service as a board member. "Mr. Moody regularly takes time out of his day to read to students in elementary grades," according to Boyne City superintendent Bob Alger, who nominated Moody for the award. Moody has often served as the Master of Ceremony for drama club events. "He also sells popcorn vendor style to the crowd at football games, dressed in his shorts and Hawaiian shirt regardless of the weather," Alger said.

Almost single handedly, Mr. Moody has conducted Teen Night events at Boyne City Middle

School for the past eleven years. With four events per school year, consisting of goodies to eat, game activities in the cafeteria for students to play, and a dance for students in the gymnasium. Mr. Moody spent his own money to purchase video games (complete with monitors), ping-pong, foosball and other board games, while also convincing a DJ to play music for the dance. He stores the games and equipment, brings it all in and sets it up himself on the day of the event.

"Mr. Moody certainly meets the

first criterion of this award, said Alger, which is demonstrating a commitment to improving the lives of children in their region."

MASA is a statewide association that represents the superintendents and first-line administrators of Michigan's local and intermediate school districts. The mission of MASA is to develop leadership and unity within its membership to achieve the continuous improvement of public education in Michigan.

## AUSABLE EXPO ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS

(Grayling – April 19, 2010) AuSable Expo Chair Dan Bonamie announced today that the 2010 Expo will include an art show by eight Watershed Art Project artists. "The artists will include local painters Dan Feldhaeuser, Jackie House, and Terry Dickinson; two photographers, a lamp maker, and a designer/maker of soft sculpture items. The Expo Team believes the addition of the artists creates added value for the entire Expo," stated Bonamie. The 2010 Expo is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, at the Ramada Inn-Grayling.

Craig Kasmer, Naturalist at Hartwick Pines State Park, will introduce Expo attendees to various types of habitats that birds found in Crawford County "flock" to. The Kasmer presentation, titled Bird Watching in Crawford County, will take place from 10:15 – 10:55 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, in the Birch Room at the Ramada Inn-Grayling. He will outline the equipment the beginning birder should have in the backpack and challenge the audience to identify some of the birds being shown on the screen.

From 11:00 – 11:40 a.m. on Saturday, Expo attendees can learn all about the Crawford County Air Terminal and how it opens a new portal for visitors to this area to access the outdoor recreation opportunities here. The air terminal facility will also provide an opportunity to learn to fly for those who dream of "slipping the surly bonds of earth." This presentation will take place in the Birch Room, Ramada Inn-Grayling. Presenter Stan Prevost is a commercial pilot and instrument flight instructor, and also is a member of the Crawford County Airport Board which oversees the Crawford County Air Terminal, a new general aviation facility at McNamara Field.

Sunday presentations include a "Track Casting Workshop," "Michigan Elk Management," and "How to Develop Permanent Wildlife Food Plots." Track casting offers

a wonderful family activity for young and old alike; one can learn how to identify animal tracks found in northern Michigan and make a cast of a track to take home. Each participant will take home a track guide and at least one plaster track cast. There is a fee of \$1 per kit for materials. Each kit will make two plaster casts. For more information, contact Susan Thiel at [thiels1@michigan.gov](mailto:thiels1@michigan.gov) or call (989) 348-6371 x. 7440. Location for this workshop will be announced at the Expo; the workshop will take place from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 25.

Wildlife biologist Brian Mastenbrook, MDNR, will present "Michigan Elk Management" on Sunday from 2:00 – 2:40 p.m. in the Birch Room at the Ramada Inn-Grayling. Mastenbrook will give a brief history of elk management in Michigan and how elk are intertwined with management of the Pigeon River Country. Attendees will view an uplifting slide show and learn about the natural history of Michigan's elk population.

Wildlife food plots are becoming a popular alternative to baiting, whether for hunting or just wildlife viewing. Larry Holley, the owner of Field of Dreams, a company that establishes wildlife food plots, will explain how to establish and manage wildlife all purpose food plots as well as how to tailor them for specific species. He will review different seed mixes, fertilizers, and maintenance activities needed to establish and maintain a successful permanent food plot. Join Larry for "Developing Permanent Wildlife Food Plots" in the Birch Room, on Sunday, from 2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

The Grayling Promotional Association and the North Central Michigan Community Foundation are sponsors of the 2010 Expo. For more information about the upcoming Expo, contact Expo Chair Dan Bonamie at 989-710-1194, or check online at [www.ausableexpo.com](http://www.ausableexpo.com).



## American Girl Doll Tea Party

Spring has arrived and it's time to celebrate with the Jordan Valley Library Friend's annual tea party on Sunday, April 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the high school. Admission is \$2.00 per person. Enjoy tea, punch and a variety of delicious desserts. Please bring your own teacup.

View the American Girl Doll collection on display. Enter the drawing for a chance to win American Girl Doll Lanie, books and handmade doll totes. Raffle tickets \$1.00 each (X74932). Decorate a pinwheel and take pictures in the photo corner. At 2:45 p.m. the movie Princess and the Frog, rated G, 98 minutes will be shown, free of charge, in the community auditorium. Come and enjoy this fun multi-generational event. Proceeds benefit JVL children's programming. For more information, call Kim at 231-536-2250.

(left) Becca Wood was the grand prize winner at the 2009 Tea Party

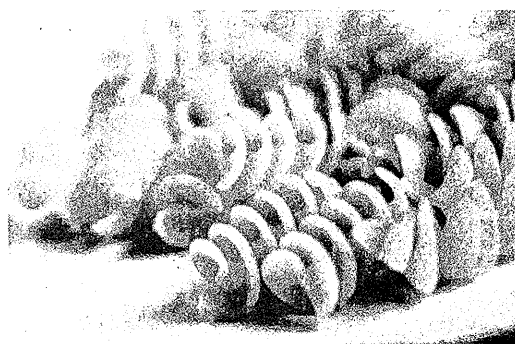
## Pasta Dinner Benefiting Manna Food Project

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Organized in 1987 as a private, non-profit corporation whose purpose is "to gather, organize, and distribute food to those in need", Manna works with several local pantries including Brother Dan's Pantry, First Christian Church, Salvation Army, the mobile pantry at the Free Clinic, the Harbor Springs Community Food Pantry, Pellston Community Pantry, Church of Christ, and the Nehemiah Project, just to name a few.

The pasta dinner will take place at the Petoskey-Bay View Country Club's clubhouse, 4:30 to 8 pm on Wednesday, April 28th. The pasta buffet is available for dine in and carry out. JUSDUIT entertainment featuring Bob Greenway and Jeff Pagel will entertain from 6 to 8 pm. 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.

If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation, mail your contribution to The Manna Food Project, 8791 McBridge Park Court, Harbor Springs. Please note that your contribution is for the PBVCC Pasta Dinner so proper recognition can be given. If you would like your donation to serve a particular pantry, please send that information also.



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## DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

### (she's in trouble again!)

Dear Dave,

My mom filed bankruptcy about five years ago, and I thought that taught her a lesson. She's on disability now, and makes only \$600 a month. On top of all this, she's piled up about \$30,000 in credit card debt again. She's even paid her utility bills and bought groceries with credit cards. I don't know what to do.

