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Boyne Library opening on hold for now

Due to unforeseen construction issues, the Boyne District Library did not re-open on April 9 as intended. According to library director Nannette Miller, an opening date will be announced as soon as possible.

In the meantime, the library asks that patrons hold on to any books that might be due until the library is able to open. No fines will be charged during the month of April.

To read more about the delay, please see "Check It Out" on page 3.

Boyne schools will have half day on Friday

Boyne City Public Schools will have a half day on Friday, April 13, for Good Friday.

The elementary and high schools will be dismissed at 11:13 a.m., and the middle school will be dismissed at 11:28 a.m.

There will be no afternoon kindergarten. The morning kindergarten students will return home with the older students.

Breakfast will be available for all students.

East Jordan Chamber to host Business After Hours

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours on Thursday, April 19, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Ansted's by the Lake, 115 Main St., East Jordan.

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The cost is \$3 per person for chamber members, and \$5 per person for non-chamber members.

Sponsoring the event are Lynda's Real Estate Service, Easy Storage, and Jordan Storage.

For more information, call the chamber at 536-7351.

Fund-raisers set for JV Festival

Local residents will have an opportunity to donate funds to the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival, with a special roller-skating day at the Jordan Valley Express.

On Saturday, April 21, skating will be held from 12-3 p.m., and the cost is \$4 per person, which includes skate rental, with the Firefighter's Association donating proceeds to the festival.

Also, a family dinner will be held at the Lumberjack Restaurant in East Jordan on Monday, April 30, from 5-9 p.m. The cost will be \$8.99 for adults and \$3.99 for kids.

For more information, call the chamber at 536-7561.



A sign of spring

Though recent weather hasn't been very spring-like, it is, indeed, the season of new life. This little lamb is just one of several new additions at the Doyle farm outside of Boyne City, all born within the last two weeks, a sure indication that though chilly weather is hanging on, spring has arrived.

Fighting for its survival

■ Declining membership puts future of Boyne City VFW Post in jeopardy

With a lack of membership participation, the Boyne City Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3675 is facing the very real possibility of closing its doors for good.

A special meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on April 19, before the regular meeting, hoping to nominate candidates for officer posts in order to keep the post alive.

Last month, lacking available members to nominate as new officers for the 2001-2002 term, post commander Mitch Coates and senior vice commander Cheryl Coates sent out letters to its membership, advising them of the dire situation, with the hope that some folks might be pushed into action.

According to the letter, recent numbers reveal that membership in the VFW is declining, currently showing 1,000 less members than last year in Michigan alone.

The decline has certainly impacted the Boyne City post, said Coates, noting that numbers and participation have been a continuing problem over the last five years. "We've been struggling," said Coates.

Currently the post has about 85 members on its roster, but, according to the letter, less than 10 people attend regularly for monthly meetings

and events. By the end of April, the post needs candidates for the positions of commander, senior vice commander, junior vice commander, quartermaster, adjutant, service officer, and three trustee positions.

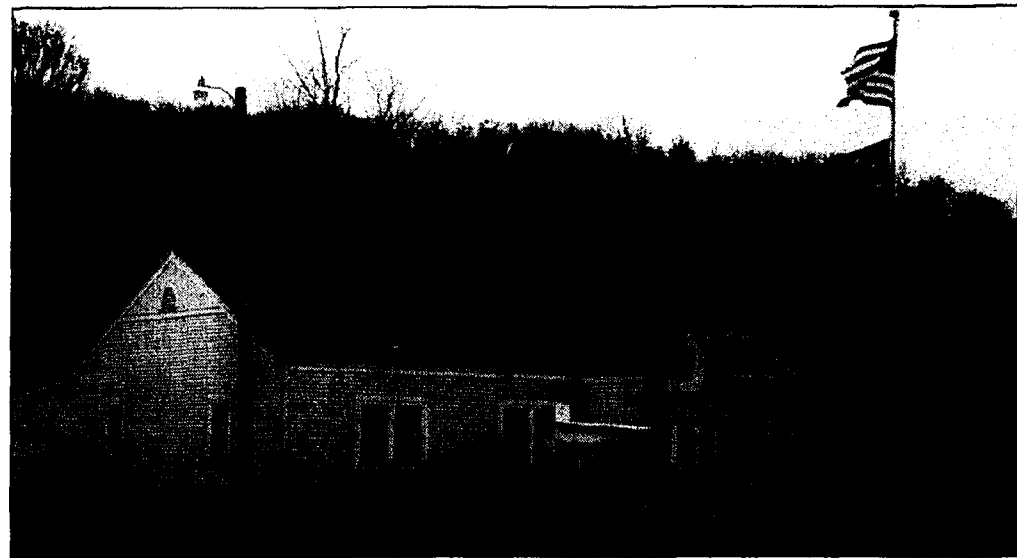
Without eligible officers to take charge, the post will be forced to close its doors, have National repossess the building and land, and potentially merge with the East Jordan or Charlevoix posts, if they agree to do so.

"Either way," said Coates in the letter, "we will lose the building which has been a community asset for more than 50 years."

While the post exists to provide a meeting place for its membership, the building has also been used for community events and private parties on a regular basis.

According to Coates, though the building technically should be rented to the public at \$35 per hour, "I do it for a flat \$100 per night," in the interest of making the building available to everyone, even those who "don't have a lot of money."

Use of the building is also donated to various groups in the area, including a church Bible study group that meets on Mondays, and a Boy Scout troop that meets there every Tuesday.



Lack of participation at the VFW Post 3675 in Boyne City may force the post to close its doors for good.

Coates has also donated time at the building to area businesses and organizations for special parties and events, though more recently, he's been forced to charge them. "We had to pay the bills," he said.

Even so, Coates is still just as likely as not to let someone use the building for something like, say, a baby shower, for just the cost of the light bill while they're there. "I'd rather see somebody use it," he said,

regardless of how much money they're able to pay.

Besides use of the building, the post also holds breakfasts and dinners, the proceeds of which are used to buy new flags, which are then donated to local schools, cemeteries, etc.

"So far, [the post has provided flags for] all the schools in the community," said Coates, to the tune of over \$600.

The VFW also sponsors scholar-

ships for local students, and distributes poppies made by disabled veterans for donations, with proceeds going to the post's relief fund. The relief fund helps local veterans in need pay utility bills and other costs of living when necessary.

The post also sponsored a free Veteran's Day dinner this year, with the help of food donations from area

Please see VFW on page 8

'Go Fly a Kite'

■ Up North Green Party sponsors Earth Day event

By ANGELA SHULTIS

To usher in spring and celebrate the advent of Earth Day, the Up North Green Party will hold an Environmental Awareness Kite-In at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City on April 22 from 11 a.m. until sunset.

The Kite-In, which the group hopes will become an annual event, is the first outreach activity the Up North Green Party has scheduled for the year.

According to Up North Green Party organizer Virginia Heick, the Greens created three specific committees in a goal-setting session earlier this year, including a watchdog committee, a candidates committee and an outreach committee, to let the community know "more of what we're about, what we do."

The Kite-In is a way, said Heick, for the group to continue to develop a network with local organizations

that care about the environment, in order to work with them "for the common good."

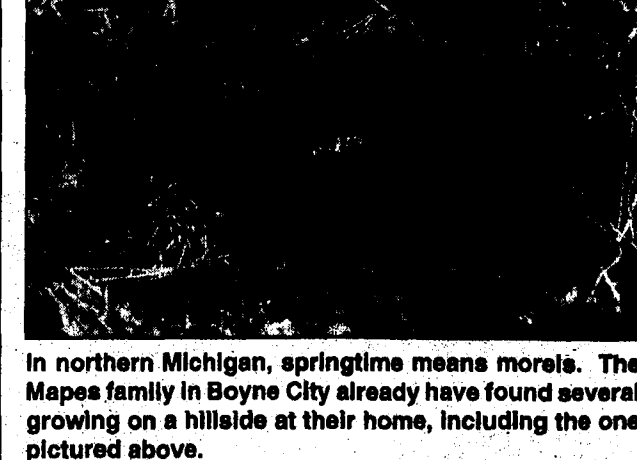
The idea of the Kite-In came, said Heick, when she struck up a conversation with Boyne City resident and businessman Michael Buttigieg outside of the polls in Wilson Township during the November election. "He started coming to our meetings, and he suggested this idea," Heick said.

Buttigieg has previously organized kite-ins downstate, with his first one back in 1988 beginning as an extra credit assignment for an environmental class he was taking at Oakland University in Rochester. "People had a lot of fun," he said, noting that at a 1990 kite-in, over 400 people turned out.

The idea is simple, according to Buttigieg; to get people

Please see KITE-IN on page 8

Morel time



In northern Michigan, springtime means morels. The Mapes family in Boyne City already have found several growing on a hillside at their home, including the one pictured above.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Board member's letter generated more questions than answers

Last week, The Citizen-Jordan Journal ran a letter to the editor from Boyne City School Board member Ken Schrader regarding the resignation of schools superintendent Dana Compton. Since this letter was a subject of a significant amount of discussion at Monday night's school board meeting, I feel the need to give readers our perspective.

I won't rehash the contents of the letter, but, in essence, it outlined the various alleged offenses which the board has levied against Compton.

According to Schrader, the letter was written with the intention of expressing personal experiences that led to his vote to accept Compton's resignation at a special meeting two weeks ago. In the letter, Schrader notes that he wanted to share this information with the community due to the fact that Compton's resignation did not allow him to complete the evaluation process as expected.

Some community members may question our decision to run the letter; it was not a decision that we took lightly. After conversations with the board president, ISD superintendent Mark Ekhardt, and, briefly, with the board's attorney, we ultimately decided to cut out some specific but unsubstantiated allegations against Compton and run the rest as written. The letter itself had already been circulated to various members of the community, and we felt, as a public forum, we had a responsibility to run it since it had, in fact, been submitted to us as a letter to the editor.

While I stand behind our decision to run the letter, it's harder to agree with Schrader's decision to write the letter, or understand the support he appears to have found from a portion of the board to do so. The information it conveyed was not in the best interest of the district, the community, or our children.

