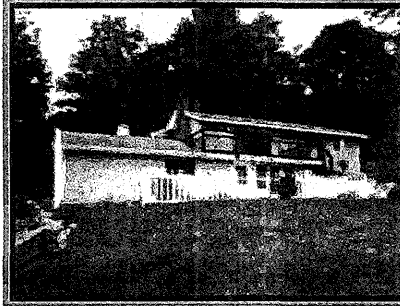


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Boyne's crew of dedicated snowmakers has also been hard at work with their proprietary Low-E fan guns. As a result, the slopes were opened to skiers and snowboarders on December 5. PHOTO COURTESY OF BOYNE MOUNTAIN & BOYNE HIGHLANDS



The Community of Ellsworth came together to create a new Snowmobile Trail

Snowmobile Trail Built by Residents

By B. J. CONLEY

ELLSWORTH — A new snowmobile trail is ready for recreation following the village community pitching in and creating the trail in just three days.

"You can't imagine how many people turned out to build the trail, it was the whole community," said Phil Palajac, who, along with his wife Marci, owns The House on the Hill bed and breakfast.

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BELOW: Phillip Palajac and Jerry Rasmussen were two of the Ellsworth volunteers that worked on the new Snowmobile Trail.



EAST JORDAN

D.A.R.E. Reviewed by Commission

By B. J. CONLEY

A nationwide program that educates young students about the harmful effects that drugs, smoking and drinking have on lives was a topic of discussion by city commissioners on Dec. 1.

D.A.R.E. is an acronym for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Its mission is to educate school children to give them the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence. D.A.R.E. works in the schools through

the city police department. An officer is assigned as the D.A.R.E. officer.

City commissioner Ray Fisher and Mayor Russ Peck voiced support for the program. Commissioners Deneille Moes and Jane Booze questioned the cost of the program to the city.

Moes said she personally did not feel that more hours by an officer in the schools is going to help, and

added that she didn't think it was the city's responsibility to pay for an officer at the schools.

But, there is no budgeted line item cost to the city; it is simply the time of the D.A.R.E. officer, according to the city offices.

Police Chief Dan Reece said that the D.A.R.E. officer, Clyde Payton, is at the schools two times a week and that the police department's annual golf tournament raises the funds for all of the D.A.R.E. supplies for the program's students. Reece said there are other benefits to the program.

"The kids have formed a bond with Officer Payton. It's very positive," Reece said.

Scott Kelly who is the co-founder and executive director of BASES, or Bay Area Substance Education Services, spoke to the commissioners. Some of the steps that East Jordan can take to keep kids away from drugs and alcohol are to support a teen center, to teach healthy behavior and to educate parents as well as students. He spoke in favor of D.A.R.E. and said Boyne City and Charlevoix school districts use the program.

"It is a great opportunity in a small community like we have, to

have the police know the kids," Kelly said. Charlevoix county and its school districts need to face the drug situation, he said.

"My goal is to see the end of denial in Charlevoix County," Kelly said.

East Jordan Public Schools has participated in the D.A.R.E. program for about 20 years, said Chip Hansen, superintendent of schools. It was initially administered by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, but about two years ago the East Jordan Police Department took it over.

"We've found the program to be beneficial," Hansen said.

In July of this year, the United Nations agreed to grant consultative status to D.A.R.E. This status provides for qualified non-profit groups to be admitted into a mutually beneficial working relationship with the United Nations by serving as experts, advisers and consultants to governments.

D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and has proven so successful that it is now being implemented in 75 percent of the nation's school districts and in more than 43 countries around the world.

did you know ?

Drugs are a major source of terrorist financing. As of July 2009, nearly half (18 of 45) of all State Department listed Foreign Terrorist Organizations have ties to the drug trade. Source

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Northern Michigan Ski Academy Season Starts Soon



Northern Michigan Ski Academy race training sessions start Wednesday, January 6th at Boyne Mountain and Thursday, January 7th at Boyne Highlands. Training sessions take place from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on Wednesdays at Boyne Mountain and Thursdays at Boyne Highlands. A meeting for parents will take place at both locations during the first sessions.

This year the Northern Michigan Ski Academy (NMSA) is celebrating its 31st anniversary. The NMSA is a non-profit organization that is run by a volunteer Board of Directors and Coaches. The program is designed to teach area youth the fundamentals of ski racing.

Training sessions are held for eight weeks beginning in January. During the Wednesday and Thursday night sessions, skiers ski in small groups with a NMSA coach. Skiers practice the fundamentals of ski racing with racers of their own age and capability. Friday nights are open gate nights only at Boyne Mountain with courses set that the skiers can run as they wish. Coaches are available at the top and bottom of the courses to provide feedback to the skiers.

Each Sunday, from 2:00 – 4:30 PM club races take place. Two of the Sundays will offer timed gate racing in which skiers ski against the clock and themselves. Six of the Sunday club races bring together the “Highlands” and “Mountain” skiers for combined racing. Giant Slalom races are held at Boyne Highlands and Slalom races are held at Boyne Mountain. Racers are ranked for participation in the NMSA Racing Team that participates in the Northern Michigan Junior Ski Club Cup, which brings together skiers from across northern Michigan. The Northern Michigan Junior Ski Club Championship Cup will be held on Sunday, March 7th at Boyne Highlands.

For registration forms, pricing and additional information on the Northern Michigan Ski Academy please refer to the website, www.nmsa-zone.org.

For information related to this press release call Tom Teske, 231-536-3128.



The new Snowmobile Trail in Ellsworth runs out the back door of the House on the Hill.

New Snowmobile Trail Built By Residents

The approximately two-mile trail, known as “Trail No. 4,” starts in Ellsworth and ends on the corner of Detour Road and E. Slough Road

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The approximately two-mile trail, known as “Trail No. 4,” starts in Ellsworth and ends on the corner of Detour Road and E. Slough Road. It is part of the East Jordan-Charlevoix trail.

“We just connected the vil-

lage,” Palajac said. The idea to build a trail started with a few people talking about it and support for it grew rapidly. Excavation equipment appeared when needed and with the number of people working on the trail, it didn’t take long to finish it, he said.

The Palajacs and resident Fred Taylor gave easements across their properties and Jerry Rasmussen organized equipment and workers.

For more information e-mail Palajac at www.thehouseonthe-hill.com.

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Launching Searchable Database for Volunteers

'Tis the season for giving, and that includes giving the gift of yourself by volunteering. Just in time for the holidays, Char-Em United Way is launching Volunteer Connections. Volunteer Connections uses a website database making it easy to search through a list of volunteer opportunities in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. The public will have access to the website and be able to browse volunteer opportunities as listed by numerous non-profit organizations. Volunteer Connections is free and provides a one-stop destination when searching for places to volunteer.

"A lot of people like to volunteer around the holidays. Volunteer Connections will give them a chance to find an opportunity they can appreciate and hopefully encourage them to keep volunteering all year long," said Sarah Cleary, AmeriCorps VISTA.

Volunteers can search based on their preferences and skills and create a volunteer profile so non-profit organizations can let them know about volunteer opportunities that might be of interest. Non-profit organizations continue to post opportunities and there will be plenty to choose from. Any nonprofit interested in posting opportunities can register on the website.

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in the community and share your talents. Char-Em United Way wants volunteer opportunities to be easily accessible for the community. Everyone can participate in Volunteer Connections including professionals, recent graduates, families, students, civic groups, faith groups, and more. The website not only lists volunteer opportunities in the area but also spotlights outstanding volunteers and sends news updates.

Visit the Volunteer Connections website to find opportunities <http://tinyurl.com/volunteerconnections>. If you don't have computer access Char-Em United Way can assist you with searching for opportunities. For more information, contact United Way at 231-487-1006 or sarah@charemunited-way.org

"The Boyne City Yacht Club Welcomes New Members"

The Boyne City Yacht Club has started its 2010 membership campaign. The Club, founded in 1987 has proven to be a very popular in Boyne City with well over 600 members.

Dave Malusi, Commodore Elect remarked, "Our Club's motto is 'Not Your Typical Yacht Club'. I think our members would agree! We are inclusive enough that boat ownership is not even required for membership."

The BCYC welcomes anyone interested in boating, the lakes, or recreation in Northern Michigan as members. The Club has social events nearly every month and also sponsors numerous regattas for sailors. In June, the Club offers the Mark Madness Regatta and Cajun Shrimp Boil which has benefitted the Challenge Mountain Adaptive Sailing Program in recent years.

Four members are from the local area, but we also welcome members from downstate and other states. Personally, I found the Club to be very helpful in getting involved in my community as well as a source of many lasting friendships. I think others will as well", stated Malusi.

Members have a choice between receiving Club communication via email and regular mail. The membership fees



BCYC Pirates are the friendly kind! COURTESY PHOTO

are refreshing in today's economic conditions. The initial annual dues are \$35 for email members and \$50 for regular mail members. (Both include an initial membership fee of \$10)

New for 2010 is a system for online membership renewal for existing members.

More information is available at the Club's website at www.boynecityyachtclub.com. Questions can be answered at admin@boynecityyachtclub.com or by mail at PO Box 171, Boyne City, MI 49712. Dave Malusi can be reached at (231)582-5998.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS: DECEMBER 10, 2009

DISTRICT COURT

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

Bronson Lee Fetting, 38, Petoskey. Driving with open intoxicant. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

David Jay Kirk, 35, Boyne City. Driving without a license. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs.

Kevin Jon St. Andrew, 46, Charlevoix. Unlawful use of a license plate and no insurance. Sentenced to pay \$465 in fines and costs.

Nickolas James Bourdo, 19, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$830 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six

months on probation.

John Charles Lachman, 48, Frankenmuth. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$880 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

Cristy Ann Churchill, 43, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$880 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 six months on probation.

Michael Keith Anderson, 43, Charlevoix. Weapons possession under the influence. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 20 days, 61 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community

service work and six months on probation.

Courtney Lynn Lappan, 27, Gaylord. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,230 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve three days, 45 days on an electronic monitor, 79 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service and one year on probation.

Katelyn Nicole Sumner, 18, Traverse City. Disorderly person and minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs and to 90 days in jail with credit for two days, 78 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and nine months on probation.

