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Jamboree is Saturday at JV Express

Rosin up your bow, or just put on your dancing shoes, and head out to the Fiddler's Jamboree for a little old-fashioned family fun.

The jamboree is Saturday, March 4, at the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan. Performances will start around 12:30 p.m. Open mike will be held from 5-7 p.m., and a square dance will take place from 7-10 p.m.

The event will feature 30-40 fiddlers from the local area and around the state, along with other fine musicians. Musicians, callers, and the general public are welcome to attend.

Donations will be accepted at the door, with proceeds going towards scholarships for music students.

Be careful on the ice

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater, the DNR has advised the sheriff's department that ice on the lakes in Charlevoix County is becoming very unstable. Lasater is advising that fishermen, cross country skiers, and snowmobilers should use extreme caution before venturing out on the lakes in the area.

Calling all BF alumni

A faculty-alumni basketball game will be held at Boyne Falls High school gym on Friday, March 24, at 7 p.m.

Teams are forming and all Boyne Falls alumni are welcome to play. Proceeds from the game will go towards the growing girls' sports program at Boyne Falls High School.

To sign up for the alumni team call the school at 549-2211 or Joe Skop at 549-2079. For more information or to sign up as a cheerleader for either team, call Judy Gasco at 549-2084.



A worker prepares logs for removal from the site of the new high school in Boyne City.

Let the work begin

Site preparation starts for new BC high school

Crews have begun to clear trees as the initial stage of the site preparation for the new high school begins.

Trees in front of the building site, as well as along Brockway and to the back of the school are being removed.

"We're trying to save some trees along the back in particular," said Boyne City School Superintendent Dana Compton, "and some of the trees needed to be harvested anyway."

Memorial trees in the front of the building will be moved to the perimeter of the new drive at what will be the middle school, so that "they will be out of harm's way for now, and for future development," according to Compton.

"This is kind of phase one, as we move toward site development,"



Tree removal is the first phase of the site development, with electrical preparatory work scheduled to begin soon.

Compton said. "We will be moving ahead soon with the electrical work."

At Thursday night's board of education meeting, the bid for the electrical work was awarded to Sky Electric. They will handle preparatory

electrical work for the new high school building as well as updates necessary in the existing high school, which will be converted to a middle school.

In September of last year the city

of Boyne City passed an \$18.8 million bond proposal for the construction of a new high school in addition to renovations to the existing schools. The new high school is expected to be completed for the fall of 2002.

BC COMMISSION WILL ALSO CONSIDER UPGRADING SERVICE

Full-time ambulance director will get closer look

The Boyne City City Commission made a decision at its Feb. 22 meeting to move forward on the issue of a full-time ambulance director and upgrading the ambulance service.

A motion was carried to draft and send a letter to the townships served by the ambulance service regarding the city's intent to pursue these issues. The motion also specified that a follow-up contact will be made, and a date will be set to meet with town-

ship officials.

This latest action stems from a proposal at a recent board meeting, made by current volunteer ambulance director, Henry Erber, that the city consider creating a full-time paid position of ambulance director, as well as a possible upgrade of the ambulance service from its current designation to Advance Life Support, or ALS.

The commission, while maintain-

ing its intent to proceed, remains cautious while they determine the proper procedure to follow. "One issue still to be resolved," said city manager Eric Strahl, "is the process to be used for actually filling that position and the information we might need to fill it." The commission also will need more information on what will be involved in upgrading the service's designation. "I feel now that there's a need for some improvement," said

city commissioner Vicki Standen. "I'm just not sure how we'll make it work."

One issue at hand is that of the townships who contract to receive ambulance services from the city. At the meeting, Cindy Grice, city treasurer, emphasized the need to speak with township officials. "It will directly affect their costs," Grice said. The city, according to Grice, would need to know how much the town-

State champ

Andrea Gerling makes history at ski meet

Despite the unseasonable weather and less than ideal conditions, the Boyne City High School girls ski team pulled together Monday at the state ski meet at Nubs Nob to chalk up a fourth-place finish overall.

It was also Andrea Gerling's day to shine.

Gerling took first in the slalom, making her the best in the state. She is the first girl from Boyne City to earn the honor.

"There was a lot of pressure," Gerling said. "I really wanted to win." Gerling, who has competed in the state meet in years prior, said that the pressure to do well was compounded by the fact that she'd fallen the last two years in the competition.

Standing at the starting gate, she said, "It looked like it was a hard course and icy. I just wanted to stay on top of it and not fall."

The course was icy, in fact, and after days of practicing on slush, the girls had to make adjustments to the conditions.

Other team members also placed in the slalom, with Meghann Gerling claiming an admirable fourth place finish; in 23rd place was Mindy McCutcheon, Jenna Roland placed 33rd, Maggie Doherty came in 34th, and Brooke Grobaski rounded things out in 40th.

Going into the giant slalom event, the team was in second place. A couple of falls took their standing down to fourth. Andrea Gerling placed sixth overall in the giant sla-

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Andrea Gerling

A Gathering Place

Locally-owned shop finds its niche on East Jordan's Main Street

"We want this to be a relaxing place," said Sara Schroeder, owner of North Country Quilts, a part of Gatherings in East Jordan. Amidst the quaint country atmosphere and the smell of fresh-brewed coffee, the shop fits the bill.

Schroeder's shop, along with Joy Unlimited, a stamping business owned by Ginny Carey, and two other shops, Carol Moore's Olde Friends, and Janice Somers' Green Door Accents, have come together under one roof, under the collective name, Gatherings.

"We have sort of a general store kind of feel," Schroeder said. "We wanted it to be kind of a gathering place. So it's the perfect name."

Carey, a lifetime resident of East Jordan, is no newcomer to the world of small-business ownership. She and her husband Bud owned Carey's Corner Market IGA in East Jordan for over 12 years. Carey had retired, but

her passion for stamping finally took over, culminating in opening her business in November of last year.

"I'd never planned to do it [open a business]," Carey said. But after being approached a couple of times with the idea, she finally found the right situation, and took the plunge. After that, "it all worked out," she said.

Schroeder, also born and raised in the area, is new to owning a retail business, but between her husband's construction business, working as a realtor for Charlevoix Properties in East Jordan, and her career as a registered nurse, she brings plenty of life experience to the venture. It's her love of quilting that really brought her to where she is now, though.

"I'm not an expert," said the self-taught quilter. "I started the business just because I love quilting. I want

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Boyne Falls senior Matt Britton tallied 43 points in addition to his record-tying three-pointers in the game against Ellsworth.

One for the record books

Matt Britton ties state record for 3-point shooting

Most high school athletes give their all to the game. And there are moments, occasionally, when a player gets an unexpected return on that investment.

Recently, Matt Britton, of the Boyne Falls Loggers basketball team, experienced one of those moments. With about a minute to go in the game against Ellsworth, Matt sunk his 11th three-pointer of the game, and made a place for himself in the record books, tying the state record for number of three-pointers in a game.

According to Loggers' coach Frank Hamilla, it was with six minutes to go in the game that they realized Matt had only one three-pointer to go to tie the record. "It's a great accomplishment," Hamilla said.

To top the evening off, Matt scored a total of 43 points for the game, a career high. The Loggers went on to win the game, 91-69.

Matt, a senior, is in his last of four years starting for the Loggers varsity squad.

LETTERS

Let's pull together for Old City Park

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to you in the hope that the unknown, generous, community spirited person who placed the decorative white lights on the gazebo in Old City Park will read this and allow the lights to remain there year round for the continued enjoyment of everyone.

The lights have been a delightful and beautiful addition to the park throughout the holiday season and the winter.

I have inquired of numerous citizens to try to ascertain who placed them there. No one knows. The city commission agrees they are an inspirational, pleasing asset and should remain.

This park is a timeless jewel too few families utilize due to the lack of more adequate facilities which would attract them there, such as grills, picnic tables, benches and especially more playground equipment. Only a total of four children can swing and there is always a waiting line. There is no other playground equipment but these age-old swings. The two 40-year-old grills are deteriorated to the point of being useless.

With more adults and children using the park, the underachievers will have a tendency to congregate elsewhere, resulting in less vandalism to the gazebo.

Are there not service clubs in town who would be willing to accept this challenge as a club project and earmark funds for playground equipment, or any of the other items mentioned, which would directly benefit our children? If we all pull together and each do a little, a goal will be realized.

The Boyne Valley Garden Club has worked very hard over the past two years to bring more beauty to this park. We have planted memorial trees, 14 rose bushes, 90 hosta plants, numerous perennials and 400 daffodil bulbs will hopefully be a blaze of yellow on the east riverbank come spring. We intend to plant even more daffodils next fall. This is all in addition to our annual planting of flowers in the fountain and around the gazebo.

We are doing our part as a service club, can your club help also? We thank you.

Betty Shaver, President
Boyne Valley Garden Club

Youth basketball had many helpers

TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who contributed their time, talent and energy in support of the East Jordan Boys Youth Basketball Program this season.

Thanks to the efforts of many, over 70 youngsters learned a lot about the game of basketball, and had a lot of fun too.

Special thanks to Pat Brennan, Keith Gee, Todd Ingalls, Steve Kraemer, Scott Meads and Ron Warnos for doing a great job coaching the youngsters, and to Jim Blaha for helping with the extra practice sessions.

Thanks also to Gail Bingham, Tori Bingham, Lori Hines, Kayla Hines, Laura Hansen, Karen Brennan and Angie Wilson for keeping the clock and stats, and to Gary Bogaert and Jesse Green for officiating many of the scrimmages. Thanks to Ray Fisher for being so faithful in his support of the program.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to the gym every Saturday to watch the games. The kids know you're there, and they appreciate your interest and support.

Chip Hansen

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Monday at 10 a.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.



"I'VE GOT IT! HOW ABOUT-Who Wants To Divorce A Multi-Millionaire?"

BETWEEN the LINES

A taste of spring leaves us guessing

By ANGELA SHULTIS

There's no doubt in my mind that we've all got a touch of it by now -- spring fever.

Problem is, spring is a still a long way away. But that won't stop me from enjoying the illusion.

I've weathered (if you'll forgive the pun) the winter rather well so far this year -- hardly complaining about the cold when it came, and sort of enjoying the snow all the way through. For once, I hadn't begun counting the days 'til spring the moment we ushered the new year in.

And so this is what happens -- a surprise streak of nearly-balmy, unseasonable temperatures. Nevermind that it pretty much obliterated all hopes of a truly festive Winter Festival. It's hard to feel too bitter about something that feels so good. The birds are singing, my daffodils are pushing through the dirt, and my kids are testing out their puddle-

jumping skills. It feels like a time for Sunday drives (although gas prices might make us think twice on that count), afternoon walks, and, dare I say it, occasionally venturing outside sans coat.

And on the jumping-the-gun front -- I'm beginning to plot out my yearly garden expansion project, and I'm actually checking out the always-early influx of spring clothing in the stores with interest rather than the usual eye-rolling.

On the downside, though, my yard is just plain gross. Between the muck and the mysterious debris, I'd rather just avoid it altogether at this point. And then there's that one pile of leaves that never left its station next to my maple tree last fall. And forget keeping the cars clean, inside or out. But these are the things we have to contend with every spring thaw, early or not.