Barbara

Dear Barbara,

She can't file bankruptcy again, because it's still too close to the date of her first filing. It sounds to me like she's going to have to face up to what she's done, and make some serious behavior changes. The kind of stuff she's doing is not only addictive, it's self-destructive. She's trading a moment of pleasure for years of pain while that credit card bill grows into a monster!

Personal finance isn't rocket science. It's 80 percent behavior, and 20 percent math. Plus, there are plenty of agencies out there that help disabled people find jobs, and help them remain active and productive in the workplace. When it comes to work, disabled doesn't always mean unable. It's amazing what people with disabilities can do, but the hard truth is that she's still going to have to find a way to get her income up and cut her outgoing money way down.

Sit down with her, and try to explain what's happening and what she's facing in a kind and loving way. Walk her through the process of making a monthly budget, too. You may run into some resistance, because parents often have a hard time accepting help from their kids. I call this "powdered butt syndrome." Once someone has powdered your behind, they don't always want to listen to your advice!

She can turn this thing around, Barbara. But it's going to take some persistence on your part to help make it happen.

— Dave

### (leasing car a bad idea!)

Dear Dave,

I leased a car about two years ago, and I'm just now beginning to realize that it was big mistake. I'm throwing away tons of money. Is there any way to get out of a car lease?

Randy

Dear Randy,

Now you see why I call it "fleecing," don't you? Never do a lease! It's the most expensive way to operate a vehicle.

Call the company and ask for the early buy-out or pay-off amount. Then, compare that figure with the value of the car. If the car is worth \$19,000, and the early buy-out is \$21,000, you'll have to scrape together \$2,000 to make up the difference.

If you don't have that kind of cash sitting around, go to your local credit union or bank and get a small loan of \$3,000 to \$3,500. This will get you out of the "fleecce," and give you some cash left over to buy a little beater to drive for a while.

Get this done, and pay the loan back as quickly as possible. Then, you can start saving up to pay cash for a really good, used car later!

— Dave

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

## The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society Presents: Doing Oral History.....Stress Free, Enjoyable, and Priceless!

### April 26th at 7pm

We all know people with great stories and life experiences. Don't find yourself wishing you had saved their stories in their own words when it's too late!

Join Mark Postma, local history enthusiast, as he shares methods to take away the stress by simplifying the process. Learn how to choose questions tailored to your project and interviewee and see what new technology and software can do to free you from dragging around a tape recorder, and help make

your project everything it can be!

Mark invites anyone who would like to contribute a bit of oral history to our Charlevoix County History Preservation Society collection to come to the program. You won't want to miss this opportunity to make saving those "Voices from the Past" for your own family and for that of Charlevoix County! The program, "Doing Oral History...Stress Free, Enjoyable, and Priceless!" is free and open to the pub-

lic. Light refreshments will be served.

The program will be held April 26th at 7pm at Lakeview Manor Common Room at 451 Water Street (M-32) in East Jordan. The entrance to the parking area is off Echo Street, 100 yards from M-32 intersection. (Echo Street is 2 tenths of a mile East of intersection of M-66 & M-32 and 2 tenths of a mile West of Bridge and Sportsman's Park.) Mark can be reached at 231-536-7929.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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go on sale end of April. Proceeds from the show this year will be used to support Rotary Scholarships.

### EAST JORDAN State of the Community

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

### 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 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.

### CHARLEVOIX 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 date is 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](mailto:sara@northernlakes.net)

### 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 auctions has a new look featuring an evening of fun activities and high-end live auction items and experiences. A \$50 ticket includes a multi-course meal by Chef Michael Peterson (Lulu's and Siren restaurants). The evening is a tribute to long-time Hospice administrator, Margaret Lasatar. Contact by phone: 231-547-7448 or on-line [www.hospicenwm.org](http://www.hospicenwm.org)

### ELLSWORTH Great Lakes Timber Show

In honor of its 30th Anniversary, The Ellsworth Pig Roast is bringing back crowd favorite, the Great Lakes Timber Show on Saturday, June 19. The show gives a humorous twist to the very colorful and exciting events that have evolved from the logging industry of the 1800's and features chainsaw carving, axe throwing, wood chopping, one and two-man crosscut sawing, modified chain sawing, log rolling

and loads of good, clean family fun. You can see the show several times throughout the day by donation; times to be announced. For more information on the Great Lakes Timber Show go to [www.laughsandlures.com](http://www.laughsandlures.com). For more information on the Ellsworth Pig Roast contact Alana Haley at 231-588-6391.

### BOYNE CITY Michigan Mountain Mayhem

The Michigan Mountain Mayhem (MMM) is an event for road bikes that has four different routes to choose from; the longest is a double metric or 130 miles with 10,000 feet of climbing. The event needs volunteers to help. Volunteer jobs are easy and fun; they consist of sitting at a tent or park and making sure food and drinks are ready for the riders, so they can stop, grab some stuff and be on their way. (Also, providing some encouraging words here and there as needed) All volunteers will receive a super cool MMM t-shirt and a lunch ticket (catered by Red Mesa Grill...some locals are doing the ride just for the food!). If you are available for June 12th and can help out please let us know by contacting Paul at [paul@michiganmountainmayhem.com](mailto:paul@michiganmountainmayhem.com). They are donating 10% of the profit to the Pink Ribbon Ride (Bike 4 breast cancer), which is happening on June 19th. If you can't do the MMM, please check out the Pink Ribbon Ride...I don't think it has any hills in it!

### GAYLORD Big Ticket Festival

June 24 - 26 the Big Ticket Festival comes to Otsego County Fairgrounds in Gaylord. The 3 day music festival features top contemporary Christian artists from across the country. Tickets are available online at [www.bigticketfestival.com](http://www.bigticketfestival.com).

This is one of the largest music festivals of any kind in the state and includes events for the entire family. Cornerstone University of Grand Rapids, Michigan is a full festival ministry partner!

### 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

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

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## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

### A tough childhood can lead to success later in life

#### QUESTION: DO CHILDHOOD TRAUMAS INEVITABLY TWIST AND WARP A PERSON IN THE ADULT YEARS?

DR. DOBSON: No. It is well known that difficult childhoods leave some people wounded and disadvantaged, but for others, they fuel great achievement and success. The difference appears to be a function of individual temperaments and resourcefulness.

In a classic study called "Cradles of Eminence," Victor and Mildred Goertzel investigated the home backgrounds of three hundred highly successful people. The researchers sought to identify the early experiences that may have contributed to remarkable achievement. All of the subjects were well known for their accomplishments; they included Einstein, Freud, Churchill and many others.

The backgrounds of these people proved very interesting. Three-fourths of them came from troubled childhoods, enduring

poverty, broken homes or parental abuse. One-fourth had physical handicaps. Most of those who became writers and playwrights had watched their own parents embroiled in psychological dramas of one sort or another. The researchers concluded that the need to compensate for disadvantages was a major factor in the drive toward personal achievement.