Cameron Lee Lavasseur, 18, St. James. Malicious destruction of property. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and \$200 in restitu-

tion, and to 90 days in jail, 85 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

Jonathon Edward Daniels, 26, Boyne City. Two counts of retail fraud, 3rd degree. Sentenced to pay \$800 in fines and costs and \$35.95 in restitution, and to 93 days in jail, with credit for three days, serve 35 days and 45 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Shawn Bailey, 37, Boyne City. Driving with no license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

John Andrew Labrecque, 44, East Jordan. Attempted interference with electronic communication. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to 180 days in jail, with credit for two days, 169 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community

service work and six months on probation.

Nickolas James Bourdo, 19, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$830 in fines and costs and to 36 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work and six months on probation.

ASSUMED NAMES:

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

Active Green, 6907 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Dean J. Spencley.

Ramsey Distributing, 05070 Lone Pine Trail, Charlevoix by Keith Ramsey and Mary Ramsey.

MDOT and CRAM remind motorists: "Don't Crowd the Plow!"

December 3, 2009 -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) today announced a joint-education effort aimed at urging motorists to remember good driving habits in winter weather conditions that will make the roadways safer. MDOT and CRAM will use the familiar safety slogan again this year, "Don't Crowd the Plow!"

"Road crews put their lives on the line every day to keep Michigan roads safe for everyone," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Motorists must remember to drive with caution no matter how much salt we use or how often the roads area plowed."

A steady decrease in road funding and an increase in costs have caused state and local agencies to alter their winter maintenance plans. Drivers have been put on notice that plowing priorities and the use of less salt will make their job even more important than in years past. Road crews must have ample room in order to safely clear the many miles of roadway of snow and ice.

"Motorists must do their best to minimize distractions and focus on driving and changes in road conditions," John Niemela, CRAM director, said. "Every year, despite the flashing lights, poor driver behavior near snowplows leads to collisions that can be deadly."

MDOT and CRAM offer the following reminders for motorists: Snowplows have limited visibility and drivers cannot see directly behind their trucks;

Snowplows often throw up snow clouds, reducing visibility on all sides of the truck;

Motorists should never attempt to pass a moving snowplow on the right. With

new, wing-plow technology, the blade can clear the shoulder and the lane

of travel simultaneously. Motorists attempting an illegal pass through a snow cloud on the right and/or shoulder of the road most likely won't see the plow blade and run the risk of a serious crash; and

Always wear your safety belt and allow extra time to reach your destinations this winter.

Steudle added, "For the safety of everyone, motorists should use extreme caution when traveling in winter weather conditions. We can't emphasize this enough: Don't Crowd the Plow!"



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EAST JORDAN POLICE

NOVEMBER 20, 2009

- 08:53 – Suspicious Vehicle on Downing St near Huron St
- 10:41 – Larceny of gasoline from Marathon, subject came back and paid
- 12:11 – Gun registration issued at PD
- 13:22 – Subject locked keys in vehicle in Glen's Plaza parking lot, vehicle un-locked
- 13:57 – Larceny of jewelry from residence on Water St, jewelry located by owner at residence
- 17:10 – Larceny of gasoline from Fast Fill, subject came back and paid

NOVEMBER 21, 2009

- 00:50 – Traffic stop on Water St near Francis St for excessive speed
- 01:02 – Subject arrested for OWI on Water St near Francis St
- 01:04 – 2 subjects arrested for MIP on Water St near Francis St
- 11:50 – 10 liquor inspections done for November
- 14:51 – Found property in parking lot of Save A Lot and returned it to owner
- 18:42 – Traffic stop on Echo St near Erie St for excessive speed
- 20:31 – Report of suspicious juvenile subjects near Galmore's on Second St, made contact with subjects and advised them to go home

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

- 01:20 – Subject arrested for OWI 2nd offense on McKenzie St near Water St
- 11:12 – Larceny of stereo CD player from vehicle on Echo St near Water St
- 12:53 – Larceny of stereo amp and speakers from vehicle on Echo St near Water St
- 15:33 – Fraudulent Activity at Fast Fill on Maple St, suspect contacted and advised to return to store and take care of this matter
- 18:14 – Traffic stop on S Lake St near Bridge St for defective taillight
- 18:42 – Traffic stop on State St near Elm St for excessive speed
- 19:47 – Traffic stop on Bridge St near Water St for defective headlight
- 20:39 – Assist CXSH w/looking for vehicle that was reported as driving careless on S M66 and possibly intoxicated, vehicle located on S Lake near Bridge, all was okay.

NOVEMBER 23, 2009

- 00:02 – Lock City Park
- 03:30 – Suspicious subject at High School, all was okay, subject was working late
- 10:24 – 911 hang up from residence on Division St, it was misdial and all was okay
- 13:59 – Assist EMS at residence on Mary St near Prospect St
- 16:30 – Assist citizen on Nicholls St near Seventh St

NOVEMBER 24, 2009

- 01:00 – Lock City Park
- 08:01 – Report of juvenile runaway at High School, located subject who was in possession of weapon (knife) in weapon free

school zone, subject then fled the scene and all schools were put on lock down until subject was located. Once subject was located he was found to be in possession of 2 more knives and tobacco products that had been stolen from a business earlier. Subject was taken into custody and transported to Probate/Family Court

- 16:54 – Report of malicious destruction to vehicle on Echo St near Water St
- 18:35 – Car/Deer accident on S Lake St near Bridge St
- 19:10 – Report of subject being threatened at residence on Echo St near Water St, matter resolved

NOVEMBER 25, 2009

- 05:20 – Assist EMS at residence on S Lake St near Bridge St
- 10:00 – Assist subject at PD who wanted to change address for Sex Offender Registry, however did not live it City Limits so advised had to go to CXSH
- 11:09 – Report of verbal domestic at residence on McKenzie St near Union St
- 10:46 – Illegal Burning on Reviera Dr, subject advised to put fire out
- 21:53 – Assist CXSH w/domestic on Ranney Rd, services rendered

NOVEMBER 26, 2009

- 02:23 – Suspicious situation at Elm Pointe, checked and all buildings were secure
- 10:12 – Controlled substance found at Fast Fill, it was taken into evidence and disposed of
- 15:48 – Incurable juvenile at residence on Echo St near Union St
- 19:13 – Suspicious vehicle at business on S Lake St near Bridge St, it was employee and all was okay

NOVEMBER 27, 2009

- 00:16 – Suspicious situation on Third St near Williams St, unfounded
- 09:39 – Traffic stop on Bridge St near Spring St for excessive speed
- 13:29 – Traffic stop on Maple St near Bennett St for expired plate and no proof of insurance
- 13:56 – Neighbor dispute over property line on Griffin Rd, referred parties to Courts
- 18:33 – Vehicle obstructing traffic lane on Echo St near Union St
- 20:56 – Harassing/obscene phone calls to residence on Division St near Seventh St, contacted juvenile suspect and parents and matter was resolved
- 21:17 – Assist citizen at PD by taking weapons for safe keeping

NOVEMBER 28, 2009

- 01:46 – Subject arrested for OWI 2nd offense and improper plate on M32 near Rogers Rd
- 11:43 – Report of assault & battery and illegal entry at residence on North St near Third St
- 12:01 – Traffic stop on Fourth St near Mill St for expired plate, disregard stop sign and no proof of insurance

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

- 16:47 – Vehicle struck dog on Manning Dr, owner came and picked up dog
- 20:02 – Fraudulent activity at Fast Fill, contacted suspect and advised to go back to store and take care of this matter
- 20:23 – Assist CXSH w/traffic stop and arrest of subject on warrant on Water St near S Lake St

NOVEMBER 30, 2009

- 00:44 – Traffic stop on Water St near City Limits for excessive speed
- 05:41 – Traffic stop on Main St near Nicholls St for defective headlight
- 06:00 – Traffic stop on State St near Griffin Rd for excessive speed
- 12:23 – Subject locked keys in vehicle at Huntington Bank, vehicle unlocked
- 13:29 – Juvenile subject in possession of tobacco at High School, citation issued and petition being forwarded to Probate/Family Court
- 16:14 – Picked up subject at residence on Main St near Mill St on mental pick up order and transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital to be evaluated by Community Mental Health
- 17:57 – Assist citizen at residence on Manning Dr

DECEMBER 01, 2009

- 00:29 – Traffic stop on Main St near Division St for defective headlight
- 01:00 – Locked City Park
- 01:30 – Suspicious situation on S Lake St near Water St
- 02:23 – Domestic assault at residence on Nicholls St near Seventh St, subject arrested
- 13:14 – Request for records check on subject for US Office of Personnel Management at PD
- 13:46 – Report of 2 juveniles that left High School w/o permission, they were located and returned to school
- 20:59 – Keys locked in vehicle at Save A Lot, vehicle unlocked

DECEMBER 02, 2009

- 00:11 – Traffic stop on Water St near Bridge St for No Proof of Insurance, citation issued
- 00:30 – Suspicious situation at business on S Lake St near Water St
- 04:14 – Assist CXSH w/report of keys locked in vehicle on Jonathan Dr, vehicle unlocked
- 07:17 – Report of loud noise outside residence on Bridge St near Water St, unfounded
- 15:05 – Subjects requested Rotary Skate Park be unlocked, advised them it was closed for year
- 17:30 – Traffic stop on Erie St near S Lake St for driving left of center
- 22:09 – Assist CXSH at residence on N M66 near Lord Rd

DECEMBER 03, 2009

- 14:00 – Did civil stand by for subject at residence on Maple St near McKay St
- 18:32 – Assist Lioness Club on Main St with Santa Parade
- 21:34 – Subject arrested for domestic assault at residence on N Lake St near Pine St

BOYNE CITY POLICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009

- 1:44pm Report of motorcycle left under pavilion at Veteran's Park. Owner was located and he planned on removing it after work.
- 2:53pm 1 vehicle private property damage accident in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 3:05pm Report of a large group of teenagers walking down Jefferson St.
- 3:25pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at Water and East Streets.
- 3:43pm Report of boat trailer missing from the 400 block of Lewis Av. Was later located.
- 3:55pm Male at the Police Department to report property damage accident that occurred in parking lot in the 300 block of E Division St
- 5:59pm Female at the Police Department to turn herself in on warrant out of Milwaukee County.
- 4:25pm Female locked out of residence in the 200 block of S East St. Officers were able to assist.
- 11:15pm Report of 9 year old male running away from home in the 300 block of E Division St. Was located sleeping at neighbors.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 11:15am Funeral escort
- 5:52pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at Pleasant and Cedar Streets
- 6:26pm Female calling from 300 block of E Division St to report neighbor yelling at

child. All quiet When officer arrived and no one came to the door.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 6:20am Officers responded to a natural death in the 500 block of N Lake St.
- 9:12am Report of an abandoned vehicle in parking lot in the 900 block of E Division.
- 12:12pm NSF check dropped off from business in the 200 block of S Lake St.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:26am Female calling from 300 block of E Division St reporting money stolen. Money was located in residence.
- 1:29pm Female calling from Glen's to report her money stolen. Was located in her purse.
- 2:42pm Female in to report losing cash in the 100 block of River St.
- 11:01pm Unlock in the 800 block of S Park St

