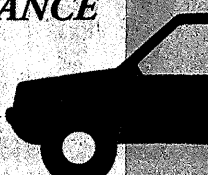


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## East Jordan City Manager resigns

By B. J. Conley

**EAST JORDAN** — East Jordan city manager, David White, resigned at the city

commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The effective date of his resignation is Jan. 2, 2010. "It's time for a change," White said after the meeting. He has been city manager for 13 years.

Recently appointed mayor, Russ Peck, hired White. Peck was mayor at that time also.

The news from White caused silence for a moment in the full City Hall meeting room. Commissioner Ray Fisher made a motion to accept White's resignation and an agreement

between White and the city, and that motion was passed by commissioners Thomas Breaky, Jane Booze, Paul Timmons and Mayor Peck. Commissioner Deneille Moes, who was critical of White at commission meetings, was on an approved absence Tuesday.

The terms of the agreement between White and the city were not disclosed.

The city will advertise for an interim manager immediately. White will take unused vacation time beginning Dec. 21, that extends to Jan. 2.

White did not say what is in his future plans. But, he did say what his immediate plans are: "I'm going to enjoy Christmas," he said.



David White (left) city manager for the city of East Jordan resigned at a city commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Mayor Russ Peck (right) hired White 13 years ago. PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY



The Christmas tree tradition goes all the way back to the sixteenth century in Germany.

## Christmas Traditions Date Back

Interesting snippets about Christmas trees, Christmas stockings and Christmas cards ...

Christmas trees have been around a while. They are known to have been popular in Germany as far back as the sixteenth century. The tree's association with Christmas seems to have evolved from the late Middle Ages when Ger-

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## Christmas

...is Needed Even More This Year

By B. J. Conley

Charlevoix county communities are collecting and packing food baskets, toys, clothing and other Christmas gifts this year, as they have in the past. Organizers in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan all say the number of people who need assistance is up, especially the number of children.

Ruth Witneski, organizer of the Boyne Area Community Christmas, said the numbers have risen by about 50 percent over last year, and donations of gifts and money have dwindled. Counting only children, there are 561 who need Christmas gifts so far, she said on Saturday, Dec. 12.

"We're at a standstill," Witneski said. "I came home early today because there wasn't anything to prepare."

The Boyne Area Community Christmas covers the Boyne City, Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake areas. Volunteers prepare packages at the former city middle school on Pine and Park streets, now the school district's administration building, during the hours of 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

The greatest need is for items for children ages three and up, especially teenage boys. Witneski suggested wallets, watches, tools, electronics and games as gifts for teenage boys. Toys for young children are appreciated. If the toys are used, she asks that people give only lightly used toys that they would give to their own child.

In addition, families are given potatoes, a turkey, green beans, fruit and other food items



Christmas gifts and Christmas dinner baskets are being prepared this week in Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan and throughout Charlevoix county. Pictured here are Charlevoix volunteers (from left) Bev Boss, Walter Wolletz, Karen Wolletz, Carolyn Batdorff and Joannie Carlson. PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

for a full Christmas meal.

Anyone who is able to contribute items or money to help Boyne Area Community Christmas make it a Merry Christmas for others, please stop into the school administration building on Pine and Park streets between 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. Ruth

Witneski encourages people to bring in contributions within the next couple of days to allow time for packing and delivery. She may be reached at 231-582-3152.

Charlevoix's Community Christmas Project and the Ministerial Association have seen an increase in the

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**Monday**  
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NNW wind 9mph

## snowfall totals

**Charlevoix** -  
Season totals last year  
through 12/31/08 - 71.3  
Season total this year  
through 12/14/09 - 32.0"

**Ellsworth** -  
Season totals last year  
through 12/31/08 - 82.3  
Season total this year  
through 12/14/09 - 36.9"

The Snowfall totals for last year are for the season through the end of the Month. Totals for this year are through the date indicated.

**Petoskey** -  
Season totals last year  
through 12/31/08 - 67.0"  
Season total this year  
through 12/14/09 - 43.7"

**Gaylord** -  
Season totals last year  
through 12/31/08 - 107.1  
Season total this year  
through 12/14/09 - 35.1

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## Christmas Traditions

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mans and Scandinavians placed evergreens inside their homes to show their hope in the forthcoming spring.

According to legend, Martin Luther began the tradition of decorating trees to celebrate Christmas. One crisp Christmas Eve, about the year 1500, he was walking through snow-covered woods and was struck by the beauty of a group of small evergreens. Their branches, dusted with snow, shimmered in the moonlight. When he got home, he set up a little fir tree indoors so he could share this story with his children. He decorated it with candles, which he lighted in honor of Christ's birth.

In England, they became popular after Queen Victoria's husband Albert, who came from Germany, made a tree part of the celebrations at Windsor Castle. In the United States, the earliest known mention of a Christmas tree is in the diary of a German who settled in Pennsylvania.

The tradition of Christmas trees in the U.S. can likely be traced to the German immigrants who came to Pennsylvania. Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the U.S. since 1850.

Another great Christmas tradition, the hanging Christmas stockings by the fireplace, actually began with the original Saint Nicholas, a Fourth Century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (present day Turkey). As one would expect, he was a man noted for his charity and

good will and he was particularly kind to children, often giving away treats and small gifts.

According to legend, there was a widower in Myra who had three daughters for whom he could not provide a dowry. The story goes that Saint Nicholas threw three bags of gold into the fireplace chimney and the gold landed into the stockings drying by the fire. This began the tradition of putting Christmas presents into Christmas stockings.

**Here are some interesting facts about Christmas trees, Christmas cards, Christmas carols and other holiday stuff:**

No surprise here. Michigan is among the top Christmas tree producing states in the country. Michigan joins California, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and North Carolina as the top Christmas tree producing states. Oregon is still the leading producer of Christmas trees, typically between 7 and 8 million each year.

What is the best-selling Christmas tree? If you guessed Scotch pine, you're right. The best selling trees are Scotch pine, followed by Douglas fir, Noble fir, Fraser fir, Virginia pine, balsam fir and white pine.

If you love Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," you'll find this interesting. Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim for his character, three other alliterative names were considered by the author: Little Larry, Puny Pete, and Small Sam.

According to the National Christmas Tree Association, Americans buy 37.1 million real Christmas trees each year; 25 percent of them are from the nation's 5,000 choose-and-cut farms.

America's official national Christmas tree is located in King's Canyon National Park in California. The tree, a giant sequoia called the "General Grant Tree," is over 300 feet high. It was made the official Christmas tree in 1925.

The first commercial Christmas card sold was designed by London artist John Calcott Horsley in December of 1842. He was hired by Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy British businessman, to design a card that showed people feeding and clothing the poor with another picture of a Christmas party. The first Christmas card said, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." Of the original 1,000 cards he printed for Sir Henry Cole, only one exists today.

The tradition of Christmas lights dates back to when Christians were persecuted for saying Mass. A simple candle in the window meant that Mass would be celebrated there that night.



Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing - toasting neighbors to a long and healthy life.

An average household in America will mail out 28 Christmas cards each year and see 28 eight cards return in their place.

Some famous people who were born on Christmas day: Sir Isaac Newton (1642); Humphrey Bogart (1899); Rod Serling (1924); Little Richard (1932); Ken Stabler (1945); Jimmy Buffet (1946); Larry Csonka (1946); Sissy Spacek (1949); Ricky Henderson (1958).

Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing - toasting neighbors to a long and healthy life.

A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.

During the Christmas/Hanukkah season, more than 1.76 billion candy canes will be made.

During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5,340 times every minute in the United States. Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.

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# A Community Tradition



## Annual Christmas Dinner Served at Boyne City Presbyterian Church

By Jim Akans

For the last 12 years, Boyne City residents, as well as some lucky holiday visitors, have been treated to a very special Christmas day event in the dining room at the Presbyterian Church on Park Street.

It is the annual Community Christmas Dinner, a blessed (and delicious) gathering spearheaded by Al and Jennifer Lawson that has brought as many as 187 people together from all walks of life to enjoy each other's fellowship, and a scrumptious feast including ham, turkey, dressing, mash potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, vegetables, rolls and tantalizing pies expertly prepared by the organizer of the event.

"Admission is free," states Al Lawson, "though we do accept donations to cover our costs. However, this is not a soup kitchen; it is for anyone and everyone who simply would like to join us for a wonderful meal and a community gathering on Christmas Day."

Al recalls starting the event 12 years ago when he realized he and his family really didn't have many things going on Christmas Day, so he gathered up the children and grandchildren and put on a community meal.

"We had about 37 people attend that first event," Al remembers. "Over the years it continues to grow. I do the cooking myself. Some of what I learned about cooking was from my mother, who was a cook and had a restau-

rant downtown Boyne, and I ran a kitchen at a local pub for a few years. So this is something I know, I enjoy doing, and am very happy it can be of service to our community."

The annual Christmas Dinner begins at noon on Christmas Day, and runs until about 4 pm. Home deliveries of the meals are possible, though Al requests people call him ahead of time at (231) 675-7840 or (231) 582-7841. The Boyne City Presbyterian Church is located at 401 S. Park Street.

"Some people have attended every year," notes Al Lawson. "We see families, friends, even people visiting in the area. Everyone is welcome...just bring your appetite and a great holiday spirit."



Residents who live along the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road where a recreational trail may be built, packed the room at the Charlevoix Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 10. The meeting was organized and conducted by Charlevoix County Commissioner Shirley Roloff (seated in the second row, first seat) and Dean Solomon of MSU Extension (not shown). The purpose of the meeting was to work towards a consensus about the trail. Solomon explained the ground rules for everyone and the crowd divided into groups of five to discuss the options. PHOTO BY B. J. CONLEY

## Residents Brave the Weather for Meeting

By B. J. Conley

Despite treacherous, snowy driving, residents who live along the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road packed the room at the Charlevoix Public Library on Thursday, December 10th, to discuss the trail that may be built parallel to the road. The possibility that the trail may infringe upon privacy and private property has some residents

upset, while others support a non-motorized recreation trail.

Several meetings have been held without a resolution to the controversy. But the structure of Thursday's meeting allowed everyone an opportunity to speak and resulted in progress on the issue.

