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A Downtown Development Authority District is a defined area in a city or township from which taxes "captured" through investment and inflation are used to pay off bonds and loans for beautification and public improvement projects.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said the DDA has been proposed by a committee of city and business officials appointed by Mayor Dave Wyman last year to focus on downtown beautification.

Lowe said the committee believes Grayling can reel in tourists and shoppers who pass through the city to other communities if the downtown was more attractive.

## JAN. 23

## Airport name talks heat up

TRAVERSE CITY — A proposal to change the name of Cherry Capital Airport has run into some turbulence with the airport's landlords.

Grand Traverse County commissioners this week said they opposed any plans to change the name of the facility to the "Traverse Regional Airport."

The new name was being considered by the Northwestern Regional Airport Commission as completion nears of the airport's new \$17.5 million terminal building.

Airport officials say the new name would be more readily associated by travelers with the Grand Traverse region. Many of those travelers may not be aware of the area's long-time association with the cherry industry and therefore don't connect the name of the airport to the area it serves.

## JAN. 23

## Nurse competent for trial

TRAVERSE CITY — A nurse accused of trying to hire a hit man to kill her husband has been found competent to stand trial.

Diann Lynn Kubik, 49, of Traverse City, waived a pre-



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## Troops await processing at Camp Grayling for possible duty in Iraq.

liminary hearing on the charge of solicitation of murder Wednesday and now faces trial in circuit court on the charge

Kubik's lawyer, Michael Lewis, attempted to have his client deemed not criminally responsible because Kubik has a history of mental illness and has been diagnosed with having a multiple personality disorder.

## JAN. 24

## Soldiers prepare to leave

GRAYLING — Sgt. Devin Berry's twin, 5-year-old sons hardly understood why their father was leaving or that he could be gone for a year as one of 870 Michigan National Guard soldiers called into active duty this week as part of the U.S. war against terrorism.

"They wouldn't let me go," said Berry, 35, of Sault Ste. Marie. "They had my legs and were saying, 'Daddy don't go. Daddy don't go.' But there was nothing I could do about it. I had to pry them off."

Berry was one of about 400 Michigan National Guard soldiers Thursday at Camp Grayling. They were there to

receive physicals and immunizations, to arrange for their bills to be paid while they're away, to make sure they had wills.

On Sunday, those like Berry in the 1437th Engineer Company out of Sault Ste. Marie will go to Fort Campbell, Ky., while those from the 1460th Transportation Company of Midland will go to Fort McCoy, Wis.

## JAN. 25

## Kur lawsuit will proceed

CHARLEVOIX — A former chief deputy prosecutor's "whistleblower" lawsuit against Charlevoix County and Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur is headed toward trial after a judge refused to dismiss the case.

Visiting Circuit Judge Scott Pavlich denied a motion by attorneys for the county and Kur to dismiss the case. The lawsuit was filed last year by John Jarema, who was fired as chief assistant prosecutor late last February.

Jarema is seeking more than \$25,000 in damages, claiming he was fired late last February because Kur

discovered he was compiling information and preparing to present it to county commissioners alleging improper activities in the prosecutor's office.

Jarema claimed that other assistant attorneys received pay for hours they were not working. Kur has denied the allegation, saying Jarema was fired for disloyalty and divisiveness within the office.

## JAN. 26

## Project focuses on cluster

GREILICKVILLE — Developer Devereaux Trepp and real estate agent Ted Lockwood are changing the face of Greilickville and are about to launch their biggest project yet: a village center of about 20 shops and office suites.

The project, called Brewery Creek, will involve 16 acres of land on M-22 now occupied by the Classic Building Supply lumber yard, about a quarter mile south of Grandview Road in Leelanau County.

The focus of the development would be a cluster of about 11 buildings along

Brewery Creek, a small stream that cuts through the northwest corner of the site. Preliminary site plans show a wharf along the creek with benches and tables. Another major feature would be an amphitheater that could be used for outdoor entertainment.

Ten or so other buildings would be scattered about the rest of the site. Buildings will range from 1,500 to 7,000 square feet for a total of up to 75,000 square feet.

## JAN. 27

## Experts on arts to gather

TRAVERSE CITY — In a national test program highlighting the value of the arts and education through the arts, authorities from some of the country's most important arts and cultural organizations will converge in the Grand Traverse region in April.

Education and arts experts from the Smithsonian Institution, the Library of Congress, the National Gallery of Art, Carnegie Hall and Jazz at Lincoln Center all will participate in a week-long regional festival and conference for education and the arts to be held April 6-13.

Presented by the Traverse Area Arts Council and the new Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Education and the Arts, the festival will feature public presentations, demonstrations, seminars and performances at venues throughout the five-county region.

Local participants will include public and private schools, Interlochen Center for the Arts, the Dennon Museum Center, the Traverse Area District Library and area artists and cultural organizations.

## JAN. 28

## Tobias case fugitive caught

GAYLORD — A woman who claimed to be an eyewitness to the 1986 murder of Jerry Tobias but who later fled the state after allegedly recanting

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