As an answer to a call from the community for information, the letter was less than adequate. As one resident put it at Monday's meeting, the community asked for information, but factual and truthful information. This letter, as presented, is opinion and so is worth nothing more than that in terms of real answers.

And the fact that copies of the letter were stuffed in the doorways of at least a couple of area businesses in the early morning hours certainly demonstrates a lack of understanding of the form in which a board member should present information to the public.

Since Compton had already resigned, a move which should have spared the community another round of negative and nonproductive sparring, writing the letter was nothing, truly, but a cheap shot. One that not only could damage Compton's reputation unfairly, but that could also bring more grief on the district than any of us wants to think about.

Rather than providing answers, it seems to have created more questions. As one local citizen pointed out at the meeting, by signing it as a board member, Schrader made the letter board business.

The bottom line is that just because some attorney gives you his verbal permission to do something, as Schrader confirmed the board's attorney did, that doesn't mean it's the right thing to do.

- Angela Shultis



LETTERS

Method to propose a vote for BC zoning ordinance still unclear

TO THE EDITOR:

Boyne City Zoning Ordinance A-28 has been discussed by the planning commission for proposed changes that encompass the zoning text as well as the zoning map and are comprehensive in nature.

Several questions have been addressed for the public and others still need to be taken care of.

As of this date, a request has been made for information that exists regarding what method is required to bring the changes to the zoning ordinance to a vote if desired to do so.

Two methods have been provided but which is the legal method in this case? One is "Michigan Laws Relating to Planning" provided by Tim O'Leary from the planning commission. The other is the "Charter, City Boyne City Michigan" presented by Erick Strahl, procedures of these two references.

Because of these differences it would be hopeful that this issue would be cleared up in a timely manner so that the public may put the zoning ordinance to a vote if they desired without it being thrown out because of incorrect procedure.

Robert H. Taylor

Now blame lies with school bullies

TO THE EDITOR:

In recent Sunday newspapers, the national educational establishment has trotted out its spokespersons to try a new line on us unenlightened, and I hope unimpressed, taxpayers in another attempt to switch our attention away from the miserable job they have been doing.

This time around, their story goes, the reason our high schools are unsafe from random shooting sprees is because, suddenly, there seem to be a bunch of bullies in our schools.

And these bullies pick on their unsuspecting, fellow-student victims and destroy the fragile self-esteem of these poor kids until, "bang," off the deep-end they go.

The common major shortcoming of all these impassioned presentations and erudite books written about this BULLY factor (as Bill O'Reilly might call it) is the complete absence of common sense in their argument.

What is wrong with trying some good, honest teaching for a change? Instead of the utter stupidity of using creative spelling, flexible arithmetic and grade inflation as a means of instilling self-esteem (our kids are much too smart not to have seen through that one) why not build self-confidence by teaching the true pride of being able to learn and use a solid body of knowledge as the tool to solve everyday problems.

Of course, this means establishing a core curriculum that includes the economics of free enterprise and the mechanics of financial freedom as well as a good spread of American History, in the heroic old-style, not the rewritten, expose-the-bastards version popular with educators today.

What would such a field of study do? Let's see, for one thing, it would teach that there can be an important difference between the right word and the wrong one in explaining ourselves; or between the right number and the wrong number when counting our blessings; and even, by simple extension, the distinction between right and wrong in every thing we do, including our personal behavior.

Studying our nation's economic system and how each

of us can prosper in it, will give our young people, or can we now call them 'apprentice citizens', a confident outlook to the future and an eagerness to embrace it!

And let us not forget the role of history in our lives and of the men and women who shaped it - they are our secular saints, our bigger than life heroes - to admire and to emulate. Is there much wrong with that? Does purporting alleged behaviors, completely out of context and 150-years or so after the fact really add anything useful to the tale, or to our moral imperative? In essence, we must make sure our children are taught how to think and not what to think!

Sounds simple enough, but there is a catch. It may be hard to find a superintendent, administrators, even teachers, who will be comfortable teaching such classes, and difficult to find text books and guides to support the subjects. It's unfortunate, but the teaching unions have had almost 50 years to entrench themselves into the fabric of our society.

Please note: I said "hard" and "difficult" but not impossible! Proven texts and curriculum guides are available right here in Michigan. And, given the chance, many of our current teachers and administrators would welcome the chance to practice meaningful teaching skills instead of political correct nonsense.

And look at the rewards our communities will gain if our schoolchildren possess the basic skills and attitudes they will need to live successful and satisfying lives. For one thing, a quality education system in our community will attract students and not lose them, maintain old businesses and grow new enterprises, new investment and new job opportunities.

Best of all, the time to act is now! School elections are just a couple of months away. Study the school board candidates carefully, are they committed to meaningful change or will they be swayed into continuing the status quo?

The rewards of returning our schools to educational excellence can only happen if, as individuals, we work together to do something about it.

Ira Breneman

IN INK

Time to clean up the piles

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Springtime. Melting snow reveals tender green shoots poking through damp earth; sends rivulets of water on a trickling zigzag course to awaiting puddles, rivers and lakes; uncovers "land-mines" from months of dog-walking in the parks.

O.K. dog-owners, time to clean up your pets' piles.

All the new life metaphors for spring floating around out there and not-a-one to capture the true essence of spring: dog doo-doo deceit.

The reason I even bring it up is because we finally encountered a day warm enough for the family to enjoy a walk in the park. As we strolled across pavement with our baby, navigating the occasional crusty drift of snow, our conversation went something like this:

"Watch it."
 "You almost stepped in it."
 "There's another one."
 "Why don't people pick it up?"
 "Oh no!"
 "@#%&!"

In most parks, pooper-scooper ordinances apply. And if not, in life, plain and simple courtesy apply. If you, dog-lover, think it's too disgusting to take care of at the time of the deposit how do you think the rest of us feel?

Like so many inconsiderate acts (crime may be too harsh a word), dog deposits are left to stew when no one else is witness. It's the same with vandalism. Who spray-paints the side of a building in front of others?

Don't get me wrong. I'm not anti-canine. I was a dog-owner all of my childhood and I say thank you to those who scoop and carry waste to a trash can.

As an adult, I opted not to have a pet because I didn't want the responsibility. I didn't want to find a dog-sitter or doggy dude ranch when I spirited away for a weekend or a few weeks. I didn't want to feed or water anyone other than myself, or the occasional other gen-exers who came by to hang out, until I actually had children of my own and was truly obligated.

I didn't want to worry about shots, illnesses, mange, hip dysphasia, halitosis, bites, barks, collars, tags, and most of all I didn't want to clean up droppings!

A close friend (and dog-lover) actually went so far as to call me selfish because I didn't want a dog in my life as a young, single person. She said I needed some(one) to care for. This, in her estimation, along with her claim that owning a dog would prepare me for having children one day, should have been more than enough to outweigh my list of negatives. It didn't.

Here's my proposal. Next time you take your dog to the park, take an extra bread bag and scoop up the number of deposits you estimate your dog left over the course of the winter, plus one more.

Then, take a trip with your family to the park just for pleasure. Leave the dog at home with the dog-sitter. Take a picnic. Also take a Frisbee, kite, airplane or some toy that requires an upward gaze. Search for and find the perfect spot for lunch. Make sure you wear your favorite or newest walking, tennis or even dress shoe. Just before you get ready to spread your blanket out for a relaxing afternoon of playing and snacking, step in a pile of doo-doo.

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Boarding to the top

Local snowboarder Aaron Woodard made his mark at the recent National USA Competition, placing sixth overall out of 560 competitors. Woodard's coach, Matt Rader (below right), traveled with Aaron and his family to the competition.

By ANGELA SHULTIS

Everyone loves an underdog story. And though Aaron Woodard's snowboarding skills propel him out of the underdog category, it was still a whole lot of fun for family and friends to watch him take sixth place overall at the National USA Competition at Mammoth Mountain, Calif., in late March.

Without a team bus, a legion of coaches, and fancy team duds, Boyne City's Woodard, 16, managed to ride on pure talent to place in the top 10 out of more than 560 competitors at the national competition, ranking third in his age group (16-17), and receiving an automatic bid for the Junior Nationals.

Woodard competed against famed "X Game" snowboarders and athletes who train year-round. "Those kids ride everyday," said Aaron's dad Blake Woodard, an employee of Boyne USA. "They've taken it to a different level," added mom Michelle, noting that many of the competitors have incorporated snowboarding deeply into their everyday life.

The best compliment of the weekend came, said Blake, during one of Aaron's runs, when a coach of one of those teams, seated in front of Blake and Michelle, turned to Blake and said, "Now that kid can ride."

Of the competition, said Blake, "These snowboarders chase the snow, carving halfpipes in glaciers when necessary. One can't help but imagine what level [Aaron] would reach in that environment."

Despite the tough competition, Aaron never doubted his ability to make his mark. "I wasn't intimidated," he said, having beaten pretty much "everyone in the state [of Michigan]."

Getting there, he said, was the hardest part, anyway. The competition in Michigan alone is pretty fierce, with plenty of kids taking the team route.

But the national competitions bring challenges of their own. Like a Superpipe with 15-16' walls, a bit larger than the 9' walls of the half-pipe Aaron usually boards at Boyne Mountain. And in national competition, inverted flips (where the board ends up over the snowboarder's head) are allowed, where in Michigan, it's a resort regulation, and is not allowed at the Moun-

tain. To be competitive, though, Aaron managed to work an inverted flip into his routines with relatively little practice time. As for the Superpipe, Aaron got up at 7 a.m. just to have the chance to hike up the slope and get a few runs in. He managed about four runs a day, though he wasn't technically supposed to be hiking up to it to begin with. "That's how I got my practice in," he said.

Out in California for the week of March 19-25, Aaron didn't compete until Saturday, but spent most of the week checking out the other classes, including the pros. Conditions, Blake said, couldn't have been better, with "nine feet of snow and 60 degrees. The weather was awesome."

For Aaron, the trip is likely just a precursor of bigger things to come.

Though he started skiing much earlier, Aaron started snowboarding at the age of nine. He'd have liked to have started earlier but, said Michelle, they didn't make boards for younger kids. When he finally got his first board, she laughed, "he slept with it."