One of the best illustrations of this phenomenon is seen in the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, a former first lady. Being orphaned at ten, she underwent a childhood of utter anguish. She was very homely and never felt she really belonged to anybody. According to Victor Wilson, *Newhouse News Service*, "She was a rather humorless introvert, a young woman unbelievably shy, unable to overcome her personal insecurity and with a conviction of her own inadequacy." The world knows, however, that Mrs. Roosevelt rose above her emotional shackles. As Wilson said, "...From some inner wellspring, Mrs. Roosevelt summoned a tough, unyielding courage, tempered by remarkable self-control and self-discipline..." That "inner wellspring" has another appropriate name: compensa-

tion! Obviously, one's attitude toward a handicap determines its impact on one's life. It has become popular to blame adverse circumstances for irresponsible behavior (e.g., poverty causes crime, broken homes produce juvenile delinquents, a sick society imposes drug addiction on its youth). There is some truth in this assumption, since people in those difficult circumstances are more likely to behave in destructive ways. But they are not forced to do so. To say that adverse conditions cause irresponsible behavior is to remove all responsibility from the shoulders of the individual. The excuse is hollow. We must each decide what we will do with inner doubt and outer hardship.

The application to an individual family should be obvious. If a child has gone through a traumatic experience or is physically disadvantaged, his or her parents need not give up hope. They should identify his or her strengths and natural abilities, which can be used to overcome the hurdle. The problem that seems so formidable today may become the inspiration for greatness tomorrow.

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## DREAM TEAM

**Player of the Year:**  
Jalyn Ingalls(12), Ellsworth

- Maddie Moeke (12), Boyne City
- Kristen Matelski (10), Boyne Falls
- Madison Way (12), Charlevoix
- Sarah Potter (12), Charlevoix
- Shaina Peters (12), East Jordan
- Emily Veenstra (10), Ellsworth

**Coach of the Year:**  
Mark Essenberg, Ellsworth

## SECOND TEAM

- Sydney Gahn (12), Boyne City
- Amanda Welborn (12), Boyne City
- Katie Fraser (12), Boyne Falls
- Emily Matelski (8), Boyne Falls
- Taylor Storm (12), Charlevoix
- Tanner McCune (10), East Jordan
- Maribeth Poindexter (12), East Jordan
- Haley Drenth (10), Ellsworth

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS'

# 2010 ALL-AREA

# GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



by Mike Dunn  
Sports Editor

Player of the Year Jalyn Ingalls and Coach of the Year Mark Essenberg proved to be a catalyst for hardwood success once again for the Ellsworth girls this past season.

Essenberg, in his eighth year at the helm of the program, guided

Ellsworth to a 17-5 record, its second straight Northern Lakes Conference title and sixth in the past eight years, and a repeat berth in the Class D district finals against Central Lake.

The versatile 5-foot-10 Ingalls,

who started at point guard but played every position on the floor at different times, was effective as a defender, a ball handler, a passer, a perimeter shooter, a battler for rebounds in the paint, and as someone who could penetrate to the

hole. She averaged 16.6 points per game along with 5.6 rebounds and 3.4 steals, but her contributions went well beyond mere statistics; Jalyn was the only senior on the roster and a valuable leader on and off the court for the Lancers.

Joining Ingalls on the 2010 Dream Team are 6-foot-2 sophomore teammate Emily Veenstra, Charlevoix senior forwards Sarah Potter and Madison Way, Boyne Falls sophomore forward Kristen Matelski, Boyne City's versatile senior forward Maddie Moeke and hardworking East Jordan sen-

## Ingalls, Essenberg win top honors

By Mike Dunn

ELLSWORTH - The combination of Charlevoix County News

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR:



Jalyn Ingalls, Ellsworth

### COACH OF THE YEAR:



Mark Essenberg, Ellsworth



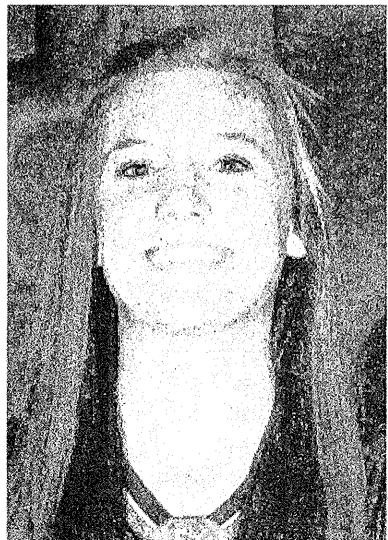
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Madison Way, Charlevoix



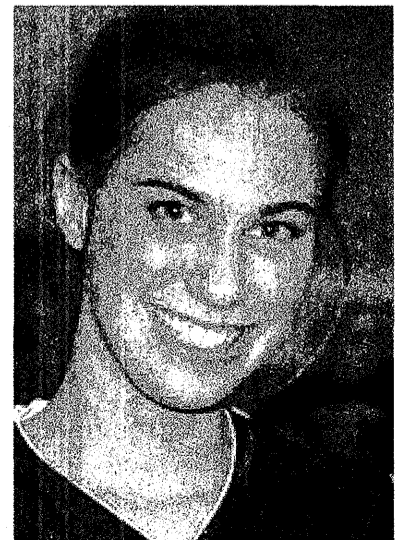
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Emily Veenstra, Ellsworth



Maddie Moeke, Boyne City

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## Red Devils win league opener

### Sahlman scores three as EJ trims Kalkaska

EAST JORDAN – The East Jordan girls bounced back big time on Thursday from their season-opening loss to Glen Lake, defeating Lake Michigan Conference rival Kalkaska by a 3-1 margin.

Midfielder Louise Sahlman was an offensive force for the Red Devils, firing salvos at the opposing net. Sahlman accounted for six shots on net during the match and scored all three East Jordan goals. Paige Roberts and Melissa Morris drew assists.

Grace Howes had a strong game, working hard to transition the ball and stop Kalkaska's attack. Ellen Boyer, Casey Keane, and Kelsey Moore each had a shot on goal and veteran senior goalkeeper Maribeth Poindexter was a Blazer shot repellent, rejecting nine of the 10 shots that came at her.

"The ladies played with a lot of heart and

were talking better tonight," said coach Peter Elliott. "It was a good game for us at this point in our season. We still have work to do, but I am confident that we will continue to grow as a team."

Lindsay Bauer scored for Kalkaska.

In the match against Glen Lake, Poindexter made 22 saves. The fullback line worked hard all game and in first half in particular kept Glen Lake off balance, not letting them have shots without pressure. Briana Sladick led the fullbacks in gaining possession of the ball with fellow linemates Sheneya Argetsinger and Grace Howes right there. Sahlman played a very strong game, leading the team in winning the ball and turning it to the attack.

East Jordan midfielder Louise Sahlman, shown here maneuvering the ball down the field against Glen Lake, scored all three Red Devil goals in the victory over Kalkaska.

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

## Rayders rebound for big win

### Doan scores twice, Bailee secures first career shutout against Grayling

CHARLEVOIX – The Charlevoix soccer team rebounded in a big way Thursday from its season-opening defeat at Gaylord the night before, taking care of business

on the home field against Lake Michigan Conference rival Grayling. The Rayders, with Hannah Doan scoring twice off corner kicks and freshman netminder Bailee

Stevens turning away everything the Vikings sent her way, posted a 6-0 victory.

