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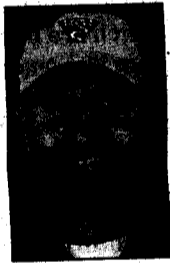
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OUR VIEW

Cheers

■ To Bob Otwell, executive director of TART Trails Inc., who announced last week that he plans to resign from the position he has held for nine years.

Under his leadership, TART started a number of walking and biking trails and has several continuing projects, including paving roughly 7



Otwell

miles of the Leelanau Trail, creating a path that runs near West Middle School in Garfield Township and seeking grants to fund a trail between Traverse City and Interlochen.

■ To all area residents, churches, businesses and organizations that contribute or help raise relief funds for Haiti earthquake victims. Keep up the good and important work. It will take Haiti and its people a long time to recover.

■ To three area businesses — the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy and the Prescription Shop of Traverse City

Initiative. The student-run program connects female university engineering students with West Senior High female students to build math, science, and problem-solving skills. It also provides good role models for high school students.

■ To West Senior High's Chorale and Central High School's combined orchestra and chorale, which were invited for the first time to sing last week at the 2010 Michigan Music Conference at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids. About 2,000 music educators statewide attended the Friday conference.

■ To Horse North Inc, a nonprofit with nine acres and a 20-stall barn near Fife Lake, which rehabilitates and finds homes for unwanted horses. The recession and Michigan's economic woes have been tough on horses and their owners. In better times, the organization rescued and placed 10 to 15 horses a year. Last year, Horse North took in 65 horses and turned away three times as many.

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