Garnering attention early on, Aaron's talent flourished as he pursued the sport. He found support in a group of older local snowboarders, in their late teens and early 20s ("a bunch of rebels," laughs Blake); one in particular, Matt Rader, took Aaron under his wing. "He's my coach," said Aaron of Rader, who traveled to competition in California along with the family. "He taught me how to snowboard."

Back home now, Aaron, a sophomore at East Jordan High School, is snowboarding whenever he can, even as the season nears its end. Though in the winter, Aaron snowboards during "every free hour" he has, his training during the summer is somewhat less vigorous. He does, Blake said, work on different moves on the trampoline in the summer, and Michelle noted that he's active and keeps up his endurance year round.

And though he has every intention of turning pro, he's not planning to fall into that high-pressure year-round training trap just yet. Of his own plans for training this summer, Aaron said, only half-joking, "I'm going to trout fish."



CHECK IT OUT

Every obstacle can turn into opportunity

By NANNETTE MILLER

April 9th came. April 9th went. As you know by now, the Boyne District Library did not open as planned. There are many quotes I could use about the best laid plans, or using good intentions as paving material, but instead I will tell you some things I have learned, and re-learned, during this project.

It sounds like a cliché, but every obstacle truly is an opportunity in disguise. Sometimes the disguise is very clever and it takes some time to discover the opportunity, but it is there.

For example, delaying the library's re-opening is an inconvenience for our patrons, but it is also an opportunity to visit the other fine libraries in the area. The MichiCard sticker on your library card will allow you to check out books from libraries in Walloon Lake, Boyne Falls, East Jordan, Petoskey, Charlevoix, and Gaylord, as well as over 300 other libraries around the state, should you want to travel that far.

The delayed library opening is also an opportunity to have overdue books without guilt, without reminder telephone calls and letters, without fines! Enjoy these opportunities, for this is a unique situation.

Another thing I have learned, or rather know but need to be reminded of now and then, is that humor is a wonderful coping mechanism and stress reliever. I have a writer friend who has a keen sense of humor and an infallible appreciation of the absurdities in life. As I would relate my latest building project woes, he would invariably laugh and say, "This is great stuff! I hope you're writing it down."

Fortunately the library board of trustees can also look on the lighter side of things. One board member and I were recently grilling the contractor's project manager about the projected timeline for some unfinished work. We asked for the umpteenth time about the arrival date of some partitions for the restrooms. The project manager, who is as stressed out as we are by the delays, said he knew they were on a truck somewhere between California and here. He struggled to remember the name of the shipping company; "...something with three letters," he said. As he started listing three-letter names, Omer, the trustee who can always be counted on to lighten the moment, said, "S L O?" Ah, the therapeutic benefits of a good laugh!

The third lesson I learned in this experience is to keep my eyes on the goal. Every time I walk into the new library, even in its current disheveled, dusty, disorganized state, I am filled with a sense of peace, with awe at the beauty that has been created, with pride and gratitude that I was given the opportunity to be part of this chapter in Boyne City's history.

There are many real tragedies in this world. That the library did not open on April 9th is not one of them. Progress continues, and we will announce an opening date when we can do so with confidence that we can meet that commitment. Believe me, it will be worth the wait. And we will all have a few laughs in the meantime.

(Nannette Miller is the director of the Boyne District Library.)

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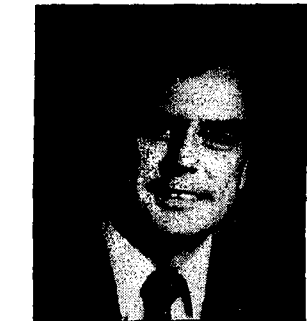
Local insurance agent honored

Mike Hausler, local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance, was honored at the recent Sales Convention held in Traverse City.

Hausler earned membership in the Multi-Line Sales Council (MLSC), an elite group of Multi-Line sales leaders, in recognition of outstanding insurance sales and service during 2000.

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Mike Hausler

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Book movers

Just before spring break, students from Boyne City Middle School pitched in to help the Boyne District Library move books back into its newly expanded and renovated location on Main Street. Though the library hasn't been able to re-open, all of the books and equipment have now been moved out of the temporary location on North Lake Street.



Healthy relationships topic of seminar

A five-week seminar focusing on building and maintaining healthy relationships and marriages will be held on Mondays, beginning April 16, from 6-8 p.m.

The seminar will be held at the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center in Petoskey across from the main entrance to Northern

Michigan Hospital. The Center is part of the outreach efforts of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

The seminar will address relational and marital communication and will touch on topics that include communication enhancement, listening, understanding and accepting, values and boundaries, and working together

in problem solving situations. Other topics will also be covered.

The program is designed for couples only.

There is a \$65 fee which includes course materials. Registration is necessary.

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NEIGHBORS

By **NANCY NORTUP**

A NOTE of gratitude came in from Jessie Willson. Last week, she lost a sum of money in Glen's parking lot. A very kind and honest gentleman found it and went to great lengths to return it to her. Again, she expressed she was grateful and "THANK YOU!"

THE REV. Douglas McGeorge of Gaylord was very well received as guest speaker at the Free Methodist Church this past Sunday.

HEARTFELT sympathies go out to the friends and family of Norma Jean Peck, who passed away in New Port Ritchie, Fla., this past week.

BOYNE CITY sophomores Chris Grice and Tyler Barys spent this past weekend in Saginaw. They participated in tryouts for the U.S. Hockey team, and if chosen they will represent the State of Michigan in St. Cloud, Minn., this June. The boys, who play for the house league in Boyne City, were in competition with boys who play high school hockey and up to Triple A teams. Chris and Tyler both showed talent and kept up with these boys, who usually play seven months of the year on indoor ice arenas. Boyne City's hockey program is approximately five months on outdoor ice. Chris assisted in making a goal for his team. The boys will not find out if they have been selected until May. They were exciting to

watch, and should be proud of how well they played. Attending this big event were Tyler's mom and dad and sister. Aunt Diane, Uncle Emie, and cousins James, Kristin and Sidney came from Clare to cheer him on. Also friends Bob Courtright and Zak Slate of Boyne City were there for support. All had a fun time.

SEVERAL Litzenburger Place residents were patients in the Charlevoix Area Hospital this week. Ruth Yahr underwent surgery and has returned. I believe Betty Bradley is back also, but Phyllis Sheehy and Ruth Lamb may still be on the sick list.

AARON JAY ROBERTS was born April 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ron and Heather Roberts of East Jordan. Aaron weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 inches long at birth. Congratulations Ron and Heather.

DUE TO Maundy Thursday, the monthly soup and sandwich event of Lakeview Village neighbors took place this past Thursday, as about 25 were there at the tables of their clubhouse, sharing a meal and desserts.

CARMEN SLATE and daughter Mallory have returned from spending the spring break week at the family cabin in Tennessee, and enjoyed hiking, among other things.

LUCILLE MOORE of East Jordan was among those from the area who went to Evart on

Tuesday to attend the funeral of her nephew.

FLOSSIE BRINLEY of Boyne Falls, who will be 84 in August, is really doing well in continuing treatments, which makes her daughter, Alice Traylor, and other friends very happy.

HELEN DEMING, who underwent heart by-pass surgery at Northern Michigan Hospital, was expected to return to her home on Monday.

RESIDENTS OF Litzenburger Place lived up to their motto, being community life links, helping where they can, and that's the way it was on Saturday. Jerry Kelts of the Boyne City Food Pantry was happy to pick up their generous food and cash donations; as the pantry has been running low of late.

PHONE CALLS are nice but this past Sunday was the first "face to face" since Christmas that included dinner with Mom, Flo Kominski, as Ron and Ann Waldron and sons Hunter and Tyler were there from Gaylord.

BARBARA KERR of East Jordan has returned to her home after spending a week in the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

(To submit an item for Nancy's column, call her at 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@nmo.net)

OBITUARIES

Norma Jean Peck

Norma Jean Peck, 68, of Walloon Lake, passed away on Sunday, April 1, 2001, in New Port Richey, Fla.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 7, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. Milton G. Walls officiated. Burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Norma was born on Aug. 10, 1932 in Garnet, Mich., the daughter of Clayton and Irene Hoffman Kerridge. As a child she moved to Levering and graduated from Pellston High School in 1951.

On Oct. 25, 1952 she married Robert H. Peck. For many years Norma had a cleaning service for homes on Walloon Lake. She enjoyed gardening, hunting, collecting trinkets, and going to the casino.

Survivors include her husband Bob of Walloon Lake; eight children, Debra (Bob) Hammtree of Boyne

City, Robert (Marilyn Feagan) Peck of Boyne City, Zoe J. McKinley of East Jordan, Connie (Marty) Moody of Boyne City, Steven Peck of Walloon Lake, Lauri (Tim) Hardy of Boyne City, Randy (Tammy) Peck of Boyne Falls, and Daniel (Natalie) Peck of Walloon Lake; 19 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her mother, Irene Kerridge of Mackinaw City; sisters, Janet (Dick) Darrow of Jackson, Theresa (Marvin) Pietrazewski of Belleville, Mich.; brothers, Jack (Sandy) Kerridge of Big Rapids, and Larry (Anna) Kerridge of Elwood. Norma was preceded in death by her father, Clayton; a sister, Shirley; and grandson, Aron.

Memorials may be directed to the family. A charity will be chosen at a later date. Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City was in charge of arrangements.

Grace V. Yahnke-Pratt

Grace V. Yahnke-Pratt, 81, known as GG to her great grandchildren and their friends, died on April 6, 2001, at her home in Thornton, Colo., following a lengthy illness. Grace formerly lived in Boyne City, Lowell, and Grand Rapids.

A memorial Eastern Star service will be held at the O.E.S. in Boyne City on April 13 at 1 p.m. Friends may meet for visitation from 12-1 p.m.

Chapel and graveside services are to be held at Chapel Hills Memorial Garden on 28th Street in Grand Rapids on April 14, at 2 p.m.

All are welcome to attend both services.

She was born Aug. 15, 1919, in Alma, the daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Burge) Thompson. She married Herman (Fred) Yahnke, who preceded her in death in 1962. In 1964, she married Roy Pratt, who preceded her in death in 1982.

