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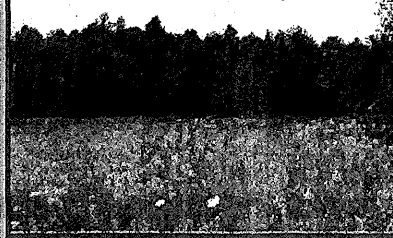
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Motions Denied by Court in Defense Case

By B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

CHARLEVOIX — Motions filed with the circuit court by the defense attorney on behalf of 15-year-old defendant, Michael Meza, met with defeat on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Meza will stand trial in January 2010, for assault with intent to commit the murder of a 9-year-old Boyne City girl. He is also charged with home invasion, 1st degree. He is being tried as an adult.

One of the motions requested that the court suppress statements made by Meza to the police. Meza's attorney, Mike O'Briant, argued that the defendant was too young to fully understand that he had a right to an attorney and other Miranda rights. He also said that the sheriff's office did ask Meza's mother, Sonja Meza, if they could speak with her son, but that they had not recorded or written the conversation.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, said that there is no law that re-

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County Commissioners Approve Budget, Salaries

By B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

CHARLEVOIX — County commissioners approved a two-percent cost-of-living pay increase for county employees at an Oct. 28 board of commissioners' meeting, with several other employees receiving up to 11 and 12 percent raises.

The commissioners also approved a \$13,570,691 million county budget for the year 2010, and approved the levy of mills to the maximum millage rate of 7.7864, to support the 2010 fiscal budget. Historically, the county board has levied up to the maximum rate each year, commission chairman Chris Christensen said. The 2010 budget is up by \$288,138 from the 2009 budget.

County Sheriff Don Schneider and Under Sheriff Chuck Vondra each received a \$7,000 increase in the 2010 budget, which makes their salaries \$69,500 and \$62,500 per year, respectively. The sheriff's office has added the Animal Control Department to its jurisdiction.

The 2010 budget increases the county veteran's office to \$75,411 from \$59,691 in 2009. The office director has achieved national accreditation. The \$15,720 increase will be allocated for the veterans' burial fund, veterans' travel, social security and worker's compensation and about \$3,000 will be allocated to the office director.

The vote to approve the pay increases, the millage levy and the 2010 budget was 5-1, by Commissioners Joel Evans,

Ron Reinhardt, Shirley Roloff and Chairman Chris Christensen.

The lone "nay" vote on the budget general fund increase, and the levy of the maximum millage rate was Commissioner Bob Drebenstadt. He was joined in a no vote on pay increases by Commissioner Shirlene Tripp.

"It's not that they (county employees) don't deserve a raise," Drebenstadt said. "They work hard. But this isn't the right time with all the foreclosures, people losing their jobs, leaving the area. We've lost the youth workers. The unemployment rate is so high, they're leaving."

Charlevoix County with its population of 25,936 (2008 data) has a labor force of 14,041. The number of persons employed is 12,092 and unemployed is 1,949. The unemployment rate is 13.9 percent as of Sept. 2009, according to the state of Michigan website. The state's unemployment rate is 15.3 percent, seasonally adjusted.

Resident and state representative candidate for the 105th District, Tim Boyko, spoke about the county pay increases. He said he has sympathy for the county employees' need for an increase, "but everyone else is staying the same or going backwards."

Chairman Christensen said county employees did not receive an increase in the years 2003, 2005 or 2008.

"We're trying to keep a balance," Christensen said.

The general, or operating, fund will receive 4.7000 of the millage levy.

Elected and appointed salary schedule ~ Fiscal Year 2010

Circuit Court Judge	45,724.00
District Court Judge	19,661.00
Probate Court Judge	139,919.00
Friend of the Court	53,454.00
County Clerk	51,914.00
Equalization	53,485.00
Prosecuting Attorney	86,000.00
Register of Deeds	46,992.00
County Treasurer	46,669.00
Maintenance	47,019.00
Sheriff	69,500.00
Drain Commissioner	2,500.00
Building Official	45,353.00
Planning Director	50,200.00
GIS Coordinator	51,724.00
Veteran's Affairs	29,411.00

County Board of Commissioners Salaries and meeting fees for 2010

Board of Commissioners (per month)	\$250
Drain Commissioner:	\$50
In-House Civil Counsel:	\$10,000
Fiscal Officer:	\$10,400
Medical Examiner:	\$276
County Road Commission (special meetings):	\$75

Wilson Twp. man in a six-hour standoff with police

By B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

WILSON TWP. — A 30-year-old man brandishing a gun and continually pacing in his yard one minute and on one of the floors in his house the next, said he was going to do something to get the police surrounding his house to shoot him.

For approximately six hours, Matthew Gilmet of Pearshall Road in Wilson Township, refused to give himself up to officers and randomly fired a Smith and Wesson 44 caliber weapon in the direction of the officers.

Gilmet is married and his wife was at work when the incident began about 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at the home. He talked with his wife and several times with the police who determined that Gilmet was both intoxicated and depressed.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and Michigan State Police were on the scene and the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Task Force Emergency Response Team was activated. Sheriff deputies and negotiators continued to make contact with Gilmet.

Shortly after midnight, Gilmet agreed to surrender to the officers on the scene without further incident, Sheriff Schneider said.

The sheriff said he commends the actions of all the brave officers at the scene who contributed to the safe ending. Sheriff Schneider said the East Jordan Police, Fire and EMS assisted at the scene.

Gilmet appeared in the 90th District Court for an arraignment on Tuesday, Nov. 10, and was charged with discharging a weapon from a building and with the use of a gun to endanger police officers. A preliminary examination is set for Nov. 24.



Charlevoix claims first district title since 2003, hosts regional volleyball tourney this week

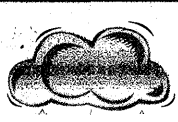
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WEATHER



Thursday
High 52, low 37
S wind 14mph



Friday
High 53, low 38
S wind 10mph



Saturday
High 50, low 36
SW wind 7mph



Sunday
High 50, low 35
ENE wind 5mph



Monday
High 50, low 32
SE wind 10mph

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Health Department named 2009 HomeCare Elite as a top home health care provider

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan announced today that it has been named to the 2009 HomeCare Elite™, a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. This annual review identifies the top 25% of agencies and further highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement, and financial performance.

The Health Department is the only home health care provider in northwest Michigan to receive the designation.

"The 2009 HomeCare Elite winners demonstrate a commitment to providing their patients with the best possible care while performing at the highest level," said Nancy Buller, senior director of marketing communications at OCS HomeCare. "We congratulate the Health Department of Northwest Michigan on being named one of the top home care agencies in the country."

Lynda Bockstahler, Director of Home Care & Aging Services at the Health Department, credits the Health Department's dedicated, caring, and experienced staff for achieving the honor. "We're delighted to be recognized for our work," she said. "We have a great team of nurses, home health care aides, and therapists. The award means a lot to all of us."

"DecisionHealth would like to congratulate the top HomeCare Elite agencies that achieved excellent clinical and financial outcomes by providing quality health care to their patients," adds Marci Heydt, executive editor of DecisionHealth's Home Health Line.

The 2009 HomeCare Elite is the only performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry. The 2009 HomeCare Elite is brought to the industry by OCS HomeCare, the leading provider of home care information, and DecisionHealth, the publisher of home care's most respected independent newsletter Home Health Line. The data used for this analysis were compiled from publicly available information. The entire list of the 2009 HomeCare Elite agencies can be viewed by visiting the OCS website at www.ocshomecare.com.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about the Health Department's home health care services, call Bockstahler at 231-547-7653.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT. INCIDENT REPORT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

1:08am Report of someone knocking on side of house in the 500 block of Jefferson St. Unable to locate anyone or anything making the noise.
 5:19pm Unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

2:00am Officers noticed 2 suspicious vehicles in parking lot in the 1000 block of Boyne Av. Made contact with owners. Everything OK
 2:15am Skateboard found at Avalanche.
 5:50am Officers responded to alarm in the 100 block of E Water St. Made contact with manager and Employees. Everything secure.
 7:53am Male arrested on Lake St near Water St for Driving While License Suspended.
 12:55pm Parking complaint in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
 1:51pm Items reported stolen from vehicle in the 200 block of Franklin St.
 3:15pm Hit and run accident in a parking lot in the 300 block of N Lake St
 6:18pm Unlocked vehicle in the 1200 block of Nordic Dr

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30am 2 vehicle property damage accident in a parking lot in the 300 block of N Lake St.
 8:35am Report of refrigerator stolen from residence in the 700 block of Wenonah.
 6:10pm Report of young children left in running vehicle in parking lot in the 400 block of N Lake St. Contact made with parent.
 7:09pm Assisted DNR with injured deer on Boyne Av near Hemlock.
 7:54pm Male reported receiving harassing phone calls in the 300 block of Collings St.
 7:53pm Assisted citizen with a lock in the 300 block of E Division St.
 8:06pm Male reports losing wallet in the 300 block of E Division. It was later located in same area.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

1:18am Assisted motorist who ran out of gas on Boyne Av near Boyne City-East Jordan Rd.
 4:20am Male in the 300 block of Boice St reporting harassing phone calls and requesting welfare check on his children in another location. Children were fine.
 7:38am Citation issued to male for disregarding stop light at Lake and Water Streets.
 8:43am Report of unattended child left in vehicle in a parking lot on State St. Upon officers arrival, parent was present.
 8:58am Report of larceny of gasoline from 1100 block of Boyne Av. Suspects returned to pay.
 9:08am Officer responded to the 1000 block of Boyne Av for a report of a stolen skateboard.
 10:40am Female reported a driving complaint on Boyne Av and also damage to her vehicle done in the 400 block of Boyne Av
 11:37am Officer responded to the 300 block of Silver St for a threats complaint.
 12:42pm Officers responded to the 300 block of E Division. Male and female reported to be having a loud argument.
 2:21pm Male in the 900 block of Wilson St reports chasing another male out of his garage.
 2:50pm Female into office to report bond violation. Report forwarded to District court and Prosecutor's Office for bond revocation.
 5:35pm Male lost ATM card in the 100 block of River St.
 5:21pm Male reports receiving threats from another male. Contact was made with the subject making the threats.
 10:41pm Arrested male in the 400 block of S Lake St for Driving While License Suspended, 3rd Offense. Also cited for no Proof of Insurance.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:21am Male arrested for Driving while License Suspended in the 300 block of N Lake St.

11:28am Report of abandoned bicycles in the 800 block of N Park St.
 1130am Officers responded to alarm in the 100 block of S Lake St. Everything OK
 2:50pm Report of water main break on Jefferson St near Clark.
 4:00pm Female reports wallet missing after event in the 1000 block of Boyne Av.
 4:41pm Officers responded to the 300 block of E Division St for male and female arguing.
 7:50pm Report of barking dog in the 600 block of Adams St.
 11:26pm Report of female being assaulted at a residence in the 900 block of Second St. Suspect was gone. Another male arrested from Residence for Minor In Possession.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:55am Report of strobe light going off in the 900 block of Brockway. Turned out to be surveyors at the airport.
 12:31pm Report of dogs not on a leash at Avalanche. Officers unable to locate suspect with dogs off leash.
 12:45pm Hit and run property damage accident in a parking lot in the 300 block of E Division
 5:19pm Male into Police Department, concerned because someone was looking over his shoulder while he was using an ATM.
 10:00pm Citation issued to male for No Proof of Insurance and also given verbal warning for speed on Division St near Hull St

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:43am Female dropped off key she found in the 1000 block of Brockway over the weekend.
 11:23am Unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of North St.
 3:28pm Report of cell phone being stolen from the 400 block of State St the previous day.
 7:27pm Assist Fire Dept with false fire alarm in the Industrial Park.

EAST JORDAN POLICE DEPT. INCIDENT REPORT

OCTOBER 30, 2009

08:35 - Records check at PD on subject for Military
 08:36 - Records check at PD on subject for Military Research Assistant
 08:58 - Gasoline drive off from Marathon, subject located and came back and paid
 13:30 - Assisted East Jordan Schools with Halloween Parade at Elem School
 17:14 - Vehicle pulled wires down to business on Water St
 19:25 - Found open door to business on Main St, owner located and bldg was secured
 19:43 - Found open door to business on Main St, bldg was checked and then secured
 19:54 - Keys locked in vehicle on State St near Depot St, vehicle was unlocked
 20:01 - Public Relations at American Legion for Bingo
 20:14 - Public Relations at High School Dance
 20:24 - Traffic stop in High School parking lot for burned out brake light
 21:07 - Cable lines down on State St near Maple St, Charter contacted
 21:11 - Removed tree branches from roadway on Water/Echo St
 21:25 - Removed tree branches from roadway on Sunset St near Cemetery
 21:27 - Tree down on Main St near Winter St, DPW called in to remove it
 21:41 - Report of vehicle driving on sidewalk at High School
 21:50 - Report of vehicle broke down on Maple St near State St, vehicle was removed
 21:51 - Transformer blew on Sunset St near City Limits, Fire Dept and Consumers contacted
 21:54 - Health & Safety issue on Winter St and Main St, turned over to Fire Dept
 22:23 - Accident between 2 fire trucks on Sunset St near City Limits
 23:30 - Traffic stop on N Lake St near Hugh St for excessive speed

OCTOBER 31, 2009

16:16 - Keys locked in vehicle at Save A Lot, vehicle unlocked
 18:12 - Report of kids running out into roadway on State St near Manning Dr
 18:17 - Traffic stop on State St near Wilson St for no plate, plate was located and put on vehicle 18:24 - Keys locked in vehicle at residence on Manning Dr, vehicle was unlocked
 20:34 - 911 hang up from payphone at Marathon, no one around phone upon

arrival

21:18 - Report of someone knocking on residence in Manning Dr. Unfounded
 23:48 - Traffic stop on Bridge St near Union St for loud exhaust

NOVEMBER 01, 2009

00:10 - Traffic stop on State St near Wilson St for broken taillight
 01:36 - Traffic stop on Fourth St near Nicholls St for burned out brake light
 04:29 - Report of someone knocking on residence on State St near Elm St. Unfounded
 05:18 - Traffic stop on Maple St near City Limits for driving left of center
 06:13 - Traffic stop on Main St near Garfield St for burned out headlights

