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BOYNE PLANNING COMMISSION WANTS CAR WASH NOISE SILENCED

A calmer, quieter downtown

The noise at The Max Car Wash in downtown Boyne City could soon be silenced.

The Boyne City Planning Commission made it perfectly clear at its meeting Monday night that the noise from the car wash's dryer is unacceptable and it wants something done to quiet it as soon as possible.

The commission heard from neighbors and downtown business owners who complained about the dryer's noise. Gen Varnum, who attends the Episcopal Church of the

Nativity in Boyne City said that during a Sunday morning service when the dryer comes on "we stop praying."

The commission also heard how the noise disturbs people's sleep and makes it difficult for nearby residences and buildings to open their windows in the summer.

The car wash was approved in 1995, but at the time noise that might be created by the business was not much of an issue. When reviewing the site plan for the business, Paul Fairbairn, owner of the car wash, said the only noise

the business might create would come from the spray wands.

"If we would have been aware of the noise, we would not have allowed it," said one planning commission member.

The motion passed by the commission states that it feels the owner misrepresented facts on the site plan application and encourages the city to seek remedies "in an expedient manner."

The motion passed unanimously.

Fairbairn was not present at the meeting and had no representative in attendance.

The noise issue was only one of several the commission addressed during its marathon meeting that lasted 6 1/2 hours.

The commission also gave final approval to Harbor

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Principal search narrows

■ Four candidates in the running for East Jordan job

The search for an East Jordan High School principal has been narrowed to four candidates who will undergo interviews next week in the district.

The school's current interim principal Tammy Jackson is one of the finalists who made the cut from the 13 applications the district received.

Jackson was appointed to the interim position for the current school year when former principal Gus Bishop vacated the post last July to become full-time director of curriculum and instruction, a job he had previously administered part time.

Prior to her appointment, Jackson served as the high school's assistant principal and athletic director.

Other candidates include Bob Alger who is currently the principal of Shepherd High School, a position he has held for the past six years. He served as the school's assistant principal prior to his current post.

Bob Gendron is the assistant principal at Bangor High School, a position he has held for two years. Previously he served the Berrien Springs Schools as the assistant principal/athletic director.

David Spalding, three-year principal of Athens High School, is the fourth candidate. He previously served as an assistant principal in Hastings.

Superintendent Chip Hansen said they were happy with the applicants. "It was a stronger pool than it was in July of last year."

A group of panelists comprised of a parent, student, faculty member, support staff, board member and an administrator will interview the candidates on March 24 and 25.

If the panel reaches a consensus, it will make a recommendation to the full school board the following week or in April and look to hire a principal by July 1.

Gymnastics' facility left out of Rotary

Boyne Area Gymnastics is back in the market for a new home.

During the past year, the club had been working with the City of Boyne City on the possibility of building a facility at Rotary Park, but following a vote of the city commission at its meeting last Tuesday, that is no longer a possibility.

The commission, by a 3-0 vote, passed a motion that in essence said it no longer wanted a gymnastics facility built at Rotary Park. Voting for the motion were commissioners Vic Ruggles and Eleanor Stackus and mayor Thelma Behling. Absent from the meeting were commissioners Steve Moody and Sandra Stanley.

For as long as the city and gymnastics group have been trying to work out the details of an agreement

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Beauty among cowpokes

Aunt Eller, played by Heidi Drenth, and the local cowpokes look on as Will Parker, played by Luke Meredith, kicks up his heels during a scene from East Jordan High School's thespian production of Oklahoma!

Soccer is a go

■ Red Devil team will suit up in fall

East Jordan High School will head into the 1999/2000 school year with men's and women's varsity soccer in its sports lineup, becoming the fifth team in its conference to offer the game, making it a league sport.

Following an administrative recommendation at its regular Monday night school board meeting, the board supported that the coaching positions be posted within the next few weeks and will likely appoint a men's coach at the April board meeting.

The men's season will run in the fall at the same time as football and girls basketball. The women's will be held alongside softball and track in the spring. Games will be played at the school's Boswell Field, a stadium already designed for soccer play, with practices at Old Boswell Field.

"We feel a very strong desire and need for soccer in our school right now," principal Tammy Jackson said.

The catalyst for adding the sport came from a strong youth soccer pro

Please see **SOCCER** on page 14

Water system due for upgrade in East Jordan

The East Jordan City Commission will look at increasing water rates to help cover a \$2.1 million upgrade to the city's water supply system.

The expense is proposed to be paid for in part with increased user rates with the city contributing

\$75,000 per year for three years from its general fund. If approved, the city plans to pursue a low-interest loan through the Drinking Water Revolving Fund to pay for the project.

City administrator David White said the improvements would

increase water pressure and reliability, upgrade and modernize the system and also provide for additional water storage capacity.

The proposed enhancements include construction of a 300,000 gallon concrete ground storage tank and water main connections on the

city's northwest side; a new 500 gallon per minute water supply well and well house on the southwest side and the abandonment of well number one; abandoning one of two booster pump stations and building a new one; replacing 6,150 linear feet of 12-inch water main; and

installing 1,000 feet of 12-inch watermain under Lake Charlevoix south of the M-32 bridge.

Water customers have seen a slight but steady increase in water rates since 1994, and according to

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Politics, hockey come together at the White House

Politics and the Detroit Red Wings are two loves for G.T. Long and they came together when he was invited to the White House for the Red Wings' Stanley Cup celebration with President Clinton in late January.

The invitation for Long, who lives in Horton Bay and works as a representative for the Democratic Party in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, came from Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow, who knew "I'm a big Red Wings fan," Long said. He also ran unsuccessfully against State Rep. Bev Bodem in 1994.

About 150 people from Michigan, including many of the state's political leaders, attended

the event. Long had never met any members of the Red Wings nor had he met the president. He had a chance to meet both.

When Long arrived at the White House and cleared security, he and other guests "walked into the foyer, the band



G.T. Long had a front row seat when Steve Yzerman presented President Clinton with a Red Wings jersey.

was playing" and Clinton came in.

"I didn't expect to meet him," Long said.

But a woman came around with a card for everyone to fill out asking them for their name and address. The cards were



G.T. Long meets President Clinton.

then given to a Marine guard who would announce the person's name and then that person would walk up to meet the president and have their picture taken with him.

Once the introductions were over, the guests moved into another room for the Red Wings celebration.

When that was over, the players stayed to visit and sign

autographs for the guests. Long had a chance to meet captain Steve Yzerman, Chris Osgood, Doug Brown, Sergei Fedorov, Brendan Shanahan, and coach Scotty Bowman.

Long couldn't believe how young the players looked. "They looked like a high school team," he said. "It was very informal. They were very relaxed. They were very nice."

"I've always loved them. For me to meet them was a lot of fun."

And it isn't every day he gets to meet the president.

"It was interesting. I had a lot of fun."

Long had no idea he would receive a picture of him shaking the president's hand until the photograph arrived in the mail two weeks ago.

EDITORIAL

Doing public's business is no easy task

The Boyne City Planning Commission turned into a test of endurance Monday night and it proved once again that serving a community in a volunteer capacity on boards and commissions is no easy task.

School board members, city commissioners, planning board members, Downtown Development Authority members, housing commission members — they all take the heat.

No matter what they do, their decisions are subject to criticism. Everyone else has the right answer.

The planning commission members were really under the gun Monday. Few issues in front of them were easy. Noise at The Max Car Wash has been a bother since the business opened. They finally took action to resolve it. That was one vote with no objections.

The Harborage Renaissance development plan on Lake Charlevoix stirred deep emotions. Decisions made on the project will have long term ramifications. Deciding if it's right for the community is no easy task.

While some may think building a 30-unit housing development next to Litzenger Place for the elderly — a group we must not neglect — is a no-brainer, neighbors, worried about what it may mean to their way of life, still have a right to voice their concerns. And they did.

These commissioners and board members — our neighbors — who miss dinner, their children's activities or even Must-See TV for these after-work meetings, come armed only with ordinances, by-laws and precedences, and believe it or not, the will to do the right thing.

They do their best. They do it for free. But even after hours of research and debate, they can only please some of the people some of the time.

LETTERS

A different spin on survey results

TO THE EDITOR:

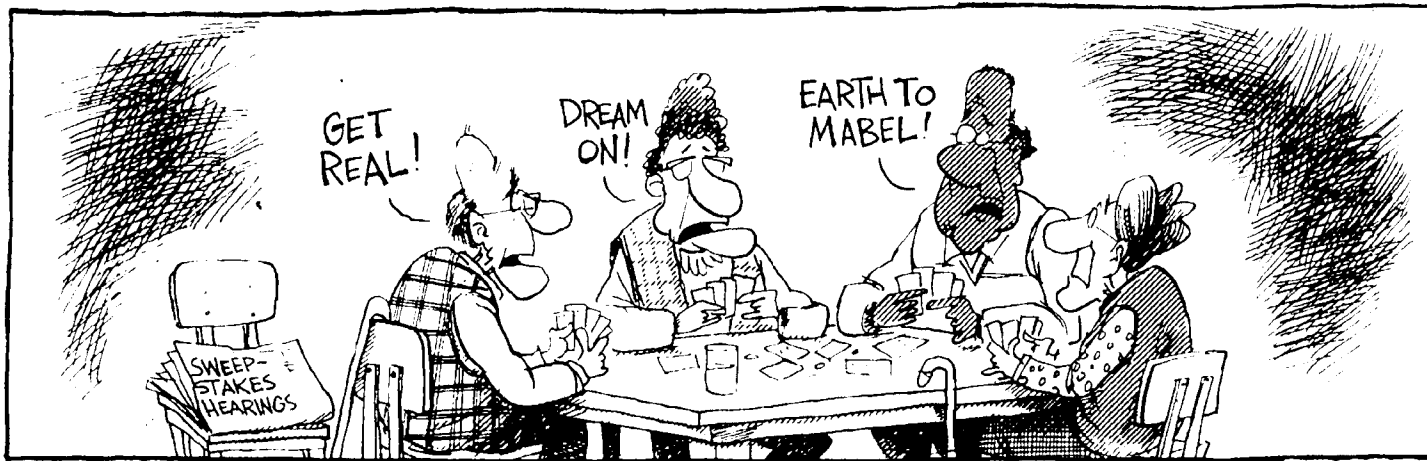
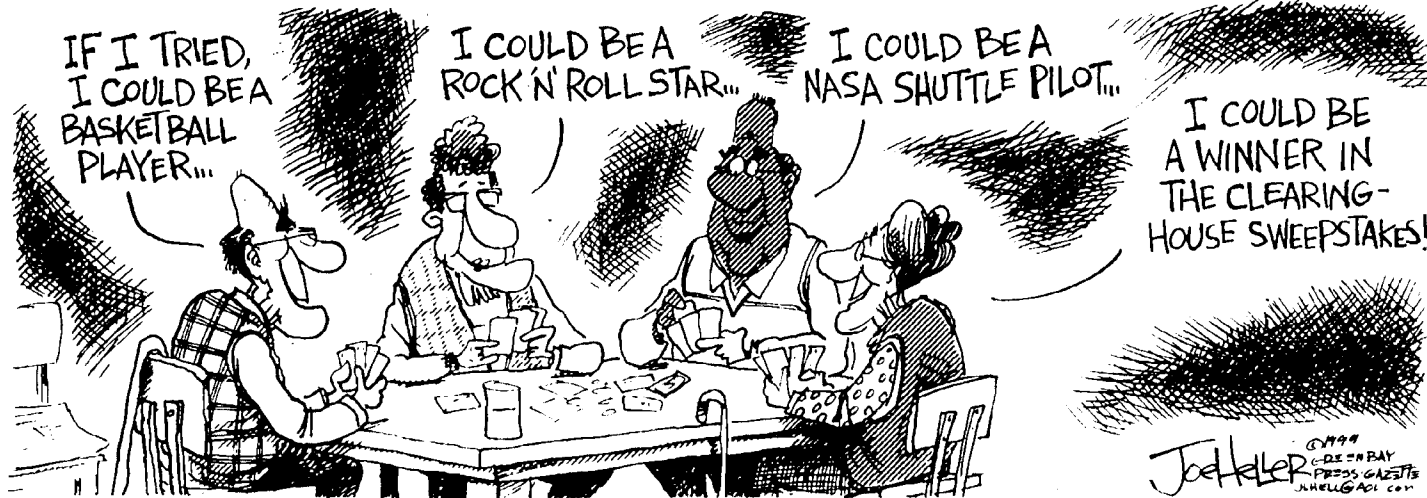
It seems that the school planners are still going to try for a \$20 million bond issue in September. They feel that the last survey was encouraging enough to try once more. Let's see what's wrong with their reasoning.

