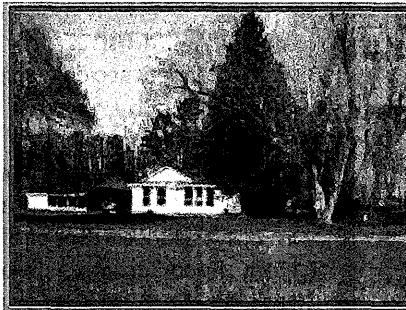


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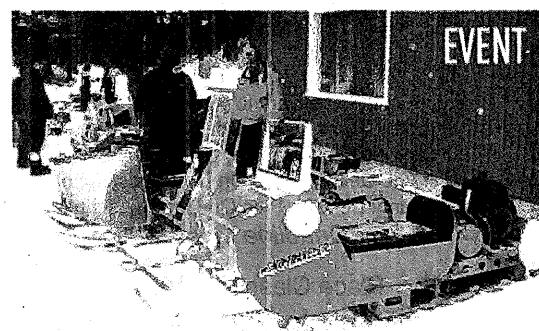
East Jordan to Hold 29<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Winter Festival Next Weekend

By Jim Akans

Get ready for a Sno-Blast. For the 29<sup>th</sup> year, East Jordan will be holding its annual Winter Festival starting on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Over the weekend, residents and visitors will enjoy a wide array of events and activities, including a, inside sidewalk sales, a Chili Supper, sledding and storytelling at the Martha Wagbo Farm and Education Center, a guided snowshoe hike and cross-country tour at the Aspen

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Check out some cool vintage sleds at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers show on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Photo courtesy of EJ Sno-Mobilers Club.



Beaver Island residents are seeing more and more of the Cormorant birds. Federal and state agencies, such as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, are working to control the cormorant population. The large birds feast on lake fish and fish numbers are decreasing. Courtesy Photo

## Cormorant Birds Hit the Waters around Beaver Island

Cormorant Birds Have  
Adverse Effect on Fish

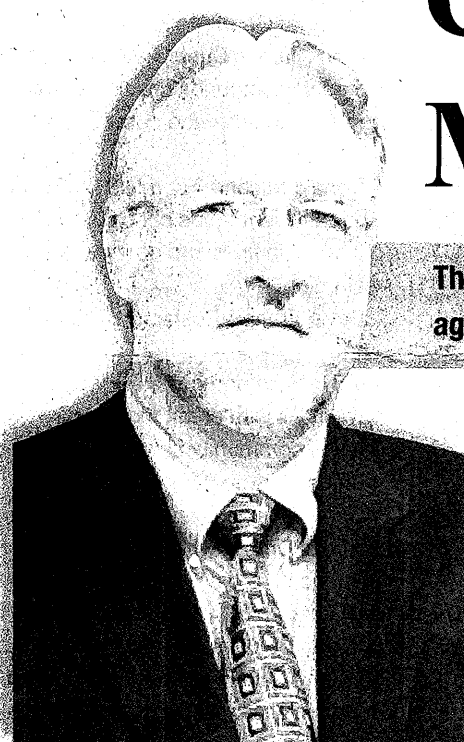
By B. J. Conley

BEAVER ISLAND — Charlevoix resident and sportsman, John Haggard, is one of many who want the large diving bird known as a Cormorant to back off of Beaver Island.

The Cormorant is depleting the fish, such as the Yellow Perch in Lake Huron and the Small-mouth Bass around Beaver Island, Haggard told Charlevoix County Commissioners at their meeting on Dec. 23, 2009. He asked the commission to contribute to a study on the

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### GOVERNMENT



Interim director and consultant for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging David Emmel headed the reorganization of the COA. He is from the firm of Abbott & Emmel Consulting, based in Midland. Photo by B. J. Conley

By B. J. Conley

CHARLEVOIX — The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is undergoing a major reorganization that includes a revision of its Bylaws and possibly a plan for the more than \$2 million surplus the COA holds.

## COA Reorganization Makes Great Strides

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is on the county board of commissioners' agenda for Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

The County Board of Commissioners at a Dec. 23, 2009 meeting adopted the revised Bylaws. The county board oversees the Commission on Aging.

The COA continues to have a surplus that is now up to \$2,405,000, known as the "Fund Balance." The more than \$2 million has been set aside from taxpayer's money for several years. COA Interim Director and consultant, David Emmel, said he did not know the plan for the surplus, nor did the county clerk's office have any knowledge of its future use.

Joan Blanchard, who just retired from the COA board after about nine years, said she did not know the plans for the Fund Balance, however she said some of the funds will be used for proposed programs and services. Blanchard said it is the county board of commissioners that ultimately decides where the money goes, although the COA board may make recommendations.

County board chairman, Chris Christensen, said that some of the funds are already being used for new programs and services and he expects that the COA will serve a wider county senior population after the reorganization.

The Bylaws revision called for the COA board to scale back to a maximum of seven members, down from 11 members. Of the seven members, two will be from the Boyne City area, two from

the Charlevoix area, two from the East Jordan area, and one from Beaver Island. A liaison for the county commission and the COA will remain as before, but the new Bylaws prohibit the liaison from voting.

The current COA board members are: Margo Johnson, Sally Gilmore, Janet Froats-Shepherd, Ward Cook, Lynda Christensen and Nancy Tritsch. One seat remains open, but it is expected to be filled soon.

Emmel suggested a diverse board with various career backgrounds and life experiences.

"I'd like to see a good diversity of members," he said. "People with different backgrounds are able to bring their experiences to assist the seniors."

The new Bylaws set out terms for COA board members. The county board of commissioners appoints all members. Newly appointed members may serve for three years and may apply for another appointment for three years. But if a member wants to continue on the COA board following the second term, a year-long hiatus must come first.

The changes occurring at the COA are not only procedural changes. The COA is refocusing on the mission it espoused when the COA was formed. Chairman Christensen advocates for a return to the initial mission of the COA.

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### SCIENCE

## Once in a Blue Moon

New Year's Ushered in by Rare Lunar Event

By Jim Akans

A rare lunar event ushered in the New Year with a "Blue Moon" standing watch as the ball fell Thursday night in Times Square; signaling the start of 2010.

A Blue Moon is a popular term given to the phenomenon of the second occurrence of a full moon with a month. Occurring an average of once every two-and-a-half years, it shows up on New Years

Eve much less often, typically every 19 years or so.

So is a Blue Moon on New Years a good sign or a troubling omen?

In her book, The Moon in Folklore & Science, author Deborah Holding notes that

many omens regarding unusual lunar events are interpretedBody-CopySmall north; snowstorms.

For ancient cultures, this was celebrated with festivals timed

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### weather forecast



**Thursday**  
High 20, low 10  
NE wind 9mph



**Friday**  
High 14, low 9  
N wind 10mph



**Saturday**  
High 17, low 14  
NW wind 6mph



**Sunday**  
High 22, low 17  
W wind 11mph



**Monday**  
High 23, low 16  
WSW wind 8mph

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**Charlevoix** -  
Season totals last year  
through 12/31/08 - 71.3  
Season total this year  
through 1/04/10 - 50.0"

**Ellsworth** -  
Season totals last year  
through 12/31/08 - 82.3  
Season total this year  
through 1/04/10 - 56.9"

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 1/04/10 - 62.8"

**Gaylord** -  
Season totals last year  
through 12/31/08 - 107.1  
Season total this year  
through 1/04/10 - 58.6"

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## BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

### Tuesday, December 29

6:15am Car deer accident on N Park St near Collings St.  
 11:31am Female brought in an NSF check complaint from the 200 block of N Park St.  
 12:41pm Report of kids riding snowmobiles in Rotary Park. Were gone on officer's arrival.  
 7:17pm Report of snowmobiles at the High School. Were gone on arrival  
 10:53pm Report of intoxicated female walking down road. Was located and transported to family member.

### Wednesday, December 30

10:43am Report of male subject dumping trash in dumpster in the 100 block of River St. Officer unable to locate suspect vehicle.  
 11:58am Male reported snowmobilers on the sidewalk on E Division St. Will be doing extra patrol in the area.  
 12:01pm Male reporting landlord/tenant dispute in the 300 block of E Cedar St.  
 12:55pm unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of E Division St  
 3:26pm Male calling reference a landlord/tenant dispute in the 400 block of Boyne Av.  
 5:27pm 2 vehicle Property Damage Accident on S Park St

### Thursday, December 31

10:00am Request to unlock vehicle in the 500 block of N Lake St

10:30am 2 vehicle private property accident in the 400 block of N Lake St  
 10:45am Report of water leak in the 400 block of Elm St. Water Department contacted.  
 11:26am 2 vehicle private property accident in the 400 block of N Lake St. Male driver arrested for Driving While License Suspended.  
 6:50pm Male causing disturbance at business in the 100 block of E Water St. Was gone on arrival.

### Friday, January 1

12:18am Report of intoxicated male walking down street on Park St near River St. Was located on River St, and was able to get a ride home.  
 12:15pm Report of male and female having a verbal dispute in the 300 block of E Division St.  
 1:10pm Request for an unlock in the 800 block of S Park St  
 1:35pm Report of damage to lawn ornament in the 500 block of S Lake St  
 10:58pm Gasoline drive off from the 1100 block of Boyne Av.

### Saturday, January 2

1:58am Unlocked vehicle in the 100 block of S Lake St  
 1:57pm Larceny from vehicle and damage to the vehicle in the 700 block of S Park St  
 6:51pm Two parking citations issued on

Park St near Water St  
 6:52pm Assisted male subject with security check on Front St  
 8:44pm Male received traffic citation for speed. Was also given a written warning for Careless Driving.

### Sunday, January 3

12:13am Report of barking dog on Pleasant Av. Dog was taken inside prior to officer's arrival.  
 8:15am Male at PD in violation of his probation during daily breathalyzer test. Turned over to Probation Officer.  
 10:00am Assist State Trooper with residential alarm on Boyne City Rd. All was secure  
 3:00pm Female lost purse in the 400 block of N Lake St. Did later find it  
 4:05pm Report of shoplifter in the 400 block of N Lake St  
 4:51pm Someone disposed of hot ashes at North Boyne catching discarded Christmas trees on fire.