Of course, this isn't the first time this has happened; we often, it seems, have a bit of a thaw, only to be inundated once again with the white stuff and a bit of

bitter cold for good measure before spring really sets in. But this has gone a tad beyond a little melting into a full-fledged spring-invoking thaw. So what does it mean?

Who knows. Probably just that it's nature's way of confirming our long-held suspicion that we absolutely cannot predict what kind of winter we'll have in any given year.

And let's keep in mind that it is only the first of March, a month that has a history of being, well, unpredictable. The reality is simply that this year, we'll probably have to endure a second round of muddy, sloppy thawing once the real spring shows up.

Someone told me last week that the farmer's almanac is predicting that we will see as much snow in March as we have all winter thus far.

So don't put that parka away just yet -- it could be a long road to April.

GUEST COLUMN

Pay attention to the signs along the way

By MELISSA MCKENZIE

If you don't like how the world is YOU CHANGE IT. Sounds simple doesn't it? But changing the world can't happen at the drop of a hat. People around us seem to believe that reforming our ways and breaking bad habits is something that occurs with ease. I believe we can change the world, but it will take a great effort. So much effort that we need to truly encourage change by having numerous signs of inspiration telling us to do great things.

One day as I walked the halls of my high school, I began to do something peculiar. At least, it appeared rather different to those surrounding me. I was staring at the walls in wonder. I can't tell you how many people asked me what I was doing. I wasn't going along in the rush of "traffic" like everyone else. I had slowed down and was going at my own pace, perhaps even holding up those behind me. They weren't seeing what I was,

so they simply could not understand.

There were posters everywhere. They had been there all year, and probably long before then, but in the three years at this school, I have never stopped to read and acknowledge their meaning. "Imagine what you could be and be it." "Attitude is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society." "Don't get strung along, make your own moves," and "The more enthusiasm, the greater the results."

We (my classmates and I) are the youth, the future of our country. It all lies in our hands. That is a good deal of responsibility. With that type of responsibility, it amazes me to hear that the youth of today has no responsibility. I hope with all my heart we do, because we do control the future. With that task ahead of all of us, it is no wonder the faculty has hung up posters wherever the eye can see.

It is not just in the hall, but also in the classroom. There are more signs telling us, "we CAN do it," than I could ever list. It is not just school, either. Since that day I've noted that signs like this are surrounding all of

us, everywhere. These signs aren't necessarily hand written slogans. Often times, they can be examples of things that others have done. The others that have made a difference in the world they live in and their futures. These are also "signs" that encourage us to make a difference in the world and in our lives.

All of these signs, whether they are posters or quotes, pictures or slogans, they all represent one main idea. The idea that our future lies in our hands and not in someone else's. Changing the world isn't defined, it is up to us to decide what the world should be. After we figure out for ourselves what it should be, then we face an even harder, yet realistic task; the task of making the changes so it is the world and future that we have always dreamed of.

If all else fails, remember that ONLY YOU can choose the right direction.

(Melissa McKenzie is a student at East Jordan High School.)

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Gatherings

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to provide quality fabrics locally and create a non-intimidating atmosphere." Schroeder comments that often beginners are put off by the perception that quilting has to be done perfectly. Her perspective on that attitude is that "this is a hobby, and I don't need my hobby to be stressful."

As for the downtown East Jordan location of the business, Carey and Schroeder couldn't have imagined doing it anywhere else. "This is our town," Schroeder said. "As a realtor, I've worked very hard to push the downtown. Now I can talk the talk, and walk the walk." And according to Carey, being downtown has been a wonderful experience. "We've been touched by so many people," she said. Schroeder added, "It's renewed my faith in small towns."

All the shopowners of Gatherings are looking to serve local shoppers, with the store open six days a week, year round. Joy Unlimited Stamping offers a wide variety of stamps, ink pads, embossing powders, papers, punches, pens, stamp cleaning supplies and more. Carey also offers on-going classes in stamping. In addition, Joy Unlimited has been established as a drop-off point for the Lions Club eyeglass recycling drive, and also for new or used cards for the St. Jude's Born Again Card Recycling program.

North Country Quilts offers quilts and quilting supplies, including a selection of around 400 bolts of cloth. She, too, offers instruction, ranging from single-evening workshops to ongoing classes, focusing on all aspects of quilting, including hand-quilting, machine-quilting, basic rotary cutting, applique and more. Her shop also takes consignments from local quilters.

Olde Friends and Green Door Accents feature a variety of charming country items, many handmade, to add to your home's decor.

It's Carey and Schroeder, though, that folks will see most often behind the cash register, or, more likely, out chatting with customers. "We



Local residents Sara Schroeder, left, and Ginny Carey, along with Carol Moore and Janice Somers, have brought their talents together under one roof to create Gatherings.

take our customers under our wing," said Carey. One of the shopowners' goals is to provide small-town service to their customers, on an individual basis.

They note that they have a lot of customers coming in from out of town. "We have people from Interlochen, Gaylord, Alpena," Schroeder said. "It's a relaxed atmosphere. People from out of town love the smaller town atmosphere."

Gatherings is located at 113 Main St., in East Jordan, and is open Monday-Saturday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 536-0855.

'A market for small business retailers'

The fact that a locally-owned business like Gatherings can make a place for itself on Main St. speaks to a new attitude that came along with the East Jordan streetscape project. The question, then, becomes: what else is in the works for continuing the downtown revitalization?

"By Gatherings opening a business downtown," said East Jordan Area Chamber president Gina Kendell, "it shows their confidence in East Jordan. There is a market here for small business retailers."

According to Kendell, stimulating downtown business is a focal point for the chamber. Besides being chamber president, Kendell is also the chairperson for the Downtown Business Development Committee. The committee's mission, according to Kendell, "is looking to fill vacant lots and buildings in the downtown district as well as looking for ways to help enhance existing businesses."

"We are looking to find funding to bring on a marketing consultant," she said. The committee, comprised of chamber board members, DDA members, and the city administrator, hopes to use the survey to identify key areas that need to be addressed in future planning and development. A consumer survey is also in the works.

"The city and DDA made a huge investment in the streetscape," Kendell said, also citing the improvements made to building facades by individual property owners. "But we still need to bring in businesses to fill the sites."

The chamber is also administering a re-investment program for local business owners. A loan fund has been established from which

qualified business owners can borrow money at a lower interest rate. The idea behind the program is to allow local businesses to obtain the funds to make renovations and improvements to existing storefronts.

"I think curbside appeal is very important to shoppers," Kendell said, "so this program is a great resource for downtown retailers to improve their sites at a reasonable cost."

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-- Gina Kendell, EJ chamber president

In addition, the chamber is in the early stages of establishing an education committee, in order to offer members and the greater community educational seminars in various aspects of owning and running a business. The committee will be comprised of volunteers from the business community.

"Forming an Education Committee to identify our membership's most pressing business questions is the first step," said chamber executive director Mary Faculak.

"Since our members are the business owners, they are the logical choice to join the committee."

Once established, the committee will plan and execute daytime seminars on a variety of business-related issues, and may also look at further building its library and referral sources for business information as well as form a retailers' group.

The current efforts to boost downtown businesses are just the beginning. "Downtown redevelopment is a long process," said Kendell. "It's a continually changing process. In five years, when the buildings are filled, that's not the end of it."

Boyne school board offers retirement incentive to teachers

The Boyne City Board of Education is offering a retirement incentive to teachers in the school district.

Teachers who have 10 years of full-time service in the Boyne City school system, and 25 years in the Michigan Public Schools employee retirement system, are eligible to be considered for the incentive. According to superintendent Dana Compton, the board plans to accept up to eight teachers into the plan, though they may extend beyond the eight if the board deems it financially viable.

The program is set up to benefit both parties, Compton said. "It provides incentive and financial consideration for the years of service an individual has given," he said, "and at the same time allows the district to bring in some new people." There is also an economic consideration for the school system. If the district replaces the retiring teachers with less

experienced people, the district will see a financial gain in the range of 12-18 months.

There is also the possibility that some of the positions will not be filled if the current teachers have retired. "We will look at the positions to determine if we need to replace them," said Compton. "Two or three may not have to be replaced."

The program is the result of a long-term look at the financial future of the schools. "We're planning for the 2002 school year," Compton said. "The basic philosophy is that this is the best time to make some decisions. If we do this at this point, we won't have to go through layoff or reduction. It's kind of a win/win for everybody."

The incentive program is open to all certified teachers in the district who qualify. The deadline for applications is March 10.

Director

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The possibility of creating an advisory board to oversee the ambulance service will also be explored. Vondra, who supports the idea, said that it would make sense to have a "governing body that has more knowledge [about the ambulance service] than we would."

According to Erber, the issues of a full-time director and upgrading the

service are intertwined. "To go ALS without me or a full-time director is an impossibility," he said, stating that preparing the groundwork to begin the upgrading process alone will only add to the already large workload.

In other business, the commission approved a policy regarding city use of Internet and e-mail technology, and approved newly-compiled rules of procedure for city commission meetings.

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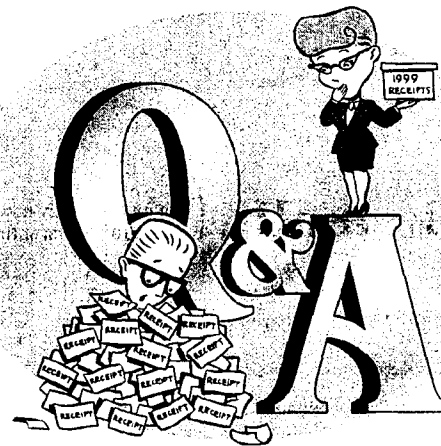
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CALENDAR

MASK EXHIBIT
Through March 17

The Jordan River Arts Council's exhibit titled "The Mask: Who, Why and When," is on display at the Jordan River Arts Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. daily, Thursday 1-8 p.m. Information: 536-0998. For group tours and hands on experiences, call 582-6399.

COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION
March 2, 8:30 a.m.

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency in Petoskey will distribute food under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program on Thursday from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Boyne City Senior Center, and from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Ellsworth Christian Reform Church. Information: 347-9070

SWING DANCE
March 4, 7 p.m.

Adults and teens are invited to enjoy the hottest dance craze going - Swing! The dance will be held at the Crooked Tree Arts Center Saturday, from 7-10 p.m. Arts free to bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. The center is at 461 East Mitchell St., in downtown Petoskey. Please use the entrance off the alley behind the building. Cost: \$5 per person. Information: 347-4337.

YOGA WORKSHOP
March 4, 9 a.m.

Sandra Carden, a registered and certified Yoga instructor and therapist will conduct a workshop from 9 a.m. to noon, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The workshop is suitable for all levels of students. A simple hip-opening series of postures improves flexibility and strength, relieves low back pain, and leaves you feeling calm, rejuvenated and at peace. Cost: \$25 per person. To register or for more information, contact Connie Roland, Education Coordinator for Charlevoix Area Hospital at 547-8570.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
March 11, 11 a.m.

Charlevoix County Democrats will be holding their Presidential Caucus in East Jordan at the East Jordan Police Station Community Room in conjunction with the other counties in the state. The Caucus starts at 11 a.m. promptly. Information: Kay Chase, 547-5147.

CENTRAL STATE CHORUS
March 11, 8 p.m.

