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At A GLANCE

Town meeting scheduled to discuss power plant site

The committee working to acquire and restore the Wolverine Power Plant site in Advance has scheduled a Town Meeting, to be held Monday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at the St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall, located at 1303 Boyne Ave. in Boyer City.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of the Wolverine Power Plant site. Public input is welcome, all area community members are invited to attend.

For more information, call Deb Jason at 582-4834.

Spring soccer teams organizing in Boyer City

Spring soccer teams are organizing in Boyer City for boys and girls ages 9-12. An informational meeting/sign-up for players and parents will be held Thursday, March 7, from 6-6:30 p.m. at the Boyer District Library Community Room.

Boys and girls will play on separate teams. Practices will be held during the week and games will be played on weekends. The cost is \$30.

There will not be a recreational soccer "scrimmage league" for children this spring similar to the program held on the grounds of Concord Academy Boyer last year.

For more information, please call the Charlevoix County 4-H office at 582-6232.

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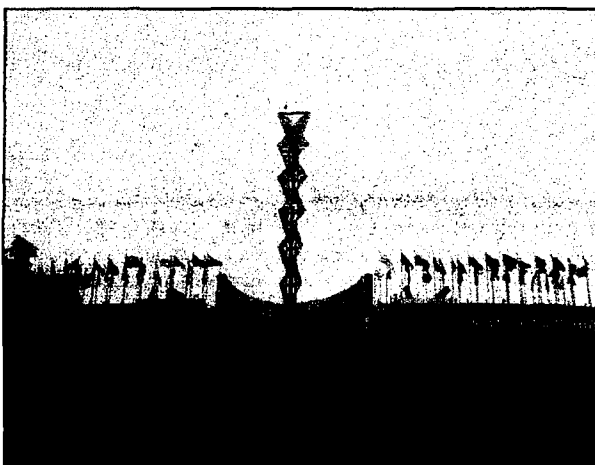
East Jordan snowboarder Lee Durfee prepares for Nationals

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Taking in the Olympics

Local resident Nick Baic had a front-row seat to the recent Winter Olympics held in Salt Lake City, Utah. As an official in the games' Nordic events, Baic enjoyed the events up close and personal, taking time to snap a few photos to share. Pictured above is Spain's Muehlegg, who added to Olympic controversy with his disqualification after testing positive for an illegal substance. At right, Baic captured the grandeur of the Olympic torch.



In like a lion

After a mild winter, March is ushered in with snowy style

True to the old saying, March came into northern Michigan with a lion's roar in the form of a winter storm that dumped from 8-18 inches of the white stuff over the area.

The sudden influx of snow was, according to meteorologist Steve Rowley of the National Weather Service in Gaylord, due to a "fairly strong low pressure system" out of the southwestern United States. Tracking over the Great Lakes, the storm brought the region heavy snow over the weekend: in the wake of that storm, the area is experiencing "some of the coldest air of the whole winter."

That cold air flowing across the Great Lakes continues to create the lake effect snow seen this week. With the lakes still unfrozen, that lake ef-

fect increases, bringing more snow than if the water weren't open. "Usually in a normal winter, the lakes are frozen over by this time and the lake effect is minimized," Rowley said. Not so this year, giving an area that's experienced a mild winter thus far a little reminder of what winter in northern Michigan can really be like.

Currently, a low pressure system continues to move across the area, bringing more snow and cold temperatures. Though warmer air will move in late in the week, bringing a chance of a "mixed bag" of rain and snow, cooler air will return late in the weekend, bringing a likelihood of more lake effect snow.

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Boyer City looking at water rate hikes

Like many other area communities, Boyer City is currently looking at the possibility of an increase in water and sewer rates. At their regular meeting last week, Boyer City Commissioners were presented with a Water and Sewer Utility Rate Evaluation prepared per the City's request by Capital Consultants. Though no action was taken at the meeting, the information will be considered as the City undertakes budget preparations for the coming year.

According to water department head Dan Meads, the last time a full rate evaluation was undertaken by the City was in 1982, with a cost of living increase in effect only for the "last couple of years."

Though internal reviews have been

undertaken, typically, Meads said, "a full rate evaluation should be done every three to five years."

The basic premise, he said, is that the City will likely need to raise rates in order to make the water fund self-sufficient, as in recent years it has been combined with, and subsequently subsidized by, the wastewater fund. These funds, Meads said, should be separate both to satisfy state regulations and to make it easier to separate costs and "see where the money's going."

In the evaluation recently presented by Capital Consultants, recommendations include a water rate hike that would increase the average residential water charge by approximately 27 per-

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There's no place like *Home*

Boyer City mom Sherry VanAtta finds hope in being chosen as a partner with Habitat for Humanity

By ANGELA SHULTIS

Sherry VanAtta believes that there are angels and, from her personal experience, some of those angels exist right here in northern Michigan.

Her first sign was the phone call she recently received from Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity's Mary Margaret Hornbaker, congratulating her on being chosen as a Habitat partner. "I'm still really dumbfounded," she said of being chosen.

Her relationship with Habitat for Humanity began unassumingly when, last summer, she was taking part in a Homelinks class through the Boyer City Housing Commission. At the time, she was living in a housing commission property and in the process of acquiring an MSHDA loan to buy a home in the area adequate to house her four children. When she received an application for the Habitat program from the Housing Commission, she decided to fill it out, despite the fact that she was already pursuing other avenues. "The worst they could do was say no," VanAtta said. Ironically, she didn't think she had a chance to become part of the program, entertaining the misconception that Habitat homes were giveaways for the poorest of the poor or for those who'd lost a home due to fire or some other disaster. "I make good money," said VanAtta, who works as a nursing assistant at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey.

Six months later she was surprised with a phone call, and even then thought that it wouldn't happen, believing that they hadn't looked far enough into her financial situation to take into account the regular child support she received or her income, which she considers on the high end of low income. The Hab-

itat board assured her that they had, indeed, weighed all the factors and found that she was an ideal candidate. "I kept asking questions like 'why?'" VanAtta said. "They told me that [the Habitat program] is a hand-up, not a hand-out."

As a single mother of four, ranging in age from 1 1/2 to 7, VanAtta has never been one to sit back and wait for hand-outs. Since moving to the area from her native Texas last spring, she has worked hard to find housing for her family, secure a good job at Bortz, all the while pursuing a nursing degree through North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. Finances have always been tenuous; still, VanAtta has diligently worked to satisfy financial obligations, something the Habitat program looks for in a partner family. "Right now I could never walk into a bank and get a conventional mortgage," she said, but what Habitat looks for "is responsibility. I pay my bills."

Living in Boyer City has not been an arbitrary choice for VanAtta and her family. Though she grew up in Texas, childhood visits to her grandparents home in the Advance

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Sherry VanAtta's new Habitat house will become home sweet home for her children Brandon and Katelynn, pictured with Sherry above, and Colton and Brittany, at right.