People divided into groups of five and, with a facilitator present, asked questions and commented on what

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## Boulder Park Terrace Cookbooks Now Available

Cookbooks featuring many recipes from residents and staff from Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Charlevoix are now available at several locations in the area including Mary's of Boyne - Boyne City, E.J. Shoppe - East Jordan, Halfway to the Top - Charlevoix and at Boulder Park Terrace located at 14676 W. Upright in Charlevoix daily at their front office. The cookbook was the idea of CENA Lucille Wandrie who has spent the last four years gathering, typing and organizing the recipes. Lucille is quick to say "This was worth every minute of my time" as she thumbs through the many pages of the cookbook which includes appetizers, soups, salads, side and main dishes, breads, rolls and deserts of several Boulder Park residents and staff over the past four years. Lucille also enlisted the help of her husband Bill and daughter Adrienna on the typing and organizing. Cheri Hoffman helped with the proofreading. The cookbook printing was graciously sponsored by Jean Sager's family Murray and Jeanie Kilgour. The cookbook proceeds will benefit the Aviary at Boulder Park Terrace and they make a wonderful gift for yourself, friend or family members. Cost of the cookbooks is \$20.00.

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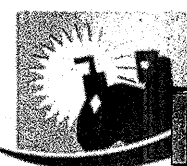
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Once again, the community supported “Dressed for Chill”

Just in time for the winter season, Boyne City Eta Nu’s Women Club “Dressed for Chill ‘09” Coat, Snow Pants and Boot Drive is officially over. With the help of several area organizations and a supportive community, this year’s drive was a success that outfitted 80 Boyne City elementary school students with winter gear.

With the economy as it is, the need for assistance was greater than last year, which makes this success even sweeter. Unlike the past years drive, most children were in need of all items available. Hats and gloves were added to complete the list.

“It wasn’t easy sleeping at night, knowing the mountain of need for these children,” said Kristin Bates, a volunteer working on the drive. “The fact these kids are going to be warm this winter is worth all the effort and puts a smile on my face.”

In early October, a letter was sent out to all the children in the Boyne City elementary school asking if there was a need for winter gear. Families had two weeks to return the form with all the appropriate sizing and requests for clothing. In the meantime, the women of Eta Nu went to work. They approached local businesses and organizations for support. They pounded the pavement for the best sales and even had local stores open up early for sales. In early November, the clothing was distributed at the Early Learner’s Education Center. Overall, it was a great success!

Support from the community was the key piece of this year’s “Dressed for Chill ‘09.” Local Flavor Bookstore in Boyne City started the month of October with the managers donating all of their tips towards this fundraiser. The Boyne City Eagles’ members

and the Ladies Auxiliary as well as the Garden Club were eager to help.

“Dressed for Chill ‘09” was a fundraiser started by Eta Nu’s Women Club in 2008. Due to their support and tireless volunteer efforts, 80 Boyne City elementary children will be warm this winter season.

Special thanks to: Anne Van-Zandt, Project Chairman and Sue Huston, Vice Chairman. This years Clothing Collection Coordinator, Barb Miller and her team, which consists of: Sharyn Bean, Nancy Miett, Marilyn Rhadigan, Susan Coyle and Mary Abdella; Joannie Schumann, the Clothing Storage Coordinator and her team: June Storm, Bedonna Perish, Pat Nakoneczny, Helen Gallaher, Janet Sturza and Donna Dilworth; and, the Clothing Purchase Coordinator, Kathe Carter with her members, Kathy

Sheean, Ann Robins, Helen Truchan, Candy Greene, Inez Noble, Linda Noll, Kathie Beamer, Lorraine Rauen, Mary Ann Newman, Marion Stetson, Janet Swartz, Char Wehner, and Dory Ferguson. Also, Mary Servais, Lois Bolan and Margaret Lasater. In addition, thanks to all the businesses that helped with collections. They are: Local Flavor, Pat O’Brien’s, Ace Hardware, Country Now and Then, Studio One Hair Design, Boyne City Chamber of Commerce, Kilwin’s, Curves - Boyne City, Saminich - N- Sudz, Boyne District Library and Boyne City Elementary School. And last but not least to JC Penney in Petoskey for opening their doors early for shopping and the great discounts, K-Mart for their great help and added discounts, Meijer, Wal-Mart and Kohl’s too!

Christmas Giving

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number of children the community will make happy this Christmas, increasing from 429 in 2008 to about 500 children this year.

“Our goal is for every child to have a good Christmas dinner and gifts,” organizer Bev Boss said.

The Community Christmas Project will be able to meet the needs of the community for Christmas, but the city’s food pantry needs cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, toilet paper, shampoo and bar soap, among other items.

East Jordan’s Care and Share is seeing an increase in the number of families in need of assistance, with teens having the most need, especially boys. In conjunction with the East Jordan Ministerial Association, Care and Share provides a Christmas dinner to families and gifts for children.

Care and Share director, Kathy Reid said that a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation was also great help this year. The grant was used to fill residents’ propane tanks and for other heating needs.

Meeting

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they would like to see accomplished if a non-motorized trail were to be built.

A summary of the resulting opinions and comments will be given to each person at the forum after the information is compiled. Citizens may still comment by accessing the county website at: [www.charlevoixcounty.org](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org). A survey form is on the home page for anyone to complete.

A steering committee will be chosen at the next meeting. Contact Dean Solomon for the date and for other questions. His number at MSU Extension is: 231-582-6232

County Commissioner Shirley Roloff organized the forum and Dean Solomon of MSU Extension conducted the meeting.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Announces \$555,075 in Grant Awards

EAST JORDAN

Recent grants from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are helping support a variety of worthy projects in our area—from the purchase of adaptive ski equipment for special needs youth, to construction of a senior housing development on Beaver Island.

The new awards bring the community foundation’s grantmaking total to almost \$12 million in its 17-year history. Programs chosen for foundation support and the amounts of their grants are:

**From the Adams Fund**  
\$259 To the Beaver Island Community Development Co. towards construction of the senior housing development

**From the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund**  
\$321 To the Beaver Island Community Development Co. towards construction of the senior housing development

**From the Boswell Stadium Endowment Fund**  
\$7,000 for maintenance activities at Boswell Stadium

**From the Bellaire Public Schools Greatest Educational Needs Fund**  
\$365 To the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association for the journalism yearbook workshop

**From the Charlevoix Area Humane Society Fund**  
\$15,000 towards an agency feasibility study

**From the Charlevoix County Community Fund**  
\$3,578 To the Beaver Island Community Development Co. towards construction of the senior housing development  
\$2,000 To Char-Em United Way for the 211 human resources hotline  
\$1,210 To Good Samaritan Family Services to provide home heating fuel and utility payment assistance  
\$1,000 To Great Lakes Chamber Or-

chestra to sponsor concerts in Charlevoix and Beaver Island  
\$1,000 To Northern Homes CDC towards the mortgage foreclosure counseling program  
\$5,800 To Northern Lakes Economic Alliance to continue the entrepreneurial/business incubator program  
\$1,500 To Northwest MI Community Action Agency to sponsor an IDA account for a Charlevoix County resident  
\$1,800 To Raven Hill Discovery Center for the second Saturday science program

**From the Charlevoix Women’s Basketball Scholarship Fund**  
\$505 For costs associated with the Charlevoix Middle School girls’ summer basketball camp

**From the Ethel W. Coeling Fund**  
\$2,000 To the Charlevoix Public Library for three outdoor instruments for the children’s garden

**From the East Jordan Enrichment Fund**  
\$4,000 To the East Jordan Ambulance Association for an automatic CPR system and electronic lift cot  
\$2,500 To the East Jordan Ecumenical Ministerial Association to provide supplemental home heating assistance  
\$1,790 To Good Samaritan Family Services to provide home heating fuel and utility payment assistance

**From the East Jordan Industrial Development Fund**  
\$2,000 To Northern Lakes Economic Alliance to continue the entrepreneurial/business incubator program

**From the Ethel Coeling Environmental Fund**  
\$2,000 To MSU Extension, Charlevoix County for scholarships to the citizen planner program  
\$2,000 To the Top of Michigan Trails Council to design multipurpose signage along the bike path

**From the Fuller Road Fund**  
\$1,000 To Raven Hill Discovery Center for general operations

**From the Healthy Youth & Seniors Fund**  
\$842 To the Beaver Island Community Development Co. towards construction of the senior housing development  
\$1,558 To Planned Parenthood of W&N MI to provide sexuality education to students

**From the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Fund**  
\$4,615 To the City of Charlevoix for a model storm water filtration system on the Pine River Channel

**From the Phyllis Malpass Medical Needs Fund**  
\$810 For East Jordan Public Schools student healthcare needs

**From the SOAR Fund**  
\$1,004 To Raven Hill Discovery Center for program related reimbursements

**From the Stowe Family Fund**  
\$2,100 To Grandvue Medical Care Facility to purchase a TV for the Horizon B Alzheimer’s Unit

**From the Urgent Needs Fund**  
\$5,000 To Northwest MI Community Action Agency for utility, mortgage, rental assistance & other urgent human service needs  
\$5,000 To the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry for urgent needs including food, personal hygiene items, & diapers  
\$5,000 To East Jordan Care & Share Food Pantry for urgent needs including food, personal hygiene items, & diapers  
\$5,000 To Boyne City SDA Community Service Center for urgent needs including food, personal hygiene items, & diapers  
\$3,500 To Beaver Island Christian Church & Food Pantry for urgent needs including food, personal hygiene items, & diapers

**From the Heather Woods Memorial Fund**  
\$1,973 To the Charlevoix Children’s House to provide scholarships for children to attend preschool

**From the Youth Fund**  
\$1,620 To Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW MI to expand mentor-youth matches in Charlevoix County  
\$2,150 To Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills to purchase ski equipment for adaptive recreation  
\$750 To Jordan River Arts Council for the Black, White, and Red, All Over youth art project and exhibit  
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The Community Foundation will review grant requests again this spring. The deadline for applications is **March 1, 2010**. For more information about grant opportunities, or the Community Foundation, call 231/536-2440, or visit the foundation’s website: [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org).