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 3:50am Male reports civil dispute over cell phone in the 300 block of Silver St
- 6:45am Citation to male for expired operator's license
- 7:18am Citation to female for expired license plate
- 9:00am Report of rolled change stolen from residence in the 300 block of Morgan St. Complainant chose not to press charges.
- 2:00pm Wallet turned in to officer that was left at business in the 200 block of S Lake

- St
- 6:03pm Vehicle unlock in the 400 block of N Lake St

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 2:06am Report of 6 males drinking beer at Avalanche. No beer, but one male arrested on two outstanding warrants.
- 3:03am 2 parking citations issued and vehicles impounded for snow removal.
- 11:21am Vehicle unlock in the 1200 block of Marshall Rd.
- 3:50pm Report of juveniles making snowman in Boyne Avenue near Pearl St and throwing snowballs at passing cars. Snowman removed by Road Commission and parents notified.
- 6:19pm Male in the 300 block of Silver St reports being harassed by phone. All parties were advised to stop contacting one another.
- 8:27pm Male reports civil dispute over child custody.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 10:49am Male called with information regarding a missing dog. Message left for dog owner.
- 3:56pm Checked on 911 call in the 300 block of Morgan St. All was OK, 4 year old playing with phone.

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DAVE Says

(don't jeopardize
your marriage
with co-signing!)



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

We've been getting on track financially using your plan, but now my husband's parents wants us to co-sign on a new car. I think it's a bad idea, and have asked him to not do this. We're just on Baby Step 2, so any catastrophe would really set us back. What if my husband does this anyway? Do you have any tips on grace, or what do besides the "I told you so" lecture? Genevieve

Dear Genevieve,

You're right about one thing. Co-signing for that car would be a very bad idea.

But I'm not sure this is the time for grace and understanding. I think this is one of those times when you stand in the driveway, and don't let him leave. Just tell him no! I understand that we're talking about family, and that makes it more difficult for him. But this guy needs to understand that he's putting your relationship in jeopardy if he completely goes against your wishes on something that you are adamantly against.

I'm serious about this. If the deal falls through, and there's a pretty good chance it will, it's not going to be just a setback or inconvenience for you guys. This kind of thing could potentially bankrupt your family. It could also cause big-time problems between your husband and his parents.

Do you know why banks want co-signers? It's because they don't think the people who want the loan will pay the bill! You're basically being asked to stick your head in the noose so the bank can hang you when they don't pay up!

Don't do it, Genevieve. Don't you ever co-sign for anyone, and don't let this happen! In the Contemporary English Version of Scripture Proverbs 17:18 reads, "It's stupid to guarantee someone else's loan." That's not me speaking. That's God's word!

- Dave

(what do you look for
in a bank?)

Dear Dave,

I'm shopping around for a new bank, because my current big bank has gone fee-crazy. They want \$15 to tell me my mortgage payoff amount. Besides asking about fees, do you have any other advice when it comes to looking for a good bank?

Jim

Dear Jim,

I learned to stay away from the mega-banks a long time ago. It seems to me that somewhere along the line they forgot how to treat their customers like human beings.

That's why I stick with community and regional banks. I love local credit unions, too. These are the kinds of places where you can go in and talk to the branch manager if they go fee-crazy. They have the power to waive fees, or fix situations if something gets out of whack or is just plain stupid!

- Dave

* For more financial help please visit daveramsey.com.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION

Division Street construction plans move ahead

By B. J. CONLEY

BOYNE CITY — The city commission reviewed the plans to reconstruct Division Street between Boyne Avenue and Pleasant Street at its Dec. 8 meeting, following a public comment meeting recently.

Larry Fox of c2ae, an engineering consulting firm, presented design plans drawn up after citizens had made comments.

The estimated cost of reconstructing the one mile of Division Street is \$1.2 million. Federal and state funds will partially pay the cost because the street ties into M-75, a state highway.

City commissioners chose not to add bike lanes to the street. Commissioner Laura Sansom said she had talked with people who had other suggestions.

"The people I talked with said they would

rather have a bike lane by the sidewalk."

Commissioner Ron Grunch agreed.

"I'm not really in favor of bike lanes on the road," he said. "I'd rather have bikes off the road."

Plans are to rebuild the two lanes to 12-foot wide state standards, with two-foot curb and gutter. The existing path alongside Division Street will be retained and new concrete sidewalks will be constructed where practical, Fox said.

In addition, the project includes road grade adjustments, paved driveways to the property lines, street lights installed at M-75, S. Lake Street and S. Park Street, and a new storm sewer the full length of the street.

The anticipated date of construction to Division Street is July 15 – October 15, 2010.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Post-CROP Hunger Walk

The 2009 Charlevoix County CROP Hunger Walk was a huge success! On Saturday September 26 100 area walkers and volunteers came together to raise more than \$20,066.00 for Church World Services, which works to combat hunger locally and globally. Our local Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan food pantries will receive approximately \$5,000 to aid local residents in need. This year's CROP Walk was done in memory of Dorothy Stahl. Again, thank you to all who worked so hard to make

this year's CROP Hunger Walk such a resounding success. Special appreciation, also, to Ironton Congregational Church for continued use of their church on walk day, Dave Philips for donating his time and services to cater a beautiful lunch for all the walkers and volunteers, At Your Service for their generous donation and also to the Charlevoix County Sheriff for providing road support along M-66 on the day of the walk.



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

HOLIDAY TRIPS CAN BE PRICEY, BUT MEMORIES ARE PRICELESS

QUESTION:

Money is tight this year and we're thinking about cancelling our trip home to see my mother and father for Christmas. Our young boys are already talking about missing Grandma and Grandpa, but I'm trying to assure them we'll make it next year. Do you agree?

DR. DOBSON:

Not necessarily. Each family is allotted a finite number of holiday seasons in a lifetime, and each of them is priceless beyond measure. You're wise to live within your budget. But assuming you're not talking about thousands

of dollars, perhaps you could consider the trip home as a gift in and of itself. Be creative. Wrap up a "voucher" and mark it good for a trip to the grandparents and let your children open it as they would a traditional present on Christmas morning.

Having been where you've been, I'm reminded of one of my happiest memories as an adult that happened to have occurred during the Christmas season. Let me tell you about it. Perhaps it will give you some perspective.

I can close my eyes today and relive the year my wife, two children and I boarded an airplane for

Kansas City, where we spent the holidays with my mother and father. The plane landed and I stepped into the terminal, instantly catching sight of my 6-foot-4-inch Dad towering above the crowd. There was a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face. He could hardly wait to tell me about a book he had been reading. And, of course, Mom was aglow with excitement. Her "children" were home for Christmas! What joyful moments those were when Danae and Ryan were young and my parents were alive. Our kids would wholeheartedly agree.

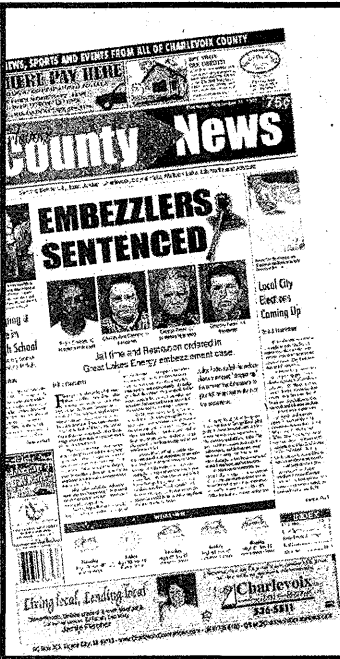
I'm thankful today that we invested the effort to cre-

ate these treasured memories that will endure for a lifetime. My mom and dad are now gone, of course, and our children are grown. All the money in the world wouldn't turn back the clock. Wise is the person, someone once said, who can see the end at the beginning. In other words, taking the long view of life is usually the shortest route to regret-free living.

What I have written might only serve to frustrate you in these tight financial times, but perhaps the principle I have shared will be valuable at a future time.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

EAST JORDAN

Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year forms are available at the Chamber office. It's time to nominate individuals for the Citizen of the Year Award that will be announced at the East Jordan Chamber Annual Meeting/Dinner/Auction scheduled January 30, 2010 at Castle Farms.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Book proceeds donated to war memorials

Retired Sheriff George T. Casater, author of the book "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," is nearing completion of his second book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I." The next publication project is "Charlevoix County's Contribution to the Korean War." Any citizens with information on family members in either WWI or the Korean War are encouraged to contact George at his home: 231-582-7001. There are a few copies still available of the WWII publication at local bookstores. The proceeds from the sale of the books are being donated to war memorials in Charlevoix County.

CHARLEVOIX

Fighting Violence With Voices

Violence against Women is an issue in every community. The Zonta Club of Charlevoix is sponsoring a Panel discussion on this issue, its forms, present actions and needs will be addressed as they relate to our community. Charlevoix Police Chief Doan, Sue Coen RN and Chris Rajewski Director of the Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence program of the Women's Resource Center will be on the panel. The event will be very interactive November 25-December 10 is the National time to take Action against Violence against Women Date Dec. 7 in the Charlevoix Public Library Community room 5pm to 7pm. Light refreshments will be served

BOYNE CITY

Holiday Get Together

Boyne Arts Collective will be holding our holiday get together and monthly meeting Dec 10 at Boyne City Hall Community Room. Everyone

is invited to wear your holiday attire and bring a dish to pass as well as table service and drink. Come at 6:30 to network with other artists and art patrons. Our presenter for the evening is a custom stained glass artist from Along the Cutting Edge in Boyne City. Mike Phillips will tell us about his life specializing in angels, wildlife, and lighthouses. He is currently working on horses and on turkeys.