Grace was a retired school teacher in the Kentwood District of Grand Rapids, where she was honored as Michigan's Teacher of the Year. She

was a member of the United Methodist Church and the O.E.S. #99 in Boyne City.

Grace was an adoring, loving and giving friend to all. She gave many people love, hope, joy and encouragement.

Surviving are her daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy (Ken) Oakes of Thornton, Colo. and their children, Brian (Tina) Oakes of Esccondido, Calif., and Brenda (Gerald) Carrasco of Thornton, Colo.; Judi (Don) Kenyon of Boyne City, and their children, Douglas Kenyon and Pamela (Brian) Price of Boyne City, Julie (Steven) Schmalzried of Walloon Lake, and Stephen Kenyon; a stepson, Lee Pratt of Grand Rapids, and his children, Stacy, Wendy and Jeff; twelve great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty (Dick) Cloor of Alma; many beloved nieces and nephews; and other family members, special friends and students.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

OBITUARIES

Eugene "Spike" Primrose

Eugene "Spike" Primrose, 68, died on Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at his home in Mancelona.

A memorial visitation was held on Thursday, April 5, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in Mancelona.

He was born on July 25, 1932 in Alba, the son of Warde and Marguerite (Engel) Primrose. On May 29, 1965 in Eastport, he married Madaline Seaton.

Spike worked as a mechanic for 21 years at the East Jordan Iron Works and 11 years at Kitchen's Potato Farm in Alba. He enjoyed motorcycling and camping.

He is survived by his wife,

Madaline Primrose of Mancelona; three daughters, Cheryl (Dewain) Rohde of Mancelona, Cheryl (Tony) Wigman of Charlevoix, and Rhonda (Dan) O'Connell of Bellaire; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one sister, Donna M. Centille of Williamsburg.

He was preceded in death by his father, Warde J. Primrose on Nov. 3, 1984; his mother, Marguerite I. Primrose on Sept. 22, 1999; and one son, Allen Primrose on Aug. 9, 1994.

Memorials may be given to Mancelona Life Link, P.O. Box 234, Mancelona, MI 49659.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

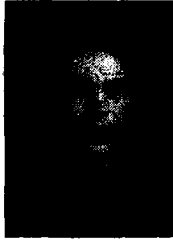
East Jordan

NAME: Nick Hanson
PARENTS: Eric and Char Hanson
GRADE: Eighth
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cross country, basketball, track; qualified and participated in the Junior Olympic regional competition in Charleston, West Virginia
FAVORITE CLASSES: Science and art
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Collects a variety of cards, fishing lures and works out by running.
FUTURE PLANS: To be an archeologist
NOMINATING COMMENTS: Nick's teachers are Kay Holley, Sharon MacJennett, Gayle Gots, and Barb Noirod. "Nick is the epitome of perseverance, determination, and hard work. He demonstrates these qualities in both his academic and athletic endeavors. Nick has an incredibly pleasant attitude. Being his teachers is truly a pleasure shared by all of us at East Jordan Middle School."



Nick Hanson

NAME: Robert Grover
PARENTS: Roderic and Bonnie Grover
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, basketball, baseball, National Honor Society
FAVORITE CLASSES: Drafting, U.S. History and woods
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hunting and weight lifting
FUTURE PLANS: College for welding or military service
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Robert is a steady worker and problem solver," said Jerry Hawes.
 "Robert is a thorough, kind, and conscientious student," said Roxanne Zell.
 "Robert has great work skills," said Mike Gee. "He is always on time and works hard from bell to bell."
 "Robert is a well-rounded student," said Matt Inman. "He does very well in class as well as in his out of class activities. Robert is a model student."
 "Robert works extremely hard at whatever he chooses to do," said Lance Bailey. "He defines the phrase student-athlete."



Robert Grover

Boyne City

NAME: Jason W. May
PARENTS: Dale and Deborah May
GRADE: Freshman
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Aggressive rollerblading and computers
FUTURE PLANS: "Graduate from high school and go to college, majoring in computer science."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jason is at the top of his math class for the last nine weeks (97.8 percent)," said Dale Parsons. "He has a good analytical mind and will not give up on learning new things until he understands. It is a pleasure having Jason in my class. Congratulations Jason."
 "Jason demonstrates a lot of enthusiasm for his freshman English class," said Kathleen Ruhs. "He has only missed one class all year, actively participates in class discussions and has good ideas. Keep your positive attitude Jason."



Jason May

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

NM Sewing Guild

The Northern Michigan Sewing Guild will meet on Thursday, April 12, at the Bear Creek Township Hall in Petoskey.

The lending library will be open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Anyone who enjoys sewing is welcome.

For more information, call Marilyn at 547-2254.

American Legion Post #228 Auxiliary

The regular joint potluck with the American Legion was held on April 4. After the potluck the Auxiliary and Legion retired to their individual meetings.

Poppy distribution will be held in May. The Legislative Chairman, Marie Zoberski, advised that the Flag Protection legislation is back in Congress, and urged members to write their Congressmen in support.

Annual Reports are due; anyone who has Community Service and has not previously reported it should give their information to Helen Anzell.

We will meet at president Evelyn Goulds home on April 14 to work on the annual reports. Marie Zoberski has sent Father's Day Cards and money for Canteen books to the Battle Creek Facility.

The Hospital Programs for 2001 were discussed. The facility at Marquette needs blankets and socks for the men at the facility, so we will purchase blankets and socks to send to them.

Donations will also be made for the facilities

at Ann Arbor, Battle Creek for the homeless, Detroit Nursing Home Unit, Iron Mountain, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Hamilton and Westland Homeless Facility.

Our next joint potluck and regular meetings will be held at the Legion Hall on May 3. The potluck will be at 6:30 p.m., with meetings to following.

American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City

At a recent meeting of the American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City, it was announced that an open house will be held at the post on Wednesday, May 16, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. for Veteran's Appreciation Day.

Displays of clothing, equipment, and memorabilia from the various wars will be available for students and the public to examine.

In other business, Ray Askins, a visitor to the post, was introduced by the commander.

It was announced that the charter for the Sons of the American Legion will be presented to the post at the May meeting. Also during the May meeting, initiation of new members will take place.

Commander Evans appointed a nominating committee to fill the slate of officers for the coming year.

Election of officers will take place at the May meeting, with installation being held at the June meeting.

It was announced that there were still no applications for Boys State, but two students have applied for Student Trooper School.

East Jordan Garden Club

The East Jordan Garden Club met in March at the Jordan Valley District Library meeting room.

Members enjoyed a fashion show presented by the E.J. Shoppe, with several garden club members and area residents modeling the latest fashions for spring 2001.

Hostesses for the afternoon meeting were Fran Pletz and Marilyn Jesiek.

The April 16 meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the basement of the Jordan Valley District Library.

The program will be presented by Rick Messterheim from the Wagbo Peace Center on organic gardening.

The Wagbo Peace Center is a local area of beautiful gardens, both flower and vegetables, and with the spring growing season right around the corner the meeting may provide some timely ideas.

Hostesses for the afternoon meeting will be Esther Porter and Pat Bloom.

For more information call president Lucy Lercel at 536-2855 or Ginny Carey at 582-5680.

The East Jordan Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan and the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

We welcome submissions from area clubs and organizations. Our deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Items will be printed on a space-available basis.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LIONS EASTER CELEBRATION
Saturday, April 14
 The East Jordan Lions will hold their Easter Celebration for the preschool through fourth grades at the East Jordan Middle School gym from 10 a.m.-12 noon. There will be candy, games and a bike raffle.

PEACE COFFEE HOUSE
Saturday, April 14
 Wagbo Peace Center will present its folk music program from 8-11 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan. This month's featured performer is Lake Effect of Cadillac. Open stage follows with songs, poetry and stories from the audience. Refreshments are available. Donation of \$5 is requested of adults. This is a smoke-free and alcohol-free event. Information: 536-0333.

BLOOD DRIVES
Tuesday, April 17
 The East Jordan High School and

Community American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the East Jordan High School Gym, 240 North Maple.

Friday, April 27
 Lexamar and American Red Cross Blood Drive will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Lexamar Training Room, 100 Lexamar Ave, Boyne City.

EARTH DAY KITE-IN
Sunday, April 22
 The Up North Green Party will celebrate Earth Day with an Environmental Awareness Kite-In from 11 a.m. to sunset at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City. Those who bring a kite will get a free raffle ticket to win a kite from Ball and Beyond. Music will be provided throughout the day, and participants are invited to bring instruments to join in. A "Youth Speak" will be held, and environmental education materials will be available. The public is invited.

EAST JORDAN FOOD PANTRY
Every Monday & Thursday
 The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of Health Center. Pickup or donation hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

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.

BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP
Fourth Monday
 A Tip of the Mitt Brain Injury Support Group will be held the fourth Monday of each month at the Community Health Education Center across from the hospital in room #4 at 7 p.m. The meeting is for brain injury survivors and family members. Transportation may be possible if needed.

ORGANIC GROWERS FORUM
Second Tuesday
 Through April, the Wagbo Peace Center in East Jordan will be hosting an Organic growers forum on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The main topic for the March 13 meeting will be a continued conversation on soil structure and mineral balance. These forums are free and open to the public. The Wagbo Peace Center is a nonprofit educational center teaching sustainable living and nonviolence, located on M-66, three miles south of East Jordan. For information call 536-0333.

BCFFEE
First Wednesday
 The Boyne City Foundation for Excellence in Education meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. at Boyne City High School.

