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FIBER-OPTIC BROADBAND COMING TO BOYNE CITY

By B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY – Broadband is coming and Boyne City is getting ready for it by thinking of offices and facilities that would benefit from it.

The Boyne District Library, the former Middle School building that now houses the school district's administration offices, and City Hall are three places mentioned

by city manager Michael Cain at a meeting of city commissioners on Tuesday, March 23.

Broadband refers to telecommunication in which a wide band of frequencies are available to transmit information at a high speed.

Cain said he had a meeting with Merit Networks, the company that will bring broadband to the area.

"They hope to construct it by summer," Cain said.

The commission also took up the topic of Old City Park, in particular an update and modification. The modification is necessary because the city is building two ramps and one of the ramps had the wrong grade.

"It's (the modification) very similar to the

original design," Larry Fox of C2ae Company told commissioners.

"The contractor will remove the existing ramp and put in a new one. The cost will be split between the contractor and C2ae."

The mistake was not the fault of the city and no costs will be paid by the city to correct the mistake. However, now that grading of the ramp

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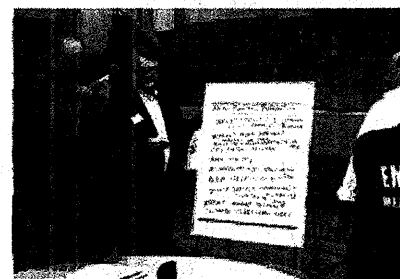


PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

Tom Teske, of the Downtown Development Association, takes suggestions from a group regarding attracting new business to the East Jordan community.

EAST JORDAN CITIZENS LOOK FORWARD

City Invites Community to Goal Setting Session Last Wednesday Evening

By Jim Akans

Approximately fifty East Jordan citizens and several city officials, gathered at the Civic Center last Wednesday evening to brainstorm about challenges the city is facing, existing opportunities that can be enhanced, and explore ideas to achieve the goals that were identified. The last time the city held a community-wide goal setting session like this was back in 1994.

The two-hour meeting was directed by Andy Hayes of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, who guided the participants as they split into eight groups and spent most of the first hour identifying the challenges and opportunities they felt were most important to the future of the city. Each group then prioritized their ideas, and the top three items from each group were posted on the wall.

After a short mid-meeting break, which included some delicious snacks, each of the attendees scanned the top twenty-four suggestions that had been gathered, and marked which ones they felt were the three top challenges or opportunities for the city. The seven ideas receiving the most overall votes from the crowd were;

- Attracting new businesses
- Economic development
- Building a new Fire and EMS facility
- Pursuing the enhancement of the Main Street Program
- Addressing a lack of lodging for visitors
- Hiring a full-time Fire Chief
- Promoting community pride

As the meeting drew to a close, participants shared their ideas about ways to address these challenges and oppor-

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INSIDE...

Lake Michigan Conference Teams Named



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Senior forward Maddie Moeke was Boyne City's leading scorer this season and one of 5 Area Girls Basketball players to be elected to the Lake Michigan Conference First Team.

Hospice Names New Director



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Cheryl Hoffman is the new Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan. 5 Tips for decreasing the cost of caring for elderly parents.

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The pines may have some new competition...a sign that things really are warming up in Northern Michigan this year

A Sign That Things Are Warming Up

Could an Age-Old Tropical Symbol be Sprouting in Da Nort?

By Jamaican Again

This year's mild winter and early spring may be bringing more than lots of satisfied grins to the faces of Northern Michiganders. DNR officials in several northern Lower Michigan counties have stumbled across an amazing discovery while making their annual spring rounds.

It seems that nestled alongside pine

saplings, several species of Arecaceae, Palmae, or the more commonly called, Palm tree have been making their first ever appearance in northern Michigan forests.

"It's the strangest thing," observed a startled Forest Service employee in Charlevoix County. "The snows receded earlier than usual this year, so we began surveying forests about a month before we typically do. At first, I was surprised

by the number of pine saplings this year, but on closer inspection, I noticed about half of those saplings were actually palm trees."

Chamaecrops humilis and Rhopalosyrilis sapida to be exact. These are the most hardy of palm species, having been found at latitudes reaching 44 degrees north in areas of France and 44 degrees south on the Chatham Islands. So with the moderating temperatures and extraordi-



nary growing conditions throughout Charlevoix, Antrim, Emmet, Cheboygan,

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7 day weather forecast



Thursday
 High 74, low 46
 S wind 9mph



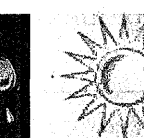
Friday
 High 80, low 50
 SSW wind 11mph



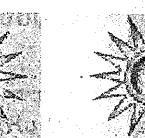
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 SSE wind 10mph



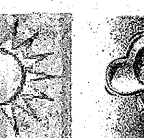
Sunday
 High 58, low 32
 WSW wind 14mph



Monday
 High 52, low 35
 WSW wind 12mph



Tuesday
 High 56, low 40
 SE wind 8mph



Wednesday
 High 56, low 37
 SE wind 12mph

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tunities, such as promoting the industrial park to attract businesses, hiring a manager for the Main Street program, encouraging vendors and merchants to sell products during the Main Street events, or seeking an anchor store for the downtown.

Later this week, a full report will be available at East Jordan City Hall, detailing of all of the challenges and opportunities uncovered during the session, as well as suggestions to address those issues as proposed by the attendees. This report will also be provided to the city council at the April 6th meeting for their review.

At the end of the session, Interim City Administrator, Denny Jason and Andy Hayes thanked all those in attendance for being a part of this important step toward helping the city identify future needs. Andy Hayes closed by saying, "just don't wait another sixteen years to do this again!"

Broadband

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needs work, some citizens voiced their preferences.

"My big concern is the way it comes around and the closeness to the tree roots," citizen Nancy Cunningham said. "I wondered if you couldn't zigzag. That would make it better for water washing down the path and it would give people a place to pause, she said.

Fox jumped on Cunningham's remarks.

"There is a possibility that we could do a serpentine design but it would be more costly. But if you'd like us to look at this and see what the cost difference is and go from there," Fox said.

Commissioner Laura Sansom said she would like to see the other option staked out so she could walk down and see what it looks like. Commissioners Ron Grunch and Chuck Vondra agreed and directed staff to take action on getting it staked out.

Warming Up?

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Otsego, Crawford and Montmorency Counties, it's not that much of a surprise that certain species of Palm have extended up to and above the 45th Parallel.

"It's hard to identify exactly how the seeds for these varieties arrived in northern Michigan," noted a DNR official from Otsego County. "Could have been brought back by residents who traveled south over the winter, may have been part of an avian migratory pattern last year, or maybe they have been dormant in the forest floor for eons and now conditions are favorable for their growth. Who knows?"

"What we do know," the official continued, "is that left unchecked, and with the right weather conditions, northern Lower Michigan could end up looking like the set from Gilligan's Island when this is all over. This is something we should pay very close attention to. Maybe the deer will eat them."

Regardless, palm trees in Northern Michigan are surely a sign that things are warming up nicely around here, or that an early spring is a prime target for April Fools.

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Boyne City Police Dept.
Incident Report

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

5:49pmReport of medications stolen from residence in the 600 block of Jefferson St.
8:28pmResponded to request to unlock vehicle. Vehicle was gone on arrival.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

7:45amPrivate Property Damage accident in the 600 block of W Main St
8:06amRequest for VIN Inspection in the Industrial Park.....
3:42pmReport of unlicensed driver driving into town. Unable to locate
7:23pmUnlock in the 800 block of S Park St
8:12pmReport of possible trespass in the 300 block of E Division St
8:31pmSkateboard reported stolen in the 400 block of N Lake St

Thursday, March 25, 2010

7:06amCitation issued for expired plate
9:07amPerson in to report suspicious activity in the 100 block of S Lake St
10:38amPerson in to report fraudulent withdrawals from his checking account
10:49am .Salvage vehicle inspection
1:43pm911 hang up call from the 200 block of N Park St. All OK
3:45pm2 vehicle private property accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
5:26pmUnlock in the 300 block of North St
11:41pmReport of barking dog in the 400 block of Clark St

Friday, March 26, 2010
2:26pmUnlocked vehicle in the 300 block of E Division St
3:04pm911 hang up call from the 200 block of N Park St. all OK
2:20pmPerson reports being stalked by subject
4:40pmReport of dirt bike passing carelessly in the vicinity of Brown St. Unable to locate.
5:54pmReport of 2 twelve year olds fighting along river walk.
9:02pmReport of van load of kids driving recklessly on Jefferson St and trying to hit deer.
9:31pmJuvenile shoplifter detained in the 200 block of S Lake St
9:12pmreport of suspicious person in the 300 block of Silver St

Saturday, March 27, 2010

12:44pmAssist citizen with unlock in the 300 block of N Lake St
4:43pmCitizen reported kids throwing her shoe in river. Unable to locate.
5:45pmNoise complaint coming from the 900 block of Second St. Advised to turn it down.

Sunday, March 28, 2010

1:00pmResponded to unlock in the 800 block of S Park St
1:48pmResponded to trespassing complaint on Jefferson St. Subject was gone.
7:36pmCitizen calling ref someone distributing private information about son.
9:38pm.Lodged a dog at the shelter

POLICE BEAT

Monday, March 29, 2010...

1:07am..... Citizen calling from the 200 block of w Cedar. Thought he heard someone in his home. Home was secure.
12:25pmReceived bad check complaint from the 400 block of N Lake St
2:47pmReport of van driving recklessly on Jefferson near Collings Streets.
3:13pmSubject in to report damage to her vehicle while parked in the 300 block of S Lake St.
3:15pmReport of truck improperly parked in the 400 block of N Lake St
5:30 pmreport of dirt bike running up and down Poplar St. Unable to locate.
5:52pm Juvenile in 400 block of N Lake St trying to get ride to East Jordan. Was gone on arrival.
9:25pmReport of older citizen in wheelchair on Boyne Avenue trying to get to Park St.

East Jordan Police Dept.
Incident Report

March 19, 2010

05:37 – Assist EMS at residence on Third St
11:49 – Civil Dispute
13:30 – Public Relations at Elementary School
14:40 – Assist Antrim County Sheriff Dept
14:42 – Assist Cheboygan County Sheriff Dept
15:10 – Assist Citizen at Rotary Skate Park
15:14 – Driving violation on Third St near Williams St
17:45 – Assist citizen at PD
19:10 – Private Property Accident on Bridge St
19:55 – Parking violation on Main St near Garfield St
20:25 – Malicious Destruction of Property on Water St
21:30 – Assisted Parks Dept
21:35 – Assisted Parks Dept
21:55 – Suspicious situation on Downing St
22:12 – Traffic stop on Water St near Elizabeth St for excessive speed

March 20, 2010

02:21 – Traffic stop on Spring St near Esterly St for OWI 1st, Carrying Concealed Weapon and Possession of Firearm While Intoxicated
09:55 – Assisted Parks Dept
10:00 – Assisted Parks Dept
10:25 – Report of harassing communication
11:55- Assist w/traffic control on S M-66 and Rogers Rd for funeral procession
18:41 – Report of threats at residence
20:50 – Verbal domestic
21:11 – Assisted Parks Dept
21:15 – Assisted Parks Dept

March 21, 2010

03:39 – Report of alarm in area of S Lake and Water St
07:25 – Assisted Parks Dept
07:35 – Assisted Parks Dept
18:41 – Report of dog running at large
19:00 – Assist citizen
21:51 – Report of domestic dispute

March 22, 2010

01:00 – Assisted Parks Dept
01:30 – Assisted Parks Dept
15:45 – Report of driving complaint on Elm St near Porter St
16:45 – Report of vehicle stolen from residence on Sunset St
18:05 – Assist citizen with property check
21:15 – Assisted Parks Dept
21:25 – Assisted Parks Dept

23:18 – Public Peace disturbance on Maple St
23:59 – Public Peace disturbance on Erie St
09:54 – Property damage accident on Elm St near State St
15:20 – Suspicious situation on Seventh St

March 23, 2010

09:54 – Property damage accident on Elm St near State St
15:20 – Suspicious situation on Seventh St

March 24, 2010

08:24 – Property found on Echo St
11:16 – Larceny of paddle boat
11:44 – Suspicious situation
Did 10 liquor inspections
14:39 – Assist citizen on Williams St
15:15 – Report of vehicle passing school bus
22:51 - 911 hang up from residence

March 25, 2010

06:35 – Suspicious situation
10:12 – Report of Criminal Sexual Conduct
11:24 – Larceny from locker at High School
11:44 – Fraudulent Activity at business
12:47 – Assist citizen on Echo St near Water St
15:18 – Report of suspicious subjects at business
18:55 – Report of alarm at business
20:55 – Assisted Parks Dept
21:05 – Assisted Parks Dept
21:00 – Traffic stop on Bridge St near Water St for defective headlight

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department

March 22-28, 2010

COMPLAINT NUMBER HANDLED	911 Hang Up Call
3.....	
Abandoned Vehicle	-
Abuse	-
Alarm.....	3
Animal Complaint	23
Assault	2
Assist Motorist	3
Assist Other Agency	7
Attempt to Locate.....	3
Attempted Suicide.....	-
Breaking & Entering	2
Car/Deer Accident	5
Citations Issued	20
Civil Complaint.....	4
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....	-
Disturbance	1
Domestic Dispute	1
Driving Complaint.....	-
Fraud.....	4
Found Property	-
Health & Safety	1
Hit & Run	-
Juvenile.....	3
Larceny	1
Lockout.....	11
Lost Property.....	-
Malicious Destruction of Property ..	2
Mental Subject	-
Miscellaneous Criminal	-
Noise Complaint	3
Operating Under the Influence.....	-
Paper Service	20
Personal Injury Accident	-
Private Property Accident.....	2
Property Check.....	11
Property Damage Accident	4
Road Hazard.....	1
Snowmobile Accident	-
Snowmobile Violation.....	-
Suspicious Situation	7
Traffic Stop.....	57
Trespassing.....	3
Unknown Accident	1
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....	-
Vehicle in the Ditch.....	-
Violation of a Controlled Substance Act	4
Assist Citizen	3
Bank Alarm.....	-
Disorderly Person.....	-
DNR Complaint	-
Intoxicated Person	-
Threat.....	1
Annoyance.....	3
Miscellaneous Complaint	2

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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City of Charlevoix May Terminate Fire and EMS Contracts with Some Townships Only Eveline has Renewed Agreement Thus Far

By Jim Akans

May 1st is the deadline for executing new agreements between the City of Charlevoix and four surrounding townships: Charlevoix, Hayes, Marion and Norwood, to avoid interruption of the city continuing to provide fire and/or EMS services. Eveline Township, however, has submitted an agreement to extend the fire and EMS services they currently utilize from the City.