EAST JORDAN POLICE DEPT ACTIVITY

NOVEMBER 01, 2009

08:30 - Assist BCPD w/attempting to locate subject for felonious assault
 10:00 - Assist subject who had vehicle stolen, it happened in Antrim County so it was turned over to ACSD
 11:40 - Subject lost keys to vehicle that was parked at residence on Mill St and will have it removed ASAP
 14:10 - Assist Kalkaska Co SD by signing off cite for No Opts on Person
 18:05 - Subject lost cell phone, but did not know where
 23:30 - Subject arrested for DWLS on Nicholls St near Fifth St

NOVEMBER 02, 2009

00:20 - Served subpoena on subject at residence on Nicholls St
 00:28 - Vehicle parked in roadway on Nicholls St, owner was advised to remove
 09:36 - Report of subject who failed to return rental property, subject contacted and property will be returned
 10:08 - Property found in parking lot of Main St Center
 11:59 - Records check on subject for US Dept of Justice
 16:15 - Report of internet fraud at residence on Esterly St, matter resolved
 23:30 - Lock City Parks

NOVEMBER 03, 2009

08:23 - Larceny of bike from Middle School
 11:00 - Keys locked in vehicle on Bridge St, vehicle unlocked
 11:08 - Report of toddler wandering on Sunset St, parent was located and child was returned
 14:53 - Records check on subject at PD for

position of Childcare Provider
 16:22 - Subject locked keys in vehicle on S Lake St, vehicle unlocked
 16:54 - Traffic stop on State St near Griffin Rd for excessive speed
 19:10 - Report of subject running around near residence on Echo St
 19:15 - Report of subject knocking on residence on Echo St
 19:55 - Suspicious situation on Water St near Lake St
 23:54 - Traffic stop on Main St near Nicholls St for violation of posted speed, citation issued

NOVEMBER 04, 2009

00:10 - Suspicious vehicle in parking lot on Water St near John St
 12:21 - Report of internet fraud at residence on Third St
 13:17 - 911 hang up from Rotary Skate Park, kids playing with phone
 13:47 - Keys locked in vehicle in parking lot of Glen's on S Lake, services rendered
 16:30 - Report of possible illegal burning at residence on Third St near Garfield St, unfounded
 18:32 - Report of kids throwing pumpkins at motor home on Wilson St
 22:00 - Lock City Park

NOVEMBER 05, 2009

00:31 - Traffic stop on S Lake St near Water St for defective taillights, citation issued
 04:01 - Power line down on Jordan St, Consumers contacted
 09:28 - Assist Antrim County Sheriff Dept at residence on Pine St
 10:41 - Private Property Accident in parking lot on Water St
 11:57 - Attempted breaking & entering at Middle School
 14:31 - 911 hang up from High School, unfounded
 14:45 - Fail to pay for gas at Fast Fill, subject came back and paid
 18:15 - Report of attempted suicide at residence on Prospect St, unfounded
 18:30 - Report of assault & battery at High School
 18:35 - Found property at Middle School, returned to owner
 20:30 - Private Property Accident at High School
 21:31 - Keys locked in vehicle at McDonald's, vehicle unlocked
 22:48 - Subject arrested on Probation Violation at residence on S Lake St

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OBITUARIES

LOUISE M. HART, 94

Louise M. Hart, 94, of East Jordan, died on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born on January 26, 1915, in Tonawanda, New York, the daughter of Arthur B. and Esther (Spaeth) Wolf. Growing up, she always loved music and children, so after high school, she attended Wheelock School in Boston and later the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree in 1940. In 1941, she moved to East Jordan, where she taught kindergarten for 5 years. In 1945, she met Charles Hart and they were married in East Jordan on December 1, 1945. Louise discontinued full time teaching to raise her five children. Years later, she continued her "love of teaching," working as a substitute teacher.

Louise loved singing and her church. She was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the church choir and the St. Anne's Guild. She made home communion calls and in 1984, she began to volunteer at Grandvue Medical Care Facility assisting the catholic residents to attend Friday Mass.

She had been honored for her 50 years of active participation in the Michigan Family Community Education Extension Organization. She also enjoyed swimming, walking and knitting. She has made countless afghan blankets for family members and hundreds of pairs of mittens for her church.

She is survived by five children, Robert (Suzanne) Hart of North Tonawanda, New York, Mary Jane (Glen) Segraves of East Jordan, Anne (William) Olstrom of East Jordan, David Hart of Las Vegas and Peter (Arys) Hart of Newport News, Virginia; nine grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Frances Wolf of Hampton, Virginia; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers, Ralph, Robert and Edmond "Bud" Wolf and one sister, E. Jane Wolf.

A mass was held on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. Duane Wachowiak officiated with interment following at St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery in East Jordan.

The family received friends on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. A rosary was held on Friday evening at 7:30 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, Michigan 49727.

KENNETH BLAINE DOTY, 51

Kenneth Blaine Doty, 51, of Mancelona (formerly of East Jordan), passed away Tuesday, November 3, 2009 after a courageous three year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by family, friends & pets.

He was born on May 26, 1958 in Petoskey. He attended both East Jordan and Grayling Public Schools. After graduating high school in 1976, he attended Lake Superior State University (L.S.S.U.) where he earned his Construction Engineering degree.

Ken played basketball for L.S.S.U. and also in the Ontario (Canada) Amateur Basketball Association. Basketball was Ken's passion. He so looked forward to playing again when he got to Heaven. Ken dedicated over 30 years to the game by playing, coaching and officiating.

He was an active member and ordained priest of the Community of Christ Church in East Jordan. Ken also served many years as head camp counselor at the Park of the Pines summer church camp and the church's Board of Directors as Vice President.

Ken was an active member of the Building Code Officials Council of Michigan for many years and their board of directors. Ken was recently awarded the "Code Official of the Year" by his peers at this year's Annual Conference.

He worked through the years using his God-given talents as a draftsman/engineer at Boyne Falls Log Homes. He also co-owned and operated Sunway Solar Systems in Boyne Falls.

For the last fifteen years, Ken served as Charlevoix County's Building Official until January of 2009.

Ken's other interests included camping, canoeing, hiking, watching University of Michigan sports and Tiger baseball games, dancing with Lori, singing and listening to music, spending time with his animals and building things, "up to code"! Ken also loved flying with his good friend, Jim Eisle, over to Beaver Island. Ken, for years, had planned to sky dive on his 50th birthday but due to his health was unable. Instead, he jumped up to Heaven!

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Lori Hines-Doty of Mancelona; his son, Jason Doty of Boyne City; his mother, Ann L. Doty of Grayling; step-daughter, Kayla Hines of East Jordan; step-son, Michael Hines of East Jordan; brother, Doyle (Jessie) Doty of Grayling; sister, Betty Eisenhauer of Atlanta, MI; brother-in-law, Max Grost of Florida; several nieces and nephews; many friends; and his loving canines, Honey, Belle and CJ, loving kitties, Harley and Jitterbug, and his loving horses, Casey and April, all of Mancelona. He was preceded in death by his dad, Jay Doty; maternal grandparents, Vern and Goldie Whiteford; and sister, Loalee Grost.

A "Celebration of Life" service was held on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at the East Jordan High School Gymnasium. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

The family received friends on Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 2:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to the Doty Family, P.O. Box 1214, East Jordan, MI 49727.



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jodi Adams, Main Street Board; Chuck Vondra, Mayor Pro-Tem; Ray Guzniczak, Main Street Board/Business owner; Karen Guzniczak, Boyne Area Chamber Board/Business owner; John McClorey, River St. Resident/business owner; Michael Cain, City Manager; Ed Brehm, Business Owner; Ron Grunch, City Commissioner; Laura Krizov, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA); Dan Meads, Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Eleanor Stackus, Mayor; Rod Cortright, Business Owner; Michelle Cortright, Main Street Board President/Business Owner; Richard Dunsmore, Citizen; Kathy Goforth, Branch Mgr. Huntington Bank; Hugh Conklin, Main Street Manager; Sheri Rhoads, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance; Bob Alger, Main Street Board/School Superintendent; Bob Carille, Main Street Board; Bruce Janssen, Main Street Design Committee/Business Owner

Park and River Streets re-opened!

The street construction is completed and Park Street and River Street are now open for traffic. A ribbon cutting was held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 5th with State and City officials, staff, members of the Main Street Board, and area residents and business owners in attendance. Crews will continue to be onsite for the several days putting on the finishing touches and doing clean up, but the streets are open to through traffic.

The Park and River Street infrastructure project includes sewer, water, and storm line replacements and upgrades, street reconstruction, and new streetscape elements. The nearly ¼ of a

million dollar project is funded in part by a matching funds Vibrant Small Cities Grant awarded in the fall of 2007 by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). In addition to this project, the adjacent "Old City Park" is in the process of receiving some improvements as well. This project budget was just shy of ¼ of million dollars with almost ¾ of it being funded with grant funds and the remaining being local match. Both of these projects are collaboration between the City of Boyne City, the Boyne City Main Street Program and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

BOYNE CITY MEETS POST-ELECTION

By B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

BOYNE CITY — City commissioners Ron Grunch and Dan Adkison were welcomed back for another term on the commission following their re-election on Nov. 3, and Laura Sansom was congratulated on her election and first term on the commission.

The commission held its first meeting following the Nov. 3 election on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Chuck Vondra was

appointed mayor and Dan Adkison was appointed mayor pro tem.

City manager Michael Cain reported that Park and River streets around Old City Park are completed and much of the park reconstruction work is finished. The fountain and several other projects still need to be completed. A formal dedication of Old City Park will occur next spring, Cain said.

A public input meeting for Avalanche Park is scheduled for Tuesday,

Dec. 1, and will include discussions about the design of the park, the use of the park and about the use of snowmobiles in the area.

The commission decided to transfer funds it was holding for a skate park group that has disbanded to the group forming a community center. The amount of approximately \$1,000 will be disbursed after the community center group has obtained non-profit status with the government.



The Boyne City city commission met on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Ron Grunch, Dan Adkison and Laura Sansom were sworn in for terms on the commission. Commissioners are (seated) Mayor Chuck Vondra, (standing, from left) Mike Cummings, Dan Adkison, Ron Grunch and Laura Sansom. PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

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DISTRICT COURT

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

Sharon Kay Seese, 37, Charlevoix. Driving without a license. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs. Willard Timothy Troutwine, 66, Traverse City. Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and \$461.60 in restitution.

Darrell William Burt, 43, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense. Sentenced to pay \$1,130 in fines and costs, and to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 334 days held in abeyance, 30 days of community service work and two years on probation.

Donald John Cross, 28, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,080 in fines and costs, and to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and nine months on probation.

James Michael Parke, 21, Belleville. Attempted police assault and resist. Sentenced to pay \$1,300 in fines and costs and to 180 days in jail with credit for two days, 158 days held in

abeyance, 20 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Brian James Tompkins, 37, Petoskey. Driving while intoxicated and failure to stop at a property damage accident. Sentenced to pay \$1,480 in fines and costs, and to 93 days in jail with credit for 19 days, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 59 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Jonathon Paul Stewart, 21, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

Shawn Bailey, 37, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$550 in fines and costs.

Michael John Rostar Jr., 32, Charlevoix. Trespass on pier - marine safety. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs. Jeremiah Michael Wiesenauer, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs.

Justin William Vron dran, 27, Charlevoix. Driving without operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES:

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

Kaye's Kleaning L.L.C., 8533 Horton Bay Road, Petoskey, by Kaye Geiste Books & Things, 104 Jordan St., East Jordan, by James A. Petrie. Charlevoix Home Watch, 13192 N. Forest Drive, Charlevoix, by Jack D. Lafay.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Charles Jeffrey Grimm, 33, East Jordan and Megan Starr Vanloo, 37, East Jordan. Michael John Rostar, 56, Charlevoix and Marci Ann Thompson, 35, Charlevoix. Stacey Louis Hoover, 41, Boyne City and Roseanna Maria Pemberton, 32, Boyne City. William Frank Habel III, 37, Charlevoix and Mia Ann Goebel, 27, Charlevoix.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

BOYNE CITY

Dinner & Rummage
Sale benefits child
study group

As the cold weather be-
gins to set in, it's time to take
a night off from cooking and
enjoy a warm dine-in or take-
out spaghetti dinner while
supporting the Boyne City
Child Study Club. The event
takes place 5 to 7pm, Nov. 11,
at the Boyne City Schools
Early Childhood Education
Building, across from the
Boyne District Library. The
cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for

kids under 12, and children 5
and under are free. Dennis
Crissman and the Boyne City
High School Hospitality stu-
dents prepare the dinner,
with homemade desserts
provided by Child Study
Club members. In addition
to the meal, members of the
Child Study Club also offer a
small rummage sale to the
fund-raiser. Useful house-
hold and decorative items
and toys donated by the club
members will be available at
bargain prices. The club's
membership combines work-
ing mothers and stay at home

moms who team up to help our
community provide a safe, lov-
ing and nurturing environment
and programs for kids. The
club meets monthly between
September and May. For more
information, contact Suzann
Binkley at 582-6346.

EAST JORDAN

Free Dinner for Veterans

Free spaghetti dinner for
Veterans and their family on
Veterans Day, Nov. 11 at the
VFW hall in East Jordan. Serv-
ing from 4 - 7. The hall is lo-
cated on M-32 just east of
town. Sponsored by VFW aux-
iliary post 7580

BOYNE CITY

Leaf Pickup

The City of Boyne City will
pick up leaves through Nov. 13.
Residents should set bagged
leaves curbside in clearly
marked biodegradable bags,
which are available at City Hall
and local stores. Brush will not
be picked up curbside but may
be brought to the North Boyne
Compost Site on Robinson
Street. You may haul your own
leaves or brush bagged in
biodegradable bags or un-
bagged to the compost site that
is open seven days a week.