HUNTINGTON'S SUPPORT
Third Wednesday
 The Traverse City Area Huntington's

Disease Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Northwest Michigan Blood Program conference room, 2575 Aero Park Drive, Traverse City. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 7-9 p.m. The meeting is designed for anyone afflicted with HD, anyone living "at risk" of HD, and anyone who is affected by HD such as friends and care-givers. For information, call 536-0509

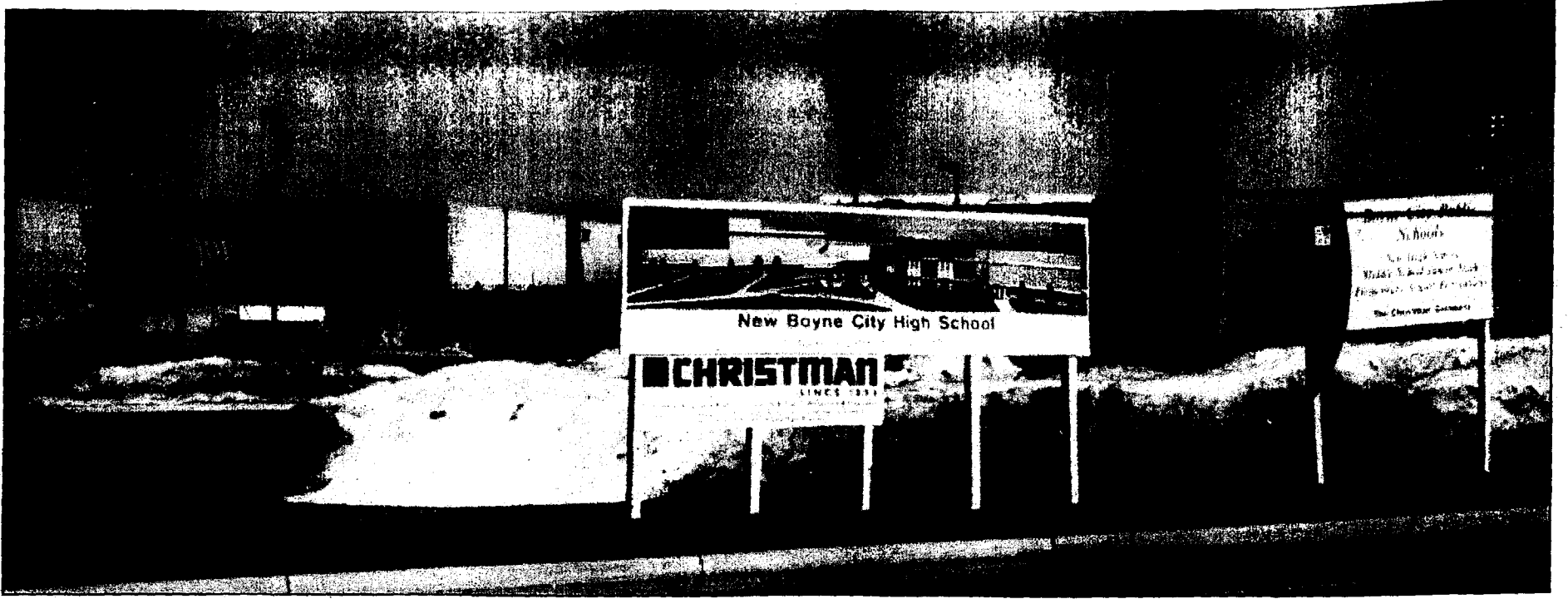
TOPS CHAPTER
Every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m.
 A new chapter of TOPS meets every Monday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Northern Michigan Hospital Health and Education Center classroom #3.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE
Thursdays
 A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from 3-6 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance - 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.

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

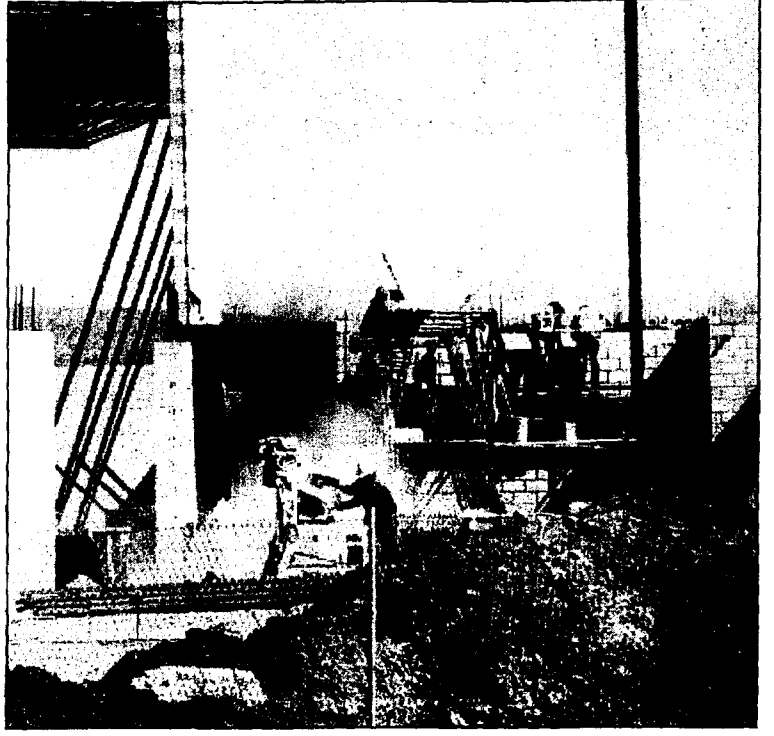
AA MEETINGS
Weekly
 The Boyne Valley Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the basement of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. All meetings are closed and non-smoking. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday 12 noon, 8 p.m.; Tuesday 12 noon; Wednesday 12 noon (Big Book Study); Thursday 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.



Construction continues to move forward on the new Boyne City High School building on Boyne Avenue. The school is scheduled to open for the 2002-03 school year.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

If all the construction crews busy at work in the area are any indication, it seems there's no danger of Boyne growing stagnant anytime soon. With a new high school and renovated library, expansions by such local businesses as Sunburst Marine and Boyne Mountain, a new building to house Boyne Area Gymnastics in the finishing stages, and a new senior apartment complex just getting underway, the landscape of the area continues to grow and change. With Federal Screw Works paving the way for more potential growth at Phase II of the Industrial Park, all the activity seems to be a sign perhaps of bigger and better things to come.



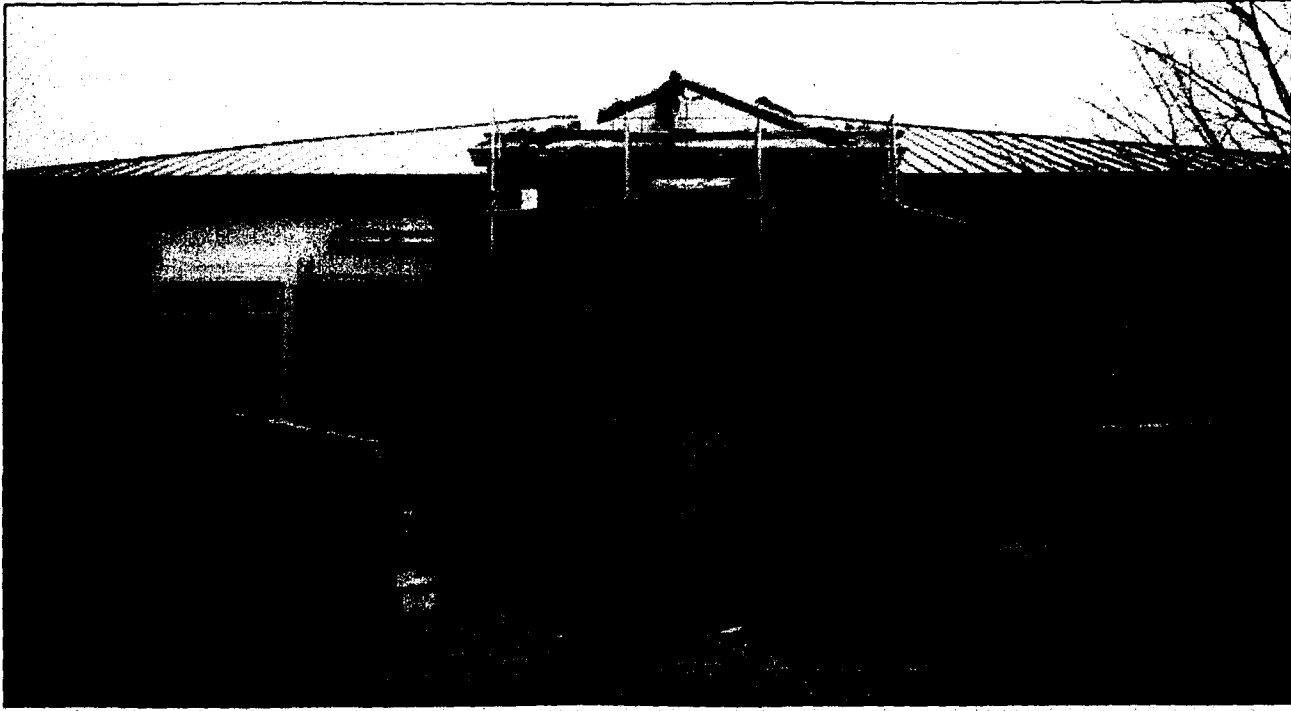
Crews at the Boyne City High School building have remained essentially on schedule, despite some unpleasant winter weather.



Sunburst Marine is expanding its operations in Boyne City with a new facility currently under construction on Division Street.



Federal Screw Works, located in Phase II of Boyne City's Industrial Park, is getting ready to open its doors.



The Boyne District Library project, which includes an extensive expansion and renovation, was made possible by a grant from the Mary K. Peabody Foundation, to the tune of over \$2 million.



In keeping with the growth in the Boyne area, construction on Boyne Mountain's new Grand Lodge and Spa began last fall.

Hospice hosting caregivers' teleconference

The Hospice Foundation of America's eighth annual Living with Grief Teleconference "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses," will be held from 1-5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, at Charlevoix Area Hospital in Conference Room B.

The conference is free to anyone who would like to participate, and will be moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News. The event will also

feature a special message from former First Lady, Rosalynn Carter.

The teleconference will focus on ways that professionals can more effectively assist and inform family caregivers about end-of-life issues and support families as they cope with their grief.

The program will offer insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they face the challenges of caring for Hospice pa-

tients, make end-of-life decisions, and cope with their grief.

Hosting the teleconference are Northern Hospice Coalition partners Charlevoix County Hospice, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, and Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

The program is intended for health care professionals and others who work with family caregivers and are interested in their special needs. Con-

tinuing education credits (CMEs) are available for a wide range of professionals.

In addition to the conference being telecast at Charlevoix Area Hospital, it will also be available in Northern Michigan Hospital in the Gamble Auditorium.