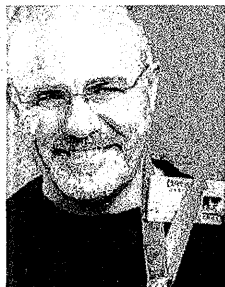


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Dave Ramsey

Dear Daniel,

You're not going to like my answer, because I wouldn't do this deal. You've got a nice company right now that's making money and growing. Just be patient and let it grow. Don't rush things.

If you bring in a partner it's liable to complicate everything. This person is going to develop a whole new set of opinions on how things should be done. I've got a close friend, who is older and wiser than I am, and he's got a great saying: "The only ship that won't sail is a partnership." I tend to agree with that, because when you take on a partner you end up being joined at hip. You're not just getting the business side of the guy. You'll be stuck with all the personal baggage and problems that could interfere with the business, too!

Let's separate this into two issues. On one hand you've got a quality employee, and you'd like him to help you carry the load. So, maybe it's time for you to build your first layer of leadership. That means it's time to delegate. This guy is obviously responsible and someone you trust. Take it to the next level and develop the relationship even more. You want to be on the same page about everything with him, even to the point that he can finish your sentences and know what you want done in every situation. You could even reward him for this by cutting him in on the profits. That way, you give him the emotional ownership and desire to carry the load with you.

The second issue is all about how to grow, and the word to remember is slowly. Buy used equipment, pay cash for everything, and stay away from debt. You're probably going to see some good things happen if you just stay calm and run this thing lean and clean. Then, set aside a percentage of your profits each year for additional trucks, new crew members and things like that. You won't be an overnight success, but you'd rather be the tortoise than the hare. Remember that story? The tortoise wins every time!

- Dave

(Christmas is about giving)

Dear Dave,

We're new parents, and we were wondering if you have any advice on how to teach children that Christmas is not a gift-giving free-for-all.

Lauren

Dear Lauren,

This is a great question. I think one of the best things you can do is teach kids from an early age exactly what Christmas is all about. It's not about kids being consumers and getting everything they see. First and foremost, Christmas is a spiritual holiday. It's about celebrating the birth of Christ! Christ came into this world because God chose to give his only son. So, Christmas is about giving, not receiving. You need to talk about this concept a lot. Now, how long will that stick in their heads after they're confronted with Saturday morning cartoons and malls full of bright, shiny things that make noise? Probably not long. That's why you need to have the "giving" talk early and often – not just when Christmas rolls around.

The only way you win at this parenting thing is through death by a thousand cuts. You just don't stop teaching, and finally you wear them down and hope some of your good advice sticks in their heads!

- Dave

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Local bluegrass band Horton Creek will perform a Christmas show at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center on Saturday, December 19th. COURTESY PHOTO.

## A Bluegrass Christmas at Boyne's Performing Arts Center

Popular Local Band "Horton Creek" Takes the Stage This Saturday

By JIM AKANS

The band, Horton Creek, describe themselves as "A simple bluegrass band formed out of Charlevoix County starting as a one-gig get-together to fill a spot in a show."

Three CD's later, members Scott Boss (vocals), Bob Harmeling (bass), Tom Eggers (guitar, mandolin and vocals), Alecia Olson (fiddle), Mike Harmeling (banjo, mandolin and vocals), Bryan Eggers (electric guitar, mandolin and percussion) and Cindy Boss (vocals) are still going strong and set to entertain their audience with a special Christmas show this Saturday, December 19th, at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center.

Their initial performance together went so well that the band relates, "the clan decided to give it a run. Our hopes are high, the bass is low, and of course, the grass is blue."

Sounds like a fun-filled, exhilarating evening of music awaits!

The Horton Creek Christmas Show is the first of a four-show Patron Series at Boyne City Performing Arts Center that will also include a Northern Michigan Entertainers Showcase on February 20th featuring Pinky Lee, Northern Nights and the Sun Dogs. On April 24th, Harry Goldson Sextet's 100th Anniversary Tribute to Benny Goodman will take place, and the Young Americans will appear next June.

The Boyne City Performing Arts Center is located at the Boyne City High School. Tickets for the Horton Creek Christmas Show are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens age 65 and up. Tickets are available at the Local Flavor Book Store, Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River, and the Boyne Area Chamber office (231) 582-6222.

The show begins at 7:30 pm on the 19th. See you there!

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS: DECEMBER 17, 2009

### DISTRICT COURT

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

Lorne John Chiera, 59, Boyne City. Driving without an operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Shandon Earl Williams, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to 10 days of community service work and six months on probation.

Gerald Robert Lent, 26, Charlevoix. Driving without an operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Andrew William Kenwabikise, 28, St. James. Assault-aggravated. Sentenced

to pay \$1,050 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 21 days, 323 days held in abeyance, 20 days of community service work and one year on probation.

### CIRCUIT COURT SENTENCING:

The following cases recently received sentencing in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court:

David Michael Thomas, 22, East Jordan. Found guilty on Oct. 30, 2009 of controlled substance-possession and controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 120 days in jail.

Amber Ann Roberts, 33, Walloon Lake. Prisoner in possession of contraband. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Everett Thomas Roof III, 29, East Jordan.

dan. Controlled substance-Possession/Analogues. Sentenced to 365 days in jail.

### ASSUMED NAMES:

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

Custom Cards by Christine, 03187 Skop Road, Boyne Falls by Christine Thomas.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Jeremy James McWatters, 34, East Jordan and Kristie Lee Spencer, 31, East Jordan.

## BOYNE CITY POLICE

### Tuesday, December 8

10:46am 2 vehicle private property accident in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.  
5:41pm Unlocked vehicle in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.  
6:14pm Subject left business in the 1100 block of Boyne Av owing \$10.00 for gasoline

### Wednesday, December 9

3:02am Officers responded to false residential alarm in the 1400 block of Lakeshore Dr.  
12:55pm Report of male subject driving ORV on Front St without trail pass and possible intoxicated. Officer unable to locate ORV or tracks in the snow.  
12:57pm Female at PD with her vehicle that was hit in parking lot of 400 block of N Lake St.  
4:23pm Male reported losing his wallet somewhere in town.

### Thursday, December 10

12:17am Male reports his car broke down in the 1100 block of Boyne Av. Was given ride to 300 block of E Division St.  
15:09pm Citation issued in the 100 block of E Water St for vehicle violating two hour parking.

### Friday, December 11

2:24am Vehicle towed and citation issued to vehicle left parked on S Lake St during snow removal hours.  
9:19am Report from the 1000 block of N Lake St. Found damage to vehicle thinks it happened day before in the 400 block of N Lake St  
6:38pm Unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of S Park St.

### Saturday, December 12

1:21am Assisted business in the 200 block of S Lake St remove unwanted patron.  
10:55am Assisted broke down motorist at Lake and Michigan Streets.

4:43pm Unlock in the 800 block of S Park St  
12:30pm Officer located two dogs running at large in the area of Wilson and Division Streets. Transported to Animal Shelter.

### Sunday, December 13

3:50pm Report of threat complaint in the 200 block of State St.  
11:40pm Report of domestic dispute in the 300 block of E Division St. Nothing physical. Female left for the night and was provided with information on additional resources.

### Monday, December 14

12:47am Assisted deputy with alarm at business on M-75 S. All Secure.  
10:59am Female calling to request welfare check on her daughter in the 400 block of Groveland. She was fine.  
3:03pm Found wallet turned into officer and returned to owner.

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## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

### 'TIS THE SEASON FOR LOVE, FORGIVENESS

**QUESTION:** In an attempt to reign in our spending this Christmas, my husband wants to dispense with buying and mailing traditional cards and photographs and send e-mail greetings instead. This seems very impersonal to me. I'm curious what you think about this growing trend?

**DR. DOBSON:** Any response of mine would be merely subjective opinion, but I would like to share a story with you that might help put the issue in context.

Years ago, my great friend, Al Sanders, inadvertently misdialed the telephone while trying to make a local call. He quickly realized his mistake when an older woman answered the phone. Al apologized and prepared to hang up. "No wait," said the woman. "I am 80 years old, and no one ever calls me. Would you talk to me for a minute?" Al and his new friend went on to enjoy a pleasant conversation.

It's easy to fall into what I've called "routine panic," where we run faster and faster in our breathless way of life. It is easy to forget why we send holiday greetings in the first place. What type of greeting we send isn't nearly as important as how we view and treat the value of personal relationships.

Is there someone like this older lady in your neck-of-the-woods who needs a loving call or a card or a friendly visit today? Is there a single mother near you who has struggled mightily to keep house and home together? Would an assortment of groceries and a warm note help her get through the expensive holiday season? Is there a member of your family with whom you have had severe conflict this year? Wouldn't this be a great time to call and say, "I just wanted to tell you that I love you, and I'm sorry if I disappointed or hurt you"? After all, isn't that what the Prince of Peace came to teach us?

And while we're at it, have you slowed your pace enough to make Christmas meaningful in your own home? When our days are concluded, perhaps unexpectedly soon, no power on earth can reunite us for another time of fellowship or communication. Don't let the opportunity of this season slip through your fingers here at the close of 2009.

A groomer maintains one of the Jordan Valley Trails Council trails on a gorgeously sunny, northern Michigan day. PHOTO COURTESY OF EAST JORDAN SNOWMOBILER'S, INC.



## Snow-Covered and Ready to Ride

Northern Michigan's Network of Snowmobile Trails Opens for the Season

By Jim Akans

*Time to dust off  
that sled, fire it up,  
and hit the trails!*

Michigan has a vast network of snowmobile trails, comprising over 6,100 miles of mostly interconnected "sled roads" that wind through state and national forests, as well as private and public lands. Here in northern Michigan, where an abundance of snow provides excellent riding conditions all winter long, snowmobiling draws thousands of enthusiasts away from the television and out into the scenic, winter-wonderland every weekend from December through March.

And while it's a lot of fun, snowmobiling may also be a great way to stay mentally and physically fit during the winter months. The Michigan Snowmobile Association web site has a recent press release which observes the average person burns about 238 calories an hour maneuvering their sled down the trails. Getting outdoors is also a wonderful defense against Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a form of depression that can result from lack of exposure to natural outdoor light during the winter.

Though Michigan's enormous network of snowmobile trails may appear seamless to the rider, they are actually individually maintained on a local level.