The survey results were 44% for, 42% against, 14% undecided, and 5% margin of error. They ignore the strong negative votes of the last two attempts. When you factor in these two very important quotients into the equation you should get an entirely different reading. I honestly do not think they will get voter approval on a third try.

So what should they do? Their dream of a new \$20 million school system should be put on hold and then they should start dealing with the realities of the situation.

If the education of the students truly is the number one priority of the school system the planners should find out how much millage the voters will stand for and start from there. I suggest we add on the necessary classrooms, remodel where actually needed, rewire with exposed conduit, get voters approval on an auditorium and keep costs well under \$10 million and above all when all else fails — try the truth.

Everett K. Sayles



Boyne City should follow East Jordan's lead

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently had the occasion to drive through downtown East Jordan and was very impressed with their new look.

Upscale, clean and user-friendly. It's too bad in Boyne City we don't have it quite as together as they do. It's also a shame that after so many months of planning, haggling, and foot-dragging we have not accomplished our goal of a boardwalk along the river. If it is taking this long to get a project off the ground perhaps there could be a better expenditure of the monies set aside.

A bright, new, shiny boardwalk will definitely be an asset to the downtown area and I personally am looking forward to it, but I also wonder how this will affect the look of our area.

Our streets are dirty, we have trees that are blocking

the business' signage, and there is no user-friendliness (seating, planters). It's a shame that we don't have beautiful, colorful flags that beckon people into the area like so many other cities. Our flower beds are level with the sidewalks and get trampled by the pedestrians.

Is this the inviting downtown district we are trying to project? Why can't we invest in some banners, clean up the streets and sidewalks, have the businesses add some color to our drab environment? In an area that has gray days and lots of white snow the major portion of the year it's odd that we don't try to add the color that Mother Nature denies us.

If we enhance what we already have, then the boardwalk will be the crowning jewel in the crown -- not the diamond in the rough.

Cindi and Frank Malin

Child care worker's quick response helps infant

TO THE EDITOR:

Abigail Beeler, an East Jordan resident and caregiver at Grandma's Child Care Center in Boyne City, recently saved a baby in her care who stopped breathing.

Abby noticed one of the infants sleeping in the nursery had stopped breathing and was turning blue. She picked up the child and it started to breath. The regis-

tered nurse on staff, Valerie Burns, was informed and the child was examined immediately and then taken to the hospital for observation.

The family wishes to thank Abby and the staff at Grandma's Child Care Center for their attentiveness and quick response to this life-threatening situation for my 4-month-old grandson, Jacob Hudspeth.

Walter J. Hill

Catch of the day

With the beautiful sunny days the past week, thoughts for many turn to warmer days of spring. For Jim Cooper of Boyne, he's still enjoying ice fishing and he took advantage of Monday's near perfect weather to fish Lake Charlevoix. He found some success, reeling in a small perch, but that was his only catch of the day.



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BOARDWALK VIDEO IS ITS NEIGHBOR

Big Boy's opening coming soon

It was 11 years ago when Ludlow Enterprises first considered bringing a Big Boy restaurant to Boyne City. And now, six months after beginning renovations, siblings Jane and Brian Ludlow are just two weeks away from opening the 146-seat franchise on M-75 in the old Country Star Restaurant.

This is the sixth Big Boy restaurant the family will operate in northern Michigan. There are 635 of the restaurants nationwide, including the Boyne City location. Job applicants are being interviewed now to fill 42 positions for the Wednesday, March 31, opening.

The Ludlows also run Big Boy restaurants in Petoskey, Gaylord and Cheboygan, and two in Alpena. They own Mancino Restaurants in Petoskey and Alpena, and have another one opening in Gaylord in May, and have two fast food restaurants in Alpena called Lud's.

Brian lives in Petoskey, and Jane lives in Gaylord. Their brother Phil Ludlow manages the Alpena stores.

"We're really happy to be in the community and look forward to meeting everyone," Brian said.

The site, originally slated for minor remodeling, has undergone a complete renovation. Some walls have come down, all new floor and wall coverings have been installed, and some updates were made to the exterior facade. A 14-seat conference area for breakfast and luncheon meetings is called the "Boyne Room." A 16-foot salad bar was installed last week.

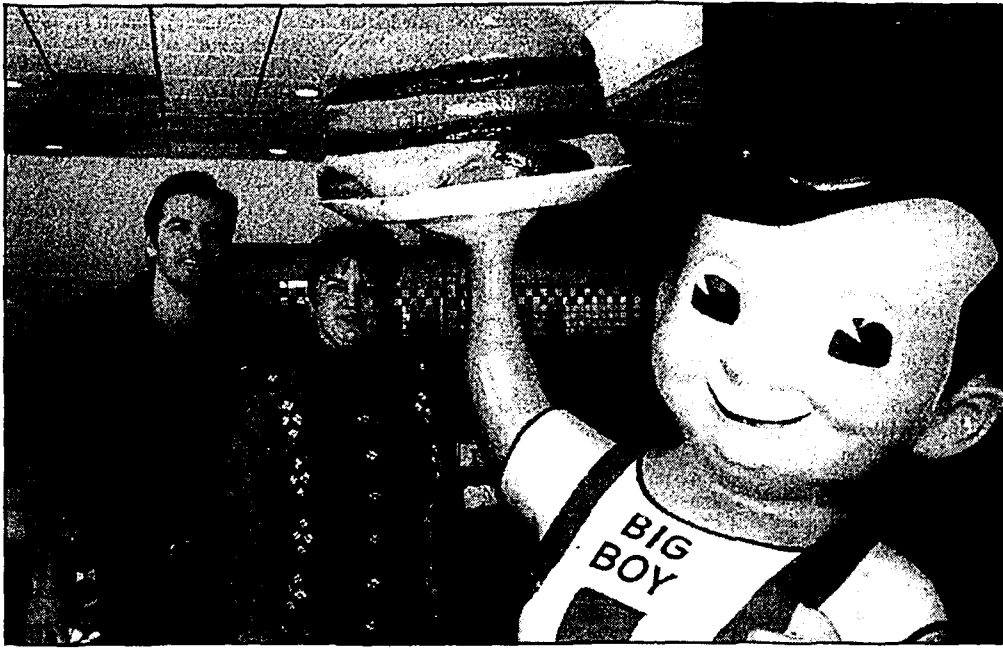
The owners had hoped to display the familiar Big Boy character in front of the building, but were disappointed when local sign ordinances, which allow only 100 square foot of signage for their size parcel, forced them to downsize and display instead, a 10-foot high freestanding sign, signage on the building and a directional sign at the parking lot entrance.

The Boyne City restaurant is one of about five in the country, according to Brian, where Big Boy won't be displayed. "They are expecting to see the character," Brian said of the public.

The Ludlows also had to scrap plans for a reader board attached to their freestanding sign because of the size restrictions. "It's a way to communicate with our guests and we like using them," Brian said.

"I don't think it's an eyesore," Brian said. "It will improve the property." He said he plans to resubmit a signage request to the city.

Combined with the adjacent Boardwalk Video sign, all of the



Brian and Jane Ludlow will open a Big Boy restaurant and bakery in Boyne City at the end of the month and have dedicated a space inside the eatery for the Big Boy character they had originally hoped to display outside.

signage totals about 110 square feet, for which they received a variance from the zoning board.

The restaurant's hours will be from 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Boardwalk Video moved next to the restaurant on Friday, from its former site on Park Street. The video store is located on the east side of the building and has its own entrance and parking lot and there is also an inside doorway between the two businesses.

"It's a better location with more visibility and traffic," owner Ruth Ann Porter said of the move.

The new location will feature a drop box and an expanded children's video section. The phone number is the same at 582-9979.

We welcome your letters to the editor.
Our deadline is 10 a.m. Mondays.

There's only one place in Boyne City where a malt is still made the old-fashioned way - in the mixing cup - with whole milk, homemade ice cream and real malt for that unique malt flavor.

Oops-Sorry!
New restaurant coming soon.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

RE/MAX of Charlevoix staff earns honors

Realtors with RE/MAX of Charlevoix were recently honored by the RE/MAX Real Estate System for outstanding sales and service in 1998. They received their awards at the RE/MAX of Michigan 20th annual Regional Conference held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

Joseph Vogelheim was inducted into the RE/MAX International Hall of Fame. The award is earned by members who, during their careers with RE/MAX have helped at least 350 families buy or sell homes.

Vogelheim, Kevin Heard, Stephen Andreae, Gregory Bryan, Judy Petkewicz and David Campbell were honored with the 100% Club Award. Among the 829 RE/MAX of Michigan members, 212 individuals qualified for the RE/MAX 100% Club in 1998, which is based on sales production for the year. Each of those inducted assisted 68 to 105 families with their real estate needs, far above the industry average.

Sandra Sheridan was awarded Executive Club honors for assisting 31 to 67 families with their real estate needs in 1998.

The RE/MAX of Charlevoix staff also recently received awards from the Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Board of Realtors.

Western Auto owners attend conference

Janell and Bob Pawlus, owners of the Western Auto Store in Boyne City, recently returned from a three-day sales conference at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., which celebrated Western Auto's 90th year in the retailing business.

Western Auto was founded by George Pepperdine, who started the business in Kansas City as a mail-order auto parts enterprise in 1909. By the mid-1930s, the company began to focus on expansion to smaller communities in rural markets. The first privately-owned Western Auto store opened in Frdonia, Kan., in 1935.

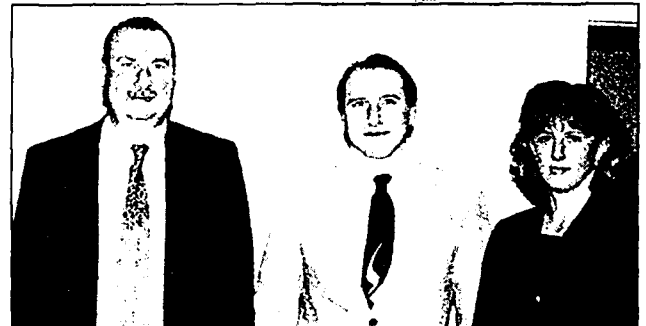
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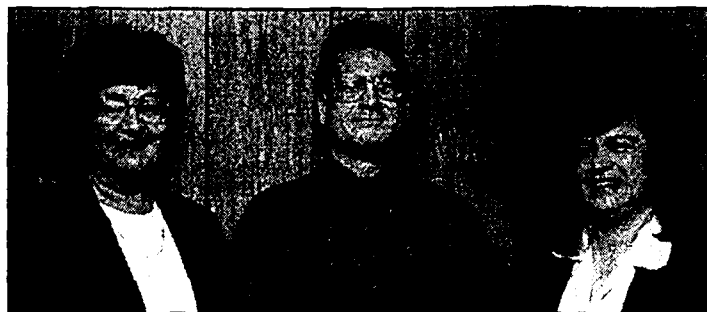


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OBITUARIES

Richard Lester May

Richard Lester May, 82, died Monday, March 15, at his home on Anderson Road in Boyne City after a short illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. Robert Faulman will officiate. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 17, from 5-8 p.m.

Dick was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 19, 1916 where he lived until he moved to Boyne City in 1946. He owned and operated May's Ignition Service on Boyne Avenue until he relocated to the Sinclair station at the corner of Water and Lake streets in Boyne City.