BOYNE CITY

Raffle for

Black Powder Rifle

The Boyne Area Free
Clinic is raffling an inline 50
caliber CVA Optima Black
Powder Rifle. Tickets are avail-
able from Free Clinic board
members and the Boyne Area
Chamber of Commerce. Tick-
ets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. For
more information contact ant
board member or the Boyne
Area Free Clinic at 231-582-

4605. The drawing will be held
on Nov. 13. You need not be
present to win.

EAST JORDAN

Holiday Art Fair

East Jordan Community
Auditorium Nov. 14 from
10am. - 4pm sponsored by the
Jordan River Arts Council. For
more information contact the
Arts Center at 231-536-3385

EAST JORDAN

Free movie

Tinker Bell and the Lost
Treasure, rated G, will be
shown in the community audi-
torium on Nov. 15 at 2:45pm.
Free admission. Sponsored by
the Jordan Valley Library
Friends.

EAST JORDAN

Princess party

The Jordan Valley Library
Friends are hosting a Princess
Party on Sunday, November
15, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the
E.J.H.S. cafeteria. \$2.00 admis-
sion per person includes
games, craft, door prize ticket
and snack. Additional drawing
for 6 Disney Princess dolls.
Tickets \$.50 each. Bring a cam-
era for a photo of your
princess! For more informa-
tion contact Kim Prebble at
536-2250.

EAST JORDAN

Raffle for Rifle

and Shotgun

The East Jordan Lions
Club is raffling two guns, a Sav-
age 300 Winchester Magnum
with 3x9 scope and a Stoeger
Over/Under 20 gauge shot-
gun. Tickets are \$5 each or 3
for \$10. You may purchase
tickets from any EJ Lions club

member or you may call 231-
536-7117. The drawing is Nov.
16. You need not be present to
win.

BOYNE CITY

Farmers Market

moves indoors

The Boyne City Farmers
Market will move indoors this
year for the first time. Vendors
will offer the seasonal pro-
duce, meats, cheese, baked and
canned items, honey, maple
syrup, and other goodies
you've come to expect from
the market for a trial period
during the month of Novem-
ber. The market will be open
in the heart of downtown
Boyne City Saturdays from
9am to 1pm at 126 Water St.
(formerly Kiss Carpet). The
Farmers Market is leasing the
building from Dr. Dennis
Kirkby. Although he hopes to
fill the vacant space more per-
manently, Dr. Kirkby is excited
about the project. If the mar-
ket goes well and enough in-
terest is generated among
those hungry for local food
and the vendors who provide
it, there may be the opportu-
nity for the market to continue
beyond November. The mar-
ket hopes to attract shoppers
from Boyne City and sur-
rounding communities where
markets have ended. The sec-
ond annual Holiday Farmers
Market will also be held in the
indoor Water Street location
on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The
Farmers Market is a project of
the Boyne City Main Street
Program. For more informa-
tion about the market or be-
coming a vendor, call Market
Manager Jen Lewis, at 420-
0996, or the Main Street office
at 582-9009.

EAST JORDAN

County history society

plans dinner at historic

Jordan Inn

The Charlevoix County
History Preservation Society
will celebrate the holidays at
the historic Jordan Inn in East
Jordan on Nov. 16. Society
members, friends, and the
public are invited to attend.
Appetizers and cash bar begin
at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at
6:30. Following dinner, owner
Jane Krumholz will conduct a
tour of the inn, located at 228
Main St., which is one of the
oldest buildings in East Jor-
dan. The cost is \$25 per per-
son, and the last day for paid
reservations is Nov. 9. Make
check payable to CCHPS and
mail to 946 N. Advance Rd.,
Boyne City, MI 49712. Please
include your choice of entree:
select cut of beef or chicken
breast with blue cheese and
white wine sauce. For more in-
formation call Georganna at
883-9867 or Jane at 582-6202
or visit www.cchps.info.

CHARLEVOIX

Effective Market Research

Northern Lakes Eco-
nomic Alliance presents 2009
Lunch and Learn Chamber
Workshop Series, Nov. 18
from 11:30 to 1pm at the
Charlevoix Public Library.
Cost is \$25 for members and
\$35 for non-members.

EAST JORDAN

Main St. Program

The Main Street Informa-
tional Meeting has been

rescheduled for Wed., Novem-
ber 18, 2009, at the East Jordan
Community Auditorium at
7pm. Business owners and
community members are en-
couraged to attend.

BOYNE CITY

Business After Hours

Boyne City Ace Hardware
and the Boyne Bus will host
the Chamber's next Business
After Hours from 5:30 to 7:30
p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at 200
Water St. Those attending will
also be able to tour the historic
Oddfellows building next to
the hardware store. The exte-
rior of the Oddfellows building
has recently been restored as
part of Boyne City Main
Street's facade improvement
grant program. Boyne Coun-
try Provisions will provide re-
freshments and is
co-sponsoring Business After
Hours. For information, call
the Chamber at 582-6222.

BOYNE CITY

Dinner and a Show

Boyne Meets Broadway
dinner and show by the Boyne
City High School Drama De-
partment at the Boyne City
Performing Arts Center on
Nov. 20 & 21. Tickets are \$20
for the 6pm performances.
Tickets are available at Local
Flavor.

ELLSWORTH

Starting a Business class

A new series of monthly How
to Start a New Business classes
have been announced by the
Northern Lakes Economic Al-
liance. The next class will be
Nov. 18 at Banks Township
Hall in Ellsworth from 6:30 to
8:30 p.m. Classes are presented
by Wendy Wieland,
NLEA/SBTDC Business Con-
sultant, who will acquaint you
with the process and the tools
needed to help you begin de-
veloping your new business.
Future classes will be: Dec. 16
at Elk Rapids High School and
Jan. 26 at Petoskey Public Li-
brary. The class fee is \$20 and
you must pre-register by call-
ing by phoning 582-6482 or
emailing info@northern-
lakes.net.

EAST JORDAN

Main Street Program

The Informational Meet-
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7pm at the East Jordan Com-
munity Auditorium.

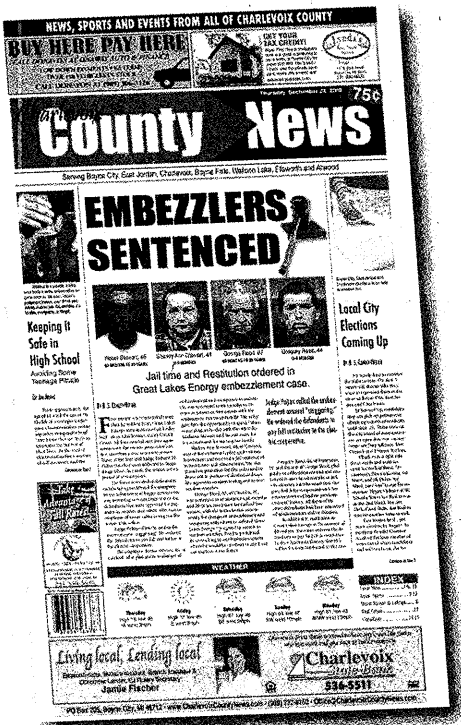
CHARLEVOIX

Wellness Wednesday

Charlevoix Area Hospital
continues to offer walk-in
health screenings on the first
Wednesday of each month.
The Wellness Wednesday
hours are: 1am until 1pm and
from 1:45pm until 4pm.
Health Screens include: Cho-
lesterol and blood Glucose lev-
els, Body Mass Index (BMI)
score, and a Blood Pressure
reading. Cost for the service is
\$12.00. Participants will re-
ceive a blood pressure log, a
pedometer, and all test results
at the time of the screen. A
Registered Nurse will tailor
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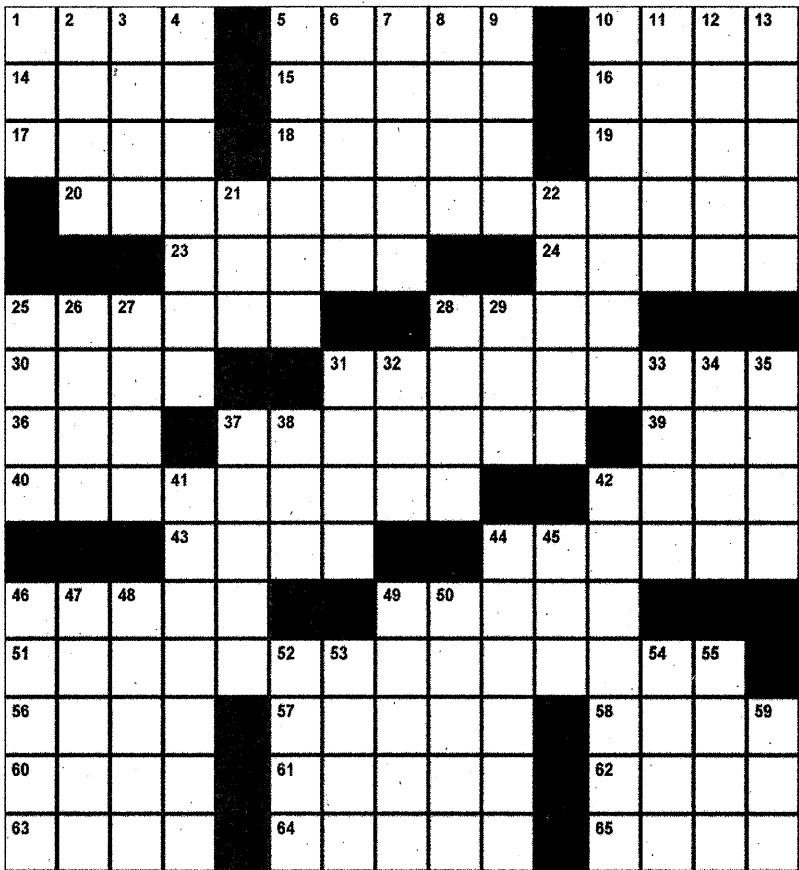
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1- Mild oath; 5- Valleys; 10- Hammett
hound; 14- Ornamental fabric; 15- Uneven;
16- Editor's mark; 17- Salmon that has
spawned; 18- Farm bird; 19- Ad word; 20-
Northern lights; 23- Mimicry; 24- Swindle;
25- Measurable; 28- Author Silverstein; 30-
Horse color; 31- Make certain; 36- DDE's
command; 37- Person who computes
dividends; 39- Half a fly; 40- Unhurried; 42-
Entre ____; 43- 3:00; 44- Stints; 46-
Attended; 49- Nerd; 51- Naïve or gullible;
56- Duration; 57- Singes; 58- Dissolve, as
cells; 60- "Night" author Wiesel; 61- Keyed
up; 62- Gaelic language of Ireland or
Scotland; 63- Tear; 64- Short gaiters; 65-
Go after;

Down

1- Antlered animal; 2- Greek goddess of
the earth; 3- Legal rights org.; 4- Exit a
railroad conveyance; 5- Extent; 6-
Bellowing; 7- Lout; 8- Canadian gas brand;
9- Clairvoyant; 10- Attack; 11- Stable
compartment; 12- Tending to a definite
end; 13- Bikini blast; 21- Choose; 22-
Abrasive mineral; 25- At liberty; 26- Bit; 27-
Greek temple; 28- Heroin, slangily; 29-
That girl; 31- Arguing; 32- Sky light; 33- Energy source; 34- The jig ____!; 35- Capone's nemesis; 37- Playing
marble; 38- Long-leaved lettuce; 41- Longed for; 42- Bites gently; 44- Faculties; 45- New Zealand parrot; 46-
- Smarter; 47- Plentiful; 48- European kingdom; 49- Roman goddess of the moon; 50- Most unfavorable; 52-
Grounded fleet; 53- Ooze; 54- Harp relative; 55- "____ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 59- A mouse!;



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East Jordan city commissioners held an organizational meeting on Monday, Nov. 9. For Tom Breakey, Jane Booze and Russell Peck it was their first meeting since being elected on Nov. 3 to the city commission. Peck was appointed mayor on Monday by the other commissioners. Front row from left are commissioners Deneille Moes, Jane Booze and Russell Peck. Back row from left are commissioners Tom Breakey, Paul Timmons and Ray Fisher.

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New commission holds organizational meeting, Russell Peck chosen as mayor

By B. J. CONLEY-HETLER

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan City Commission held an organizational meeting on Monday, Nov. 9, the first meeting for newly elected commissioners Tom Breakey, Jane Booze and Russell Peck.

The commissioners elected Russell Peck as

East Jordan's new mayor. Peck had no problem handling the gavel, having been mayor for upwards of 11 years, about 20 years ago.

The commissioners elected Paul Timmons as mayor pro tem. Other business included appointing Breakey, Booze and Fisher to choose commissioners to serve on the board's various committees. Commissioners also discussed more

time during the meetings for public input and changed the three-minute time limit to a five-minute limit for each person desiring to speak. The agenda will allow time at the beginning of the meeting and at the end for the public to speak to commissioners, as well as time during the agenda items.

Pine River Place apartments go smoke-free

Charlevoix Housing Commission policy applies to new residents as well as guests and staff; Current residents who smoke are exempted



(November 4, 2009) The Charlevoix Housing Commission has adopted a smoke-free policy for its 62-unit Pine River Place apartments for the elderly and disabled, public health officials announced today. The policy applies to all new residents as well as guests and staff. Current residents who are smokers are exempted from the policy for as long as they live in their current unit. Under this new policy, secondhand smoke and other damage caused by smoking or tobacco products will not be considered ordinary wear and tear, and some or all of the resident's security deposit may be retained by the housing commission to cover costs of damage caused by smoking or tobacco products; damage above and beyond the amount of the security deposit may be billed to the resident.

It is also residents' responsibility to take steps to keep smoking residue from building up in units, such as frequent cleaning. Annual inspections of units will be utilized to ensure that apartment residents are following this part of the policy. Charlevoix is the 32nd public housing commission in Michigan to adopt a smoke-free policy, and has joined 55 other apartment buildings/developments and over 60 townhouses/scattered site units for

a total of at least 4,158 apartment units in Michigan covered by the local housing authority smoke-free policies. Charlevoix makes the third housing commission in the Health Department's four-county jurisdiction to adopt smoke-free policies; East Jordan and Elk Rapids adopted smoke-free policies in 2006.

"It has been a pleasure working with Rob Harrison, the Executive Director of the Charlevoix Housing Commission on this policy," said Bert Notestine, coordinator of the smoke-free apartments initiative for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Rob is a real health advocate for the residents of Pine River Place. He understands the threat secondhand smoke poses for residents. Unfortunately, secondhand smoke doesn't stay in smokers' apartments; it seeps into neighbors' living quarters, causing health risks."