It was the first shutout for Stevens, who seems destined for a memorable prep career. Aside from Doan, Taylor Smith, Caroline Dupuis, Hallie Bills and Madison Way also tallied for the victorious Rayders.

In Wednesday's season opener at Gaylord, Smith scored in the first half and Way in the second half to bring the Rayders within 3-2 of Gaylord late in the game. The Blue Devils, a deep, quick team this season with good ball handlers, already had two games under their belt before the match with Charlevoix. Stevens made 13 stops in the nets.

On Monday, Charlevoix improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in the league with a 6-0 victory over Kalkaska. Smith and Way each had two goals and an assist and Bills was bullish on the Blazers, too, adding two goals of her own. Hannah Herboldscheimer notched a pair of assists and Doan also had an assist.

Stevens secured her second straight shutout in the nets.



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Charlevoix junior Hallie Bills, right, and Gaylord forward Karly Burke vie for a loose ball during Wednesday's match at Gaylord.

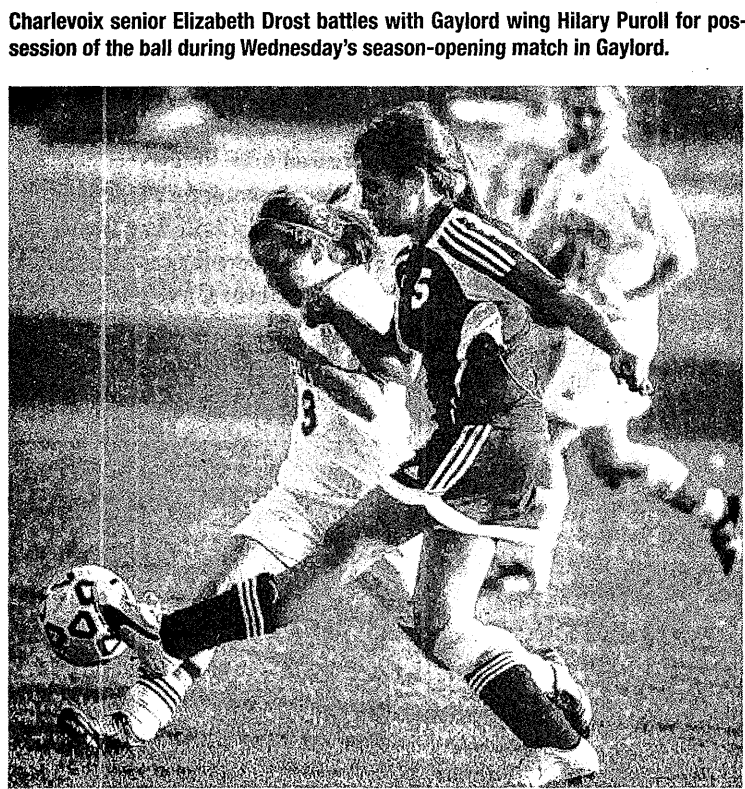


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## GETTING THEIR KICKS ...

These two young gentlemen are members of the Charlevoix Kickers youth soccer team and participated in the youth tournament held Saturday at the Gaylord complex. From the looks of it, the two boys definitely launched some missiles during the action.

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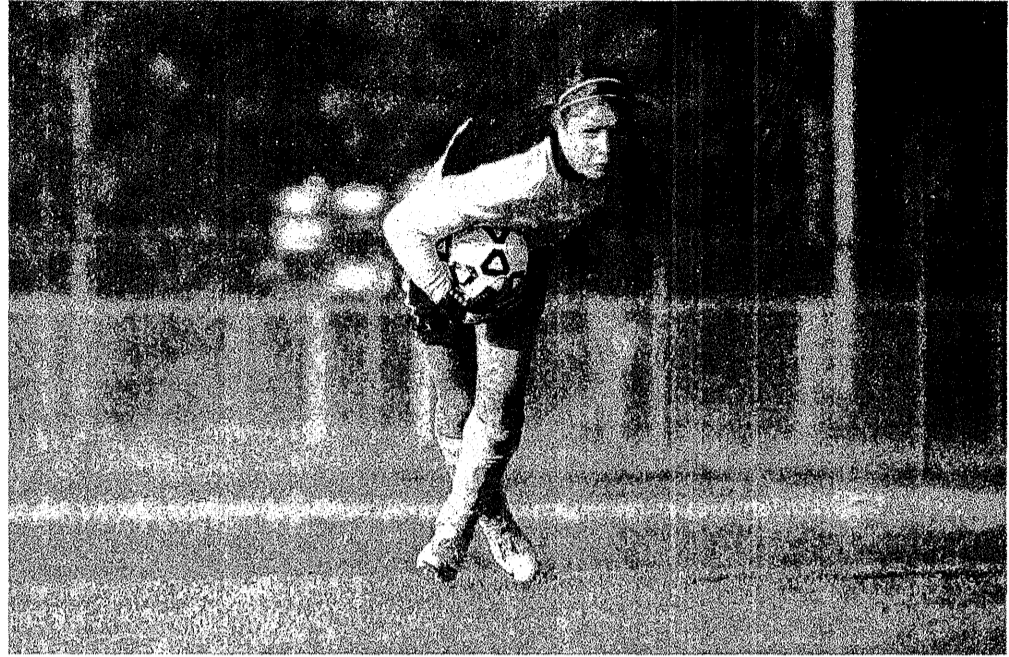
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## Runnin' Ramblers

Boyne City opened Lake Michigan Conference soccer play at home against T.C. Liberty on Monday, falling in a close, physical match by a 2-0 score. In these photos, BC goalkeeper Lexi Harding (right) controls the ball and BC forward Mandy Welborn (left) makes a nifty move with a Liberty defender fast approaching.

PHOTOS BY CINDA SHUMAKER



### track roundup

#### EJ hosts track jamboree

Rayders' Buday, Helstrom and Jeakle each win two events

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN – Charlevoix fared well in Monday's Lake Michigan Conference track jamboree held at East Jordan. Three Rayder athletes, two boys and one girl, were double winners in the eight-team meet, which didn't include team scores.

Distance runner Eric Buday finished first in both the 1600 run (4:32.32) and the 800 run (2:03.27) for the Rayders and Casey Helstrom topped the field in the 110 hurdles (16.71) and the 300 hurdles (42.21). Jonathan Kelly claimed first in the 3200 run (11:51.16).

East Jordan senior Erik Brun took first in the pole vault (11-0).

On the girls' side, Charlevoix's Madeline Jeakle won both the 1600 run (5:24.72) and the high jump (4-10). Senior Sarah Potter was also a winner for Charlevoix, taking first in the shot put (30-1) and Allison Hankins finished second in the 100 hurdles.

Kaylee Wilson crossed the finish line first in the 3200 run (12:49.73) for Boyne City. Mackenzie Macksey was third in the 400 dash for the Ramblers and Mary Myers claimed third in the discus.