Dick married Edna M. Northup on March 27, 1959 in Eastpointe, Mich., where they resided until their retirement and moved back to Boyne City in 1983. They enjoyed family and friends at their home on Anderson Road and in Valrico, Fla., in the winter. He was affiliated with the Pres-

byterian Church, was an avid golfer, and a dedicated baseball fan. His many talents included playing the organ, woodworking, reading, gardening, and fixing things. He enjoyed feeding the birds, and the beauties of nature.

He is survived by his wife Edna and sons Richard T. (Marvyn) May of Sebring, Fla.; Kenneth C. (Lena) May of Brandenburg, Ky.; Murray L. (Jan) Northup of Midland; Nels J. (Louisa) Northup of Gladwin; William (Cody) Northup of Valrico, Fla.; and Michael A. (Joyce) Northup of Eastpointe; one daughter, Nancy L. Northup of Boyne City; 21 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. He will be missed by not only family, but by his many good friends and neighbors.

The family wishes memorials be sent to the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, American Heart Association, or the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City.

Ralph Shepard, Sr.

Ralph Shepard, Sr., 82, of East Jordan, died on Saturday, March 13, 1999 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

His funeral was Tuesday, March 16, at the East Jordan United Methodist Church. The Rev. Eugene L. Baughan and the Rev. Merlin Delo officiated, with interment in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Ralph was born on March 9, 1917 in East Jordan, the son of Claude and Alice (Hot) Shepard. On Oct. 29, 1938 in Lewiston, he married Naomi Carey.

Ralph worked for the East Jordan Iron Works for 44 years, working his way from machinist, to foundry superintendent and finally up to consulting engineer. He retired in 1982.

He was a member of the East Jordan United Methodist Church and the Jordan River Sportsman's Club. Ralph was a Gideon since 1977. He also served as a board member of the East Jordan Health Center and coun-

cilman for the City of East Jordan. He enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, and playing music. He was known to play the organ, trumpet, and baritone.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Naomi Shepard of East Jordan; five children, Ralph Shepard, Jr. of Saginaw, Allan Shepard of East Jordan, Lanny (Winnie) Shepard of Cheboygan, Phyllis (Doug) Sumner of East Jordan, and Helen (Doug) Clary of Mattawan; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Don Shepard of Florida and Robert (Marie) Shepard of East Jordan; one sister, Marian (Henry "Hank") Grutsch of East Jordan; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and twin great-grandchildren, Nicolas and Nicole Skrocki.

Memorials may be given to the East Jordan United Methodist Church or The Gideons.

Sally Kay McGeorge

Sally Kay McGeorge, 63, of Boyne City, died on Thursday, March 11, 1999 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Her funeral was March 15 at the Free Methodist Church in Boyne City. The Rev. Lane Eddy officiated.

Sally was born on Nov. 30, 1935 in East Jordan, the daughter of Raymond and Mildred Turnipseed Swafford. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1953. On Sept. 23, 1954 Sally married Norman L. McGeorge. She lived in the Boyne City and East Jordan area her whole life. Mrs. McGeorge was a member of Boyne City Free Methodist Church

and enjoyed flowers, gardening, cooking and camping.

Survivors include her husband, Norman, of Boyne City; two sons, Steven (Janice) McGeorge of Petoskey, and Greg (Sharon) McGeorge of Boyne City; one daughter, Stacy McGeorge of Boyne City; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Connie Foote.

The family wishes memorials to the American Cancer Society or to the Kidney Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

William 'Barney' Barnett

William "Barney" Barnett, 51, died on Sunday, March 14, 1999 at his home in East Jordan.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 17, at 2 p.m. at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Phyllis Cutler and Linda Barnes will give the eulogy. A military service will follow under the auspices of the Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 of the American Legion in East Jordan. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Barney was born on Nov. 21, 1947, Dr. Savory's second baby delivery and the first baby born at Lockwood Hospital in Petoskey. He was the son of E. Cuthbert and Pauline L. (Nowland) Barnett. He was a descendent of three "Mayflower" passengers, Stern Hopkins, Constance Hopkins Snow, and Richard Warren.

Barney lived his whole life in East Jordan. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1965. He served in the United States Army Adjutant Corps from 1966 to 1968 and the

United States Army Reserve. He worked 31 years for the East Jordan Iron Works.

On Feb. 15, 1986 in East Jordan, he married Hope Baier.

Barney was an avid genealogist, author, coin collector, video enthusiast, and music enthusiast. He also enjoyed the challenge of working crossword puzzles.

Barney was a member of the Portside Arts and Historical Society and Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 of the American Legion in East Jordan. He also enjoyed serving on the local rifle squad for military services.

Barney is survived by his wife, Hope Barnett of East Jordan; his son, William Barnett, Jr.; two daughters, Jennifer Barnett and Teddi Rae Barnett, all of East Jordan; two brothers, Richard (Elaine) Barnett and James (Shirley) Barnett, all of East Jordan; and one sister, Bonnie (Bernard) Hammond of East Jordan. He was preceded in death by his father in 1968 and his mother in 1998.

Viva M. Miner

Viva M. Miner, 55, of East Jordan, died on Thursday, March 11, 1999 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Her funeral was Saturday, March 13, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. James Jordan of the East Jordan Missionary Church officiated, with interment in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Viva was born Aug. 3, 1943 in Concordia, Kan., the daughter of Daniel R. and Dorothy (Bassett) Kendall. In 1965, she married William Frank Miner, Sr. He died on Oct. 8, 1981. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by eight children, William Frank (Susan) Miner of

Otsego, Joseph (Denise) Miner of Holland, Michelle (Jeff) Colter of Otsego, Brenda (William) Dean of Martin, Geana (Bernie) Zeerip of Marion, Dorothy (Stewart) Warrington of East Jordan, Viva M. Miner of Detroit, and Amy Miner of East Jordan; 15 grandchildren; two sisters, Susie (Steve) Carol of Kansas City, Mo., and Dorothy (Raymond) Wilcox of Wayland; two brothers, Frank Kendall of Kalamazoo and Donnie (Emma) Kendall of North Carolina; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Letha Burkhead, and a sister, Mary Burkhead.

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Kenneth G. Slough

Kenneth G. Slough, 77, died at his home in East Jordan on March 9, 1999. The memorial service was held Saturday, March 13, at the East Jordan Missionary Church.

Kenneth was born Oct. 14, 1921 on his family's farm in Ellsworth. He attended the Wright Country School in Banks Township and later graduated from East Jordan High School.

After graduation, Kenneth attended a mechanic trade school in Lansing and worked as a machinist for the Excello company in Detroit. After an Honorable Discharge from the Army, Kenneth returned home and married Ina Gilkerson on Dec. 25, 1943, and started his business, East Jordan Auto Parts.

Although the core of his business for 55 years is the processing of scrap iron, his many enterprises included the sale of new and used auto, truck, and agricultural parts and supplies. Earlier years in business provided a wrecker service, excavating, custom threshing, and a service station. Later, Kenneth established the first snowmobile, motorcycle, and yard implement dealerships in East Jordan.

Kenneth enjoyed music, playing his violin, farming, flying his air-

plane, boating and camping with his family. His enjoyment of baseball included serving as past Little League President.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Ina Slough and children Jean Cole of

Saginaw, Jane (Dan) Peters of Hale, Joan Nowak of Ellsworth, Bertha (Robert) Hommer of Skanee, John Slough of East Jordan, James (Kathryn) Slough of Ellsworth, Janet Renkiewicz of Boyne City, and Julie (James) Runstrom of Interlochen; a close companion Ardeth (Brock) Slough of Petoskey, and children William (Julie) Slough of

Hancock, Wesley Slough of Bloomington, Ill., and Jennifer Slough of Lexington, Ky.; a sister, Alice (Slough) Fazlollah of Atlanta, Ga., and her children Thomas and Sally Fazlollah; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rosena (Grettenberger) Slough in 1951 and his father, William D. Slough in 1964.

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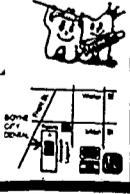
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BCHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS SPRING PRODUCTION

Curtain rises on Guys and Dolls



Bag ladies Chicken Lizzy, left, played by Heather Fisher, and Daisy Jane played by Muriel Zimmerman, take refuge at the Salvation Army during a dress rehearsal of Guys and Dolls.

When a Salvation Army missionary gets involved with a gangster during Boyne City High School's production of Guys and Dolls, hilarity ensues.

The high school drama department will perform the former Broadway musical, set in New York City in the 1940s, at the Boyne City Elementary School stage next week.

The story line revolves around gangster Sky Masterson, played by Nick McLane, trying to make good on a wager with a friend that he can take missionary Sarah Brown, played by Alicia Maule, to Havana with him.

Like the original, "there are a lot of funny lines," play co-director Jackie Wollenberg said. But plenty more has changed since the high school performed the same play 15 years ago.

Not only has the script been edited down, but the costumes will have "a little touch of flair" too, Jackie said.

"It's amazing," Jackie said. "You'd think you'd be able to use what you'd used 15 years ago, but there are things I wouldn't even consider."

Review of the old play video, for example, showed the gangster characters wearing large, dark mismatched suits with too-short pants. For this production they will be a bit more polished with primary color satin shirts and matching hatbands.

And most of the costumes are being hand-sewn led by seamstress Haze Harmeling, as opposed to renting them. Jackie pointed out that resale shops have come in handy for the 40s-look outfits too. There is at least one costume for each actor.

The set is nearly complete and should be exciting, Jackie said. The front of the stage will feature a faux-marble look created by high school art teacher Lee Ewald and his students. It was gold in past productions. "It's going to be absolutely stunning," Jackie said.

Viewers can expect enhancements to stage lighting as well.

"It's really an art in itself," Jackie said, but is something time constraints have hindered in the past. Usually, they've only worked with spot and floodlights, but stage worker Troy Bishop has taken on the task to expand this aspect of the production, which Jackie said should create a different look on the set.

The 50 to 60 cast members continue practicing this week with an official dress rehearsal scheduled for next Monday.

The curtain will go up at 7 p.m. on March 23, 25, 26 and 27. Tickets are \$4 each, or \$8 for reserved seating, and can be purchased at Boyne City Ace Hardware, Boyne Country Books and Boardwalk Video.

Boyne City chamber recruiting ambassadors

Boyne City chamber members will soon be getting a knock at their doors as chamber board members kick off a campaign to develop the ambassador group.

"We're really refining what the chamber is all about," said chamber treasurer Heather Nalbock, and part of that is standardizing the ambassadorship program.

Ambassadors are chamber volunteers who assist with events, work on fundraising and other activities.

Toward the end of March and beginning of April, the board will deliver applications and ask business owners to recommend an employee they feel would make a good ambassador. A committee will then select 15 people for the one year term.

"We want the people in the community to know that to be an ambassador is a prestigious position," Nalbock said.

She also points out that it's a good way to promote yourself or your business, to learn about the community, make new friends and develop leadership skills.

"It's good to rub elbows with the community leaders," Nalbock said.

The program's revamping includes an incentive program to help acknowledge ambassador contributions.

"We've always been very grateful," Nalbock said of the volunteers. "But we've never really done anything to recognize or reward them or to say thank you."

For more information about the ambassador program, call the chamber at 582-6222.

Oklahoma! tickets going fast

It will be curtains for those who don't hurry to get tickets to the East Jordan High School thespian production of Oklahoma!

Seats at the high school's auditorium have already been claimed for the first, second and closing shows — and it's the first time the school's opening show has actually been sold out before it opened, according to director Paula Vollbach.

The 50-member high school cast will kick up its heels in typical western fashion with crooning, two-stepping, roping, and even a gun fight in this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic set in Oklahoma during its transformation to statehood.

Cowboy hats, boots, bandannas and lassos are

the de rigeur for the musical which unfolds around a romance between Curly, played by Ken Slough and Laurey, played by Briean Thorman.

"There may even be a few surprises," Paula Vollbach said of the musical, not wanting to reveal all the production's highlights.