At a special City Council meeting held on March 24th, it was decided that a letter would be sent out to the other Townships affirming that services under existing agreements would only continue through April 30th, 2010. Officials from the townships chose not to attend this special meeting held last Wednesday evening.

Currently, Charlevoix Township has its own fire department and contracts EMS service with the City of Charlevoix. Hayes Township also contracts EMS services with the City, and fire service with Charlevoix Township. Eveline, Marion and Norwood contract both EMS and fire service with the City of Charlevoix.

Initial discussions between City and Township officials regarding the upcoming April 30th, 2010 expiration of

existing agreements for fire and EMS services began nearly a year ago. In recent discussions, Township officials have expressed concern over the term length of the proposed renewal agreements, and the substantial increase in the proposed fees for fire and/or EMS services.

In a letter dated March 25th, 2010, sent to each of the supervisors representing Townships that have not renewed their agreements, Charlevoix Mayor, Norman L. Carlson, Jr. states; "These are difficult economic times for all levels of government and the City Council has given Staff a strong mandate to negotiate a new contract based on terms that are fair to all parties. Please note that the new contract offers the townships input into the budgeting aspects of the fire department so that everyone is satisfied that they are receiving quality fire/EMS services in a cost-effective manner."

Only Eveline Township has proposed to renew their agreement with the City, and that is for a period of one year. Approval of that contract will be up for consideration at the City Council's next meeting which is scheduled for April 5th.



EGG HUNT

Gather the Kids and Head for one of these Egg-Hunting Spots on Saturday

By Jim Akans

The weather forecast is; sunny with temperatures in the mid-70's. That's perfect hunting conditions for children eager to join their fellow Easter Egg hunters at one of the following locations starting this Saturday, April 3rd

Boyer City - There are two opportunities for Easter Egg hunters. On April 3rd, Young State Park will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 11 am for children

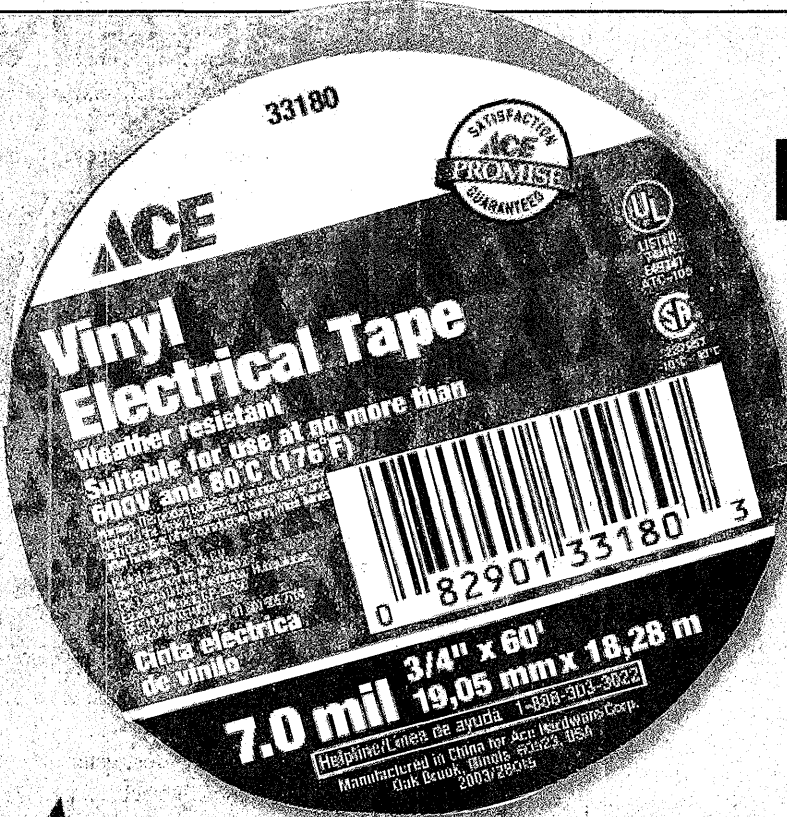
ages 1 thru 10. After the hunt, a bonfire and refreshments featuring hot cocoa and cookies is planned. There is also an Easter Egg Hunt scheduled at Veterans Parks starting at 2 pm on April 4th, open to those ages 12 and under.

Charlevoix - The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, at 2pm in East Park. Children will be divided into three different age categories before the hunt begins, and then they will search for 5000 hidden eggs with special prizes inside!

East Jordan - The East Jordan Lions Club is sponsoring an Easter Fun and Games event at the East Jordan High School this Saturday, April 3rd, with sign-up starting at 9 am and games beginning at 10 am. Then, the Grandvue Medical Facility is hosting an Easter Egg hunt at their facility that will start at 2 pm. It is open to kids ages 12 and under, and they are reminded to bring their own Easter Basket to the hunt.

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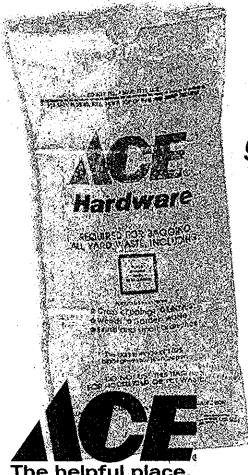


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BAUMANN EXPLORING CANDIDACY

Jim Baumann (D), Executive Director of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, is considering running for office. Sources close to Baumann say he has his eye on a statewide office but may begin with a local office first.

"It appears that the office of Drain Commissioner might be the type of position that can serve as a springboard for higher office" according to local political experts.

Baumann was overheard at a recent Rotary Club meeting bragging about the growth and prosperity Boyne City has enjoyed during these difficult economic conditions throughout the state of Michigan. "Boyne City's economic condition is much better than most cities in Michigan," Baumann said. "The attitude of the people that live here and the vision of business owners could serve as a model for the rest of the state."

When the County News asked Baumann about his intention to run for office he replied that some community leaders are forming an exploratory committee.

Word around town is that if Baumann decides to run for office that he may face competition from local celebrity, Mart Moody. More details are expected to be announced on April 1, April Fool's Day.



Jim Baumann

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD MEETING Commission Awards Roadwork Bid for Boyne City-Charlevoix Road Project

By Jim Akans

At the March 24th meeting, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners awarded asphalt production and construction services company, Payne & Dolan, the roadwork bid for a portion of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road Rehabilitation project. Bids for the work had been received at the Charlevoix County Road Commission office in Boyne City and were opened and reviewed on March 17th of this year.

Payne & Dolan submitted the most competitive bid for the roadwork, coming in at just under \$875,000 for project. Funding for the project will be obtained from the County Road Millage Fund. All six commissioners present at last Wednesday's meeting approved the motion to award the bid to Payne & Dolan.

The Board of Commissioners also authorized the Charlevoix Commission on Aging (COA) to increase their 2010 allocation to MSU Extension from the \$2,500 to \$3,000. As part of the Farmer's Market Nutritional Education Program, MSU Extension has developed Senior Project Fresh; a program designed to help limited-income seniors obtain fresh fruits and vegetables. MSU would like to expand this program in 2010 due to increasing enrollment, and requested the additional monetary commitment from the COA for 2010.

In other COA developments, the Commissioners unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and appointed Jack Messer to the position of Commission on Aging Executive Director effective March 29th, 2010.

In recognition of those who have dedicated their time to Senior Centers in the Beaver Island, Boyne, Charlevoix and East Jordan areas, the Board of Commissioners commended the hard work and continued commitment of the many volunteers who have provided senior citizens with the services and respect that they deserve. Those include offering the senior community such classes and services ranging from bus trips to live music performances, as well as meal services, fitness classes and more.

A full briefing of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners March 24th meeting is available on the Charlevoix County web site at www.charlevoixcounty.org.



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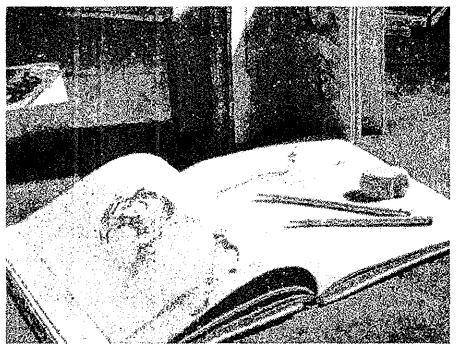
A two-hour art workshop is set for this Saturday, April 3, and next Saturday as well as the first two Saturdays in May at Freshwater Studio in Boyne City.

Art workshops scheduled

BOYNE CITY – Art workshops have been scheduled for four Saturdays, two in April and two in May, at Freshwater Studio in Boyne City.

The first two workshops, set for April 3 and 10, focus on drawing and watercolors and the second two workshops, May 1 and 8, focus on painting and print making. Each workshop goes from 10 a.m. to noon and Freshwater Studio, located at 217 South Lake Street.

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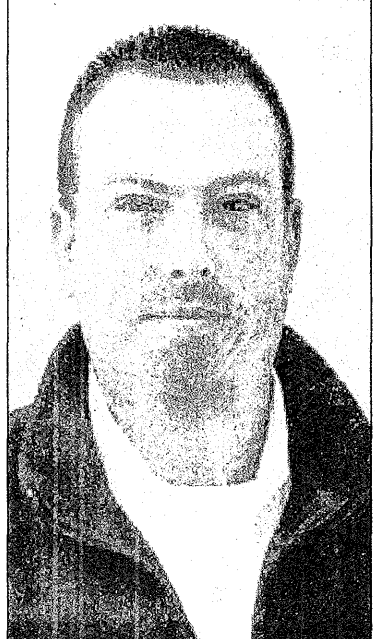
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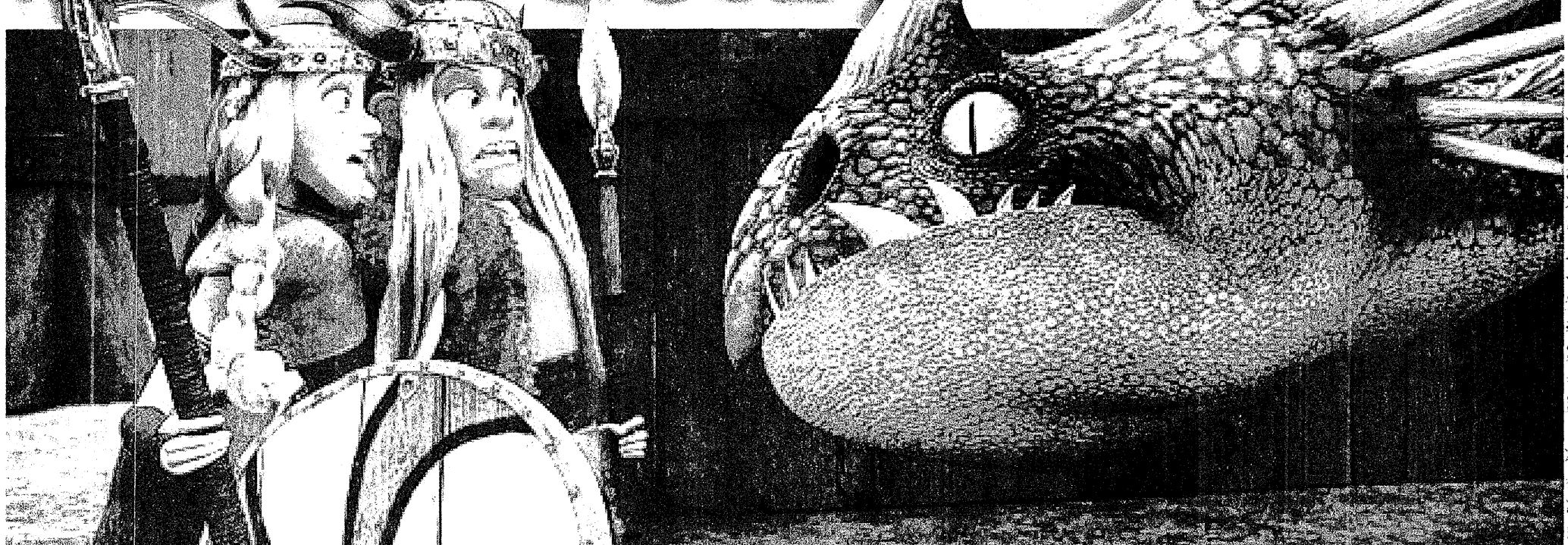


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Jonah Hill

RUNNING TIME: 98 min.