#### Rayders compete at Cadillac

CADILLAC – The Charlevoix boys came in fifth place and the boys took seventh in the nine-team invitational meet held at Cadillac on Friday.

Strong-armed senior Sarah Potter won the shot put event for the Rayders with a mighty heave of 31 feet, 5 inches. Potter was also third in the discus. Molly Jeakle claimed second in the 1600 run and fourth in the 800 run for the Rayders and Allison Hankins motored to a third-place time in the 100-meter dash.

Winning events for Charlevoix in the boys meet were Casey Helstrom in the 300 hurdles (42.88), Eric Buday in the 3200 run (10:40.13) and the 1600 relay crew featuring Andrew Plude, Will Larson, Neil Salisbury and Helstrom in 3:45.9.

Helstrom also took third in the 110 hurdles and the foursome of Jon Boss, Jake McLean, Ace Edick and Gunnar Zipp finished third in the 400 relay.

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES



T.J. Douglas of Boyne City successfully clears the high jump bar during Monday's track jamboree at East Jordan.

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES



Taylor Storm of Charlevoix hits high gear as she motors around to complete the third leg of the 800-meter relay on Monday.

### baseball roundup

#### Herriman hurls no-hitter

Charlevoix sophomore strikes out 14, blanks Ellsworth

By Mike Dunn

ELLSWORTH – Sophomore Coby Herriman served up the hot sauce in the second game of Monday's non-conference baseball doubleheader with Ellsworth, striking out 14 Lancers in six innings of work and not allowing a hit. The Rayders won 8-0 to complete a sweep. They won the opener by an 8-1 score to push their record to 4-2.

C.J. Kunkle rapped two outs and knocked in two in the nightcap and Myles Kerr connected for an inside-the-park home run in the opener.

Andrew Potter also pitched well for the Rayders in game one, striking out eight and allowing six hits. Potter also delivered an RBI double and Alex Foster ripped a two-run triple.

ON FRIDAY, Charlevoix edged T.C. St. Francis 6-5 and the Rayders were leading 8-1 in the nightcap when the game was suspended because of snow and howling winds.

Foster had the big blow for the Rayders in game one, smashing a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the sixth to give Charlevoix the come-from-behind victory. Jordan Farmer connected on two triples and J.T. Lawrence had two hits and two RBIs.

Clayton Mitchell held the Gladiators scoreless in 3 2-3 innings of relief to get the win. Mitchell struck out five and walked seven.

Hunter Johnston cracked a two-run triple to help spark a seven-run uprising by the Rayders in the first inning of the weather-shortened nightcap.

#### BC sweeps Elk Rapids

ELK RAPIDS – Boyne City combined effective pitching with timely hitting in a doubleheader sweep of host Elk Rapids on Tuesday, April 13. The Ramblers beat their Lake Michigan Conference rivals 4-1 and 8-4.

Junior Caleb Roberts was sharper than a honed knife blade in the opener, dancing around the plate with his deliveries while striking out 11 Elks and permitting just two hits. Fellow junior Kolbi Shumaker also helped the cause, banging out three hits, and Drew Nohel, Nick Young, Trevor Price and Roberts each singled.

In game two, Shumaker was on the hill for the Ramblers and was also effective, striking out five and giving up five hits.

Dustin Field waved hot aluminum in the nightcap, stroking two hits, while Mike Evans, Price, Young and Shumaker each singled.

### softball roundup

#### Steenwyk powers Lancer sweep

Ellsworth powers past Vandy; Rayders split with TCSF

By Mike Dunn

VANDERBILT – Ellsworth slugger Kari Steenwyk was in power mode at the plate Monday, pounding out two doubles and a triple and knocking in six runs as the visiting Lancers swept Vanderbilt, 14-4 and 16-11, in Northern Lakes Conference action.

Steenwyk had three hits in each game, including two doubles in the opener. She wasn't the only one making hard contact with Yellowjacket pitching, though. Senior Jalyn Ingalls laced a triple and single and long-armed Emily Veenstra rapped a double among her two hits.

Sarah Kearney started in the circle in both games, notching three strikeouts in the opener. Ingalls recorded five strikeouts and allowed three hits in relief of Kearney in game two.

Kearney delivered two hits in the nightcap and sweet-swinging sophomore Haley Drenth had two hits with two RBIs. Steenwyk had a triple among her three hits for the Lancers (3-1, 2-0).

#### Rayders split with TCSF

CHARLEVOIX – Hannah Hybl had a hummer operating in game one of Friday's frigid twinbill with Lake Michigan Conference rival T.C. St. Francis, hurling Charlevoix to an 11-1 triumph. Hybl struck out seven and permitted just three hits. She also helped herself at the plate, getting two hits.

Maddie Zimmerman, Kristen Mielke and Katie Hybl led the offense with three hits each.

In game two, the Gladiators rallied to edge Charlevoix 5-4. Hannah took a 1-0 lead into the fifth before St. Francis staged its rally.

Katie Hybl mashed a mammoth home run among her three hits and Rachael Schull slammed a pair of hits.

#### EJ sweeps Pellston

EAST JORDAN – The Red Devils pushed their record to 4-0 with an impressive 10-1, 3-2 sweep of a pretty good Pellston team on Wednesday. It was the flamethrower, sizzling senior mound ace Shaina Peters, leading the way once again with another dominant performance.

Shaina struck out 15 Pellston batters in the opening game and allowed three hits. She also collected four hits to help her own cause and Mel Skrocki, who is poison with runners on base, knocked in a pair of runs.

Skrocki also had the game-winning hit in the nightcap and Peters had an RBI single as well.

#### EJ sweeps in JV opener

EAST JORDAN – East Jordan JV hurlers Lissa Vincent and Tanner McCune each fired one-hitters as the Red Devils opened the season with a 15-0, 16-1 sweep of visiting Inland Lakes.

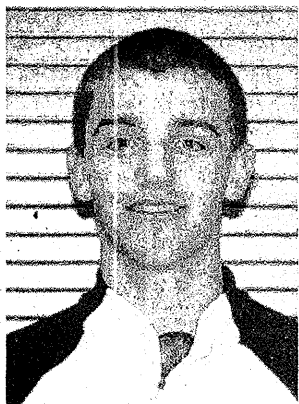
In the opener, "Lightning" Lissa struck out seven in three innings of work in the mercy-shortened game.

Tanner was a terror at the plate in game one, socking an inside-the-park home run to help fuel the offensive fireworks. Emily Crick and Courtney Leftwich each doubled and Jordyn Bacchus and Ally Sutton each tripled.

In game two, McCune handcuffed the Bulldog batters, striking out six in three innings. McCune kept up her torrid hitting, cracking a triple and a single, and Kara LaVanway put some crunch into the offense as well, ripping a towering triple and also smashing an inside-the-park home run. Crick carried a big paddle to the plate as well, slamming two triples.

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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Caleb Roberts, Boyne City

The Ramblers' junior mound ace kicked the baseball season off in fine fashion on Tuesday, April 13., firing a two-hit Lake Michigan Conference foe Elk Rapids in a 4-1 victory. Caleb notched the K's, too, recording 11 strikeouts and he also belted out two hits with an RBI.