OPINION

BETWEEN THE LINES

Snow in March is one of winter's big jokes

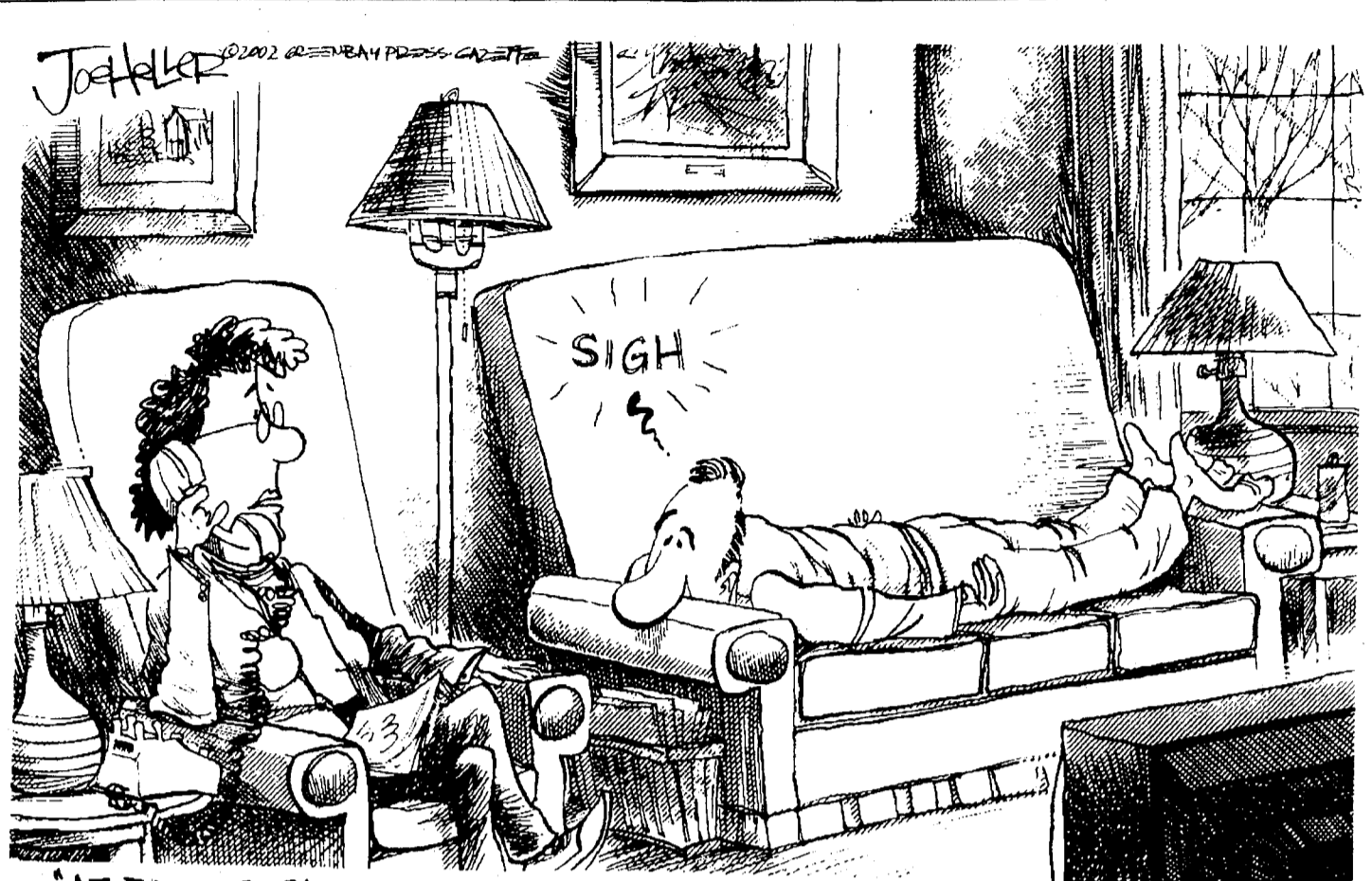
By ANGELA SHULTIS

Winter's done it to me again. Why, after living in northern Michigan for the past few years (and central Wisconsin for several before that), do I still harbor wistful fantasies of an early spring? This year, alas, has been no different, and though in November I'd vowed to not count the days of winter, by February, with temperatures still hovering up into the 40s, even 50, and hardly any snow in sight, I mistakenly believed it was safe to begin to dream of sunnier days ahead. As an avid gardener, which would explain my obsession with warmer weather, I suppose, I even began to poke around my plantings to see if anything was coming up yet. In February. Yeah, sounds silly even to me now.

The irony is that Mother Nature, jokester that she is, played right into my delusion, providing me with evidence that this year, just maybe, spring would make an early appearance. Some of the unidentified groundcover I've inherited from my home's previous owner was actually beginning to poke through the unfrozen ground! The pansies I'd long ago left for dead in the pot on the front porch were actually, dare I say it, still green! By the end of February, I reasoned, all hope for a decent snow season were lost anyway, so why not? Dare to dream.

Okay, the jokes on me. Once again, winter had the last laugh, and now my garden is buried under the most snow we've seen all year. Now, not only are my grandiose gardening plans once again confined to the realm of imagination, but I've realized that I'll also have to endure the rutted, mucky mess my driveway turns into come thaw, again.

I keep trying to quell my rising panic with the thought that the sudden snow will bring a welcome and, I'm sure, much-needed, shot in the arm to area businesses that depend on the white stuff to make it through -- an enthusiastic call from a member of the Jordan Valley Trails Council on Monday put me in a more positive mindset. But, alas, my own sunny outlook only lasted as long as it took me to arrive home from work only to have to shovel another three inches off the front porch, knowing all the while that there's still more where that came from.



"AT FIRST I THOUGHT HE WAS STILL PRETENDING TO BE AN OLYMPIC SKELETON RACER... BUT NOW I GUESS IT'S JUST CABIN FEVER."

CHECK IT OUT

Patrons have a love affair with their library

By NANNETTE MILLER

Library lovers of all ages attended the Affair to Remember last Thursday night at the Boyne District Library, and no one can say there wasn't enough chocolate.

Everyone at the party, plus many other patrons, told us what they love about the library when they entered our Library Lover's drawing in February. It makes very interesting reading. Almost everyone mentioned the books first. "Through books I can...find the answers to questions, visit the world, learn about the past and future, learn new activities, and escape into the lives of others..." writes Mary Ann Ogden.

Fred and Yvonne Schmidt like that they can get any book in the country at their local library through interlibrary loan. Nichole Tarzwell loves the library because "...it introduces my son to the world of books. The library is very organized. This library is the best," she says.

Melody Stutzman not only enjoys all of the books she reads for pleasure, but says the library also provided "the information I needed to start and operate our own business. Thank you for everything!"

Most people also mentioned the staff as a positive feature of the library. "The librarians are all extremely helpful and very nice. They have always succeeded in helping me obtain the materials I need," writes Lynn Murray. Jeanne Bashan, appreciates the "helpful, friendly, and knowledgeable" staff. Pauline Zazula says, "The staff are always friendly, accommodating, resourceful; I think of them as friends. Thank you."

Computers and technology ranked third in popularity among our library lovers. They use the computers for everything from working on a Master's degree to proposing marriage. Harry J. Tullar writes, "Among other things, the library facilitated an introduction to the Internet for the writer after three quarters of a century. It now keeps me happily in touch with family and friends across the country, including Brazil."

Many also mentioned the historic building and the beautiful renovation that has taken place. Almost everyone sees the library as a valuable asset for the community. "It gives me great pleasure to know I have such a great resource to grow up with," says Perry Fish, age 13. Alice Marshall feels that the renovated library "has added to the beauty

of the community." "It feels like a big city with such a fancy library," says Zacher, Wollenberg.

Among other features enjoyed at the library are the community room, the small conference room, a good selection of audiobooks and videos, "great" family events, story and craft time, "a very neat reading area," knowledgeable assistance to genealogy researchers, tax forms, comfy chairs, dinosaurs, puppets, and toys. It seems there is something for everyone at the library. If you haven't yet discovered what you love about the library, please stop in soon.

These people did:
 "I can travel around the world free of charge." - Anna Mueller.
 "I walk out of here with a smile all of the time." - Joelle Mueller
 "Libraries are wonderful places to lose yourself in other worlds." - Archie Wyatt.
 "It's the best library in the world!" - Darren Gilland.

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

TRAIL CONDITIONS



(The following information has been provided by the Jordan Valley Trails Council.)

Year to date information:
 Miles groomed: 5,697
 Fuel used: 5,702 gallons
 Hours in groomer: 814
 Hours on trail improvements: 622

All trails are open and in good condition at this time and with more snow forecast for the week, trails are expected to be in excellent condition. Groomers have been able to fill most of the dips in the trail previously unfilled due to lack of snow. The trail from East Jordan to the Jordan Valley is good with a few dips which should be gone by mid-week. The valley is in good condition to Larry's, with snow building up on the outside of the curves. The Mancelona trail is in very good condition and has been widened to catch more snow. Riders are advised to proceed slowly in the Alba area due to increased traffic. The trails council only grooms to 10 miles north of Larry's, so riders are advised to watch for a change in trail conditions after that point. The Charlevoix Trail is in good condition and is snow-covered; riders are reminded that the trail has been changed at Lord and Rainey Roads.

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

(The following update has been provided by the Boyne City Board of Education and the Christman Company.)