To reserve a place or for more information, call 547-8570 for the Charlevoix site, or 487-4825 for the Petoskey site.

SERVICE BRIEFS

Air Force Airman 1st Class **MARCUS G. MCWATERS** has arrived for duty at Camp Darby, Livorno, Italy.

McWatters is a pavements and construction equipment journeyman assigned to the 31st Red Morse Flight.

He is the son of Colleen K. Mason of Ellsworth, and Jim L. McWatters of East Jordan.

The airman is a 1997 graduate of Ellsworth Community School.

AARON J. HESS of Boyne City recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Hess is a 2000 graduate of Boyne City High School and is the son of Cindy and John Hess of Boyne City.

CRADLE CALL

A son, **HAYDEN LEE SWEET**, was born on March 21, 2001 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sanford and Tresa Sweet of East Jordan.

Hayden weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches at birth. He has an older brother, Drew, age 2. Grandparents are Dick and Carol Hoffman, and Paula and Sanford Sweet, all of East Jordan.

STUDENT NEWS

KEITH A. WILSON of East Jordan received an Associate in Applied Science in plastics technology from Ferris State University at the end of the fall 2000 semester.

CHRISTINA BEHLING, **JILL CARPENTER**, and **ANDREA KERR** all of Boyne City received academic honors for the fall 2000 semester at Ferris State University.

KIM WAGNER, a junior at Boyne Falls Public School, has been invited to participate in the USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival, to be held from July 23-29 in Atlanta, Ga. She recently participated in the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball competition.

Wagner is the daughter of Allen and Judy Gasco of Elmira, and Bob and Jodi Wagner of Gaylord.

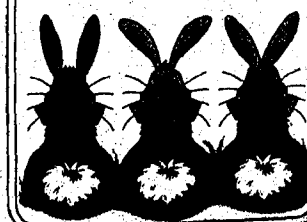
JOSIE KRAUSE, a senior at East Jordan High School, submitted a poem to a contest for young poets, with her piece selected as one of the top ten in its grade division.

The top ten poets in each grade division receive special recognition in the poetry anthology "A Celebration of Young Poets," and will receive a complimentary copy of the anthology as well as a \$50 savings bond.

Krause is the daughter of Tom and Emily Krause of East Jordan.

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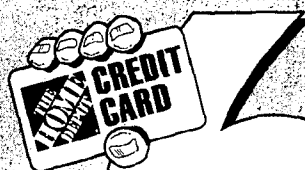
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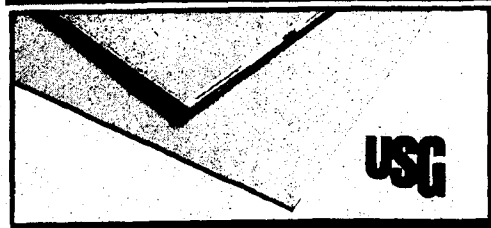


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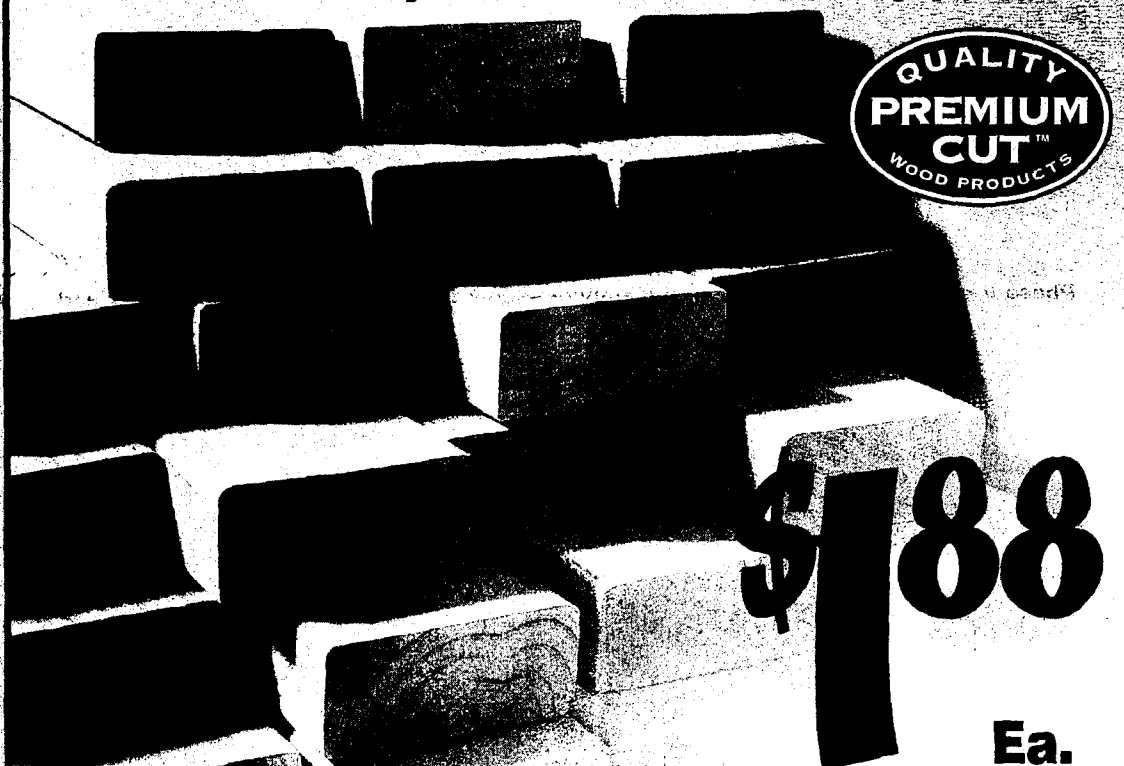
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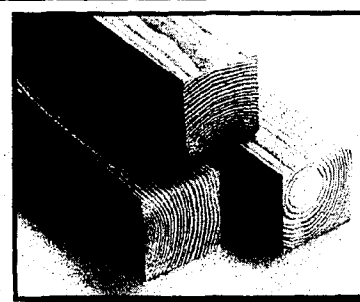
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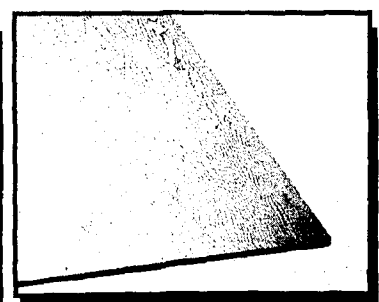
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Green Party hosting kite-in event

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outside and have fun, with the secondary goal of giving folks a chance to browse some information about the environment. "We try to make it very casual," he said. "It should be a fun deal. We're expecting to have a good time."

The event will not only feature an opportunity to go fly a kite, but will also have live music throughout the day, featuring Robin Lee Berry, Visions of Peace Drum and Dance Co., Thea Ennen, and Dave Boutette, with an open jam session to take place at sunset. Anyone interested is invited to bring drums and instruments to take part.

Those attending are encouraged to bring family and friends, as well as a picnic to the park to relax and enjoy the day. In addition, anyone who brings a kite will get a free raffle ticket to win a kite donated by Boyne City business Bali and Beyond.

Also planned is a "Youth Speak," with high school seniors invited to

voice their own views and opinions for the benefit of the community. The idea came, said Heick, after a conversation with a local teacher, who told her that there are so many kids that really care, but no one is listening to what they have to say. "We want to hear what they want to say," Heick said. "The Greens want the youth's energy, they need to be heard. We're interested in their creativity, their ideas."

Though uncertain what the response might be, Heick said she's spoken with a government teacher at Boyne City High School, who felt that there might be a few willing to take the platform, and the group encourages parents to make their kids aware of the opportunity.

Educational outreach booths will be set up in the park, with organizations such as Friends of the Boyne River, Friends of the Jordan River, Charlevoix County Recycling Committee, Charlevoix Land Conservancy, Charlevoix Conservation District, the Department of Environmen-

tal Quality, and more exhibiting. Bringing more than just literature, R.M.T. Inc. Environmental Scientists and Engineers, for example, will have a large "ant-farm-type" of display to demonstrate how contaminants drift through soil and spread through the environment. The DEQ will be bringing portable displays as well.

Another important feature of the event is the fact that there will be no merchandise sales of any kind taking place. "We believe one of the big problems is over consumption," said Heick, who explained that by not allowing any sales of merchandise the group hopes to demonstrate that "you can have fun and do good things" without spending or making money. "There's an organization called the Center for a New American Dream," Heick said. "They have a motto: 'Less Stuff, More Fun.' That's what we're trying to do."

Donation jars will be set out at the various exhibits, so that those "who want to support an organization can support an organization."

The group hopes that the event will become an annual affair, and sees potential positive results not only for the Green Party but the Boyne community in general. "This will be the first event of the year [at Veteran's Park]," Buttigieg said, noting that if the kite-in grows enough to bring people into the community for the day, that's good for everyone.

The organizers are hoping for good weather, though the event will press on even if the weather turns sour. "We'll just pull down the walls of the pavilion," Heick said. The music and informational booths will be there come rain or shine.

Buttigieg is asking people to "think high pressure and high winds," though, hoping a little positive energy will go a long way.

For more information on the kite-in, call Buttigieg at 582-6560. For more information on the Up North Green Party, call Heick at 582-3539.

Tough times for VFW

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businesses, with over 200 people attending. It's something Coates would like to make an annual event, but, financially, "unless somebody steps up," won't be possible.

With a lack of membership participation to both staff and attend special fund-raising events, the post will no longer be able to provide these services, or even pay their own bills.

The hope, then, is that some members, especially the younger members, will step up to lend a hand. What some of the younger members may not realize, according to Coates, is that the "old-timers," are less and less able to run the show as time goes on.

"We don't even have anyone to march in the [Memorial Day] parade coming up," Coates said.

But Coates is not giving up yet. Donations from community members or businesses would help cover costs, he said, noting that even the smallest amount helps. And he's still hoping that they'll find others to help pull the post up by its bootstraps. "You don't give up until the ship sinks," he said. "We're still floating."

