

From staff reports

### Police say teen passed phony bill

**TRAVERSE CITY** — A war- rant is out for a Traverse City teen police believe passed a counterfeit bill to pay for burgers at a local fast-food restaurant.

Beau James Diehl, 19, is being charged with one count of uttering and pub- lishing involving coun- terfeit bills for a December incident at a Burger King restaurant.

Police were called by a Burger King employee Dec. 14 after Diehl alleged- ly used a counterfeit \$20 bill to pay for food.

According to the criminal complaint, Grand Traverse County sheriff's Detective Todd Heller verified the bill was counterfeit and started an investigation against Diehl.

Diehl, who faces a maxi- mum of five years for the felony counterfeiting count, was on probation for an assault and battery conviction in 2004, accord- ing to 86th District Court records.

### Planned Parenthood setting up auction

**TRAVERSE CITY** — Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan is preparing for its Armchair Auction, an Internet-based silent auction.

Those interested in receiving information about the auction or help- ing to run it should contact the agency at (231) 929-1844.

Planned Parenthood hopes to raise \$30,000 this year with proceeds to ben- efit its education projects.

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## Warbler's song returns to north

*Rare bird has summer home near Grayling*

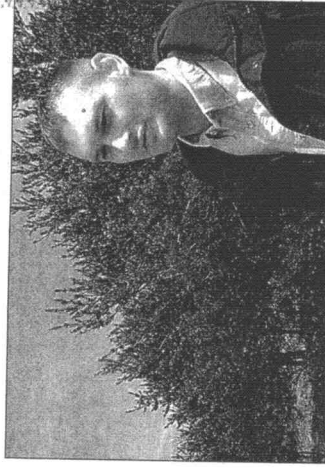
the birds. Habitat areas are closed to public entry during the May-to-August nesting season.

"Most birds you can go and see them in various areas of the country, but not the Kirtland's warbler. They're very unique, very rare," said Chris Mensing, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The birds nest only here, on the ground among the young jack pine trees, he said.

The birds migrate each year between Michigan and the Bahama Islands. Last year a record number of singing males — 1,341 — were counted in Michigan. Less than 200 were coun- ted as recently as 1987.

Joe Gomola, field biolo- gist with the U.S. Forest Service, said serious bird- habitat area.



Record-Eagle/Sheri McWhirter

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Chris Mensing said the Kirtland's warbler habitat is closed from May 1 to Aug. 15 and the best way to see or hear the bird is on an official tour.**

Timber companies con- tract to clear-cut the trees instead, rotating out jack pines at about 50 years. The birds do not nest in jack pines grown beyond 15 or 20 feet, Mensing said. Jack pine trees are then replanted.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife tours are at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. every day beginning Sunday, to run through July 4. The free

tours begin with a brief slide presentation at the Holiday Inn, 2650 Interstate 75 Business Loop in Grayling.

The U.S. Forest Service tours are at 7 a.m. every day beginning Sunday, to run through July 2, exclud- ing Memorial Day. The tours cost \$5 per person and depart from the ranger station at 401 N. Court Street in Mio.

### Playing around



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