The underground mechanical and electrical in the kitchen area has been finished along with the pouring of the floor in the same area. The block walls and column enclosures for the balcony and balcony stairs for the auditorium wing have been laid. The glass in the classroom wing is well underway, and workers have started installing toilet accessories, as well as the partitions in the restrooms of the same wing. The installation of the hard tile in the shower rooms was put on hold and will resume in two weeks. The majority of the gymnasium is finished

being painted. The installation of the folding partitions in the classroom wing is being done, as well as the pulling of the technology cabling in the same wing. The wiring of the gymnasium lights is now completed.

Over the next two weeks crews hope to accomplish the following tasks as they continue the work on the interior of the building. The concrete stairs and topping for the balcony at the back of the auditorium will be poured. The installation of the roof expansion joint over the commons and lobby area will be installed (weather permitting), as well as the remaining roof cap. The aluminum trim pieces around the media center windows will be installed. The finishing of the plumbing and installation of the toilet

accessories in the restrooms of the classroom wing will be done. The installation of the casework and fume hoods for the classroom wing will begin. The block filling in the vocational wing will begin, and the final coat of paint will be done on the HM frames in the classroom wing after the interior glass has been installed. The installation of the sectional and folding doors will take place, as well as the installing of the fire shutter in classroom A228. The installing of the sprinkler system in area B will continue, as well as the finishing of the technology cabling in area A. They will also be installing the shower units in the men's and women's shower rooms. Workers will be completing the ceiling punch list in the classroom wing.

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Water rates

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cent, with estimated increases for average users with larger meter sizes, meaning commercial and industrial, ranging from 55 to 70 percent.

The proposed rate structure for sewer charges would increase the average residential sewer bill by approximately four percent, with increases for larger meter sizes ranging from 10 to 14 percent.

According to the report, the net increase in total water and sewer bills for the average residential customer from the adoption of the proposed rates would be approximately 13.5 percent.

While self-sufficiency of the water fund is one reason for the consideration of rate changes, another is the need to prepare for current and upcoming repair and capital improvement needs. As noted in the report, the City does not currently budget a significant amount for either water or sewer capital improvements, and current unrestricted assets in the water and sewer funds total \$131,078, which, according to the study, could be increased to a more comfortable \$200,000-\$250,000.

Another big issue on the horizon is the need to possibly replace the City's existing wastewater treatment facility within the next few years. Capital Consultants recommends that the

City should consider adopting sewer rates now that will generate sufficient revenue to construct a new facility. As the report states, "The need for this facility is in large part due to growth projections by Boyne USA, and also continued growth in the City and a neighboring township." Additionally, existing treatment components are "nearing the end of their useful lives," and will need replacing to maintain adequate function. Construction and financing of such a facility, according to Capital Consultants, could cost over \$6,000,000, with Boyne USA possibly contributing up to 25 percent of the total project cost.

According to Meads, the possibility of a new wastewater treatment facility is still pending review, with waterside concerns of the most immediate importance.

The City has scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday, April 9, at Boyne City City Hall, on the proposed Boyne City Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project Plan, which includes improvements to the water system including moderating water system operating pressures, increasing available water storage, improved system reliability and capacity, improvement of reliability of groundwater supply, and improvement of operating efficiency in the two pressure districts. Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for public inspection at City Hall.

March snow

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This wintry March entrance should be of little surprise to area residents, who are accustomed to unpredictable winter weather, but on the heels of a such a mild winter, many folks are asking "why now?" According to Rowley, though predications for the winter season on the whole had been for plenty of cold and snow, the odd season boils down to "a lot of changes." The region would "get a quick shot of cold air, then the warm air would come right back in and melt the snow. That's the pattern we were in for the whole winter. We weren't able to get any sustained cold air masses to pile up a great depth of snow for any length of time."

The season has had plenty of low pressures systems thus far, Rowley said, but "ahead of those lows, it warmed up . . . It's been a roller coaster ride."

With the jet stream hanging out a

little farther north than usual, Rowley added, much of the entire country has seen "an incredibly warm winter. I was in the Carolinas last weekend, and there were buds on the trees. They'll probably have leaves by the end of March."

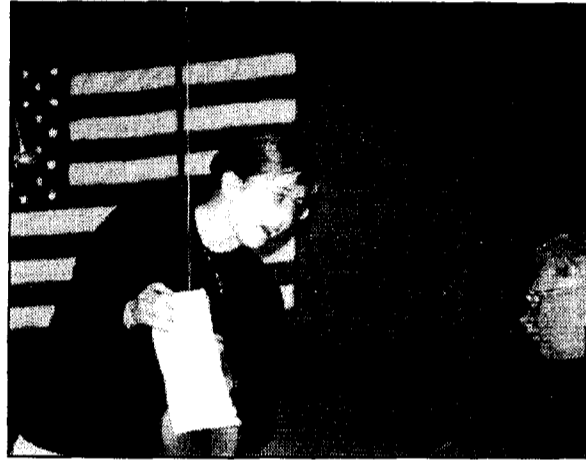
Though temperatures have been warmer than expected on the whole, precipitation in northern Michigan has been essentially near normal. January was a slightly dry month, owing to a lack of snowfall, but February was slightly above normal for precipitation.

The real question, then, is will spring be far behind this wintry blast? The answer — we could be in for a bit of a wait. According to Rowley, no sustained warm-ups are on the horizon for the area. After some rain this weekend, temperatures will fall, bringing more lake effect snow. Any warm-up, Rowley said, will be brief, probably with "a quick shot of cold behind it."



Fiddlin' around

Though a winter snowstorm meant a lower turnout than in years past, the Jordan Valley Fiddler's Jamboree still brought out plenty of performers and music lovers alike this past weekend at the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan. Fiddlers and support musicians from all over Michigan provided some down-home entertainment to the hardy souls who did turn out. Some local folks were among those performing, including (pictured above) Steve Wisniewski, Emily Wisniewski, and Rita LaVictoire, all of East Jordan, who performed with Andy Tuck of Charlevoix. Boyne City's Beth Barnadyn, shown at right conferring with an accompanist, also played.



One highlight of the afternoon was the performance by the Olson sisters of Harbor Springs, from left, Alecia, Casandra, and Valerie. The siblings played individually and as a trio, and in duets. The Fiddler's Jamboree is an annual event featuring fiddlers and musicians of all ages. Proceeds benefit a scholarship program for area music students.

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Habitat home

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area bred a strong love for northern Michigan in a young Van Atta. "It's always been my dream to live and die in Boyne City, to raise my kids here," she said. Of course, she adds, "I never planned to be single mom with four kids, but I don't regret a minute of it." Still, with housing costs in the Boyne area continuing to rise, adequate housing for a family of five on a limited income can be daunting. The family has been forced to move around quite a bit, searching for rent that won't break the family budget. "The kids have never been removed from Boyne City [Schools]," she said, "but we've lived in East Jordan and had to commute, lived in Charlevoix and had to commute."

While state assistance with things like child care through the Family Independence Agency have certainly helped, VanAtta has found that trying to get ahead has meant a loss of certain types of help at the state level. "When you try to better yourself," she said, "they rip you off the ladder when you're halfway up."

That's where Habitat comes in. "To get this house is like a dream come true," Van Atta said. "To have a four bedroom, full basement house, and the payment will never go up... I'll never have to worry about someone raising my rent."

True to what she was told, though, VanAtta confirms that a Habitat home is far from a hand-out. Right off the bat, VanAtta was informed that she would have to put in 50 hours of "sweat equity" before the home is even built, and 200 hours after construction begins.

To satisfy her commitment, VanAtta is currently putting in hours

in the Habitat office in Petoskey, and has arranged to have some of her hours in school used towards her obligation. VanAtta has also found a way to include her older children, 7-year-old Colton Tinker and 6-year-old Brittany VanAtta, both students at Boyne City Elementary, in the process as well. The kids are busy giving their own time to paint and decorate two donated wooden birdhouses, built by Harry Watson of East Jordan, to be put on the auction block at an upcoming Wine and Cheese Silent Auction event, scheduled for May, to benefit the Boyne City building project.