### Monday, January 4

1:54am Female reports her family is being harassed by male subject over the phone.  
 12:31pm Male calling reference landlord/tenant dispute in the 400 block of Boyne Av.  
 3:10pm Female had her purse stolen in the 400 block of N Lake St

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS: JANUARY 7, 2010

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office.  
 Joshua Scott LaCombe, 23, East Jordan and Crystal Marie Pung, 24, East Jordan.  
 Kellen Robert Youngedyke, 26, Laramie, WY and Valerie Ann Derenz, 25, Laramie, WY

### ASSUMED NAMES:

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:  
 Handyman Cleaning Service, 104 Stockman, Charlevoix by Connie Knapp.  
 Dande Transport, 6685 M-66 North, Lot 103, Charlevoix by David H. Hoskins Sr. and Ellen M. Hoskins.  
 Firehouse Flooring Co., 907 Wilson St., P.O. Box 904, Boyne City by Zachary Carlston.  
 Bill & Verna's, Inc., 1941 U.S. 131, Boyne Falls by Gerald Matelski.  
 Evno's World's Finest, 01548 Sunterra Tr., Boyne City, by Lee Evno and Jeonette Evno.  
 Experience DJ's, P.O. Box 873, 00876 W. Dietze Road, Boyne City by Jackie Belcher and Roger Coates.

Interpretations, 123 Water St., Boyne City by Cindy A. Thomas.  
 Be the Change, 8635 Carson Ave., Charlevoix by David M. Beans.

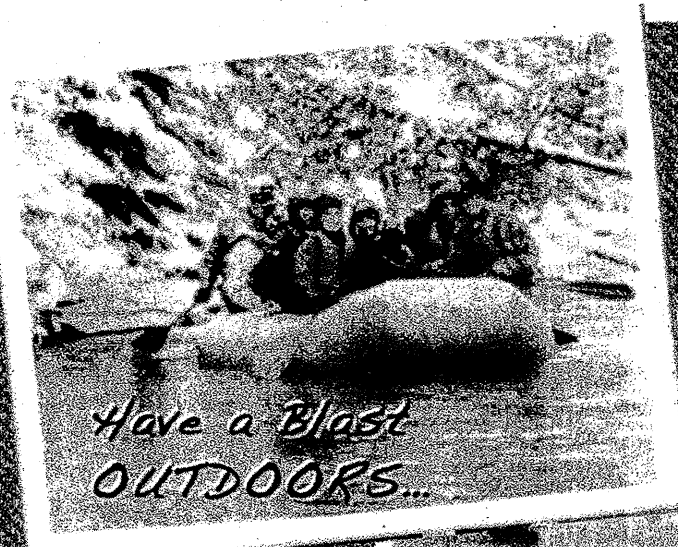
### DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:  
 Devin James Dunlop, 23, Boyne City. Non-sufficient funds check. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and \$41.94 in restitution.  
 Ronald Michael Fournier, 32, Gaylord. Non-sufficient funds check. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and \$90 in restitution.  
 David Francis Rostar, 58, Charlevoix. Aggravated assault. Sentenced to pay \$900 in fines and costs and to serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work and six months on probation.  
 Carrie Colene Livingston, 46, Harbor Springs. Driving while intoxicated, 2nd. Sentenced to pay \$1,080 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 90 days on electronic monitor, 334 days held in abeyance, 30 days of community service work and two years on

probation.  
 Joseph Gerard Rouleau, 51, Boyne City. Motor vehicle driver with open intoxicant. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs. Amber Marie Wiser, 21, Boyne City. Driving without a license on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs. Earl Santoin King, 30, Charlevoix. Trespass. Sentenced to pay \$150 in fines and costs.  
 Duane Lester Tripp, 47, Charlevoix. Disorderly person. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to 90 days in jail with credit for 85 days, serve five days.  
 MaryJane Ruth Martin, 36, Beaver Island. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,030 in fines and costs and to 40 days in jail with 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and nine months on probation.  
 Daniel James Hinton, 28, East Jordan. Allowed suspended driver to operate vehicle. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to serve six days in jail.  
 Laurence Richard Radle, 41, Charlevoix. Failure to report accident. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to 90 days in jail with 80 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and six months on probation.

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 Color a Brook, Brown or Rainbow Trout. Entry form at Chamber Office, Tom's Bait & Tackle, Front Porch Café. Prizes awarded. Vote for your favorite at the SnoXpo Friday evening and at the Sno-Mobiler's Clubhouse on Saturday and Sunday.



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## Reorganization

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"Over time, the focus of the Commission on Aging board has switched from assisting homebound seniors to the actual day-to-day operation of the COA," Christensen said. "They need to get back to policy and leave the daily operations to the (COA) director."

Interim director Emmel of Abbott & Emmel Consulting, based in Midland, began working with the staff and others involved in the COA, approximately one year ago. The COA will actively seek a permanent director soon.

As part of its evolution, the COA will take a more "hands-off" approach to the county's four senior centers, Christensen said. Those centers are located in Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan and on Beaver Island. The COA will then have more time to focus on policy matters and assistance for homebound seniors. Christensen said a committee could be formed with the responsibility of communicating with the senior center population and periodically report the status of each senior center to the county board of commissioners.

The county board of commissioners will hold an organizational meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7, in the Pine Lake Room in the lower level of the County Building. The COA will be part of the meeting.

## Blue Moon

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around the full moon. This may have been due to the extra evening light that allowed those parties to continue a little longer, or because moisture could be a good thing for making crops grow - leading to more productive harvests.

Could the Blue Moon leading into 2010 signify times of plenty ahead? There have been wilder ideas...

One folktale alleges that when there was a blue moon, the fabled "man in the moon" would talk to those in its light. This could be interpreted to mean 2010 will be a year full of absurdities, which wouldn't make it much different than 2009.

The most common reference to a Blue Moon is the popular phrase; "Once in a Blue Moon." This alludes to a rare event, which, of course, our most recent Blue Moon on New Years Eve certainly was.

Maybe we should leave it at that and look forward to a New Year that began with something rare, and holds much promise in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Oh, and the next Blue Moon will be here in August...of 2012. The Mayan's would have loved that.

## Sno-Blast

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Grove Cross County Center, roller skating at the Harvest Barn Church, a free movie at the Jordan Valley District Library, live music, a fascinating snowmobile show at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers club, a more.

New this year, in addition to a wide selection of vintage sleds at the Sno-Mobilers show, the event will also include some "souped-up" outlaw sleds. Something else new this year will be a Sno Xpo, offering lots of information about area activities, shopping, dining and entertainment, to be held at the Civic Center.

For more information and a complete schedule, contact the East Jordan Chamber at 231-536-7351 or visit ejchamber.org.

# City to hire interim administrator

## Main Street Program may come to East Jordan

By B. J. Conley

EAST JORDAN — The city will search for a new city administrator, but in the meantime an interim administrator will be hired to fill in on a temporary basis. That person may be chosen within a day or two, and Mayor Russ Peck said he has three top candidates compiled from each city commissioner's list of names.

The city has been without an administrator since Jan. 2, when former administrator David White's resignation became effective. In addition to city administration, White was a zoning administrator and airport manager. He worked for the city for more than 13 years.

The city commission held a special meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 30, to discuss the applicants.

The commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 5. One of the topics discussed was the Main Street Program. This state of Michigan program gives grants in various amounts for the renovation and revitalization of downtown areas. It is a highly successful program from which cities, such as Boyne City, have benefited. The grants are for repair and renovation of store fronts, infrastructure and preservation of historical buildings. One of the goals is to bring residents and visitors downtown to shop, dine, enjoy events and socialize. The four facets of the Main Street Program are: economic development, special events, design and promotion.

Resident Mark L. Penzien, who is with the Downtown Development Authority, spoke to commissioners about the Main Street Program. He said he was looking for the city's support by

its approval of the DDA pursuing the program.

"East Jordan has come a long ways, there are many wonderful things here, but we don't cross communicate and this program is geared toward that," Penzien said. "I think it is something that will really help East Jordan."

The city must submit the application to qualify for the Main Street Program. The grants are matching, however the match from the city is usually less than half of the grant. The city's match may be comprised of donations of office space or other non-cash items. It does not have to be strictly cash.

City commissioners approved the request that Penzien made on behalf of the DDA to apply for entrance into the Main Street Program.

# A Statewide "Think & Do Tank"

## Business Leaders Offer a Collective Approach to Revitalizing Michigan's Future

By Jim Akans

It began how great things often begin. Philip H. Power had an idea.

After 40 years in the newspaper business, as founder and owner of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., Phil Power fully understood the value of sharing information, concerns and well... ideas.

So back in 2006, as the state of Michigan's economy began slipping further and further into serious trouble, Mr. Power developed an idea to create a statewide "Think & Do Tank."

"I became increasingly concerned about what was happening in Michigan," states Phil Power. "The economy was overbalanced to the auto industry and our political system didn't work together. When I sold my company in 2005, I discussed an idea with my wife about creating something to counter the partisan politics in our state."

The result was The Center for Michigan, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization pivoting on a series of "community conversations" held throughout the state," com-

bined with a web site and weekly newsletters designed to explore the business, economic, political and cultural issues affecting our state.

"This is a 'Think and Do Tank,'" notes Phil Power. "Thinking without doing is pointless, and doing without thinking will get you into trouble. Our objective

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is to ignite and encourage a citizen movement to motivate Michigan's transformation. We hold a series of meetings, typically with 15 to 20 people attending, to talk about what their vision for Michigan is. That is vital in creating a shared vision and forming an action plan to get there. We held 100 meetings the first year and entered the results from those conversations into a database in Lansing. We published our first report; Michigan's Defining Moment, last spring.

A primary goal for The Center For Michigan is

helping the state become economically competitive. Establishing a diversified, global, highly productive economy based on Michigan's talent, innovation and individual achievements is paramount. The Center believes this will require an investment in our research universities, environmental assets and citizens, and

aligning our State taxing and spending practices to reflect those priorities.

Phil Power notes, "An example is local government and school districts. There are approximately 550 school districts and 1800 units of local government in our state. In the case of schools, every school district has an administrative office even when there is no reason every small district should handle that on its own. If these were to consolidate to larger units, there is a great advantage in economy of scale for operations and technology with

this approach. The sharing and consolidation of services for schools and local governments could potentially save 100's of millions of dollars for the state each year."

The Center For Michigan's group of officers and directors represent a diverse range of background and experience, and the group is avoids political affiliation.

"The idea is not that we are the average between left and right," Phil Power observes, "we are here to figure out what really makes a difference and what works rather than be bound by political interests. Our point is simple; unless we find a way to reform state government, we will never get a balanced budget. That requires structural reform."