CHARLEVOIX

Singles Christmas Dinner Party

Singles for Christ", for Singles 40 and older, will host the annual Christmas Dinner Party, Friday December 11th, 6:00 pm, at the Argonne Supper Club, 11929 Boyne City Road in Charlevoix. Please bring a \$10.00 gift to exchange at the restaurant. After the dinner we are all invited to Yvonne Engler's home at 4105 Sequanota Road in Charlevoix. Please bring 2 dozen Christmas Cookies for the cookie exchange and we will enjoy a few to munch on while we watch a wonderful movie, "The Ultimate Gift" in surround sound. Reservations are required, please call Frieda Lewitt at (231) 347-5747 or e-mail frieda@compnor.com.

BOYNE CITY

Presbyterian Church Christmas Cookie Walk

The 17th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 12 beginning at 9 am at the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Park and Pine Streets. Proceeds from this event will help fund the Deacons Fund, which provides financial assistance to those in need within our community.

ATWOOD

Christmas Open House

The business community of Atwood will be holding their 2nd Annual Christmas Open House Saturday, December 12. Come celebrate at Friske Orchards starting with a Pancake Breakfast at 9:00 AM and an entire day of Christmas excitement, visit Royal Farms for their Annual Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride from 1 -3 PM along with checking out their many specials and samplings, bring the entire family to Atwood Hardware for an outdoor adventure of building

a snow-sculpture in front of the store, be sure to check out their many gift ideas inside. Enjoy the fun and celebration in Atwood on Saturday, December 12.

BOYNE CITY

Shop "kid-free" on Dec. 12

During this busy holiday season, Boyne District Library is offering a little help for parents wanting to spend some time shopping in their hometown. Children ages 3 to 8 are welcome to spend a couple hours at the library while their parents shop at local businesses on Saturday, Dec. 12. Parents can shop "kid-free" from 2 to 4 p.m. while their children watch a movie, complete with a snack. "Up," released on DVD in November and rated PG, will be shown on the library's large screen in the Community Room. There is no charge for the event. Parents will receive special promotional coupons and materials from local businesses when they drop off their children. "We know how hectic the holidays can be for parents of young children to get out and shop Boyne City businesses," said library director Cliff Carey. "The library wants to help, and support our wonderful downtown businesses at the same time. We want to give parents a chance to have a great outing downtown while their children are enjoying a great movie at the library." Pre-registration is suggested; please call the library at 582-7861.

BOYNE CITY

Santa's Last Stand

A chance to see Santa one more time before the big night on Dec. 12 from 1pm - 4pm at Freshwater Studio, 217 S. Lake Street! Register to win a hand blown glass ornament by Alan Swan given away that day! Also that day, Book signing of Measures of the Heart with Mary Ellen Geist 4-6 pm

PETOSKEY

Tickets for Handel's "Messiah"

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey on Dec. 15 and Dec. 17 at 7:30pm.

Soloists, Sarah Hibbard, soprano; Martha Hart, alto; David Theis, tenor; and Matthew Scollin, bass; will join the GLCO Orchestra and Chorus in performing the Christmas portion of this masterpiece. Tickets are now available on-line at Treatickets.com, or by visiting the GLCO web site, www.glcoorchestra.org and clicking on the Treatickets button. Reserved seating is available: Premier seating: \$75, Reserved seating: \$50, by visiting Treatickets or by calling the GLCO at 231-487-0010. General admission tickets: \$15 are available at chambers of commerce and bookstores in Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Boyne City, and East Jordan, the GLCO office, Crooked Tree Art Center, on line at Treatickets, and at the door.

BOYNE CITY

Business After Hours

Boyne City's Business After Hours is scheduled for Dec. 17 hosted at Re/Max Resort Properties, 111 S. Lake St. Boyne City. Sponsored by Remax Resort Properties, Lake Street Market and CindiFranco's Cool Stuff! Starting at 5:30pm!

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Art for Sale

Local artists are displaying and selling Christmas art Nov 22 - Dec 18 at the Jordan River Arts Center - 1pm - 4pm Daily - 301 Main Street.

BOYNE CITY

Community Christmas Baskets

Give a gift to needy families in the area. Non-perishable food, toys, games, books, clothing, blankets, etc. may be dropped off at the Early Elementary School from Dec. 1 - Dec. 18 between 10am - 3pm. The need this year is greater than ever and we ask your support of this project to help make a brighter holiday season.

EAST JORDAN

Mittens, Socks and Hats

Monday, Nov. 16 through Friday, Dec. 18 you are asked to bring mittens, socks & hats to Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix State Bank & Huntington Bank

and hang them on the Christmas Tree for Care & Share to distribute to area families.

EAST JORDAN

Food Drive

Second Annual Food Drive for the Care and Share Food Pantry, East Jordan. Bring in four non perishable items and receive a discount coupon book good at The Quilt Cottage for the next five months. Help us to help others, bring in your donations anytime during store hours.

HORTON BAY

Horton Creek Christmas Show set for Dec. 19

The Boyne City Performing Arts Center is offering Patron Series tickets for its four-show 2009-10 series. All shows will be on Saturday evenings except the Young Americans, which has not been scheduled. Ticket prices have been reduced to \$35 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors 65-plus. The series includes: Dec. 19 - Horton Creek Christmas Show * Feb. 20, 2010 - North Michigan Entertainers - four local performers * April 24 - Harry Goldson Sextet 100th Anniversary Tribute to Benny Goodman * June - Young Americans. Individual tickets for the December, February and April shows are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. Young Americans are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students; you can get the entire series for \$35 or \$20. Tickets are available at Local Flavor, Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River, and the Boyne Area Chamber office. Credit card orders are accepted at the Chamber.

BOYNE CITY

Farmers Market extends into December

The Boyne City Farmers Market has had a tremendous reception to its indoor market and will be extending it through Saturday, Dec. 19, at 126 Water St. The market had originally intended to move indoors for the month of November, and recently decided to extend it. Fourteen vendors have been offering seasonal produce, meats, cheese, baked and canned items, honey, maple syrup, and other goodies. The Farmers Market is a project of the Boyne City Main Street Program. For more information about the market or becoming a vendor, call Market Manager Jen Lewis, at 420-0996, or the Main Street office at 582-9009.

EAST JORDAN

Roller Skating

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

BOYNE CITY

Wine tasting

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

tastings.

EAST JORDAN

Old Newspapers now in digital format

The Jordan Valley District Library converted all microfilms in the library to indexed digital images. Patrons will now be able to look for obituaries, marriages or articles pertaining to a subject in all newspapers or just one single issue. Newspapers that were digitalized and indexed: Charlevoix County Herald 1902-1921, 1923-1941; Charlevoix County Herald 1943-1952 missing issues East Jordan News 1952 - 1953; East Jordan News Herald 1956-1967 scattered; Charlevoix County Press 1978-1991; The Torch & East Jordan Journal 1992-1994; The East Jordan Journal 1994-2003; The Citizen Journal 2003 - 2009. If questions call the library at 231 536 7131.

BOYNE CITY

Christmas Break Schedule for School

Boyne City Public Schools will be on Christmas break beginning on Monday, December 21, 2009. School will not be in session on Monday, December 21st through Friday, January 1, 2010. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4th.

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: Cholesterol and blood Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, and a Blood Pressure reading. Cost for the service is \$12.00. Participants will receive a blood pressure log, a pedometer, and all test results at the time of the screen. A Registered Nurse will tailor Health Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the Office of Community Health Education at: 231-547-8906.

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Trees

The Lion's club is selling Christmas trees until Christmas Eve or when trees are gone at the E.J. True Value Hardware - M-F 8am - 5:30pm, Sat. 8am - 5pm, Sun. 10am - 3pm. Shop early for best selection.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Volunteer Opportunities

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

EAST JORDAN

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

First Presbyterian Church hosts a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5 p.m. Child care provided. United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Choir Cantata 5:30 p.m.

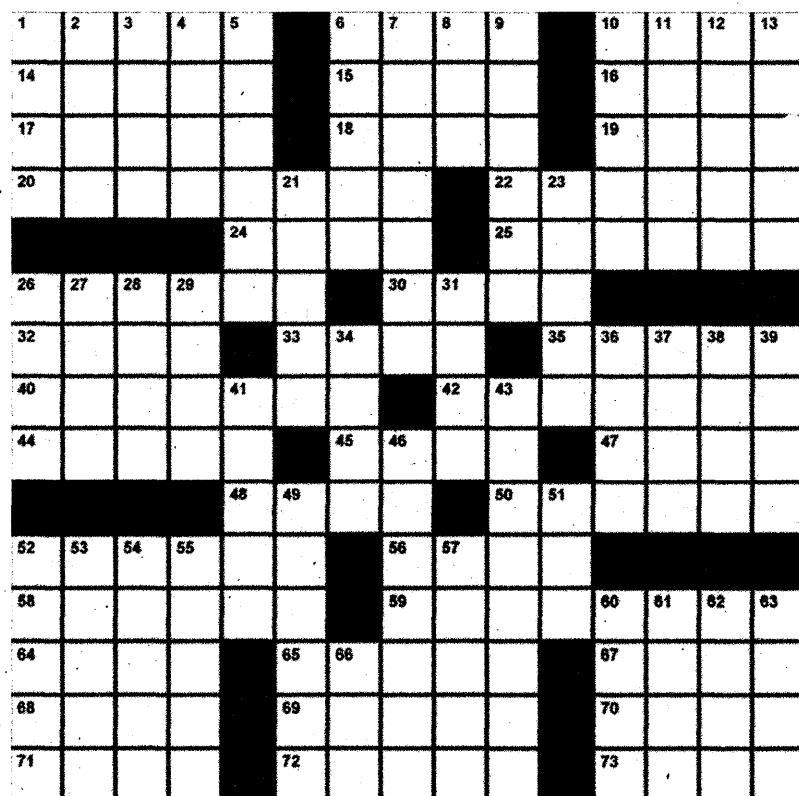
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1- Gross; 6- Be dependent; 10- Greek letters; 14- Gate fastener; 15- "The Time Machine" race; 16- Boy or man; 17- Essential oil; 18- Scandinavian; 19- Fiber source; 20- Scaly anteater; 22- "Voila!"; 24- Truth; 25- More spine-tingling; 26- Raise; 30- Nothing, in Nantes; 32- Boxer Spinks; 33- Milk source; 35- Barbecue leftovers?; 40- Arctic gale; 42- Crude structure?; 44- Bother; 45- Dodge model; 47- Horne solo; 48- Crucifix; 50- Semitic language; 52- Dutch navigator; 56- Peter Fonda title role; 58- Writing's original form; 59- Corky; 64- Christmas; 65- Demote; 67- Acknowledge; 68- Expel gas or odor; 69- Communion plate; 70- Goya subject; 71- Lacking; 72- Discharge; 73- Nabokov novel;