RATED: PG

MOVIE REVIEW

By Jim Akans

It can be difficult growing up in the shadow of a powerful father, especially one who happens to be a

Viking ruler, leading his village through an ongoing battle with a mighty army of dragons that seem relentless in their quest to eliminate every inhabitant of the seaside town of Berk.

Yet this is the onus of young, pint-sized Hiccup, who much to the disappointment of his enormous father, Stoick the Vast, can't seem to do anything right when it comes to carrying on the family tradition of dragon-slaying. But after Hiccup takes a pot-luck shot at one of the most dangerous breeds of dragons, a legendary fire-breather called Night Fury, his world takes an unexpected spin.

DreamWorks Animation's *How to Train Your Dragon* is loosely based on a novel by British author, Cressida Cowell, who also wrote a popular series of other dragon adventures. Under DreamWorks expertise, a studio also responsible for such wildly popular films as *Shrek*, *Madagascar* and *Kung Fu Panda*; *How to Train Your Dragon* positively rocks in the animation department. While I did not see the 3-D presentation (though I hear it's terrific), the characters and scenery were bright, colorful and well detailed, and there's plenty of action on the screen to keep younger audiences firmly engaged during the movie's 98 minute

run time.

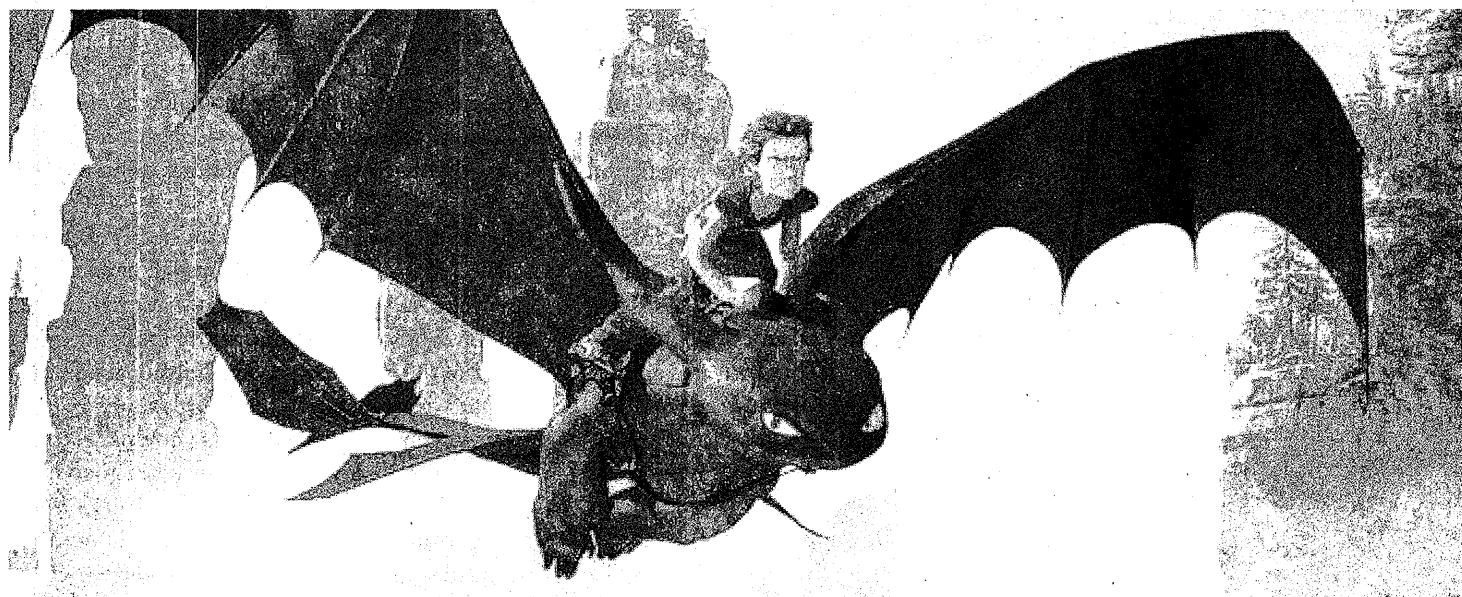
Equally engaging is the story's timeless and always refreshing message that despite well-intended beliefs to the contrary, we are all very much the same.

Hiccup initially confronts the terrible Night Fury beast as a mortal enemy, yet the seemingly hapless young lad possesses one of life's most powerful tools; the capacity for empathy. Using his gift of patient understanding and acceptance, Hiccup learns that you're never too young to make a difference in this world (a comment I heard from a young audience member after the show).

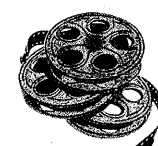
How to Train Your Dragon is

rated PG for occasional action sequences that may be a bit scary for the very young, yet the showing I attended included kids (and adults) of every age, and everyone had a wonderful time.

This is a delightful fantasy film that embraces a great vocal cast under the skillful guidance of a production studio well-seasoned in the craft of making animated tales come to life. Watching *How to Train Your Dragon* may end up teaching all who see it a little more about ourselves and our perceptions of the world around us.



WHICH DID YOU PREFER?



Movie;
95%



Popcorn;
5%

EXIT COMMENTS:

"Really good with lots of action, and liked the music," Logan, Dalton & Billy - Johannesburg

"Liked the whole movie and it is a great story," Ryan & Tyler - Roscommon

"I liked the big, scary dragon," Connor - Bellaire

"Good moral context and excellent animation," Tom - Mio

"Looked like 3-D even without the glasses," Emma - Chicago

AREA MOVIE LISTINGS April 2-8

Gaylord Cinema West

Clash of the Titans - PG13

Starring: Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson
FRI 7:00, 9:00
SAT THRU THURS 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

The Bounty Hunter- PG13

Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler
FRI 7:00, 9:00
SAT THRU THURS 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Diary of a Wimpy Kid- PG

Starring: Zachary Gordon, Steve Zahn
FRI 7:00, 9:00
SAT THRU THURS 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

How to Train Your Dragon - PG

Starring: Voices of Gerard Butler, Jonah Hill
FRI 7:00, 9:00
SAT THRU THURS 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Alice in Wonderland- PG

Starring: Johnny Depp
FRI 7:00, 9:00
SAT THRU THURS 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

The Last Song- PG

Starring: Miley Cyrus
FRI 7:00, 9:00
SAT THRU THURS 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Kingston Theatre,

The Bounty Hunter- PG13

Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler
FRI 7:00, 9:15
SAT 1:00, 3:15, 7:00, 9:15
SUN 3:15, 7:00
MON-TUES-WED 1:00, 3:15, 7:00
THURS 7:00, 9:15

How to Train Your Dragon - PG

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THURS 7:00, 9:00

Petoskey Cinema,

She's Out of my League- R

Starring: Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve
NIGHTLY 12:00, 5:00, 7:00

Shutter Island- R

Starring: Michelle Williams, Leonardo DiCaprio
NIGHTLY 2:00, 9:00

Clash of the Titans - PG13

Starring: Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson
NIGHTLY 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Hot Tub Time Machine - R

Starring: John Cusack, Clark Duke
NIGHTLY 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

How to Train Your Dragon - PG

Starring: Voices of Gerard Butler, Jonah Hill
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Bellaire Theatre

How to Train Your Dragon - PG

Starring: Voices of Gerard Butler, Jonah Hill
Nightly at 7:00

Green Zone- R

Starring: Matt Damon
Nightly at 7:00

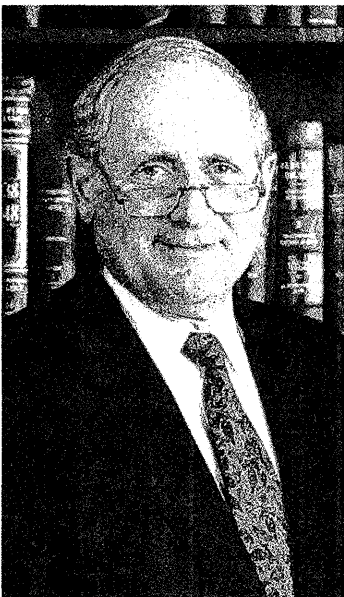
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Senator Carl Levin Comments on Health Care Reform Legislation

On Thursday, March 25, the Senate passed important health care reform legislation.

This bill, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (H.R.4872), is the second and final step by Congress and the president to enact necessary health care reform measures. This legislation now must be approved by the House of Representatives, which will likely occur Thursday evening, and signed into law by President Obama. The first step in this process, the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L.111-148), took place earlier this week. Together, this landmark package will vastly improve access to and the affordability of health care for millions of Americans.

President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law this past Tuesday. Immediately, small businesses got a tax cut to help defray the costs of providing insurance to their employees. Within three months, people with pre-existing conditions will have access to a special fund to help cover the gap until insurance exchanges, where they can obtain coverage, become operational. And retiree health plans will qualify for a reinsurance program to help lower costs. In October, the federal government will begin helping states set up agencies to help consumers choose new health plans or to challenge unfair decisions by their current insurance plan. Eventually, these agencies will assist consumers enrolling in the insurance exchanges where millions of people will find dependable coverage that meets minimum quality standards at a price they are more likely to afford. Within six months, insurance reforms will begin to take hold. New health plans will be required to let women see an ob-gyn without seeking insurance company approval. They will be prohibited from denying coverage to children based on pre-existing conditions and required to allow children to remain on their parents' policies until age 26. Health plans will have to provide preventive care without co-pays or deductibles, and they will be barred from setting lifetime coverage limits. These are historic improvements in our health care system, and they will take place within the first six months after the enactment of this legislation. With the passage of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (H.R.4872) further improvements to the health care reform bill were



Michigan Senator Carl Levin

made, improvements that many called for so loudly during our December debate. Among other measures, this reconciliation bill will provide equitable Medicaid funding for all states, instead of a select few, will close the Medicare prescription drug "doughnut hole" that hurts so many seniors, and will cut the deficit by an additional \$143 billion dollars. In one sense, the health care debate that came to a close this week has been going on for more than a year. But in another sense, it has been going on for a century. Presidents and members of Congress from both parties, seeing health care costs continually rise, have grappled with this issue ever since President Theodore Roosevelt. Yet, attempts at reform have largely fallen short. They have foundered for many reasons: the subject is personal and complex; the timing has been wrong; the politics have been difficult; and leaders on all sides have failed to find the compromises that would have enabled them to move forward. But, the recurring theme is that time and again, reformers have failed to overcome the enormous obstacles that those who profit from the status quo have been able to erect. And because we have fallen short in the past, Americans today face a health care system that costs too much and too often delivers too little.

The health insurance industry has dominated health care decisions in this country for too long. I voted in favor of this historic legislation to finish the task of bringing landmark change to health care in America.

Sincerely,
Carl Levin
(Friday, March 26th, 2010)



How Your Diet Affects the Hair

Philip Nicosia

There's more to healthy hair than putting products on your head; you also have to watch what you put in your mouth. You need a nutritious diet so that your body can create healthy cells and tissue. Poor nutrition, erratic meals, even crash diets can all lead to thinning, dullness, and dryness.

First of all, you need to have the right amounts of proteins. Proteins build cells, and they also contain amino acids that are particularly crucial to hair growth. These include cystine, cysteine, methionine, arginine and lysine. These can be found in meats, fish, poultry dairy and eggs. If you are vegetarian, you can also get it from soy, nuts, grains and seeds (although you may need a protein supplement). Dieticians believe that at least 15% of your calories must come from food that is rich in protein.

Many of today's low-carb diets may lead to steady weight loss, but it may come at the price of the health of your hair. Carbs help in the growth of body tissues, and they are also the body's primary source of B vitamins, which your body needs. That's why it's not recommended to stay on carb-free diets for long periods of time; even South Beach recommends that the First Phase be limited to three weeks. Instead, opt for smart carbs, meaning you cut out sugars and white flour, and get healthy carbs from vegetables, fruits, whole grains, brown rice and potatoes.

Too much fat is bad for you, but you need a little fat in your diet to stay healthy and to keep your hair healthy, too. To avoid health risks associated with a fat-heavy diet, get it from lean meat that is grilled or braised rather than fried. Needless to say, eating that hamburger is not a healthy option.

Why does diet play such a role in healthy hair? For one thing, your body will need the right amounts of vitamins and minerals to be able to create strong cells. People who go on crash diets will often report hair loss. Strands may be brittle and easily damaged, and

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will look dull despite all efforts to condition and style. This means your body is unable to replace cell properly, or that the cells it manufactures is unable to withstand the damage it takes from daily environmental abuse: brushing, hair drying, or even the UV rays in the sun. It's the same principle why skipping meals can cause your face to look blotchy and pale. If it can affect the color in your cheeks, it will also affect whether your hair is thick and shiny, or limp and lifeless.