According to Jim Bergmann, Executive Director of the Smoke-Free Environment Law Project, smoke-free apartment buildings are becoming the wave of the future and their numbers are increasing virtually daily. "As the serious health effects of secondhand smoke have become better understood, seepage into apartments and condominiums has emerged as a growing area of

controversy for tenants and building owners alike," he said. "Clearly, virtually all tenants find secondhand smoke, which enters their residence from their neighbors, to be an annoyance and a discomfort, but for some persons it is also a cause of serious illness or significant health problems."

"Apartment owners have realized that it is legal to have smoke-free policies, and they have a desire to protect the health and safety of all residents from the dangers of secondhand smoke and from smoking-related fires," said Erika Van Dam, Family & Community Health Services Supervisor, who coordinates the Tobacco Reduction Coalition. "An estimated 24 non-smokers die each year in the Health Department's four-county Health District from the effects of secondhand smoke." From a financial standpoint, a smoke-free policy significantly reduces maintenance, cleaning, and replacement expenses. Charlevoix Housing Commission could have cost savings well over \$2,000 to \$6,000 per unit due to their new policy, she said.

Encouraging apartment complexes to adopt smoke-free policies is one of the Tobacco Reduction Coalition's goals for fiscal year 2010. The Tobacco Reduction Coalition of Northwest Michigan is looking for

new members who represent health-related organizations and concerned citizens. The next Tobacco Reduction Coalition meeting will be held at 11:30 AM, Tuesday, November 17th, at the Health Department office in Emmet County on Harbor-Petoskey Road.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about smoke-free apartments or transitioning your apartment building to a smoke-free status in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, or Otsego counties, or about the Tobacco Reduction Coalition, contact Van Dam at 347-6014.

United Way Offers Guide for People Seeking Help

With high unemployment rates continuing in Northern Michigan, Char-Em United Way is making its "Survival Guide for the Recession" widely available. The 20-page document provides a wide range of resources for people needing assistance with housing, utilities, food, health care, income, employment resources, and more.

"Many people are seeking this type of help for the first time and aren't familiar with the many public and private agencies and the services they provide," says Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "The 'Survival Guide' lists local and state agencies, along with phone numbers and websites."

A printable copy of United Way's "Survival Guide for the Recession" is available at the agency's website www.char-emunitedway.org. A printed copy can also be requested from the Char-Em United Way office.

"We've had a great response to the Guide from human resource directors who have employees facing layoffs or reductions in their incomes. Many of the human service agencies in the community are also using the resource with their clients. We are continually updating the guide, as new information becomes available," continues Lancaster.

The funding to produce and distribute the Survival Guide, along with support for many other human services programs and initiatives comes from the United Way Campaign. The annual campaign is underway right now. Donations can be mailed to Char-Em United Way at P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770 or made online at www.charemunitedway.org, using the GIVE tab.

For more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or e-mail info@charemunitedway.org

Motions Denied

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quires parental permission to be recorded or in writing, or any law that requires the reading of the Miranda rights to the parent.

It was determined by Judge Richard M. Pajtas that the officers had picked Meza up in Traverse City and driven him to the Probate Court in a timely manner, and that the mother had given her permission for the questioning, and the judge denied defendant's motion.

The defense also motioned the court for computer information which the prosecutor agreed to on a limited basis.

A motion by defendant for the court to order a psychologist or psychiatrist examination of Meza was denied; because the defendant had not made the claim that Meza was emotionally or mentally unstable. Police say Meza entered the house at the Duncan residence in Boyne City at about 4 a.m., on April 26. He had a knife and assaulted a 9-year-old girl as she was sleeping at the residence, cutting her throat. The attacker fled when the girl began to scream. The girl was taken to the hospital, treated and released.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce I wish to thank the owners of Lumberjack Bar and Grill, Bob and Denise Hughey, and their entire staff for hosting the 10th Annual Celebrity Dinner on Monday, November 2, 2009 to benefit the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. The evening was a tremendous success and offered

a wonderful opportunity for area residents and neighbors to dine and socialize while being attended to by our "Celebrity Staff" from the East Jordan and Banks Township Fire Department. Special thank you to the following individuals who donated their time and talent to the evening:

Host/Hostess- East Jordan Fire Chief Glen Thorman & wife Rhonda Thorman and Banks Township Chief Mark Groenink & wife Cynthia

Groenink.

Celebrity Servers-Jim Testa, Tim Drenth, Sienna Wenz, Tom Breakey, Nathan Mc Watters, Bill German and Dennis Richards from the East Jordan Fire Dept.

From the Banks Township Fire Department-Don Frosty, Brad VanderArk, Brian VanderArk and Mike and Jen Aenis.

Thank you to everyone who came out for dinner and generously

tipped their servers to benefit our Chamber. The evening posted a nice attendance of diners! You are greatly appreciated!

Thanks so much for a memorable evening!

Most sincerely,

Mary H. Factlak
President

NEWS IN BRIEF

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EAST JORDAN

Mom to Mom Sale

The Jordan Valley Freedom Festival Mom to Mom Sale Nov. 21 from 10am to 2pm at East Jordan Elementary School. For more information or booth space contact Gretchen Bender at 231-350-0760.

BOYNE CITY

Earlier than the Bird

The first annual Boyne City "Earlier Than The Bird" holiday shopping event is Saturday, Nov. 21, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. "Jump out of bed early, grab your family and friends, and come to Boyne City to see all that it has to offer this holiday season," said organizers of the event. The event is created for those who want to kick off the Holiday Shopping Season with friends and family, coffee and pastries, all while in the comfort of their pajamas. By holding the event the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Boyne City merchants are inviting customers to come and get an "early bird" preview of all the great holiday shopping available in Boyne City. Many Boyne City businesses will be participating, including Radio Shack, Bali Living Imports, Local Flavor, Beyond Borders, Cindi Franco's, Country Now and Then / Up the Lazy River, Dancing Threads, Boyne Arts Collective, Mary's of Boyne, Boyne City True Value Co-op, and Subway. Reply to this email to add your business to the list. A complete list of participating businesses will be distributed in this newsletter, on the Boyne Chamber website (www.boynechamber.com) the week prior to the event, and in a "Sale Highlights" flier distributed the morning of the event. Boyne City's merchants will be offering special deals along with snacks. In addition, those shoppers wearing their pajamas will receive a special gift. (Sorry, sweats and workout clothes are not eligible as pajamas). The event is sponsored by the Main Street Program / DDA and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the chamber at 582-6222.

BOYNE CITY

Community

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving dinner will be held from noon to 2:30pm at the Eagles Hall, 106 N. Lake St. The dinner is open to the public, and there is no charge. Organizer Jerry Kelts asks that anyone interested in volunteering or donating food contact him at 675-9005. Those

who need transportation or a home-delivered meal should also contact Kelts.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Local News Drop Boxes

The Charlevoix County News has placed drop boxes for residents to easily submit news, photos, wedding announcements, classified ads and other local content. The drop boxes are located in East Jordan at the Library, Glen's Market, Save-A-Lot and the Chamber of Commerce. In Boyne City drop boxes are located at the Library, Glen's Market and Water Street Café. In Charlevoix at Glen's Market. The Charlevoix County News is the new local newspaper for East Jordan, Boyne City, Charlevoix, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, Ellsworth and Atwood. Local news releases, photos and information can also be submitted to Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

BOYNE CITY

Thanksgiving Farmers Market

A special Thanksgiving Farmers Market held at 126 Water Street, downtown from 9am-1pm on Nov. 25.

EAST JORDAN

Craft Sale

The VFW Auxiliary 7580 is hosting a craft sale Nov. 21 at the VFW hall in East Jordan from 9am - 4pm. Tons of crafters displaying lots of craft items for Christmas. Lunch is available. The hall is located on M-32 just east of town.

BOYNE CITY

Holiday Open Houses and Santa Parade

The Boyne City Holiday Open House & Santa Parade, held the Friday after Thanksgiving, is a tradition in Boyne City and that tradition continues this year. To make it a true community celebration of the season, everyone is invited to participate, from businesses and organizations with floats, to children dressed in their holiday finest, to businesses offering great shopping, refreshments and hospitality. The goal is to fill downtown Boyne City's downtown with all the sounds, sights and smells of the Christmas season. The parade begins at 6 p.m. and the evening's special guest is the Jolly Old Man from the North. Santa will arrive on his sleigh, joined by some of his elves, and possibly some reindeer from the North Pole. Those participating in the parade will line-up on East Main Street between East and Lake Streets starting at 5:30 p.m. The parade route

will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown Boyne City ending at Old City Park where Santa will meet with all the young children at the historic gazebo. In addition there will be hayrides and refreshments will be served to all of Santa's guests. The parade starts at 6 p.m. and parade lineup is on East Main Street between East and Lake Streets. For additional information call Karen Guzniczak at Country Now & Then/Up The Lazy River, 582-2355, the Boyne City Main Street office at 582-9009, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 582-6222, or email mainstreet@boynecity.com. TO ENTER THE PARADE, send the following information by Nov. 24 to the Boyne City Main Street Program, 112 S. Park Street, Suite F Boyne City, MI 49712, or email it to mainstreet@boynecity.com. Contact name, business or organization name, telephone and mailing address.

CHARLEVOIX

Community Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual Charlevoix Christmas Tree Lighting will be held in East Park on Nov. 28. Beginning at 4pm children may visit Santa at his Charlevoix House (222 Bridge Street) and have a free photo taken with him, courtesy of Charlevoix Camera. Children are encouraged to decorate the Community Christmas Tree with waterproof hand-made ornaments. Again this year, the staff of Charlevoix Children's House a Montessori School will be on hand to assist children in creating an ornament while waiting to see Santa. Dale Boss and the Petunia Truck will provide Christmas music and everyone is invited to enjoy singing Christmas carols, free hot chocolate and donuts. The Christmas Tree will be lit at 6pm.

BOYNE CITY

Lights of Love benefit

Lights of Love is a benefit for Hospice of Northwest Michigan sponsored by the Boyne City Eta Nu Women's Club. Purchase a tree light or Hearts of Love Ornament to support Hospice. Flyers and request forms are available at Chamber office, local stores, or contacts listed below. The event is Dec. 2, starting with caroling at the Boyne River Inn at 6pm followed at 6:30 by a tree Lighting at Country Now & Then. Dinner follows at the BRI for \$12 per person; reservations are required. Remember or honor a person or group by purchasing a keepsake ornament or tree light. The Lights of Love Tree will be lit through the month of December for all to view. Thank you to Country Now and Then, Bill's Farm Market, NMH, and the BRI for helping to make this event possible. For reservations or information contact: Barb Schultz at 582-2877 or Alison Mellon at 582-6923.

CHARLEVOIX

Flurry Festival

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! On Saturday, December 5th bundle up and come join the flurry of activities in downtown Charlevoix!

The annual Merchants Open House will take place all day. Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, activities, special sales, and raffles at participating stores. At 1pm children are invited to Charlevoix Cinema for a FREE full-length feature sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. Please bring a donation of a canned good to benefit the Food Pantry. Then from 3 to 7pm, under the tent in downtown Charlevoix, sample and vote for Charlevoix's Best Hot Chocolate by participating restaurants. Enjoy live music, roasted chestnuts, & community spirit! It will be a fun-filled day that you won't want to miss!

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Book proceeds donated to war memorials

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CHARLEVOIX

Holiday Craft Show

Dec. 5 from 9am to 3pm at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1003 Bridge St. Cookie Walk, Concessions, Raffles. For information please call 231-547-9441

CHARLEVOIX

Cookie Walk

Stock up on your holiday cookies for your family and friends at the First Congregational Church's annual Cookie Walk Dec. 6. You are sure to find your holiday favorites as well as some new varieties to try among the thousands of beautifully displayed cookies. Priced at \$7/ pound. Doors open at 9:00 am. Come early for the best selection. The church is located at the corner of Park and Bridge Streets in Charlevoix.

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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

HORMONAL CHANGES ARE START OF TUMULTOUS TEEN YEARS

QUESTION: Many of the struggles of the teen years are attributed to hormones. If that explanation is accurate, then what implications does it have for parents of early adolescents?

DR. DOBSON: First, understanding this glandular upheaval makes it easier to tolerate and cope with the emotional reverberations that are occurring. For several years, some kids are not entirely rational! Just as a severely menopausal woman may accuse her innocent and bewildered husband of infidelity, a hormonally depressed teenager may not interpret his world accurately either. His social judgment is impaired.

Therefore, parents shouldn't despair when it looks like everything they have tried to teach their kid seems to have been forgotten. He is going through a metamorphosis that has turned everything upside down. But stick around. He'll get his legs under him again!

I strongly recommend that parents of strong-willed and rebellious females, especially, quietly keep track of the particulars of their daughters' menstrual cycles. Not only should you record when their periods begin and end each month, but also make a comment or two each day about moods. I think you will see that the emotional blowups that tear the family apart are cyclical in nature. Premenstrual tension at that age can produce a flurry of skirmishes every twenty-eight days. If you know they are coming, you can retreat to the storm cellar when the wind begins to blow. You can also use this record to teach your girls about premenstrual syndrome and how to cope with it.

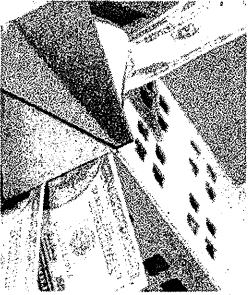
Unfortunately, many parents never seem to notice the regularity and predictability of severe conflict with their daughters. Again, I recommend that you watch the calendar. It will tell you so much about your girls.

QUESTION: How about adolescent boys? Do they have a hormonal cycle too?

DR. DOBSON: Their emotions and behavior are certainly driven by hormones. Everything from sexual passion to aggressiveness is motivated by the new chemicals that surge through their veins. There is, however, no cyclical fluctuation that parallels a menstrual calendar in girls. As a result, they can be more volatile and less predictable throughout the month than their female counterparts.

Homebuyer Tax Credit Extended

Up to \$8,000 Credit
for First Time
Buyers & up to
\$6,500 for Qualified
Repeat Buyers



By Jim Akans

It worked so well the first time around, with an estimated 1.4 million first-time homebuyers taking advantage of an up to \$8,000 tax credit, President Obama has just finalized an extension, and an expansion of the home purchase tax credit for homes purchased through April 30th, 2010.