The Central State University Chorus will perform Saturday at the Petoskey High School. The repertoire of Central State University Chorus encompasses all periods and styles includ-

ing contemporary African-American gospel and traditional spirituals. Accompanist for the chorus is Beth Hull-Wegrzynowicz. Tickets are available at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$8 for students through high school age. Tickets will also be available at the door. Information: 347-4337.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE
March 22, 11 a.m.

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency in Petoskey will distribute food under the Emergency Food Assistance Program on Wednesday from 11 a.m. - noon at the East Jordan VFW Hall, M-32. To determine eligibility, recipients must provide current proof of income, social security cards and birthdates for the entire household. Information: 347-9070.

BOYNE FOOD PANTRY
First & third Mondays

Food pick-up hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m. - noon and third Monday from 5-7 p.m., or on Tuesday if a holiday falls on Monday.

AL-ANON
Tuesday nights

Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

BCFFE
First Wednesday

The Boyne City Foundation for Excellence in Education meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Boyne City High School media center. Future dates are March 1, April 5 and May 3.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE
Thursdays

A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance, whether financial, medical, disability benefits, etc., may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City or call 582-7811 at that time.

AA MEETINGS
Weekly

The Boyne Valley Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the basement of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. All meetings are closed and non-smoking. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday 12 noon, 8 p.m.; Tuesday 12 noon; Wednesday 12 noon (Big Book Study); Thursday 12 noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m. The first Friday of each month, an "Open Speaker" meeting is open to family and friends.

BOYNE POLICE NEWS

The Boyne City Police Department handled 58 complaints for the week of Feb. 17-23. Five were traffic accidents. Ten traffic citations were issued, along with 19 verbal warnings.

Other complaints: Monday, Feb. 21 - A minor property damage accident was reported on South Park Street near the Co-op.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Officers responded to a report of a breaking and entering/malicious destruction of property to a vehicle on Vogel Street.

Thursday, Feb. 24 - A larceny complaint from the State Street area is under investigation. Officers responded to a domestic assault complaint, arresting and transporting one person to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

Sunday, Feb. 27 - Officers received a report of a vehicle theft from the Eagles' parking lot. The vehicle was later located in the Boyne City area. One person was arrested and transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

Novella M. Murray

Novella M. Murray, 87, of East Jordan died on Friday, Feb. 25, 2000 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Feb. 28, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Major Robert Geddis of the Salvation Army officiated. Interment was in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township, Antrim County.

Novella was born on Dec. 1, 1912 in Echo Township, the daughter of Floyd and Grace (Murray) Russell. On Dec. 16, 1930 in Antrim County, she married Morris T. Walker. He died on Jan. 10, 1972. On Sept. 18, 1972 in Antrim County, she married Cecil Murray. He died on April 23, 1986.

Novella attended the Grace Bible Church in Echo Township. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, and painting.

She is survived by one son, Morris Ned (Mary Jo) Walker of Charlevoix; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Alice Walker of Clawson; three brothers, Duane (Jackie) Russell of California, Adrain Russell of Three Rivers, and Keith Russell of East Jordan; one sister, Dean McArthur of Virginia; as well as several nieces and nephews. Novella was preceded in death by one son, Allen Walker in 1989; one sister; and four brothers.

Memorials may be given to Grace Bible Church.

Mary Christabel Somers

Mary Christabel Somers, 82, of Chapin, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000, in Ovid.

Mrs. Somers was a secretary for the Chapin Telephone Company for 44 years. She was also a homemaker.

Services were held at Smith Funeral Homes, Elsie Chapel, Feb. 18. The Rev. Kenneth McGee officiated with burial at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, Mich.

Mrs. Somers was born in Rockford, Mich. October 8, 1917, the daughter of Archie and Alice Sutton. She was a graduate of Boyne City High School, class of 1934, and had resided most of her life in Chapin. On November 10, 1935, she married

Gale Somers. He died April 19, 1996. She was a member of the Hippo Club; Grace Bible Church; and the Fenmore Baptist Church. She was a pianist and enjoyed wall papering.

Survivors include two sisters, Eleanor Fretz of Oregon and Winifred Surato of Bay City; one sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Ed and Lila Adams of Owosso; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Bessie Johnson; two step-brothers; and two step-sisters.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Shiawassee County, or Ovid Healthcare Center.

Hope Tyrrell

Hope Tyrrell, 70, of East Jordan, died on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan on Monday, Feb. 28.

Hope was born on March 29, 1929, the daughter of Arthur C. and Josephine (Belt) Smith in Holland, Mich. On April 9, 1960, in Lansing, she married Roger Tyrrell.

Hope earned her Master of Arts in English, Language, and Literature and taught English in Charleston, N.C., Hazel Park, Mich., and at the Oakland Community College in Auburn.

Hope was very involved in community activities, serving part-time as an Orion Township Trustee and also on the Orion Township Library Board. She had been a chairperson of the Oakland County District Library Board. She worked seven years as Orion Township Treasurer and retired in 1987. Following retirement, the Tyrrells moved to East Jordan.

Hope was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as an elder. During her 12 years as a resident of East Jordan, she enjoyed being a member of the East Jordan Garden Club, the East Jordan Historical Society, the Tournament Bridge Club, and the East Jordan Bridge Club. She also volunteered as a tax preparer at the East Jordan Senior Center. Hope was a member of the National Teachers Association.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, computers and giving her time to support the Jordan Valley District Library.

Hope is survived by her husband, Roger Tyrrell of East Jordan; three sons, Craig (Linda) Tyrrell of Sparta, N.J., Donald (Christie) Tyrrell of Lake Orion, and Ronald (Belva) Tyrrell of Houston, Texas, one daughter, Nancy (James) Siler of Columbus, Ga.; and by her parents.

Memorials may be given to the Jordan Valley District Library. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes.

David A. Paquette

David A. Paquette, 61, life-long resident of Boyne City, died at his home on Friday Feb. 25, 2000, after a courageous, year-long battle with cancer.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City with the Rev. Kenneth Bernthal officiating.

David was born on Feb. 20, 1939. He married the former Beverly J. Crozier on Aug. 27, 1960, at First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. They were both baptized into the Lutheran Church at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lake Orion.

He retired from Consumers Energy at Big Rock Point in Charlevoix on March 31, 1998 after 28 years of dedicated service.

He was an avid, life-long outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, snowshoeing, and mushrooming, as well as many other outdoor activities with his family and many friends. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, and enjoyed carpentry and travel in his spare time.

David was a member of the Boyne City Sports Boosters and the Boyne City Foundation for Educational Excellence and thoroughly enjoyed attending high school basketball and

football games and supporting local sports teams.

He is survived by his loving family; his wife, Beverly Paquette; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Mary Paquette of Davisburg; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Dale Willis of Charlevoix; daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Jim Layton of Yorktown, Va.; mother, Violet Paquette of Boyne City; brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Barbara Paquette of Walloon Lake and Haines City, Fla.; sister, Penny Churchhill of Farmington, Mo.; sister and brother-in-law, Dianne Hagerty and Alan Arnold of Carbondale, Ill.; three grandchildren, Jared and Derek Willis and Danielle Paquette; and four step-grandchildren, Jessica Miles and Jim, David and Erich Layton; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; many nieces and nephews; and his special, life long friend, Bill Christensen.

He was preceded in death by his father, Delbert Paquette, and sister, Karen Habasco.

Anyone wishing to make memorial donations (envelopes are available at Stackus Funeral Home) may make them in care of Charlevoix County Hospice or to the Boyne City Foundation for Educational Excellence.

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This notice is issued under authority of M.C.L., Section 211.63, as amended.

On May 2, 2000, the Charlevoix County Treasurer will be selling delinquent real property tax liens on lands which have unpaid taxes for the year 1997. The sale will be held at the county seat in Charlevoix

The property descriptions and total taxes to be offered at the tax sale will be published for three weeks in the Charlevoix Courier

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Copies of the tax sale publication may be obtained by contacting the newspaper shown above.

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Above, entries in the sled competition line up on what was, until recently, the ice rink at Avalanche. The face of Avalanche had just enough snow to give the sledders a chance to show their stuff. At left, Tristan and Dustin Field discuss the finer points of sled construction with fellow contestants Conner Lindsey and Justin Finkbeiner.



The Chill Cook-Off ended with the Tannery taking first place for the second year running. Tannery chef Russell Yardley, second from left, accepts the award from the event's co-organizer, Mark Kowalske. About 65 people turned out for the event at the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel.

Even with melting snow, the show goes on

Though the record high temperatures and a lack of snow and ice put a damper on some of the weekend's Winter Festival events, folks still turned out to make the best of it.

Events like the Moonlight Snowshoe Hike, the Food and Spirits Cross Country Ski Tour, and the Snowmobile Safari were canceled due to a lack of the white stuff. But other events went ahead as scheduled, amidst good-humored jokes of adding a "ducky derby" to the events at Avalanche, and

making notes to order snow for next year.

In the cardboard sled competitions, just enough snow left on the face of Avalanche provided a slippery slope for some snazzy cardboard creations.

Arris Finkbeiner and Dan Barnadyn took the People's Choice award, winning \$47 in cash and a \$25 gift certificate from Carter's. In the performance category, a three-way tie won brand new sleds for Dustin Field, Billy Roloff, and David Zeek.

In the Surge on Avalanche foot race, two kids groups and one adult group participated, with prizes going to everyone who was willing to brave the wet and slippery conditions to enter.

About 65 people turned out for the second annual Chili Cook-off, held at the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel, according to co-organizer Jody Hill. The Tannery came away with the top prize. Other participating restaurants included Pippins, Boyne City Lanes, Lena's/Sportsman's Bar, One Water Street,

Boyne River Inn, and Boyne River Brewing. All proceeds from the cook-off went to the chamber.

Alice Traylor of Foster's Bait and Gifts in Boyne Falls reported "an excellent turnout" for the fishing contest awards ceremony and weenie roast on Sunday.

Winners included: in the blue gill category, 1st - Pete Hammond, 9 3/4"; 2nd - Cathy Bruske, 9 1/4"; perch, 1st - Ken Sieradski, 14 3/8"; 2nd - Chuck Foster, 13"; crappie, 1st - Chuck Foster, 12 7/8"; 2nd - Pete Hammond, 12 5/8"; walleye,

1st - Wayne Everest, 24 1/4"; 2nd - Darren Everest, 24 1/8"; and pike, 1st - Kyle Lochman, 28 3/4"; 2nd - Todd Urman, 28 1/2".

In the splake division, Chuck Foster got top prize with a 31", 11 lb. 1.8 oz splake, which is the largest splake to come out of any inland lake in the state of Michigan, and is the second largest ever recorded in the state. According to Traylor, representatives from the DNR were on hand to confirm the record-setting catch, and have

determined that the fish was about 10 years old.

Chris Eaton, 12, was the contest's youngest participant, turning in a 19 1/8" walleye.

This is the second year in a row that the festival has had the misfortune to land on a weekend with warmer-than-usual temperatures. In the hopes of finding more festival-friendly weather, the organizers are planning to hold next year's festival on the weekend of President's Day.

EJ students test their knowledge at envirothon competition

Six high school students from East Jordan recently took some time to learn about their natural environment.