Crash dieting can also affect the body's chemical balance. Many people will go through natural hair loss cycles, such as during pregnancy or right after childbirth, as the body adjusts to shifts in hormones. A lack of nutrition can set off a hormonal nightmare, sending wrong signals to the hair glands like a fuse gone wrong. Severe stress can also do this.

For healthy hair you need to invest in good hair care products and a good lifestyle. Eat right, and find ways to relax after a long day at work to minimize the effects of stress. Of course, a good shampoo never hurt.

Philip Nicosia is the webmaster of Resources.eu.com an online resource center covering many topics including hair care.

New FDA Rule Protects Youth From Tobacco

On March 19, 2010, the FDA Center for Tobacco Products published a final rule that aims to protect kids from tobacco addiction and premature death from tobacco use.

"Tobacco companies clearly market their deadly products to young people by making smokers look 'cool' in their ads," said Erika Van Dam, Supervisor for Family & Community Health Services at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "This new ruling will

prohibit the sale, distribution, and marketing of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco to youth."

According to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, killing more than 400,000 people every year. Every day, more than 4,000 kids try their first cigarette; another 1,000 kids fewer than 18 become addicted smokers, one-third of whom will die prematurely as a result.

According to Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Study, of students surveyed—seventh, ninth, and eleventh graders—18% smoked during the past 30 days. Local data suggest those figures are slightly higher,

with approximately 20% reporting recent smoking.

Published March 19, 2010, the new FDA rule becomes effective June 22, 2010, and has the force and effect of law. Among other things, the rule:

- Prohibits the sale of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco to people younger than 18, as is the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco in vending machines, self-service displays, or other impersonal modes of sales.
- Prohibits the sale of cigarette packages with less than 20 cigarettes,
- Prohibits distribution of free samples of cigarettes,
- Restricts distribution of free

samples of smokeless tobacco.

- Prohibits tobacco brand name sponsorship of any athletic, musical or other social or cultural events or any team or entry in those events.
- Requires that audio ads use only words with no music or sound effects, and
- Prohibits the sale or distribution of items, such as hats and tee shirts, with tobacco brands or logos.

"Some studies indicate young people become addicted more quickly to tobacco than adults," said Erika Van Dam, Supervisor for Family & Community Health Services at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "We are very excited about this new FDA ruling, and in conjunction with Michigan's

new Smoke-Free Air Law, we hope to prevent many unnecessary deaths due to tobacco-related diseases. We want kids to know if they are smoking and want to quit, we have resources to help them. They are easy to find on our website."

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 smoking cessation resources, visit www.nwhealth.org or call Van Dam at 347-6014.

LOCAL NEWS

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Hospice of Northwest Michigan welcomes new Executive Director



Cheryl Hoffman is the new Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

(March 29, 2010) A Charlevoix County resident with wide-ranging professional and volunteer experience is the new Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Cheryl Hoffman is responsible for fundraising, managing the hospice volunteer's corps, and overseeing long-term grief services for loved ones for the hospice, which provides end-of-life care in partnership with the Health

Department of Northwest Michigan. Hoffman's background includes serving management positions with Reed Freidinger, MD, Charlevoix Development Company and LaVanway Capital & Trade Corporation. She's been active in local politics, business organizations, and volunteering, including chairing the Helen Open Golf Tournament in Charlevoix, serving as a Board Chair with the Charlevoix

Area Chamber of Commerce and serving on the Charlevoix City Council. Hoffman holds a bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University and an MBA from Lake Superior State University. She and her husband, Ted Felter, live in Charlevoix. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to pro-

mote 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 Hospice of Northwest Michigan, call 800-551-4041 or visit www.hospicecnwm.org.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER GRANTS AWARDED

Char-Em United Way and the Local Board of the federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program recently completed distribution of nearly \$71,000 in federal funds to support local food and shelter programs in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. United Way is the local administrator of the federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). The Local EFSP board met recently to review requests for funds and award grants. Emmet County agencies received a total of \$40,781 that will be distributed to the Women's Resource Center, Salvation Army, Manna Food Project, Brother Dan's Food Pantry, and St. Francis Church. In Charlevoix County \$29,952 has been awarded to the Women's Resource Center, Salvation Army, Manna Food Project, Good

Samaritan Family Services, East Jordan Care and Share, Boyne Valley Food Pantry, and the Seventh Day Adventist Boyne City Community Service Center. "Unfortunately the funds that were available were slightly less than last year, despite the increased need in our community," says Martha Lancaster of United Way and Chair of the Local EFSP Board. "The funds to provide emergency shelter and food come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and are distributed to counties based on unemployment rates." The awards were made by a Local Board that is chaired by United Way and includes representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Temple B'Nai Israel, Catholic Human Services, Emmanuel Episcopal Church,

the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, both County Commissions, the Department of Human Services, both Community Foundations, and the Nehemiah Project. "These funds will be used to expand the capacities of these local agencies to meet emergency needs for food and shelter," continues Lancaster. "Demand on local pantries and agencies providing rent and utility assistance have increased as much as three-fold over the past year. The EFSP helps meet that need, and United Way is pleased make this possible by administering the program." For more information, contact United Way of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org.

Real Estate Office May Open Tattoo Shop

Lynda's Real Estate Services are considering opening a Tattoo shop in downtown Boyne City according to local coffee shop patrons. The owners of the business recently arranged a display in the front window of the former tattoo shop on Water Street in downtown Boyne City. "It is a great location in the heart of Downtown Boyne City" according to Marty Moody, associate with Lynda's Real Estate. Moody went on to say, "Even though the tattoo shop

closed a couple of months ago, we still get clients walking in looking for a tattoo. It has always been our attitude that we will do anything we can to serve our clients." Chris Christianson, Realtor Associate said, "Everything is set up and ready to go. The only stipulation is that Lynda asked that we specialize in tattoos that say MOM." More details are expected to be announced on April 1, April Fool's Day.



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

Daughter's Small Size May Not be a Matter of Genes

QUESTION: My wife and I are above average in height, being six-feet-three-inches and five-feet-nine-inches tall. We both had rather tall parents, too. Nevertheless, our daughter is very tiny. She is nine years old and is only at the third percentile for height. What could be causing this, and what do you think we should do?

DR. DOBSON: There are many factors that influence a child's growth, including a deficiency of growth hormones, heredity, nutrition and the status of the boy or girl's general health. There is only one way to know what is causing your daughter's failure to grow, and that is to take her to an endocrinologist or other physician who specializes in these problems. The right doctor can identify her condition and even predict with a fair amount of accuracy how tall she will eventually become. In some cases, growth hormones may be administered, although I'll leave

it to your physician to make that recommendation. Since your girl is nine years old, you have no time to lose. Get her to the right medical authority quickly. Let me ask, by the way, is your daughter an anxious child?

QUESTION: Yes, as a matter of fact, she is. Lannie is the most insecure of all our children. Why do you ask?

DR. DOBSON: Because some studies have shown that persistently anxious girls tend to be shorter than their peers. This was the finding of Dr. Daniel Pine of the National Institute of Mental Health and other research at Columbia University College of Physicians, New York. This research showed that the most insecure girls tended to be about two inches shorter as adults and were twice as likely to be under five-feet-two-inches tall than girls who were less anxious. Two specific disorders in the formative years were

most predictive of less height in adults: (1) separation anxiety -- seen in girls who don't have the confidence to spend the night at a friend's house or go away to summer camp; and (2) overanxiousness - not just being uneasy about a threat or problem, but a generalized worry about many things over years of time. One study showed that anxious girls had high blood levels of the stress hormone cortisol, which can stunt growth. Interestingly, anxious boys in the investigation were not found to have higher cortisol levels, and they did not tend to be shorter than their peers. This suggests that girls may respond to stress biologically differently than boys. For whatever reasons, anxiety is linked to lesser growth in females alone. Once again, you need to have your daughter examined and evaluated medically. There may be a more obvious and treatable reason for her growth deficiency.

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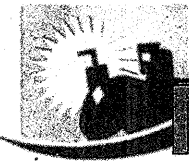
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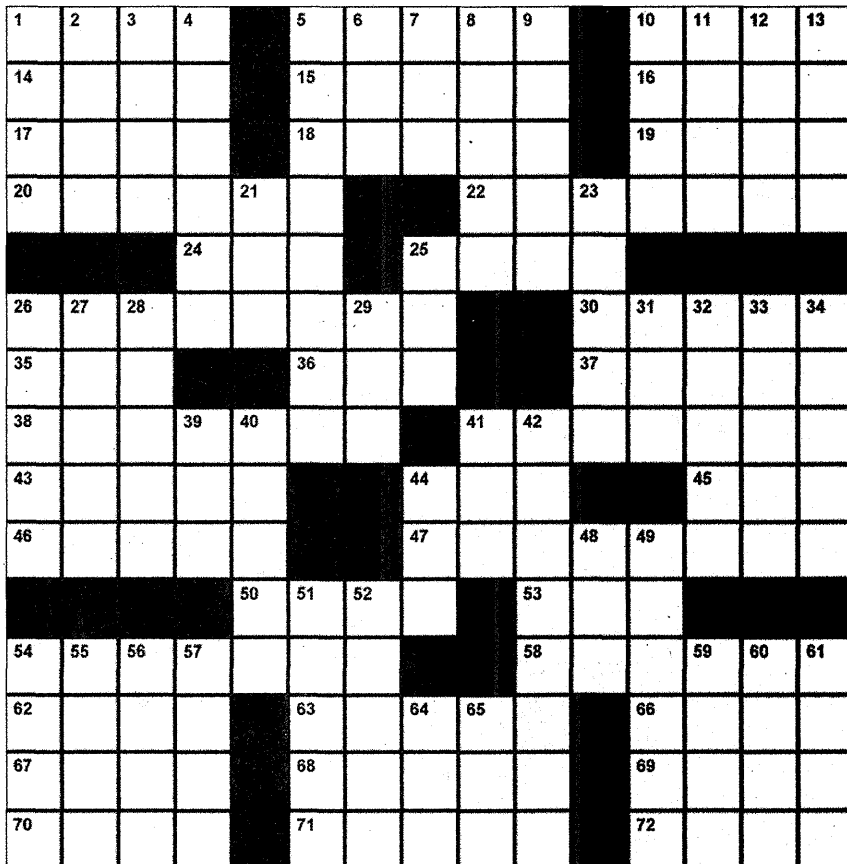
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1- Tailless amphibian; 5- Old enough; 10- Knocks lightly; 14- Let ____; 15- Bad lighting?; 16- Peter Fonda title role; 17- Worry; 18- Gone; 19- A wedding cake may have three of these; 20- Pertaining to leaves; 22- Sincere; 24- Greek X; 25- Gilpin of "Frasier"; 26- Prosaic; 30- Discharge; 35- Big galoot; 36- Indian holiday resort; 37- Brahmin, e.g.; 38- Reconstruct; 41- Ragtime dance; 43- Compel; 44- Debate side; 45- Shoebox letters; 46- Old Nick; 47- Largest moon of Jupiter; 50- Heroic adventure tale; 53- Seine contents; 54- Gilded metal; 58- Emphasis; 62- Switch ending; 63- Island in the East China Sea; 66- Sand hill by the sea; 67- A big fan of; 68- Concerned with a specific subject; 69- Ashtabula's lake; 70- At hand; 71- Molars, e.g.; 72- Spoils;

Down

1- Petty quarrel; 2- Other, in Oaxaca; 3- Explorer Tasman; 4- Pluck tiny arachnids from the dog; 5- Atomic research center; 6- Brother's title; 7- Horned viper; 8- Overcharge; 9- Computer key; 10- Ballet skirt; 11- Et ____; 12- Hammer end; 13- Shrivelled, without moisture; 21- Eureka!; 23- Bridget Fonda, to Jane; 25- Monetary unit of Burma; 26- Hospital rooms; 27- Musical drama; 28- Pardon; 29- "You've got mail" co.; 31- Beetle juice?; 32- Lauder of cosmetics; 33- Spirited horse; 34- Conical native American tent; 39- Eggs; 40- Compact; 41- Man-mouse connector; 42- Person without equal; 44- Links org.; 48- Sun ____-sen; 49- Unlawful killing; 51- Draw a bead on; 52- Forest clearing; 54- Blood vessel; 55- Sea eagle; 56- Roster; 57- Heath; 59- Architect Saarinen; 60- Agitated state; 61- Goes out with; 64- Common article; 65- Drunkard;



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NEWS IN BRIEF

BOYNE CITY

School is closed

Boyne City Public Schools will be on spring break from Friday, April 2nd (no school) through Monday, April 12th (no school). School will resume on Tuesday, April 13th.

EAST JORDAN

Get Your Green Road Sign

East Jordan Middle School and High School Girl Scout Troop #100364 is teaming up with the East Jordan Ambulance and East Jordan Fire Department to get the green 911 signs up. For more information contact Connie Roberts at 536-7195.

BOYNE CITY

Easter Egg Hunt

Double up on an Easter Egg Hunt April 3 & 4. Young State Park is hosting a hunt April 3 that starts at 11am for children ages 1-10. Enjoy a bon fire as well as hot cocoa and cookies. Easter Sunday children can head to Veteran's Park at 2 pm for an Easter Egg Hunt.

CHARLEVOIX

Chamber Scholarship Opportunity!

Attention all 2010 High School Graduates! The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce will be awarding a 2010 Charlevoix area graduate a \$500 scholarship. Applications must be received no later than April 1 at 5pm. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at manager@charlevoix.org or 231-547-2101.