To complete their birdhouses, Colton and Brittany have been working at school with Student Success coordinator Wendy Thomas. The two are required to actually give up their own time, meaning staying in from recess or, in Colton's case last week, giving up time with his in-school Big Brother. "It's so incredibly great to include the kids," Thomas said, adding that the time they spend is kept track of and added to the family's total hours towards their sweat equity. For Colton and Brittany, the work is hardly a chore; Brittany said she'd rather stay in from recess and paint the houses, and Colton, after a brief session, enthusiastically opted to give up the rest of recess to complete his birdhouse. "I wanted my kids to be involved," Van Atta said, adding with a laugh that the kids think that the money brought in by the birdhouses will "buy the whole house."

The kids, of course, stand to benefit a great deal from the Habitat partnership. Ask Colton and Brittany what they're most excited about, and they'll both immediately pipe up and tell you that it's having rooms of their

own, not shared with a little brother or sister. But besides gaining a little private space, the kids, through their own efforts and those of their mom, will also gain a sense of accomplishment, something VanAtta is already beginning to feel. It's the 200 hours during the construction period that she's most looking forward to. "When we're done I can look at it and say 'I helped build this,'" she said. She's planning on helping wherever she can, putting up walls, laying tile. And it's not perfection she's looking for — "Even if the tiles are crooked, I did it myself."

While all labor and materials for the house are donated, the home is by no means free, even over and above sweat equity. VanAtta will be required to pay on an approximately \$60,000 mortgage over 20 years, interest free, and, according to Habitat board member Ken Visser, Habitat homeowners also must come up with a \$750 down payment.

While VanAtta now views the project with unbridled enthusiasm — and gratitude — her initial reaction at being chosen was not immediately



Brittany VanAtta, pictured here working on a birdhouse to be auctioned for her family's Habitat Home, is excited about the prospect of having her own room.

a positive one. "At first I was really scared and really intimidated. My first thought was to decline and go with the Homelinks [MSHDA loan]," she said. Initial embarrassment, she said, was fed in part by misinformation, both her own and of those around her. Others who had applied for the program and were not chosen expressed anger with VanAtta, something that's been difficult to deal with. "There's been a lot of hatred, jealousy," she said. "I've tried to explain to them, [that] I'm no more deserving than they are. The thing that makes me different is I'm still trying." So many people, she said, settle for

less than what they could achieve instead of bettering themselves.

VanAtta's own hard work has, it seems, paid off in spades. At the time that the call from Habitat came, she said, her own morale was not high. Working an afternoon shift while going to school and juggling parenting responsibilities was taking its toll, and never being able to find affordable housing wasn't helping. "I'm not trying to preach religion, but I've always believed God will provide," she said. Whenever she's been at the end of her rope and uncertain about how she'll manage the next necessity, like new shoes for the kids, "a miracle always happens."

"At that time [before Habitat called], I was really depressed," she said. "Then these angels stepped in and said 'we're going to build this house for you.'"

The home will be located on a donated lot on State Street, and construction will begin as soon as possible in the spring, depending on the weather. As for a timeline for moving in, there isn't one, though she'd love to be in for the new school year. She's already been told, however, that work schedules and inspection processes could take a bit longer. Though she's anxious, she knows that it will be worth the wait.

If she could impart any words of

wisdom, VanAtta concluded, to others in situations like hers, she said, they would be simple: "never give up. "There are angels out there."

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN
Habitat for Humanity is still seeking a land donation to construct a second home in Boyne City this year. Though the organization currently has buildable property in Alanson, the logistics of coordinating two construction projects in such geographically distant areas is not practical. Land donations for the project are tax deductible; for more information, call Mary Margaret Hornbaker at 348-6926. Also, anyone wishing for more information on applying to be considered for Habitat partnership can contact Hornbaker.

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Members of the Boyne District Library's Teen Advisory Board include, from left, advisor Geri Barber, Hannah Precup, Martha Precup, Amanda Korthase, Mark Goethals, Jack Hufford, Ryan Maat, advisor Dava Maat, and Shanae VanderTogt.

Teen Advisory Board keeping Boyne library in touch

In an effort to adequately serve its younger patrons, the Boyne District Library has formed a Teen Advisory Board, and with a group of 12 enthusiastic members the effort has been, by all accounts, a complete success.

The board was founded 18 months ago, after library employees Dava Maat and Geri Barber attended a conference in Frankenmuth that covered teen groups. Presenters at the conference included representatives from larger libraries in Marquette and Novi, both of which boasted tens of thousands of patrons to Boyne's 6,000. The Marquette teen group had a total of 12 participants "and they felt like their program was a huge success," Maat said with a laugh. "With [only] 6,000 patrons, we figured we only needed one

[member] and we'd be successful." While the Marquette program has since disbanded, the Boyne District Library's effort has done nothing but grow.

Teen members, who range from fifth graders to high schoolers, assist librarians with book choices and program planning, as well as creating bulletin boards and working on other creative projects like the bookmarks board members made to be distributed to residents of Litzenger Place. The board, made up of students from both Concord Academy Boyne and Boyne City Public Schools, also have the opportunity to take some educational field trips, such as one to an area bookstore to learn about ordering books, and participate in book discus-

sions. In the coming months, meetings may also feature guest speakers, and a "lock-in" night at the library for board members is being planned.

Assembled through a simple mailing to teens who were flagged by the library's computers as active users of the facility, the board members are there for a variety of reasons; the one thing in common, however, is a love of books. Said board member Shanae VanderTogt, "For me, it's just the library. If it involved the library, I was in. I love reading books."

Computers, too, added board member Jack Hufford, are a big draw at the library for young people.

The group meets once a month at the library. For more information, call 582-7861.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

DUE TO MY unintentional error, an apology and a correction is needed in regard to last week's column. It was Thelma Erber who passed away, not Thelma Williams. My thanks to all concerned callers alerting me to my mistake.

JANET AND JIM SHEPHERD have returned home after spending several days in Missouri visiting Robert and Gladys Tison. They enjoyed some great weather and small amounts of green grass.

SIX LADIES from the Free Methodist Church enjoyed a day out in Petoskey on Saturday, March 2. They had lunch at the China King Buffet and then went shopping. Attending were Cindy Bullock, Elizabeth Eddy, Carol Garn, Sally Kleinschrodt, Jean Raush, and Becky Woiteshek. All had a great time despite the weather!

NATALIE AND DAN PECK of Boyne City will be leaving on Thursday, March 7, for the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for consultation on her hip problem.

SHIRLEY MATHERS of Boyne City was

expected to be returning home for a time of recuperation on Tuesday after having undergone gall bladder surgery this past week at Northern Michigan Hospital.

IN RESPONSE TO my weekly e-mail quest for news and this week's question of "How's the weather where you are?" Leona Stanek of the Deer Lake area responded with, "We have a full blown winter storm out here...and now it is not only snowing, but it is starting to blow!" Many area events for Sunday were canceled, including some church services.

CANDICE OLUND celebrated her 12th birthday Saturday with several girlfriends from school. They all enjoyed sledding and having a wiener roast in the backyard before ice cream and cake. Later that evening, Candice, Cody and parents Betsy and Rick Olund all were supper guests at Leona and Charlie Stanek's.

DAN AND NORMA WILSON who reside on Stanek Road left Thursday to spend several days in Birch Run with Michelle, Keith and Dustin Ellison. Bud Severn also returned home to Clio on Thursday after spending the past 10 days working on their summer home on Stanek Road.

LAST SUNDAY, Harley and Ann Parks of Boyne City, and their children, Natalie and Dan Peck, Scott Parks and daughter Shelby and Laurie and Kyrsha Parks all went to Muskegon to attend the funeral of their brother and uncle, Ralph Parks.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of Elmer Hammtree of Boyne City, who passed away at his home on Friday.

KELLY AND KEVIN STYLES of Gaylord held a celebration at the BC Pizza there on Sunday, in honor of the second birthday of their twin daughters, Brytanie and Bryanna, the great-granddaughters of Boyne City's Elwood and Phyllis Hardy.

LOUISA AND NELS NORTHUP of Boyne Falls spent Friday with daughter Jenni and her four daughters at the Holiday Inn in Livonia, then visited his brother Mike in Eastpointe. They had a very scary drive home Saturday night: snow was falling and the roads were snow covered and slippery. They did get home safely Saturday night and were greeted by a foot of snow in the driveway. Happy winter to all.