Dusten Kassuba, Heather Herbon, Jessica Moore, Pamela Schroeder, Dale Henning and Amanda

St. Matthew's hosting baked potato luncheon

St. Matthew's Altar Society will offer a baked potato and fixings buffet on Friday, March 3, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church fellowship hall in Boyne City.

Included in the menu will be baked potatoes, cheese, broccoli, chili, sour cream, onions, butter, and more; hot dogs; and pies and cakes.

Cost is a donation, and the meal is dine in or take out.

Proceeds from the buffet will go towards paying for new kitchen appliances.

McMichael traveled to the Michigan State University Horticultural Research Station in Traverse City for the Michigan Envirothon Regional Competition.

The students spent the morning listening to presentations from research professionals in areas such as soils, wildlife, water, energy, sustainable agriculture, forestry and wetlands. Each school group was tested on the information covered.

While the judges evaluated the tests, each group gave a two-minute presentation on a community project they plan to do. East Jordan will focus on water quality in hopes of educating lakeside property owners on the importance of buffer strips. Buffer strips are made of native vegetation and shrubs along the shoreline to help prevent surface runoff and pollution from entering the lakes.

East Jordan students are partnering with the Lake Charlevoix Association and the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program. These groups will assist them in finding lakeside property owners who

would be willing to have the students plant buffer strips on their property.

"We did really well considering this was our first Michigan Envirothon Competition," said Susan Lahti, co-advisor for East Jordan's team.

"The regionals were just a learning experience for the students. They have the state competition to look forward to, and the students are already fired up to take first place."

If East Jordan's team takes first in the state competition they will win scholarship money and advance to the national competition located in Nova Scotia.

"I just love learning about the environment and all the issues we face," said Lisa Treinen, advisor for the team. Each week a resource professional comes to the high school to talk about an ecological subject.

The team would like to thank the East Jordan Iron Works for helping sponsor its trip to the regional competition, and high school principal Tammy Jackson for her help.

COLLEGE NEWS

NICOLE K. SULAK of Boyne City has been named to the Dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University for the Fall 1999 semester. To earn the honor, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes and have a grade point average between 3.4 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

CHARITY L. HUFF, MEGAN RADER, and KREGG M. SMITH of Boyne City were among the December graduates at Central Michigan University. Huff graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Rader with a Bachelor of Applied Arts, and Smith with a Bachelor of Science degree.

CHRISTIAN M. KESSLER and **KURT M. LOCKMAN** of Boyne City were named to the Dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the Fall 1999 semester.

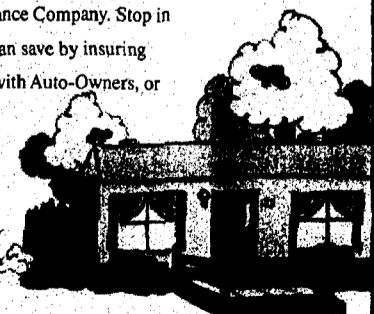
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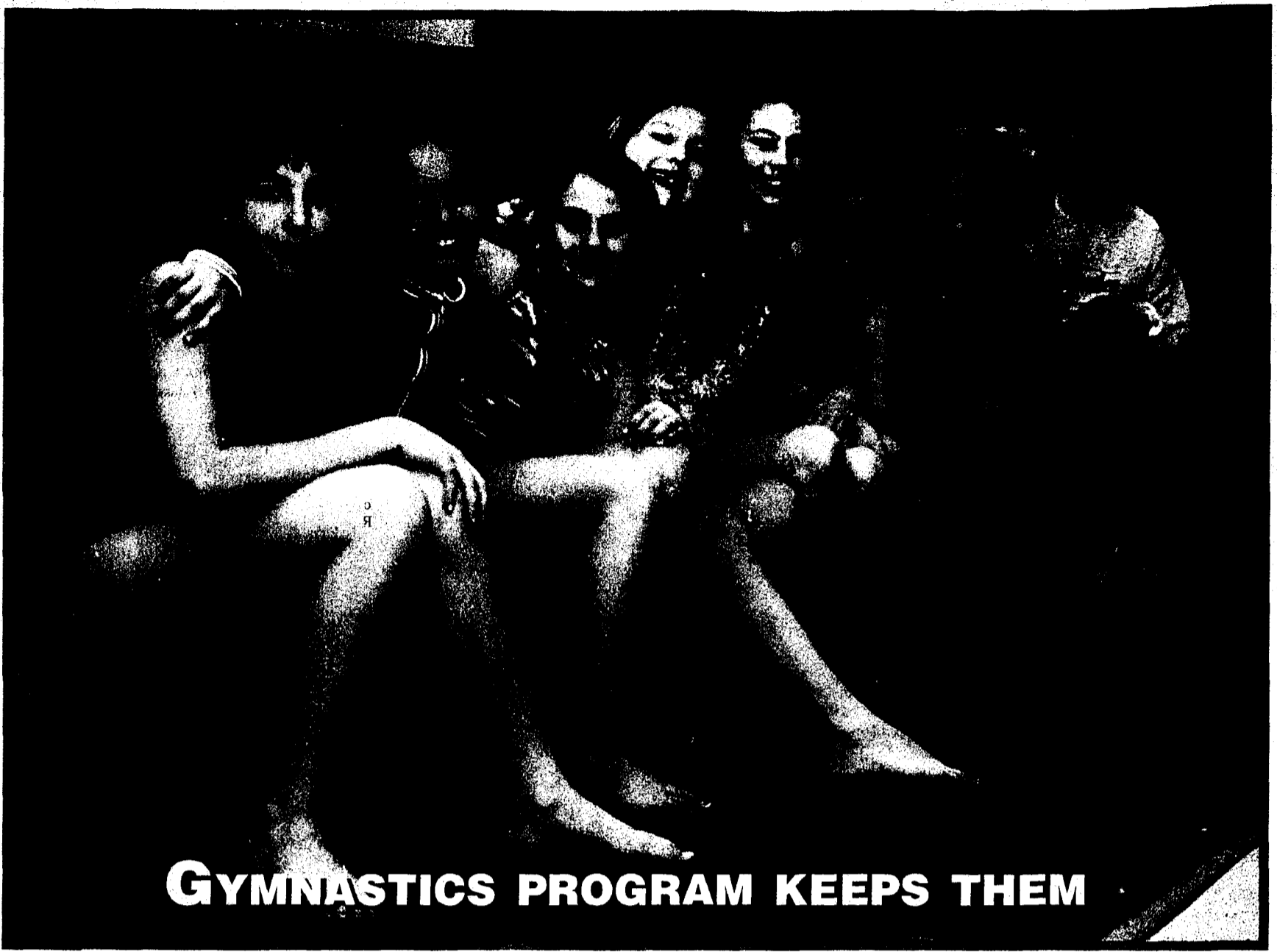


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GYMNASTICS PROGRAM KEEPS THEM

TUMBLING

By ANGELA SHULTIS

In its 19th year, the Boyne Area Gymnastics Club is still growing, and Kari Streehman, the club's director, is looking to the future.

The club started in the summer of 1981, as a part of the now-defunct Charlevoix County Youth Activities Program. At that time, Streehman was the recreation director for Boyne City, and said that, having done gymnastics all her life, "I had experience to offer."

"The program started out real well," Streehman said. "We started out with 25 kids in the summer, and more than doubled that once school started."

The split from the county youth program came in 1986, when the program was being discontinued. "For us to continue," Streehman said, "We had to make a decision."

The decision to continue the program independently was, apparently, the right one.

The club, which offers instruction year-round, has continued to grow and evolve. Besides the Boyne City-based program, which is currently held at the elementary school, there are two satellite programs, one in East Jordan and one in Gaylord. "We've been involved in Gaylord for

about four years, and this is our third year in East Jordan," Streehman said.

The club is growing so much, in fact, that they have purchased a piece of property on Beardsley Street where they hope to erect a building of their own to house the program. If the new building is approved, they will continue to offer the present classes, and add some new programs to the schedule.

"Once we put up this building, we plan to offer a dance program with a variety of different areas," Streehman said. "We're hoping to offer some new opportunities."

The Boyne City planning board is scheduled to address the proposed building at its March 20 meeting.

For Streehman, the new building is just the next step in what has been a long journey in creating and developing a quality gymnastics program for area youth.

At the club's inception back in 1981, Streehman had been working as the recreation director for Boyne City under a county grant for a youth director. Once she turned 21, the grant was discontinued, but Streehman was kept on as the gymnastics coordinator for Charlevoix County,

under the youth activities program.

While she loves what she does, she had not set out to make a career out of it. According to Streehman, "When I graduated from college, I had no intentions of coaching." But once she became involved, it seemed, there was no turning back, and she remains committed to the growth and continuation of the program.

The club's membership, with students starting as young as age four, totals around 300 girls and boys for the Boyne City, East Jordan, and Gaylord programs combined. The staff of instructors numbers only five currently, though Streehman said that they usually have six or seven teachers, total.

All the programs are instruction-based. "We do have a competitive program, but the last couple of years, we haven't done a lot of that," said Streehman. The focus has mostly been on exhibition and simple recreation for the kids.

"Beginner level classes are introduced to all events in gymnastics," Streehman said. "Of course, they start with more beginner level skills."

It's a long trip from walking into the first day of class to doing astounding flips and jumps on the balance beam, but "we take each child at their

own pace," she said, emphasizing that everything is taken in steps.

"Preschoolers may begin walking on the high beam holding someone's hand while a 7-year-old might just jump up more confidently on their own." And the younger the students are, Streehman said, the more hands-on they are with the coaching staff.

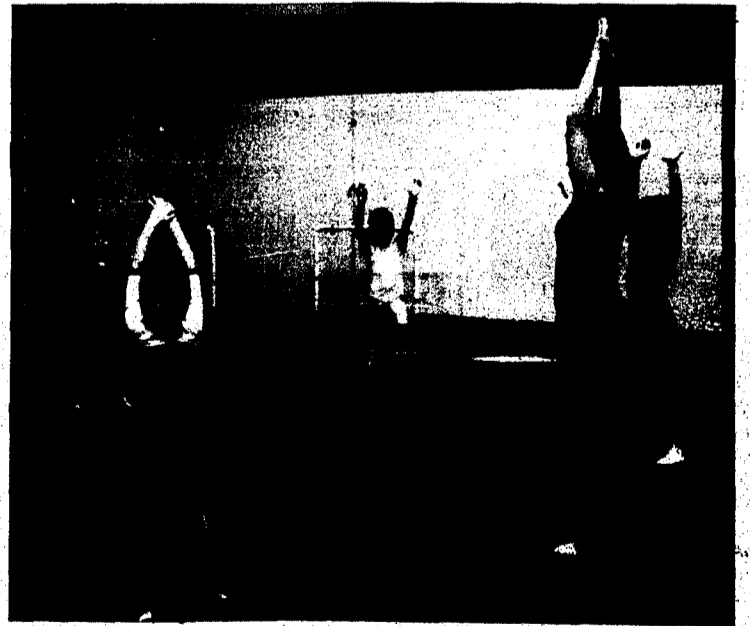
The club holds four sessions a year, with three twelve-week sessions taking place during the school year, and one eight-week session in the summer.

While the classes are funded by tuition fees, funding for the equipment and the possible building project depend on fund-raisers and grants. "We're working on fund-raising," said Streehman. "We want to do community outreach, to get information into the hands of every resident." Now in the preliminary stages of setting up fund-raisers, Streehman said that the program plans to send out information to community members as things take shape.