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American Legion Ernest Peterson Post 228 Veteran of the Month for April is Teddy T. Kotowich. Kotowich was born on Jan. 8, 1910 in Denver, Colo. He was inducted into the Army June 20, 1942 and entered into active service July 1, 1942 at Kalamazoo.

Kotowich spent 21 months in the USA and 18 months in the European theater of operations. He departed the USA on Oct. 17, 1944, arriving in Europe on Oct. 24, 1944.

He received the Good Conduct Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three bronze stars. Kotowich earned his awards in battles during campaigns in Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe.

On March 10, 1945 Kotowich's sister, Helen Coon of Boyne City, received a telegram from the Adjutant General informing her that her brother was a prisoner of war of the German government in Stalag 9-B after being reported missing in action on Dec. 21, 1944. The third

Army's second cavalry overran the camp April 9, 1945 liberating Kotowich and 6,537 other allied prisoners of war. He departed Europe on April 14, 1945 arriving in the USA on April 28, 1945 and was discharged on Oct. 6, 1945 at Fort Benning, Ga.



Teddy T. Kotowich

Kotowich returned to his business in East Jordan as a hunting and fishing guide in the Jordan Valley and on Sept. 21, 1946 he married Thera Myers of East Jordan. He passed away on May 24, 1987 and is being honored by his wife Thera.

The Veteran of the Month program is available for any deceased veteran who served honorably in the United States military.

To honor a veteran call (231) 588-6067 or Tuesdays and Thursday (231) 582-7811 between 3-6

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Experts Answer Paint Questions

If you're like most do-it-yourselfers, you probably consider yourself knowledgeable when it comes to interior painting. But even experienced painters run into situations where they can use some expert advice.

To help out, the Paint Quality Institute, a leading authority on paints and painting, has a special section on its Web site (www.paintquality.com) for frequently asked questions. But here are answers to some of the most common questions on interior painting.

Question: Should I use an oil-based or latex-based interior paint?

Answer: Generally speaking, high quality latex interior paint will perform as well as, or better than, oil-based paint. Latex paint is easier to apply and easier to clean up after. It also dries much more quickly, so you can put a room back into use, or add a second coat, sooner. In addition, latex paints have much less odor than oil-based paints. Quality latex paints tend to remain flexible and resist yellowing compared with oil-based paints.

However, when maximum hardness and resistance to sticking is required, a quality alkyd ("oil-based") will excel.

Question: How should I decide on the sheen level to use?

Answer: The choice of sheen level depends upon the look you want, and the type of paint performance you need.

High gloss interior paints are the toughest, most durable and most stain-resistant paints. They are also easier to clean than paints with lower sheen, so they are ideal for high traffic areas and kids' rooms. However, because they are highly reflective, gloss paints tend to highlight surface imperfections, so they are not a good choice for irregular or marred walls and woodwork.

Semigloss paints are moderately glossy, but are not as reflective as gloss paints. They offer good stain resistance and are easy to clean, so they too are good for kids' rooms.

Flat paints are non-reflective, so they tend to conceal surface imperfections better than paints with higher sheen levels; however, they are less easily cleaned, so it's best to use flat paints only in areas that do not get soiled frequently. Eggshell and satin finishes fall between flat and semigloss paints for sheen level, and often are a good solution where both low gloss and washability are desired.

Question: Is it worth paying a few dollars more to get a top quality interior paint?

Answer: Absolutely. When it comes to paint, you get what you pay for, and higher quality interior paints offer the best value. High quality interior latex paints generally have better adhesion, hiding, spatter resistance, and stain removal characteristics, and provide greater overall durability. In addition, they go on thicker and smoother than ordinary interior paints do, so they help produce a better looking paint job.

Question: What is the proper sequence in which to paint a room?

Answer: It's best to approach the elements of the job in the following order: ceiling, walls, windows, doors and trim, and finally, the baseboards. Before you begin to paint, simplify your work by removing electrical switch plates and outlet covers, as well as door handles and window locks. For the same reason, it's wise to loosen the base plates on overhead light fixtures.

For answers to other painting questions, visit the Paint Quality Institute Web site at www.paintquality.com. Click on the "Quick FAQs" link on the home page.



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East Jordan schedules waste pick-up dates

The City of East Jordan will hold its spring Yard Waste Pick-up May 14-18, and the annual Community Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 26.

Only biodegradable yard waste originating from property within the city will be collected. Yard waste items are limited to grass, leaves, shrubs, and tree branches. All waste must be free of dirt, paint and metal.

Grass clippings must be placed in biodegradable bags available from the city, and shrubs and tree branches should not be more than eight inches in diameter, and must be cut to a maximum length of six feet. Branches and shrubs should be neatly stacked in one direction for easy pick-up, and must not be placed in bags.

Collectors will take a "pick-up truck bed" amount of yard waste or less. Yard waste may not be set out more than one week prior to the scheduled pick-up; all yard waste must be set adjacent to the street, not within the street area.

Items that will not be picked up include: grass or leaves not placed in city biodegradable bags; shrubs or tree branches more than eight inches in diameter or longer than six feet, or unstacked; stumps, roots, stones, dirt, garbage, metal, glass, plastic, broken concrete, lumber or building materials.

City biodegradable bags are available at City Hall, 201 Main St.

The May 26 Community Clean-up is also for City of East Jordan residences only.

Pickup will be at 7 a.m., and all items must be placed out prior to this time; cleanup crews will only make one pass around the city.

Materials eligible for pick-up include: appliances, such as washers, dryers, stoves, etc.; furniture, including chairs, sofas, and TVs; miscellaneous household items; mattresses; building materials; carpets and linoleum; auto parts; cans of dry paint.

Materials should be separated into individual piles. Items must be placed in an orderly fashion and must be packaged properly to insure efficient collection. Failure to separate materials will result in non-pickup.

The following items will not be picked up: liquids; chemicals/hazardous materials/anti-freeze; concrete; contractor's materials; car batteries; household garbage/trash; railroad ties; wet paint; gasoline and motor oil; leaves and brush; or tires.

All rubbish must be placed behind the curb line on paved streets and off the traveled roadway of streets without pavement or curbs.

All materials placed in containers should not weigh more than 50 pounds. All appliances with freon must have certification of freon removal.

Questions regarding pickup schedules and acceptable materials can be directed to Waste Management at 1-800-782-2699 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



Swan lake

Another sure sign of spring, pairs of swans can once again be spotted gliding gracefully around the shoreline of Lake Charlevoix.

Consumers awards grants in honor of employees

The Consumers Energy Foundation has awarded \$1,500 in grants to two local community organizations to recognize outstanding volunteerism by two employees at the utility's Boyne City customer service center.

David Page, automotive and equipment mechanic, was honored by the Volunteer Investment Program (VIP) for performing more than 130 hours of volunteer work for East Jordan Pop Warner Football in the past 12 months, serving as the group's head coach. The \$1,000 grant supports the purchase of equipment and participation by children whose families need financial assistance.

Also honored was Joe Wespiser, customer energy specialist, who volunteered 150 hours with the Harbor Springs Firefighters, Inc. Wespiser serves as a firefighter and as a medical first responder. The \$500 grant supports the purchase of rescue equipment.

Page's grant was doubled from \$500 through the Consumers Energy Foundation's CEPSACER Program. CEPSACER (Consumers Energy Employees Providing Service Around Children's Essential Resources) was

established as part of Consumers Energy's commitment to America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth.

The America's Promise mission is to provide children and young people in need with the right combination of resources for them to develop into healthy, responsible, productive and happy adults.

The Consumers Energy Foundation sponsors the Volunteer Investment Program to recognize employees and retirees who donate personal time to nonprofit groups. Employees and retirees who volunteer more than 45 hours to qualifying organizations are eligible to apply for grants to benefit the group.

Local employee volunteer recognition teams review grant applications for eligibility and determine grant amounts. Grant amounts are based on the level of leadership and time commitment of the employee or retiree, the organization's response to community needs and other criteria.

Last year, the Consumers Energy Foundation awarded VIP grants totaling \$280,800 to 439 organizations on behalf of 954 employees and retirees.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Consumers Energy.

Teaching simple ways to better health

Social worker and massage therapist Jo Thomas will present a class on natural therapeutics that people can use to enhance their mental, physical and spiritual well being.

The class will be offered at the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center, across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital, on Wednesday, April 18, from 7-8:30 p.m. The Center is an out-

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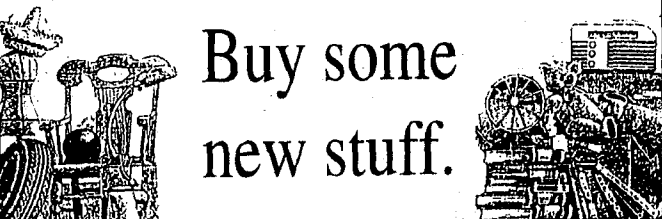
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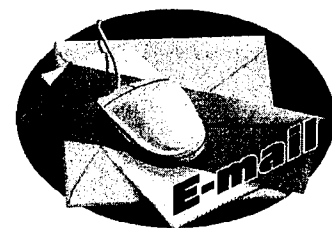
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond J. Walker a single man and Sarah Cosier a single woman (original mortgagors) to Bottomline Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 1, 2000, and recorded on March 13, 2000 in Liber 384, on Page 143, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, FKA Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-B, without recourse. Assignee by an assignment dated Jan. 19, 2001, which was recorded on March 1, 2001, in Liber 410, on Page 035, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX AND 87/100 dollars (\$51,376.87), including interest at 12.500% 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 a.m., on May 11, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF EAST JORDAN, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 618 feet South and 2 rods West of the Northeast corner of Section 23; thence South along West line of Highway 60 feet; thence West to the East line of Sixth Street in the City of East Jordan; thence North on the East line of Sixth Street 60 feet; thence East to the place of beginning, being a part of the East half of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

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

from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 28, 2001

For more information please call: 248-593-1310
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky C. Bowman, a married man and Eileen M. Bowman, his wife (original mortgagors) to Republic Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 17, 1999, and recorded on March 24, 1999 in Liber 360, on Page 179, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated April 21, 1999, which was recorded on July 28, 1999, in Liber 368, on Page 684, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 40/100 dollars (\$105,917.40), including interest at 7.375% 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 a.m., on May 11, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Petoskey Avenue and North Meech Street, marked by a concrete monument, thence North 69 degrees 34 minutes East along the North line of Petoskey Avenue 171.4 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 1 degrees 48 minutes West 71.6 feet; thence South 88 degrees 12 minutes West 164.3 feet to the East line of Meech Street;

thence South 1 degree 38 minutes East 129 feet along the East line of Meech Street to the point of beginning; all being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 months from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d), and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 28, 2001