The Jordan Valley Trails Council, led by current president, Barry Bethke, is comprised of four clubs, based in Charlevoix, East Jordan, Alba and Kalkaska. Council members from each club volunteer to maintain approximately 130 miles of trails covering their area, stretching from Charlevoix to East Jordan and over to Elmira, and south through Alba and Starvation Lake to just north of M-72.

Don Massey, board member of the East Jordan Snowmobiler's, Inc., states, "The Jordan Valley Trails Council has been together for about 15 years. We have five groomers, and we share the maintenance of the equipment and in-

surance. Funding is through DNR grants and donations from private individuals and businesses, primarily through trail map sales."

Don adds, "Our club's groomer is on the trail seven days a week, running from East Jordan to Charlevoix in afternoon, and back to East Jordan in the morning. Our trails are in great shape so far this year. I rode a snowmobile down to Starvation Lake from East Jordan this past weekend...it was a great ride!"

The Department of Natural Resources continues to oversee the administrative aspect of the statewide trails program, including trail and safety inspections.

Trail permits are \$35 this year (up from \$25 last season) and can be obtained at most snowmobile dealers, at DNR operation service centers, or on-line at the Michigan Snowmobile Association ([www.msa.snow.org](http://www.msa.snow.org)). The permit fees are used for maintaining trails and grooming equipment, law enforcement and education, and administration of the trails' program.

The snowmobile trails officially opened on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and will remain open until March 31<sup>st</sup>, depending on weather and trail conditions. So get out there and enjoy a Northern Michigan snowmobiling adventure... and please be safe.

## Snowmobile Maintenance and Safety Tips

By Jim Akans

Safe snowmobiling is about understanding your abilities, capabilities of your machine, the rules of the trail, and taking steps to make sure your sled is properly maintained.

Randy Danforth, owner T & R Yamaha in East Jordan, notes, "First of all, a lot of the new equipment is much more sophisticated than in the past, so riders should consider having a qualified technician look at their sled to have their pre-season maintenance done."

But what if you really want spend the afternoon (and likely into the evening) in a cold garage, skinning a few knuckles, tackling the job yourself? Randy has a few key points.

He notes, "Getting a snowmobile ready for the season partly depends on how it was put it away for the summer. In particular, fuel isn't what it used to be, so when the machine is "summer-ized" all the fuel should be removed to avoid having the carburetors or fuel injectors gum up. Even using a gas stabilizer is only good for about 30 days. So one of the first things to do is remove any old gas and put in fresh gas."

The next step is to reference the service manual for the actual sled to identify lubrication points and other pre-season maintenance tips. Inspect the slides, wear bars and track for signs of wear, check the lights, and don't forget those hand and thumb warmers.

It's always a good idea to install a new set of spark plugs at the beginning of the season. Another important component is the battery. Have it checked and if it is more than a couple of years old, replace it with a new one.

While confidence in the performance of the machine is important, confidence in operating skills and knowledge of trail rules is essential to a safe and secure riding experience.

The Michigan Snowmobile Safety Course guide offers some sound advice for staying safe on the trails. Among those tips:

Always ride with at least one other rider and when snowmobiling in groups, use the "buddy system" - where pre-assigned "buddies" keep a watch on each other during the ride.

Always ride single file and stay on the right side of the trail.

Stay on posted trails, trespassing on private land is illegal and potentially dangerous. Plan your trip in advance, and always tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you expect to return.

Beware of fatigue. Try to take a break at least once an hour.

Observe "trail etiquette." In addition to staying on the right side of the trail, learn hand signals, announce your intentions when passing, slow down when being passed, yield the right-of-way to skiers, horses, or hikers on snowshoes, and never stop in "blind areas" such as hilltops or on curves.

Always wear protective clothing designed for snowmobiling, gloves and helmet (with face shield or goggles).

Take extra precaution at intersections and when crossing roadways. Look both ways!

Of course, never drink and ride. It impairs ability, judgment, reaction time, and carries substantial legal repercussions for the operator.

Riders between 12 and 16 years of age who operate a snowmobile without the direct supervision of an adult must complete a Michigan certified snowmobile course (which is also required for riders in this age category in order to cross a highway or street, even with adult supervision). For a list of those offering snowmobile safety courses in your area, and additional safety information, contact your local snowmobile dealer or visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) and search "snowmobile safety."

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# GIVE THE GIFT OF PREPAREDNESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

It takes only one disaster to disrupt your daily life, but by taking a few steps before one strikes, you can lessen its impact. This holiday season, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering gift ideas to help keep you, your family and friends prepared.

"Disasters can happen at any time and the holiday season is a great opportunity to take simple steps to make sure that you and your loved ones are prepared," said Janet M. Odeshoo, acting regional administrator for FEMA Region V. "The public is the most important member of our nation's emergency response team and the more we all do to be prepared, the more successful this team will be."

Individual can take a few minutes to discuss with their family, friends and loved ones what they will do in the case of an emergency or disaster. This includes creating an emergency supply kit, developing a simple family communications plan, and staying informed about emergencies in the area.

Emergency and preparedness items that might make great gifts for friends, family or co-workers this holiday season include:

- Disaster kits for the home and office (first aid kits, food, water and prescription medications for 72 hours, extra clothing, blankets, and flashlights)
- NOAA weather radios with extra batteries
- Enrollment in a CPR or first-aid class
- Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers (for kitchen, garage, car, etc.)

- Foldable ladders for second-story escape in a fire
- Car kits (emergency flares, shovels, ice scrapers, flashlights and fluorescent distress flags)
- Pet disaster kits (food, water, leashes, dishes and carrying case or crate)

- Battery powered lamps

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## Boyne City Plans North East Street Construction

By B. J. CONLEY

BOYNE CITY — North East Street construction plans were presented to the city commission by the city manager and the city's engineering and consulting firm. The commissioners approved of the direction the engineer laid out for them on December 8th. A public meeting was held for residents prior to the presentation. The city will receive grant funding for the project from the state of Michigan.

Larry Fox of the c2ae consulting firm told commissioners that he would like direction from them for the North East Street plans, beginning with the south portion from State Street to Vogel Street. That portion is in the design phase, while Vogel to Collins and Collins to Park Streets is in the concept phase at this point.

Parallel parking would be permitted on both sides of North East Street from State Street to North Street. Parking would be provided on the east side of the street for the remainder of the project, as well as sidewalks.

A modified cross section would add a lane of parallel parking along the full length of the roadway north of North Street, as suggested at the public meeting.

North of Vogel Street the parking would remain, but Fox said they would drop the sidewalk on both sides and have sidewalks only on one side.

The only large tree that would come out is one that a resident asked to have taken out because it buckled the existing sidewalk.

Construction is scheduled for early spring 2010.

# Was Jesus actually born on Christmas?

Some traditions surrounding the Christmas story don't line up with what is actually written in the Bible

By MIKE DUNN

So, you think you know the Christmas story ... OK, here's a simple question. Where did the wise men find Jesus with his parents? If you answered a stable in Bethlehem, you are incorrect.

Speaking of the wise men who traveled from the East to pay homage to the one born king of the Jews, how many were there? If you answered three, you are incorrect.

Here's another one. Who sang to the shepherds while they tended their flocks by night? If you answered the angels, you are incorrect.

For the correct answers and to uncover some other myths surrounding the Christmas story that we find in the Bible, read on.

While almost everyone agrees that the birth date ascribed to Jesus is not accurate, it brings a question to mind. If he wasn't born in late December, then when was he born? Are there any clues in scripture?

No one knows the day when Jesus was actually born, but there are indications as to the time of year. We know from the account of Luke's gospel that the shepherds were watching their flocks at night. This means that the weather in Bethlehem was neither too cold nor too rainy. Many Bible scholars believe that this suggests late summer or early fall (though some suggest the spring). Another factor pointing toward autumn is the life cycle of the sheep. They typically had their young in the fall and that would be a reason for the shepherds to be out in the fields with them.

Another clue as to time of year comes again from Luke's gospel and it is the reference to the Roman census. The census decreed by Caesar Augustus played a critical role in the unfolding of events that very first Christmas.

The census was the reason that Joseph and his pregnant wife Mary left Nazareth in the north part of the country to make the arduous journey to Bethlehem 80 miles to the south just before Jesus was born. It had been prophesied centuries before (Micah 5:2-5) that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the Messiah. The census was the vehicle used for bringing Joseph and Mary to that city at just the right time.

The census would almost certainly have been undertaken when the weather was conducive to traveling.

Many in Israel were like Joseph and Mary and had to travel a long distance over mountainous roads to get to the city of their birth to register. The census almost certainly would have occurred after the spring rains. So we see once again a likely time frame for the birth of Jesus to be summer or fall.



The image of the three wise men traveling by camel from the east is as much a part of the Christmas story as the innkeeper turning away Joseph and Mary.



The birth of Jesus in a Bethlehem stable is one of the cornerstones of the Christian faith. But was Jesus actually born on the day we celebrate Christmas?

mer or fall.

Here are a few other little tidbits from the original Christmas story that have been accepted as fact through long centuries of tradition, but do not actually line up with the facts.

### \* THE ANGELS DID NOT SING TO THE SHEPHERDS.

Much as we love the old Christmas standard, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and the romantic idea of the angels appearing in the night sky as a heavenly choir, the plain vanilla truth is that the angels who appeared didn't sing at all, but rather spoke their wonderful message to the shepherds.

Note what it says in Luke 2:13-14: "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

### \* THE INNKEEPER WAS NOT BEING RUDE TO JOSEPH AND MARY.

Whenever we see the Christmas story portrayed, the innkeeper is always painted as a black-hearted villain. The poor guy has been hammered for his insensitivity for two millennia but, in truth, we've probably been a bit too hard on the fellow.

Consider this: Bethlehem was teeming with people when Joseph and Mary arrived, many of them visitors just like them who had arrived to enroll in the Roman census. The inn of the First Century was not the kind of inn we envision in our minds. It did not offer individual rooms to lodgers with air conditioning and cable TV. In Bethlehem's Holiday Inn, everyone stayed in a common area. It was crowded and it was smelly. It was not very sanitary and it was certainly not commodious to a woman about to give birth.

If there had been room at the inn for Joseph and Mary, the Son of God would have been born in these less-than-desirable conditions. God the Father did not allow this to happen. Joseph and Mary were providentially directed to the stable, where accommodations were much better. There was privacy for one thing. When Mary gave birth to Jesus, she was in the physical presence of only her husband. The intimacy of that timeless moment when God came into the world in human form was preserved.