Some tickets are still available for the Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m. show and the Friday March 26, 7 p.m. shows.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children and senior citizens, and will be available for purchase through this Friday, March 19 from 3-5:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium. No phone reservations will be accepted and all sales are final.



Oklahoma ranchhands take turns ogling the views in a special kaleidoscope brought back to town from the big city.

New director to lead Camp E.J.

Amy Parrish will join Camp E.J. this summer as its new director.

The eight-week East Jordan day camp is a joint venture between the City of East Jordan and the East Jordan Public Schools which offers swimming, structured play activities, arts and crafts and an educational component such as field trips, nature studies and computers.

A December graduate of Western Michigan University, Parrish is a substitute teacher in the East Jordan and Charlevoix school systems. She previously worked at Camp McSauba for six years, spending the last three as its head counselor.

Parrish, who did her student teach-



Amy Parrish

ing at the Lincoln Environmental Science Academy, said she is looking to

incorporate more nature and science into the daycamp this summer and is planning field trips to places like the Clinch Park Zoo in Traverse City, Hartwick Pines in Grayling and Raven Hill in East Jordan.

Last summer the camp for 5 to 12 year olds, saw a weekly average of 46 campers. The cost is \$50 for one week of camp that runs from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Camp E.J. brochures will be sent home with East Jordan students in their Friday folders and be distributed to Boyne City and other area schools in April.

For further information, call Parrish at 536-0053 ext. 5170.

EJ resident will serve another term on state library board

Fran Pletz of East Jordan is one of four individuals appointed by Governor John Engler to serve on the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees.

Pletz has served as a trustee since 1990, representing the general public. Previously, she was the first full-time executive director of the Michigan Library Association from 1969-1982.

The Library of Michigan, located

in Lansing, is a nationally recognized, visible, electronic and traditional library and leadership development center that serves as an information resource to the legislature, state gov-

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Water system

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city clerk Kathy O'Rear, it has been at least a decade prior to that since rates were raised.

A recent survey of surrounding communities shows East Jordan having one of the lowest water rates, charging \$5.34 per 2,000 gallons in 1998. Petoskey charged more than 4 1/2 times that, Boyne City's was over \$4 more, Charlevoix was nearly \$3 more.

If approved, East Jordan's rates per 100 cubic feet of water will go up in July from \$1 to \$1.03 for using up to 5,000 cubic feet; from 90 cents for 2,000 to 5,000 cubic feet and 87 cents for 5,000-10,000, up to

99 cents for 5,000 to 10,000 cubic feet; and from 77 cents up to 88 cents for using more than 10,000 cubic feet

A resident using 2,200 cubic feet of water per quarter can expect an increase from \$29.80 per quarter to \$37.48 — just over \$30 per year.

The city is also pursuing improvements to the sewer system on Echo and Erie Streets. These projects will be coordinated with the construction proposed for the water system so that the road will not be torn up twice during the same season. The city is paying for the sewer improvements out of city funds.

Commissioners will likely review the proposal at

a special March 30 meeting called to discuss the city's budget.

If approved, construction would probably begin in late summer.

At its regular meeting Monday night, the commission held a public hearing on its intent to officially apply for \$369,000 in grant funds from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Clean Michigan Initiative for playing fields and associated infrastructure at old Boswell Field on M-32.

Commissioners approved the resolution, following the review of a letter of concern from a local resident, the only public commentary, which stated he felt it premature to spend money on the park's

development.

If the funding is granted, the city would contribute a \$246,000 match toward the project which would fund the construction of three soccer fields, four baseball diamonds, a parking lot, bike path and renovations to a concession and restroom facility.

Commissioners also passed a resolution of intent to provide a special assessment for placing electrical service underground on Spring Street. City attorney Scott Beatty said such a move would provide for aesthetics, safety and consistency of performance.

The April 6 regular city commission meeting was canceled.

CALENDAR

OKLAHOMA!

March 20-21, 25-27

The East Jordan High School Thespians will perform the musical Oklahoma! March 20, 26, 27 at 7 p.m., March 21 at 2 p.m., March 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets available March 8-19 from 3-5:30 p.m. during the week at the East Jordan High School auditorium. No phone reservations. Cost: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors and children. No refunds.

GUYS & DOLLS TICKET SALES

March 23, 25-27

Tickets are on sale now for the Boyne City High School Drama Department production of Guys and Dolls. The musical will run March 23, 25, 26 and 27. Tickets are \$4 each, or \$8 for reserved seating and can be purchased at Ace Hardware, Boyne Country Books and Boardwalk Video.

PINNEY BRIDGE FORUM

Thursday, March 18

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed are hosting a public forum from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan to discuss ideas for the future of the decaying Pinney Bridge site on the west side of the Jordan Valley. Information: John Hummer (616)533-5063, Mike Mang (517)732-3541.

SONG OF THE LAKES CONCERT

Friday, March 19

The Song of the Lakes band will be in concert at the East Jordan Civic Center at 7 p.m. with the East Jordan High School choir as special guest. Tickets are available at the East Jordan and Boyne City chambers of commerce and at the McCune Art Center in Petoskey. Cost: \$5

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE AND WORKSHOP

Friday and Saturday, March 20

Just For Kicks Northern Michigan Dance Club is holding a country/western dance and workshop at the Cross in the Woods Family Center, M-68 West of M-27 in Indian River. The dance is Friday, March 19 from 7-11 p.m. Cost is \$5. On Saturday there will be a workshop/dinner/dance, beginning at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 in advance. Call (616) 347-6680.

CHORAL PERFORMANCE

Saturday, March 20

The Little Traverse Choral Society will be performing Requiem by Maurice Duruflé with A Tribute to Robert Shaw, at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Petoskey. For ticket information, call 347-4150.

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CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE

Saturday, March 20

A contra/square dance will be held at 7 p.m. in the Ellsworth Town Hall. Beginners welcome. Cost: \$10/families and \$3/person.

LECTURE AT NCMC

Tuesday, March 23

The NCMC Lecture Series will feature Colonel Nancy Jaax, Chief Pathologist at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, at 7:30 p.m. at the North Central Michigan College Student Center. Jaax and her husband Jerry are among the world's leading specialists on extremely infectious viruses and high hazard biological research. They led the team of Army soldiers who contained the Ebola outbreak in Reston, Va., in 1989. Cost: Free.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, March 30

East Jordan High School and the Community American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. in the East Jordan High School gym, at 240 N. Maple St.

CHORALE SPRING CONCERT

April 17-19

The Northern Michigan Chorale spring concert, "As Time Goes By," will be presented at 7:30, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m., in the McCune Arts Center in Petoskey. Cost: Adults \$6 (\$7 at the door), students \$3. Call 616-347-4337 for tickets.

Paint Blitz begins recruiting volunteers

The Charlevoix Emmet Housing Coalition is now taking applications for homes to be painted during the 1999 Paint Blitz program.

Painting volunteers are also needed to make the event a success.

The program is offered to low income homeowners who live in Emmet or Charlevoix County.

The program offers at no cost an exterior painting service that typically includes power washing and preparation of the exterior surface, painting by volunteer painters, and clean up.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 22.

If you are interested in an appli-

cation or volunteering, contact the Housing Coalition at 582-2894 or write to CEHC, 202 S. Lake Street, Suite A, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Freedom Festival raffle tickets now on sale

Festival 500 tickets are now on sale with all proceeds going toward the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival fireworks fund.

"This is critical to fundraising efforts for fireworks," East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Mary Faculak said.

The tickets cost \$5 each. First prize is \$500 and there will be 10, \$50 prizes given away as well. Only 1,200

will be sold.

The drawing will be held June 26 at 9:30 p.m. during the fireworks intermission, which will be put on again by Zambelli Internationale.

The tickets can be purchased from East Jordan chamber and Freedom Festival board members, or can be ordered by mail at Jordan Valley Freedom Festival, P.O. Box 435, East Jordan, Mich. 49727.

Chambers hosting After Hours

The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held on Thursday, March 18 from 5-7 p.m. at Boyne Rental located at 01182 M-75 South in Boyne City.

The Boyne River Inn will join Boyne Rental as the evening's sponsors which will feature Bobcat test drives, a "What's This?" contest and a 50/50 drawing.

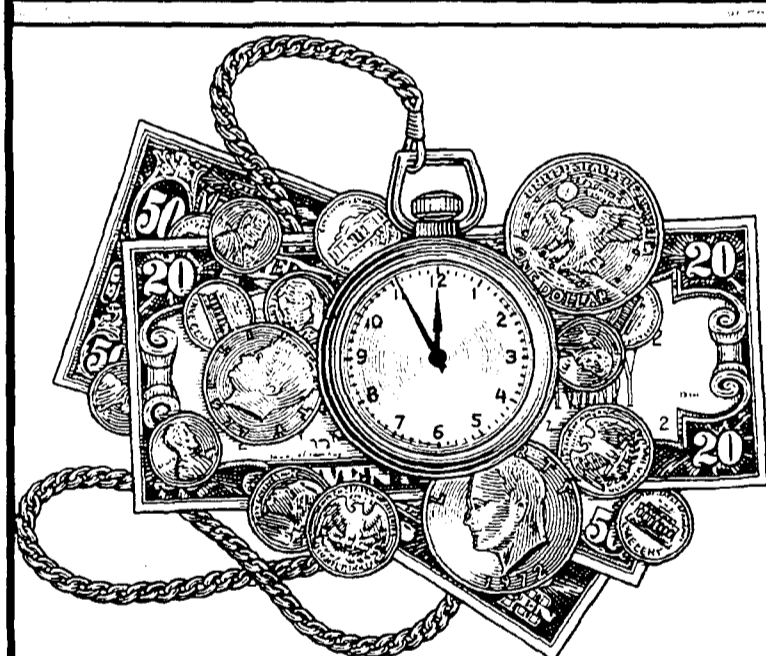
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VINCENT'S YAMAHA and Designs on You will usher in spring by hosting the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Ansted's By the Lake on March 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Jesse Coots
PARENTS: Donald and Mary Goodrich
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Football, hockey, card collecting
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: College
FAVORITE CLASS: Phys Ed
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jesse works very hard and is learning the pay-offs for his efforts," said Bill Aten.



Jesse Coots

"Jesse is a very diligent and hard worker," said Carolyn Hardy.
 "Works extremely hard both in and out of class," said Matt Inman.
 "Great student in class."
 "Jesse is a positive student who puts his best effort into his work," said Alice McPherson.
 "Jesse is very thoughtful and interesting," said Lisa Treinen.
 "Conscientious - hard working - never gives up!" said Kathy Stangis.
 "Jesse is a very polite young man who always has an upbeat attitude," said Pat Tinney.
 "Jesse is a pleasure to have in class," said Jennifer Richardson.
 "He's a dependable and trustworthy student."

NAME: Abbey Carter
PARENTS: The Rev. Robert and Sue Carter
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cross country, volleyball, track, Odyssey of the Mind, Fellowship of Christian Students, National Honor Society, choir, secretary of Class of 1999, Spanish Club
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Sports and spending time with friends and family.
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Go to college at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio
FAVORITE CLASS: Art and Spanish
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Abbey is a wonderful young lady," said Bill Aten. "I really miss having her in class this year."
 "Abbey is an excellent independent worker," said Alice McPherson.
 "She's an absolute pleasure to work with."
 "Excellent math student," said Bob Panoff.
 "Abbey's interest and enthusiasm for technology is inspiring," said Patti Gabos. "She has an excellent grasp on her goals and where she is heading in life."



Abbey Carter

Boyne City

NAME: Brenda Lynn Wabanimkee
PARENTS: Benjamin Wabanimkee Jr. and Terry Lynn Teeple
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: "Try hard to understand and accomplish my school work."
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Listening to music, and I also like to hang with my friends and meet new people, like at Native American Youth Conferences."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "After graduation I'd like to attend college in Kansas or somewhere in lower Michigan. I'm leaning toward business management or something with math."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "I had Brenda as a freshman, and am impressed with her maturity both academically and socially," said Ms. Marsh. "She is a conscientious student who can make learning (and teaching) a lot of fun. I really enjoy having her in accounting!"
 "Although Brenda has a casual air about her -- always kidding and usually with a smile on her face -- she takes her math seriously," said Mr. Fry. "Asking questions, wanting to know why -- not just how -- she keeps me on my toes!"
 "Brenda works to grasp all the concepts we cover," said Mrs. Clausen. "Her homework is complete and she asks questions when she doesn't understand. Brenda consistently has one of the best grades on quizzes and tests. I enjoy having her in class."