The new bill continues most of the guidelines established under the original tax incentive bill, giving first-time buyers, or people who haven't owned a home in the previous three years, a credit on their income taxes of up to \$8,000.

And to encourage movement in the existing home market, the bill also includes a provision that allows buyers who have owned their current home for at least five years access to tax credits up to \$6,500. The availability of the credit is subject to income limitations.

Those income restrictions are set at \$125,000 for individuals and \$225,000 for couples, which is an increase from previous guidelines of \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for couples. The credit only applies to primary residences and has a cap of \$800,000, leaving some desperate Hollywood celebrities out of the mix. For those buyers purchasing homes in 2010, they can even claim the credit on their 2009 taxes by filing an amended return.

Buyers must sign a purchase agreement by the April 30th, 2010 deadline, close before July 1st, 2010, and must use the property as their primary residence for at least three years after the purchase to avoid paying the credit back. Could a seller's real estate market be looming?

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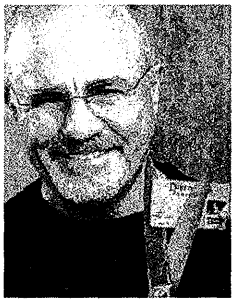
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DAVE Says

(Balancing ambition and contentment)

Dear Dave,

How do you balance ambition with contentment?
Fran



Dave Ramsey

Dear Fran,

This is a really good question! To be honest, I don't believe they require balance. You thought ambition was the opposite of contentment, didn't you? I don't look at it that way. It's not like a teeter-totter. They don't have to balance out, because they're not on the same spectrum.

I'm content and ambitious. I'm content with what we have and what God has entrusted to us. On the other hand, I'm not content to sit around and do nothing just because we've been blessed. To me, that kind of attitude is not contentment, it's apathy. I do what I do because I'm passionate about helping people. You can have peace and contentment and at the same time be a real go-getter—the kind of person who still moves stuff around and makes things happen. They're not inconsistent concepts. I think problems are created when ambitious people are driven by a lack of contentment.

Let me ask you this: Do you think Jesus was content? Do you think He was ambitious? The answer to both questions is yes! You'd have to be pretty ambitious, I think, to take on the sins of the world. At the same time, do you know of anyone else who had more contentment than He did?

More than anything, I think it has to do with what's driving your ambition. If discontentment or a quest for "stuff" is the motivating factor, then maybe they are on the same spectrum. But I think that's a really bad way to live your life. You can get tons and tons of stuff, but no matter what you get or how much you get, you're still not going to really be happy until you find contentment!

—Dave

(Debt freedom more important than marriage?)

Dear Dave,

When does reaching the point of being debt-free become more important than marriage? We're following your plan and doing the debt snowball, but my husband's been working a second job, and it's really cutting into our together-time at night and straining our relationship. I'm afraid we're going to end up debt-free, but divorced. When does one outweigh the other?

Tracy

Dear Tracy,

When does one outweigh the other? Maybe when you stop whining?

Seriously, getting out of debt is never more important than your marriage. But families go through all kinds of stuff, and one of those things is cleaning up messes they've made. It's not always fun, but there's a price to pay if you want to win with your money or anything else.

It sounds to me like your husband has gone gazelle intense about getting out of debt, and in the process may have left you behind a little bit. I don't recommend that! He probably needs to take some time to come back and emotionally re-connect with you. And I'm sure some good, old-fashioned back rubs and words of encouragement from you are in order. Your man could use them if he's been working two jobs!

But there's plenty of time for snuggling and stuff later. Right now, you're trying to do something—something really important—for the good of your family. I know it can be difficult, but it won't last forever. And I can promise you this: Once you're done, you'll be very glad you toughed it out!

—Dave



Michigan soldiers were on watch in Northern Russia fighting in 60 degree below zero weather in the winter of 1918/1919 COURTESY PHOTO

PBS Airs Polar Bear Film

WCMU PBS TV will air *Voices of a Never Ending Dawn*, the dramatic documentary film honoring Michigan's WWI soldiers known as The Polar Bears and many of the scenes were shot in the deep snows of Northern Michigan near Charlevoix during a driving Michigan snowstorm that hit the entire state last January. The film will air on Monday Night, November 16, 2009 at 10 PM. And the many Polar Bear descendants from central and Northern Michigan are thrilled that the heroic story about their fathers and grandfathers is finally being told.

In the summer of 1918 President Woodrow Wilson, at the urging of our allies in Britain and France, sent an infantry regiment to north Russia to fight the Bolsheviks (the first Communists) in hopes of persuading Russia to rejoin the war against Germany. The 339th Infantry with the first battalion of the 310th Engineers and the 337th Ambulance and Hospital Companies were chosen from the Detroit and Michigan areas.

Additional units and soldiers were chosen from all 50 states, and from the battlefronts of France.

These men were called to brave the cold arctic snows and fight long battles in temperatures of sixty-degrees below

zero, under the midnight sun of arctic Russia.

Those that survived called themselves "The Polar Bears". When WWI ended, these men expected to be immediately called home, like all other regiments around the world. That call, for these men, never came. They were left to fight a savage enemy in Northern Russia eight long months after WWI had ended.

There has never been a regiment more tested. They became one of the most highly decorated regiments in all of WWI.

"It was the voices of the soldiers – those eloquent words in the young men's diaries that made these men so real.

It's almost as if they were waiting for someone to 'hear their voices' long after they were gone.

As a writer I simply reached back into time and listened. A more powerful story I have never heard. Their voices now live on to inspire a new generation."

Pamela Peak,
Writer, Producer & Director
Voices of a Never-Ending Dawn

Soldiers from our area that served in the "Polar Bears" unit

ATLANTA

Christian, Arthur

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Judd, Earl A.

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Underhill, Ward Earl
Wyant, William

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Cary, Sherman C.
Griffith, Homer W.

CHARLEVOIX

Glass, Everett
Montgomery, L. K.

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Schultz, Edward

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Keller, John

EAST JORDAN

Hosler, William
Vogel, William

ELMIRA

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Ellsworth, Guy M.

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Dalton, Charles F.
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Prince, Arthur

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Ellingsen, Charles W.
McPhail, Hugh D.

WOLVERINE

Rompinen, John H.
Smith, Stanley

Magnum Hospitality on board with One Water project.

Local restaurant company Magnum Hospitality announces its commitment to the One Water re-development project currently under construction in downtown Boyne City. Lease documents were finalized last week and a June 2010 opening is targeted.

Phase I of the One Water project, which is being undertaken by Gaylord's Catt

Development, will include a selection of small boutique retail stores along with Magnum's new restaurant and a state of the art 24 slip marina. Phase II, is scheduled to break ground in 2010 and will add to the charm of the new marina district with a 37 room hotel, including 17 beautifully appointed condominium suites overlooking Lake Charlevoix.

Magnum Hospitality, operators of the Red Mesa Grill (Boyne City and Traverse City) and Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen (Elk Rapids), will occupy a 4100 sf space in the commercial building with water views. The concept for the as-yet unnamed restaurant is still in the development stages. Plans call for a casual eatery featuring seasonal outdoor

seating and additional "3-season" covered outdoor seating. Owners Mary Palmer and Fred Moore recently completed a "dining tour" of Paris and Rome researching the concept.

For more information, contact Mary Palmer at: marypalmer@magnumhospitality.com, or Glen Catt at: gbcatt@cattdevelopment.com

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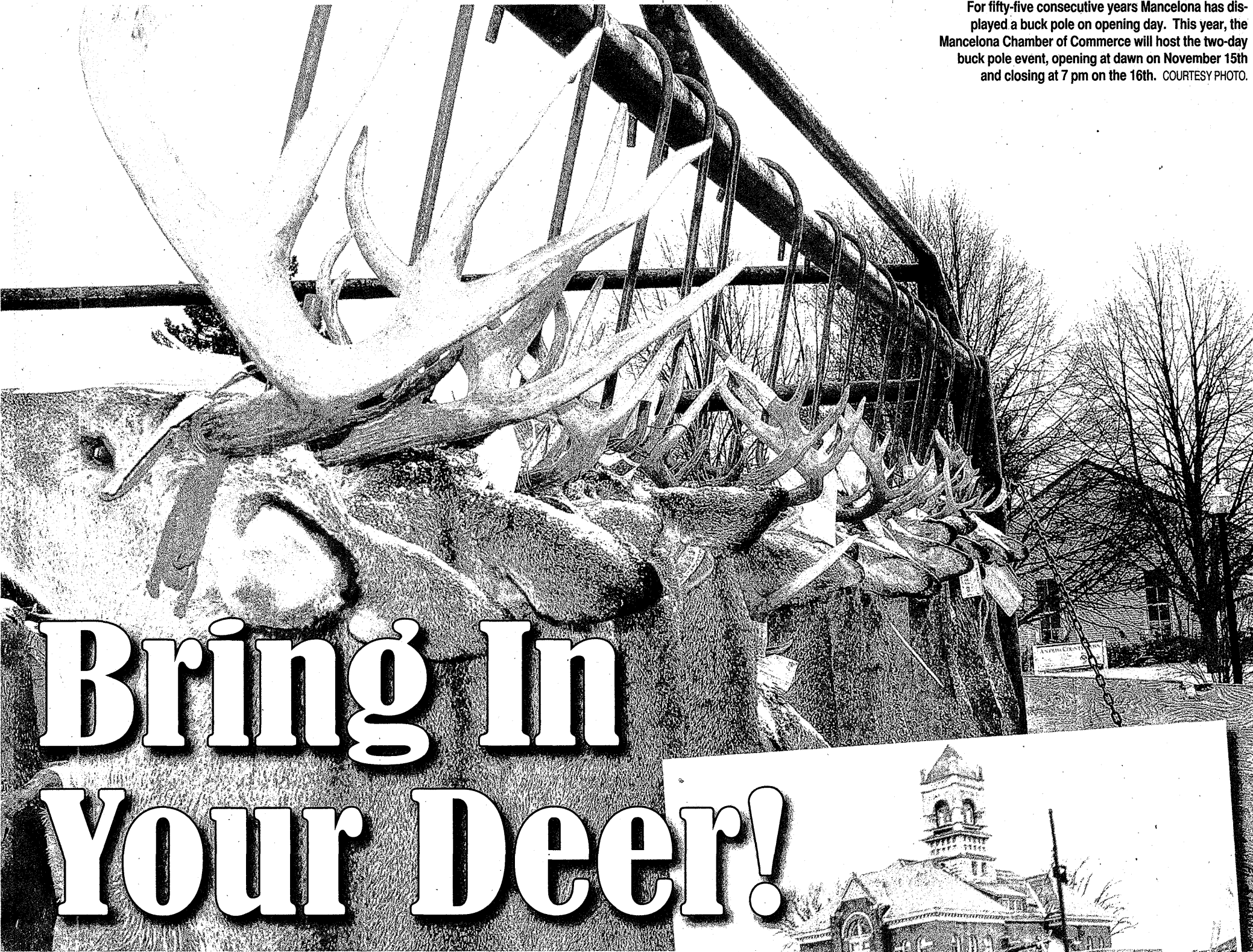
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For fifty-five consecutive years Mancelona has displayed a buck pole on opening day. This year, the Mancelona Chamber of Commerce will host the two-day buck pole event, opening at dawn on November 15th and closing at 7 pm on the 16th. COURTESY PHOTO.



Bring In Your Deer!

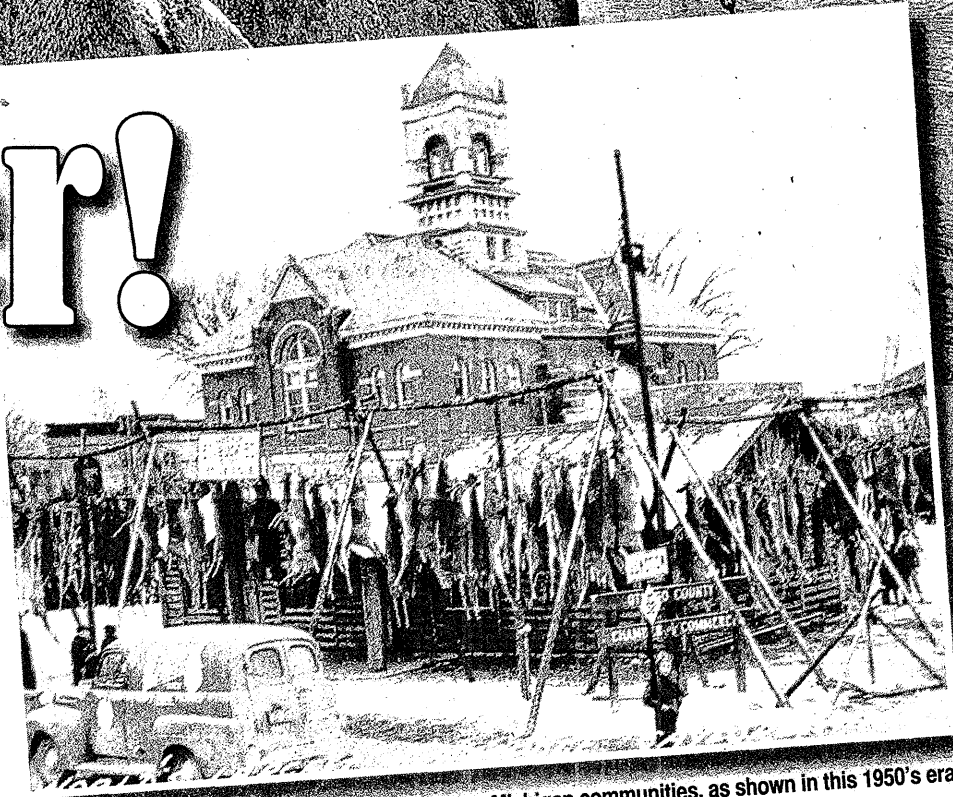
Area Buck Poles Offer Hunters Cash & Prizes

By JIM AKANS

For hunters, this is one of the most exciting times of the year. Bow Season is well underway, and rifle season is just days away. The leaves are down; frost is on the ground...it's time to hunt! Brian Mastenbrook, DNR Wildlife Habitat Biologist, states, "Our expectation is that the number of deer will be a bit down from last year due to the hard winter last year. There was an increase in fawn fatality, and the Doe's didn't have as many fawns. So to be successful, pre-sea-

son scouting is very important. The places where hunters have set up their blinds in previous years may not be successful this year."