### \* THE MAGI DID NOT VISIT JOSEPH AND MARY AT THE STABLE THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

This is another shocker for a lot of folks. Whenever we see a Nativity scene, it almost always includes the three Magi from the east, bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh in the humble stable in the company of the shepherds and the animals. It's quaint and it's traditional -- but it isn't accurate.

According to the gospel of Matthew, wise men (Magi) from the east came to worship him who was born King of the Jews because they had "seen his star." The wise men went first to the palace of Herod in Jerusalem, figuring that the young king would reside there. When they learned that Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, they made the brief journey there from Jerusalem.

Note what it says in Matt. 2:11: "And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." By the time the Magi arrived in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were living in a house and Jesus was no longer an infant. He was now a young child.

Here's something else interesting to note: there is never any mention of the number of wise men, though there was definitely more than three. Traveling from the east with valuable gifts was a dangerous thing to do in ancient times. The wise men would no doubt have been part of a large caravan with their own hired servants.

### \* JESUS WAS NOT BORN IN THE DESIGNATED YEAR OF HIS BIRTH.

Extra-biblical evidence points to Jesus being born somewhere between 4 and 7 B.C. For one thing, the census of Caesar Augustus that Luke refers to was first announced in Rome in 8 B.C. In those days before modern communication, it may have taken a year or more for the Roman census to actually have been completed in Israel. Another fascinating extra-biblical fact: Herod, who was king of Judea at the time that Jesus was born, died in 4 B.C., not long after his infamous decree that the male children in Bethlehem two years and younger be put to death.

This would seem to put the birth of Jesus in the summer or early fall of the year 6 B.C. or thereabouts.

No matter when Jesus was born, or what day, or whether the angels sang or simply announced their message in the night sky above Bethlehem, it doesn't change the simple truth surrounding the birth of Jesus or the essential tenet of faith that it establishes for all Christians: Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world as had been promised.

As the angel of the Lord so eloquently told the shepherds: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

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BOYNE CITY  
Business After Hours

Re/Max Resort Properties will host the Boyne Area Chamber's next Business After Hours at its office located at 111 S. Lake St. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17. Co-sponsoring the event are CindiFranco's Cool Stuff and Lake Street Market. No RSVP is needed for this business mixer event. Re/Max has been in the Boyne City real estate business for 17 years and is a full-service office that handles residential, commercial, waterfront, vacation property or vacant land. You can contact them at 582-2400. Cosponsoring the Business After Hours is Lake Street Market, well known for providing "Good things to eat and drink" at 306 S. Lake St. Contact them at 582-4450 for information about holiday gift baskets and catering. CindiFranco's

Cool Stuff, located at 309 Lake St., is a "pleasant place of discovery" offering gifts and home accessories, interior design and redesign and installation services.

BOYNE CITY  
All aboard for the  
Polar Express

All aboard! Boyne District Library has a special event planned on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. for children in grades K-4. Kevin and Carol McGinty will set up a special Lionel train exhibit, complete with scenery and sounds, in the library's Community Room. Children and parents will have time to enjoy the trains, followed by a lively reading of "The Polar Express" by children's librarian Stacey Harms. Hot chocolate will be served and everyone is encouraged to come dressed in their pajamas. For more information and to register, contact the library at 582-7861.

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.

BOYNE FALLS  
Film Admission Benefits  
Food Pantry

The new Warren Miller film, "Dynasty", will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center. Admission is \$3 or a donation of two cans or boxes of non-perishable food items. All proceeds from the gate and food donations will be given to the newly formed Boyne Valley Food Pantry. Current Boyne season pass holders can enter for free.

HORTON BAY  
Horton Creek Christmas  
Show set for Dec. 19

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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  
Christmas Program

Christmas Sunday and Sunday School Children's Christmas Program Dec. 20 at 9am at East Jordan United Methodist Church.

EAST JORDAN  
Santa Buddies

Enjoy a Movie at the East Jordan Community Auditorium Dec. 20 at 1:30pm. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

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.

EAST JORDAN  
Winter Solstice at Raven  
Hill

Winter Solstice on Monday, Dec. 21 during the regularly scheduled open hours of noon to 4 pm. Activities having to do with time and refreshments will be found in and around the Center, but for those interested in a bigger adventure, visitors can bring snowshoes or cross country skis and visit the Center's very own Ancient World. The entire family will have great fun!

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 Sched-  
ule 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.

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.

EAST JORDAN  
Christmas Eve Services

Evangelical Lutheran Church 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. First Presbyterian Church 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5 p.m. Child care provided. East Jordan United Methodist Church 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Choir Cantata. St Joseph Catholic Church Mass Schedule Christmas Eve- December 24, 4pm. Children's Mass Christmas Day, December 25 11am.

BOYNE CITY  
Community Christmas  
Dinner

The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City, 401 S. Park St., will be serving a traditional Christmas dinner from 12 to 4 p.m. on Christmas Day. Everyone in the community is welcome and invited to "share the love, peace and joy of the holy season." Reservations are appreciated but not mandatory. Donations of time and talent are also welcome. For more information contact Al or Jenny Lawson at 675-7840 or 582-7841.

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 volun-

teer opportunities in Charlevoix County. For more information call Sally Pickering, RSVP Project Director, at 231-347-3211, ext. 29.

EAST JORDAN  
Raven Hill Open House

Enjoy food, fun and friends at Raven Hill Discovery Center's Holiday Open House on Dec. 28 from Noon - 4pm.

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. Lasater, 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  
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 Heath 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.

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## MOVIE GUIDE

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- Bellaire Theatre
- Kingston Theatre

## CHRISTMAS IN BLACK &amp; WHITE

Some Classic Movies to Brighten the Holiday Spirit



**The Shop Around the Corner (1940)** – A bustling shop prepares for Christmas amid the troubles of a shopkeeper who suspects his wife is having an affair, and co-workers, played by James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan, who seem to dislike each other, yet are unknowingly flirting via anonymous letters. Great fun that later inspired *In the Good Old Summer-time* and *You've Got Mail*.



**A Christmas Carol (1951)** – The Charles Dicken's literary classic has been adapted to film many, many times, but Alastair Sim's portrayal of the indomitable Scrooge in this version is an all-out classic performance. He is just so darn mean and miserly, and seems so genuinely transformed by the end of the movie...even Santa would love him.



**Miracle on 34th Street (1947)** – A film responsible for making true believers in Santa Clause for over fifty years. Edmund Gwenn may actually be Santa for all I know; he certainly looks and acts the part. When all those letters pour into the courtroom...and his cane shows up in that charming Cape Cod home...I still believe.

By JIM AKANS

Every year, a few film titles are released during the holidays with storylines directly aimed at capturing the festive Christmas spirit, and audiences. Like an early snow, some of these movies stick, and some rapidly fade away.

A number of fairly recent titles, such as *A Christmas Story*, *Scrooged* (the Bill Murray version), *Elf*, National Lampoon's *Christmas Vacation*, *Home Alone* and *The Polar Express* have already become staples of the season, scattering across the cable channels and revolving on and off-video store shelves every December.

Movies are a perfect fit for the Christmas season. Much like the spirit of the holidays, a good movie can pull us into an alternative place, where life's complications seem to melt away, purpose and meaning are somehow clearer, and understanding the world around us is as lucid as black & white.

After more than half a Century, a selection of Christmas films from the 1940's and 1950's continue to capture the magic of the holidays in elegant black & white format. Well-written, flawlessly casted, beautifully filmed (yes, they do look good in HD), and each offering an enduring message of life, love and hope. These are film treasures that deserve to be re-visited... and introduced to a new generation of viewers.



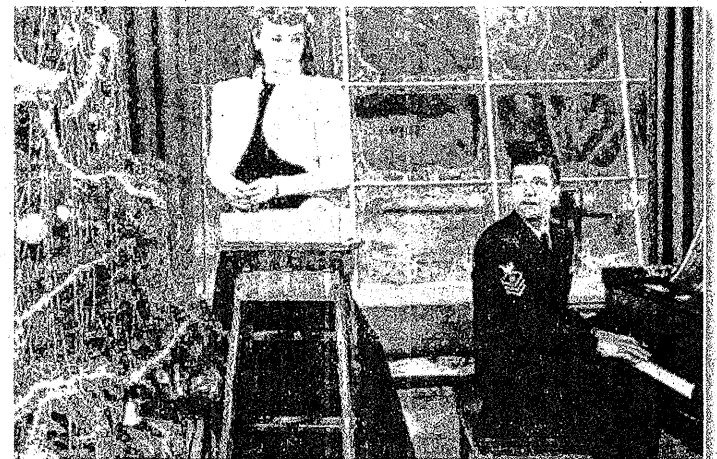
**It's a Wonderful Life (1946)** – Surprisingly, this holiday favorite didn't get off to a very good start. It is based on a story, "The Greatest Gift," by Philip Van Doren Stern who couldn't get published after writing it in 1939. An RKO studio producer spotted it, showed it to Cary Grant, who decided to make *The Bishop's Wife* instead. Director Frank Capra, however, thought it had great potential, and made this film starring James Stewart and Donna Reed in the lead roles, and Lionel Barrymore as despicable banker Henry Potter, but it flopped at the box office. Over the years it has gained a well-deserved reputation as the most beloved celluloid incarnations of the Christmas spirit, a celebration of the triumph of family, friends, goodness and love.



**The Bishop's Wife (1947)** – Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven team up in this memorable tale about one of the most unlikely "love triangles," a bishop, his wife and a guardian angel. Grant charms, Niven befuddles, and Young glows. Life lessons are learned among the laughter. Winner of five Academy Awards.



**Holiday Inn (1942)** – How could a holiday movie (and this one stops at all the holidays) become anything but a classic when it stars Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and has a soundtrack composed by Irving Berlin? Not about plot, just great fun and a superb holiday musical, including the debut of Bing's "White Christmas."



**Christmas in Connecticut (1942)** – While this may be the least-known titles on this short list of classics, don't miss the opportunity to rent or push "select" should this show up on the channel guide. Barbara Stanwyck stars as an unmarried New York food writer, desperately trying to fabricate the Connecticut family farm life she has professed to her readers. It is part "screwball comedy," part love story, and all holiday mayhem.