Brenda Lynn Wabanimkee

NAME: Brad Rykse
PARENTS: James Rykse, Karen Toczydlowski
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, track
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Some of my hobbies include skiing, biking, swimming, and pretty much anything else that's outdoors. My main interest right now is probably music."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to attend NCMC after a well deserved one year break from school. My main goal in life will be to end world hunger."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Brad was a wonderful office aide for the attendance office last semester," said Dr. Stephens. "He was courteous and helpful both on the phone and in person with parents and students. He was dependable and reliable and held down the fort for Mrs. Breidenstein."
 "Brad has been a wonderful student," said Mr. King. "When he was a member of my weight lifting group he always gave his best effort. He sure is a strong young man! As an office aide he was friendly and got along well with everyone. I really appreciate his sense of humor and willingness to work."
 "Brad has done a super job this year in my classes," said Mr. Rice.
 "Keep up the good work!"



Brad Rykse

NAME: Nicole Sulak
PARENTS: Nancy Waring and Eric Sulak
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: "I am on the competitive cheer team and am a varsity cheerleader. I also played tennis, and am in SADD."
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I enjoy making pottery in my free time. I also like hanging out with my friends."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to go to college where I will major in elementary education."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Nicole is a leader," said Mr. Beyer. "She is motivated, organized and goal oriented. Nicole is the kind of student that you enjoy planning events with because she has a plan and a very positive outlook on how the event should be organized."
 "Nicole's experience has helped the cheerleading program keep its high level of skill and expectation," said Cindi Place.
 "Nicole is in my pottery class this semester," said Mr. Ewald. "She has been an excellent student, often coming into the art room before and after school to work on her assignments. She extends herself well beyond normal requirements. Willing to help her peers, Nicole is a great role model. Congratulations Nicole!"



Nicole Sulak

Boyne Falls

NAME: Billie Jo Goff
PARENTS: Bill and Fran Goff
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cheerleading, basketball, yearbook, class treasurer, prom committee, NHS Inductee
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Art, reading, photography
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Attend college, possibly Lake Superior State University, and become a high school art teacher
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Billie Jo is the type of student that is willing to go the extra mile," said Mr. Tippett. "She is not just satisfied by getting the work done, but done correctly. She shows an appreciation for her education and values the help from her teachers. I find her questions and comments in class to be beneficial for the class as a whole. I have enjoyed watching her grow over the last three years into a very responsible and mature young lady. Billie Jo has a very bright future and I am proud to have been a part of her education."



Billie Jo Goff

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

Butterworth.

JEAN KORTHASE underwent successful hip surgery this past week. While visiting her daughter Sherry and son Eric in Georgia, she slipped and fractured her hip. Doing well but continuing another week of the hospital care there, she is expected to be returning home in about 10 days.

EVEYLYN GOULD has returned from spending about three weeks in Florida with Yvonne and Dick Hocquard and visiting many old friends in Zephyrhills. Eric and Virginia Rasch were also there, visiting their daughters, Avis and Rose. Evelyn and Anne Jenkins, and the Raschs all enjoyed attending the annual Florida-Boyne City picnic.

FORMER RESIDENT Charles (Chick) Rickard is now at home at Petoskey's Independence Village and doing well after undergoing pacemaker surgery at Northern Michigan Hospital last weekend.

CHARLES KEECH of Boyne City was admitted to the Charlevoix Area Hospital on Saturday.

GORDON YAHR of Delaware, Ohio, spent several days this past week visiting his mother, Ruth Yahr, at Litztenburger Place.

FORMER BOYNE resident, Arlene Stocker Turner, is hospitalized at Grand Rapids

MARY JO AND BOB RHOADES of Metamora and Boyne City and John McGeorge of Holland were here over the weekend, joining the many friends and relatives attending the farewell service for Sally McGeorge, which was held at the Free Methodist Church on Monday.

MARGE KAUFFMAN has returned to her Boyne City home after having spent three weeks in Largo, Fla. with Marvin and Marilyn Roberts. While there, she enjoyed taking in the many tourist sites and visiting friends, including those at the Boyne City picnic.

CAMILLE NORTHUP and daughter Sarah of Palm Harbor, Fla., arrived on Monday night to spend a few days with her mother, Nancy and family, due to the death of her grandfather, Richard L. May, who died at his Anderson Road home on Monday morning. Dick and Edna's son Ken, of Kentucky, is also here this week with his wife Lena.

RUSSELL CROWE of Boyne City underwent surgery on Sunday at Northern Michigan Hospital.

FORMER BOYNE City resident, Dorothy Crandell Daniels, of Harbor Springs was admitted to Northern Michigan Hospital on Sunday.

(If you have an item for Nancy's column, please call 582-9174.)

Boyne student competing in pre-teen pageant

Tasha Stewart, daughter of Charles and Bonnie Stewart, was recently accepted to compete in the Miss Michigan American Coed Pre-Teen Pageant in Dearborn on May 29 and 30.

The 11-year-old Boyne City middle schooler was selected based on her grades, school and civic involvement and will compete for the state title in three areas.

The contest is referred to as "coed," according to pageant literature, because it emphasizes an all-American girl who is a good student, full of enthusiasm for her school and family and who is preparing herself to become the best person she can be.

Stewart will be judged based on poise and appearance in evening wear, and poise, personality and self-confidence in an interview.

The winner of this state pageant will go on to compete at the national level in Florida.



Tasha Stewart

Boyne High School honors students who made the grade

Boyne City High School honored its annual Honors Awards Program recently and honored 215 students with 344 awards. The event was held at Boyne Mountain's Civic Center.

The speaker for the evening was Tom Clemens, general sales manager of McDonald/Garber Broadcasting Company. Bill Fry and Bob Wollenberg were MCs.

Following is the honor roll for the first semester:

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EJ American Legion Auxiliary

Lydney Derenzy and Leah Breakey have been selected to attend the 59th session of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State to be held on the Michigan State University Campus from June 19-26 where they will participate in a simulation of the political and governmental process.

The East Jordan High School students were chosen based on their outstanding achievements at school and in the community. They are sponsored by the East Jordan American Legion Auxiliary Post #227.

The program emphasizes the importance of government in modern life and educates young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. It aims to awaken in students a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is vital to protect and preserve American institutions and democracy.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State was established in 1941 and is an annual program designed as a practical experience in self government, based on Michigan State government at the city, county and state levels. Girls State is non-partisan and non-political in that no existing party is promoted.

Grandvue Auxiliary

The first meeting of the year of the Grandvue Auxiliary was held March 11. President Ardeth Hawley discussed the January trip of Grandvue Director, Penny Drury to Washington, D.C., to attend the National Alzheimer's convention. The auxiliary shared the cost of her trip.

Discussion followed on the Gazebo project. The proceeds of the annual Grandvue county-wide Tag Day of 1998 will be used to share the cost of the project, which will be completed in the spring.

President Hawley announced that the annual Grandvue Tag Day will

take place in the county on the third Friday in July this year.

Plans were laid for a Spring Luncheon, given by Grandvue Facility on May 13, during the annual Nursing Home Week. All members will be invited, as well as Grandvue volunteers and prospective members.

Staff members Linda Mansfield and Cheryl Sothard presented a short program featuring auxiliary expansion ideas, which could bolster the membership. Much discussion and suggestions followed, with more to come at the April 9 meeting on this subject.

Helen Deming of Boyne City volunteered to give historical information on the Grandvue Auxiliary, as well as to enumerate the many accomplishments that have taken place at Grandvue through the efforts of the Auxiliary.

Boyne Valley Garden Club

The Boyne Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, March 25, at Litztenberger Place at 1 p.m.

"Benefits and Beauty of Bees in Your Garden" is the title of the program that will be presented by Bob Pluister, a local resident and beekeeper. The program will include a slide presentation.

Hostesses for the day will be members Carol Brisson, Evelyn Grice and Lee Stowe.

Anyone interested in attending the meeting or becoming a member of the garden club can contact Betty Shaver at 582-5545.

Coast Guard Auxiliary

At its March meeting, USCG Auxiliary 16-02 recognized six members of the flotilla with the Coast Guard Sustained Auxiliary Service Award for Superior Performance of Duty.

Receiving the awards were: Judy Hallock, Tom Hallock, and John Ilasenko of Harbor Springs; Gene

Hutchings of Petoskey; Jeanie Kilgour of Charlevoix; and Eugene Plite of East Jordan.

The flotilla set March 20 as a crew training day, and March 27 as a coxswain training day. Training will take place at Station Charlevoix.

The next meeting is April 8.

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EAST JORDAN CHEER TEAM TAKES THIRD AT STATE

Among the best

With conference and regional championships under their belts, the East Jordan Varsity Cheer Team entered the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association state championship in Saginaw over the weekend simply aiming to do their best.

They came away better than that with a third place trophy and the highest state meet finish ever for an East Jordan cheer team. Boyne City placed sixth.

"Our team goal was just to qualify for state," coach Phyllis Olszewski said. Last year they took eighth place — then the highest placing of any previous squad.

A first place tie between Saranac and Laingsburg high schools, who each had 536 points, meant East Jordan had the second highest score with 501 points. A tie breaker landed Saranac High

School in first place and Laingsburg took second.

"You always hope for the best. You always want the best," Olszewski said. "But I never know what to expect going in because on any given day, anything can happen."

A dropped stunt or a jump which is off by only a millisecond can cost a team points. But the team's endless dedication to precision and perfecting their voices paid off.

"We work very hard on making sure we are projecting," Olszewski said. With a small team, she said, you have to build on the little things. Those skills have catapulted the team to the top during the leadership rounds of competition.

Please see **CHEER TEAM** on page 9



Members of the East Jordan cheer team are, back row from left: Amy Birdsall, Teena Clark, Cynthia Mazzella, and Jill Ciszewski. Middle row: Katie Goebel, Michelle Derenzy and Regina Brown. Front row: Sarah Bennett.

"This has been a season to dream about. These kids are great to coach."

--Frank Hamilla



The banner says it all for the 21-1 Boyne Falls Loggers. They face Cedarville Wednesday in the regional semi-finals at Pellston. Game time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.

The March

With district title in hand, Loggers move on to regionals

continues

There were smiles. There were hugs. There was joy. But there was also a sense of work unfinished. The feeling of a journey to a goal not yet complete.

After a few days of rest, the journey continues for the Boyne Falls Loggers Wednesday night when they play Cedarville in the first round of the regional tournament at Pellston.

The joy of winning the district title against Wolverine last Thursday will be set aside. The Loggers will be focused on the hard work ahead. To venture into territory where no Logger team has been will not be easy.

The key for the Loggers against Cedarville, 14-8, will be handling its press. "As long as we can handle the press, I think we can get the ball inside," said head coach Frank Hamilla.

Boyne Falls and Cedarville have had two common opponents this season, Brimley and Mackinaw City. Both teams defeated Brimley in the two games they played, while the Loggers swept Mackinaw and Cedarville split in their two games.

The winner of Wednesday's game will play the winner of the Alanson-Brimley game Friday at 7 p.m. for the regional championship. Tickets for the game are \$4 and will be available at Boyne Falls School.

Last year, the Loggers made a similar journey. They won the district title, won the first game of the regional, but lost in the regional championship game.