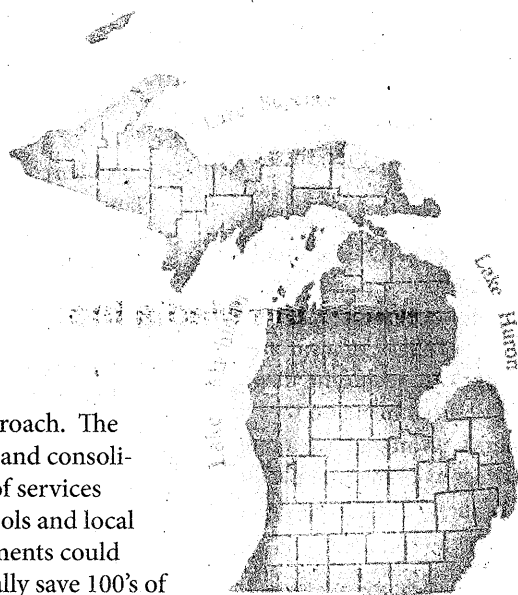
The Center for Michigan has raised over \$3 million and have involved over 10,000 people in their "community conversations." Their second Michigan's Defining Moment report is scheduled to be released this spring. They will be setting up political candidate debates around the main elements in these reports, and those debates will be distributed through

public television and radio throughout Michigan.

Phil Power states, "Once we put our financial house in order, we can establish budgets that truly reflect the needs of the people of Michigan. For any entity to succeed, a shared vision of where you are and where you are going must be established. Then identify distinctive long term competitive assets, and invest in those assets. We have no such strategic plan in Michigan right now."

He adds, "In Michigan we can have a wonderful quality of life, so let's stay here and make this work."

To participate in The Center For Michigan, visit [www.thecenterformichigan.net](http://www.thecenterformichigan.net), sign up for their newsletter (currently emailed weekly to approximately 9,000 subscribers). Watch for "Community Conversations" being held near you starting in the spring.



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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

# Don't Play With Foot Pain

By Della Serene

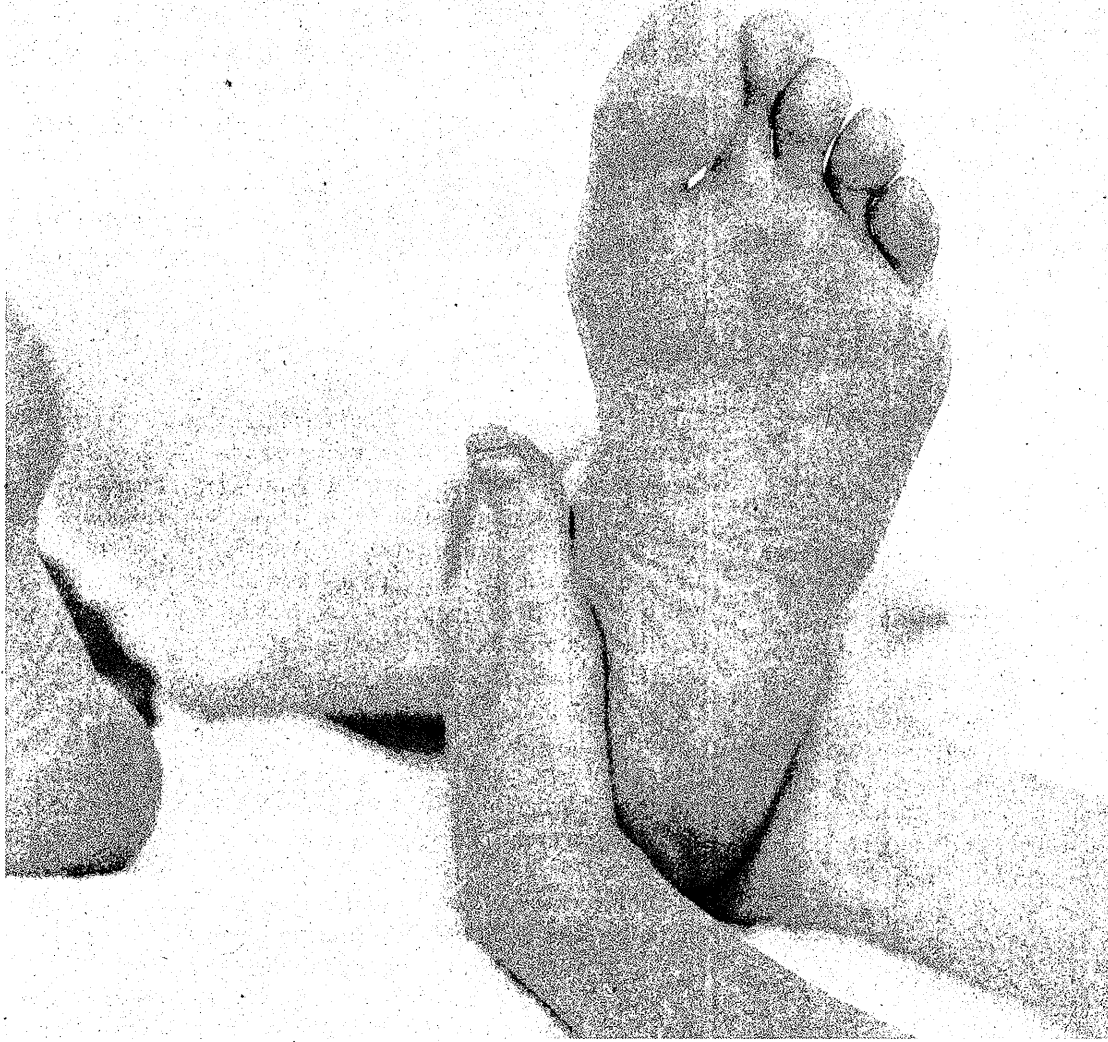
We stand on our feet every-day. They are our anchors. A foot contains 26 bones, 33 joints, 107 ligaments and 19 muscles. In fact, ¼ off all the bones in the human body are connected to the feet. When the feet are out of alignment, so is the rest of the body.

Have you experienced back-aches or headaches frequently? If so, there is a good chance something is going wrong with your feet. Bunions are a common ailment. They are a prominent bump on the side of the foot near the big toe. The bump is a bone that has grown toward the inside of the foot. A bunionette is on the other side of the foot near the little toe. With both conditions, toes may grow in towards the opposite side and even overlap each other.

The foot is essentially deformed. To compensate, people tend to walk incorrectly which can cause ailments throughout the entire body. Bunions and bunionettes are more common in women than in men. They can be hereditary. They don't always require surgery or medical attention but they can. Women, and men, who choose dress shoes that constrict the foot and push the toes together, thus cutting off circulation, have a far better chance of requiring corrective surgery. Only a small percentage of the population is born with foot problems. It is neglect and a lack of awareness of proper care including ill-fitting shoes that bring on the problems. Women have about four times as many foot problems as men. High heels are partly to blame.

When choosing a shoe, select one that supports the foot and fits correctly. Be wary of a shoe that is too tight. Dress shoes that go in at the toe should be avoided. Running shoes are a good choice for casual wear.

Your feet mirror your general health. Conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, nerve and cir-



culatory disorders can show their initial symptoms in the feet. Foot ailments can be your first sign of a more serious medical problem.

People with diabetes should pay special attention to their feet. They have a higher chance of developing problems relating to the disease. Poor circulation and a condition called neuropathy, which may cause insensitivity or a loss of ability to feel pain, heat or cold, are two ailments that can develop. If left untreated, they can lead to ulceration or amputation of the foot in severe cases. Diabetics should take care to inspect their feet everyday. Watch for cuts and abrasions, blisters, sores that could signal a foot condition.

People with yellow, thick toenails may have fungus in their toes. It can be painful but can be treated with medication.

Other foot ailments include: Achilles Tendon, Arch Pain and Strain, Arthritis, Calluses, Claw Toes, Corns, Hammer Toes, Heel Pain, Heel Spurs, Ingrown Toenails, Mallet Toes, Metatarsalgia, Morton's Neuroma, Overlapping Toes, Over Pronation, Plantar Fasciitis, Post-Tib Tendon, and Sesamoidities. Check with your doctor if you experience prolonged pain, inflammation or excessive redness.

Pamper your feet.

To ensure an all-around better sense of well-being practice the following steps:

Check your feet everyday if you have diabetes or arthritis. Even if there is no pre-existing condition, check for changes or abnormalities.

Pay attention to pain.

Wear comfortable shoes. If you experience pain after being on your feet all day, you may

need to wear different shoes.

Your feet may not be the same size. If one is bigger, buy shoes that fit the larger foot.

Soak your feet after a tiring day.

Use moisturizer.

The practice of Yoga can offer an explanation into the workings of the feet and the body. An exercise to relieve foot pain and to promote better circulation throughout the rest of the body is explained below.

While sitting, massage the toes and ball of your foot with the tips of your fingers. Massage the toes down to the heel. Using the tip of your thumb, rub it along the edge of the foot by the big toe and up the big toe. Then, run the tip of the thumb along the edge of the foot to the heel.

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# COBRA Support Program extended with federal recovery funds

*Laid off workers can receive monthly reimbursement to help continue health insurance coverage*

(January 5, 2010) Seventy-four laid-off workers from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties have taken advantage of the Northern Health Plan's COBRA Support Program. The program provides an extra subsidy of \$50 per month to help unemployed people pay COBRA health insurance premiums in the eight-county region across the "tip of the mitt". Now, with a federal extending coverage from 9 to 15 months through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Northern Health Plan is extending payments for six more months and continuing enrollment in the program.

Employees who were involuntarily terminated through February 2010 are eligible to extend their health insurance coverage by paying 35% of the monthly premium for 15

months through the ARRA. The Northern Health Plan will assist them by reimbursing \$50 per month for up to two household members.

"Paying out-of-pocket for even a relatively minor medical emergency is very expensive and can be devastating for uninsured families who are already struggling financially," said Bruce Miller, Executive Director for the Northern Health Plan. "The COBRA Support Program helps laid off workers keep health insurance benefits so their family members can continue to receive routine care and, if they become ill or injured, they'll be covered."

According to Linda Yaroch, Deputy Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, applying for the \$50 per month subsidy is as easy as completing a simple enrollment form and then sending a

copy of the receipt documenting monthly COBRA payments to the Health Department.

"We urge everyone who is eligible for COBRA to enroll in the program so they can continue to get the healthcare services they need," she said.

People currently enrolled in the Northern Health Plan COBRA Support Program do not need to reapply; they will receive a letter soon explaining the program.

The Northern Health Plan is a consortium of health departments and hospitals dedicated to improving access to health care for low-income and uninsured residents of northern Lower Michigan. Members from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties are the Health Department, Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, and Otsego Memorial Hospital.