A new session of classes will begin the week of March 13. If you would like more information about the program, to register for the up-coming session, or would like to make a donation, contact Streehman at 582-3493.



Every class is introduced to a variety of gymnastics events, including the balance beam, above. Instruction is taken in steps, with the pace geared towards the individual student.



The Boyne Area Gymnastics Club offers classes for all skill levels, from beginner to advanced, in four sessions each year. Above, students in a beginner level class stretch as part of their cool-down at the end of a session. Pictured at top, students take a quick break before getting back to work. They are, from left, Jessica Knysz, Danielle Vallad, Cristina Roland, Caitlyn Wonski, Kaitlin Fitzpatrick, Zachera Wollenberg, Maddie Moeke, Ashley Harwell, Marisa Munkak, and instructor Kari Streehman.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Jennifer Bell
PARENTS: Marshall and Teri Bell
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Reading, talking on the phone, contests and pageants
FUTURE PLANS: Graduate from high school and then go to college and get a Master's degree, then go to law school and become a lawyer.



Jennifer Bell

FAVORITE CLASS: Woods class, because it is fun and you get to build things.
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jennifer is courteous and does her best," said Merri Sue Cardwell.
 "Jen is very sweet and does a great job in class," said Jennifer Richardson.
 "Jen is a good worker," said Jerry Hawes.
 "Jenny works very hard in biology," said Brad Jones.
 "Jennifer is a hard working young lady," said Ellen Brouwer. "She has set some high goals for herself and does whatever it takes to achieve them."
 "Jen always walks into class with a positive attitude," said Roxanne Zell. "You know she has done her best!"
 "Jennifer is a pleasure to have in class," said Mike Gee. "She works very hard."

NAME: Seth Grutsch
PARENTS: Tom and Sally Grutsch
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Video games, collecting customizable card games, Boy Scouts (Order of the Arrow), piano lessons with Mr. Neidert, Presbyterian Church Youth Group
FUTURE PLANS: "I'm not completely sure what I'll do after graduation, but I am thinking of college."



Seth Grutsch

FAVORITE CLASS: Band
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Seth is a great student to have in class," said Jennifer Richardson. "He works incredibly hard at everything he does."
 "Seth is a very steady worker and tries to solve each problem himself," said Jerry Hawes.
 "Seth has a fun sense of humor," said Lisa Treinen. "He is a very conscientious student."
 "Seth puts his best effort into each assignment," said Alice McPherson.
 "Seth is a very attentive and hard working student," said Doug Gaetner. "He is always willing to try new things and is an asset to the band."
 "Very hard worker," said Bill Aten. "Takes his time and makes sure he understands before moving on."
 "Always tries his hardest," said Bob Panoff.

Boyne City

NAME: Sarah Ferree
PARENTS: Nannette Miller and Tom Ferree
GRADE: Freshman
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: "I'm in drama and I play the flute in band."
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I love to ski as much as I can. I also like to hang out with my friends and a bunch of other things."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I don't know exactly what I want to do when I grow up but I know I want to go to college."



Sarah Ferree

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Sara is doing an exceptional job in US History," said Michele Deming. "She is very conscientious and hard-working. Keep up the good work!"
 "Sarah is an excellent geometry student," said Dale Parsons. "She earned an A+ the first semester. She works very hard and shows a genuine interest in math. It is a pleasure to know her and have her in class."
 "I have enjoyed Sarah in English this year," said Jeanne Heath. "She is extremely responsible both in individual assignments and in group situations. I have especially enjoyed Sarah's creative writing abilities. Sarah is already a talented writer, and I look forward to encountering more of her writing this year."

NAME: Becky Lewis
PARENTS: Jason and Rhea Lewis
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Tennis, drama and MYG
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Playing tennis, reading, writing, and skiing
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Go to college at CMU and become an interior decorator in New York.

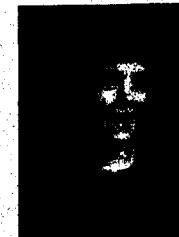


Becky Lewis

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Becky is a cooperative, hardworking student in psychology," said Debbie Neidhamer. "She always tries to find the in-depth answers to the questions. Becky has creative ideas for projects and works well on a variety of subjects. Keep up the good work on all your classes and congratulations on being student of the week!"
 "Becky participates well in class activities and is ready to try new activities," said Carrie Nelson. "She and her group come up with some very creative dialogues. She is a pleasure to have in class."

Boyne Falls

NAME: Kristen Mateleski
PARENTS: Chrie and Kelly Mateleski
GRADE: Kindergarten
FAVORITE COLOR: Purple
FAVORITE FOOD: Carrots
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Rug Rats
FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER: Tommy



Kristen Mateleski

FAVORITE HERO: Dad and Mom
WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT SCHOOL: My friends, and "My Choice."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Kristen is a great help," said Mrs. McNitt. "She is willing to do lots of extra jobs for me. Kristen is also a good friend to everyone in the class."
 "She is nice to other people," said Shelby. "Sometimes she helps me clean up," said Jonah. "She wears nice clothes," said Abbie. "She likes me," said Brandy. "She is my friend and helps me clean up," said Jacob. "She helps Mrs. McNitt," said Hannah. "She plays with me in gym," said Angel. "She sits by me in the lunch room," said Courtney. "She plays tag with the outside," said Danielle. "She tells us to keep quiet at our table," said Austin. "Sometimes she plays with me," said Erik. "She plays with me at recess," said Josh. "We play Memory games," said Peter. "She is good at writing," said Christopher. "She is my friend," said Justin. "Kristen is my friend," said Steven.

NEIGHBORS

ANDREW AND CAROLYN HARDY of Boyne City have moved into their new home at 06300 Loomis Road this past week.

ELAINE RENNEKAMP of Litzenger Place was a patient at Northern Michigan Hospital last week.

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL for the Boyne City Senior Center met on Feb. 2, welcoming Jean Peters as guest speaker. She and Chris Curtain were present to plan what the needs were for the senior citizens of this area. The by-laws will be signed at the March meeting. Candidates to fill the offices for the advisory council were suggested by Sue Bergman: Chairperson, Sue Weir; Vice Chairperson, Ron Grunch; Secretary, Janet Shepherd; Treasurer, Mary Towne; Historians, Phyllis Tison and Mary Towne. They will be voted on at the next meeting, on March 1 at the Boyne City Center.

CAROLE KELTS moved from High Street to the Lakeview Village Mobile Home Park, at 526 N. Lake Street, Lot #133.

FRAN BRAY spent two and a half weeks visiting her childhood friend, Gwen Marburger, who lived next door to her in Northville which was their home town. Since the two ladies had not seen each other for about ten years they had a wonderful time catching up on the news, meeting Gwen's family, and other mutual friends. Fran had an especially good time as she hadn't been anywhere in three years except to visit her

children, but was happy to be home again.

A BIRTHDAY DINNER for members of the Bricker family was held on Saturday, Feb. 26, at Darlene Bricker's house. Honored guests with February birthdays were: Christi Reinhardt and daughter Jamie, Dave Bricker, Bob Brewer, Amanda Hildebrandt, and Darlene's brother and sister-in-law Walter and Wanda Cremeans of Elmira. Other guests were Dixie and Bill Lahti and daughter, Cal Bricker and son Travis, all from Lansing, Frank and Connie Shaler and family, Michelle and Stephen Seelye, Dale Reinhardt and daughter Jodi and son Luke, Betty Brewer and daughters Kelsi and Lindsie, Sara and Mitch Hildebrandt and children Devon and Gail, Robin Bricker and daughter's Emily, Samantha and Anna, Nels and Louisa Northup, and Darlene's friend Bill Duffield of Gaylord. Molly Bricker also had a February birthday but was unable to attend the party. Darlene had the out of town guests stay overnight at her home and had ten for breakfast on Sunday morning.

JERRY AND NANCY ADAMS moved into their new home on Erickson Road recently.

THE NEW ADDRESS for Betty Barkley is c/o Baileys, 2596 Howard Rd., Petoskey, MI 49770. Her husband Robert remains a patient in Rm. 252 at Northern Michigan Hospital.

DAMIEN AND LISA LEIST of Kalamazoo have recently moved to this area. Lisa is em-

ployed by Child Family Services of Northwest Michigan. She is a Foster Care specialist. Lisa is a graduate of Western Michigan University, and is the daughter of Verlin and Dorothy Thompson. Damien is the son of Doug and Kris Leist, all of Boyne City.

THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH grade band students of the Concord Academy of Boyne will be playing in a band festival on Friday March 3, at 6 p.m. at the Petoskey Middle School. This is the first band festival for the Concord schools.

MATT KNYSZ, 18, a senior at Fremont High School, has been accepted as a member of MENSА. This honor is given to intellectually gifted individuals who test in the top two percent of the world's population. Matt actually scored in the top one percent. Matt is the son of Rick and Janet Knysz of Fremont, and the grandson of Ruth Ann Knysz and Betty VanAvery, both of Boyne City.

NANCY NORTHUP is planning on returning to her home at Litzenger Place this week, so she will take over writing the Neighbors column again. Welcome her home by calling her with lots of news.

(Jean Korthase has been writing the Neighbors column in Nancy's absence. If you have an item for Neighbors, call Nancy at 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@mail.unnet.com.)

Show features young artists

March is Youth Art Month and the Crooked Tree Arts Center is celebrating with a month-long exhibit of artwork created by students in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

The exhibit begins Sat., March 4, with an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. at the Arts Center in Petoskey.

Nearly all schools are represented in the exhibit and the works cover the

walls in the two galleries at the Arts Center. The students have painted, sculpted, made paper and stained glass, created mosaics, and more.

Admission is free. The Arts Center is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: It is located at 461 E. Mitchell in downtown Petoskey. For more information, call (231) 347-4337.



Doing time

Boyne City Elementary School second grade teacher Gordon Howie shared his cell at the school carnival held last Friday with many students throughout the evening. Mitchell Carlson's offense, "wearing a Red Wings shirt," landed him in "jail" for a short time. The school was filled with children of all ages playing games, making crafts and winning prizes.

Parenting class offered

A parenting workshop, based on the best-selling book, "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk" starts March 6 from 9:15-10:45 a.m. at the Women's Resource Center, 423 Porter St., Petoskey.

Parents will learn proven skills, such as how to: set limits while maintaining good will; cope with their child's negative feelings; express anger without hurting; engage their child's willing cooperation; and help their child become caring and responsible. Parents will also learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and create a family atmosphere of love and respect.

The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joann Townsend, ACSW. The cost of the workshop is \$75 per person, or \$80 per couple, materials included. The

dates of the sessions are March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 10, and 17. Advanced registration and payment is requested. Space is limited.

"The How To Talk So Kids Will Listen workshop gives parents a chance to learn practical new skills and exchange ideas and experiences with each other," said Townsend.

Hundreds of thousands of parents and professionals have benefited from the How To Talk So Kids Will Listen workshop. In studies in Wisconsin, Colorado and North Dakota, researchers found that attending parents developed skills that significantly and lastingly improved the quality of their family life. They also found these new-found skills worked equally well with children of all ages.

To register, please call the Women's Resource Center at 347-0067.