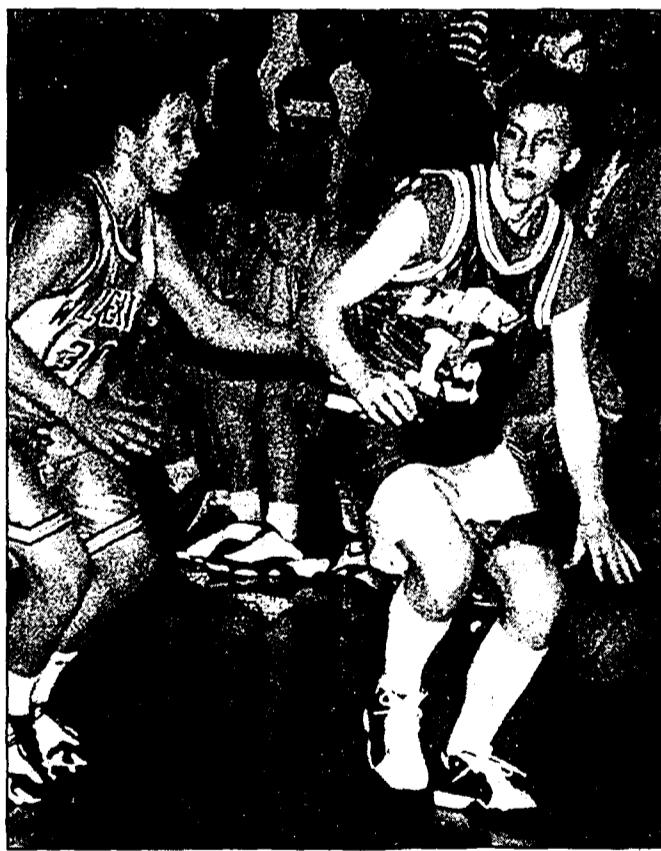
It was a splendid season.

This one has been also. The Loggers are 21-1 and have to be considered one of the best teams ever to suit up in the green and white.

They are led by head coach Frank Hamilla, who's been coaching at Boyne Falls for 12 years. "Arguably this is the best team," Hamilla said. "Record-wise it is." What separates this team from others is its depth. "We can go eight deep on the bench," he said.

This is also a mature team. They are battle tested. Senior Ben Britton and juniors Chad Matelski and Matt Britton have been playing on the varsity since they were freshmen. Point guard Ryan Fiel has been a varsity starter since his sophomore year and Nathan Howell joined the varsity his sophomore year.

This group of starters knows what it takes to win. This season they shared the conference championship with Harbor Light, the only team to put a blemish on their record. The Loggers made amends for that loss in



Matt Britton dribbles the ball up the side court, looking for an open teammate under the basket. Britton and point guard Ryan Fiel will face a tough task Wednesday against Cedarville's full-court pressure.

what might have been their finest game of the season, possibly the best game a Logger team has played in years, when they blasted Harbor in their rematch a few weeks ago.

The district title was the second straight for the Loggers and their 52-41 victory didn't come easy.

"It was hard fought," Hamilla said. "We knew it wouldn't be easy. We knew each other very well. It was just a matter of which team would stop the other."

"The key was our fast start. We emphasized that in the locker room."

The Loggers did just as they were instructed and jumped out fast. Using their full court press they forced numerous turnovers and before Wolverine could figure out what hit them, the Loggers were up 10-0.

That early spurt proved to be the difference in the game.

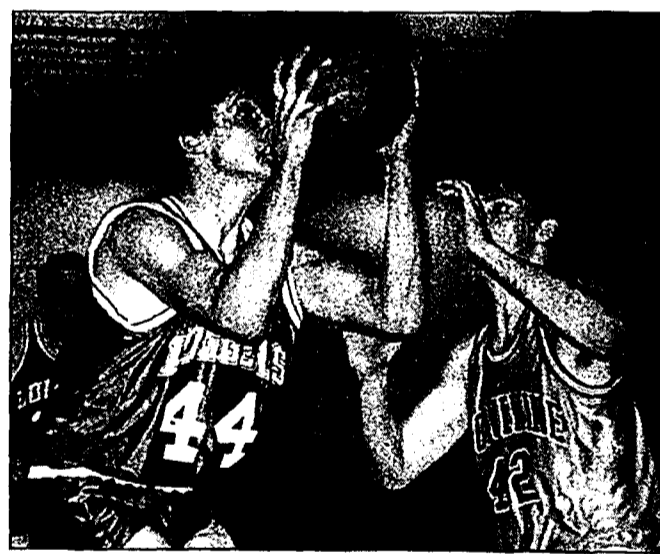
Ben Britton led the Loggers with 17 points and Matelski had 12.

Since Hamilla has been coaching the Loggers, they have won four district titles. But the farthest any Boyne Falls team has advanced is the regional finals.

This year could be different.

"The potential is there for us to go a ways in the tournament," Hamilla said.

Before coming to Boyne Falls, Hamilla coached Munising High



Fighting through the tough Wolverine defense, Chad Matelski goes strong to the basket. He had 12 points in the game.



After the Loggers victory, coach Frank Hamilla had his hands full with his daughter Madison and the district championship trophy.

School's varsity team during the year he student taught at the school, his alma mater. Many of his relatives were at last Thursday's game. They will be back Wednesday when Boyne Falls plays Cedarville.

"This has been a season to dream about," Hamilla said. "These kids are great to coach. They all get along. I truly think they would sacrifice individual honors for team goals. They are spreading the offense around."

"These kids have accepted their roles and done what needed to be done."

All in all it was a pretty good year for Ramblers

The season did not end as hoped, but that can be said for hundreds of other high school basketball teams.

Still, it wasn't a bad year for the Boyne City Ramblers.

"I think overall we're pleased," said head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "Although we did not meet all our goals along the way, I think the kids responded well and got much better as the season went on."

"We came together as a team."

And, most importantly, he said, "they are good kids, a nice group of young men."

The Ramblers' season came to an end last Wednesday when they lost to Charlevoix 75-61 in the district tournament. Charlevoix defeated Harbor Springs in the championship game and is now on its way to the regionals at Houghton Lake.

The Ramblers finished the season with an 11-10

record and took third place in the conference behind Elk Rapids and Charlevoix.

The Ramblers bid farewell to seniors Josh Hall, Jeremy Grice, Tim Bouters, Jeremy Peck, Rob Bobowski, and Mike Sero.

Grice led the team with a 13 point average and close behind was Hall, who finished with a 12 point and 6.5 rebound average.

Peck was also a reliable scorer for the Ramblers averaging 8.5 points per game, but it was his defensive prowess that was so valuable. He usually drew the toughest defensive assignment and Fitzpatrick called him the team's "defensive stopper." Peck led the team with 35 steals.

Against Charlevoix, the Ramblers succeeded in two areas that the Rayders dominated in their first two meetings: rebounding and free throw shooting. "We outrebounded them 35-30 and with their size we

had not been able to do that," Fitzpatrick said.

The Ramblers were also more aggressive on offense which resulted in more trips to the free throw line where they outshot Charlevoix.

But the Achilles heel for the Ramblers was turnovers. Charlevoix's full-court pressure resulted in 27 turnovers for the Ramblers.

After Charlevoix jumped out to an early 11-2 lead, the Ramblers tied the score at the end of the first quarter, thanks to seven points by Hall. But then Charlevoix's full-court pressure started to take a toll and the Ramblers committed 10 turnovers in the second quarter and were down by 10 at the half.

It wasn't until late in the third quarter that the Ramblers figured out Charlevoix's press and once they did, they cut a 19-point deficit with four minutes left in the third quarter to seven with 2 1/2 minutes

remaining.

"It is unfortunate we couldn't adjust to their pressure earlier," Fitzpatrick said. "We got down so far we couldn't get over the hump."

Playing what Fitzpatrick said was his best game of the year, Noah Stanek led the Ramblers with 20 points, 18 in the second half, and 13 rebounds.

Hall, who was recovering from the flu and had not practiced since Saturday, scored 15. "I thought he did a real nice job considering the circumstances," Fitzpatrick said.

Also hitting in double figures was Peck with 12 points.

Charlevoix's district championship is the first time in five years another team other than Boyne City or East Jordan has won the title. The Red Devils won it in '94 and '95 while the Ramblers won the next three.

Red Devils' comeback falls short against Harbor

All season long you could never question the heart of the East Jordan Red Devils.

And last Wednesday they proved again they were a team never to give up.

After losing Matt Shaw, their top scorer and big man inside who fouled out with more than six minutes remaining and trailing by eight points, the Red Devils could have folded the tent and gone home.

But they didn't. They hung tough.

rallied and almost pulled off a remarkable comeback against Harbor Springs. The Red Devils last second shot that would have tied the game, didn't fall and Harbor Springs advanced to the district finals with a 75-72 win.

Nate Swan led the Red Devils with 16 points, followed by Chris Murray with 15, Shaw with 14, and Mike Wladschkin with 11.

The Red Devils finished the season at 5-16.

Cheer team

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throughout the year.

Although the team can execute advanced stunting, it's not their strength, Olszewski said. Even so, they still scored straight 10s for variety and difficulty in a second round of competition which features stunting and gymnastics.

"The kids executed everything well," Olszewski said. "They didn't miss a stunt."

"You hope that they will do well and want it to be a great ending to the season," Olszewski said. "But it was far better than we could hope for."

"I'm just really proud of our kids in every avenue they've pursued."

The team includes Sarah Bennett, Amy Birdsall, Regina Brown, Jill Ciszewski, Teena Clark, Michelle Derenzy, Katie Goebel and Cynthia Mazzella.

"It's their highest finish ever and really indicates how hard they've worked," superintendent Chip Hansen said. "We're really proud of them."

Boyne City coaches were pleased with their team's sixth place finish in the 11-team meet as well.

"After our regional, our coaching goal for this year was to get them to the state competition to get some experience," coach Andy Place said of the young team.

"The girls had a goal to get a trophy," Place said, and they did just that.



Jesse VanAlstine, above left, won two awards for the Red Snapper he caught during a fishing contest in Florida with his father, Tim VanAlstine. Together they show off their daily catch.

Teen angler reels in the big one

Jesse VanAlstine hooked two first place finishes in a Florida fishing contest for catching the largest Red Snapper in his age division.

His father Tim VanAlstine also snagged a first-place daily win for his 80 3/4 pound Groupper. Together, they caught between 400 and 500 pounds of fish.

The fishing expedition was part of a larger

trip Tim won in a national "Gone Fishing Sweepstakes" through his Napa Auto Parts store in Boyne City. Local resident Lee Sherwood won a Ranger bass boat through the national contest sending store-owner Tim and his family to the southern state.

Although they fished the waters off the Gulf of Mexico in a 48' cabin cruiser last October, it

wasn't until this month that Jesse found out he had won first place in the junior division and a first place in a weekly contest for his 10.6 pound fish.

Tim said the prestigious month-long "Destin Fishing Rodeo" which includes 300 charter boats, gives out more than \$100,000 in prizes to its captains.