## AREA MOVIE LISTINGS DEC 18-24

## Gaylord Cinema West

**The Blind Side – PG13**

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw  
FRI 7:00, 9:00  
SAT-SUN-WED 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15  
MON-TUES 7:00 THURS 2:00

**Avatar- PG13**

Starring: Sigourney Weaver, Sam Worthington  
FRI 6:30, 9:20  
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**The Princess and the Frog-G**

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**Old Dogs- PG**

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**Twilight Saga: New Moon - PG13**

Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson  
FRI 6:45, 9:15  
SAT-SUN 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15  
MON-TUES 6:45 THURS 2:00

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel - PG**

Starring: Jason Lee, Justin Long  
WED 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00 THURS 2:00

## Kingston Theatre,

**Invictus- PG13**

Starring: Matt Damon, Morgan Freeman  
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**Did You Hear About The Morgans - PG13**

Starring: Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker  
FRI-MON-TUES 7:00, 9:15  
SAT-SUN-WED 1:00, 3:15, 7:00, 9:15  
THURS 1:00

## Petoskey Cinema,

**Did You Hear About The Morgans - PG13**

Starring: Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker  
FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00  
SAT THRU WED 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00  
THURS 12:00, 2:00

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**Brothers – R**

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman  
FRI 4:45, 7:00, 9:15  
SAT THRU WED 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15  
THURS 11:45, 2:15

**Avatar – PG13**

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman  
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SAT THRU WED 12:00, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20  
THURS 12:00

## Bellaire Theatre

**The Princess and the Frog-G**

Voice of: Anika Noni Rose, Oprah Winfrey  
Friday thru Wednesday at 7:00

**Everybody's Fine - PG13**

Starring: Robert Deniro, Drew Barrymore  
Friday thru Wednesday at 7:00

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

# H1N1 vaccinations now open to everyone

*Health Department plans community clinics next week  
Both H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccination will be available*

Many people waited patiently for their H1N1 (swine) flu vaccination while pregnant women, children, and others at risk of developing complications from influenza received their doses first. Now that H1N1 vaccine is no longer in limited supply, Michigan Department of Community Health has expanded eligibility from "vaccine priority groups" to the general public, including older adults. The vaccinations are available at many doctors' offices, senior centers, and through the Health Department.

Appointments for both H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccinations are available at Health Department offices in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties by calling 800-432-4121 during business hours. H1N1 vaccination is free; seasonal flu vaccination is \$25 and Medicare and Medicaid are accepted.

In addition, the Health Department is holding four community flu vaccination clinics next week, on Friday, December 18, on a first-come/first-serve basis. From 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, public health nurses will be giving flu shots at four locations: Health Department of-

fices in Bellaire, Petoskey/Harbor Springs, and Gaylord, and at the Charlevoix Public Library. There is no charge for H1N1 flu vaccination; seasonal flu vaccination is \$25.

Medicare and Medicaid are accepted on site to cover the fee.

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cials, and children nine and under need two doses of the H1N1 vaccine, about 28 days apart. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention recommends everyone get vaccinated against the flu except for people who are allergic to eggs, who have had Guil-

laine-Barre Syndrome, or who have had a reaction to a flu shot in the past.

It's definitely not too late for a flu shot. Most people who get the flu recover just fine without medical treatment, Yaroch said. But the illness can be very serious. Michigan Department of Community Health reported today that there have been 56 deaths

from flu in the state since September 1, 2009, including four from the "tip of the mitt" region of Michigan.

"We're working now to prevent another wave of H1N1 flu," she said. "This is the first time in history we have the opportunity to impact the severity of a flu pandemic and vaccination is key to our response," Yaroch said. "It's the best protection against the illness, protecting families, schools, and communities. As we saw with the flu activity in October that caused so many schools to close, flu can be very disruptive."

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, visit [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org); to schedule appointments for flu vaccinations, call your health care provider or the Health Department at 800-432-4121.

## H1N1 vaccination clinics coming to Senior Centers

Now that H1N1 vaccinations are open to everyone, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is offering H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccination at many senior centers to make it more convenient for older adults to get their H1N1 flu shot.

Adults age 60 and over are welcome at flu vaccination clinics at the following locations:

**Charlevoix Senior Center:**  
Thursday, December 17 from  
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

**Petoskey Friendship Center:**  
Monday, December 21 from  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

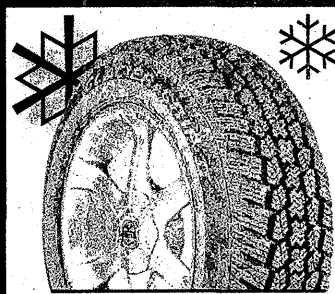
Clinics were held earlier this week in Bellaire, Elk Rapids, Mancelona, Boyne City and East Jordan. In Mackinaw City, adults age 18 and above are welcome at St. Anthony's Church on December 22, from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM.

The Health Department is offering H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccination at the Charlevoix Public Library and the Health Department offices in Bellaire, Gaylord, and Petoskey/Harbor Springs on Friday, December 18, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Senior citizens from Otsego County are encouraged to come to the Gaylord Clinic as space is not available at Alten Zimmer before the holidays.

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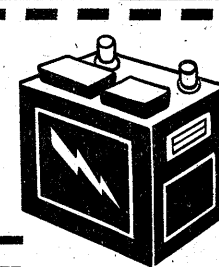
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## BC WRESTLING

Boyne City senior Drew Nohel posted a 19-6 record as a junior and advanced to the regional tournament for the second year in a row. This year, he has his sights set on the state meet.  
(PHOTO BY MIKE DUNN)

### Nohel making his mark on mats

Senior and two-time regional qualifier already has 8-1 record this season

### Teammates Nelson and Brander wrestle well in recent tourney



Dylan Nelson



Joakim Brander

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY – Drew Nohel was expected to have success on the mats this season for the Boyne City wrestling team. So far, that's proven to be the case.

Nohel, who is wrestling presently at 171 pounds but is expected to drop down to the 160-pound weight class in the near future, has an excellent 8-1 record to date. He went undefeated in five bouts last week, including a gold-medal performance in the annual Manton Individual Tournament held on Saturday.

Nohel, who is already Boyne City's winningest wrestler since his father Don Nohel started the program again five years ago, had two pins before meeting a tough, seasoned foe in the 171-pound finals on Saturday. Nohel edged Grayling's rugged Matt Townsend by a 6-3 margin to secure the gold medal.

Nohel wasn't the only Rambler wrestler to fare well at Manton, though. The Finnish Fire Storm, exchange student Joakim Brander, earned a bronze medal at 215 pounds and durable Dylan Nelson at heavyweight also earned bronze.

"It was a good tournament for our young guys to take part in," said coach Don Nohel. "They held their

own against high-quality competition and I was happy to see that. Any time you can get that kind of experience, you're that much further ahead."

Coach Nohel's primary goal isn't measured in wins and losses for his team.

"The main thing is to see improvement," he said. "Sometimes you can't measure that in terms of wins and losses. I expect to see us wrestling a lot better as a whole in February than we are in December."

Coach Nohel is naturally pleased with what his son Drew is accomplishing, especially in light of the knee injury the young man suffered during preseason football drills in August.

"Drew is almost back to 100 percent," Don said during a lively Monday practice session at the old middle school. "He's gradually getting into wrestling shape. He's not quite there yet but you can see it coming. He had a nice showing at Manton."

Drew pinned Zach Perrault of Elk Rapids in 40 seconds in his first match of the day and then downed Grayling's highly regarded Derek Babbit in the second period of the semifinals. Then came the match with the powerful Townsend, who wrestled at 215 pounds a year ago.

"He was tough," Drew said with a smile and a chuckle on Monday. "He was really strong and all the wrestlers for Grayling know what they're doing. It wasn't an easy win."

Drew used takedowns to build an early lead. He was ahead 6-0 when Townsend scored all of his points in the final 10 seconds of the third period.

### Boyne City graduated several quality wrestlers from last year's team and coach Nohel has a very young group for the 2009-10 season.

"I was called for stalling at first and then he got me in a takedown right before the end," Drew said. "That's how he scored all his points."

Drew said "it felt great" to earn a gold medal at the prestigious Manton tourney. It is the first time a Boyne City wrestler has earned a gold medal at the event.

"I was happy I could win there," he said. "My knee still aches a little but I'm almost back to 100 percent. I'm pretty pleased with how things have gone so far this season."

Nohel is 8-1 and naturally

thinks more about the one match he lost than the others he won.

"I should have had that one," he said, shaking his head. "I wrestled a kid from Shepherd (in the finals of the Oscoda tournament in early December) and there's no way I should have lost. I wish I could wrestle him again but I'll never get that chance."

Nohel has his sights set high

"We're really like a JV team," said Nohel, who is also the Ramblers' football coach. "We have two or three football players come out and we have some good potential. It'll just take a while to develop it."

So far, Nohel likes what he is seeing from his young squad.

"They're working hard and making progress," he said. "That's all you can ask."

In the Manton tourney, Brander earned a pin of Kingsley's highly regarded Joe Blair late in the first period and Nelson, even though he was giving away several pounds, earned a second-period pin over Manton's Eric Stowell.

Earlier in the week, Boyne City competed in a tri-meet with Lake Michigan Conference rivals Elk Rapids and Grayling.

The Ramblers edged Elk Rapids 29-24 and lost to perennial mat power Grayling 70-6.

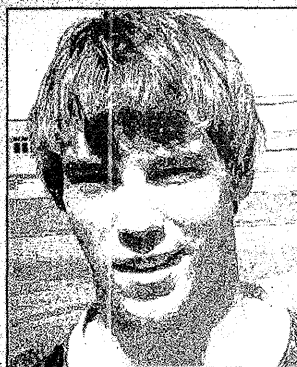
In the victory over Elk Rapids, Joltin' Joel Matthews (112), Jon Calo (152), Jacob Looze (215) and Nelson (285) all won their matches along with Drew Nohel at 171. Calo and Looze pinned their rivals.

Drew, who had a technical fall victory against Elk Rapids, was the only Rambler to win in the Grayling match, pinning Derek Babbit in 2:37.