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

NAME: Noel Trojanek
PARENTS: Donna and Robert Kucharek
GRADE: Junior
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: taking pictures and scrapbooking
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to become a chef and raise my daughter in a good home."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Noel has demonstrated that she can handle responsibilities well," said Katie Bobowski. "She is a good communicator and isn't afraid to take a personal risk when feeling the need to confront an issue. I am pleased to have had her in my class and wish her the best, always!"



Noel Trojanek

East Jordan

NAME: Courtney Hammond
PARENTS: Pete and Cathy Hammond
GRADE: Sophomore
FAVORITE CLASS: Language Arts
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball and track
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Reading
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Attending a university to become a psychologist
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Courtney is a great student," said Sharon Moeke. "She takes pride in her work and makes an effort to understand the content."



Courtney Hammond

"Courtney is a pleasure to have in class," said Liz Huyck. "She is self-motivated and is driven to always give 100 percent."

"Courtney is such a positive person," said Jennifer Richardson. "It's great to have her in class."

"Courtney is always looking for ways to improve her writing," said Alice McPherson. "She always strives to turn in her best possible work. She holds herself accountable to the very standards she sets."

NAME: Missy Huver
PARENTS: Lois and Ed Huver
GRADE: Eighth
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Reading, shopping, snowmobiling
NOMINATING COMMENTS: From Huver's core teachers: Missy is extremely responsible and very self directed. Her work is always turned in on time and of the highest quality. She is a very conscientious student and a role model.



Missy Huver

STUDENT NEWS

Boyne City student to travel to D.C. for 'Presidential Classroom' program

On March 16, Boyne City High School student Matt Brong will be on his way to Washington, D.C., as a participant in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program. Once there Brong, along with hundreds of other high school juniors and seniors from around the country and abroad, will get a first-hand introduction to the workings of the federal government.

For the week, Brong will visit the offices of Senators and Representatives and observe Congressional meetings. Other program highlights include a CIA briefing, a mock presidential election with student candidates, and possibly a tour of the White House.

Brong was offered the opportunity to participate in the program as a result of a college search program survey he'd filled out in conjunction with taking the SAT and ACT college entrance tests. "I'd signified an interest in government and civic service," he said. That interest, along with high test scores, earned Brong the invitation to make the trip to D.C.

"The main thing that attracted me was the opportunity to see government first hand," said Brong, who is hoping to study political science after high school. Students participating will take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each



Matt Brong

branch of government, the military, media, and other Washington insiders. Small-group workshops will enable students to debate current issues such as the role of the media in the American political process.

To become a presidential scholar, students must be a high school junior or senior with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Presidential Classroom also offers scholarships to students with a 3.8 or above grade point average and financial need. In its 34-year existence, Presidential Classroom has provided more than 92,000 top high school students unprecedented access to the federal government.



Reading is fun

Boyne City Elementary students celebrated the Winter Olympics by becoming Gold Medal Readers for the RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) program. Students were encouraged to read for a certain amount of time each night depending on their grade level; prizes, including a one-day ski pass to Boyne Mountain, books, and outerwear, were awarded in each grade. Everyone attending, like kindergartners Austin Artrup and Austin Valler, received a free book.

COLLEGE NEWS

LAURA WARREN of East Jordan was included on the dean's list at Lake Superior State University for the fall semester 2001.

ANN HETTIG and **KATRIN KRETSCHMANN** of East Jordan

were among those graduating from Western Michigan University in December.

Hettig earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration, while Kretschmann received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, March 8
 The American Red Cross will hold a special blood drive at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls from 12:30-5:15 p.m.

PEACE COFFEE HOUSE

Saturday, March 9
 The Wagbo Peace Center will present its monthly folk music program, Peace Coffee House, from 8-11 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan. Performing will be Tim Joseph from Brethren, playing traditional tunes on the banjo, and Ruth and Max Bloomquist of Muskegon, playing original folk songs with guitar and bass. Open stage follows performers. Coffee and treats will be available. Entry is \$5, free for children 12 and under. This is a smoke- and alcohol-free event. For more information, call Wagbo Peace Center at 536-0333 or wagbo@torchlake.com.

CLASS OF 1977 MEETING

Saturday, March 9
 The Boyne City Class of 1977 will hold a reunion meeting from 2-4 p.m. at the Wolverine Dillworth Hotel. The meeting will be held to gather input on the upcoming reunion. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

BOYNE CITY SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, March 12
 At 11 a.m. John Cohee will present "Curing the Winter Blues" at the Boyne City Senior Center, with helpful tips, exercises, and information for everyone, including hip surgery patients. For more information, call 582-6882.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

May 8-11
 Big Brothers Big Sisters will hold the 2002 Bowl For Kids' Sake event at Boyne City Lanes in Boyne City May 8-11, as well as at Timber Lanes in

Traverse City from May 5-12. Community members can form teams of four-six members to obtain pledges for the agency, then bowl a game on the night the team chooses. BBBS will bill pledges eliminating the need for teams to collect money. The event is the premiere fundraiser for the organization, with proceeds responsible for 20 percent of the agency's annual operating budget. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call Peggy Ellibe at (231) 943-4601 ext. 203 or 1-800-968-2447.

SNO-LOVERS BREAKFAST

Sundays
 The Sno-Lovers Breakfast will be held on Sundays through March. The breakfast will be held at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road from 7 a.m. until noon. Cost: Adults, \$5; Children 5 - 12, \$2; and under 5 eat free.

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.

EJ ADULT OPEN GYM

Tuesdays
 The East Jordan Community Education Adult Open Gym will meet every Tuesday, Nov. 6 through March 26, from 7-9 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School gym. \$1 admission. No students will be permitted; participants must be at least 18 years old to

participate. For more information, call 536-2250.

BOYNE CITY SCRAPBOOKING

Second Tuesday
 A Boyne City Scrapbooking Night will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room. Participants should bring own supplies. Meet new friends and learn new techniques. All levels of experience are welcome. There is no fee to attend. For more information, call Becky Brand at 582-1853.

IN GOOD COMPANY

Thursdays
 A group for single, divorced, or widowed individuals meets at Ansted's by the Lake in East Jordan every Thursday at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 for hors d'oeuvres. For more information call 231-544-2014.

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

Thursday nights
 Al-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 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-

SERVICE BRIEFS

Air Force 2nd Lt. **DENISE A. SHEA** has been named company grade officer of the year for 2001.

She is the daughter of Dennis C. and Mabel M. Shea of East Jordan

and is a 1991 graduate of East Jordan High School.

She received a Bachelor's degree in 1999 from Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu.



Quill workshop

Sixteen participants, like Michelle Castenada pictured above, took part in a Quill Workshop recently, sponsored by the East Jordan Native American Education Program. The event was led by renowned quill worker/artist Yvonne M. Walker Keshick. "We hope to provide several more cultural and educational opportunities throughout the year," said Native American Education director Gary Gibson.

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Snowboarding at the big show

By ANGELA SHULTIS

This month, East Jordan resident Lee Durfee will make his second trip to the United States Amateur Snowboarding Association's national competition; this time, he hopes he puts in a better showing than the first time around.

"I didn't do so good," Durfee said with a laugh. Not that he's any slouch at the sport; there's plenty of honor, as they say, in just getting to participate. This season, Durfee placed first overall in the senior men's age group in halfpipe and second in slopestyle in USASA qualifying competitions at Boyne Mountain, Schuss Mountain, and Nub's Nob.

The top finishes qualified him for the trip to Nationals, which will take place at Mammoth Mountain, Calif., from March 18-23. Along with several other local residents, including teen snowboarder Aaron Woodard of East Jordan, Durfee will make the trip out to the event, touted as the single largest snowboarding competition in the world.

His plan is, he said, "to go out and have fun."

Snowboarding for Durfee, though, is not all fun and

games; his ambition is to be in the sport for the long haul. "I'll be competing until I'm old and can't do it anymore," he said. "I'm waiting until I get into the legend category."

Starting out about eight years ago, Durfee got into the sport just for kicks, following other friends who were doing it. "It was just for fun," he said. Eventually, however, the challenge of competition beckoned, and Durfee began to look at the sport as a long-term possibility.