TENCON, a similar program serving the counties of Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Mecosta, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford is also offering a COBRA Support Program.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about the Northern Health Plan COBRA Support Program, visit [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) or call the Health Department at 800-432-4121 during regular business hours.

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# What's Up With That?



By Jim Akans

## The New Year has begun.

With the slate cleared and 52 weeks of "I'm going to do this better in 2010" ahead, I decided to pack up the old year by backing up my computer.

It's a simple thing, really, when part of a weekly or even monthly routine. Unfortunately, it had been six months since my last back-up, which meant venturing out into the post Christmas rush retail world for some blank CD's to hold the data.

Mission accomplished, the teller rang up my purchase, and out of the register slithered a foot and a half long receipt. That's less than one item per foot of thermally imprinted paper.

What's Up with That?

It's becoming quite a trend for retailers to add coupons, special surveys with possible cash prizes, announcements, store hours, return policies, gift card offers, reward club offers and proclamations of savings earned to check-out receipts.

Recently, after a modest trip around the grocery store, I stood in awe as a nearly three-footer emerged from the self check-out terminal. Not surprisingly, there was absolutely no information of value to me below the store name, date and list of purchases, which only took up the top ten inches of the coiling scroll of paper dangling in my hand.

Something seems out of kilter here.

Wasn't this supposed to be a "paperless society" by now?

According to Paper University, Americans still use about 700 pounds of paper per person each year. That's a lot of paper for a paperless society. Since paper ranks at the top of American's throw away list (something which also gets thrown away); about one-third of materials going into land fills are paper-based.

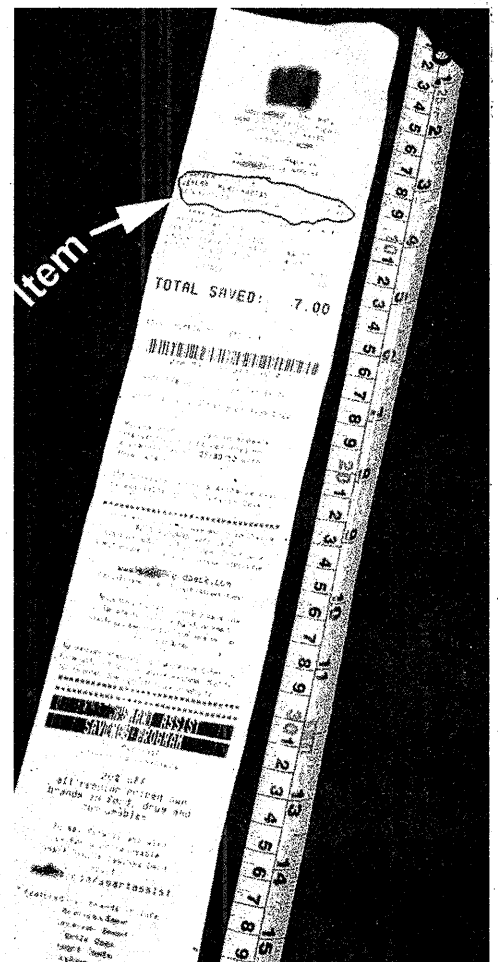
What about cost savings during a challenged economy?

Based on an average receipt length of say - eighteen inches, a store would use one-mile of receipt paper for every 3,520 customers. Cut that average length to six inches by eliminating the extraneous garbage, and store overhead savings start piling up instead of wasted paper. Plus, another 7,000 customers get a much more manageable "proof of purchase" from that same mile of receipt paper.

Webster defines receipt as a written acknowledgement of the receiving of goods, period.

The receipt from this retailer for the singular purchase of the dictionary containing that definition - just under eighteen inches long.

What's Up With That?





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By Dave Baragrey

This e-mail ran across my computer earlier this week. It is a statement read by a high school principal in Tennessee in the fall of 2000. It struck a chord with me and it may strike a chord with you also. Principal McLeod's speech was also read into the congressional record on Sept. 20, 2000 by Representative Zach Wamp of Tennessee.

This is a statement that was read over the PA system at the football game at Roane County High School, Kingston, Tennessee, by school Principal, Jody McLeod.

"It has always been the custom at

Roane County High School football games, to say a prayer and play the National Anthem, to honor God and Country." Due to a recent ruling by the Supreme Court, I am told that saying a Prayer is a violation of Federal Case Law. As I understand the law at this time, I can use this public facility to approve of sexual perversion and call it "an alternate life style," and if someone is offended, that's OK.

I can use it to condone sexual promiscuity, by dispensing condoms and calling it, "safe sex." If someone is offended, that's OK.

I can even use this public facility to present the merits of killing an

unborn baby as a "viable means of birth control." If someone is offended, no problem.

I can designate a school day as "Earth Day" and involve students in activities to worship religiously and praise the goddess "Mother Earth" and call it "ecology..."

I can use literature, videos and presentations in the classroom that depicts people with strong, traditional Christian convictions as "simple minded" and "ignorant" and call it "enlightenment..."

However, if anyone uses this facility to honor GOD and to ask HIM to bless this event with safety and good sportsmanship, then Fed-

eral Case Law is violated.

This appears to be inconsistent at best, and at worst, diabolical. Apparently, we are to be tolerant of everything and anyone, except God and His Commandments.

Nevertheless, as a school principal, I frequently ask staff and students to abide by rules with which they do not necessarily agree. For me to do otherwise would be inconsistent at best, and at worst, hypocritical... I suffer from that affliction enough unintentionally. I certainly do not need to add an intentional transgression.

For this reason, I shall "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's,"

and refrain from praying at this time.

"However, if you feel inspired to honor, praise and thank God and ask Him, in the name of JESUS, to bless this event, please feel free to do so. As far as I know, that's not against the law----yet."

One by one, the people in the stands bowed their heads, held hands with one another and began to pray.

They prayed in the stands. They prayed in the team huddles. They prayed at the concession stand and they prayed in the Announcer's Box!

HERE IS A QUOTE TO REMEMBER

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Boyne City Snowmobile Restrictions

The Boyne City Police Department would like to remind snowmobilers that while they are welcome to enjoy riding in the city limits there are a few restrictions that need to be adhered to.

Snowmobiles are not to be ridden on the bike trail on Division St, nor on sidewalks anywhere in town. Snowmobiles are to be ridden to the far right hand side of the plowed section of the streets. While obeying all traffic regulations, snowmobile riders must also stop at all intersections, whether or not such an intersection is a stop street for vehicular traffic.

It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile at any time on Water St from S. Lake St to S East St, on Boyne Av (M-75 S) from S East to E Division St and on S Lake St from Water St to E Main

St.

Snowmobiles are not allowed in any city cemeteries and park properties, including Rotary, Old City, and Veteran's Memorial Parks, the Marina, and Maple Lawn and Wilson Street Cemeteries.

It is also unlawful to operate a snowmobile on municipal property for the purpose of entering or leaving the ice on Lake Charlevoix except at the following locations: the North Boat Launch Ramp and Tannery Park.

While we want snowmobilers to continue to enjoy riding in the city limits, we must ask that they do respect the rights of others, and do not ride on any private property.

Have a fun and safe snowmobiling season!

## Second Saturday Science Series begins January 9, 2010 at Raven Hill Discovery Center

It's a FAMILY AFFAIR at Raven Hill Discovery Center this second Saturday in 2010—January 9th from noon to 4 pm. Thanks to a grant awarded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Center will offer free admission and special science activities on the second Saturday of each month in 2010, starting this Saturday, January 9th. Bring the whole family "team" OR make it a special event for parent and child. There will be fun problem-solving demos & activities to fit various ages, abilities and interests every month.

Family groups can strengthen creative & critical thinking skills by trying a different science challenge each month, plus enjoy the museum, animals and outdoor exhibits. The focus in January will be Towering Towers. Small fry can use

building blocks while older children can try other challenges, such as domino towers, Jenga towers, paper towers and playing card towers.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. Raven Hill Discovery Center is located between East Jordan & Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road. For more information or questions or for winter road conditions, please call 231.536.3369.

## Cormorant Population

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cormorants that is tracking the bird's population.

Commissioners were mixed on contributing the \$10,000 Haggard asked for. Commissioner Joel Evans wanted to wait for more research and then make a decision. He and commission chair Chris Christensen voted down the request, but commissioners Shirleen Tripp, Ron Reinhardt and Shirley Roloff approved the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Bob Drebenstadt was absent from the meeting.

The Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Wildlife Services recently completed control efforts at the Les Cheneaux Islands. The cormorant population was reduced by 15 percent the first year and by more in subsequent years. Today there are about 500 nests in the area, down from a peak of 5,500, according to the DNR's website.

The cormorant has been documented in Michigan since the late 1800s, but its populations have expanded beyond historical proportions in recent years, the DNR said.

"Based on our success at the Les Cheneaux Islands, I believe the Beaver Island Archipelago could be a good candidate for this kind of experiment in cormorant control," Dave Fielder said. Fielder is a DNR fisheries research biologist who is studying this issue.

The state is seeking an opportunity to increase the number of cormorants that can be killed from its current ceiling of 10,500 a year. State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer has met with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials regarding the problem. Some of the groups involved are Beaver Island Wildlife Club, Michigan Wildlife Services and The Beaver Island Association.



ABOVE: The Women's Club presents a donation check to the Nehemiah Project. Courtesy Photo



ABOVE: The Women's Club presents a donation check to the Mary Margaret House. Courtesy Photo

## Women's Club Tours Food Pantry, Holy Childhood Church in January

Holy Childhood Church in Harbor Springs is the setting for the January meeting of The Women's Club. Richard Perreault, church archivist, will lead a tour of the church and the new addition, followed by a special tour of the Harbor Springs Food Pantry,

then lunch at the church.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12. Please RSVP to Lauren Macintyre at 231-348-6198.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, the Women's Club hosts Mary Beth Soellner presenting an historical

perspective of the area incorporating her own ancestor's experiences. This meeting will be held at the Harbor Springs Historical Museum and also includes lunch.

Everyone is welcome to attend The Women's Club events.



NEWS **IN** BRIEF

CHARLEVOIX

**Saturday Family Story Time**  
Story Time Kickoff Event at the Charlevoix Public Library. Can't make it on Thursday mornings? Try a Story Time on a Saturday morning. Every 2nd Saturday of the month. Families are invited. Guest Laura Pershin Raynor. Laura is a visiting storyteller from Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is a much loved Children's Librarian at the Ann Arbor District Library.