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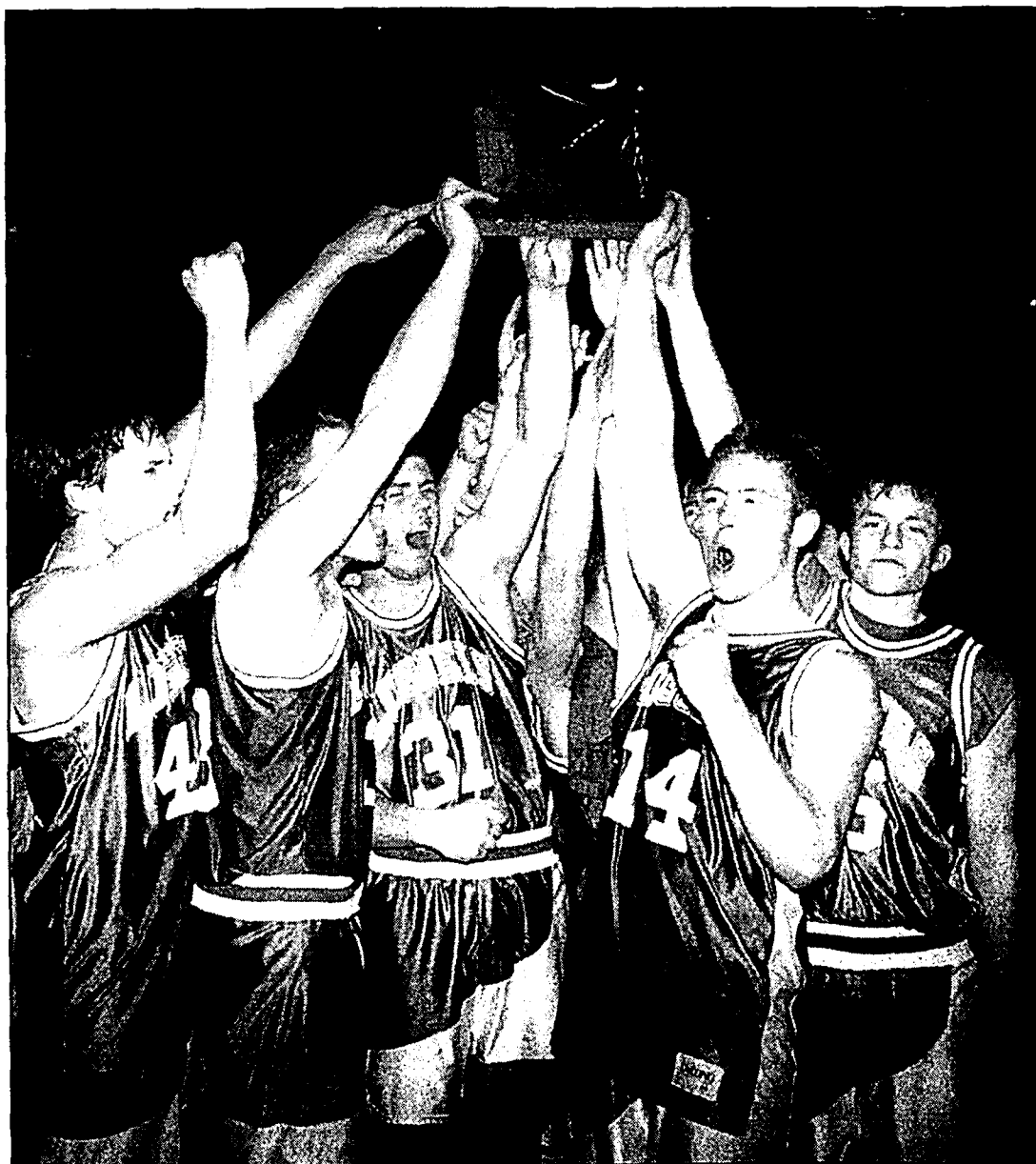
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THE BOYNE FALLS LOGGERS CELEBRATE THEIR SECOND STRAIGHT DISTRICT TITLE. ON WEDNESDAY, THEY FACE CEDARVILLE AT 7 P.M. IN PELLSTON.



Checkmate

Concord Academy Boyne students wishing to stay inside during their lunch hour can now learn to play chess if they choose, from principal Larry Kubovchick. About 40 students play the game on a regular basis and a school-wide tournament is currently underway. From left are: Ryan Parsons, Jacob Pace, Josh Leese, Kyle Leese, Tiffany MacNamara and Josh McLare.

Jordan's friends gathering items for spring auction

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed will hold its second annual fundraising auction and educational event on April 24 at the Charlevoix Country Club, located on U.S. 31 just north of Charlevoix. Items for the auction are being solicited. Donations of new or "generally used" merchandise, collectibles, or services for the fund-raiser are needed. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. For more information, call John Hummer, director, at (616) 533-5063.

Federal government helps libraries

Local school libraries and public libraries recently received federal awards and funding commitments for improving telecommunications services and Internet access from the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Services Administrative Company. The awards provide discounts ranging from 20 to 90 percent on commercially available telecommunications services, Internet access and internal connections, and should help free up school and library finances for hardware such as computers, learning software or teacher training. Discounts locally total \$1,440 for the Boyne District Library, \$21,584.78 for Boyne City Public Schools, \$20,015.58 for the Jordan Valley District Library, and \$32,064 for Boyne Falls School. In northwest Michigan, funding totaled over \$3 million. Statewide, \$56.9 million was awarded. Facilities demonstrating the greatest technological need, benefited the most.

Hymnsing is Sunday in Boyne Falls

The Northern Michigan Holiness Camp Hymnsing will be held Sunday, March 21, 6 p.m. at the Boyne Falls United Methodist Church, located two blocks from the blinker light in Boyne Falls. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a time of fellowship. Finger foods will be served following the service.

Malpass, Moses, Roberts earn all-conference honors

Varsity volleyball players Suzie Malpass and Catey Moses of East Jordan and April Roberts of Boyne City were named to the 1998-99 Volleyball All-Conference Team for the Lake Michigan Conference. Honorable Mentions went to Carrie Belford of Boyne City and Jamie Baker and Rachel Boss of East Jordan. The selections were announced this week.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

The East Jordan Iron Works-sponsored Mites took part in the Cadillac Invitational Mite Challenge Tournament on March 13 and 14. Boyne won its first game against Cadillac Blue 10-3. Keegan David, Travis Reinhardt, Matt Thomas and Trevor Price each scored two goals. Justin Stolt and Nick Thomas scored one each. Price had three assists; David, Travis Reinhardt, and Beau Kroondyk each had one. Zac Shuler and Taylor Korhase were noted for strong defensive games with Allison Aown in goal. Matt Thomas was awarded MVP for Boyne's team. Game two was a 4-1 loss to the Char-Em Blades. Boyne's goal was scored by Stolt with the assist by Beau Kroondyk. Allison Aown was awarded the MVP trophy for Boyne. The final game was against the

Gaylord Ice Dogs. The first goal was scored by Boyne's Matt Thomas followed by a Gaylord power-play goal. Strong goal-tending for both teams kept the game tied 1-1 and resulted in a shoot-out. Gaylord prevailed with the final score of 3-1. Allison "The Wall" Aown played a tough game in goal. Reinhardt was awarded the MVP trophy. The EJW Mites wrap up the season with a scrimmage in Gaylord on March 16. "These kids have played over 30 games this season," said coach Stacy Reinhardt. "They've worked hard and should be very proud. It's been a real pleasure to coach them." THE BOYNE MITE "House" team, sponsored by Subway, made great

strides in learning and playing the game, said coach Bob Kroondyk. The offensive punch was led by Ryan Clubine, who scored a hat trick (three goals in one game). Also scoring for the house team was Adam McLeod with two goals in one game, Kenny Bedford and John Arsenault. The defense was led by John Arsenault, Zeke Galloway, and Jack Hufford. "Nick Zell and Tanner Kragenbrink learned a lot in their first season with Nick playing center and leading breakaways by the end of the season," Kroondyk said. Blake Kroondyk was the team's goalie. "Once again your proud coaches want to thank all the parents and their kids for an enjoyable hockey season," Kroondyk said.

Gerry Kragenbrink was the mites assistant coach." BOYNE PEE-WEES, sponsored by Boyne USA Resorts, traveled to Mackinaw for their final two games of the season. Boyne won its first game 6-2. Scoring for Boyne were Darren Looze, with three goals (hat trick), Keith Dafeo with two, and Trevor Mapes with one. Assists came from Eli Barsy, Looze, and Nathan Herrera. Derik Moore and Tyler Kalbfleisch were strong on defense. Bobby Courtright picked up the win in goal. Boyne lost the second game 5-1. Boyne's goal came from Kalbfleisch, with Garrett Bergman assisting. Looze had a good effort in his season debut as goalie.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX**

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Independent Probate
File No. 99-010050-IE**

Estate of **WILLIAM D. STAFFORD, SR.**, 369-16-4824

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:
The decedent, whose last known address was 1020 E. Main St., Boyne City, MI 49712, died Feb. 18, 1999. An instrument dated Jan. 15, 1999 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Nancy Davis, 311 Terrace St., Boyne City, MI 49712, or to both the independent personal representative and the Charlevoix County Probate Court, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.
Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Kevin G. Klevorn (P35531)
215 South Lake St.
Boyne City, MI 49712
616-582-7911

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX**

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Independent Probate
File No. 99-010052-IE**

Estate of **PATRICIA TERESA KUJAWA**, a/k/a Patricia Kujawa and Patricia T. Kujawa, deceased, 375-36-3096

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:
The decedent, whose last known address was 00145 S. Springbrook, Boyne Falls, MI 49713, died Feb. 6, 1999.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Kimberly Pedigo, 163 Springbrook, Boyne Falls, MI 49713, or to both the independent personal representative and the Charlevoix County Probate Court, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.
Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tomalynn S. Suttle, a married woman (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank, Mortgages, dated September 6, 1995, and recorded on September 8, 1995 in Liber 289, on Page 0250, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-three thousand six hundred eighty-eight and 83/100 dollars (\$53,688.83), including interest at 8.250% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 10/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on April 2, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the South Quarter corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 6 West, thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East along the North and South Quarter line 1390 feet for the point of beginning, thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes West 1327.1 feet; thence North 63 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds East 1491.3 feet to the North and South Quarter line; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds West along said quarter line 674.2 feet to

the point of beginning. Being a part of the East half of the Southwest quarter, Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 6 West. Subject to a 33.0 foot right of way for the county Road across the Easterly portion thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 17, 1999
Old Kent Bank

For information, please call: (248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Old Kent Bank
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #97110048 Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 1999

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth L. Carson, a single man, to FMB - Northwestern Bank, now known as The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee, dated August 25, 1995, and re-recorded on October 6, 1995, in Liber 290, on page 363, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred thirty-eight and 83/100 dollars (\$32,538.83), including interest at 8.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, MI at 11:00 a.m. on April 2, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as:

The East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 32 North, Range 5 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 17, 1999
The Huntington National Bank, Mortgagee

Attorney for: Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 S. Old Woodward Ave. Ste. 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 1999

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eugene E. Farkas and Doreen H. Farkas, husband and wife, to Northwestern State Bank, now known as The Huntington National Bank, Mortgages, dated August 29, 1983, and recorded on September 2, 1983, in Liber 170, on Page 217, AND MODIFIED IN LIBER 272 PAGE 952, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred ninety and 82/100 dollars (\$13,290.82), including interest at 8.750% per annum. Mortgage modified May 27, 1994, and recorded on June 2, 1994, in Liber 272, on Page 0952.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, MI, at 11:00 a.m. on April 9, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot #11, Tunison Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 94, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 24, 1999
The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee

Attorney for: Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 S. Old Woodward Ave. Ste. 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 1999

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randall Keith Moore, a single man, to Huntington Mortgage Company, an Ohio corporation, mortgage, dated March 19, 1998, and recorded on March 30, 1998, in Liber 334, on page 459, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic, by an assignment dated March 19, 1998, and recorded on May 4, 1998, in Liber 336, on page 743, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-four thousand two hundred forty one and 64/100 dollars (\$84,241.64), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, MI, at 11 a.m. on April 30, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 12, Block B of S.G. Isaman's addition to the Village of South Arm, now the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 17, 1999
Michigan State Housing Development Authority
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorney for:
Assignee of Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 S. Old Woodward Ave. Ste. 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 1999

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy J. Welch and Jean E. Welch, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to The Huntington National Bank f/k/a FMB - Northwestern Bank, Boyne City, Michigan, Mortgagee, dated August 1, 1987, and recorded on August 5, 1987 in Liber 194, on Page 0945, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and modified by an Adjustable Rate Mortgage Modification Agreement dated August 1, 1990 and recorded September 4, 1990 in Liber 219 Page 0643 Charlevoix County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirteen thousand thirty-eight and 44/100 dollars (\$13,038.44), including interest at 9.500% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 8/1.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on April 9, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as:

Lots 5 and 6, Nipple Acres Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 251, Charlevoix County Register of Deeds.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 24, 1999
Huntington National Bank

For information, please call: (248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for
Huntington National Bank
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #990201243
Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 1999