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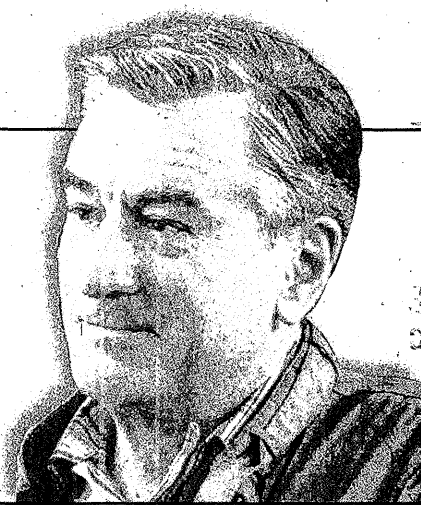
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MOVIE GUIDE



Everybody's Fine...Relatively Speaking

MOVIE REVIEW

Film Presents a Stark,
Emotional, Family Jour-
ney of Discovery

By Jim Akans

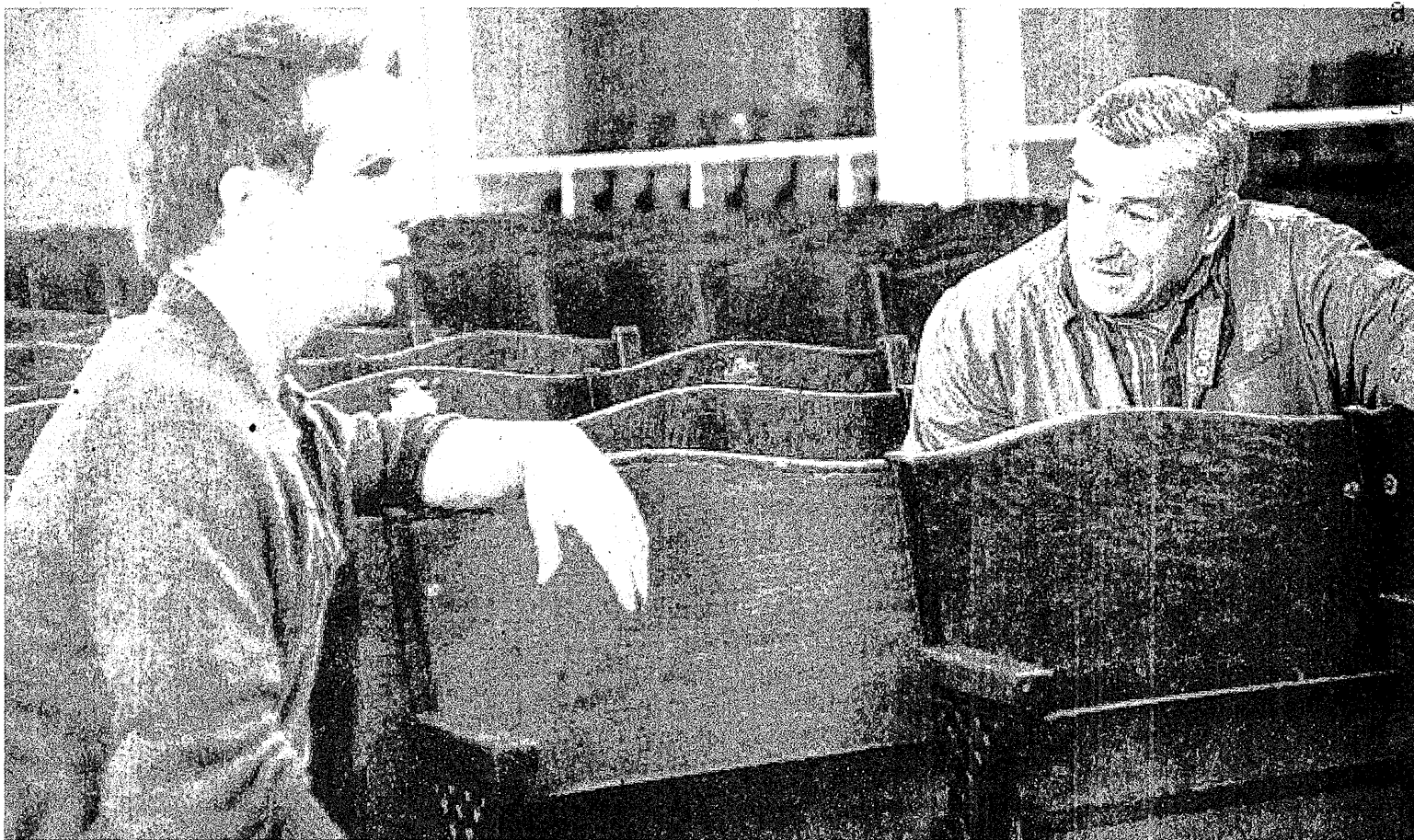
It wasn't so much what I thought about *Everybody's Fine*, the excellent remake of the Italian film *Stanno Tutti Bene*, it was how I felt as the final credits started to roll.

Everybody's Fine is a stark, highly emotional tale which follows Frank Goode, played by Robert De Niro, as he journeys across the country in an attempt to re-connect with his four children just a few months after the death of his wife. Despite his poor health, Frank acts upon an impromptu decision to make a surprise visit to each of his kids after a gathering planned at the family home failed to take place due to a myriad of last minute excuses from the children.

Unfortunately, the surprises in store are for Frank.

With each stop he makes, in New York City, Chicago, Denver, and finally Las Vegas, he discovers that the reality he envisioned for his kids is in sharp contrast to the lives they actually lead.

Like many fathers of his generation, Frank spent his life working hard to provide the groundwork for his children to build "better lives" upon. Shielded over the years by their mother's protection, and his children's fear of disappointing their father's expectations, Frank now begins to see his adult



family as they truly are, and they in turn begin to rediscover him.

The acting is superb. De Niro has always had an uncanny ability to realistically portray believable characters reflecting whatever American demographic he happens to actually be in. The aging, middle-class widower Frank Goode hits home as he struggles to come to terms with a lonely world rapidly changing around him. Supporting roles by Drew Barry-

more, Kate Beckinsale and Sam Rockwell as his children are also extremely well done.

Director Kirk Jones has given *Everybody's Fine* a realistic "look" as well. It's not quite documentary style, but it is miles away from the typically Hollywood spit and polish. It's easy to feel these characters and their situations, and feeling is what this movie is about.

Everybody's Fine is rated PG-13, and while the serious nature of the subject

matter may not connect with younger viewers, the content is not offensive. The run time is one hour and forty minutes.

Leaving the theater, I felt emotionally drained, reflective of my own parents (bless them) and my own children's journey into this mad, wonderful world we live in. And yes, I do believe... *Everybody's Fine*.

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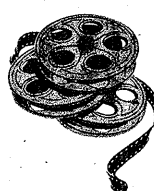
"Great cast and story," Travis - Gaylord

"The plot took some very interesting twists and turns," Ken - Gaylord

"It was very, very sad," Cindy - Waters

EXIT POLL: WHICH DID YOU PREFER?

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85%



Popcorn;
15%



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Courtyard Cinema

The Princess and the Frog-G

Voice of: Anika Noni Rose, Oprah Winfrey
FRI 7:00, 9:00

SAT 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00

MON-TUES-WED-THURS 7:00

Old Dogs- PG

Starring: Robin Williams, John Travolta
FRI 7:00, 9:00

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MON-TUES-WED-THURS 7:00

Amelia- PG

Starring: Hillary Swank, Richard Gere
FRI 7:00, 9:15

SAT 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

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MON-TUES-WED-THURS 7:00

Twilight Saga: New Moon - PG13

Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson
FRI 6:45, 9:15

SAT 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

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MON-TUES-WED-THURS 6:45

Gaylord Cinema West

The Blind Side - PG13

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

FRI-THURS- 7:00, 9:15

MON-TUE-WED 7:00

2012- PG13

Starring: John Cusack, Amanda Peet
SAT-SUN 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30

FRI-THURS 6:45, 9:30

MON-TUE-WED 6:45

The Princess and the Frog-G

Voice of: Anika Noni Rose, Oprah Winfrey
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00

MON-TUE-WED 7:00

Old Dogs- PG

Starring: Robin Williams, John Travolta
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00

MON-TUE-WED 7:00

Twilight Saga: New Moon - PG13

Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson
SAT-SUN 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15

FRI-THURS 6:45, 9:15

MON-TUE-WED 6:45

Invictus- PG13

Starring: Matt Damon, Morgan Freeman
SAT-SUN 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15

FRI-THURS 6:45, 9:15

MON-TUE-WED 6:45

Kingston Theatre,

Old Dogs- PG

Starring: Robin Williams, John Travolta
FRI-MON-TUES-WED-THURS 7:00, 9:00

SAT-SUN 1:00, 3:00, 7:00, 9:00

The Princess and the Frog-G

Voice of: Anika Noni Rose, Oprah Winfrey
FRI-MON-TUES-WED-THURS 7:00, 9:00

SAT-SUN 1:00, 3:00, 7:00, 9:00

2012- PG13

Starring: John Cusack, Amanda Peet
FRI-MON-TUES-WED-THURS 6:45

SAT-SUN 1:00, 6:45, 9:30

The Blind Side - PG13

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SAT-SUN 1:00, 3:15, 7:00, 9:15

Twilight Saga: New Moon - PG13

Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson
FRI-MON-TUES-WED-THURS 6:45, 9:15

SAT-SUN 1:00, 3:25, 6:45, 9:15

Petoskey Cinema,

Everybody's Fine - PG13

Starring: Robert Deniro, Kate Beckinsale
FRI-SAT-SUN 7:00, 9:00

MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00

The Blind Side - PG13

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw
FRI 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

SAT-SUN-THURS 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:15

Invictus- PG13

Starring: Matt Damon, Morgan Freeman
FRI 6:45, 9:15

SAT-SUN-THURS 11:45, 2:30, 6:45, 9:15

MON-TUES-WED 6:45, 9:15

Planet 51- PG

Voice of: Dwayne Johnson, Jessica Biel
SAT-SUN 12:00, 2:00

Twilight Saga: New Moon - PG13

Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson
FRI 6:45, 9:15

SAT-SUN-THURS 11:45, 2:30, 6:45, 9:15

MON-TUES-WED 6:45, 9:15

Fantastic Mr. Fox - PG

Voices of George Clooney, Meryl Streep
FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

SAT-SUN-THURS 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00

The Princess and the Frog-G

Voice of: Anika Noni Rose, Oprah Winfrey
FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

SAT-SUN-THURS 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00

Brothers-R

Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman
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SAT-SUN-THURS 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:15

Old Dogs- PG

Starring: Robin Williams, John Travolta
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SAT-SUN-THURS 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Tina Lamont, Quality Assurance Coordinator for the Health Department's home care and hospice program, has earned the certified coding specialist credential from the American Health Information Management Association. The credential demonstrates a practitioner's data quality and integrity skills and mastery of coding proficiency. Staff development is one of the reasons why the Health Department has been named a "HomeCare Elite" agency, ranking it among the top 25% of home care agencies in the U.S. For more information about home health care and hospice services, contact the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 800-551-4140.