EAST JORDAN

**Rotary Chili Supper**

The Rotary Chili Supper will be held downtown Friday night as a part of Sno-Blast on Main Street. The East Jordan Rotary Club will be holding their Annual Chili supper on Friday, Jan 15 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

EAST JORDAN

**Outlaw Sled Show**

A new snowmobile event - "Outlaw Sled Show" scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 16 at the East Jordan Sno-Mobile Club from 9a.m.-4:00 p.m. This is a show of all the "souped up" sleds. For more information contact Gerry Argetsinger at 231-582-7970.

BOYNE FALLS

**Annual Meeting of the Boyne Area Chamber**

The Boyne Area Chamber's Annual Meeting will be held from 5:30 to 8pm Thursday,

Jan. 21 at Boyne Mountain. Tickets are \$20 per person if purchased by Jan. 18. Call 582-6222 for information or registration.

EAST JORDAN

**Sno-Expo New Events for 2010**

A new event designed to promote local "snow-related and "snowmobiler friendly" businesses is being added to the Sno-Blast 2010 schedule of events. Already gaining great momentum and interest. This afternoon expo is scheduled for Friday, January 15 at the East Jordan Civic Center from 4pm to 7pm. 15 spaces are AVAILABLE (12x12 SPACE) for businesses to showcase their products or service. Chamber members \$25.00, Not Yet Members \$50.00. Spaces are already being spoken for - so business owners DO NOT DELAY!! Contact the Chamber office for an application via e-mail, phone or visit. For Expo info contact event Chairman Greg Gröse at 231-445-0793.

BOYNE CITY

**Main Street hosts Building Basics presentation**

The Boyne City Main Street / Downtown Development Authority will be hosting a "Main Street Building Basics" presentation on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Boyne District Library Conference Room. The public, espe-

cially downtown property owners and individuals interested in historic preservation are invited to attend. The presentation will be a webinar conducted by Kelly Larson, Main Street architect for the State Historic Preservation Office. The presentation will focus on the history of downtowns and the evolution of older buildings over time. Also discussed will be good historic preservation principles and practices to maintain the unique qualities of historic buildings while also making them functional for today's needs. The presentation is a kick-off point for the Boyne City Main Street Design Committee to select downtown buildings to receive design services intended to facilitate the rehabilitation of a building's facade. Any building located within the downtown is eligible to receive the no-cost design services that include a schematic drawing of the proposed façade improvement, preliminary cost estimate, and paint samples. The design services are provided by the State Historic Preservation Office in the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Any property owner interested in receiving the services must first attend a "Main Street Building Basics" presentation. An application, available at the Main Street office, can then be submitted to the Design Committee for review and approval. To learn more about the presentation and design services, contact the Boyne City Main Street Program at 582-9009. The deadline to register is Jan. 22.

EAST JORDAN

**Sno-Mobilers Club Breakfast**

Enjoy breakfast every Sunday morning from 7am - Noon, Mt Bliss Rd. Sponsored by the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club

BOYNE CITY

**Help available for struggling businesses**

If your business is struggling, don't wait until it's too late to ask for help. Several local organizations offer free assis-

tance, including Team Boyne, the Boyne Area Chamber, Boyne City Main Street, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, and SCORE. Call Jim Baumann at the Chamber (582-6222) and we'll point you in the right direction. All contacts are confidential. The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance also offers monthly "Starting a Business" classes, with the next class scheduled for Jan. 26 at the Petoskey Public Library. The fee is \$20 and you must pre-register by calling 582-6482 or emailing [info@northernlakes.net](mailto:info@northernlakes.net). NLEA and its partners also offer a number of business training workshops.

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 at Castle Farms.

EAST JORDAN

**Show Support for the Red Devils**

The students at East Jordan High School would like to ask you to participate in "Red and Black Friday". In an effort to promote community sportsmanship and support for the Red Devils by wearing red and black each Friday.

CENTRAL LAKE

**Frozen Torch Snowshoe Race and Family Fun Day**

YMCA Hayo-Went-Ha Camps is hosting the 3rd Annual Frozen Torch Snowshoe Race and Family Fun Day Jan. 30! Join us for a 5k, 10k, or Fun Walk in the morning followed by activities for all ages! Entry for Family Fun Day is free with a canned good or non-perishable item donation for the Bellaire Community Food Pantry. Activities will include winter crafts, snow sculpture contest, snowshoe obstacle course, our 200' Zip Line and of course a hot chili lunch! Entry for the Snowshoe Race is \$15 for early registrations

and \$20 the day of. All proceeds from the race will benefit Camperships for Antrim County youth to attend YMCA Camp Hayo-Went-Ha's Sparks Day Camp. For more information and registration information please visit our website [www.hayowentha.org](http://www.hayowentha.org) or call us at 877-547-5915.

EAST JORDAN

**Chamber Annual Meeting**

Enjoy dinner, annual awards and lots of fun at the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce annual meeting at Castle Farms in Charlevoix on January 30. For tickets call the EJ Chamber at 231-536-7351.

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.

BOYNE CITY

**Scrapbookers Night**

A scrap bookers night will be held the first Tuesday of each month from 5-10 p.m. at the community room downstairs at the Boyne District Library in Boyne City. Scrap bookers can meet with others and bring a project to work on it, using the time for yourself. There is no cost. Call Bethany at 231-881-9888 for more information.

PETOSKEY

**Project Connect**

A day of services for our neighbors in need Feb. 3 sponsored by Char-Em United Way. Community health and human service agencies join forces to provide direct services on-site. Assistance with filing income taxes, housing applications, immunizations, health screening, food assistance, haircuts, massage and more. Activities for kids and their parents. Hot lunch. Transportation provided. Giveaways of food, personal care items, and clothing. FREE.

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. Help us to help others, bring in your donations anytime during store hours.

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 digitized 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.

CHARLEVOIX

**Wellness Wednesday**

Charlevoix Area Hospital's next "Wellness Wednesday" will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan 6, 2010. The Wellness Wednesday Health Screens include: Cholesterol and Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, and a Blood Pressure reading. Cost for the service is \$12. Participants will also receive a blood pressure log and pedometer as well as all test results at the time of the screen. A Registered Nurse will adapt health Consultation and educational materials to individual results. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the office of Community Health Education at Charlevoix Area Hospital: 231-547-8906 or by email: [kjacobsen@cah.org](mailto:kjacobsen@cah.org). Walk-ins are always welcome.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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

CHARLEVOIX

**Indoor Sidewalk Sales**

There are plenty of bargains at the Charlevoix Indoor Sidewalk Sales on Feb. 12! Whether you're in the market for new shoes or the perfect picture for your entryway, there is something for everyone!

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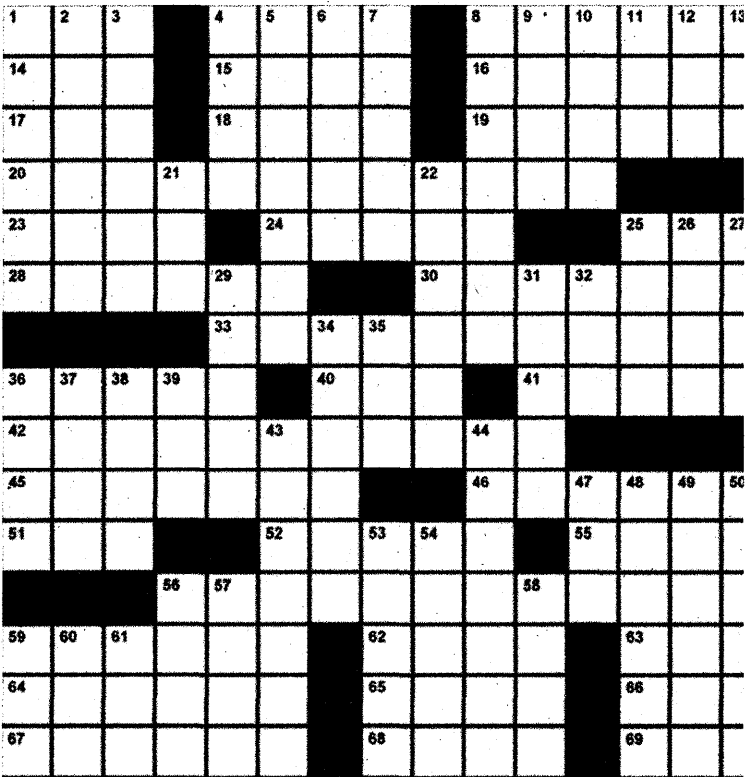
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1- According to; 4- Kind of prof.; 8- Owner of a slave; 14- \_\_\_\_\_ Moines; 15- Group of individual facts; 16- Excite; 17- Cram; 18- Dull; 19- Packet; 20- Not vulnerable to attack; 23- Shrivelled, without moisture; 24- Classy pancake; 25- Aussie hopper; 28- Daze; 30- To disgrace; 33- Anteroom; 36- Flat slab of wood; 40- Biblical verb ending; 41- Ezio Pinza, for one; 42- Wharf; 45- City SE of Los Angeles; 46- Study of eggs; 51- Equipment; 52- One of the Leeward Islands; 55- Gillette brand; 56- Partiality; 59- Smelting residue; 62- Authenticating mark; 63- Cask wood; 64- Beyond; 65- Cheerio!; 66- \_\_\_\_\_-Foy, Quebec; 67- Broom room; 68- Served perfectly; 69- Compass pt.;

Down

1- Accommodate; 2- Less fatty; 3- Capital of Eritrea; 4- Contributes; 5- Muslim opponent of the Crusaders; 6- Flight of steps; 7- Put off, as an agenda item; 8- Tragedy by Shakespeare; 9- Asian sea; 10- Achy; 11- Boy king; 12- That, in Tijuana; 13- Cartoon dog; 21- DC bigwig; 22- Cochise, for one; 25- Barbecue fare; 26- Change for a five; 27- Other, in Oaxaca; 29- Nucleus of a regiment; 31- Forbidden; 32- Doc bloc; 34- Joined; 35- Airp abbr.; 36- Bill; 37- Old Dodge model; 38- Blind as \_\_\_\_\_; 39- Encouraging word; 43- Filmic; 44- A bit reddish; 47- Back muscle, briefly; 48- Idle; 49- Hulled cracked grain; 50- Federal soldier in the Civil War; 53- Prospect; 54- Pertaining to the small intestine; 56- Career golfers; 57- Ascend; 58- Dressed; 59- Pouch; 6 Half of D; 61- Guadalajara gold;





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DAVE Says

no credit score,  
no mortgage?)