While riding in competitions, Durfee is also savvy to the necessity of industry sponsors to moving successfully forward in the sport. Having previously rode for Burton, which was the board of choice of his own favorite snowboarder Jason Brown, Durfee later signed on to ride for Capita, a company Brown founded. Having met Brown at a summer snowboarding camp in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, Durfee had kept in touch with Brown, and told him that "when he started his company I'd help him in any way I could," Durfee said. Currently, Durfee is in between sponsors, and is looking.

As for starting a snowboarding career on the relatively tame slopes of the Midwest, Durfee said the possibility for young local snowboarders is there, but the challenge of learning on the smaller slopes is that "you have to go ahead and use your brain a little bit," in terms of being aware of the limitations and compensating for them. Durfee has also tried to make "some kind of trip every year to someplace new," which has, in the past, included Whistler and Big Sky in Montana.

While he's looking forward to just having a good time at Nationals, he admits that the recent Olympic games has him thinking a little more seriously about the possibilities the sport holds.

"The Olympics just happened, and that makes you think about it a little more," he said. Durfee is currently seeking sponsors for his trip to Mammoth Mountain. Anyone who would like to help, or would like more information, can e-mail Durfee at durfee@unnet.com.



East Jordan snowboarder Lee Durfee spends plenty of time perfecting his skills at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls. Durfee will be taking his second trip to the USASA National competition, scheduled for this month at Mammoth Mountain.

photo by Vic Ruggles

Flying high

Also traveling to the National competition in California will be East Jordan native Aaron Woodard. Woodard is a top snowboarder in the area, and will be making his second trip to Nationals.

photo by Vic Ruggles



Ramblers score final win in old gym

It was only two points, but it was a significant basket for Brenton Rozycki, playing in only his third varsity game since being called up from the Boyne City junior varsity team.

Rozycki's basket was the final one scored in the final varsity basketball game in the Boyne City High School gym. Next year the gym will be home to the Boyne City Middle School.

Rozycki is a familiar name in Boyne City basketball. It is Brenton's older brother, Jason, who is closing out a successful four-year career at Oakland University. Jason also holds the Boyne City High School career scoring record.

The two points Brenton scored Friday night were just icing on the cake for the Ramblers who defeated Mancelona 82-61 in their final regular season game of the year.

The Ramblers built an early double-digit lead but by halftime, Mancelona only trailed 33-32.

The third quarter was all Boyne City, however, as it built a 62-46 lead.

Four Ramblers were in double figures. Cole Andrews, Brian Metzger and Dolbow each had 14 points, and Amesbury had 11.

The Ramblers closed out the regular season with a record of 8-12, but in their past 10 games they were 7-3.

Earlier in the week, the Ramblers faced their county-rival, the East Jordan Red Devils, in a rematch of their game earlier this season, won by Boyne City in overtime. This time the Ramblers had a little breathing room, earning a hard-fought 62-54 victory.

Traveling to East Jordan last Tuesday, only a few points separated the two teams from start to finish.

The Ramblers led by two at the end of the first quarter, were up four at the half, and held a slim 40-36 lead entering the final period.

Then the Ramblers put the game away from the free throw line.

Led by Ryan Amesbury, who was 7 of 8 from the line, the Ramblers connected on 14 of 20 free throws to seal the win.

Jon Reese did his best to keep the Red Devils close, scoring 10 of his 12 points in the final eight minutes.

Amesbury led a balanced Rambler scoring attack with 17 points. Ben Hausler scored 15, Cass Dolbow 12 and Kyle Gibbons nine.

For East Jordan, Kevin Roberts led the team with 14 and Corban Shaw matched Reese with 12.

"We played well," Brown said. "It was a hard-fought battle, a typical East Jordan-Boyne City

game."

Now the Ramblers have their sites set on the district tournament and when they play tonight, their opponent will be no stranger.

They will face East Jordan, who defeated Mancelona 68-60 Monday evening in the opening round of the district tournament, hosted by Mancelona.

"I expect another hard-fought and intense game," said Boyne City head coach Bill Brown. "The kids just have to come out and play hard."

The winner of Wednesday's will play the winner of the Charlevoix-Elk Rapids game for the championship Friday night at 7 p.m.

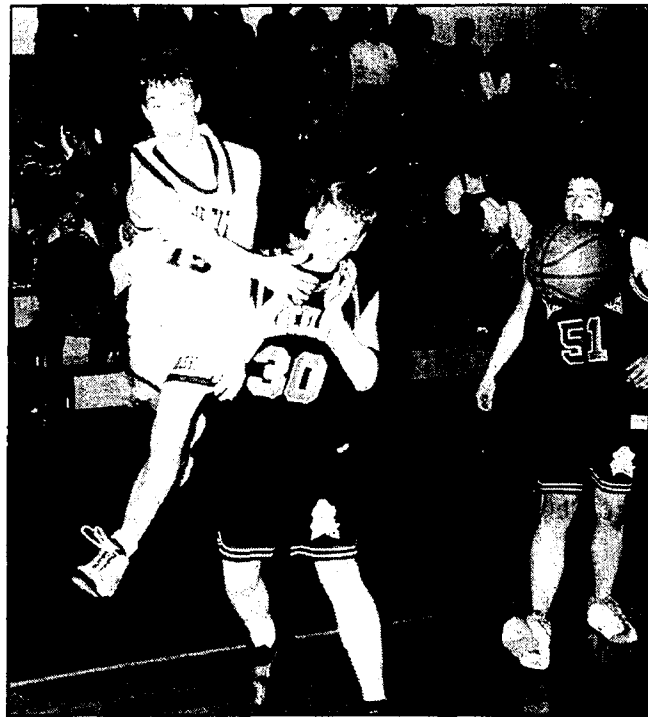
Charlevoix defeated Harbor Springs in the opening round 98-53.

IN THE FRESHMEN game at East Jordan, Boyne City defeated East Jordan 58-43.

The Ramblers were led by Buhdda Sweet with 25 points, David Austin with 14 and Lindsey Adams with 12.

For East Jordan, Tom Krause had 12 and Tim Kraemer had 11.

Kraemer also led the team in rebounding and Justin Roberts had seven assists.



Boyne City's Kyle Gibbons swats one away from Mancelona in last week's matchup, the final game the old BCHS gym.

Red Devils move to round two

The East Jordan Red Devils are moving on, thanks to a 68-60 victory over Mancelona in the opening round of the district tournament Monday night.

"It wasn't pretty, but the kids buckled down when they needed to," said head coach Lance Bailey.

The Red Devils appeared to have the game under control in the third period when they enjoyed a 19-point lead. "But we got a little sloppy and Mancelona came back to make it a game," Bailey said.

Bill Tison, who scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, drew high praise from his coach.

"Bill stepped up and played well," Bailey said. "It is nice to see him carrying the team."

Jon Reese also played well. "He did

a nice job on the boards and defensively," Bailey said. Reese scored nine points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Also in double figures was Steve Kempton with 14 points and Takayuki Kida, who played his first game since suffering a leg injury several weeks ago, scored 12.

Mancelona's zone defense caused the Red Devils problems with their outside shooting, "but when we needed to score, we did," Bailey said.

With the win, East Jordan moves on to play Boyne City tonight, Wednesday, at 6 p.m.

Last Friday, the Red Devils closed out the regular season at home against Harbor Springs, and for a while it looked like an upset was in the making.

Harbor Springs led by only six in the third quarter and "we were playing real well and playing great defense," Bailey said.

Then Harbor Springs got hot from three-point land to pull away. It also didn't help that the Red Devils found a lid on their basket in the final quarter, scoring only five points.

Tison led the Red Devils with 12 points, Shaw had 11 and Scott Jones had nine.

The East Jordan freshmen lost to Harbor Springs 66-57 to finish their season with a record of 9-10. Tim Kraemer led the team with 19 points while Tyler Spence had 10. Tom Krause was the Red Devils' top rebounder and Spence led the team in assists.

Class C District 91 at Mancelona High School

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BF Loggers on a roll

On Monday night, Boyne Falls topped Posen at the first round of the Class D district tournament in Atlanta, 69-56. The team moves into Round 2, slated to meet Wolverine on March 6.

Late last week the Loggers claimed second place in the Northern Lakes Conference Friday night with a 65-27 victory over the Ellsworth Lancers. Mackinaw City won the conference crown.