Yet the most telling bellwether of the 2009 rifle season will take shape next Sunday and Monday, as area buck poles begin to fill up with prized deer. Following is a look at where some of these deer harvest stations will be set up, waiting for successful hunters to bring in and display their catch, and maybe even take home a prize.



Buck poles have long been a tradition in Northern Michigan communities, as shown in this 1950's era "Meat Pole" in downtown Gaylord. COURTESY PHOTO.

AREA BUCK POLE LOCATIONS:

Atlanta – The 62nd Annual Atlanta Buck Pole, sponsored by several local businesses, will be held from 8 am until 7:30 pm on November 15th, downtown Atlanta at the intersection of M-32 and M-33 North. Cash prizes will be awarded for largest rack, heaviest deer, and the first buck on pole, first woman hunter, youngest and oldest hunters.

Boyne City – This is the 6th year the VFW Hall will have a buck pole, on November 15th and 16th, with prizes in men, ladies and youth divisions, a category for the overall largest rack and several other prizes. There is a \$15 registration fee that must be paid by Nov 14th at the East Main Bait and Tackle (231-582-6474). The VFW will also have a breakfast on the 15th starting at 8am (public is welcome).

Grayling – Skip's Sport Shop- This is a two-day, November 15th and 16th event that has been taking place since 1981. Prizes are awarded each day for largest deer (a scoped rifle), first buck in, first ten bucks in, first lady to bring in a buck, youngest and oldest hunters to bring in a buck, heaviest buck and largest rack. There is a \$2 entry fee for the official "Orange Coat Round-Up Button," proceeds from which pays for prizes, (including \$50 savings bonds or \$25 cash). The button can be purchased at Skips.

Indian River - claims to have "Northern Michigan's Largest Buck Pole" located at Pat & Gary's Party Store, as it has been for the past 19 years. In 2008, nearly 90 bucks were hung on the pole, and items in value of just over \$13,000 were awarded as prizes, including guns, televisions, binoculars and buck knives. Most of the prizes are donated by local businesses, and everyone who registers will receive some type of prize. There is no charge to register (at Pat & Gary's Party Store by November 14th). First, second and third place winners will receive guns (all weight based). The buck pole will be open all day long on November 15th.

Lewiston – The buck pole will be at the Lewiston Moose Lodge on November 15th and 16th from 7 am until 7 pm. There will be a total of \$425 in cash prizes awarded, including largest buck for men, women, and kids under 16 (combination rack size, point, weight).

Mackinaw Outfitters' Buck Pole – This is the 2nd year for this buck pole located on the south side of the Jim Wehr's Mackinaw Outfitters building in Mackinaw City. To hang a buck on the pole, hunters must pre-register at store prior to November 15th. There is a \$2 registration fee. The buck pole will be open on the 15th from 8am to 8 pm and the deadline to bring in a deer is 7:15

pm. Prizes will be awarded at 7:30 pm, with a Grand prize (determined by points and inside spread) being a 30-6 semi automatic rifle, and other prizes awarded for first buck brought in, first female to bring in a deer, oldest female and male hunter, youngest hunter. Anyone who brings in a buck will have a chance at a random drawing for a bolt-action rifle, and there will be a gun giveaway for those who register at the store between now and November 15th.

Mancelona, This is the 55th consecutive year this buck pole has been around. Located at the intersection M-88 and US 131 (at traffic light in town), it will be open from dawn until 7 pm on November 15th and 16th. Cash prizes will include first deer hung, heaviest, most points, widest rack, and even a "luck hunter" prize (open to anyone who registers), will be awarded at 7 pm on the 16th. There is a \$5 registration fee, and a drawing will be held for all the registration money (\$200 guaranteed minimum) which is open to all. There will be a huge tent with photos and statistics from past buck poles, as well as concessions stands and a bonfire going each day.

Onaway – Sponsored by the Onaway Chamber of Commerce, the buck pole will be next to Parrott's Outpost on November 15th. Deer will be hung from 10 am to 3 pm and from 5 pm until 7 pm. Prizes, including

a rifle, binoculars and a NuWay Stove, for largest deer (based on points), youth, oldest hunter and female hunter, will be awarded at 7 pm. There is no charge for registration and there will be free coffee, hot chocolate and donuts all day long.

Petoskey – For the second year, Dunhams Sporting Goods, in a joint venture with Tannery Creek Market, will have a buck pole on November 15th from 8:30 until 7 pm. Prize packages, donated by local businesses, will be awarded in over 20 categories. Last year prizes valued at \$7,500 were awarded, and this year the anticipated total prize value is \$10,000, including overnight stays, golf packages, and gift cards. The first 50 people that bring in a deer will get a prize pack (last year valued at around \$100). There is no pre-registration fee.

Vanderbilt – This the 22nd annual buck pole in this community, hosted this year by the Elkhorn Grill on November 15th, from 7 am to 7:30 pm. There will be first, second and third place cash prizes for widest inside spread plus points. Weight is the tiebreaker. Several other prize categories include; first, buck, youngest male and female hunter, biggest youth buck (16 & under), oldest hunter and most non-typical rack. A warm bonfire, hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate and coffee will be served up starting around 5 pm.

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DISTRICT CHAMPS!



The Charlevoix girls have broad smiles as they hoist the district championship trophy following Thursday's four-game triumph over Harbor Springs at East Jordan. (PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

Charlevoix senior middle hitter Sarah Potter goes high in the air and generates lots of thrust as she records one of her 10 kills in Thursday's title-clinching win over Harbor Springs. (PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

Rayders take home district title

Charlevoix claims first district title since 2003, hosts regional volleyball tourney this week

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN – For the first time since 2003, the Charlevoix volleyball team advanced past the district round of the playoffs. The Rayders (41-18-2) of coach Liz Grunch secured the Class C district title Thursday at East Jordan with a four-game triumph over a pretty good Harbor Springs opponent. The scores were 25-13, 20-25, 25-15, 25-8.

The nice thing about advancing to regionals this year is the Rayders are the host team. They played Forest Area on Tuesday after this issue of the paper went to press. If the girls won that one, they play Thursday at 7 p.m. on the home floor against either McBain or Rogers City for the regional championship.

Charlevoix's strong finish against Harbor Springs enabled the girls to add the district championship trophy to the school's display case. After the Rams rallied to win game two 25-20, the Rayders played exceptionally good defense the rest of the way in recording 25-15 and 25-8 victories.

Taylor Storm was a force of nature in the back row in the district title match, flooding the floor with one diving save after another. Storm finished the night with a whopping 39 digs and she had lots of defensive support from teammates Isis Hang and Kelly Greyerbiehl, who also helped the Rayder cause with 16 and 14 digs, respectively.

Setter Jenna Way was typically efficient, loading the cannon time after time for the Rayders' heavy hitters up

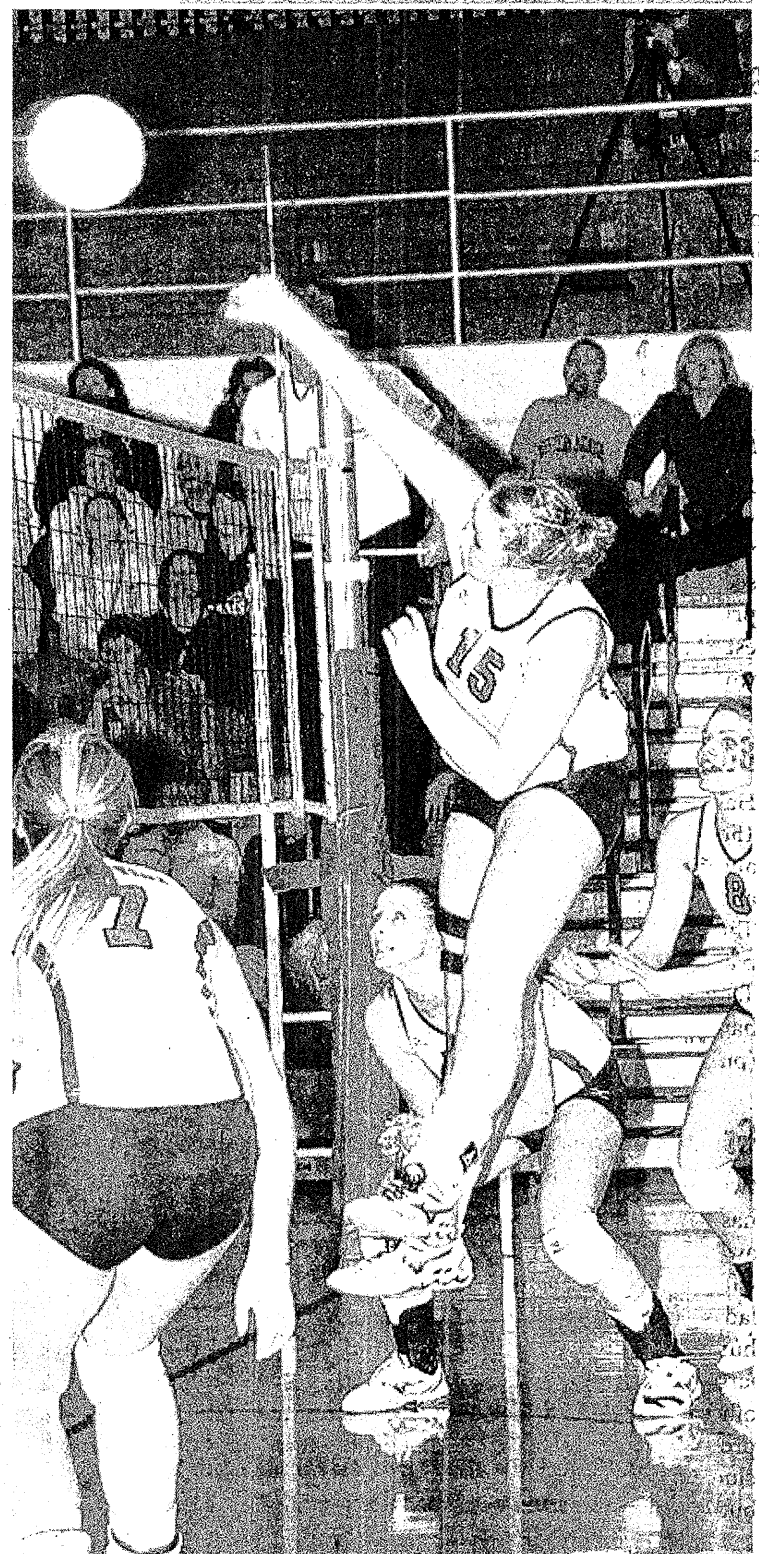
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front. Way amassed 37 assists and also had 15 digs in the match. The chief beneficiaries of Way's offerings were net crashers Katie Mays (17 kills), Allison Hankins (12 kills), Sarah Potter (10 kills, three blocks) and Bobbie Molter (eight kills).

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Hankins was a hammer up front once again, banging out 10 kills to lead the way for the Rayders. Mays amassed nine kills and Potter pounded out five to go with five aces. Way wound up with 25 assists and Greyerbiehl was precision plus at the service stripe, going a perfect 10 for 10.

Middle hitter Maribeth Poindexter closed out a strong season for East Jordan in the thick of the action, securing seven kills with three blocks. Shaina Peters also stood tall in the middle, making five blocks with five kills, and setter Trista Karlskin notched 15 assists.



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BY THE NUMBERS ...

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Aces launched by **Haley Drenth** of Ellsworth with 100 percent serving accuracy in last Tuesday's district semifinal volleyball loss to Central Lake

3

Number of eighth-graders – **Jennelle Roberts**, **Kathryn Miller** and **Natalie Aikens** – who competed for the Boyne Falls girls in Saturday's Div. 4 cross country state meet

20:56

Time recorded by Ellsworth freshman **Olivia Certa** in her first appearance in the Div. 4 cross country state meet Saturday at Brooklyn, good for 34th place overall

39

Digs recorded by Charlevoix's back row specialist **Taylor Storm** in Thursday's district title-clinching volleyball victory over Harbor Springs

100

Percent serving by Boyne City's **Jessica Capp** with six kills in Wednesday's district semifinal volleyball match against Harbor Springs

SPORTS BRIEFS

Calling all coaches

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

Announcing upcoming events

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

Include the date, time, location, registration fee and contact information (phone number, e-mail address and/or Web site) and send to sports@charlevoixcountynews.com or via fax at (888) 240-5499.

EJ Sno-Mobilers host breakfast

EAST JORDAN – The annual East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6, from 7 a.m. to noon on Mt. Bliss Road.

Volleyball Roundup

BC bows to Rams in semifinals

Harbor Springs rallies to edge Ramblers in four games, advance to district finals against Charlevoix

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN – Boyne City battled Harbor Springs to the wire in Wednesday's district semifinal volleyball match at East Jordan. In the end, though, it was the Rams who prevailed.

Harbor Springs (16-15-6) earned a berth in the district finals against Charlevoix (which the Rams lost) with a 25-22, 25-17, 19-25, 26-24 victory over the Ramblers, who close the season with a 21-24-3 mark.