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David T. Moyer, husband and Annette L. Moyer, wife (original mortgagors) to AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 13, 1995, and recorded on January 15, 1996 in Liber 294, on Page 0562, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to the ContiMortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated November 17, 1995 which was recorded on April 14, 1997, in Liber 314, on Page 0521, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy thousand six hundred fourteen and 60/100 dollars (\$70,614.60), including interest at 11.350% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m. on April 30, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 312 and North half of Lot 313, Block 19, Nicholls and Morgan's Third Addition to South Boyne, Now City of Boyne City, according to the recorded plat.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 17, 1999
ContiMortgage Corporation

For information, please call: 248-593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for
ContiMortgage Corporation
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #981212147
Tigers March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 1999

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas A. Moore, a single man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a CB North, Mortgagee, dated May 3, 1996, and recorded on May 3, 1996 in Liber 299, on Page 747, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-nine thousand one hundred four and 49/100 dollars (\$59,104.49), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on April 30, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Lot 22 of Upright and Huribut's Addition to the Village, (now City) of Charlevoix, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Parcel 2: Lot 144 of Upright and Huribut's Addition to the Village, (now City) of Charlevoix, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Parcel 3: Lot 182 of Upright and Huribut's Addition to the Village, (now City) of Charlevoix, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 17, 1999
Citizens Bank f/k/a CB North

For information, please call: 248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for
Citizens Bank f/k/a CB North
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #990202236
Ravens March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 1999

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James C. McMichael, Jr. and Vikki R. McMichael, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Homestead Mortgage Company, A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 27, 1997, and recorded on October 31, 1997 in Liber 325, on Page 0509, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to the NationsBanc Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated March 3, 1998 which was recorded on April 13, 1998, in Liber 335, on Page 533, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-five thousand seven hundred twenty-three and 29/100 dollars (\$55,723.29), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main

lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m. on April 23, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

West Forty (40) feet of Lot Number Six (6), Block Number Fifteen (15), Nicholl's Second Addition to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan) according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 43, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 10, 1999
NationsBanc Mortgage Corp.

For information, please call: 248-593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for NationsBanc Mortgage Corporation
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #990201835 Tigers
Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

**BOYNE CITY COMMISSION
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**

February 16, 1999, 12 noon meeting - Boyne City Commission approved temporary signage on Boyne Avenue and Brockway Street for the Boyne City Elementary School Fair, and authorized repair work on the Lake Charlevoix floating breakwater.

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 10, 1999 in Charlevoix. Copies of the complete minutes of the Board are on file in the office of the County Clerk and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

**CITY OF EAST JORDAN
ADOPTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE**

Please take notice that the East Jordan City Commission has adopted Ordinance #164, an ordinance providing for the construction of new sanitary sewer on Echo Street by Special Assessment. The ordinance provides for the complete description of the special assessment procedure and estimated costs of the project.
A full copy of Ordinance #164 may be obtained, free of charge, at City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, during normal office hours.

**CITY OF BOYNE CITY
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The City of Boyne is accepting sealed bids for the construction of a new canopy, ramp, and accessible front entrances at its City Hall. Bid specifications and plans can be obtained from the City Clerk's office, City hall, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712 or by calling (616) 582-6597. Bids must be received by 2 p.m. E.S.T. on Friday, April 9, 1999, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope identified as "City Hall Refurbishment/City of Boyne City, Michigan." The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or parts of bids, to waive any irregularities or discrepancies in bidding, and to select the bid, if any, that it judges to be in the City's best interest.

Sue Hobbs
Boyne City Clerk

**EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Evangeline Township Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 29, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall on Wildwood Harbor Road for the purpose of presenting and adopting a budget for the Township of Evangeline for fiscal year April 1, 1999 - March 31, 2000.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

All discussion and comments will be received at this time or can be sent to the office of the Clerk. The budget will be available in the Clerk's office.

Joseette A. Lory
Evangeline Township Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS OF
THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION**

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Peck presiding and all members of the Commission present except for Commissioners Sweet and Gee. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$600,751.82.

Further Commission Action: authorized sale of a vacant lot on Main Street and a lot within the Industrial Park to East Jordan Iron Works; amended the appointment process to the City's newly created Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; set a Public Hearing for March 15, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. to receive comments on the City's intent to apply for a DNR recreational grant for development of Boswell Recreational Park; approved numerous requests for the 1999 Jordan Valley Freedom Festival as proposed by the Festival Committee; authorized the transfer of .064 acres of property at the Air Industrial Park to a neighboring property owner; designated City Administrator David White as the City's representative for all activities associated with the Revolving Water Fund Project; adopted Ordinance #164, an Ordinance to Provide for the Construction of New Sanitary Sewer on Echo Street by Special Assessment; and accepted the DDA's recommendation and will proceed in a Special Assessment for underground electrical improvements on Spring Street.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

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MAINTENANCE PERSON - Apartment community in Boyne City needs experienced person to do general maintenance including plumbing, electrical, painting and lawn care. Good starting salary. Approximately 30 hours per week. Call 1-800-968-1792 or send information to American Preferred Management, 4930 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. 3/3-17

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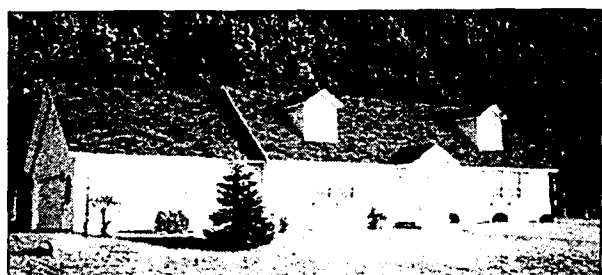
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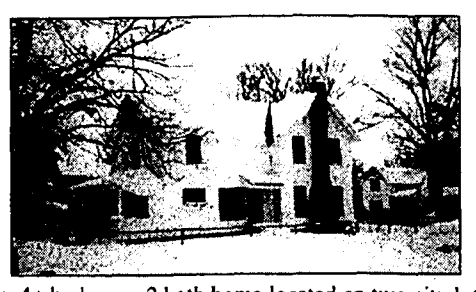
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age Renaissance to construct three, four-unit condominiums on the property located between One Water Street Restaurant and the Water Street Inn. But for a while, it was in doubt whether or not the commission would consider the development since legal questions were raised regarding the property.

Two issues required the approval of the commission: a lot reconfiguration to create three parcels from one; and a final plan review for the condos.

The lot reconfiguration became tangled in a legal web when City Attorney Jim Murray raised what he described as "serious concerns" about the property in regards to the Land Division Act.

It was Murray's recommendation to the commission that it table the request until the legal questions were answered. After much discussion, the commission decided to proceed with the request by a 5-4 vote since the legal and technical issues may ultimately have to be decided in court.

The lot reconfiguration is needed since developer Stuart Kaufman is proposing three smaller buildings

on the site rather than one large building, which is allowed.

At its meeting last month, the commission gave tentative approval to both requests and there was no discussion at that time regarding the Land Division Act and how it applies to the property.

The issues apparently were raised just a few days prior to the meeting and Kaufman's attorney was not informed of the technical questions until Monday.

Kaufman said he felt that there might be an "underlying effort to try to stop the project. Issues and issues keep coming up."

The commission's approval for the lot reconfiguration is only a recommendation and it now moves to the city commission which will consider it at its March 23 meeting.

Also at Monday's meeting, the commission:

- Voted against rezoning property at, and adjacent to, Litzenger Place. The city commission will discuss the request at its March 23 meeting.
- Gave preliminary approval to LexaMar's plan to expand its existing plant.

Soccer

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gram in East Jordan which began six years ago with 40 athletes and now serves about 200 kindergarten through eighth graders.

A recent class-to-class survey of eighth through 12th graders revealed a definite interest in playing by 22 women and 15 men. East Jordan will plan to outfit 15 players.

"It will have little to no impact on existing sports," Jackson said, adding that by the time soccer players get to high school, they will already have 8 to 10 years of soccer experience behind them.

Of the young women who are considering playing, 15 aren't involved in any other sport. Three listed track as a sport they had participated in, although not in the last season, and four softball players said they want to play. Jackson pointed out that because of the popularity of varsity and junior varsity softball, the programs already have to cut potential players.

The impact on men's other fall sports will be minimal as well. Only one football player and one cross country runner said they would switch to soccer, with 13 new athletes showing interest in joining a soccer team.

Superintendent Chip Hansen said local soccer youth coaches have already shown interest in coaching for the varsity and that high school coaches are supportive of the decision to add the new sport, saying it's not a coach's choice but "a child's and family's choice."

"Kid's do better when they're involved," Hansen said.

Curriculum director Gus Bishop added that it's a chance for 30 to 35 kids to do something they haven't done before.

Jackson said on top of the other league teams, she sees plenty of opportunity to fill the 18-game schedules with Traverse City teams and other non-football schools. The athletic department will begin scheduling opponents.

Estimated first year start-up cost for both teams is \$5,200 with initial funding of \$3,000 coming from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and another \$2,000 from 4-H soccer. Jackson said 4-H has also committed to having a middle school-aged competitive travel team as long as the high school continues soccer.

Annual expenses after the first year are estimated at \$3,500 for transportation, officials, coaches and

equipment.

Per player, it will be East Jordan's second least expensive varsity sport at \$143, after accounting for revenue at the gate. Only cross-country has a lower per player cost, which can be attributed to a larger number of athletes participating.

The varsity sport will give young players something to shoot for, Hansen said. "I'm real excited to get soccer off the ground."

In other business, the school board appointed John Ubbing to the junior varsity football coaching position for the 1999 season. Ubbing served as the junior varsity assistant football coach last year.

Teachers Patii Gabos and Kathy Stangis made a presentation to the board about the interdisciplinary instructional links between the freshman Business, Services and Technology class and Humanities class.

The board approved a leave of absence for fifth grade teacher Gary Peters, who will spend a year in Papua, New Guinea as a missionary teacher.

Professional advancement resolutions were approved for 19 members of the school district's faculty.

The next school board meeting has been rescheduled from Monday April 19 to Monday April 26.

Gymnastics

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for building the facility at Rotary, the decision not to proceed came surprisingly fast.

Members of the board for Boyne Area Gymnastics and its director Kari Streelman were meeting with the commissioners to discuss terms of a possible lease and issues city attorney Jim Murray had raised about an organization building a facility on city park land.

According to the city charter, a building built on city land becomes the property of the city and a three-year lease is the maximum allowed. That meant the gymnastics club could build a facility and not have any guarantee it could use it longer than three years. There was one exception, however. The club could be given a 25-year lease if at least four of the five-member city commission approved it. Then it would be put on a ballot and the majority of city voters would have to support it. The earliest possible date for it to be put on the ballot would have been November.

The city has a similar arrangement with owners of hangars at the city airport.

"We thought we were meeting to finalize the lease agreement," Streelman said. "We're very frustrated."

Mayor Behling and Commissioner Ruggles supported the effort of the gymnastic group but were unsure what other questions might arise in the future and felt it best to stop the discussions so the gymnastics group could pursue other options.

"The more we get into it, the more hoops to jump through," Ruggles said. "It just seems to get more difficult every time we talk about it."

"We always thought there might be an easy way," Mayor Behling said. "That is not necessarily the case. I'm sorry we just can't say yes."

Commissioner Stackus said she could not support the gymnastics facility in Rotary Park. Liability and insurance issues, concerns about the city charter, and that Rotary should be preserved as an open-air park and be left for soccer, tennis, baseball and softball, were all reasons for her opposition.

All commissioners also had concerns about setting a precedent of allowing city land to be used for facilities like what the gymnastics group is proposing.

With Rotary Park no longer an option, the gymnastics board will pursue other options and still hopes to begin construction of its 7,200 square foot building this summer.

"We have a couple of other things we had been working on. We will check back in on them," Streelman

said. At its meeting last Tuesday, commissioners also:

- Reviewed a request for a street light from a Court Street homeowner. The commission turned down the request last November, but agreed to study it further before making a decision on the latest request. The cost of a street light is \$100, which the homeowner has agreed to pay. The monthly electric fee for a light is about \$7.
- Went into executive session to review the contract of city manager Eric Strahl.

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