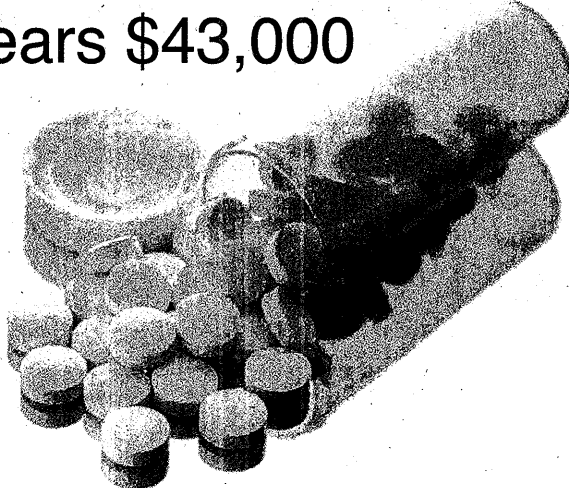
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norities, and the working poor."

"The FamilyWize prescription drug discount cards are one way for us to help individuals and families in our community and make these prescriptions a little more affordable," said Zednick.

United Way in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties first made the prescription cards available in April 2007. Since that time

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The cards can be obtained from the Department of Human Services, Friendship Centers, Community Free Clinic, Petoskey and Charlevoix Public Libraries, Manna Food Project, K-Mart Pharmacies or by calling United Way at 487-1006. People with Internet access can print a card by visiting the website at www.familywize.com, as well as look up drug prices and the list of participating pharmacies. Local businesses and employers can also get cards to give to their employees.

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"We hope everyone in the community will take the time to thank their pharmacist, United Way, and everyone else involved for the difference they are making in the lives of so many people in the community," said Dan Barnes, Co-Chair of the FamilyWize Community Service Partnership. The participating pharmacies in the community have agreed voluntarily to accept the FamilyWize cards and provide these savings to people in need. Brown Printing, Independent Graphics and Rob-Win Press of greater Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, donate the printing for the cards, Sappi Fine Paper provides some of the paper, FedEx Express donates the shipping of the cards and the pharmacy benefit manager provides a portion of the processing fee to cover the administrative costs.

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Health Department warns residents to avoid fraudulent e-mails referencing CDC- sponsored state vaccination program

Phishing emails are a scam, attempts to obtain personal information

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has received reports of fraudulent emails referencing a CDC-sponsored State Vaccination Program for the H1N1 virus. The messages request that users create a personal H1N1 "Vaccination Profile" on the www.cdc.gov web site. The message then states that anyone who has reached the age of 18 has to have his/her personal "Vaccination Profile" on the cdc.gov site.

The CDC has not implemented a state vaccination program requiring registration on www.cdc.gov. These emails are a scam and residents are asked to ignore and delete them. Users that click on the embedded link in the email are at risk of having a malicious code installed on their computer system. The Health Department reminds users to take the following steps to reduce the risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

Do not follow unsolicited links and do not open or respond to unsolicited email messages.

Use caution when visiting un-trusted Web sites.

Use caution when entering personal information online.

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

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RAMBLERS SPLIT opening week

After beating Cheboygan on the road in overtime, BC Girls fall at court of powerful Gaylord

By MIKE DUNN

GAYLORD – The early season schedule took the Boyne City girls on the road for the first two games of the 2009-10 hardwood season. The Ramblers played at Cheboygan on Tuesday of last week and at Gaylord on Thursday. There were two different outcomes and two very different games.

In the season opener at Cheboygan, a perennially tough hardwood foe, 5-foot-10 senior center Maddie Moeke was hotter down low than a bowl of Texas chili, putting 27 points on the board to help lead the Ramblers to an impressive 45-43 victory in overtime. On Thursday, the Ramblers ran into a buzzsaw at the court of powerful Gaylord and struggled against the intense Blue Devil pressure in a 74-30 loss.

"We were hoping to build on the success we had at Cheboygan but Gaylord played us very tough," said Boyne City coach Jim Brown. "Coming in, we knew they would play aggressive and put the pressure on. They were obviously well-prepared and took us out of the game early."

After a 3-pointer from sophomore Rachel Butler and a pretty hook shot from scrap-iron tough senior Sydney Gahn kept Boyne City close in the early minutes, Gaylord used its half-court trap to fuel a decisive 25-4

run extending from the midway point of the first quarter to the midway point of the second quarter.

By the time senior guard Amanda Welborn ended the run with a 3-pointer, Gaylord's lead had ballooned to 32-11 and the only drama that remained was what the final score would be. Gaylord led 39-16 at halftime and 56-24 after three quarters.

"They did a good job of pressuring us with their guards and also keeping Maddie from getting good looks at the basket," Brown said. "Maddie's our No. 1 scoring threat and they denied her the ball inside."

Butler ended up leading the Ramblers with seven points, including a pair from beyond the arc, while Moeke, Welborn, Gahn and junior Jessica Webster each scored five and freshman Mary Myers, one of the underclassmen who turned in solid minutes on the floor, scored three.

"The play of the younger girls was one of the bright spots for us," said Brown, who has brought all six of the JV players up to the varsity. "For the most part, I thought the girls were where we needed them to be and we executed things the way we wanted to. Our biggest difficulty was not handling their pressure very well."

Brown also noted the strong defensive play of Gahn, who drew the unsavory assignment of guarding



ABOVE: Boyne City senior guard Amanda Welborn battles under the boards for a loose ball with Gaylord's Brittney Deerfield. (PHOTO BY ROB DEFORGE OF RDSPORTSPHOTO.COM)

RIGHT: Every time Boyne City senior Maddie Moeke touched the ball, she drew Gaylord defenders like magnets. Here, Maddie attempts to break through two Blue Devils on her way to the basket. (PHOTO BY ROB DEFORGE OF RDSPORTSPHOTO.COM)

Gaylord's prolific scoring Bailey Gooding, and the way Welborn attacked the basket and played aggressively in spite of dealing with painful shin splints.

In the Cheboygan game, Moeke simply dominated play inside. Nearly all of her 27 points came from under the boards, many of them on offensive putbacks. Moeke also had 10 rebounds to earn a double-double. Welborn nearly had a double-double as well, scoring nine with seven boards.

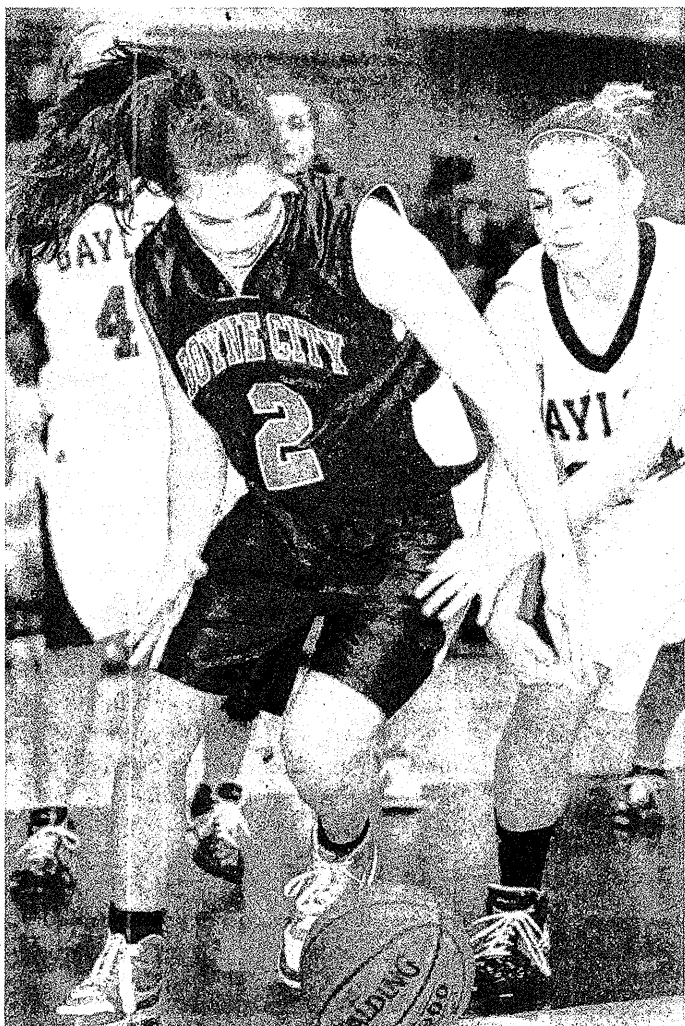
After trailing by four at

halftime, Boyne City did a much better job of handling the ball in the second half and reducing turnovers.

The game was tied at 37 at the end of regulation. A critical 3-pointer from Gahn gave Boyne City the lead for good in the extra session.

"The girls played a good first game and we were happy with the outcome," Brown said. "We still have lots of work to do."

Boyne City played at Glen Lake on Tuesday of this week after this issue went to press



BELOW: Boyne City senior guard Amanda Welborn battles under the boards for a loose ball with Gaylord's Brittney Deerfield. (PHOTO BY ROB DEFORGE OF RDSPORTSPHOTO.COM)

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Maribeth Poindexter, East Jordan

The Red Devils' senior sharpshooter was poison from the perimeter, hitting for 23 points with five 3-pointers in the tough season-opening overtime loss to Central Lake and knocking down a team-leading 18 points in East Jordan's 52-41 victory over Mesick.