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I've never had a credit card or a bank loan, so I really don't have any established credit. What should I do when it comes to a cell phone contract or establishing utility service? Also, what will happen if I try to get a mortgage loan at some point?

Matthew

Dear Matthew,

There's usually no exception on cell phone contracts or utility service. Chances are you'll have to put up the deposit, and you'll probably get it back in six months or maybe a year from now. I still run into this kind of thing from time to time. It's almost like you don't exist if you don't have debt and a credit rating.

The mortgage lending rules are changing almost daily at this point. Under the current rules, there are two ways to be in a great position to get a home loan. One is to have credit running out of your ears and a huge FICO score. This is pretty stupid when you think about it, but it will get you a home loan almost instantly. The second is to have no credit whatsoever. So, it's really the people in the middle who are feeling the pinch.

When you have no credit, the lender has to do the underwriting themselves. It's something banks used to do, back when they actually had some sense when it came to making loans. They take a look to see if you have a stable job and a decent income. They'll probably want some kind of proof that you pay your bills on time, and this could be as simple as showing them a few electric bills and other receipts to show that you honor your financial commitments.

— Dave

(do I tithe on an inheritance?)

Dear Dave,

My wife is about to receive a sizeable inheritance from her father. Do you think we should tithe on the principal sum that she receives?

Wade

Dear Wade,

To the best of my knowledge, there's no indication in Scripture that you should tithe on an inheritance. It never hurts to give, but I think when it comes to an inheritance, you're talking about something that would be more of an offering than a tithe. I don't think you've got a biblical mandate to tithe on an inheritance.

References to tithing in the Bible seem to me to be connected to money that you earn. In Deuteronomy 28, it says to tithe on your net increase. Now yes, you're increased by an inheritance, but many of these people were herders and lived in an agrarian society. If you had a herd of 100 sheep one year, and two died but seven were born, then you'd have a net increase of five, and you might calculate your tithe on that basis.

It would be the same principle if you owned a small business. Your net profits would be your income, and you would determine your tithe based on that amount.

— Dave

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# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

by AREA STUDENTS  
for AREA STUDENTS

Special reporting on area youth news from students at Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan & Ellsworth High Schools.



## Student Of The Week

### Boyne City High School

## Vanessa Skutt

PARENTS:

Jan Anderson

GRADE: 9th

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Drama, Jazz Band

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Video games, drawing anime, reading books

FUTURE PLANS:

I would like to become a veterinarian and start my own clinic..

STAFF COMMENT:

"Vanessa is always willing to participate in class and add value to our discussions. Keep up the good work Vanessa!" (Michele Deming, Social Studies Teacher)

"Vanessa is a dedicated learner with a perpetually positive attitude who takes responsibility for her work every day." (Aaron Fritzsche, English & German Teacher)

"Vanessa is quickly becoming an outstanding high school musician! She is a great asset to our band and is a wonderful person to be around." (Brandon Ivie, Band Teacher)



## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

## What is known about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome(SIDS)?

**QUESTION:** I have great fear that my baby will die when I put her in her crib. What is known now about sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)? Have researchers figured out what causes these tragic cases where seemingly healthy babies die while sleeping?

**DR. DOBSON:** Sudden infant death syndrome is still a major concern, killing about 2,500 babies each year in the United States alone. We do know more, however, about the circumstances that are often associated with this terrible event. A study was conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission with the collaboration of researchers at the University of Maryland and the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. The results were presented at a meeting of the Society for Pediatric Research in 1996.

The epidemiologist who directed the

investigation, Dr. N.J. Scheers, said, "We have not found a cause of SIDS, but our results show that specific items of bedding used in the U.S., such as comforters and pillows, were associated with an increased risk for death to prone-sleeping infants whose faces became covered, compared to infants on their sides or backs without soft bedding under them."

It was concluded that babies placed on their stomachs in soft bedding are more likely to re-breathe their own carbon dioxide that is trapped in the blankets and pillows around them. In about 30 percent of the 206 SIDS deaths in the research project, babies were found with bedding pressed against their noses and mouths. Most of them were under four months old and could not extricate themselves.

The advice now being offered by doctors is that parents place their infants on their backs, not on their stomachs, and that a minimum amount of loose

bedding be kept in the crib. Experts also recommend that pregnant women avoid smoking for a host of reasons; one of them being that prenatal smoking is a major risk factor for SIDS. In addition, secondhand smoke may also put infants at risk for SIDS. For a number of reasons aside from the danger of SIDS, children should not be exposed to smoke. Following this advice won't eliminate all cases of SIDS, but it could save thousands of lives every year.

Dr. Dobson is founder and Chairman Emeritus of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80995 ([www.focusonthefamily.org](http://www.focusonthefamily.org)). Questions and answers are excerpted from "Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide" and "Bringing Up Boys," both published by Tyndale House. COPYRIGHT 2010 JAMES DOBSON INC. DISTRIBUTED BY UNIVERSAL UCLICK 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, Mo. 64106; (816) 581-7500

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I understand that there is evidence that leads many scientists, veterinarians, and animal observers to believe that there is a breeding population of cougars in the state of Michigan.

I am asking that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) take immediate action to start collecting evidence and try to determine how many cougars are in Michigan and what needs to be done to protect them.

Under the Michigan Endangered Species Act, the Department is to perform

those acts necessary for the conservation, protection, restoration and propagation of endangered and threatened species of fish, wildlife and plants.

By refusing to recognize the evidence presented by citizens of Michigan that cougars do exist in the state, the DNR fails to fulfill its obligation to protect cougars under the Endangered Species Act.

Like most wild animals, cougars will typically avoid any interaction with humans and an attack on a human would be highly unlikely. As this is a known

fact, it's possible the DNR find it unnecessary to educate people in Michigan about the Cougar, or they just find it unnecessary to realize they're there at all. To lose the Cougar in Michigan would be a heartbreaking event, for they are beautiful creatures and tend not to cause the human population any harm. They deserve the protection the DNR can provide just like any big cat, so why aren't they getting it? It's very important to keep the species alive, for to lose such a wondrous creature here in Michigan would be a big blow to us. Those of us who realize they are here

and recognize this injustice for what it is are outraged. Why should the Cougar be ignored just because the DNR do not want to be proven wrong? They are most certainly in Michigan and are being left helpless in a world that could destroy the entire population if they are left ignored on the sidelines.

Thank you for your time. I hope that you will take the steps necessary to protect the cougars.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Burwell



# LSSU issues its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual List of Banished Words

**SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH. –**  
Word "czars" at Lake Superior State University "unfriended" 15 words and phrases and declared them "shovel-ready" for inclusion on the university's 35th annual List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Mis-use, Over-use and General Uselessness.

Former LSSU Public Relations Director Bill Rabe and friends created "word banishment" in 1975 at a New Year's Eve party and released the first list on New Year's Day. Since then, LSSU has received tens of thousands of nominations for the list, which includes words and phrases from marketing, media, education, technology and more.

Here is a sampling of this year's Banished Words;

**TRANSPARENT/TRANSPARENCY**  
*"I can see clearly that this is the new buzzword for the year."* -- Joann Eschenburg, Clinton Twp., Mich.

*"In the lexicon of the political arena, this word is supposed to mean obvious or easily understood. In reality, political transparency is more invisible than obvious!"* -- Deb Larson, Bellaire, Mich.

**TWEET**  
And all of its variations...tweet-aholic, retweet, twitterhea, twitterature, twittersphere...  
Mikhail Swift of Hillman, Mich. says the tweeting is "pointless...yet

*has somehow managed to take the nation by storm. I'm tired of hearing about celebrity X's new tweet, and how great of a tweeter he or she is."*

**SEXTING**  
Sending sexually explicit pictures and text messages through the cell phone.

*"Any dangerous new trend that also happens to have a clever mash-up of words, involves teens, and gets television talk show hosts interested must be banished."* -- Ishmael Daro, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.

**FRIEND AS A VERB**  
Came into popularity through social networking websites. You add someone to your network by "friending" them, or remove them by "unfriending" them.

*"I'm certainly as much of a Facebook addict as the next person, but I'm getting a little weary of 'friending' people and being 'friended' by them. My daughter talks of 'sending friend requests,' which doesn't rankle me as much, so maybe we should all take her lead."* -- John Wetterholt, Crystal Lake, Ill.

*"Befriend" is much more pleasant to the human ear and a perfectly useful word in the dictionary."* -- Kevin K., Morris, Okla.

**IN THESE ECONOMIC TIMES....**  
Nominations concerning the economy started rolling in as the 2009 list was being put together last year, i.e. "bailout." They kept coming this year, in these trouble economic times. "South Park" warned us about what would happen if we angered The Economy.

*"Overused and redundant. Aren't ALL times 'these economic times'?"* -- Barb Stutesman, Three Rivers, Mich.

*"When someone prefaces a statement with 'in this economic climate,' its starts to sound like a sales pitch, or just an excuse on which to blame every problem. And if a letter or e-mail message from your employer starts with this phrase, usually it means you're not getting a raise this year."* -- Dominic, Seattle, Wash.

**STIMULUS**  
*"Everything in the news is about the stimulus packages...it is no longer a grant, it's stimulus money, stimulus checks, etc. I think it is just being over-used."* Teri Heikkila, Rudyard, Mich.

*"What next, can I go down to the local bar and down a few drinks and call it a stimulus package?"* -- Richard Brown, Portland, Ore.

**OBAMA-prefix or roots?**  
The LSSU Word Banishment Committee held out hope that folks w



ould want to Obama-ban Obama-structions, but were surprised that no one Obama-nominated any, such as these compiled by the Oxford Dictionary in 2009: Obama-nomics, Obamanation, Obamafication, Obamacare, Obamalicious, Obamaland....We say Obamanough already.

For this year's full list, and previous year's lists, visit [lssu.edu/banished](http://lssu.edu/banished). The site includes history and a form for submitting words and phrases.

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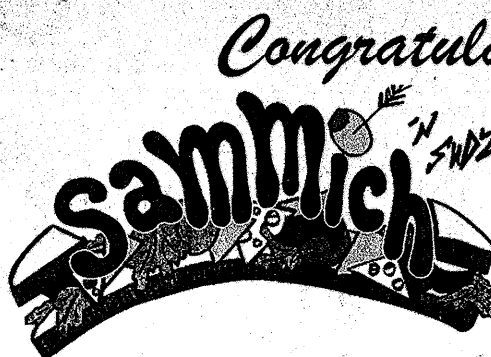
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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Emily Veenstra, Ellsworth

The Lancers' hardworking forward had a monster game Monday in a Northern Lakes Conference victory over host Alba, scoring 20 points with four blocked shots and seven boards. Ellsworth improved to 2-1 in league play and secured a second-place tie in the league standings with the win.