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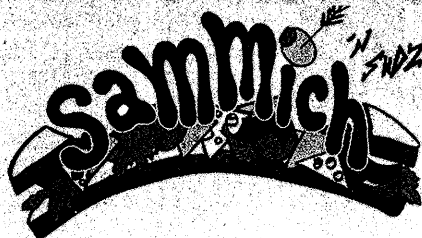


## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Drew Nohel, Boyne City**

The Ramblers' sturdy 171-pound senior grappler earned a gold medal in Saturday's Manton Invitational, going undefeated and edging Grayling's rugged Matt Townsend in the finals. Drew, a regional qualifier last year, went 5-0 with four pins for the week.

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The run/walk event starts and ends at the hotel and, since it is a non-competitive event, there will be no timing. The cost is \$15 per person or \$30 per family (three or more).

Participants will be provided jingle bells to tie to their shoes. Afterward, everyone will gather at Park Place for pizza and appetizers. Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to benefit the Trinity Lutheran food pantry.

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## HOOPS ROUNDUP

### Girls Hoops

#### Glen Lake edges

#### Ramblers, 50-42

**Moeke hits 15 in loss**

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY – Senior power forward Maddie Moeke had a typically effective performance and sophomore sharpshooter Rachel Butler also reached double figures in scoring, but it wasn't quite enough to keep the young but scrappy Boyne City girls from falling to talented Glen Lake, 50-42, in non-league girls basketball on Tuesday of last week.

The marauding Moeke, a penetrating force in the paint, tallied 15 to lead the Ramblers and Butler made the twine twitch to the tune of 11 points. Senior guards Amanda Welborn and Sydney Gahn also handled the well and played their scrappy style of play in the back-court.

A final surge by the Lakers, fueled by the hot hand of Sophie Ewing, was the difference in this one, however. Ewing's late 3-pointer gave Glen Lake a lead it would not relinquish. Paige Picard led the visitors with 12 points.

#### East Jordan JV wins

The East Jordan JV team earned an impressive 53-39 triumph over Glen Lake prior to the varsity game between the Lakers and Boyne City.

Powerful Paige Roberts patrolled the paint with purpose, assaulting the iron for a game-high 22 points and getting a double-double with 11 rebounds. Jordyn Bacchus was a beast for the Red Devils as well, scorching the nets for 21 points, and Allie Sutton was strong inside, scoring eight with eight boards.

### Boys Hoops

#### Shumaker's shot lifts Ramblers

**Junior sharpshooter's final-second jumper gives BC dramatic victory over Maple City Glen Lake**

MAPLE CITY – Junior guard Kolbi Shumaker, cool as a western gunslinger, fired a last-second shot at the court of Maple City Glen Lake on Monday night. Shumaker's shot was sure and true and it made his Boyne City team a winner by a mere two points, 68-66.

Shumaker's sensational shot also enabled the Ramblers to complete a comeback that brought them back from a 10-point deficit in the third quarter.

Senior point guard Nick Young and forward Jay Redman were also instrumental in the Boyne

City victory, each connecting for 15 points, and durable Dalton Looze, a bulldozer down low, added 12 points.

Matt O'Brien tallied 21 to pace the host Lakers and Colin Richards scored 11.

#### East Jordan is 1-1 in opening week

BUCKLEY – East Jordan battled hard but couldn't overcome high-powered Buckley's up-tempo assault on the iron in a Lake Michigan/Northwest Conference Challenge contest held Saturday at the court of the highly regarded Bears.

Josh Ledford tallied 21 points to lead Buckley and Drew Corwin added 19.

Michael Becker and Tony Pentecost were in double digits for the visiting Red Devils with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Earlier in the week in their season opener, East Jordan prevailed 52-50 in overtime over non-league rival Mancelona in a real nail-biter when the T.P. Tornado, Tony Pentecost, tipped in a shot at the buzzer.

The persistent Pentecost somehow rose above the congregation of bodies battling under the boards to bat in the bouncing ball just in time and make East Jordan a dramatic victor.

Senior point guard Teddy Snowden made the twine dance to the tune of 15 points to lead East Jordan and Snowden also showed up big on the defensive end, making six steals. Pentecost finished with 11 points.

Dustin Allen led Mancelona with 18 points while Dan Johnson and Taylor Borst each hit for 14.

East Jordan also won the JV game 63-35 as Austin "Missile" Mellios had the hot hand, accounting for a whopping 26 points.

#### Benzie Central 83, Charlevoix 70

BENZONIA – In an exciting shootout Saturday, host Benzie

Central was able to outscore Charlevoix 83-70 in a seesaw battle in the Lake Michigan/Northwest Conference Challenge.

Rick Jones paced Benzie with 31 points and Nick Radionoff hit for 14.

Keegan LaBlance was tops on the Charlevoix scoring ledger, hitting for 18 points.

#### Central Lake 56, Ellsworth 42

ELLSWORTH – Ellsworth was not able to overcome a tough, physical Central Lake team and a flurry of turnovers on the same night. The Lancers fell to Central Lake 56-42 in their season opener, a game where they turned the ball over 26 times.

Jordan Muma tallied 14 to lead the Lancers against their familiar rivals and Nate Peterson pulled down 11 boards to go with eight points.

Sophomore Trevor Papineau had a big night for the Trojans, knocking down 17 points, and Ian Beal hit for 12.

#### Johannesburg-Lewiston 68, Boyne Falls 59

JOHANNESBURG – The Loggers went on the road Tuesday, Dec. 8, in their season opener and gave Johannesburg-Lewiston a tough battle before losing 68-59.

Jared Mathers and Josh Puroll formed a potent 1-2 punch for Boyne Falls, accounting for nearly all of the Loggers' offensive output. Mathers hit for 26 points and Puroll for 25. Puroll also pulled down a dozen rebounds to record a double-double.

The fireworks of Mather and Puroll weren't enough to offset the scoring punch of J-L super sophomore Logan Jenkins, one of the promising young players in the region. Jenkins scorched the nets for 39 points and teammate Darren Dobbyn, a powerful force inside, hit for 12.

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## ISOC RACING

# Otsego Club hosts weekend snocross event

Top racers from U.S. and Canada converge on Gaylord this weekend for second event in ISOC regional circuit



The popular snocross racing circuit returns to Otsego Club of Gaylord this weekend. COURTESY PHOTO

By Mike Dunn

GAYLORD – The popular snocross racing circuit returns to the Otsego Club this weekend. The regional snocross event, part of the prestigious International Series of Champions (ISOC) circuit and also a shared event with the Canadian Snowmobile Racing Association (CSRA), takes place Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and features some of the top racers from the Midwest, Canada and all across the country.

This is the second event in the 2009-10 ISOC regional circuit. Racing started Dec. 5-6 at the Search Mount Resort in Sault Ste. Marie.

Snocross, a sport specializing in high-performance snowmobiles driven around crafted courses fea-

turing tight turns, banked corners and steep jumps, is excellent for spectators, particularly at Otsego Club. Snocross, which has been part of the Winter X Games since 1998, is best known for its spectacular jumps with drivers racing at speeds up to 60 miles per hour and clearing 100 feet or more at times before touching the ground.

The event this weekend at Otsego Club will draw some of the top drivers in the sport, especially with the added lure of sharing points with the Canadian circuit.

"With this being a regional ISOC event here in Michigan and also sharing points with the CSRA, we should have a good mix of riders from the U.S. and Canada, too," said Otsego Club General Manager Kristopher Klay. "That's kind of a new highlight for us. In the past,

## SNOCROSS RACING

**What:** ISOC and CSRA regional snocross race

**When:** Saturday and Sunday

**Where:** Otsego Club of Gaylord

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we've just done the Michigan regional races."

The racers will face a challenging course at Otsego Club, one

specifically designed with a long straightaway to enable the trailing drivers to make up time and also to make for some long, thrilling jumps.

"One of the unique things we're going to do with the course is give the riders a fairly long straightaway with some jumps in it," Klay said. "That way they get up some speed and air it out. In the past, the riders have told us they like the tight track but a good straightaway kind of evens out the field and makes it a little more challenging for everybody."

Spectators at Otsego Club have the chance to view the action from above in a stadium-type setting.

"One of the nice things in the way we set up this venue is that you're close to the action and you can look down on the entire track,"

Klay said. "At some venues, you're more at eye level and you don't get to see everything that's going on. Here, it's a totally great vantage point."

Coincidentally, the weather in the north has perked up at just the right time for this weekend's snocross event.

"The snow couldn't have come at a better time," Klay said. "The colder temperatures are nice, too, because we can make snow also."

The gates open each day at 7 a.m. with racing slated to begin at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$10 per day for adults, \$5 for children 4 to 12, and free to those 3 and under. Pit passes are available at \$25 per ticket.

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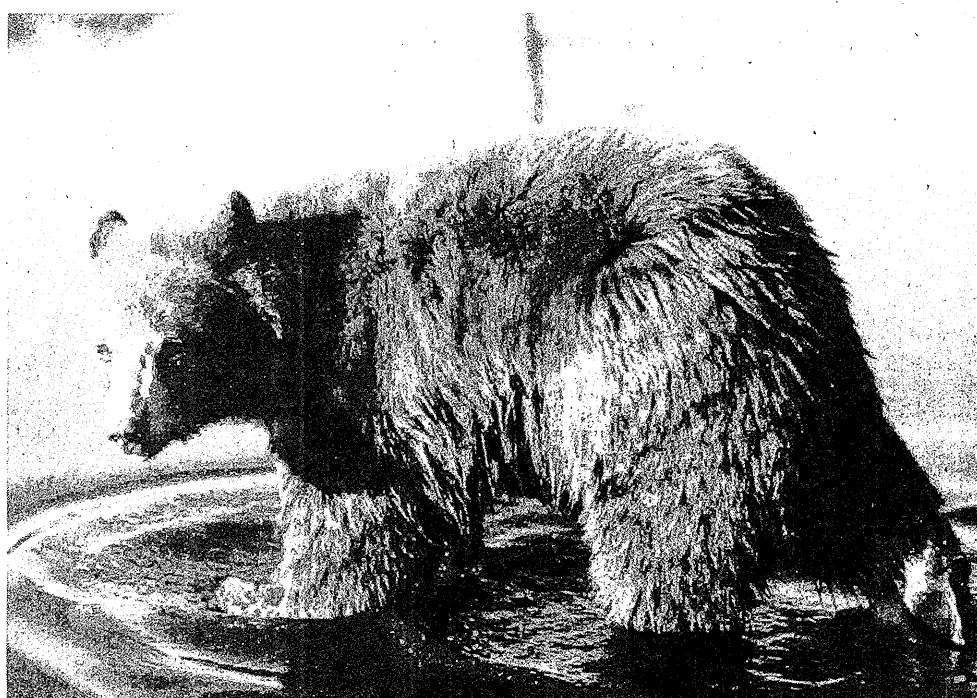
# DNR seeks help in finding bears

In northern Lower Peninsula, DNR has ongoing program of putting radio collars on female bears

The Department of Natural Resources is once again seeking help from hunters and trappers through the winter who encounter dened black bears while in the field in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. In the northern Lower Peninsula, this effort is part of an ongoing DNR program to annually radio-collar a sample of female bears. Bears also are becoming more common in the southern Lower Peninsula and biologists are interested in learning more about their movements and habitat associations.