BOYNE CITY

Yard Sale Fundraiser

Ian Pritchard of Boyne City is heading to Australia with People to People, an organization begun by former President Dwight Eisenhower. You can help send Ian travel with People to People by shopping at a garage sale, April 3 at the VFV

Hall.

CHARLEVOIX

Varicose Vein Screening

There will be a free varicose vein screening by Dr. Marc Lame on April 15 from 4-7pm at the Charlevoix Surgeons Office at 14695 Park Ave in Charlevoix, Michigan. Please call 231-547-2812 to schedule an appointment

BOYNE FALLS

Chefs Challenge

3rd annual Chefs Challenge at Boyne Mountain, April 23-25 is now accepting unique Michigan products and the opportunity for local chefs to bring home the "Chefs Challenge" bragging rights. If you would like to participate with a booth or to enjoy the show visit www.chefs-challenge.com

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 FALLS

Char-Em Poverty Reduction Initiative

Is your business looking for qualified workers to fill job openings? You'll find them at the job fair as part of an Opportunity Conference on April 23, at Boyne Mountain Civic Center, Boyne Falls. If you are interested in being part of the job fair from 12-1:30pm on April 23, please contact Jim Rummer at 231-547-9947. There is a \$25 registration fee for your business booth. The Char-Em Poverty Reduction Initiative sponsors the Opportunity Conference. For more information about the conference, visit char-empri.org.

ELLSWORTH

Pig Roast Seeks Volunteers

This year Ellsworth celebrates its

30th Annual Pig Roast June 17 through 20. The Pig Roast is the town's annual celebration of food, family and fun. Most events are offered free or at low cost and a delicious roast pork lunch is available at a bargain price. The continued success of the event reflects the excellent support it receives from sponsors and volunteers. The 2010 Pig Roast Committee is now seeking volunteers and sponsors for this year's event. You can give of your time for a couple of hours, or donate a homemade dessert. You can be a brochure or event sponsor. Whatever you are able to give is always most welcome. Please contact Alana Haley at 231-588-6391 or alanahaley@yahoo.com to volunteer or to find out about sponsorship opportunities.

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

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

20/20 Project Kicks Off

Northern Michigan residents can begin to turn the economy around by registering for the 20/20 Project. The initiative is a commitment to support local, independently owned businesses and local non-profit organizations. Registration is free. To jump start the program, Northern Michigan residents can purchase a \$40 gift card for half price (\$20) to be used at participating merchants. Use the registration form inside this paper or e-mail Dave Baragrey at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

ELLSWORTH

A Night with Chef Pete Peterson

The House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast Inn proudly presents a

night with Chef Pete Peterson (of Tapawingo Restaurant) Saturday, April 17th, 2010 Check in is at 3:00 pm Dinner served at 7:00pm Total package price: \$250 per room (double occupancy). Includes: One night lodging at HOH (for two) Four course dinner (for two) Three course breakfast on Sunday (for two) For one night only, we will bring back the tastes of Tapawingo Make your reservations by calling HOH (231) 588-6304 <http://www.thehouseonthehill.com/location:9661+Lake+Street,+Ellsworth,+MI+49729>

CHARLEVOIX

Freedom From Smoking Clinic

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking. If you have reached the point where you are ready to be free from smoking this program will provide support, guidance and advice to help you reach your goal. This 8 session, 7-week program, conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital beginning April 19 and ending June 7, 2010. Classes will be held on Mondays (excluding Memorial Day) from 5-6 pm in classroom B. There is no charge for this program. Let this be YOUR year to be Free From Smoking. Call 231-547-8672 or send an e-mail to mhines@cah.org and register today.

BOYNE CITY

Tribute to Benny Goodman

The Performing Arts Center presents the Harry Goldson Sextet 100th Anniversary Tribute to Benny Goodman at 7:30 P.M. Saturday, April 24. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors age 65 and up - available at the door, Local Flavor, Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River, and the Boyne Area Chamber office. Credit card orders are accepted at the Chamber. The Performing Arts Center is located at Boyne City High School at 1035 Boyne Avenue. Coming on June 12 is The Young Americans annual performance.

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

Used Furniture needed Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop now has space for large quantities of furniture in good, serviceable condition. The need is great for couches, chairs, beds, dressers, tables, etc. Additional space recently made available to us for larger items will help to increase our sales, which in turn will benefit programs for those in need in our community. Please

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CHARLEVOIX

April Fashion show

The Charlevoix Area Hospital cancer support group, "The Circle of Strength" is planning its annual Fashion Show from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Charlevoix Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit access to cancer care in the area. Light fare will include hors d'oeuvres by Esperance and chocolate by Kilwin's.

BOYNE CITY

Expo Set for April 29

The Boyne Area Chamber will host its second annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at the former Carter's store on M-75 South. This event attracted a crowd of 1,000 people to visit 70 exhibitors last year. To reserve a space contact the chamber at 231-582-6222.

MICHIGAN

Is your business ready for the Smoke-Free Air Law?

On May 1, Michigan residents and visitors will be protected from exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke in all restaurants, bars and workplaces (including hotels and motels), when the Dr. Ron Davis Smoke-free Air Law takes effect. Visit Michigan's Smoke-Free Air Law website for the most up-to-date information about the law, exemptions allowed, frequently asked questions, tools for businesses to prepare for the law, and tobacco dependence treatment information for citizens. If you have questions about the law, you can visit the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's website or call the Tobacco Reduction Coalition Coordinator at 231-347-5832.

PETOSKEY

GO GRANTS Announced

Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a niche group of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, is proud to announce the launch of its GO Grants for Girls. GO Grants, or Girls Outreach Grants, will reach out to young girls in our area who have an idea and passion to try something new. Grants will range from \$100 to \$500, and can be used as resources in any field of endeavor. The purpose of the grants is to provide small grants to girls in grades 6 to 10 in the Char-Em ISD service area of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. The grants will allow the applicant to pursue a special interest gain or improve a skill, participate in an outdoor experience and more. CWIB encourages applications that will be challenging to the applicant. Girls will be required to work with an adult mentor - a relative outside of the immediate family, teacher, youth pastor, social worker, etc. - who will help them fill out and submit the application, and will

work with the girl to help her achieve her dream. The mentor will also work with each girl to submit her final report on her completed activity and what it meant to her. The ideal applicants are girls who have not received awards for outstanding achievements. CWIB is seeking girls who do not ordinarily apply for awards, but instead under-represented girls who need more support to realize their potential. Girls need to clearly state their financial need, as well as describe a special interest that will spark their imagination, creativity, or follow a dream that they may not imagine possible. The Go Grant Application and background information is available on the Chambers website at <http://chamber.petoskey.com/cwib-161/> or at the Chamber office. Applications must be postmarked is April 1, 2010. For more information, contact Kathy Bardins at 231-487-1188, kbardins@winternet.com, or Lisa Hoyt at 231-347-4150, lisa@petoskey.com.

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

Fit-4-Life

If you are among the 25 million Americans that are overweight or obese, your risks for death and disability are significantly higher. You are most likely coping with ongoing pain, fatigue, difficulty moving, sleep deprivation or other obstacles to a vibrant, healthy life. Each year that passes without you taking charge of your health is an opportunity missed - an opportunity to feel good, enjoy greater energy, and feel less stressed. The good news is that if you are committed to making positive changes in your lifestyle, Charlevoix Area Hospital's Fit-4-Life program can teach you how to reclaim your health and vitality. This 6-month program can help you turn your life around with the help of experts in the fields of nutrition, physical therapy, and nursing. Charlevoix Area Hospital's Fit-4-Life Program will empower you with the tools you'll need to embrace wellness including an individually tailored exercise program and eating real food. To learn more about this program you are invited to attend an informational presentation of the program, open to the public, on May 4 from 6pm - 6:30pm in the Charlevoix Area Hospital Solarium. Please feel free to call Kathy Jacobsen, RN at 231-547-8906 if you have any questions.

BOYNE CITY

SOBO Arts Festival

FIRST ANNUAL SOBO Arts Festival is being planned for June 25-26 in Boyne City's SOBO (South Boyne) Arts District. Events will include a juried art fair coordinated by the Boyne Arts Collective, entertainment, demonstrations and workshops of various arts fields, and a food and wine-tasting event at 220 Lake Street. Contact Festival Director Jerry Douglas at (231) 459-4023.

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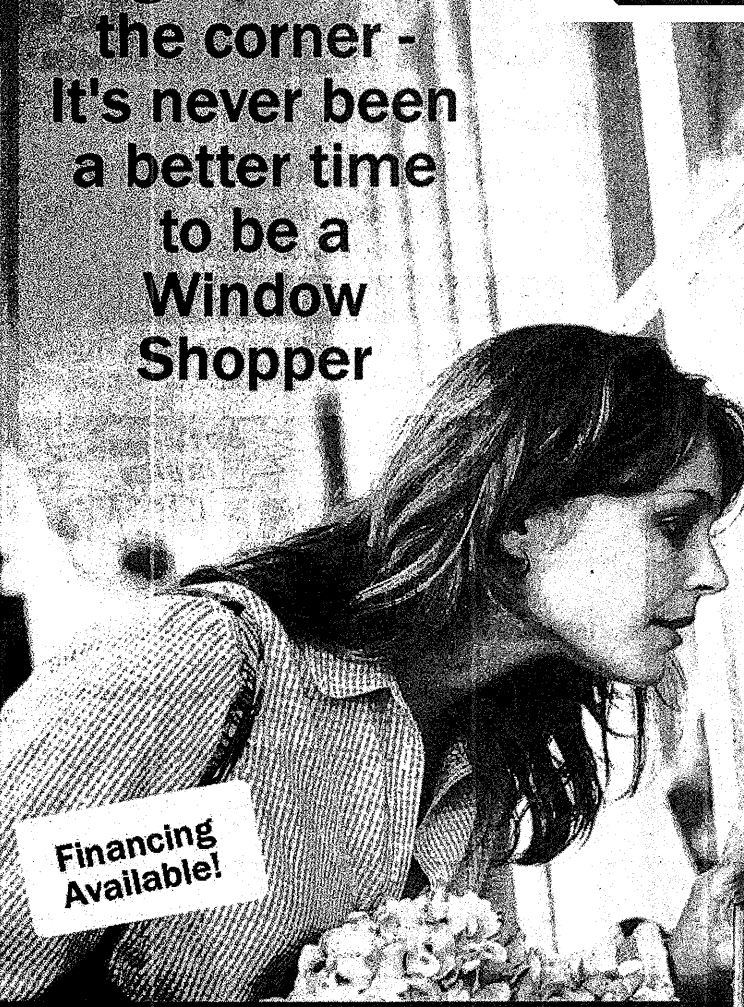
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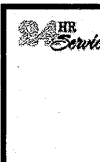
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Tom Stilling Declares Candidacy for Michigan's First U.S. Congressional District Seat

My name is Tom Stillings. I am a resident of Torch Lake Township, Antrim County, in Michigan's First U.S. Congressional District. Today (March 22nd, 2010), I formally announce my candidacy for the U.S. Congressional Seat from that district. This action represents a great departure from the relatively quiet life that I have pursued to date.



Tom Stillings, candidate for Michigan's First U.S. Congressional District seat.

To paraphrase the words of a document that I revere greatly, the course of the human events has shown me the need to dissolve certain political bonds.

Our representation in Washington now destroys us with taxes in order to feed the never ending addiction to spending. In acts of sheer tyranny they usurp the powers of the states, and the rights of individuals.

The actions of Mr. Stupak, in concert with Ms. Pelosi, Mr. Reid and President Obama expand federal power over our lives far beyond any reasonable reading of the constitution. Enough may be enough, but this is too much. It is time to restore ultimate sovereignty to its rightful place, the hands of "We the People."

If you believe as I do, please honor me with your support in the endeavor. I faithfully promise that your voice will be heard, and that I will do all that is possible to set our nation back on its proper course.

Thank you,
Tom Stillings
Candidate for U.S. Congress



THE SCOURGE IS COMING!

THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 1, SWARMS OF FLIES ARE EXPECTED IN OUR REGION IN CONJUNCTION WITH BOURDO'S SCOURGE

By Mike Dunn

It's typically called Bourdo's Scourge, or some folks just refer to it as the Creeping Vine. It is a spring plague encountered by northern climate farmers in places like Ireland, Scotland and Wales, but now the Scourge is making its presence felt in the upper Midwest, including Michigan.

Starting this Thursday, April 1, in fact, and extending for at least three or four days, Bourdo's Scourge is projected to make its way through the northern Lower Peninsula. Fueled by the surprisingly mild weather in Michigan this time of year, the Scourge has been steadily moving north since first being detected near Jackson about a week ago.

The Scourge, which some have compared to the infamous man-eating plant in "Little Shop of Horrors," is a rapidly moving ground virus, voraciously spreading its tentacles east and west as it continually moves in a northerly direction. When it makes its arrival in our area this Thursday, April 1, the anticipated swath of the plague will extend east from Ellsworth in Antrim County to Mio in Oscoda County. Biologists say it will take three to four days for the scourge to reach the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula, where the vine will ultimately move into the Great Lakes wa-

"Those flies were careening everywhere, darting like red devils out there."

Audrey Mushnik, eyewitness

ters and die.