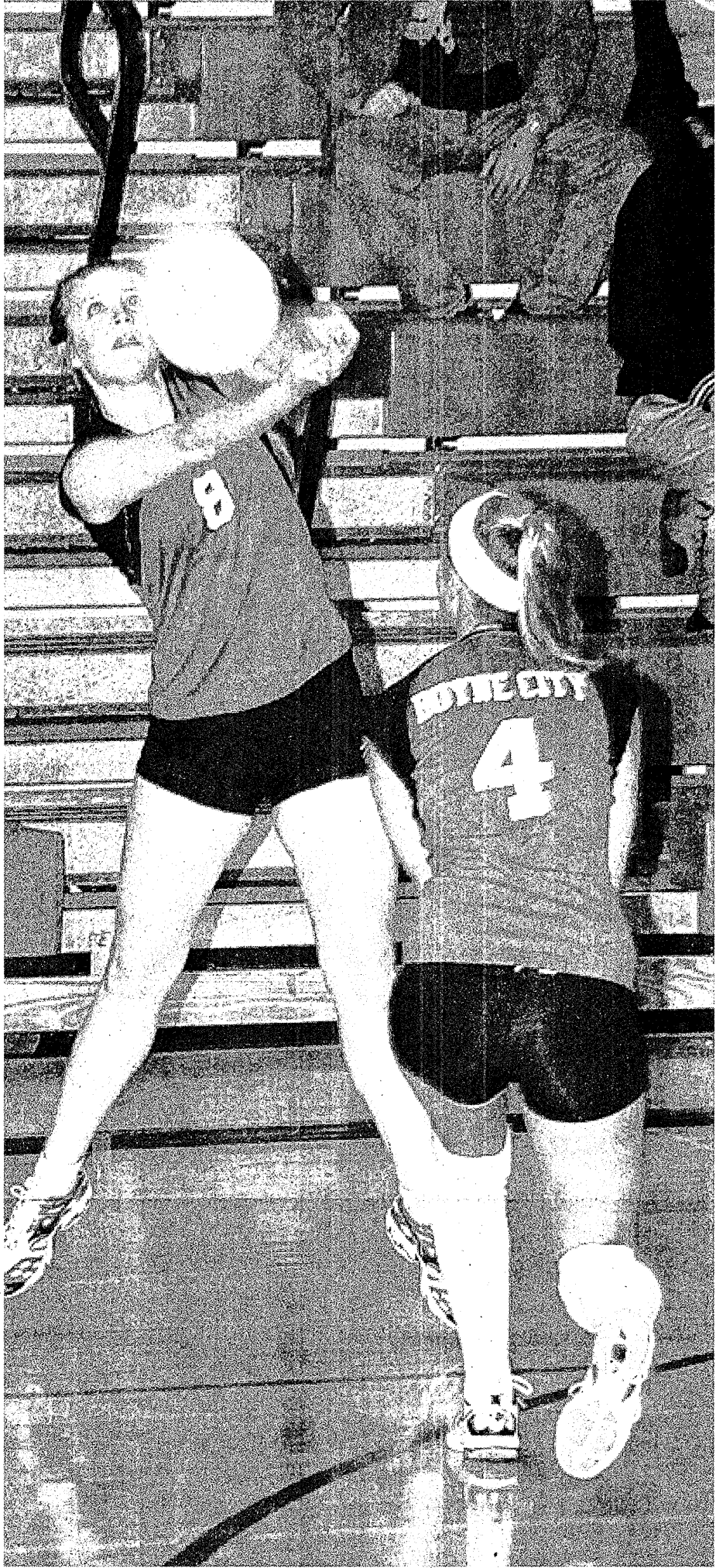
Outside hitter Veronia Sisson had another strong showing at the net for the Ramblers in the final match of the season, whacking out 13 kills and making three blocks. Setter Lindsay Clemens, a four-year starter for the Ramblers, capped her notable prep career with a typically effective performance, notching 28 assists and she also rapped out 11 kills. Clemens, who lays aside her uniform as the school record holder in assists and serving percentage, was a triple threat as a player. Not only was she proficient at setting up the kill but in delivering the kill as well and she served with surgical precision.

Jessica Capp accounted for six kills and was 100 percent in her serving against the Rams. Kaley Aown (13 digs) and Stephanie Munk (12 digs) were all over the back row like syrup on a sundae.

Haley Kloss led the way for the Rams with 16 kills while Steffany Wenz launched four aces and Samantha Lechowicz had 16 assists.

Ellsworth falls to Trojans

CENTRAL LAKE – Ellsworth's outstanding volleyball season came to an end last Tuesday in a Class D dis-



Boyne City's Stephanie Munk bumps the ball to keep a volley alive Wednesday against Harbor Springs as teammate Kaley Aown comes over to help. (PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES)

trict semifinal showdown with Central Lake. The Trojans won the match played on their home floor by scores of 25-16, 25-15, 25-23.

Jalyn Ingalls was digging the action in the back row, keeping many volleys alive. She finished with 20 digs and teammate Savannah Karhoff was strong as

well, earning 16 digs. Haley Drenth delivered three aces and served at 100 percent.

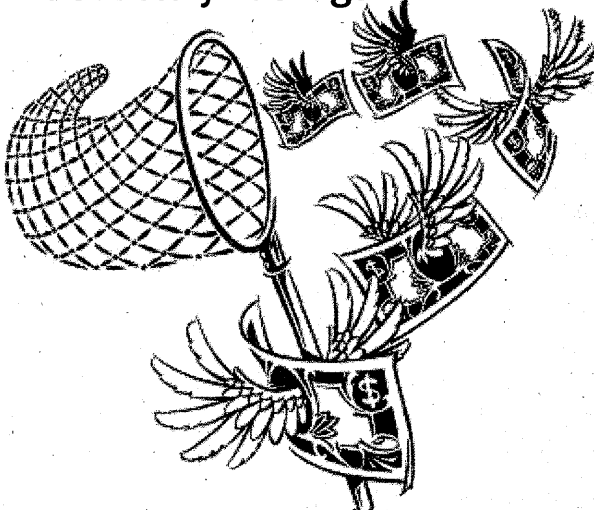
Ellsworth closes out a notable 2009 season with a 22-4-3 record and the its first-ever Northern Lakes Conference volleyball title.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Eric Buday, Charlevoix

The Rayders' hard-running junior came in 19th place overall in a time of 16:38 to earn All-State honors and help Charlevoix to secure a 13th-place finish in the team standings Saturday at Brooklyn in the Div. 3 state cross country meet.

DIVISION 4 CROSS COUNTRY
STATE MEET

Boyne Falls
girls earn ninth
place finish

Freshmen Wilson, Westbrook both earn All-State honors to pace young, determined Loggers

By Mike Dunn

BROOKLYN – It was a great way to cap a notable season for the young-but-determined Boyne Falls girls cross country team. Paced by the strong push of 1-2 finishers Kaylee Wilson and Erica Westbrook, the Loggers of coach Dan Kuhn earned a respectable ninth place in Saturday's Div. 4 state meet at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Wilson and Westbrook, who are both freshmen, did about as well as anyone could have expected, and the other three varsity runners, all eighth-graders, also did remarkably well for their first time taking part in the awe-inspiring meet in Brooklyn.

Wilson, who qualified individually last year as an eighth-grader, came in 20th place overall in a time of 20:26 and Westbrook, an All-Conference runner last year, was 23rd overall in 20:32. Both earned All-State medals. (The top 30 finishers of each race in the state meet earn All-State recognition.)

Janelle Roberts (21:53) came in 51st place for the Loggers with Kathryn Miller (22:23) in 68th place and Natalie Aikens (23:30) in 114th place. Junior Ali Bearss (25:20, 150th) and senior Katie Fraser (26:11, 162nd) were the Loggers' sixth and



Boyne Falls freshmen Kaylee Wilson, left, and Erica Westbrook, shown here following last week's regional meet, both rose to the occasion in Saturday's state meet, earning All-State honors. (PHOTO BY MIKE DUNN)

seventh runners.

With six of seven runners returning next year, and this year's top five runners all freshmen and eighth-graders, coach Kuhn can continue to build on the strong foundation he has been laying since taking over the program three years ago.

Ellsworth freshman Olivia Certa, another area runner with lots of promise, qualified to compete individually in the state meet and fared well in her first appearance in Brooklyn.

Certa very nearly earned All-State, coming in 34th place overall in a time of 20:56.

IN THE boys' race, Boyne Falls had two individual qualifiers in juniors Zach Hausler and Steven Hart. Hausler came in 127th place with his time of 18:46 and Hart was 176th with his time of 19:28.

DIVISION 3 CROSS COUNTRY
STATE MEET

Junior earns All-State
honors as Charlevoix
boys take 13th place in
team standings

Buday paces Rayders in state meet

By Mike Dunn

BROOKLYN – The Charlevoix boys cross country team, sparked by the All-State effort of No. 1 runner Eric Buday, pushed to a 13th place finish in the team standings Saturday in the Div. 3 state meet at Brooklyn's Michigan International Speedway.

Buday, a junior, paced the Rayders with his outstanding 19th-place time of 16:38. The top 30 finishers in the state meet earn All-State recognition.

Sophomore Kirk Acharya earned 69th place out of the field of more than 250 runners from throughout the state. His time was

17:25.

Senior Neil Salisbury (17:46, 75th) was the No. 3 runner for Charlevoix followed by sophomore Andrew Plude (17:51, 84th) and sophomore Alex Gooch (18:41, 140th) with sophomore Vinnie Vonlau (19:10, 158th) and senior Jon Kelly (19:30, 170th) in the sixth

and seventh spots.

Charlevoix sophomore Molly Jeakle qualified individually for the state meet and finished in the top 100, claiming 99th place with a time of 21:12.

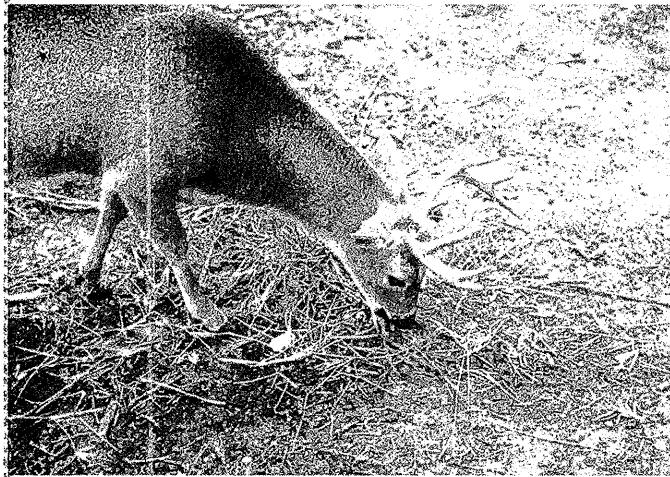
DNR: Baiting deer still illegal

DNR REPORT

Lower Peninsula restrictions on baiting and feeding deer still apply

LANSING -- As the opening day of firearm deer hunting season approaches, the Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters that it is illegal to feed or bait deer in the Lower Peninsula.

Despite the presence of bagged corn and carrots at many stores across the state, placing feed that is accessible to deer in the fields and forests of the Lower Peninsula is a misdemeanor violation, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and up to 90 days in



A restriction on baiting or feeding deer in the Lower Peninsula still remains in effect.

jail.

"We are taking this seriously and hunters and landowners should, too," said DNR Law Division Chief Gary Hagler. "We are responding to complaints about illegal feeding or baiting and encourage citizens to continue reporting any illegal activity to the Report All Poaching hotline."

Bait or feed consists of any substance -- grain, fruits, vegetables, hay, salt or minerals, whether natural or manufactured -- that can be ingested by deer.

The ban does not apply to scent products that use odor to attract deer.

The Natural Resources Commission enacted the Lower Peninsula bait and feed ban in 2008 after a deer that tested positive for chronic wasting disease was discovered in a privately owned herd in Kent County.

"One of the basic principles of preventing the spread of disease is to minimize contact among infected individuals," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason. "Baiting and feeding cause deer and other animals to congregate in an unnatural manner. Eliminating bait and feed from deer range is a classic case of an ounce of prevention being

worth way more than a pound of cure."

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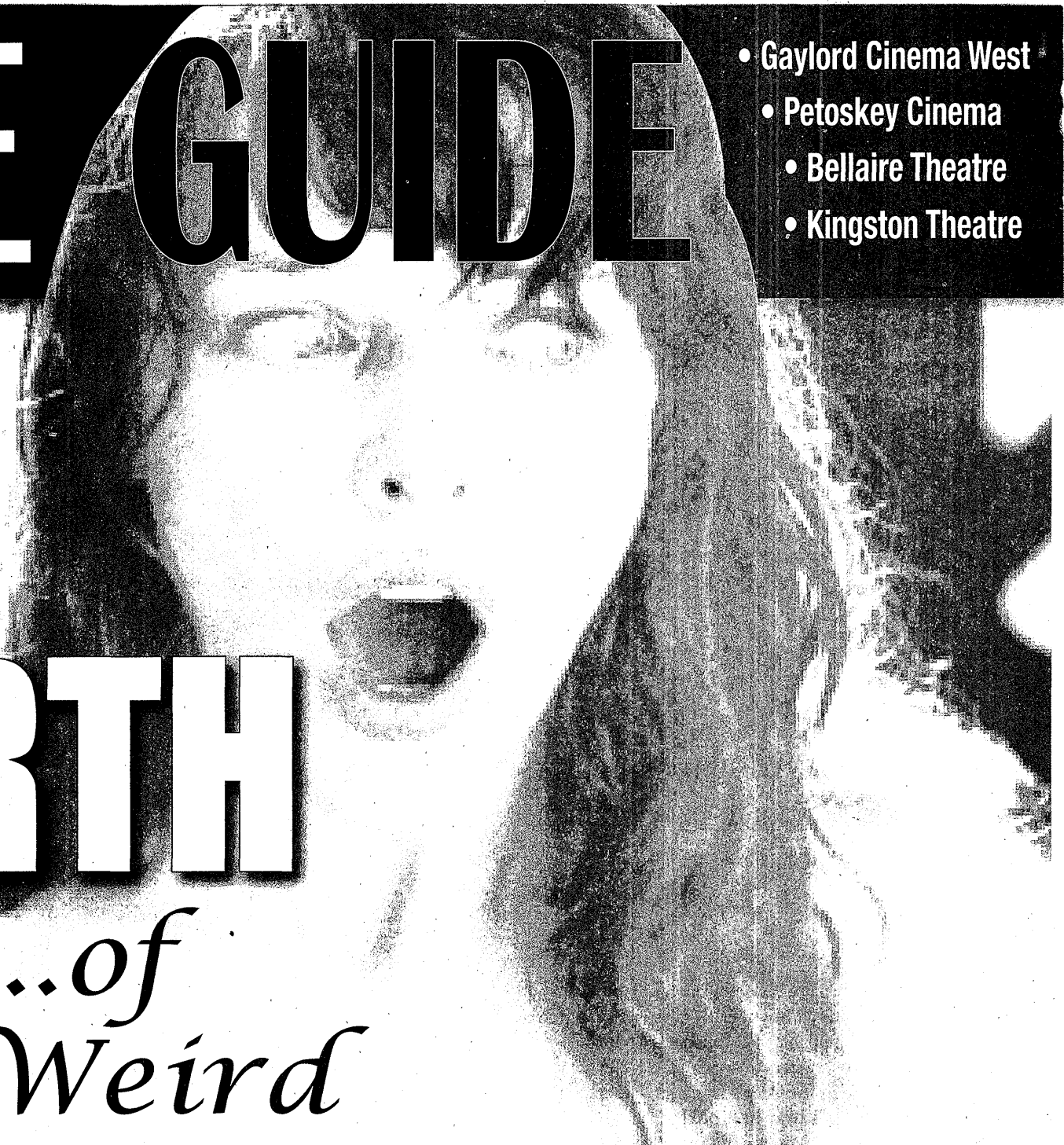
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MOVIE REVIEW

THE FOURTH KIND

...of Weird



Aliens Terrorize “Da Way North” in this “Thriller-mentary”

JIM AKANS

2009 has been a stellar alien year at the movies. We’ve had *Monster vs. Aliens*, *Aliens in the Attic*, *Star Trek*, *Race to Witch Mountain*, *Land of the Lost*, *District 9*, *Knowing*...and just in time for the holidays; *The Fourth Kind*.