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WRESTLING

BC grapplers make season debut

Wonski, Nohel both post 3-1 record in tough Oscoda Team Invitational

By Mike Dunn

OSCODA - The Boyne City wrestling team had a positive debut to the 2009 season Saturday in the Oscoda Team Invitational.

Bruising Bryan Wonski at 215 pounds and Drew Nohel at 171 each posted a 3-1 record on the day against some stiff competition. Zach LaDere (119) and Jacob Looze (215) each picked up two victories for the Ramblers and Jon Calo (152) and Joel Matthews (112) each earned one win.

Wonski, a junior and a first-year wrestler, had an auspicious debut on the mats for coach Don Nohel. Wonski earned first-period pins over rugged Erik Remus of Cheboygan and highly regarded Lakeland Hazen of perennial mat power Shep-

herd and also earned a 12-9 decision over Brett Reymore of Saginaw Valley Lutheran. Wonski's lone loss was to Michael Perkins of Oscoda.

Nohel, a hard-nosed competitor and returning regional qualifier for the Ramblers who posted a 19-6 record last year, missed most of the football season with a knee injury but appears to be back at full strength. The senior showed little rust on the mats as he decisioned tough Donovan Fouchey of Oscoda 10-5, edged Josh

Groce of Cheboygan 6-2 and pinned Brett Hoffman of Saginaw Valley Lutheran in 1:40. Drew's lone loss was to Jordan Zimmer of Shepherd.

LaDere, a freshman with lots of fight, recorded early pins over Nate Smith of Shepherd and Trent Beffrey of Saginaw Valley Lutheran. Zach's two feats were to two highly skilled and experienced grapplers, Calub Hopkins of Oscoda and The Pirhana, state-qualifying senior Nick

Perhai of Cheboygan.

Looze finished 2-1 on the day, earning a major decision over Shepherd's Mike Faruson and a first-period pin over Jacob Kaufman of Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

Calo, a sophomore who earned a berth in the regional tournament last year and posted a solid 18-12 record in a very tough weight class, pinned Josh Younk of Saginaw Valley Lutheran in 58 seconds.

"I was very happy with the start of the 2009 season," coach Nohel said. "Our young kids learned why we do all the drilling and conditioning in practice and it will make practice more meaningful. It was much-needed competition and our kids did a nice job, especially considering their inexperience."

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DNR REPORT

Deer harvest down from 2008

Initial DNR estimates are 5-15 percent fewer deer taken in northern Lower Peninsula

Initial estimates indicate Michigan firearm deer hunters killed 10 to 20 percent fewer deer this year than in 2008, according to the Department of Natural Resources. Decreased harvests were most noticeable in the Upper Peninsula and less apparent in the southern Lower Peninsula.

Weather -- both a harsh 2008-2009 winter and unseasonably high temperatures during most of the firearm season -- likely contributed to the decreased harvest, wildlife officials said. Although weather across the state was good to ideal for hunters to sit in the woods, it was less than optimal for encouraging deer movement.

DNR biologists estimate the harvest was down by 20 to 30 percent in the Upper Peninsula, 15 to 25 percent in the northern Lower Peninsula, and 5 to 10 percent in the southern Lower Peninsula.

"The season has gone pretty much as we expected in the Upper Peninsula," said DNR deer

program leader Brent Rudolph. "We set antlerless quotas lower in anticipation of a smaller deer herd following last winter. We may have had fewer hunters in the Upper Peninsula. If you have fewer deer, fewer hunters, and deer moving less than usual, those factors are going to have an effect on your deer harvest."

Biologists were a little surprised by the size of the decrease of the harvest in the northern Lower Peninsula, where a more modest decline was anticipated.

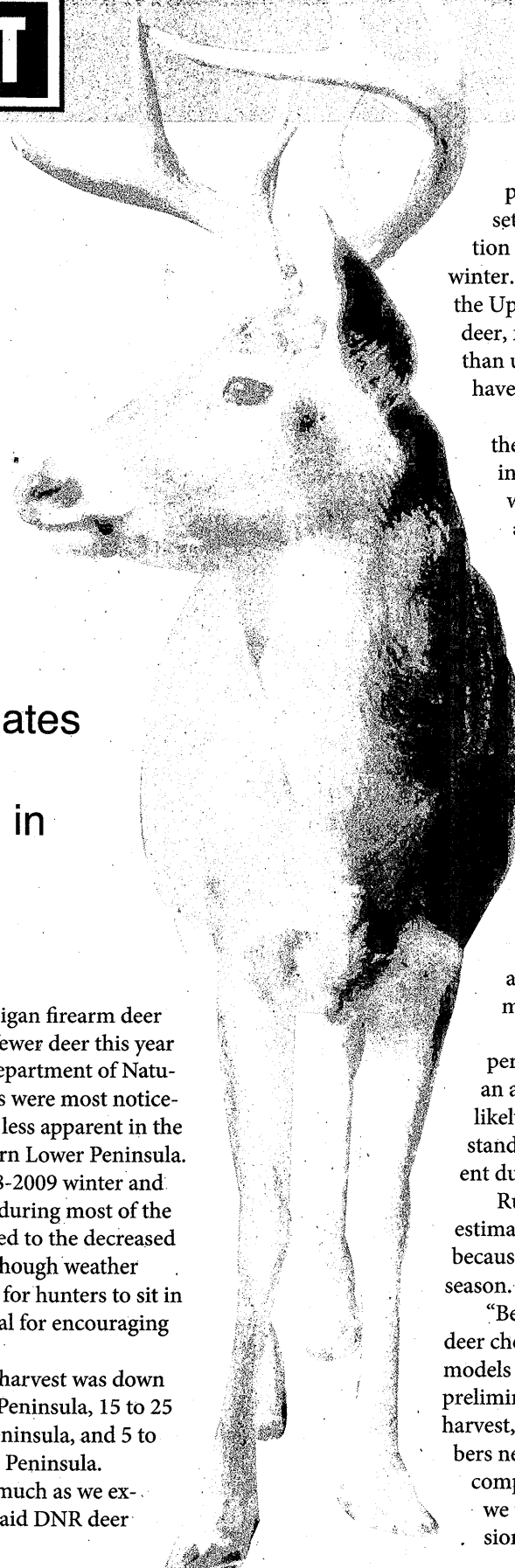
"Check stations reported a lower than usual percentage of 1½-year-old bucks in the Upper and northern Lower Peninsula, an indication of poor survival of last year's fawns," Rudolph said. "Antler development was below average as well, another indication of the impact of last winter's severity."

In southern Michigan, a cool summer that caused corn to mature late and a wet October put the corn harvest far behind schedule, providing additional sanctuary for deer in many areas.

"The corn harvest was around 35 percent by Nov. 16," Rudolph said. "In an average year it's 80 percent. So it's likely that some deer never left the standing corn. That may become apparent during the muzzleloader season."

Rudolph emphasized the preliminary estimates show a wide range in the harvest because of changes in data collection this season.

"Because we operated so many fewer deer check stations, we could not utilize the models as we have in previous years for our preliminary estimate of the firearm season harvest," he said. "But we'll have solid numbers next spring after the mail survey is completed and those are the numbers we use for making management decisions."



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PREP ROUNDUP

Girls Hoops Red Devils rebound, whip Mesick

**Rayders post 1-2 mark
in first week; Boyne Falls
wins opener**

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN – The East Jordan girls rebounded decisively from a tough overtime loss to highly regarded Central Lake in the basketball season opener earlier in the week, beating Mesick on the home floor Thursday by a 52-41 margin. Coach Steve Hines, back at the helm of the program after serving as JV coach for several seasons, already has East Jordan playing at a high level and appears to have the Red Devils poised to demolish last year's 4-17 record.

Senior Maribeth Poindexter, a returning starter, is one of the chief reasons for optimism among the Red Devils. Poindexter put the POWER in power forward during the first week of the season, scoring 18 points to pace the Red Devils after scoring 23 in the surprising overtime loss to Central Lake. Poindexter, a middle hitter in volleyball and goalie on the girls' soccer team who has made her mark as an East Jordan student-athlete, is off to a super start on the hardwood.

Shaina Peters, another returning starter for Hines, has also been contributing quality minutes. Peters tallied 16 in the win over Mesick, giving East Jordan a potent 1-2 scoring punch. Junior post player Stephanie Holm also made her presence felt, playing BIG

under the boards and pulling down 10 rebounds.

East Jordan led 21-15 at halftime and outscored Mesick 13-9 in the third quarter of the game which is part of the annual Lake Michigan/Northwest Conference Challenge. Erica Hamilton led the Bulldogs with 16 points.

East Jordan also won the JV game 39-32 as Allie Sutton made the twine twitch to the tune of 18 points and Paige Roberts recorded a double-double with 13 rebounds and 11 points.

East Jordan very nearly started the season with what would have been a shocking upset over Central Lake. The Trojans, a formidable foe with the presence of two-time All-Stater Jasmine Hines on the floor, managed to pull out a 67-62 decision as Hines scored seven of her 39 points in the extra session.

Poindexter was poison from the perimeter all night long, draining five 3-pointers while scoring her 23 points. Sophomore Tanner McCune, another returning starter for coach Hines, put 13 on the board and Peters tallied 12. The gritty Holm, who doesn't shy from banging shoulders under the boards, grabbed 10 rebounds.

Heidi Hicks and Sheila Crouse were also in double digits for Central Lake, each connecting for 10 points.

In East Jordan's 46-23 JV triumph, Jordan Bacchus put the "J" in jump shot, making 16 points, and Paige Roberts added nine.

Rayders post 1-2 mark

CHARLEVOIX – The Rayders lost a tough one to Kingsley on the home floor Friday to finish out the first week of the season with an uncharacteristic 1-2 record. The visiting Stags broke a 40-40 tie in the final minute when Annemarie Sanchez drained a 3-pointer. That proved to be the game-winner as the scrappy Charlevoix squad, long on heart but short on experience, was not able to connect for a tying trey as the game clock wound down.

Lynzee Gotshall scored 14 to pace

Charlevoix, which lost eight seniors from the team that own the Lake Michigan Conference and posted a 21-4 record a year ago. Sophomore Jenna Way and senior Madison Way each scored eight and Jenna also recorded five assists.