The Scourge, named for eminent British biologist Orin M. Bourdo, who first identified the strain a century ago with partner Nic Wheatstalk, has no known remedy. It has to take its course and there's little that can be done about it. The Scourge moves fairly quickly, always going north, and drains the ground of nutrients as it travels. In appearance, the Scourge looks like a pistachio-green vine that is evident just inches above the ground and when it hugs trees and tall bushes. The vine can readily be spotted from a distance because the sweet sap it secretes on its leaves draws swarms of flies and insects.

In the United Kingdom and Ireland, people wear bright red hats and coats during the times of the spring plague to repel the flies. The tactic is effective in the U.K. and should also be effective here, says U.S. biologist Shane Peters of the Hines Institute of Horticulture located in West Jordan Valley, Mich.

"People with red hair probably don't need to wear

a hat but anyone not fortunate enough to have red hair should definitely wear the brightest red hat they own," Peters said by phone earlier this week. "And even if it's unseasonably warm when the Scourge moves through your area, wear a red jacket or a red sweater with long sleeves. The tribe of flies that are attracted to the secretions associated with this particularly rugged strain of vinus-eruptus will avoid anything that is red in color."

The bad news is that the Scourge moves east and west in indiscernible paths and people in populated areas are just as likely to find themselves in the vicinity of the Creeping Vine as those in rural areas when the ravenous plant makes its appearance in the area starting this Thursday, April 1.

"To use a sports analogy, the vine is like a point guard in basketball suddenly exploding to the basket," said Tanner McTune, another biologist at the Hines Institute who has been studying

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WORD ON THE STREET

by Mitch MacKay

THE GREAT HEALTH SCARE RIOTS OF 2010

A Lampoon Rendition

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to enact a preamble or postscript to a bill which has festered in legislation for one hundred years, where better to identify encouragement than in Congress itself? Verily the altercations concerning health care insurance reform revolve around partisanship though not entirely along party lines. Though the Republicans in Congress have cast votes in solidarity a minority of Democrats also have dissented from passage of this legislation.

Dissenters will automatically, under rules of combat order, relinquish health care insurance, of course, for themselves and families for life. There will surely be many dead and dying legislators in near future, but what a sacrifice to have made for their country! Selflessness of this caliber has rarely been seen in the annals of politics of America. Not since the American Revolution have people fought and sacrificed so much and at such personal cost even knowing the ramifications of what they stood to lose. By dissenting, the politicians and their counterparts in the public sectors have assured not only the passage of this bill but its permanence. By means of such antics as threat and demonstration, rocks thrown through windows, threatening letters and such, the finality of health care is finally won.

Frivolous claims have naturally been bandied about, the Death Panel, the abortion issue, the immigrant issue, the welfare issue and so on in allusions that government takeover is high in Socialistic terms, which would inevitably allow for loopholes as government policies are wont to do. While it is true that insurance coverage for all preexisting ailments will extend to almost all Americans, politicians, pundits and autocrats who voted against this bill will no longer be able to gain free coverage even for such run-of-the-mill maladies as Politico-Myelitis, Solipsism/Self-Aggrandizement, Cronyism, Dance With the Starsinoma, Anti-Articulitis/Malapropism, Nashville-Songwriteritis, Twitter's Foot-In-Mouth Disease, Hooker's Intern & Massage Syndrome, Logorrhea, Huntington's Cocktail-Hour Chorea, Beer-and-Wineorosis, Lobbyists' Integrity Gangrene, Near-and-Far Sightedness, or Redistricting Dementia. Such magnanimity of patriotism is virtually unprecedented.

Now that this bill has been signed into law, the surety of its integration into our society is secured by the various elements of dissent and threatening behavior because, frankly, Americans like nothing better than a good fight for what they feel is right. Thus, logically the Democratic proponents that finalized this law have the Republican Party and the Tea Party, and a few odd-man-out Democrats, to thank, for without such vehement demonstration it is unlikely the bill would have made it through that labyrinth. John Hancock and Thomas Jefferson would be proud, or else turning over in their graves. It is absolutely impossible for anyone to discern the difference.

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Danbert named to first team Class D All-State

Ellsworth senior averaged 21 points, 10 rebounds for Lancers

By Mike Dunn

ELLSWORTH – For the second year in a row, Ellsworth senior Jared Danbert has earned All-State honors. Last year, Danbert achieved All-State recognition as a running back in football. This year, Danbert has made the grade on the hardwood.

The 2010 Class D All-State boys basketball roster was announced last week and Danbert's name was included on the first team. The award was an ode to perseverance for the rugged Danbert, who was sidelined for nearly four months prior to the season while recovering from hip surgery.

The surgery forced the solidly built 5-foot-10 Danbert to miss the entire football season and the first two games of the Lancers' hoops season. When Danbert finally returned to the floor, though, it wasn't long before he returned to form.

In his first full game back, shortly before Christmas break, Danbert scored 16 of his game-high 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Lancers to a tense come-from-behind victory over Northern Lakes Conference rival Wolverine. It was an omen of things to come for Danbert, who went on to average 21 points, 10 rebounds, 6 assists and 5 steals for the Lancers, who finished with a 17-6 record.

Danbert, a four-year starter for coach Tex

Drenth, surpassed the 1,000-point scoring plateau along the way. On Tuesday, Jan. 12, Danbert tallied 25 points in a 76-41 victory over league rival Mackinaw City to reach the scoring milestone. Danbert was never one to simply score points, though. He had a typical stat sheet in the win over the Comets, amassing 10 rebounds with five assists and four steals to go with his 25 points.

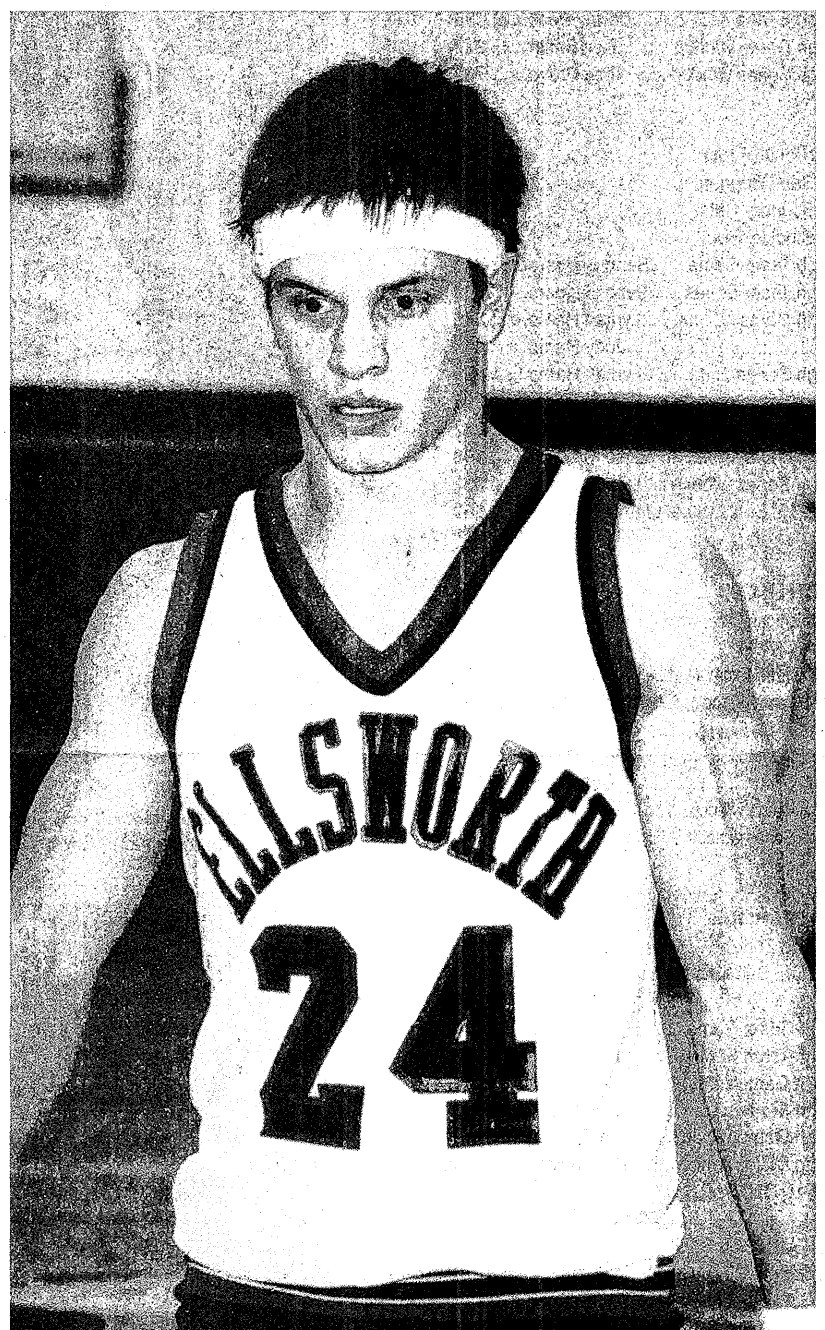
In his very next game, a victory over Alba, Danbert's versatility was on display once again as he set a school record with 15 assists to go with 18 points and 17 assists.

Danbert is now facing a tough decision. He must choose between playing football and basketball at the next level. Several colleges have expressed interest in the senior in both sports.

Other members of the 2010 first-team All-State roster include Player of the Year Evan Bruinsma of Muskegon Western Michigan Christian, junior London Burris of WMC, and seniors Brad Ives of Bark River-Harris, Pickford's McKinley Portice, Bloomfield Hills' Roeper's Ryan Zinser, Climax-Scotts' Beau Langs, Covert's Amere May Jr., Fulton-Middleton's Kyle Trefil and Lansing Christian's Mickey DeVries.

RIGHT: Ellsworth senior Jared Danbert averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds after making his successful return from hip surgery.

PHOTO BY MIKE DUNN



sports briefs...

Former Tiger slugger Northrup at card show

GAYLORD — Former Detroit Tigers slugger outfielder Jim Northrup, a member of the 1968 World Series champions and the man who got the key hit in Game Seven against Bob Gibson of St. Louis, will be the featured guest at a sports card show Sunday, April 11, at the Eagles Hall in Gaylord.

Northrup will be signing autographs at the show from noon-2 p.m. and the show will last from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gaylord native Kurt David, who wrote the book "From Glory Days" featuring Northrup and other Detroit athletes, will also appear at the card show.

Those who purchase David's book for \$20 will receive autographs from David and Northrup in addition to one other memorabilia item signed by Northrup. Northrup's autograph alone on a memorabilia item will cost \$5.

There will be more than 30 dealer's tables at the show. For more information, contact Steve Kowal at (248) 543-9810 or visit www.scificards.com/gaylord.htm.

Grayling cage fights set for April 9

GRAYLING — The annual Battle at the 45th Parallel mixed-martial arts event will be held on April 9-10 at the Grayling Ramada Inn. The popular two-day event includes a cage fight card on Friday, April 9, and an open karate tournament on Saturday.

The Battle at the 45th cage fight card features many top MMA battlers. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

The karate event on Saturday begins at 10 a.m. and is an open martial arts tournament featuring forms, weapons, sparring and breaking. Pre-registration for the tourney is \$40 before April 1 and \$50 at the door. There are black belt and under-belt divisions and age groups in each category.

For information about the MMA cage fights or the martial arts tournament, contact the Ramada Inn at (989) 348-7611 or (800) 348-7611. The Battle at the 45th is sponsored by Master and World Champion Zack Burns and New World Karate.

DNRE REPORT

Steelhead are biting in bay

Spring fishing is just getting started. Anglers 17 years of age and older are required to have the new 2010 Michigan Fishing License by this Thursday, April 1. Steelhead fishing remains good on most of the major river systems. Bluegill and crappie are starting to come alive and the sucker runs are currently underway.

Petoskey - The ice along the east end of Little Traverse Bay is gone. Docks at the boat launches were not in yet. Good steelhead fishing off the piers. Try light line with a quarter ounce egg sinker so the fish will not feel the weight when they take the bait. Put spawn bags about a foot off the bottom in the early morning or evening.

Bear River - The steelhead run is underway. Try between the mouth and the dam.

Traverse City - Lake trout and whitefish have been caught in 145 feet of water in both the East Bay and the West Bay however the action was hit-or-miss.

Perch anglers are also heading out.

Boardman River - Only had a light number of steelhead being caught.

Betsie River - Fishing was red hot at the Homestead Dam. Those wading or fishing from shore were taking limits of steelhead and some brown trout when using small spawn bags or flies in egg patterns. Those fishing down to the M-31 Bridge were also taking good numbers of fish. Water levels were good and clearing up. The sucker runs have also started. Anglers will find good numbers of fish near Adams Road and County Road 608.

Thunder Bay River - Has fresh-run steelhead at the Ninth Street Dam. The boat ramp on the river is open. Walleye season on the river is closed.

Au Sable River - Is producing some steelhead.

Higgins Lake - Still has ice out past the drop off however ice along the shoreline is gone. It could be a while yet before the docks are put in at the launch sites.

Houghton Lake - About half the lake now has open water. The canals have open water and a few anglers have been trying to crappie however it is still too cold.

There have been several regulations changes of note:

Inland Trout and Salmon streams formerly designated as Types 5, 6, and 7 have been moved into a new category: "Gear Restricted Streams." No other changes have been made to these streams.