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## BOYS HOOPS

**GAYLORD 57,  
BOYNE CITY 33**

## Ramblers rusty after holiday break

By Mike Dunn

BOYNE CITY — It was the first game back from Christmas break and it looked like it. The Boyne City boys basketball team hosted non-league foe Gaylord on Tuesday and couldn't seem to get untracked in a 57-33 loss.

The Ramblers did some good things defensively in the contest, holding the visitors scoreless for more than six minutes

BELOW: Boyne City senior Evan Orban, left, attempts to drive to the basket Tuesday as Kurtis Dutcher of Gaylord defends. photo by Vic Ruggles



in one stretch in the second half, but the shots just didn't fall. For much of the game, Boyne City's passing wasn't crisp and its shooting found the iron more than the net. The Ramblers trailed 15-7 after one quarter, 34-16 at the half and 47-21 after three quarters.

No one was able to generate double figures in scoring with junior Caleb Roberts leading the way with nine points. Senior Tom Halstead put six on the board while senior Dalton Looze hit for five and guard Evan Orban for three. Talented

sophomore Jay Redman seemed to be surrounded by blue jerseys every time he touched the ball and he was limited to a point from the free throw line.

Junior forward Mike Evans came off the bench and battled hard in the paint and senior Beau Firlik also gave a scrappy effort off the bench.

Boyne City (1-2) has back-to-back games on the road this weekend, first against Lake Michigan Conference foe Charlevoix on Friday and then at Gaylord St. Mary on Saturday in a makeup date.



ABOVE: Boyne City sophomore Jay Redman, left, drew Gaylord defenders like magnets every time he touched the ball Tuesday. Here Kurtis Dutcher impedes Redman's progress to the hole. photo by Mike Dunn

## GIRLS HOOPS

## Veenstra leads Lancers past Alba

Ellsworth now in second-place tie in league standings

By Mike Dunn

ALBA — Emily Veenstra helped the Ellsworth girls to get 2010 off on a winning note on the hardwood Monday, draining the nets for 20 points and also blocking four shots and pulling down seven boards as the Lancers earned an

impressive 65-25 victory over host Alba in Northern Lakes Conference play. With the win, Ellsworth improved to 2-2 overall and 2-1 in the league and moved into a second-place tie in the league standings.

Jalyn Ingalls also helped the Ellsworth cause, making the twine twitch to the tune of 13 points with five rebounds, and Kari Steenwyk notched a double-double with 10 points and 10 boards. Floor general Haley Drenth dished off five assists.

Pianna Windish paced the Wildcats (2-3, 2-1) with 10 points.

Kendra Warner scorched the nets for 18 points to lead the Ellsworth JV to a tense 46-44 victory.

### Harbor Light 56, Boyne Falls 36

HARBOR SPRINGS — Kristen Matelski rang up 16 points and pulled down

15 rebounds for the visiting Loggers and teammate Katie Fraser hit for 11 with seven boards but it wasn't enough against a tough, talented Harbor Light Christian team in Northern Lakes Conference action Monday. The Swordsmen prevailed 56-36 to push their unbeaten record to 4-0 in the league while the Loggers slipped to 2-3 and 1-2.

The Loggers battled back from a 20-8 first-quarter deficit to trim the Harbor Light lead to 10 points, 30-20, by half-time. In the second half, though, the home team gradually pulled away on the scoreboard.

Logan Kleinhenz, a high-impact player for Harbor Light this season, showed up big, scoring 20 to go with 15 boards. Ashley Dominac put 14 on the board with five assists and Elizabeth Britton tallied 11 with 16 rebounds and five assists.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Snowmobile safety class Saturday in Wolverine

WOLVERINE — A Recreational Vehicle Safety Education Class is being offered by the Department of Natural Resources this Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Wolverine Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Larry Amez of the DNR as instructor. The minimum age to attend the class is 12 years old and pre-registration is required, since class size is limited. Those attending should bring two No. 2 pencils and a sack lunch.

For details or to register, contact Larry Amez at (231) 627-3155, ext. 118 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Mike Heilman at (231) 627-3155, ext. 433 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Frozen Foot Race set for Jan. 16

TRAVERSE CITY -- The Frozen Foot Race, a 5-mile road race in Traverse City, will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Eastern Elementary School at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$15 in advance or \$20 on race day and it includes a winter hat.

For more information, call Running Fit at (231) 933-9242 or (231) 932-5401.

### Bigfoot Snowshoe Race is Jan. 23

TRAVERSE CITY -- The Bigfoot Snowshoe Race featuring both 5K and 10K courses will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, at Timber Ridge Nordic Center in Traverse City. Awards will be given to the top five in each age group.

The entry fee is \$15 in advance or \$20 on race day and there is a \$2 discount for USSSA members. For more information, call Running Fit at (231) 933-9242 or (231) 932-5401.

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MOVIE GUIDE



It's Complicated...but Fun!

**STARRING:** Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin, Steve Martin     **RUNNING TIME:** 120 Minutes     **RATED:** R

“Coming of Age” Movie for those Coming of Age

By Jim Akans

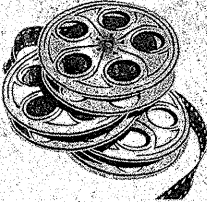
“I’ve always looked forward to growing old together,” laments Jake (aka Alec Baldwin) to his ex-wife Jane (played by Meryl Streep). “Too late,” she laughingly replies, “we already grew old apart.”



It’s an underlying theme in the surprisingly funny film, It’s Complicated, as an aging “boomer” couple, divorced ten years earlier, poke and play with the repercussions of putting things back together that may have been better left apart. Sliding into their late 50’s, the world looks less defined, they are more tolerant of each other’s flaws, the familiar more comforting than confining. So they give their relationship another try. That’s where things get complicated. There are the kids to consider; three of them,

though they aren’t really kids anymore; one is married another is graduating from college, and all still disoriented by their parents divorce. And there is Jake’s new wife, the much younger and much more demanding Agness, and her young son Pedro. Then, while remodeling her home, Jane begins to fall for the architect (played by Steve Martin) designing the project. Yeah, that is complicated. The trick director Nancy Meyers has pulled off with It’s Complicated is to make all this complex madness seem perfectly plausible, and turn it into nearly two hours of fun. Streep, Martin and Baldwin are fun to watch as they effortlessly ply their craft. It’s interesting to see how the situations the characters get into will unfold. And it’s amusing to see circumstances presented on shows such as Gossip Girl or 90210 suddenly seem equally relevant to the lives of the over 50 crowd. It’s Complicated is rated R for sexuality (though no nudity...er...no comment) and a few herbal drug references. Based on the target market the film is so squarely aimed for, the content shouldn’t be too offensive. This is a “coming of age” story of those who first came of age during the 1960’s and 1970’s, grew up and got lost, and now find themselves finding themselves all over again. Life may aspire to be simple, but stir in a relationship or two and suddenly; It’s Complicated

WHICH DID YOU PREFER?



Movie; 80%



Popcorn; 20%

EXIT COMMENTS; “Cute & funny. It’s fun to see older people in these roles,” Mary - Roscommon “Meryl Streep is always good, the gold standard for actresses,” Bob & Dorothy - Mancelona “We haven’t been to a movie in years. Glad we saw this one,” Colleen - Mancelona “Loved it. Kept us laughing,” Nancy – Atlanta & “Patty - Lansing “Would have been just as fine to watch at home, Ed & Vicky – Grayling

AREA MOVIE LISTINGS JANUARY 8-14

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**Avatar- PG13** Starring: Sigourney Weaver, Sam Worthington FRI 6:30, 9:20 SAT 2:00, 6:30, 9:20 SUN 2:00, 6:30 MON-TUES-WED-THURS 6:45

**It's Complicated – R** Starring: Alec Baldwin, Meryl Streep FRI 7:00, 9:15 SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15 MON-TUES-WED 7:00 THURS 7:00, 9:15

**Sherlock Holmes – PG13** Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law FRI 6:45, 9:15 SAT-SUN 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15 MON-TUES-WED 6:45 THURS 6:45, 9:15

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## Two Lake Charlevoix Condos

*A Pair of Great Ways to “Get Away” Up North*

By Jim Akans

Beautiful Lake Charlevoix is a prime northern Lower Michigan destination. It is the third largest lake in the state, embracing over 17,000 acres of crystal blue water with 56 miles of shoreline. It is popular among sports enthusiasts as it offers excellent fishing and recreational boating opportunities, and its gorgeous beaches are wonderful spots for soaking up some sun, or to just relax and absorb the stunning views.

These two Lake Charlevoix condominiums near the community of East Jordan offer extraordinary opportunities to enjoy a lifestyle like no other in northern Michigan.

Priced at \$190,000 - the first property is located at Shoreline Condominiums, which is near the Swan Valley Marina just a few miles north of East Jordan on South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. Residents share 137 feet of lake frontage that includes a private thirty foot dock, all directly behind the condominium.

With nearly 2,300 square feet of living area inside, there is plenty of well designed space on three levels, including three bedrooms and four full baths – a particularly important feature when guests stop by for a visit.

The main level is highlighted by an open kitchen, dining and living area, all with spectacular views of the lake. The living room has a corner, gas-fed fireplace and offers access to an open, outdoor deck guaranteed to provide countless hours of three-season leisure.

The lower level has a large family room that accesses an outdoor patio, and a convenient laundry/utility room. Three bedrooms, including a luxurious master suite, are located on the upper level.

The second offering is priced at \$469,900 and is located at Hemmingway Point, which is approximately 10 miles outside of East Jordan, and about the same distance from Boyne City.