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### DNRE REPORT

## Fishing Report

### Charlevoix yielding big perch

*Anglers finding them in 100 feet straight out from river*

Catch rates this spring will improve once the weather stabilizes. Steelhead fishing has been good one day and slow the next with more panfish being caught on sunny days.

**Charlevoix** - Some big perch were caught straight out from the river in 100 feet of water. The trick is finding a school of fish.

**Traverse City** - Boats are still going out for whitefish however anglers were catching more lake trout.

**Boardman River** - Steelhead fishing was hit-or-miss.

**Higgins Lake** - Crappie have been caught in the canals and near the Cut River.\*

**Houghton Lake** - Is also producing crappie and bluegill in the cuts and canals.

**Au Gres River** - Steelhead fishing has slowed. Those surf-casting with rapalas near the Singing Bridge have caught walleye at night. There were rumors of a few smelt however no big numbers and certainly not enough to warrant a trip at this time.

**Rifle River** - Sucker runs have most likely peaked, but there are still a lot of fish in the river.

**Betsie River** - Fishing slowed however steelhead were still being caught both above and below the Homestead Dam. Most fish were caught on the gravel in the middle of the day when using artificial flies. Suckers are pretty much everywhere from the Dam to Betsie Lake. They were in the deeper holes and hitting on worms or flies.

### GEMINI LANES BOWLING LEAGUE RESULTS: APRIL 9-15

#### EJ MERCHANTS LEAGUE

1. Site Planning	
2. The Zone	
3. Darlene's	
High Team Game.....Darlene's ....942	
High Team Series.....Darlene's ..2781	
High Game.....Virgil Sineway ....249	
High Series.....Virgil Sineway ....620	
High Game w/hdcp.....Virgil Sineway ....285	
High Series w/hdcp.....Virgil Sineway ....728	

#### INTER CITY LEAGUE

1. Hurricane Alice	
2. Korhase Flinn	
3. American Legion	
High Team Game.....EJW-Blue Rockets ....861	
High Team Series.....Korhase Flinn ..2503	
High Game.....Del Hart ....244	
High Series.....Anthony Castle ....619	
High Game w/hdcp.....Del Hart ....264	
High Series w/hdcp.....Anthony Castle ....673	

#### FOUNDRY AM

1. Foundry Rats	
2. Sand Baggers	
3. Smokin' Hot	
High Team Game.....Sand Baggers ....684	
High Team Series.....Foundry Rats ..1960	
High Game.....Rob Goodrich ....235	
High Series.....Jody Harris ....139	
High Game w/hdcp.....Rob Goodrich ....634	
High Series w/hdcp.....Jody Harris ....348	
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#### COFFEE CUP

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2. Michigan Officeways	
3. Olstrom Excavating	
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High Team Series.....Michigan Officeways ..1731	
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High Game w/hdcp.....Jessica Argetsinger ....243	
High Series w/hdcp.....Fran Castle ....625	

#### HAPPY HOUR

1. Four Seasons Marina	
2. Darlene's	
3. The Zone	
High Team Game.....The EJ Shoppe ....631	

High Team Series.....The EJ Shoppe ..1763	
High Game.....Cindy Bennett ....197	
High Series.....Cindy Bennett ....511	
High Game w/hdcp.....Maryann Kotsch ....241	
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#### MIXED DOUBLES

1. Full-O-Bowl	
2. Friends	
3. Anything Goes	
High Team Game.....Anything Goes ....643	
High Team Series.....Full-O-Bowl ..1879	
High Game.....Ken Schiemann ....232	
High Series.....Ken Schiemann ....553	
High Game w/hdcp.....Brenda Malpass ....408	
High Series w/hdcp.....Ken Schiemann ....278	
High Series w/hdcp.....Brenda Malpass ....220	
High Series w/hdcp.....Ken Schiemann ....691	
High Series w/hdcp.....Sandy Beal ....595	

#### EJ LADIES LEAGUE

1. Scared Splittless	
2. EJW	
3. ABCO Storage	
High Team Game.....EJW ....774	
High Team Series.....EJW ..2176	
High Game.....Cindy Bennett ....209	
High Series.....Katie Fuller ....524	
High Game w/hdcp.....Cindy Bennett ....247	
High Series w/hdcp.....Jeanetta Merrow ....670	

#### MIXED DOUBLES #1

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High Team Game.....IDGASWYCI ....673	
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ior forward Shaina Peters. Second-team members include senior guards Sydney Gahn and Amanda Welborn of Boyne City, senior Katie Fraser and eighth-grader Emily Matelski of Boyne Falls, senior Taylor Storm of Charlevoix, senior point guard Maribeth Poindexter and sophomore guard Tanner McCune of East Jordan, and sophomore Haley Drenth of Ellsworth.

Even though he had four starters coming back in Ingalls, junior Sarah Kearney, Veenstra and fellow sophomore Haley Drenth, Essenberg had questions going into the season. The biggest one was how long it would take for the four starters to develop a chemistry with the five varsity newcomers.

Essenberg said it took a while for the team to come into its own.

"The chemistry wasn't there at the beginning," the veteran

coach said. "It kind of showed as the season went on but it definitely took us a little while for everyone to get on the same page. We started to mesh together toward the end and actually ended up playing pretty decent."

The highlights of the season included a repeat as league champions and giving unbeaten and No. 1 ranked Central Lake a stiff battle in the district championship game.

"One of our main goals going in was to win the league and you always feel good when you can accomplish that," Essenberg said. "I was pleased with how we did it. There were some other teams who were pretty tough. Harbor Light has a strong program and they're tough every year. Vanderbilt was very athletic and Alanson came on strong. I liked the way we handled our league schedule."

Ellsworth gave Central

Lake, featuring 6-3 Class D Player of the Year Jasmine Hines, its most competitive game in the playoffs before the Trojans reached the Final Four. The final score of 61-51 was deceptive because Central Lake was able to pull away in the final seconds with free throws.

"It was a tough district with Central Lake but we had a chance to win and that's all I could ask of the girls," Essenberg said.

Ingalls, a three-year starter, capped a brilliant prep career for Essenberg and the Lancers and is currently weighing offers from various schools pursuing her for volleyball and basketball.

Alma, Olivet and Adrian are among the schools interested in having Ingalls, who is also a perennial all-academic member, come to play volleyball.

## 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](mailto:emmons@michigan.gov). Information also is available online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr/archery](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/archery).