Lake Huron's lake trout and splake season has been changed to Jan. 1 - Sept. 30 in MH-3, MH-4, MH-5 and MH-6 zones, basically south of Black River Harbor.

Lake Huron's lake trout size limit has been changed in MH-1 to a maximum size limit of 27

inches, except one fish 32 inches or longer may be kept.

Lake Superior's lake trout bag limit has been increased to five fish daily in zones MI-4, MI-5, MI-6, MI-7 and MI-8, east of the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Mullet Lake and adjoining sections has a reduced walleye bag limit of three fish daily and the season is now open May 15 - March 15.

Please check the 2010 Michigan Fishing Guide for specific zone boundaries and stream types.

New fishing license required

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment reminds anglers that a new license season begins this Thursday, April 1. Licenses are available at all vendors or on-line at www.michigan.gov/dnre.

Gemini Lanes
Bowling League
Results:
March 19-25, 2010

EJ MERCHANTS LEAGUE

1. The Zone	
2. Site Planning	
3. Gemini Lanes	
High Team Game	The Zone.....997
High Team Series	The Zone.....2666
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INTER CITY LEAGUE

1. Hurricane Alice	
2. Korthase Flinn	
3. American Legion	
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High Team Series	Korthase Flinn.....2908
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High Series	Denny Peck.....656
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FOUNDRY AM

1. Sand Baggers	
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3. Smokin' Hot	
High Team Game	Sand Baggers.....749
High Team Series	Sand Baggers.....2199
High Game	Lyman Harris.....246
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High Game w/hdcp	Jody Harris.....298
High Series w/hdcp	Lyman Harris.....272
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High Series w/hdcp	Jamie Mayhew.....569

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3. Olstrom Excavating	
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HAPPY HOUR

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EJ LADIES LEAGUE

1. Scared Spittless	
2. EJIW	
3. ABCO Storage	
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2. Friends	
3. Anything Goes	
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High Series	Anne Olstrom.....165
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3. Polar Bears	
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High Series w/hdcp	Sheri Luchenbill.....670

LAKE MICHIGAN BOYS HOOPS

Four area players make first team

By Mike Dunn

The 2010 Lake Michigan All-Conference boys basketball team was announced last week and four area players were selected for the first-team roster.

Junior forward Ben Myers and sophomore point guard Keegan LaBlance were first-team picks from Charlevoix, which finished with an 11-3 record in the league, while senior point guard

Teddy Snowden made it for East Jordan (6-8) and sophomore guard-forward Jay Redman for Boyne City (0-14).

Senior center Bill Ivan and junior forward Dylan Putman

were honorable mention for the Rayders. East Jordan's potent point producer "Nitro" Nico Cornstalk and Boyne City guard Caleb Roberts were also honorable mention.



PHOTO BY ROB DEFORGE

Charlevoix junior forward Ben Myers blocks a shot during the district finals against Boyne City.

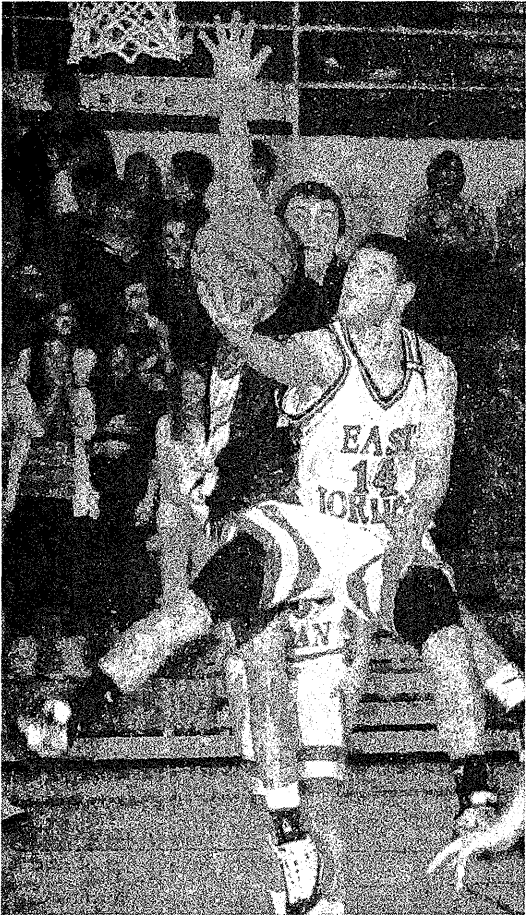


PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

East Jordan senior guard Teddy Snowden is shown here making a basket during the district tourney.

LAKE MICHIGAN
CONFERENCE 2010
BOYS BASKETBALL

First Team

- Jay Redman, Boyne City
Ben Myers, Charlevoix
Keegan LaBlance, Charlevoix
Teddy Snowden, East Jordan
Luke Morrison, Elk Rapids
Colin Hamlin, Grayling
Steven Enos, Grayling
Mike Vandermus, Harbor Springs
Travis Schuba, Kalkaska
Joe Groesser, Kalkaska
Luke Popp, TC St. Francis
Ian Sheldon, TC St. Francis
Sean Sheldon, TC St. Francis

Honorable Mention

- Caleb Roberts, Boyne City
Bill Ivan, Charlevoix
Dylan Putman, Charlevoix
Nico Cornstalk, East Jordan
Broc Crandall, Elk Rapids
Riley Zigila, Grayling
Casey Keiswetter, Harbor Springs
Colton Gellinas, Kalkaska
Ben Schell, TC St. Francis
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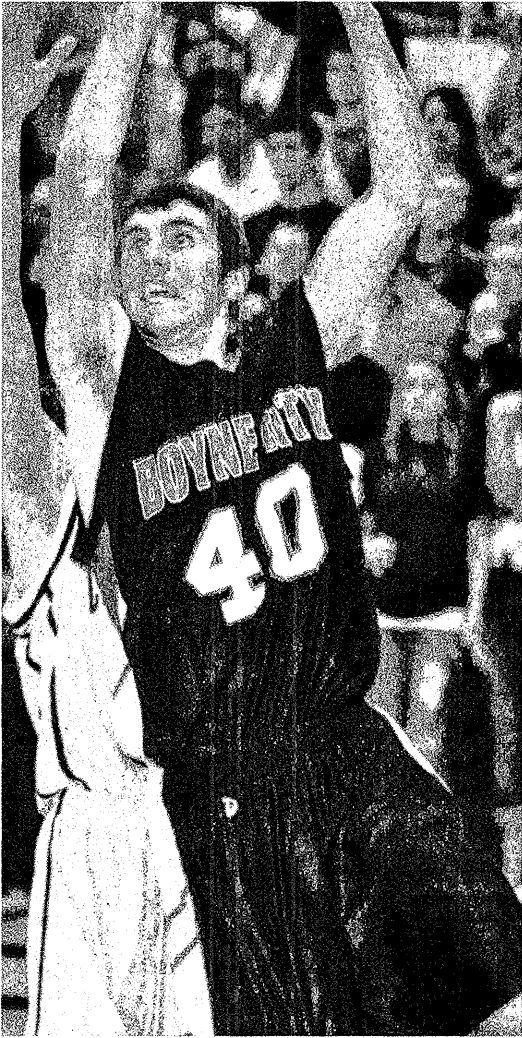


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Sweet-shooting sophomore Jay Redman of Boyne City earned a first-team berth on this 2010 Lake Michigan All-Conference roster.



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Charlevoix point guard Keegan LaBlance is one of several promising sophomores playing for teams in the Lake Michigan Conference.

DNRE confirms wolf tracks

Tracks provide evidence of wolves in northern Lower Peninsula

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the US Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services Division announced this week they have confirmed the presence of wolves in northern Cheboygan County.

First spotted by area residents, the state and federal officials were about to confirm at least two wolves in one location; however, the landowner who made the report stated he has seen three separate sets of tracks. This is the first verification of multiple animals together in what may be described as a pack.

In early February, DNRE officials requested citizens provide wolf

observation information to help conduct a survey to detect the presence of gray wolves in the Northern Lower Peninsula from February 16 through March 12.

"The purpose of the survey effort was to both verify the presence of wolves where we have previously confirmed individual animals and to detect new occurrences in other areas," said DNRE Wildlife Biologist Jennifer Kleitch. "We need to monitor the wolf population in order to make good management recommendations and this is part of that monitoring. Given the low probability of observing a wolf or tracks in the Lower Peninsula due to the small

number of animals here, it is helpful to have as many eyes looking as possible. That's why public reports are important, and in this case we were able to respond to this report and confirm tracks and other signs that there have been wolves in the area."

The DNRE is asking the public to report additional wolf sightings to the Gaylord Operations Service Center at 989-732-3541, ext. 5901. Observation reports can also be submitted online year-round at www.michigan.gov/wolves. The Web site also contains identification information for wolves.

"It's imperative that observations are reported in a timely manner

so we can work with fresh evidence. If people find what appear to be wolf tracks, they should preserve the physical evidence and disturb it as little as possible or take a photo of the tracks alongside a ruler," Kleitch said. "If someone has a photo or video of a wolf in the Lower Peninsula, we're interested in that as well."

Wolves began naturally returning to Michigan's Upper Peninsula via Canada and Wisconsin in the early 1990s. Since that time, the population has increased and continues to expand its range.

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LAKE MICHIGAN GIRLS HOOPS

Five area players make first team

By Mike Dunn

Five area players have been selected for the first-team roster on the 2010 Lake Michigan All-Conference girls basketball team.

Senior forward Maddie Moeke and senior guard Sydney Gahn made the grade for Boyne City while senior forward Sarah Potter

and Madison Way were chosen from Charlevoix and senior forward Shaina Peters from East Jordan.

The versatile Moeke did a little bit of everything for the Ramblers, who finished with an 8-6 mark in league play and 12-10 overall. Moeke was the top scorer for coach Jim Brown's squad and Gahn was a sparkplug in the backcourt, handling

the ball efficiently and playing bark-tight defense.

Potter was a powerful force in the paint for the Rayders (8-13, 7-7) and Way was a two-way force on the floor at forward, playing excellent defense and helping with the ball handling.

Peters was a senior co-captain for East Jordan and coach Steve

Hines, leading the Red Devils (10-14, 4-10) in scoring as well as providing inspirational on-floor leadership.

Earning honorable mention were senior guard Amanda Welborn of Boyne City, slick sophomore point guard Tanner McCune for East Jordan, and tough Taylor Storm for Charlevoix.

LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE 2010 GIRLS BASKETBALL

First Team

- Maddie Moeke, Boyne City
- Sydney Gahn, Boyne City
- Madison Way, Charlevoix
- Sarah Potter, Charlevoix
- Shaina Peters, East Jordan
- Megan Gregorski, Elk Rapids
- Abbey Thomas, Grayling
- Kristen Albert, Harbor Springs
- Kelli Guy, Kalkaska
- Mariska Bruggenthijis, Kalkaska
- Chelsea Matley, Kalkaska
- Lyndsay LaCourse, TC St. Francis
- Cassie Williams, TC St. Francis

Honorable Mention

- Amanda Welborn, Boyne City
- Taylor Storm, Charlevoix
- Tanner McCune, East Jordan
- Olivia Morrison, Elk Rapids
- Teresa Schreiber, Grayling
- Haley Kloss, Harbor Springs
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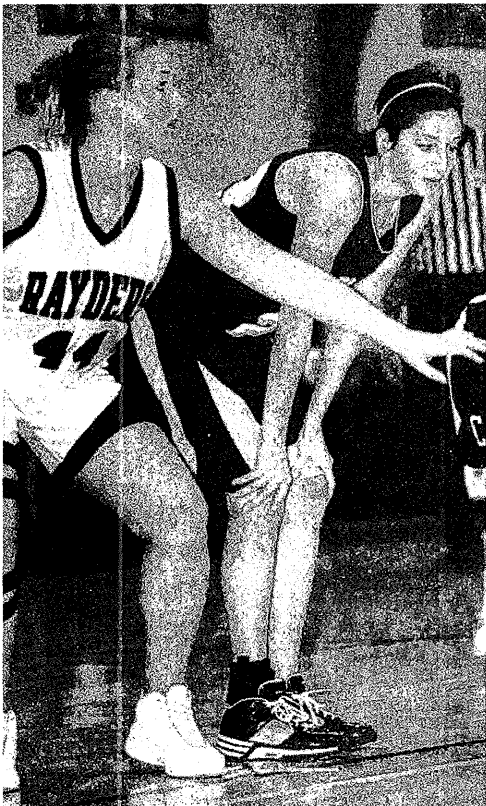


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Senior forward Sarah Potter, left, was a powerful presence in the paint for the Rayders this season.



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Senior forward Maddie Moeke was Boyne City's leading scorer this season.