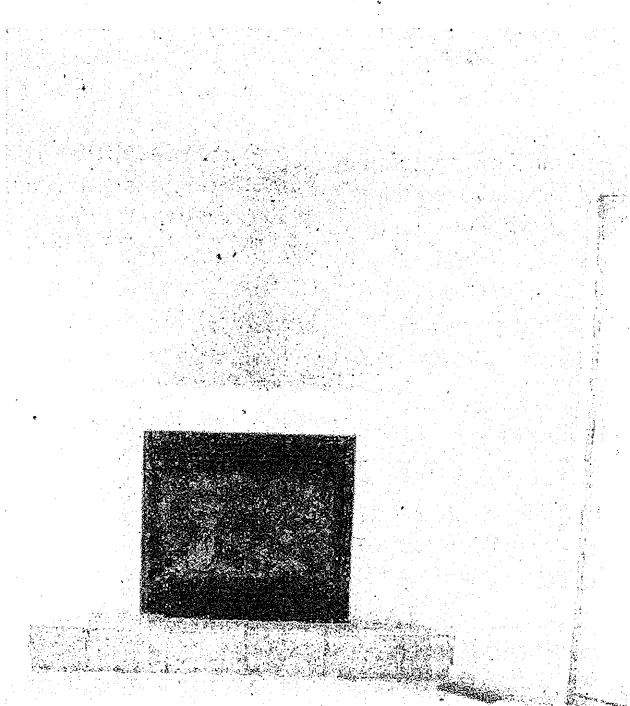
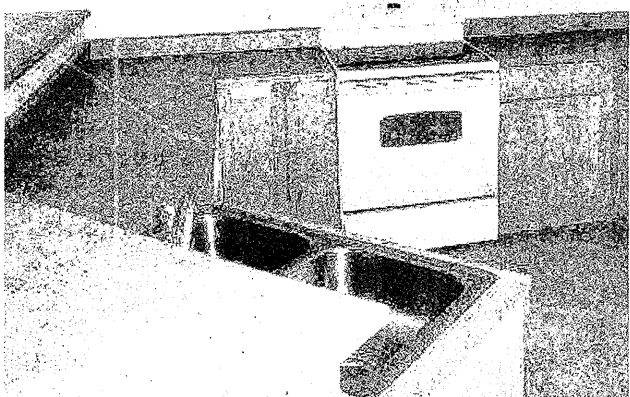
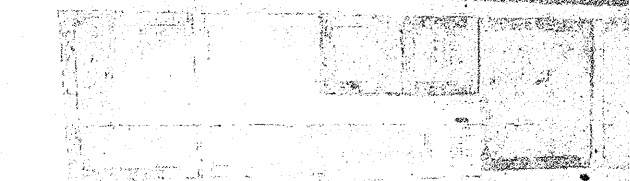
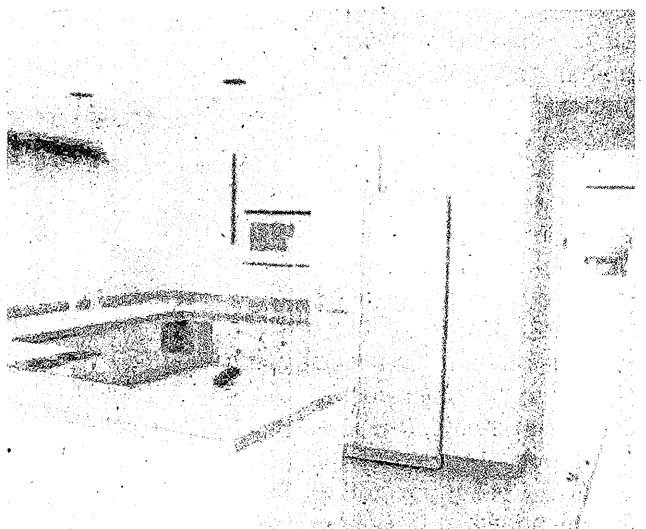
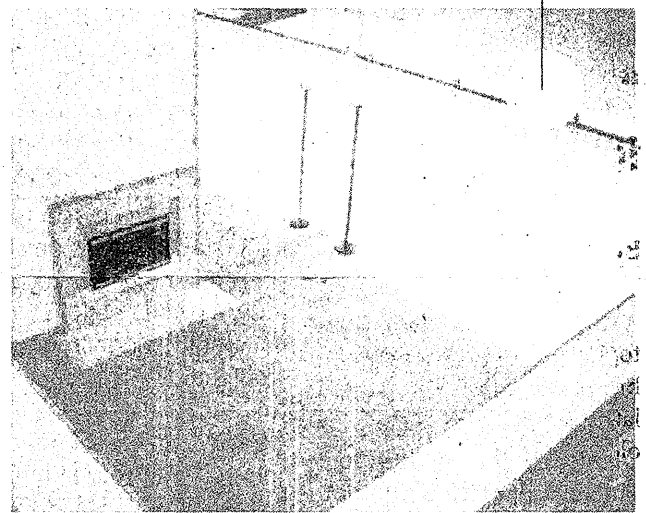
This is a “stand-alone” condominium with an attached two-car garage, combining the privacy of a traditional home with a condo lifestyle that leaves outdoor maintenance behind. This particular unit has breathtaking lake views from nearly every room, beautiful curb appeal with a contemporary flair, and nearly 2,200 square feet of light and airy two-level interior design.

The floor plan includes three bedrooms, a main level master suite and two on the second level, plus two-and-a-half baths. The open kitchen, dining and living room area is truly a highlight of the home. The kitchen is bright and cheerful, with white cabinetry and white appliance finishes, providing an alluring spot for preparing meals or gathering with family and friends.

The adjoining living room has a dramatic cathedral ceiling that extends to a second story overlook. The room is anchored by a magnificent fireplace with custom surround. Sliding glass doors placed across the rear façade provide spectacular views from indoors, as well as access to two decks (one with a hot tub) for enjoying this outstanding outdoor setting.

And, Hemmingway point offers a wide array of amenities for residents to enjoy, including a swimming pool and waterfront privileges.

For more information or to arrange for a tour of either of these condominiums, please call Sara Schroeder at 231-536-1400 or email at [bluewaterrealty@torchlake.com](mailto:bluewaterrealty@torchlake.com)



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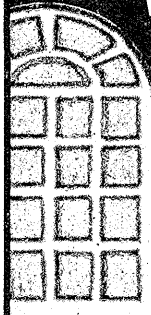
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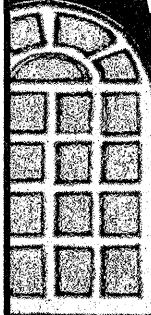
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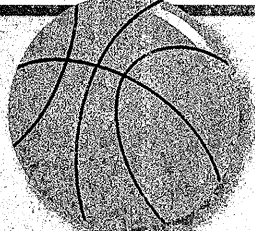
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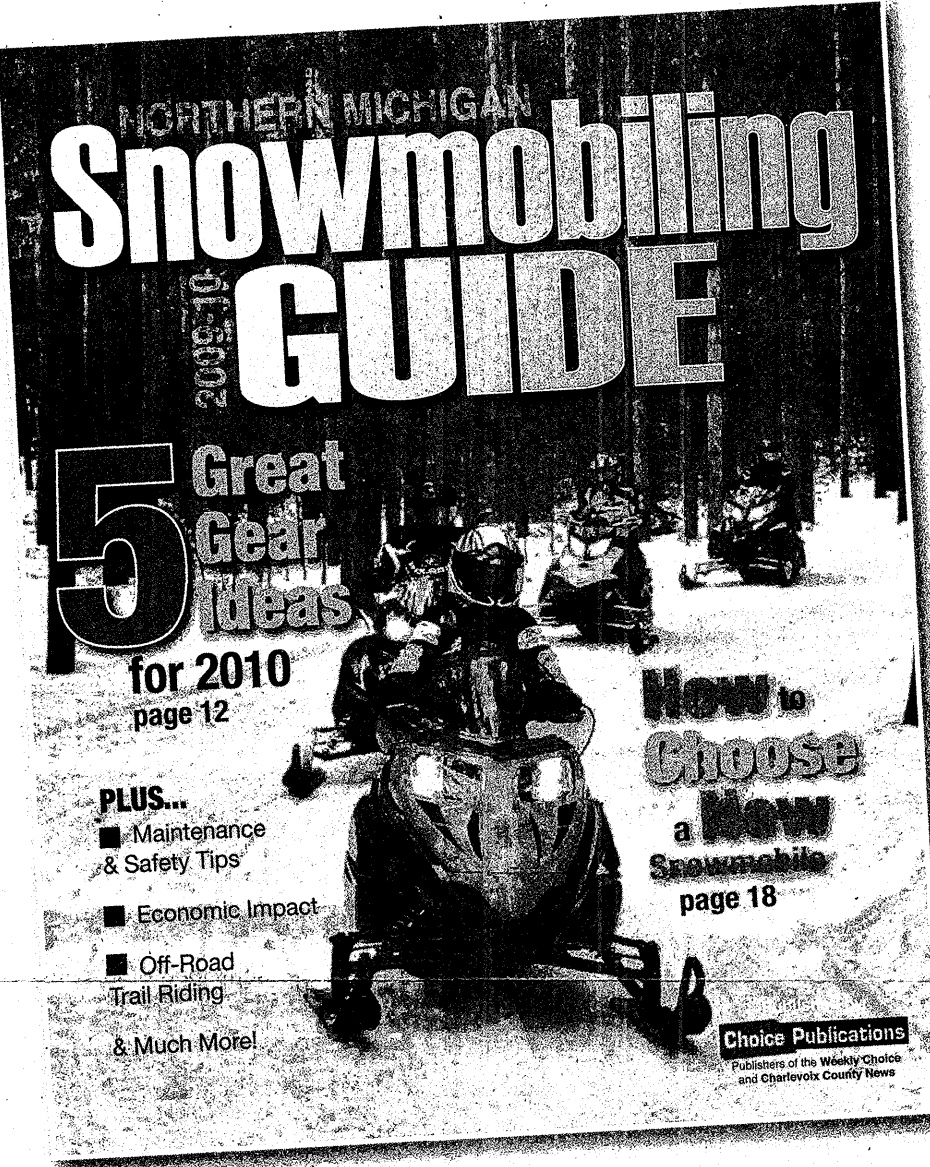
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Boyne Mountain, in the midst of celebrating its 60th year in the ski business, celebrated New Years Eve on Thursday night with the traditional torch light parade and fireworks. The number 10, signifying the year 2010, shines brightly from the Hemlock slope. Photo by Vic Ruggles

## REMEMBER WHEN

### THE YEAR 1909

**My. How things have changed in the past 100 years.**

What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1909:

The average life expectancy was 47 years.

Fuel for automobiles was sold in drug stores only

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage in 1909 was 22 cents per hour.

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.

Ninety percent of all doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.'

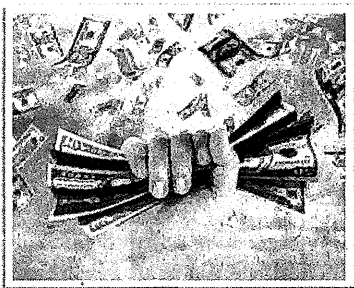
Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A.

Plus one more thought; 95 percent of the taxes we have now did not exist in 1909

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