"Information gathered from bears will assist biologists in managing the black bear population," said DNR wildlife biologist Mark Boersen. Currently, three female bears are being monitored from the air and ground in the northern Lower Peninsula through the use of radio-tracking equipment.

After locating a dened bear, DNR biologists will determine if the animal is a good candidate for radio-collaring. Bears that are selected will be sedated by a biologist and fitted with a radio-tracking collar and ear tags. Hair samples will be taken for DNA analysis and a small non-functional tooth



The DNR is enlisting help from hunters in the northern Lower Peninsula in finding dened bears.

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People who encounter bear dens are asked to record the location, with a GPS unit if possible, and contact Mark Boersen at the DNR Roscommon Operations Center at (989) 275-5151 for bears in the northern Lower Peninsula; or Dwayne Etter at (517) 373-9358, ext. 256, for bears in the southern Lower Peninsula. The public is reminded that it is illegal to disturb a bear den or disturb, harm, or molest a bear in its den.

## BY THE NUMBERS ...

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Seconds remaining in overtime when the T.P. Tornado, **Tony Pentecost**, tipped in the game-winning basket to lift East Jordan past Mancelona in boys' hoops action Tuesday, Dec. 8

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Seconds remaining when junior gunslinger **Kolbi Shumaker** drained a dramatic jump shot to lift Boyne City past Maple City Glen Lake 68-66 in boys' hoops Monday, Dec. 14

# 1:56

Time it took the Finnish Fire Storm, Boyne City exchange student **Joakim Brander**, to dispatch of Kingsley's **Joe Blair** at 215 pounds on Saturday in the Manton wrestling invitational

# 22

Points scored by East Jordan's **Paige Roberts** to go with 11 rebounds in the girls' JV basketball triumph Tuesday, Dec. 8, over Glen Lake

# 51

Combined points for **Jared Mathers** (26) and **Josh Puroll** (25) in Boyne Falls' tough loss on the road Tuesday, Dec. 8, against Johannesburg-Lewiston



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The kitchen area is bright and open, with pristine white cabinetry and a full complement of white appliances including range/oven, dishwasher, refrigerator and microwave. There are three bedrooms and three full baths (also updated), including a master suite and second bedroom on the main level, and a third bedroom and bath in the second level loft area.

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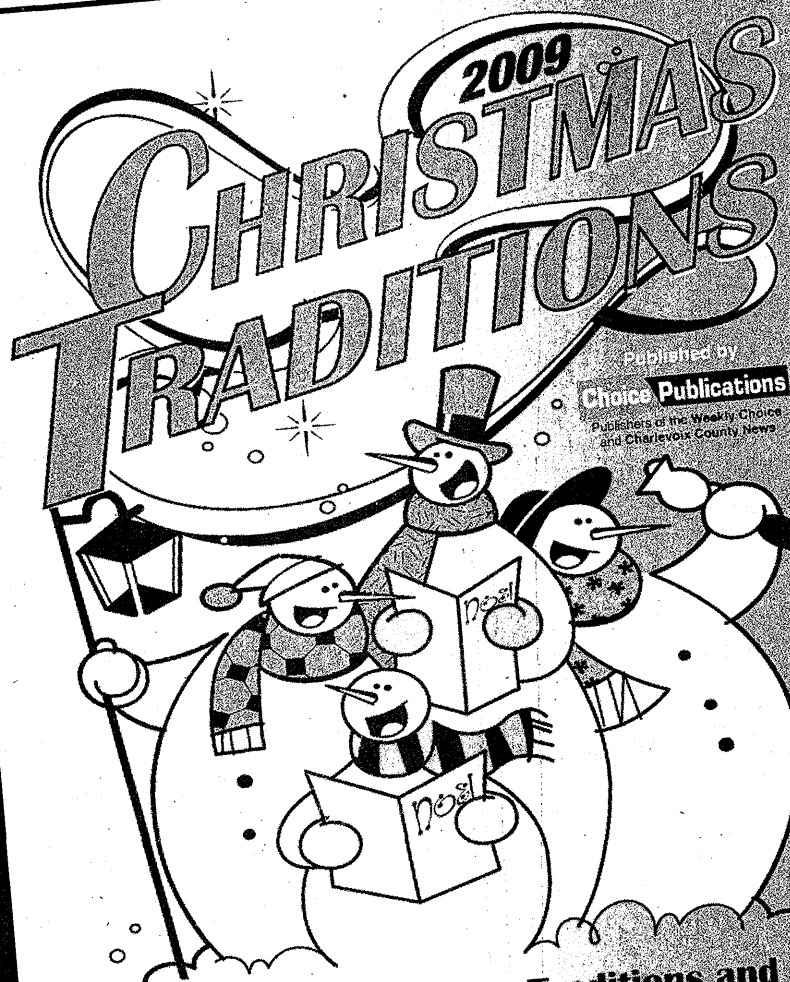
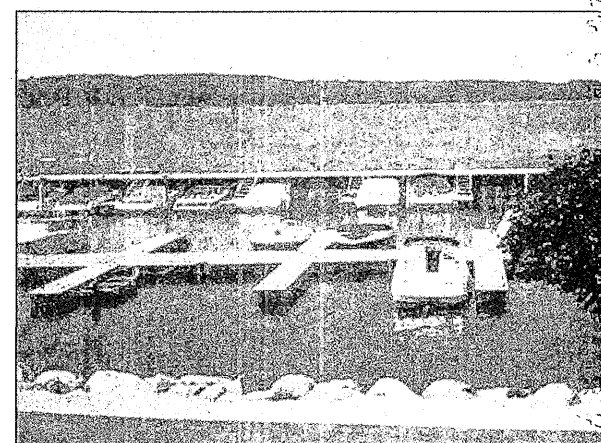
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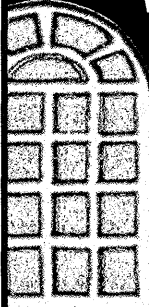
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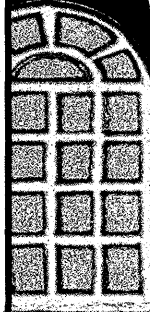
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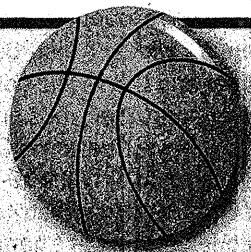
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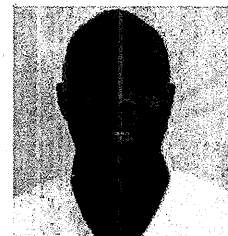
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# Townships Prepare for Wind Turbine Generators

By B. J. Conley

Eight out of 15 townships in Charlevoix County allow Wind Turbine Generators for residential use, and seven of those same townships allow Wind Turbine Generators for commercial use.

Wind turbines, a contemporary windmill of sorts, are becoming more

palatable to consumers as they become more impatient with the cost of energy and more aware of the need to conserve energy.

The seven townships allowing residential and commercial wind turbines are: Eveline, Hayes, Marion, Melrose, Peaine, St. James and Wilson. Eveline allows the smaller residential wind turbines, but not the much larger com-

mercial type. Bay and Norwood have not made a determination, but are working on provisions for the residential wind turbine generators (WTGs). Bay and Norwood have, however, decided not to allow the commercial WTGs.

Townships that have decided against either type of wind energy system are Boyne Valley, Chandler, Charlevoix, Hudson and

South Arm.

Wind energy systems are one of the most cost-effective home-based renewable energy systems, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. A small wind energy system can lower a resident's electricity bill by 50 to 90 percent. It can help avoid the high costs of extending utility power lines to remote locations, prevent power interruptions and it



ABOVE: Workers place a residential wind energy system in the ground that will provide power to the house nearby. COURTESY PHOTO



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"A residential WTG is typically about 3-10 kilowatts," said county planning director Larry Sullivan. This size can be used to pump water. The residential WTGs do not exceed 126 feet from the ground to the rotor, he said. One acre of land is the minimum lot size for one WTG. Sullivan has researched the information needed by the county planning commissioners when they review the townships' proposed ordinance language for WTGs.

A typical home uses approximately 10,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year (about 830 kWh per month).

A small turbine wind system can cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$50,000 installed. The Wind Energy Association estimates that a typical home wind system costs \$32,000. The length of the payback period, that is, the time before the savings that result from using WTGs equals the cost of the system, depends on the system chosen, the wind resource at the site and how the system is used, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

For more information and resources call the Charlevoix County Planning Director, Larry Sullivan, at 231-547-7234.

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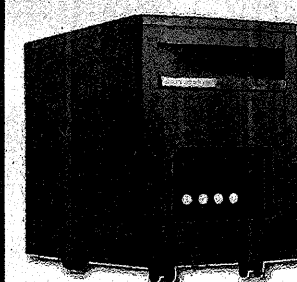


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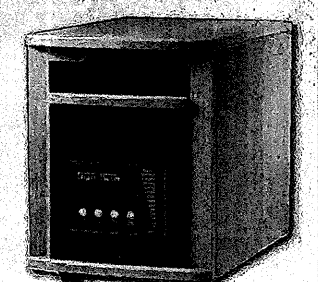
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