On Thursday, the host Rayders pulled ahead early and maintained a double-digit lead throughout in an impressive 49-26 triumph over Cheboygan in non-league action.

Coach Bret Erskine's squad displayed balanced scoring. No one hit for double figures but six players scored seven or more points led by senior Taylor Storm and Jenna Way, who each hit for nine. Gotshall made the twine twitch to the tune of eight points to go with 10 rebounds and Katie Mays and Madison Way each put seven on the board.

Sarah Potter was a power in the paint, pulling down 13 rebounds and Mays recorded eight.

Amy Charboneau paced Cheboygan with eight points and Hailey Rozek scored seven.

The Rayders rebounded from a 65-34 defeat at the court of talented Frankfort earlier in the week in the season opener.

Charlevoix featured balanced scoring against Frankfort with Jenna Way leading the way with eight points followed by Hannah Hybl with seven and Madison Way and Sarah Potter each with six. Potter and Mays each pulled down eight boards.

Boyne Falls splits pair

BOYNE FALLS – The Loggers started the season with a tense victory over Atlanta on the road and followed that with a competitive battle at home against Mancelona.

On Tuesday of last week, Boyne Falls edged Atlanta 30-28 as freewheeling Katie Fraser had the hot hand, assaulting the iron for a team-high 14 points, and Kristin Matelski hit for eight with five boards. Kaitlan Deming helped the cause as well with her strong play in the paint, pulling down seven rebounds.

In the Mancelona game on Friday, Matelski rocked the rim for a team-high 14 points while Fraser found the bucket for nine and

Deming hit for seven with five rebounds. Danielle Reynolds also scored six but it wasn't quite enough as Mancelona, paced by 16 points from Kayla Adkins, won the game 50-45.

Ellsworth bows to Trojans

ELLSWORTH – Jalyri Ingalls poured in 16 points and recorded six steals for Ellsworth but it wasn't enough to offset the powerful performance of Central Lake's 6-foot-3 phenom Jasmine Hines on Friday. Hines, a scoring and rebounding machine, finished with 34 points and 18 rebounds, a typical showing, as the Trojans posted a 57-38 victory in the non-league contest. Hines also had six blocks.

Emily Veenstra added seven points for the Lancers.

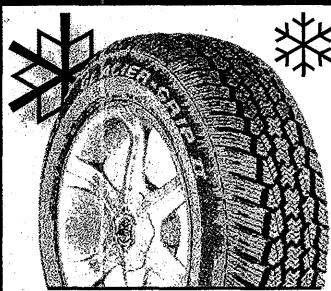
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TRAVERSE CITY – Charlevoix drew a tough assignment right out of the box, traveling to the court of a Traverse City Central team poised to reverse the fortunes of the 2008-09 season. Central controlled play from the outset, taking a 53-29 halftime lead and ultimately earning an impressive 86-58 victory.

Bruising Bill Ivan battled hard under the boards and tallied 16 points to lead the Rayders and Andrew Plude was also in double digits with 13.

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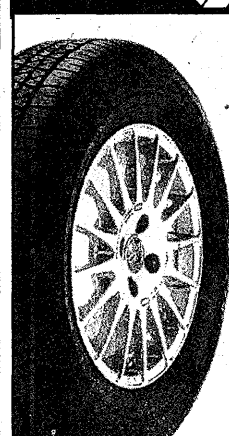
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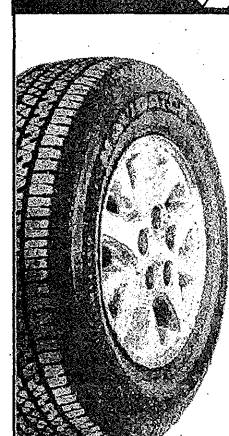
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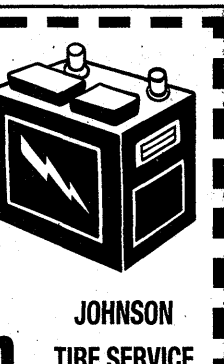
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The home was originally construction by the Beardsley family, one of Boyne City's founders, in late 1800's. It was also operated as a bed and breakfast in the 1990's.

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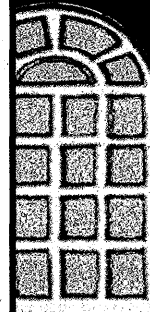
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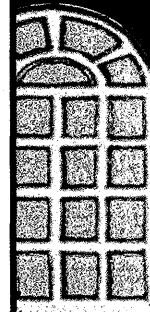
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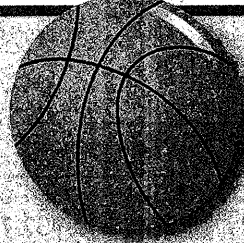
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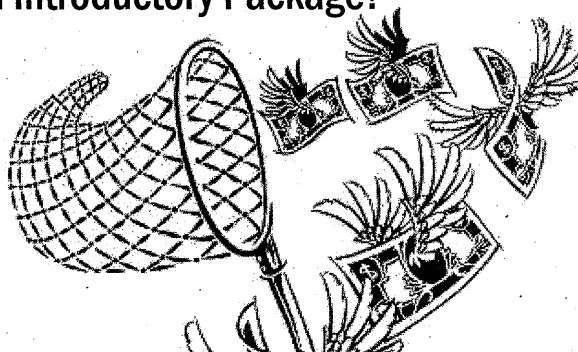
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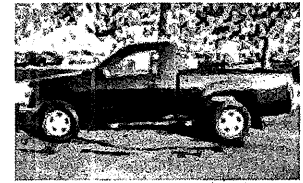
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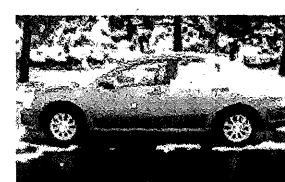
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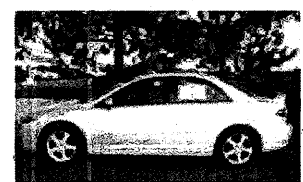
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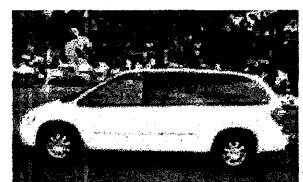
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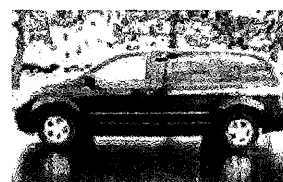
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Snow Blast

Kicks off Ski Season

Mother Nature and area ski resorts have been hard at work during the past week making snow and getting the 2009/2010 ski season ready to go. Shanty Creek's Schuss Mountain is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. PHOTO COURTESY OF SHANTYCREEK/SCHUSS MOUNTAIN.

It's "Downhill Time" as Area Ski Slopes Open

By Jim Akans

March.

While winter weather was a tad late in arriving here in northern Lower Michigan, Mother Nature and area ski resorts have been hard at work during the past week making snow and getting ready to go for the 2009/2010 season.

Kevin McKinley, Director of Golf and Ski Operations for Treetops Resort in Gaylord, states, "We have been making snow all week long. The natural snow is great, but the man-made snow is what makes our base. We are aiming for a December 18th opening and if the weather cooperates and stays cold, we should be on track."

Season passes are now on sale and can be purchased online at www.treetops.com or at the Treetops ski shop Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 6:00pm or on Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Kevin adds, "We are offering our GPA program again this year, where kids in Otsego County Schools who get good grades can get a discounts starting at \$60 for a season pass for those with 3.0 to 3.49 GPAs, and \$20 season passes for those with GPAs of 3.5 and above."

This year, Treetops is requiring that those students who are eligible for the discount passes sign up for one of Treetop's safety sessions. Four 30 minute sessions will be offered on December 18th, two are planned for the 19th, and there will be one session offered per day starting on December 20th.

Kevin McKinley notes, "Even if we are not able to open the slopes by December 18th, we will still hold the clinics. There is a maximum of 50 attendees per session, and eligible students should contact Treetops to sign up for one of the clinics."

Gaylord's Otsego Ski Club & Resort, Michigan's only private ski club, will open to the public for the first time in 60 years on December 19th and 20th. Michigan Ski and Snowboard enthusiasts can finally experience the leading all-mountain terrain park in the Midwest and one of the most exciting terrain parks in the country.

Kris Klay, Otsego Club General Manager, states, "All the snow guns are running and we should be on schedule. We encourage people to visit www.otsegoclub.com (or call 800.752.5510) for future updates regarding opening information and upcoming specials."

Otsego Ski Club will host a number of fun and exciting events throughout opening weekend including: Pro rider demonstrations combined with the Can-Am Challenge of the Canadian Snow Cross, the new Snow-skate Park, complete with a rental fleet of Lib Tech snow-skates, and a night Slope-style competition staged by Middle Earth. There will also be local entertainment by the band Exit 282 in the Sitzmark.

After the opening weekend, Otsego Ski Club will reopen for members on December 26th, and weather depending, will remain open through mid-

A winter storm recently blanketed the slopes of Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs with over a foot and a half of natural snow. Boyne's crew of dedicated snowmakers has also been hard at work with their proprietary Low-E fan guns. As a result, the slopes were opened to skiers and snowboarders on December 5.

While the hill was closed after the weekend to resume snowmaking, it will reopen for the season on Friday, December 11. Sister resort, Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, also plans to open for the season on December 11.

"Following last season's pre-Thanksgiving opening, we were antsy for this season to get underway," said Brad Keen, general manager of Boyne Highlands Resort. "Having the right temperatures and our Low-E fan guns added greatly to what Mother Nature has been providing and allowed us to open and have skiers and snowboarders out to enjoy the snow."

For more information on BOYNE, visit www.BOYNE.com, or call 800.GO.BOYNE.

Shanty Creek's Schuss Mountain is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. They will open on Friday December 9th, will close during the following week for additional snowmaking and preparation, and reopen for the season, along with Summit Mountain on December 18th.

Lindsey Southwell, Marketing Manager, "We are excited about this winter and are happy to see the snow. We have lots planned for the season to celebrate our 40th anniversary, starting with an anniversary party that includes a parade, birthday cake and appetizers on Friday the 18th. We will also be offering free skiing for Antrim county residents on the 18th at Schuss Mountain."

Summit Mountain is introducing the "Most Affordable Lift Ticket in America!" For the first time, skiers can enjoy \$10/day Summit Only lift ticket on weekends only, Friday-Sunday. For additional information, visit www.shantycreek.com or call 800-678-4111

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