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

### 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.

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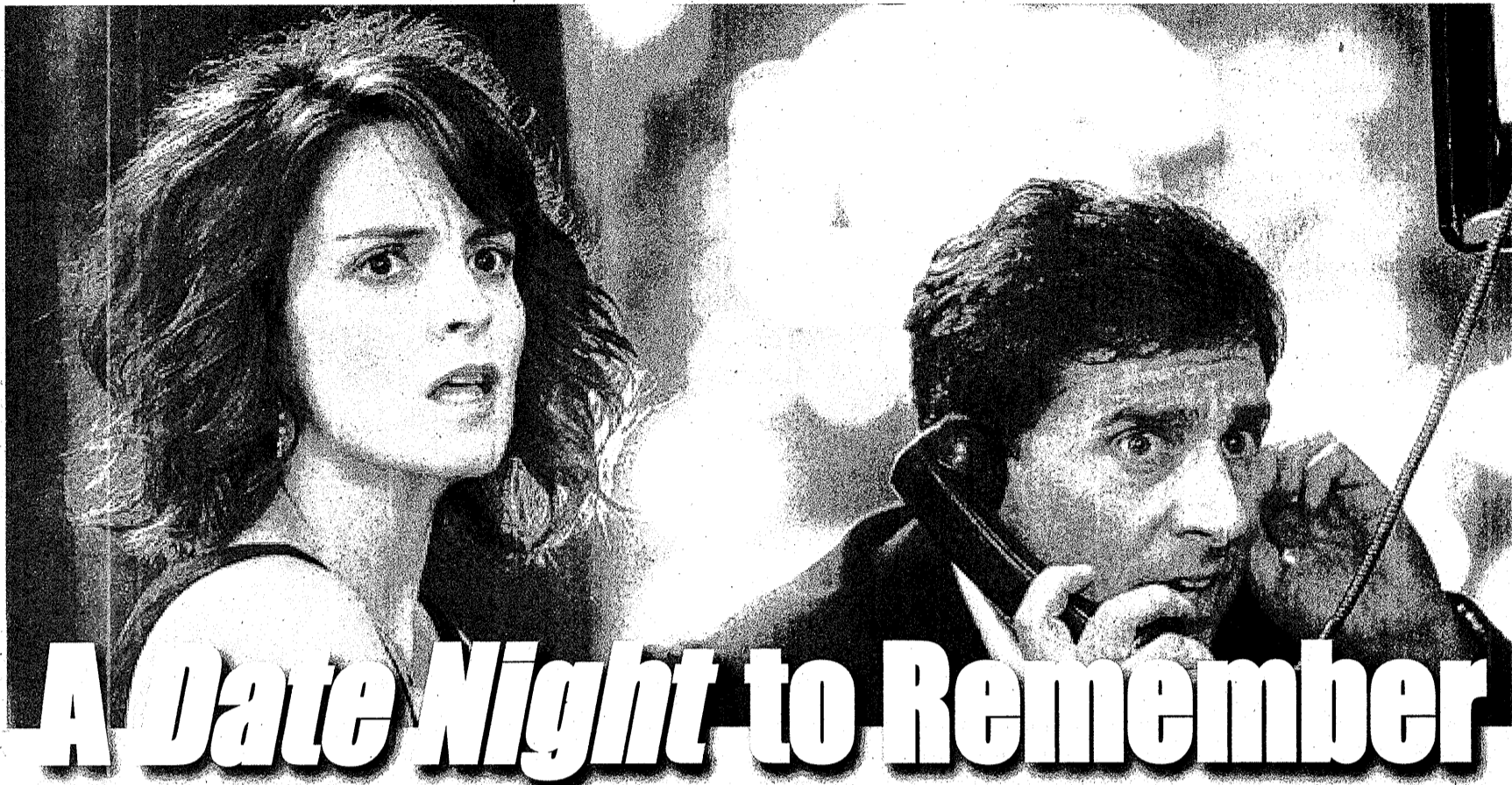
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## A Date Night to Remember

NYC Romp Reveals Importance of Making Dinner Reservations

**STARRING:**

Steve Carrell,  
Tina Fey,  
Mark Wahlberg

**RUNNING TIME:** 98 min.

**RATED:** PG13

### MOVIE REVIEW

By **Jim Akans**

At first glance, Phil and Claire Foster (played by Steve Carell and Tina Fey) seem like an ordinary couple struggling to balance their careers, two young children, and a busy life in suburban New Jersey. While their lives may be ordinary, it quickly becomes apparent that is a big part of the problem.

That life has sucked the romance out of their marriage. A couple of their closest friends are separating and there's something foreboding about that whole idea. And though Phil and Claire religiously set time aside each week for a special date night, even that has become dull and routine.

So Phil has an idea. He takes Claire to a highly acclaimed Manhattan restaurant for an extra special *Date Night*, though he failed to make reservations at the bustling eatery. Acting on impulse, the pair falsely identifies themselves when a waitress announces a table is ready for the "Tripplehorn party." The Foster's get the table, but that slightly dishonest act sets the wheels in motion for a madcap night that slings the couple into an underworld of sleaze, blackmail



and corruption.

Now *Date Night* isn't likely destined for next year's Academy Awards, but Steve Carell and Tina Fey take what is a fairly ridiculous premise and ply their comedic craft to produce some genuinely funny moments throughout this eighty-eight minute film. It's a screwball ride, but a fun one nonetheless. About midway through the movie, one of the oddest car chases to hit the big screen takes place that

you'll have to see to believe.

The film is rated PG-13, for some sexual situations and crude language scattered throughout. While there isn't anything horribly offensive here, some of the material certainly isn't suited for the younger crowd.

For the more seasoned movie goer, parts of this film may seem reminiscent of the 1970 dark comedy *The Out of Towners* starring Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis. Phil

and Claire face much the same sense of frustration that George and Gwen encountered when they took on "the city that never sleeps" forty years ago, though *Date Night* steers away from the bitterness that seeped into the frames of that classic film.

Instead, Phil and Claire work together to overcome the multiple difficulties they encounter as their special *Date Night* unfolds. Along the way, the audience is treated to some heartfelt laughs while the couple strives to re-ignite their romance on the heartless streets of Gotham.

"What I want is to enjoy one day that doesn't depend on how everybody else's day has been," Claire laments to Phil during one of the film's rare quiet moments.

Sorry Claire, that won't be happening during this *Date Night*.

**EXIT COMMENTS:**

"Tina Fey was good...I would recommend this," Sarah - Gaylord

"Really good. Funny with some great action," Trina - Wolverine

"Hilarious, kept us both laughing," Kay and Donny (mother & son) - East Jordan

"It was okay," Mike - Gaylord

### AREA MOVIE LISTINGS April 23-29

#### 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 Losers- PG13**

Starring: Jeffrey Dean Morgan  
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 Back-Up Plan**

Starring: Jennifer Lopez, Alex O'Loughlin  
FRI-THURS 7:00, 9:15  
MON, TUE, WED 7:00  
SAT, SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

#### Kingston Theatre,

**The Back-Up Plan**

Starring: Jennifer Lopez, Alex O'Loughlin  
FRI, THUR 7:00, 9:15  
SAT 1:00, 3:15, 7:00, 9:15  
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**The Last Song- PG**

Starring: Miley Cyrus  
FRI, THUR 7:00, 9:00  
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#### Petoskey Cinema,

**Date Night- PG**

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

**Clash of the Titans - PG13**

Starring: Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson  
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SAT, SUN, THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

**The Bounty Hunter- PG13**

Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler  
FRI 7:15, 9:15 MON, TUE, WED 7:15, 9:15  
SAT, SUN, THUR 12:15, 7:15, 9:15

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid- PG**

Starring: Zachary Gordon, Steve Zahn  
FRI 5:15 SAT, SUN, THUR 2:00, 5:15

**The Back-Up Plan**

Starring: Jennifer Lopez, Alex O'Loughlin  
FRI 4:45, 7:00, 9:15  
MON, TUE, WED 7:00, 9:15  
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**The Losers- PG13**

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#### Bellaire Theatre

**The Last Song - PG**

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## Tailored to Your Dreams

Still Time to Select Final Touches for this Newly Construction Home

By Jim Akans

Purchasing a home is always an exciting adventure. And when that home is a brand new one, there is the added thrill of customizing the interior canvass to suit your particular lifestyle, tastes and needs.