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Renee Boda, a single woman (original mortgagor) to United Companies Lending Corporation, Mortgagee, dated Nov. 24, 1998, and recorded on Dec. 16, 1998 in Liber 353, on Page 616, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as custodian or trustee under the applicable UCFC Loan Trust, Assignee by an assignment dated March 10, 1999, which was recorded on July 29, 1999, in Liber 368, on Page 545, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 79/100 dollars (\$24,795.79), including interest at 11.750% 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 a.m., on May 4, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF HAYES, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the North 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 34 North, Range 7 West, and also, 1/2 acre of Land in the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, thence South 8 rods, thence West 10 rods, thence North 8 rods, thence East 10 rods to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward D. Mathers and Barbara H. Mathers, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Huntington National Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 3, 2000, and recorded on May 1, 2000 in Liber 387, on Page 179, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the CitiFinancial, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated March 31, 2000, which was recorded on May 15, 2000, in Liber 388, on Page 407, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO AND 03/100 dollars (\$82,662.03), including interest at 12.100% 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

a.m., on MAY 11, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 23 and 24 of the Assessor's Plat of Jersey's Addition to the City of Boyne City, Michigan.

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

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NOTICE TO BOYNE CITY WATER CUSTOMERS

The City of Boyne City Water Department will be flushing hydrants on the north side of the Boyne River beginning April 16 through the April 27 and on the south side April 30 through May 11. If your water is discolored, open a cold water faucet such as in the bath tub, which does not have a screen, and let the water run until clear. If you have any problems with your water, or questions, please call the Water Department at 582-6656.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

March 27, 2001, 12 noon meeting - The city commission re-appointed Chris Fair to the Boyne District Library board; approved a request from Charlevoix Area Hospital to vacate the east/west alley in the Plat of Boyne Village, between lots 38, 39, and 40 and lots 51, 52, and 53 (within North Park/State/North Streets); continued review of the 1 May 2001 - 30 April 2001 proposed Boyne City Budget; approved a three-year contract with Top Rank Disposal for refuse hauling; approved submitting a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for Honeywell Land Acquisition.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, April 24, 2001, 12 noon, to consider granting of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Control Engineering Company.

Pursuant to Sections 5(1) and 8 of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District Act, a public hearing is scheduled to consider the following Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Application 4-01, requested by Control Engineering Company, 1054 East Division Street, located in Boyne City, MI 49712.

Application No. 4-01
Control Engineering Company
1054 E. Division St.
Boyne City MI 49712

Located within Industrial Development District #5, the proposed exemption certificate is for:

1. Cost of machinery and equipment \$1,037,325
2. Cost of building improvements \$83,375

The public hearing and City Commission consideration of this application will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 at 12 noon in Commission Chambers at 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City MI 49712.

The City Clerk has notified in writing the assessor of this assessing unit and the legislative body of each taxing unit that levies ad valorem property taxes in which the facility is located. Those taxing units notified include: City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, Boyne City Public Schools, Char-Em Intermediate School District, Boyne Area District Library and the general public.

All affected parties are invited to attend this public hearing and will be afforded an opportunity to speak. For more information contact the City Clerk's office at 231-582-6597.

Sue Hobbs, City Clerk

Easter Services

BOYNE CITY/BOYNE FALLS

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL Good Friday Service, sponsored by the Boyne City Ministerial Association, will be held on Friday, April 13, at 12:15 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave. The service is intended to be an inspiration and a blessing as worshippers meditate on the meaning of Good Friday, the Cross, and the Crucifixion. The speaker will be Boyne City United Methodist minister the Rev. Karl Litchfield, assisted by members of the ministerial association. The offering received will assist the Boyne City Ministerial Association to aid those with emergency needs.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the Nativity will hold an Easter Sunday service at 9 a.m. on April 15. The Rev. Jim Hempstead will officiate, and baptized Christians can receive Communion if they wish. The church is located at 209 E. Main St.

THE FIRST BAPTIST Church will hold a sunrise breakfast at 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Sunday school for all ages will be held at 10 a.m., with a service to include worship, Cantata and special presentation of the Resurrection Story drawn by chalk artist Matthew Bowman at 11 a.m. An evening service will be held at 6 p.m. The church is located at 875 State St.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church will have a Maundy Thursday pageant on April 12, at 9 p.m. An Easter Sunday worship service will be held at 11 a.m. on April 15. The church is located at 401 S. Park St.

ST. MATTHEW'S AND St. Augustine's Catholic Churches will hold a Holy Thursday Mass at 7

p.m. on April 12, at St. Matthew's. On Good Friday, Mass will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's. On Holy Saturday, a 9 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass will be held at St. Matthew's. Easter Sunday services will be held at 9 a.m. at St. Augustine's and 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's. St. Matthew's is located at 1303 Boyne Ave. in Boyne City, and St. Augustine's is located at the corner of Grove and Maple Streets in Boyne Falls.

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP Church of Boyne City will hold a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 15, at the Veteran's Park lighthouse at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast and fellowship at the church from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Sunday school will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with an Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. The sermon is entitled "The Greatest Comeback in the World." The church is located at 401 State St.

THE UNITED METHODIST Church of Boyne City and Boyne Falls will hold a special Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, in Boyne City. On Thursday, April 12, a 5:28 p.m. Table Service will be held in Boyne Falls, followed by a 6:46 p.m. Table Service in Boyne City. Easter Sunday services will include a Sunrise Service in Boyne City at 7 a.m., a 9:15 a.m. service in Boyne Falls, and an 11 a.m. service in Boyne City. The churches are located at 324 S. Park St. in Boyne City and 4047 Mill St. in Boyne Falls.

EAST JORDAN

THE EAST JORDAN Ministerial Association is holding an ecumenical Good Friday service at the Evangelical Lutheran Church beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 13. The service will be held

at the Evangelical Lutheran Church and will be a Tenebrae service (a service of lights). Pastors from East Jordan churches will read selections from the Gospel accounts of Jesus' Passion. After each reading one candle will be extinguished. Following the closing hymn the congregation will leave in silence. The worship is open to the public. A basket will be placed in the sanctuary, with offerings to go to the East Jordan Ministerial Relief Fund. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 7855 Rogers Rd. in East Jordan.

EAST JORDAN BAPTIST Church will have a light sunrise breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 15. The Easter Morning worship service will be held at 9:45 a.m. The church is located at 812 Ontario St., East Jordan.

THE EAST JORDAN United Methodist Church will hold a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30 p.m. in East Jordan on Thursday, April 12. An 8 p.m. service will be held in Barnard. On Easter Sunday, a 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service will be held with breakfast to follow, with the regular morning service to be held at 9 a.m. The church is located at 201 Fourth St. in East Jordan.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church of East Jordan will hold a Maundy Thursday worship service/communion on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. On Easter Sunday, a 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service will be led by the church youth, followed by an Easter breakfast at 8 a.m. Easter morning worship service will be at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 207 Williams St. in East



Jordan.

ST. JOSEPH'S and St. John Neponucene Catholic Churches will hold a Holy Thursday Mass at 8 p.m. at St. Joseph's. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Joseph's at noon, with a Good Friday liturgy scheduled for 1 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be held at St. John Neponucene at 5 p.m. On Holy Saturday, an Easter Vigil Mass will be held at 9 p.m. at St. Joseph's, with two Masses on Easter Sunday, at 8 a.m. at St. John's and 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's. St. Joseph's is located at 207 Nichols St. in East Jordan, and St. John Neponucene is located on M-32.

The meaning of the day

Even though the cross is almost universally the sign of the Christian faith, it is the resurrection that is the center of our hope.

If Jesus had not been raised on the third day, the cross would have made Jesus a martyr, but his claim to be God's son would have been discredited. No resurrection would have meant that Christ's enemies were right and He was wrong. The resurrection vindicated Christ's life and confirmed his teachings.

The resurrection is not about the immortality of the human soul. It is about the power of God. Jesus did not raise Himself from the grave, God raised Jesus from death and exalted him as Lord of all and gave Him a name above every name.

Have you ever thought about what it says about God, about life here, about life in the kingdom of God that God chose to raise Jesus from death? What would it have said about the character of God if He had chosen to raise Hitler from the dead. God chose to raise Jesus, who said that the most important thing in our lives when judgment day comes is how we treat the least among us.

It has been very convenient for the Christian faith and the Christian church that Easter comes just about the same time as Spring. It is celebrated just about at the same time that cultures all over the world and throughout history have celebrated their springtime rites. I am sure this helped in the evangelization of the Celtic people in England. Their major holidays were not lost, but transformed into Easter and Christmas.

But to equate Easter with the natural changing of the seasons is to miss its significance. The resurrection was not the same thing as a seed growing into a flower, or a crocus springing from its bulb. Both seed and bulb are alive before they sprout. Not so Jesus in the tomb. The hope of our faith is not that our souls are somehow indestructible, but that God, can raise the dead to life again.

One of our most cherished and favorite hymns was written by John Newton. He wrote the hymn, "Amazing Grace," when he came to the understanding that he had done nothing to earn the loving care given to him by God. "When I realized I was saved by God's grace, it was then that the shades began to go up and the light began to shine into my life. Then my whole life became a quest for God."

Just as there is nothing that we can do to bring ourselves back to life after we have died, neither is there anything that we can do to earn God's forgiveness and love. God offers his love to us as a free gift which we receive through faith in Christ. All we can do is respond.

Christ's disciples responded by witnessing to Christ. They went and told all who would listen about the Christ who loved them and was raised by God's power. We, who believe in Christ are Easter people. Our lives are our response to His love and power.

The cross is universally the symbol of the Christian faith. But Christians do not worship on Friday, the day Christ died on the cross. They worship on Sunday, the day that he was raised from death. It is the resurrection that is the center of our hope.

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