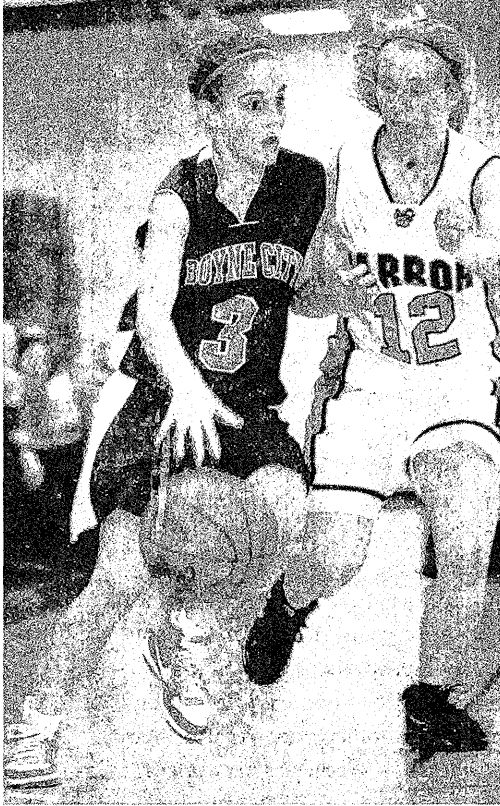


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Boyne City senior guard Sydney Gahn handled the ball efficiently for the Ramblers all season.



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Versatile East Jordan senior forward Shaina Peters was an inspiration leader on and off the floor for the Red Devils.



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Madison Way of Charlevoix, shown here defending against East Jordan, was a force at forward for the Rayders.

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2,200 Sq. Ft. Gem with Spectacular Countryside Views

By Jim Akans

This is an incredible home value for the asking price.

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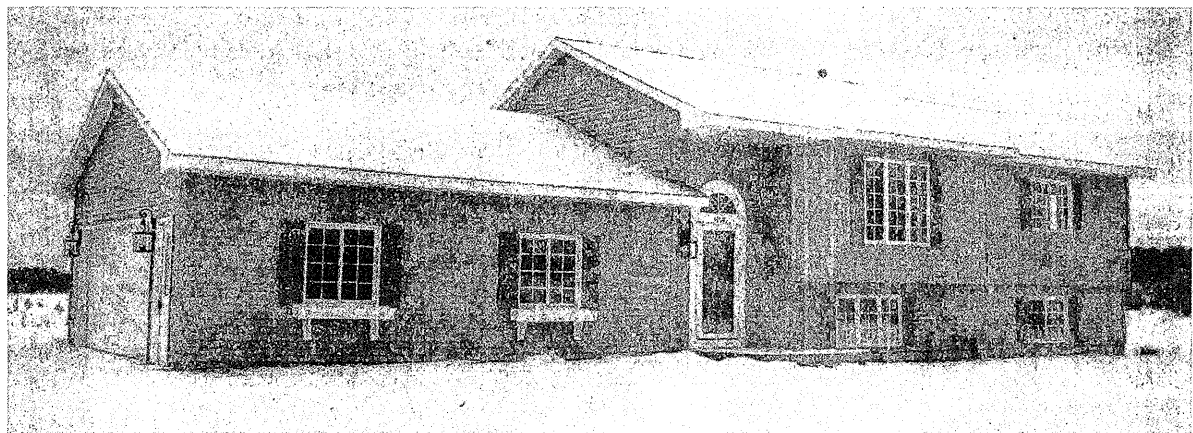
well as additional new appliances including refrigerator, oven and dishwasher.

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And while this is certainly a peaceful country retreat, East Jordan is only

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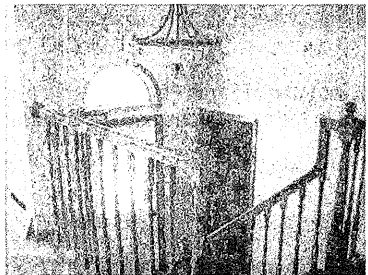
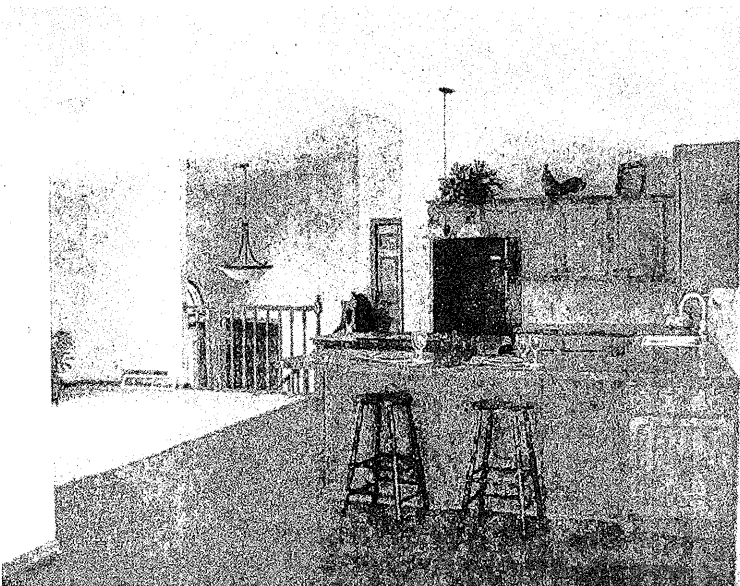


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Sara Schroeder, owner of Blue Water Realty, has also been specializing in foreclosures and bank-

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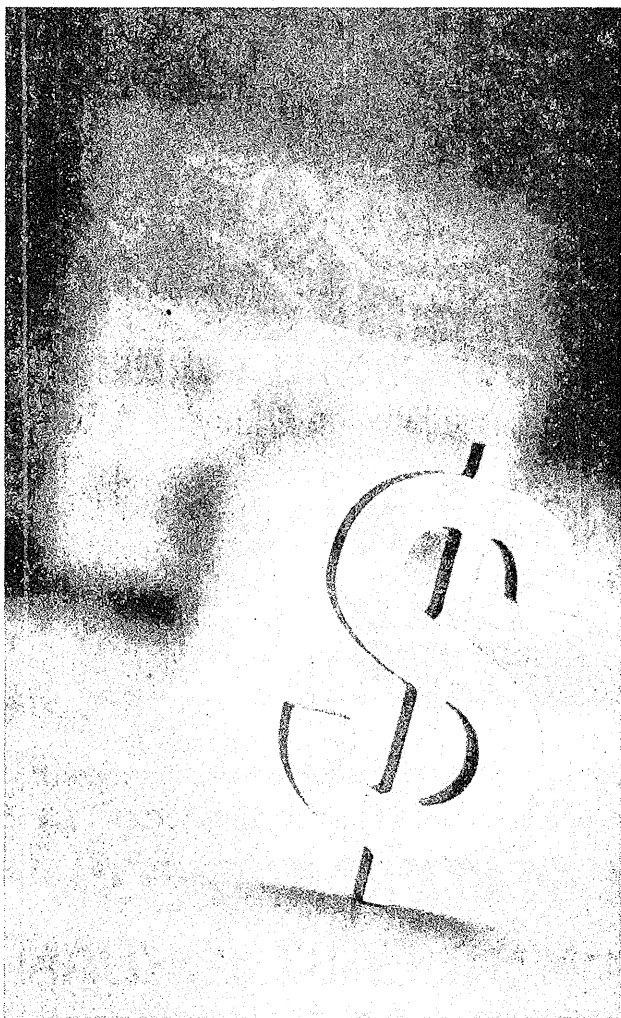
in both working and negotiating with Asset Managers and Lenders, and enjoys the challenge of seeing a short sale transaction from start to finish.

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owned real estate for over 10 years. In fact, she was one of the first Brokers in the area to complete Broker Price Opinions, and was also successful in negotiating one of the first short sales back in 2002 - long before most people even knew what a short

work with whether you are an agent, a home-buyer, or a home seller. Sara brings a wealth of experience to her practice as not only a real estate agent, but also as a Registered Nurse and a member of the United States Army. She is well-versed



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Synopsis -March 24, 2010

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met March 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room in the County Building. All Commissioners were present. Motion approved the minutes of the March 3, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. Motion approved the minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting as corrected. Motion approved instructing Treasurer Marilyn Cousineau to proceed with creating a Land Bank. Motion approved Resolution #10-043, Award Road Bid Boyne City-Charlevoix Rehabilitation. Motion approved Resolution #10-044, Revised Project Authorization Transit Section 5309 Earmarks Grant, and authorizes Chairman Joel Evans to execute the same. Motion approved Resolution #10-045, Section 5311 Capital American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Nonurbanized Area Formula and authorizes Chairman Joel Evans to execute the same. Motion approved Resolution #10-046, Purchase of Delinquent Taxes Resolution. Motion approved Resolution #10-047, Senior Project Fresh. Motion tabled Resolution #10-048, Charlevoix County Community Corrections Advisory Board Bylaws. Motion approved Resolution #10-049, Community Corrections Case Manager/Project Administrator Contract and authorizes the Chairman to sign said document. Motion approved Resolution #10-050, Senior Center Staff and Volunteer Commendations. Motion approved Resolution #10-051, Commission on Aging Executive Director Jack Messer. Motion defeated Resolution #10-052, Amend Rules of Procedures of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners Adopted 5/23/07. Commissioners Tripp, Roloff and Drebenstedt voting no. Motion approved Resolution #10-053, Grandvue Operating Transfer. Motion approved Resolution #10-054, Award Bid Whiting Park - Log Cabin Exterior Restoration. Motion approved going into Closed Session. Motion approved going back into Open Session. Motion approved Resolution #10-055, Dental Clinic Leasehold Improvements and Furniture. Motion adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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It's Time To Consolidate The States!

Possible Change in Boundary Lines Will Give Country a Whole New Look

By Noah Watt

It seems that Washington's rally cry has evolved from "change" to "consolidate."

Though details remain somewhat sketchy at press time, information has leaked from secret, closed door House and Senate sessions indicating there are some major "changes" in store for the future of state boundaries here in the United States.

Drawing inspiration from recent trends in the private and commercial sectors toward a consolidation of resources to achieve economic efficiency, it appears there is an unprecedented bi-partisan effort underway among state and federal legislators to redefine the number of states in our country.

"Nowhere in the Constitution does it specify the number of states we must have or the manner in which state boundaries must be drawn," boasted a bleary-eyed Senator who requested to remain unidentified. "There are untold economic efficiencies that can be gained by reducing the number of states in our nation...the idea is truly an inspiration for the ages!"

There were hints early in President Obama's campaign that the number of states comprising our nation could use some adjustment. In a campaign appearance in Beaverton, Oregon on May 9th of 2008, he stated, "It is

just wonderful to be back in Oregon. And over the last 15 months we've traveled to every corner of the United States. I've now been in 57 states; I think one left to go."

Though brushed off at the time, the maverick President's penchant for new ideas makes one suspect the spark of the concept unfolding today may have been ignited long ago.

Preliminary data retrieved from the wastebasket of an ice cream stand near the Capitol shows a rough draft of a new United States map reducing the number of states from fifty to twenty-two. In most cases, two adjoining states have been combined to create a new single state, in some instances three states have been joined, though for some unknown reason New York, Montana and Minnesota were left in their original...well...states.

"We've come up with some real humdinger names," the bashful unnamed Senator beamed. "Wyoming and Idaho are now Wydaho, Wisconsin and Michigan become Wischagan, and Texas and New Mexico will be called Texaco. We thought long and hard about all those states in the northeast and ultimately decided to just call the whole thing New England...in homage to our revolutionary heritage."

Notes hastily scribbled on the back of the proposed

makeshift map of the country listed a slew of efficiencies that could be gained through state consolidation. Among those:

An elimination of 56 senators and several representatives (the jury is still out), resulting in a huge potential savings in salaries, benefits and overhead costs. There was short reference to another possible stimulus package to address severance incentives. Revenue from a Capitol

Hill yard sale of vacated office furniture alone could make a huge dent in a federal budget line item or two.

A substantial reduction of state legislator and governor compensation through the resulting reduction in the number of state governments. Further savings by consolidating bureaucratic costs for tax departments, Secretary of States, and other state-related administration offices would be astounding to say the least.

Savings in state-related items such as license plates, stationary and flags (a redesigned national flag is promised to be smaller and less expensive to produce as well) will reap huge cost savings due to economy of scale.

In spite of the rather monumental task that lies ahead; indications are that Legislators hope to complete the revised state configuration well before the highly debated full implementation of the new

national health program in 2014. By doing so, vacated state capitol buildings could be retrofitted to house the headquarters for the planned state insurance exchanges. Sources do admit, however, that if the new health program fails to materialize, all bets are off.

Makes me wonder if this really isn't all about April Fools!



Tentative List of Renamed States

- 1- New England - Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware and Maryland
- 2 - New York - New York
- 3 - Ohylvania - Ohio and Pennsylvania
- 4 - Virginia - Virginia and West Virginia
- 5 - Carolina - North and South Carolina
- 6 - Georida - Georgia and Florida
- 7 - Wischagan - Wisconsin and Michigan
- 8 - Indynois - Indiana and Illinois
- 9 - Kennissee - Kentucky and Tennessee
- 10 - Missabama-ana - Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana
- 11 - Minnesota - Minnesota
- 12 - Iworri - Iowa and Missouri
- 13 - Dakota - North and South Dakota
- 14 - Nebrasas - Nebraska and Kansas
- 15 - Arkoma - Arkansas and Oklahoma
- 16 - Texaco - Texas and New Mexico
- 17 - Montana - Montana
- 18 - Wydaho - Wyoming and Idaho
- 19 - Utadado - Utah, Nevada and Colorado
- 20 - Washogon - Washington and Oregon
- 21 - Calizona - California and Arizona
- 22 - Alasawaii - Alaska and Hawaii

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