This time around, the aliens are presented in a quasi-documentary setting, purportedly utilizing archival footage captured by Nome, Alaska psychiatrist, Dr. Abigail Tyler, who was investigating a series of patients who were having eerily similar sleep disturbances. Dr. Tyler’s husband had been spearheading this investigation prior to his untimely death, and Abigail has picked up the trail with almost fanatical vengeance.

Turns out, her patients are not only suffering from sleep disturbances; they are also suffering from repeated, and rather unpleasant, alien encounters of *The Fourth Kind*.

Back in the 1970’s, a scale was established to indicate various types of alien encounters. Aging movie-goers (and younger viewers who tune in to AMC) will remember Richard Dreyfuss potato-mashing his way toward actual contact with aliens in the 1977 film; *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. This new extra-terrestrial movie takes us to the next level on the scale, alien abductions.

The Fourth Kind is a bit scary, especially if taken at face value. It’s uncomfortable thinking aliens might be lurking around waiting to snatch us up in the

middle of the night, do all kinds of weird nasty things, and plop us back into bed with nary a recollection of the evening’s festivities.

Writer and director Olanunde Osunsanmi has utilized a somewhat unique documentary style production, claiming to incorporate actual footage and historical facts, that gives the movie a *Blair Witch Project*/*Paranormal Activity* type feel that heightens the drama.

The film is rated PG-13, and does have some disturbing graphic violence and a few healthy doses of good old-fashioned scare. It runs just over an hour and a half long, which is more than enough as the pace is kind of brooding and the most of the scenes are quite visually dark.

Still, this is a very clever and effective way to present a story about alien abductions. It’s also a fitting way to wrap up a year filled with creatures from outer space that have given audiences some-

thing to laugh about, as well as something to fear.

Be forewarned, a close encounter of the fifth kind indicates positive, cooperative communication with benevolent aliens.

Sounds like a new Disney film is on the horizon.



EXIT COMMENTS;

“Haven’t decided if these people were just crazy,” Grace - Gaylord

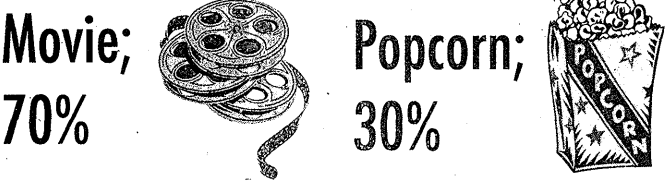
“Realistic...it’s worth seeing,” Ray- Gaylord

“Interesting. I don’t believe we’re the only ones in the universe,” Dave & Terry - Gaylord

“A little disturbing, sparked interest but need to research the facts,” Rob & Mike - Gaylord.

“I’m skeptical...but entertained,” Steven - Gaylord.

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Couples Retreat – PG13
Starring: Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
THURS-FRI 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUE-WED 7:00

The Fourth Kind – PG13
Starring: Milla Jovovitch, Elias Koteas
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
THURS-FRI 7:00, 9:00
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2012– PG13
Starring: John Cusack, Amanda Peet
SAT-SUN 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
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MON-TUE-WED 6:45

Law Abiding Citizen– R
Starring: Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
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MON-TUE-WED 7:00

A Christmas Carol – PG
Starring: Jim Carrey, Colin Firth
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
THURS-FRI 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUE-WED 7:00

Twilight – PG13
Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson
Thursday at 9:00

Twilight Saga: New Moon – PG13
Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson
Thursday at Midnight

The Box – PG13
Starring: Cameron Diaz, James Madsen
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
THURS-FRI 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUE-WED 7:00

Kingston Theatre,

A Christmas Carol – PG
Starring: Jim Carrey, Colin Firth
FRI-MON-TUES-WED-THURS 7:00, 9:00
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Couples Retreat – PG13
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The Box – PG13
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Twilight Saga: New Moon – PG13
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Petoskey Cinema,

A Christmas Carol – PG
Starring: Jim Carrey, Colin Firth
FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00
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The Box – PG13
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The Fourth Kind – PG13
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Paranormal Activity – R
Starring: Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat
FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00
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This Is It – PG
Starring: Michael Jackson
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MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:15
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THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS– R
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By JIM AKANS

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And while the home with the entire 104 acres is listed at \$449,000...the seller is offering buyers several alternate purchase options.

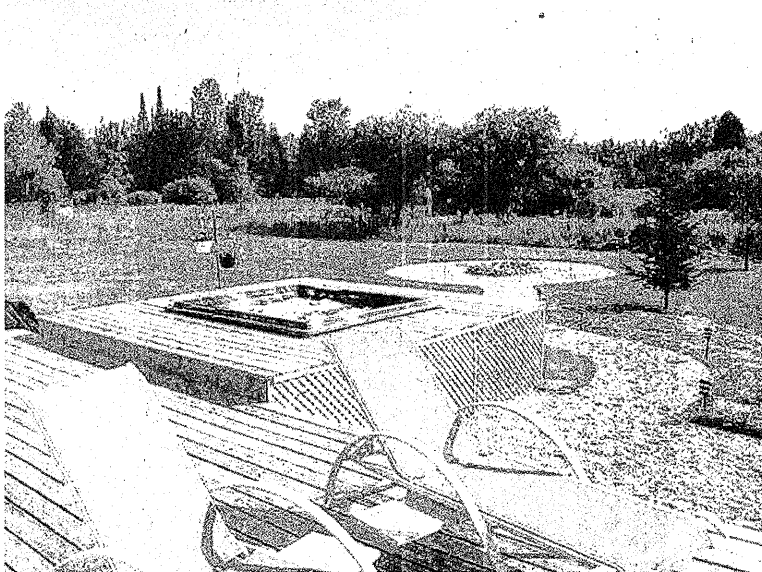
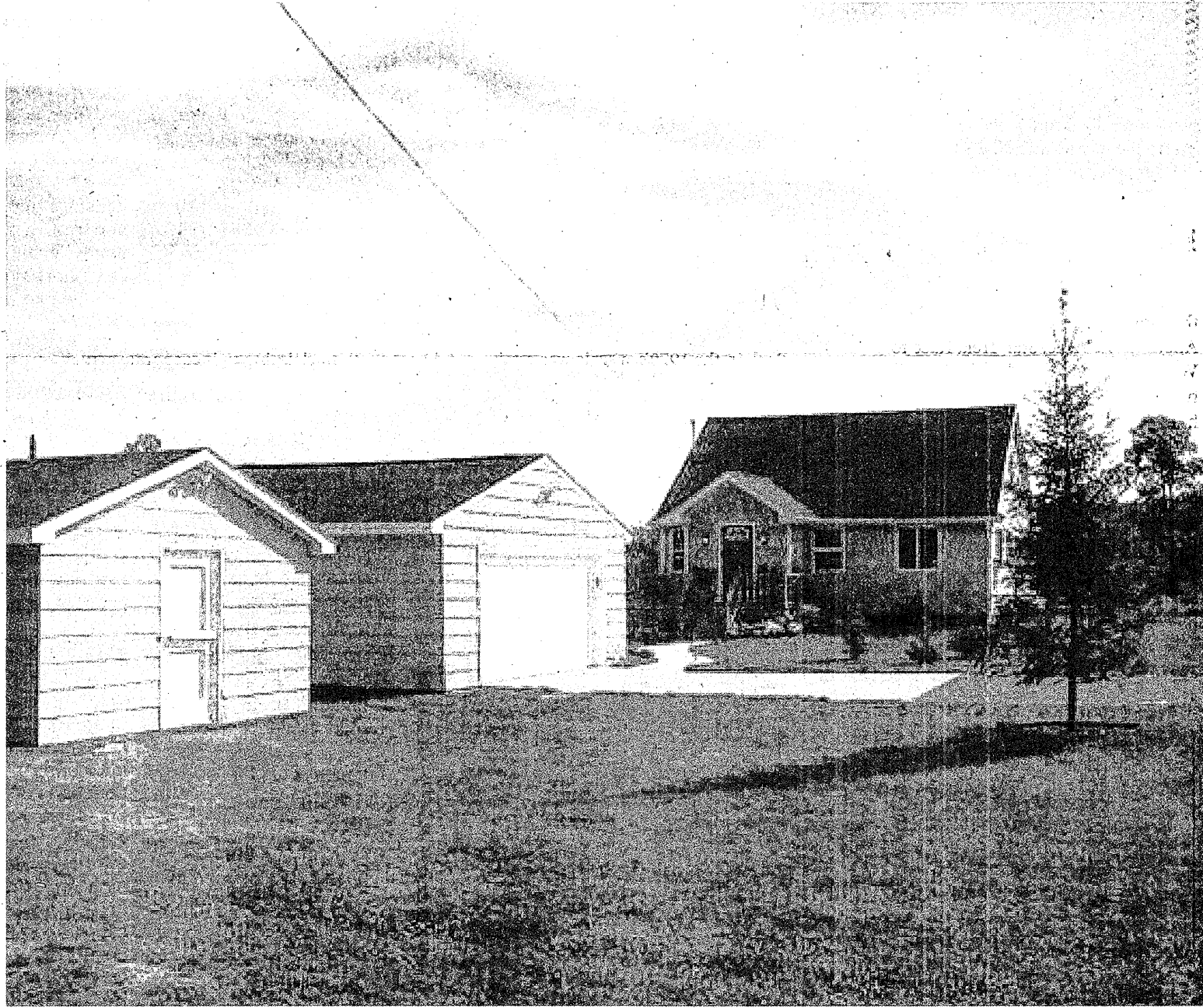
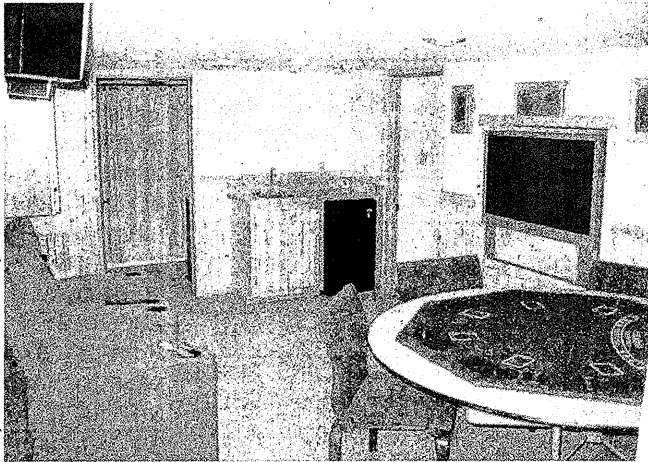
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A Tale of the “Oldest Deer Hunter in Michigan”

By JIM AKANS

“I love being in the woods,” states Vivian Campbell. “I even built a cabin in the woods years ago where my first wife and I lived. I was in my teens when I first started hunting, and began hunting with a bow about 50 years ago. Mostly I’ve hunted around here (Grayling area) and near Alpena. I have a lot of good memories of my hunting experiences.”

Vivian was born in the Johannesburg area on July 20th, 1914, and at 95 years of age, he is very likely the oldest active hunter in Michigan, possibly the entire country. His passion for the Northern Michigan woodlands, and the sport of deer and rabbit hunting, still beams from his voice as he recalls his many decades in quest of game.

“I think the biggest deer I got was about 10 years ago,” Vivian states, “It was an eight point that weighed 182 lbs and I was using 42 pound bow. I remember once I shot a big buck and was going to save the horns, but I dropped it off the horse on to a wood pile and broke an antler.”

He adds, “I’ve hunted in all kinds of weather, including 50 degrees below zero temperatures down in the Mio area one year...we didn’t stay out long. Once I became lost in a snowstorm rabbit hunting with my two brothers from the Detroit area. We eventually found a fence line that I knew and we were able to follow it out.”

While Vivian has certainly achieved the status of a legendary Michigan hunter, he also had the good fortune of working for another fabled bow hunter and sporting pioneer; Fred Bear.

“I plowed Fred Bears driveway at his house and his shop starting 1953, when I moved to Grayling from our farm north of Cummins,” Vivian recalls. “He was a good, honest man. I worked at his shop for 24 years. I would fill in for guys that were out and then I became an inspector.”

Working for Bear, Vivian found that he too enjoyed the sport of archery, and decided to try bow hunting about fifty years ago. He even set up a little shop in his basement where he made, fletched and repaired arrows. But it is the thrill of the hunt and serenity of the woods has always been his foremost passion.

Vivian has suffered a few strokes in recent years, and notes that he isn’t quite getting around like he used to, but he has continued to hunt through the current season, and keeps a close eye on the hunting success of his family.

“I have a beautiful loving family,” he affirms. “My son, Leroy, recently called to tell me he just got a deer, my two grandsons have both gotten deers this year. I’ve just missed a couple of bucks but didn’t get one yet. I don’t know if I’ll hunt anymore after this year. I’ll play it by ear for the rest of this season.”

After over 80 years hunting the woods of Northern Michigan, Vivian has a few words of advice for young hunters; “Just to be careful. Never rush into anything. Make sure you know what you are shooting.” He adds, “You also need lots of patience.”

Vivian Campbell did just fine during the 2007 hunting season, and still has hopes of bringing home a deer this year.
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