This charming American village style home, located in Boyne City, is currently under construction by the Boyne City High Schools Building Trades Program. It is at the perfect stage for the home buyer to put those personalized finishing touches upon.

While the home isn't far from completion, some of the interior selections such as carpeting, lighting fixtures, and paint color schemes are ready and waiting for the new homeowner to select and match to their needs and desires.

The home features an open and spacious main level design encompassing 2,356 square feet, highlighted by a huge living room that seamlessly adjoins a dining area and kitchen. Gorgeous



hardwood flooring extends throughout this main level area, adding a classy touch to this classic style home.

There are four good-sized bedrooms, a master suite plus a second bedroom on the upper floor, and two bedrooms in the finished lower level. There are two baths on the upper level, including a luxurious full bath adjoining the master suite, another three-quarter bath on the main level, and a full bath in the finished lower level. There is also a very convenient main floor laundry and utility room, and an attached two-car garage.

Another terrific advantage to a new home is that they typically incorporate some great energy saving features, and that is certainly the case here. This home has thermally efficient Andersen brand windows throughout, and a comfortable, efficient

hot water baseboard heating system.

But there is more.

The "bonus space" above the garage has been plumbed and approved for a one bedroom apartment. This could also be used for a fifth bedroom, or finished into a fantastic media center with dedicated bathroom and small kitchenette. This is a space that is ready for the ultimate in home customizing.

And the asking price for this exciting, in-town new home opportunity is just \$189,900.

For a more information or to arrange a tour of this property, call Marty Moody at 231-582-9555 or email at Marty@lyndas-realestateservice.com.

## 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 lose 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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# Making Difference

April is "National Donate Life" Month

By Jim Akans

When Holly Werlein traveled to the Cleveland Clinic with her mom back in 2006 she had no idea she was literally in for the surprise of her young life.

"While we were there," Holly recalls, "my mom noticed my eyes were yellow. I hadn't been feeling very well so the doctors check the level of my liver enzymes and discovered they were in the 2,000 range, while normal levels are in the teens. I was immediately admitted and was about to have a very big life changing experience."

Holly says she remembers the first couple of days at the hospital and then slipped into a near coma as toxins continued to build up in her liver, which only had about 20 percent functionality. After ten days, she was placed at "status one" for a liver transplant, and miraculously, one was found within eight hours of being put on the list.

Today, at 25 years of age, she states, "I am living, breathing proof of the success of the organ donation program."

April is National Donate Life Month, as instituted by the Donate Life America and its members back in 2003. Here in Michigan, about 1.7 million of the state's 10 million residents are registered organ donors. Gift of Life Michigan reports that nearly 200,000 people signed up for the Michigan Organ Donor Registry in 2009. The organization has set an aggressive goal of registering one million new potential donors in 2010 in order to assist the average 17 Michigan residents who receive organ transplants every week.

"The Gift of Life is amazing and we are all true miracles," states Holly Werlein. "I have now found that my purpose in life is to spread awareness and promote organ and tissue donation. I am so passionate about it and I know that's why I was left here. I am now a volunteer web administrator on Transplant Cafe. It is an on-line community that serves as a supportive, fun place for those affected by transplantation."

Holly is also a championship competitor in the U.S. Transplant Games, having won two gold medals in swimming and two silvers in running. She also participated in the world transplant games in Australia this past August, winning two bronze medals in swimming and placing fourth in beach volleyball. She will be competing in the 2010 U.S. Transplant Games which will be held in Madison, Wisconsin from July 30th through August 4th.

"The games are an amazing experience," Holly state enthusiastically, "I am so proud and grateful everyday that I am still able to do all the things I could before. Celebrating my gift of life with other recipients and those affected by transplantation is indescribable."

Joining Michigan's Organ Donor Registry is simple and it's free. It can be done online at the Gift of Life Michigan web site ([www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org)), calling Gift of Life at 800-482-4881, or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office. Donors will receive a special red heart emblem for their driver's license, and a compassionate feeling in their own hearts as well.

Anyone can become a potential organ donor regardless age or medical condition. It is amazing to realize that a single organ donor can save up to eight lives and tissue donors can substantially improve life for up to 50 sick or injured people.

And to dispel the number one myth about organ donation, yes, in a medical emergency, every possible

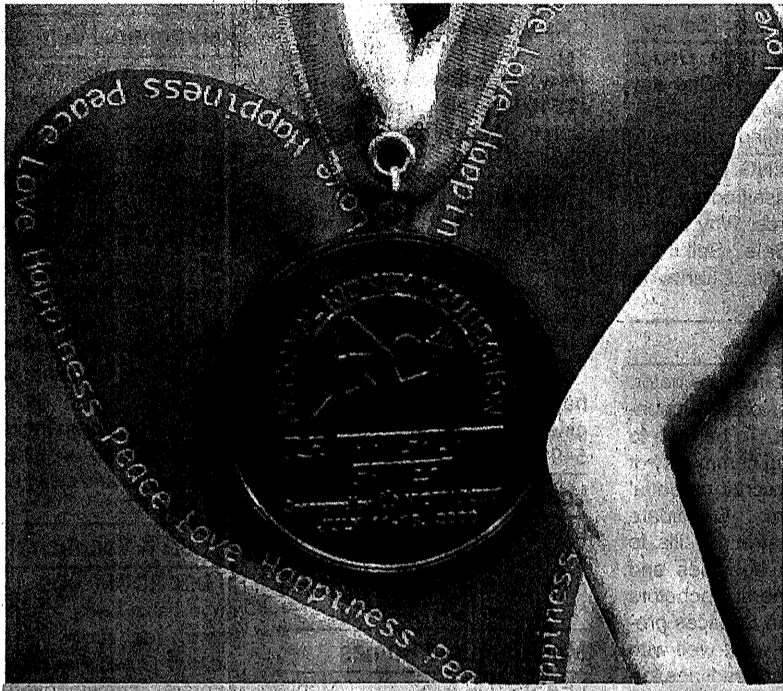
effort will be made to save a potential donor's life before donation is considered or even discussed. By law, the medical team providing treatment must be completely separate from the transplant team.

The gift of organ or tissue donation is, however, one that can offer the joyous continuation of many other lives, such as in the case of

Holly Werlein,

"I am so happy to be alive and so thankful for my donor," Holly states. "I feel I'm alive to help do as much as I can to promote organ donation and to motivate and inspire others. Sometimes it's the struggles in life that show us what we are truly capable of."

One of Holly's U.S. Transplant Games medals from 2008.



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