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SPORTS

Buzzer beater

■ Red Devils lose a heartbreaker

There was no joy in East Jordan Saturday evening after a shot at the buzzer ripped the net and gave Elk Rapids a 57-56 victory over the Red Devils.

But the Red Devils are hoping to avenge their loss when they face Elk Rapids in the first round of the district tournament Monday at Elk Rapids.

The two teams tip off at 6 p.m. and the winner will play Harbor Springs Wednesday at 8 p.m.

"That was a frustrating loss," East Jordan head coach Del Ingalls said. "You hate to lose and especially at the buzzer makes it more painful."

"We just couldn't get in sync or rhythm and as the game wore on Elk Rapids got more confident and more confident."

"When you put yourself in that position, anything can happen."

And it did.

Tom Merchant hit an eight-foot bank shot at the buzzer to give Elk Rapids its first win of the season.

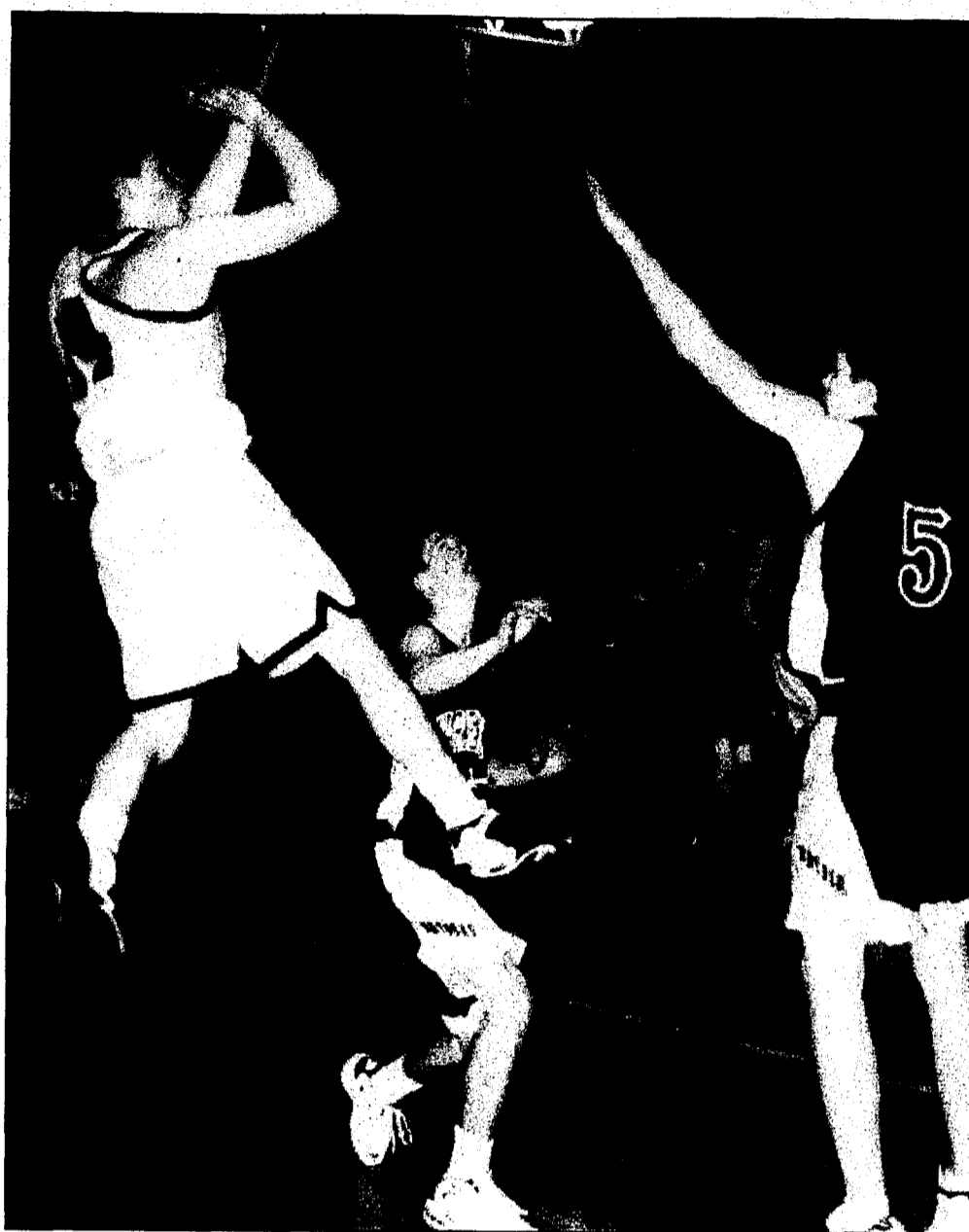
"I thought going into the game we needed to play solid, fundamental defense and dominate on the glass," Ingalls said. "We didn't do either."

The Red Devils hope to Monday. But before the districts open, the Red Devils close out their regular season in a big way.

On Tuesday they played at Boyne City and Friday they host Harbor Springs. They defeated Boyne earlier in the season and lost to Harbor.

"Harbor is a tough team-if they establish their style of game. Take them out of it and you have a shot," Ingalls said.

The Red Devils are 3-15 overall and 2-8 in the conference.



Soaring above the outstretched arms of a Charlevoix defender, Boyne City's Noah Stanek makes a strong move to the basket.

Photo by Vic Ruggies

Charlevoix too much for Ramblers

It won't be long before the Boyne City Ramblers have an opportunity to gain some revenge against Charlevoix, a team that handed them an 89-58 loss last Friday night.

If the Ramblers can get by Mancelona in the first round of the district basketball tournament, which opens Monday in Elk Rapids, they will earn a date with Charlevoix in the semi-finals. Charlevoix drew a bye in the first round.

If and when that opportunity arrives, the Ramblers will have to be at the top of their game.

Charlevoix dominated the Ramblers in every aspect of the game in its victory Friday. Charlevoix used its full-court press and depth to jump out to an early lead and put the game away early.

"I thought we could hang in there," said Boyne City head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "But they are playing real well. They are very deep. They were coming at us from all angles."

"Early on we were hanging with them, then we hit a dry spell and they poured it on."

Charlevoix was up by seven after the first quarter, 17 at the half and 25 after three periods.

The one bright spot for the Ramblers was the play of their bench. "I thought when we went to the bench, they played very hard, hustling and blocking shots. We certainly didn't roll over."

The Ramblers were led by A.J. Spaay with 10 points and Ryan Amesbury with nine.

Earlier in the week, the Ramblers dropped a 62-53 decision to Petoskey. The Ramblers were led by Josh Bush and Kevin Metzger, who each scored 10 points. Bush also led the team with seven rebounds.

The Ramblers, now 8-10 overall and 4-7 in the conference, hosted East Jordan Tuesday and close out their regular season on Friday at Benzie Central.

On Monday, they play Mancelona at 8 p.m. in the first round of the district tournament. Earlier in the season, the Ramblers easily defeated Mancelona, but at the time it was missing one of its better players who was out with an injury.

"They are a different team than we saw earlier," Fitzpatrick said. But they have been inconsistent. Mancelona a few weeks ago handed Bellaire its only loss of the season, but then last week lost by more than 25 points to Forest Area, which has won less than five games this season.

If the Ramblers make it through the first round, they will play Charlevoix at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The district championship game will be played Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m.

A different way of staying in the game



After a successful playing career at Boyne City High School, Maggie Doherty is trying her hand at officiating through the high school athletic association's Legacy Program.

As a player, Maggie Doherty loved basketball.

Having recently capped off her final season, as co-captain of the Boyne City Ramblers, it didn't take Maggie long to find another way to keep her hand in the game.

Maggie is currently a legacy official, part of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Legacy Student Official Program. And working with her, according to her mentor, Kirk Kujawski, "has been a breeze."

While Maggie loves playing basketball, she said that she has always been "more analytical." She made the decision to put that skill to work for her, and passed the required testing to officially join the legacy program last fall.

"I was really apprehensive at first," she said. "When I play, I know that all we do is hassle the refs." But it's her experience as a player that she said gives her an edge as a ref.

"I can see things from both points of view. You have to call fouls, but you also have to let the game flow."

She's been working mostly with fifth and sixth grade games, due to the fact that their games take place on Saturday mornings. As a member of the Boyne City girls ski team, Maggie's weekdays have been occupied with ski practice and meets.



Maggie Doherty is being tutored by Kirk Kujawski.

Still, with the ski season drawing to a close, Maggie is looking for games in other towns, and hopes to do some recreational games in the summer.

"Maggie's great," said Kujawski, the assistant athletic director for Boyne City High School and an accomplished official. "She's a fast learner, and her mechanics are flawless."

Kujawski's role as a mentor has been to guide Maggie's training as an official. Besides putting her through clinics, "I show her every aspect, from walking on the floor to mechanics," he said.

"We go up and down the floor, go

"I was really apprehensive at first. When I play, I know that all we do is hassle the refs."
--Maggie Doherty

through various calls." They also take time to watch home varsity games to see how the officials work.

According to Maggie, Kujawski, who is in his fifth year as a mentor, "has been amazing. I feel so proud to be working under him, because he knows so much."

Maggie, who will be attending DePaul University in Indiana in the fall, says that she would "love to do it as a career, but it's not something I'm banking on," noting the intense competition involved.

Still, she plans to make a go of officiating at the college level, as well as potentially getting involved in coaching.

The legacy student official program is in its fifth year in Boyne City. Kujawski plans to continue with the program, and said that he already has "one (student) lined up for next year who's really eager."

For more information on the program, call Kujawski at 439-8155.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer coaches can hone their skills at clinic

A free Soccer Coaching Clinic will be held for Boyne Area 4-H Youth Soccer coaches on Sunday, March 12, from 1-3 p.m. at the Boyne City High School gymnasium.

Far Post Soccer Camps will lead the clinic and is the same organization which will host a youth soccer camp in Boyne City in July.

Those who have coached in the past, including assistant coaches, or those who are interested in leading a team this year are encouraged to attend.

To find out more or to confirm your attendance, call 582-5029.

BF student qualifies for Junior Nationals

Kim Wagner, daughter of Judy Gasco and Robert Wagner, currently a sophomore at Boyne Falls High School, has been invited to participate in the USA Junior Nationals Sports Festival on July 10-16 in Madison, Wis.

The USA Junior Nationals provides one of the top amateur competitions in the United States and offers its program to all athletes who have a high interest in basketball and are interested in developing their skills and techniques through statewide, national and international competition.

EJHS cheerleaders win conference

The East Jordan High School varsity cheerleading squad came in first place at the Lake-Michigan Conference Cheerleading Championship last Thursday. The competition was held at East Jordan High School.

Boyne City took second place, finishing just 10 points behind.

Charlevoix was third.

East Jordan team members are Jessi Brooks, Michelle Derenzy, Katie Goebel, Cynthia Mazzella, Patti Murray, Tricia Pennington, and Holly Wells.

East Jordan High School will be

hosting the region one Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association regional championship for sideline cheerleading teams on Saturday, March 4.

Teams will compete within their class for the opportunity to represent

their school at the state sideline finals on Saturday, March 11, at Saginaw Valley State University.