Mike Dunlop got things going, after the Parent's Night ceremony, with a three-pointer followed by a dunk his second of the season.

The Loggers held the Lancers to no more than eight points per quarter.

"I think we are peaking at the right time," said coach Frank Hamilla. "We played tremendous defense tonight and passed the ball very well. We were very unselfish."

The Loggers hit 26 field goals, including two 3-pointers each from Adam Utley and Dunlop and one each from Archie Griffen and Caleb Olstrom. Boyne Falls was 7 of 10 from the free throw line.

Griffen and Dunlop scored 17 points each and Utley ended with 14.

The Loggers' JV beat the JV Lancers, 55-25.

Josh Blackwell, with 17 points, led the Loggers to victory. Josh Gasco added 14, and Josh Jarema had 11.

The Boyne Falls junior varsity team, coached by Ted Beyer and assisted by Chad Matelski, finished the season 15-4 overall, and undefeated in the conference.

EARLIER IN THE week, the Loggers defeated Wolverine, 64-32.

The Loggers jumped out to a 20-2 lead in the first quarter with their ef-

fective full-court press and nine points from Griffen. In fact, the Wildcats were scoreless until the last six seconds of the quarter when Norman Schwalm scored a lay-up.

Boyne Falls' Nate Burks followed that with a three-pointer at the buzzer. By the half, the Loggers were ahead 37-11. A dunk by Mike Dunlop added excitement to the third quarter as Boyne Falls outscored the Wildcats 20-10.

Griffen led in scoring with 16 points, followed by Dunlop with 12 and Matt Skop with 10.

The Loggers hit 29 field goals including three 3-pointers.

After a 36-19 lead at the half, the Loggers' JV was also victorious Tuesday night, defeating the Wildcats' JV 63-41. Blackwell again led the Loggers with 17, and Demetrius Burks contributed 11.

Rambler cheer team takes title

The Boyne City Cheer Team won the Class C MCCA Regional Championship on Saturday in Petoskey. The win qualifies the Ramblers for the MCCA State Championship on Saturday March 10, at Saginaw Valley State University.

The East Jordan Cheer Team also qualified for the State Championship under the 90 percent rule. MCCA allows any team, which scores 90 percent of the winning team's score, to advance to the State Finals. A total of six teams qualified from the Petoskey regional.

Boyne City had the top scores in each of the two rounds for a total of 365 points. Last year's regional champion, Ewart, finished second with 357 points. East Jordan finished third with 346 points. Also qualifying were Brethren, Suttons Bay, and Whittemore Prescott.

"We are very excited for the girls, especially the seniors," said Boyne City coach Cindi Place. Boyne City last won the Regional in 1998. "After four years of hard work, they finally have their regional championship." The seniors are Kelsi Brewer, Sophie Hartwick, Lindsay Helsley and Crystal Legg.



The Boyne City cheer team earned a trip to the state competition with their regional win.

Despite the weather, many Rambler fans made the trip. "We have had tremendous support from our fans" Place said. "The crowd helps get our girls really excited for the competition."

"In turn, the team really gets the crowd going," Place is hoping to get the same support for the Class C State Finals at SVSU on Saturday.

The competition starts at 4 p.m. in the Ryder Center, which is named for past University president and former Boyne City resident Dr. Jack Ryder. Other members of the regional

champion cheer team are Andrea Cooper, Alex Crum, Katie Dole, Maddy Fineout, Keisha Kruzel, Wendy Ostby, and Kristen Zettel.

The Red Devil team members are Jenny Barrow, Amanda Kline, Stephanie Lifer, Megan Luck, Nicole Murray, Renee Nowka and Nicole Trudeau. The team is coached by Phyllis Olszewski.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY RESULTS

Boyne Area Bantams

Saturday, March 2, the Bantams skated a pair of games in Mackinaw. In the first game, Mack scored early in the first period. The second period went scoreless, as the defense and the goalies battled it out.

Early in the third, William Brown scored with a pass from Tyler Kalbfleisch. Brown hit the net again, assisted by Josh Aown and Ryan Hennessy, which was followed closely by a goal from Eli Barsy. Brown and Kalbfleisch made the assists.

Mackinaw tied it up on two successive power play goals, then put one more quick goal which Boyne was unable to answer, taking a tough 4-3 loss. Nate Herrera made 13 saves in goal.

Game two saw Josh Aown, Ryan Hennessy, and Eli Barsy scoring for Boyne. Assists came from Trevor Mapes, Russell Williams, Barsy, William Brown, Hennessy and JP Fiedorek. Mackinaw outscored Boyne 6-3 in the end, including an open net goal. Nate Herrera was between the pipes.

On Sunday, March 4, the team skated against CharEm, winning 2-1. Scoring came from Russell Williams and JP Fiedorek. Assists came from Evan Keller and Josh Aown. Goaltender Nate Herrera made 25

saves. "Nate and all the guys had a great game" said the coach.

The team is sponsored by Boyne City Ace Hardware.

Boyne Area Squirts

On Sunday, Feb. 24, Boyne Area Squirts played two games against Newberry, with Boyne winning the first game 6-4. Boyne goals were scored by Trevor Price, Travis Reinhardt and Adam Brown. Assists were made by Reinhardt, Andrew Clark, Brown, Levi Messina, Cal Hoppe and Price. Blake Kroondyk was the goalie. Newberry beat Boyne in game two 12-0. Spencer Korthase was in goal.

On Saturday, March 2, Boyne Area Squirts played two games against Mackinaw. Boyne won game one 3-2 with Spencer Korthase in goal. Goals were scored by Travis Reinhardt and Trevor Price. Assists were made by Cal Hoppe, Adam Brown and Price. Boyne won game two 7-3. Blake Kroondyk was in goal. Goals were scored by Price, Reinhardt and Taylor Korthase. Assists were made by Andrew Clark, Jack Carlson, Hoppe, Price, Brown and Spencer Korthase.

On Sunday, March 3, Boyne Area Squirts played two games against two Gladwin teams. Boyne lost both games.

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East Jordan High School Band takes high marks at festival

The East Jordan High School Band captivated their audience at the District Band Festival in Petoskey last Saturday. The thirty-six member band (which includes nineteen freshmen), under the direction of Stephen Emery, earned a Division 1 (Superior) rating. The band prepared three pieces for the festival: "Tower Bridge March" (Washburn), "Ancient Air and Dance" (Del Borgo), and "Short Prelude with Perspectives" (Caruso). The overall score represents the combination of the prepared concert performance and two sight-reading selections. The band's rating last year was the first Division 1

earned by the East Jordan ensemble in thirteen years. This year's superior marks a repeat - an accomplishment that the East Jordan Band has not been able to boast in more than two decades. According to Emery, in his second year on the podium in East Jordan, "the band's performance was extremely emotionally captivating." The East Jordan Middle School Ambassador Band performed at the district Middle School Band Festival on Friday, March 1, at the Petoskey Middle School.

Red Devils lose to Harbor, Boyne

Last week, East Jordan netters ended their conference season with a loss to Harbor Springs, in two games with scores of 10-15 and 3-15.

Senior Jackie Haley put in a good showing, ending the night with four kills, two aces, and five blocks. Haley Shaw contributed five kills, one dig, and four blocks. Sophomore setter Jessica Crick had 11 assists for the night. "As a team, we are not serving well," said East Jordan head coach Paul Nachazel. "We are lacking con-

sistency right now."

Earlier in the week, the Red Devils were defeated by Boyne City, in three games. "It was a tough loss for the team," said Nachazel. "The team made too many unforced errors to pull out a victory." East Jordan senior Bethany Wilson had a strong game, finishing with four aces and four kills. Senior Rachael Bennett provided good passing. "Serving was a struggle," said Nachazel, noting that the team ended the match with 13 ser-

vice errors.

For Boyne City, Meredith Clemens had four blocks, seven kills, five points, and one ace. Kriste Gaither finished the night with seven blocks, five kills, and five points. Ashley Hadix had five kills, and Wendy Chrysler had one kill, six points, and one ace. Kelly Spaniak contributed seven points, and Cadie Britton and Sam Bricker were cited for "excellent setting" by their coach Dorine Britton, each adding seven points.