Class C and D schools will compete at 9:30 a.m., and class A and B schools will compete at 12:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

Boyne Falls earns impressive win over Central Lake

The Boyne Falls Loggers tallied one win and one loss last week in basketball action.

On Feb. 22, the team suffered a close loss to Alanson, 67-64.

"We were down 18 points at half-time," said coach Frank Hamilla. "We dug too big of a hole to get out of against a good team like Alanson."

Top scorers for Boyne Falls were Chad Matelski with 30, Jason McNitt with 13, and Mike Dunlop with 10. Matelski was also the top rebounder with 10.

In Friday's game against Central Lake, the Loggers regrouped to pull off a 65-63 win.

Scoring for the Loggers were

Matelski with 36 and Matt Britton with 15. Top rebounder was Matelski with 13.

The team's record is 13-5 overall and 8-3 in the conference. They were scheduled to face Alba on Tuesday and close out the season Friday against Northern Michigan Christian before turning their attention to the

district tournament which opens Tuesday in Vanderbilt.

The Loggers play Vanderbilt Wednesday at 7 p.m. and the winner of that game will play for the district title Friday against the winner of the Northern Michigan Christian-Wolverine game.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Boyne City

March 2: Freshman Basketball, Petoskey Invitational
March 3: Varsity/JV Basketball at Benzie Central - 6 p.m.
March 4: Freshman Basketball, Petoskey Invitational
March 5: Volleyball Districts, at Charlevoix - 10 a.m.
March 6-10: Basketball Districts at Elk Rapids
March 7: Cheerleading, MCCA Regional at East Jordan
March 13: Cheerleading, MCCA State Competition at SVSU

East Jordan

March 2: Volleyball, Harbor Springs, home - 6 p.m.; Freshman Basketball, Petoskey Tournament
March 3: Varsity/JV Basketball, Harbor Springs, home - 6 p.m.
March 4: Freshman Basketball, Petoskey Tournament
March 7: Cheerleading, MCCA Regional, home

Boyne Falls

March 3: Basketball, Burt Lake NMCA, home - 6 p.m.

EJ netters sweep Ramblers

On Monday night, East Jordan pulled out a strong win against Boyne City in three games, with scores of 15-11, 15-8, and 15-4.

"The team played a good match and Boyne City kept us on our toes," said coach Duane Kujat.

As a team, East Jordan served at 89 percent, with Jamie Baker serving 16 of 16 with two aces, and Suzi Malpass serving 14 of 15.

"Baker did a great job of running the floor and setting up the ball," said Kujat. She ended with 12 assists. Malpass led on net and in passing, tallying seven kills, two block kills, ten digs, and one assist.

Rachel Boss and Renee Roberts ended with four kills each, and Boss also contributed one block kill.

The East Jordan junior varsity players won their match against Boyne City, dropping the second game but holding out in the third for

the win. "Their communication continues to improve along with their defense," Kujat said.

On Friday, the Red Devils fell to Elk Rapids in three games, with scores of 11-15, 6-15, and 13-15.

"Elk Rapids played tough and we couldn't pick up the pace enough to get by them," said Kujat.

The team served at 87 percent on the night. Top servers included Jamie Baker, with 13 of 13, Jessica Peverall with 13 of 14, and Kristin Haley, with 9 of 9.

Rachel Boss and Suzi Malpass led in passing and net play. Malpass finished the night with six kills and three digs, and Boss had four kills. Peverall added four kills, Baker, two, and Renee Roberts, one. Baker tallied 13 assists on the night.

The junior varsity team won its match, losing the first game and coming back to win the second with strong

net play from Jackie Haley.

IN BOYNE CITY net play, the team beat Charlevoix on Thursday, two games to one, with scores of 15-4, 15-6, and 4-15.

Top scorers include Emily Bricker with 15 points and Leah Senter with five. Senter also contributed six blocks and three kills, and Wendy Chrysler had two kills.

Boyne City holds a conference record of 4-7, and is 6-8 overall.

The team heads to district competition on Saturday, March 4, when it faces Harbor Springs in the first round at 10 a.m. in Charlevoix. The winner of that match will face Rogers City, who drew a bye in the first round.

East Jordan also plays March 4, but at Glen Lake. They drew a bye in the first round and face the winner of the Traverse City St. Francis - Glen Lake match.

Champ

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lom, with McCutcheon at 26th, Doherty placing 32nd, and Grobaski again in 40th.

The team, according to coach Bob Simpson, rated fourth or fifth all year long, and that's where they finished. "They skied very very well, everybody did," Simpson said.

"They did a great job." Despite the unusual weather conditions, Simpson said, "Nubs did a very nice job. The cold weather Sunday night saved it. It was real solid all day."

As for Andrea, on the crest of her latest accomplishment, she will be in Beaver Creek, Colo. from March 5-13, to participate in the United States Ski Association Junior Olympics, skiing for the central region. Gerling, who has been skiing since she was three years old, said that she wasn't really serious about racing after high school until her sophomore year. "This year, I improved a lot and got more aggressive," she said.

Her schedule includes

training Monday through Thursday with the high school team, and practice with the Hurricane ski team on Wednesday and Thursday nights. On weekends, Gerling races both Saturday and Sunday with the Hurricane team.

Now 17, she says that she wants to ski in college, but she's

not sure where. "I want to look into school in Colorado and possibly out east or in northern Michigan."

Gerling said that she has not taken time yet to celebrate this latest victory. She suspects that the team will plan a group celebration. After all, they made it there together.



Andrea Gerling digs in her edges as she makes her way down the GS course during the state champion ski meet at Nubs Nob. She took first place in the Slalom.



Members of the Boyne City Middle School ski team are, front row from left: Jessica Grice, Savannah Hartwick, Riley O'Brien, Almee Hewitt, Megan Keiser, and Lea Howie. Second Row: Bryce Endline, Andrew Ruhs, Josh Grove, Christine Dixon, and Margaux Rowley. Third Row: Coach Dan Polleys, Alex Weiborn, Emily Moeke, Matt Keiser, Natalie Lindsey, and Amanda Suttle. Fourth Row: Ben Place, Nick Sulak, Kevin Coon, and Kyle Barden. Not Pictured: Travis Smith, Heather Looze, Matt Chappuies, and Brandon Conlin.

Skiers test their skills at Brown Jug meet

At the annual Brown Jug ski meet, held at Nubs Nob, the Boyne City and East Jordan middle schools competed against Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Charlevoix, Gaylord, Inland Lakes and Northwest Academy.

The Boyne City girls took first place and the Boyne City boys took

fourth. As a team, Boyne City came in second overall, with 70 points.

The East Jordan girls placed fifth, with the East Jordan boys coming in seventh. East Jordan's team placed seventh overall, with 159 points.

Finishing in the top 10 for Boyne

City were Andrew Ruhs, Bryce Endline, Riley O'Brien, Savannah Hartwick, Margaux Rowley, and Kyle Barden.

Top finishers for East Jordan were Chrisanne Selonke, Katie Diller, and Patrick Teske.

BCHS drama keeps students busy

By ESTELLE OSMENT

The Boyne City High School drama season started in November 1999, with the Fall Festival of Entertainment, including sparkling costumes, riveting dances, and the outstanding actors that Boyne City High School is known for.

On the weekend of Feb. 3-6 a group of drama seniors and a few underclassmen visited New York City. The group of 33 toured the city and watched three shows, "The Lion King," "Footloose," and one off-

Broadway show, "Bomb-itty of Errors." They ate in some interesting restaurants, even one in "The Village," and you might have seen some of the cast on the Today show! It was a great experience.

The curtain has just closed on our famous Boyne Meets Broadway show at One Water Street, it was a show to remember (part of our school's "School to Work Program"). After 26 songs, the cast left the audience captivated and eager to see our spring production of "Anastasia."

Anastasia's dedicated cast of 70

works Monday-Thursday, three to six and everyone comes in on Saturdays anytime between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., including parents to help work on Mr. Chuck Britton's famous design sets. Anastasia will take place on March 21, and 23-25. Tickets are \$4 each, \$8 for reserved seats. You can purchase them from any drama student but you better hurry because this show is going to be sold out! Hope to see you at our musical!

(Estelle Osmont is student assistant director and cast member of Boyne City High School's production of "Anastasia.")

East Jordan Thespians announce spring musical

This year, the East Jordan Thespians, under the direction of Paula A. Vollbach, will perform Oliver! as their spring musical.

The East Jordan Thespians are East Jordan students, grades 6th through 12th. "Casting the musical is always an exciting time," according to Vollbach. "We never know who will try out and are continually amazed by their auditions. Our evolving talent pool of students with strong acting and vocal abilities make it

more difficult to limit the size of the cast each year."

Oliver! will be performed at the East Jordan High School auditorium March 17, 18, 24, 25 at 7 p.m., and on March 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available March 6-17, from 3-5:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children and senior citizens. Only 225 tickets are available per show; no phone reservations will be accepted.

EAST JORDAN YOUTH BASKETBALL

BOYS

Two games were played in the East Jordan Youth Basketball League on Sat., Feb. 26.

In the 3rd/4th Grade Division, the Black team took a close game to the Red team, 26-24. Jordan Englehart led the Blacks with 12 points, supported by Darryl Bingham with 6. Ben Bolser added 4 points while Mackenzie Brennan and Ethan Bogaert had 2 apiece. Avery Bennett led the defense. For the Reds, Scott Hansen had 14 markers, with Adam Daneff adding 8 and Ryan Gettel 2. Kevin LaVanway was the top playmaker and Beau Fuller the top rebounder. Justin Dean and Neil Schneider led the defense.

Also in the 3rd/4th Division, the Whites topped the Greys, 22-10. Marlon Yaldo led the Whites with 8 points, with Michael Hines and John Englehart scoring 6 each and Devin Grundy adding 2. David Grundy and Levi Warnos led the defense and Andrew LaCount was the top playmaker.

For the Greys, Jeb Doebel had 8 points and Tyler Ingalls added 2. Jacob Briethaupt led the rebounding effort with Zac Pater and Jordan Richards leading the defense.

GIRLS

In the 3rd/4th grade division, the Blue team defeated the Green team 34-27. Leading scorers for Blue team were Stephanie Roberts 9 points, Clancy Garland 8 points, Lacy Knebl 8 points, and Tricia McClung with 5 points. Strong defense was credited to Jessica Pappas. The Green team was led in scoring by Meghan Thomas with 15 points, Steffy Poindexter with 7 points and Alex Snowden with 4 points. Alicia Oliver is credited with a strong defensive effort.

The Black team defeated the Red team 17-14. Nikki McMichael scored 12 points and Amanda Zipp scored 4 points. Britney Kline was the leading playmaker. The Red team was led by Amber Dwyer with 8 points, Rosemary Egan with 7 points and Ashley

Snowden with 4 points. Taya Karki was credited with great defense.

In the 5th/6th grade division, the Blue team defeated the Black team 50-39. Scoring for the Blue team were Kayla Hines 16 points, Amber Gettel 12 points, Jessica Roberts 11 points and Carrisa Egan with 5 points. Hannah Boss was credited with good defense. The Black team was led by Jaleesa Baier with 20 points and Stephanie Olszewski with 14 points. Ashley Skop and Rosalyn Spewiak was credited with good defense.

The Red team defeated the Green team 35-14. The Red team was led by Sierra Roberts with 17 points, Dominique Steg with 8 points and Bridget Knight with 5 points. Tonya Robtoy was credited with good defense. The Green team was led in scoring by Klesey Poindexter and Amanda Kitson with 4 points each while Amber Wisner and Quincianne Fuller each had 3 points. Sarah Lorne was credited with good defense.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

THE BANTAMS, sponsored by Ace Hardware, played two games on Sunday, Feb. 20, against the Char-Em North Stars.

Game one was a 5-2 win with goals for Boyne by Garrett Bergmann, Tyler Barys (2), Scott McDowell, and Keith Dafoe. Assists were by Bergman, Barys, Darren Looze (2), and Eli Barys (2). Tyler Vogt and Joe Houser were strong on defense.

Boyne won game two, 5-1. Goals were scored by Cody Webster, Darren Looze, Eli Barys and Tyler Barys (2). Assists were by Chris Grice, Garrett Bergmann (2), Webster, Looze, and Scott McDowell. Tyler Kalbfleisch and Joe Houser were solid on defense. Bob Courtright was solid in goal for both games.

On Feb. 26 the Bantams lost to the Traverse City Bantams 4-1. Boyne's goal was scored by Chris Grice with an assist by Darren Looze. A strong offensive effort was made by Cody Webster, Garrett Bergmann, and Scott McDowell. Bob Courtright was solid in goal stopping 21 out of 25 shots on goal.

THE WHITE squirt team on Feb. 19 played two games against the Mackinaw Blue squirt team at Avalanche. Boyne won both games by scores of 4-2 and 2-0. In the first game John Miller scored a hat trick with assists from Amy Anderson, Justin Stolt and Floyd Alma. Tyler Price scored one goal with assists from John Arsenault and Samantha Dunwoody. Charlie Courtright played an excellent game in the net.

In the second game, Miller and Price each scored one goal with Price assisting on Miller's goal and Dunwoody assisting on Price's goal. Taylor Voice recorded the shutout as the goalie.

Last Saturday the White squirt team defeated the Char-EM Canadians Squirt team 5-4 at Petoskey's Griffin Arena. John Miller scored a hat trick with assists from Brad Boyer, and Tyler Price. Floyd Alma and Taylor Voice scored one goal each with assists from John Arsenault, Samantha Dunwoody and Tyler Price. On Sunday the squirts defeated the

Char-Em Hawks 2-0. John Miller scored two goals with assists from Kenny Bedford and Taylor Voice.

Dan's Concrete Service sponsors the White squirt team.

BOYNE'S MIDGETS won both their games with Lake City this past weekend. In the first game, Boyne won 4-1. Keith Rau netted a hat trick with three goals. Neil Howie scored the other. Assists were tallied by Chuck Bedford and Collin Keller.

The defensive lines of Gordon Selph, Zack Bajos, Robert Cunningham and Neil Howie kept the puck off the goalies' porch in the second game.

In the second game, John Stevens turned away 16 shots in an 8-0 shutout. Rouleau scored another hat trick. Howie and Rau each scored two, and Matt Moore one. Cunningham, Bedford, and Moore contributed assists. "These were fast, fabulous, hard-hitting games" said coach John Stevens. "These guys are working hard and I'm proud of them." The team is sponsored by BC Pizza.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - FEB. 10, 2000

Members present: Chipman, Bergmann, Moeschke, Monk, and Simmons. Acceptance of Treasurer's report. Amendment of General Fund Budget. Approval to pay Township obligations. Presentation regarding complaints about residential rental activities on Walloon Lake. Report of Zoning Permits issued and miscellaneous zoning ordinance activity. Board of Review organizational meeting to be held on March 7, 2000 at 1 p.m. Next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 7 p.m. Next Board of Trustees meeting to be held on Thursday, March 9, 2000 at 7 p.m.

BOARD OF REVIEW CITY OF BOYNE CITY

The Board of Review for the City of Boyne City will meet at City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., as follows:

Wednesday, March 8, 2000 - 9 a.m.
Organizational meeting only, no public input.

Monday, March 20 by appointment:
12 noon - 3 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22 by appointment:
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.

The Assessment Roll will be available at City Hall beginning March 9, 2000, during normal working hours.

The City of Boyne City tentative ratios and multipliers, subject to change by the Assessing Officer, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization are as follows:

	Tentative Ratio	Multiplier
Commercial	44.21	1.13097
Industrial	47.43	1.05419
Residential	46.35	1.07875
Personal	50.00	1.00000

You may call City Hall at 582-6597 between the hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday to schedule a 10 minute appointment with the Board of Review for the March 20 or March 22 meeting.

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2/23, 3/1, 3/8

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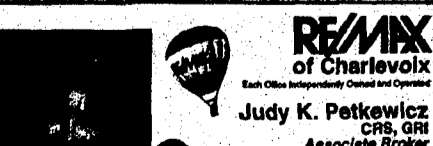
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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lynn G. Gamelin (original mortgagor) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated Oct. 17, 1997, and recorded on Oct. 21, 1997 in Liber 324, on page 867, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 1999, which was recorded on Oct. 27, 1999, in Liber 375, on page 174, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO AND 98/100 DOLLARS (\$75,562.98), including interest at 7.600% 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 Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11:00 a.m. on April 14, 2000.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as: Lot 5, Grutsch Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 172 and 173, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) 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 1, 2000

For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Rd., Suite 100
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File #200010310
Falcons March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is 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 WILLIAM FULLER, A SINGLE MAN to FMB-NORTHWESTERN BANK, now known as THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Mortgagee, dated Feb. 12, 1996, and recorded on Feb. 20, 1996, in Liber 296, on page 0113, CHARLEVOIX County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy one thousand thirty four and 91/100 Dollars (\$71,034.91), including interest at 8.25% per adjustable rate rider.

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 Courthouse in Charlevoix, MI, at 11 a.m., on March 31, 2000.

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

Commencing at the South quarter corner of Section 12, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence North along the North and South quarter line of said Section 1971.95 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 47' 45" West 238.80 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00' 00" West 516.15 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47' 45" East 299.18 feet to the center line of the Boyne City-East Jordan Road; thence Southerly along said road line on a curve to the right 520.68 feet, (the radius of said curve being 3850.00 feet and the chord bears South 7 degrees 26' 02" East 520.29 feet); thence South 89 degrees 47' 45" West 127.70 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North half of the South half of Section 12, Township 32 North, Range 6 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: Feb. 23, 2000

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. 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2000

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Marlene Hannan to Duane H. Hannan (original Mortgagee), dated October 7, 1997, and recorded on February 2, 2000, in Liber 381 of Mortgages, Pages 793-798, Charlevoix County Records, and as assigned by said Mortgagee to Kayla Dawn Halladay, as assignee by Assignment of Mortgage dated January 26, 2000, which was recorded on February 2, 2000, in Liber 381, pages 799-800, Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage, for principal and interest, the sum of \$10,701.64. No proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: On March 22, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, the following property, or so much thereof as may be necessary, will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public auction, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due on the Mortgage, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including attorney fees allowed by law. The property to be sold is the Mortgagor's interest in the property described in the Mortgage as of the date of the Mortgage:

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of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence east 4 rods; thence south 40 rods; thence west 4 rods; thence north 40 rods to the place of beginning. Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be six (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 thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 16, 2000.
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By: Robert A. Banner (P44709)
Guardian Ad Litem for Kayla Dawn Halladay, Assignee of Mortgagee
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Boyne City, MI 49712
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Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2000

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Moby, husband and Delores Moby, wife (original mortgagors) to AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 1995, and recorded on December 19, 1995 in Liber 293, on Page 0384, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assignee by an assignment dated December 5, 1995, which was recorded on November 1, 1996, in Liber 308, on Page 0099, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 99/100 dollars (\$12,873.99), including interest at 15.100% 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 Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 AM, on March 17, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF EAST JORDAN, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 16 feet South of the Southeast corner of Lot 6, Block 3, Bownes Addition, West 180 feet, South to the Northerly line of State Street, thence Southerly along Northerly line of State Street to an intersection with the West line of Elm Street extended South, thence North on said extended line of Elm Street to point of beginning, part of Northwest one-quarter of Southwest one-quarter, Section 24, Town 32 North, Range

7 West.
The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) 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 2, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #991113544
Tigers Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2000

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

Feb. 22, 2000, 12 noon meeting - The Commission discussed the existing and future ambulance services in the Boyne area and motioned to send a letter to townships under contract with the City Ambulance regarding anticipated costs for expanded ambulance services and a date for City/Townships to meet to review costs; the Commission adopted a Boyne City Computer, Internet, E-mail Policy, and adopted City Commission Rules of Procedure for conducting City Commission meetings.

MELROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The Melrose Township Board of Review will be meeting March 13 and 14 at the Township Hall on 04289 M-75 N., Walloon Lake. The times are as follows:

March 13 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.
March 14 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Melrose Township tentative ratios and multipliers, subject to change by the assessing officer, Board of Review, County Equalization, or the State Equalization board are as follows:

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural (101)	43.77	1.14234
Commercial (201)	48.61	1.02860
Industrial (301)	43.60	1.14679
Residential (401)	44.08	1.13431
Timber-Cutover (501)	39.99	1.25032
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Written protests are allowed as long as they are received by the Board prior to 4 p.m., March 14, 2000. Written protests may be sent to: Melrose Township Board of Review, P.O. Box 189, Walloon Lake, MI 49796.

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EJ Girl Scouts model prom attire

East Jordan 11th and 12th grade Girl Scout Troop #362 is planning its annual Prom Fashion Show.

The Girl Scouts and the Formal Affair of East Jordan and Traverse City will present "Dancing Through the Decades" a prom dress and tuxedo fashion show. The girl scouts will model the gowns and four East

Jordan High School guys will model the tuxes.

In addition to the Fashion show, a silent auction will be held and door prizes will be given. The grand prizes compliments of the Formal Affair are a new prom dress and a free prom tux rental. Guys attending will receive \$10 off their tux rental at the

Formal Affair.

The show is March 5, 2:30-3 p.m., a silent auction, and 3 p.m. is show time. Its at the East Jordan High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and can be reserved by calling Connie Roberts 536-7195 or purchased at the door.

Training offered for displaced homemakers

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers the Displaced Homemaker Program, which provides career guidance, employability skills training, career assessments and assistance with resume preparation and successful interview

techniques. In addition, tuition assistance is available to assist with job training expenses.

These services are available to homemakers who have not been employed full time outside of the home

for several years and are experiencing difficulty finding employment. For more information or to set up a time to meet, please contact the Women's Resource Center at 348-6699.

Benefit quilt


Maryanna Fair, right, donated this handmade quilt to the East Jordan Senior Center to be auctioned off at the Fiddler's Jamboree on Saturday, March 4, at Jordan Valley Express. Maryanna created the quilt just before suffering a stroke two years ago, and senior center director Edna Nielsen, left, finished it for her.




Tickets are available at the senior center; proceeds will benefit the center.

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FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: RYAN DERENZY, CHRIS BEARDEN, ANDY BROUWER, SCOTT JONES AND NATHAN SKOP. BACK ROW, FROM LEFT: JON BENNETT, JEREMY BARTLETT, KEN SLOUGH, MIKE WLADISCHKIN, WILLY WISER, COACH DEL INGALLS.



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