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

Jan. 17, 2002, 12 noon meeting - The Commission held an executive session to discuss negotiations with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and AFSCME.

Jan. 29, 2002, 12 noon meeting - The Commission approved board appointments: Lou Awodey, Jeff Wellman, and Jim White were re-appointed to the Boyne City Downtown Development Authority; and Michael Sheehan and Steve Baker were appointed to the Boyne City Parks and Recreation Commission. Additional action include the temporary closing of Water Street for use during WinterFest; amendment of a motion to include portions of Lynn and Court Streets into a previously approved special assessment district; the purchase of an ambulance at \$90,840; appointment of Charles Vondra to the Boyne City Design Review Committee; authorization for City employee Dan Meads to purchase military service time toward his retirement account; and authorized a lot reconfiguration at 920 Edmund Street.

Feb. 12, 2002, 7 p.m. meeting - The Commission took the following action: approved a change in business ownership for a liquor license transfer for The New Tannery, Inc.; affirmed a property description attachment to the Boyne City/Boyne Valley Township Agreements; and approved the vacating of two alleys located between Court and Silver Streets.

Feb. 26, 2002, 12 noon meeting - The Commission re-appointed Yvonne Looze to the Boyne District Library board and appointed Nancy Holland to the Boyne City Housing Commission; authorized two temporary sign permits: Boyne City Little League signage for registration sign up and the Boyne City Downtown Development Authority boardwalk construction signage; held a first reading of a proposed amendment to the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance regarding definition of building height; and received a Water/Wastewater Rate Study presentation from Capital Consultants.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Feb. 19, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Klooster presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amount of \$442,540.04.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of funds on hand report January 2002; acknowledged receipt of an Introduction to Ordinance amendment; approved requests for use of City parks; adopted revenue sharing pledge agreement and ratified the union contract for DPW.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Boyne Falls will hold a public hearing on the proposed Boyne Falls DWRP Project Plan for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on April 9, 2002 at the following location: Boyne Falls Village Hall, 2290 Railroad Street, Boyne Falls, Mich. 49713.

The purpose of the proposed project is to construct a water storage tank to provide storage volume to meet maximum daily consumption requirements, install water meters for all water system users, provide water billing software for the Village, provide a mobile generator for stand by power at Village water wells and to solve water hammer and phone auto dialer problems at Village water wells.

Project construction will involve constructing a 150,000 gallon cast in place concrete storage tank at the east end of Church Street with miscellaneous piping and install water meters in all homes and businesses.

Impacts of the proposed project include regrading the proposed storage tank site and some tree removal in the area. None of the proposed improvements would create a measurable amount of impact on the local air quality, surface or groundwater quality, soils, agricultural properties or any environmentally sensitive area.

The estimated costs to users for the proposed project will be approximately \$39/quarter. Current residential rates are \$40 quarter. A total change of approximately \$80/quarter would amount to an approximately 98% increase in service rates to the average residential customer.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project will be available for public inspection on March 6, 2002 at the following location: Village Hall, 2290 Railroad Street, Boyne Falls, Mich. 49713.

Written comments received through April 9, 2002 will be entered into the public hearing record and should be sent to the Village of Boyne Falls, 2290 Railroad Street, Boyne Falls, Mich. 49713.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BOYNE CITY - COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

Second reading and consideration of adoption to enact an amended building height definition to Ordinance No. A-80 of the Boyne City Ordinances.

THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to correct an error in the adoption of the original Ordinance No. A-80 changing the way building height was defined within the Ordinance effective May 23, 2001.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 1.40 Definitions Building Height: The vertical distance measured from the natural grade prior to any excavation or construction, to the highest point of the surface for flat roofs; to the deck line of mansard roofs and to the mean height between eaves and ridge for gable, hip and gambrel roofs.

Where a building is located on sloping terrain, the height shall be measured from the lowest exposed point of a building to the highest point of the roof surface for flat roofs; to the deck line of mansard roofs and to the mean height between eaves and ridge for gable hip and gambrel roofs.

For roofs which are not symmetrical, the mean height between the eaves and ridge shall apply to the highest midpoint computed for each separate roof surface. When more than one type of roof is present in a building design, each roof surface shall be considered separately. No roof surface shall exceed the permitted height allowed for the particular roof type.

Notice is hereby given that the second reading and consideration of adoption to enact an amended building height definition to Ordinance No. A-80 of the Boyne City Ordinances will be held at the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at 12 noon in the Commission Chambers, 319 North Lake Street. A copy of the entire text of this amending ordinance is available at the City Clerk's office at the above address during normal business hours.

First Reading: Feb. 26, 2002
Second Reading: March, 26, 2002
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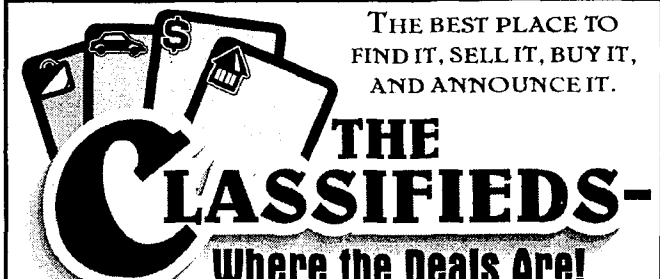
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cindy A. Mandeville, (original mortgagors) to America's Moneyline, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2000, and recorded on May 22, 2000 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bankers Trust Company, as Custodian, A New York Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated Jan. 14, 2002, which was recorded on Jan. 31, 2002, in Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY and 34/100 dollars (\$65,640.34), including interest at 9.375% 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, Mich. at 11 a.m., on April 12, 2002.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as: Commencing at an iron stake on the East line of Lot 270, Block 2, Nicholl's and Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, 47.6 feet North-westerly line of Douglas Street from the Southeast corner of said Lot 270 to the point of beginning; thence South 53 minutes 08 seconds West 91 feet to a stake; thence North 35 minutes 35 seconds West 57.9 feet to a stake; thence North 52 minutes 44 seconds East 89.9 feet to a stake on the East line of said Lot 270; thence South-easterly along the Southwesterly line of said Douglas Street, 56.4 feet to the

point of beginning, being a part of Lot 270, Block 2, Nicholl's and Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, 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: Feb. 27, 2002

For information, please call: Gators 248-593-1310
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James A. Novotny, Jr., a single man (original mortgagors) to Americor Mortgage, Inc., a Corporation, Mortgagee, dated Sept. 16, 1996 and recorded on Sept. 25, 1996 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgage to the Huntington National Bank f/k/a Empire National Bank, Assignee by an assignment dated Sept. 16, 1996, which was recorded on Sept. 25, 1996, in Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO and 22/100 dollars (\$62,582.22), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice

is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on April 12, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as:

Beginning on the North line of Section 6, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, 340.00 feet East of the North 1/4 of said Section; thence East along the North line of said Section 999.32 feet to a point on the Westerly bank of Monroe Creek; thence South 20 degrees 59 minutes 10 seconds East along said Creek 134.30 feet; thence South 02 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds West along said Creek 317.60 feet; thence South 46 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East along said Creek 10.66 feet; thence West 1039.49 feet; thence North 450.00 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale. Dated: Feb. 27, 2002

For information, please call: Stallions 248-593-1304
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File # 200213154
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marshall J. Bell and Terri Bell a/k/a Terri J. Bell, husband

and wife (original mortgagors) to Novastar Mortgage, Inc., A Virginia Corporation, Mortgagee, dated Sept. 25, 2000, and recorded on Oct. 2, 2000 in Liber 398, on Page 073, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Bank One, National Association, As Trustee, Assignee by an assignment dated Sept. 25, 2000, which was recorded on Sept. 4, 2001, in Liber 433, on Page 799, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 57/100 dollars (\$81,273.57), including interest at 10.375% 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, Mich. at 11 a.m., on April 5, 2002.

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

Lot 13, Block "D" Village of South Arm, Now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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

Date: Feb. 20, 2002

For more information please call: Panthers 248-593-1305
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File # 200212040
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David R. Shaffer and Mary Anne Shaffer, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to EquiCredit Corporation of Michigan, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 1999, and recorded on Aug. 4, 1999 in Liber 369, on Page 188, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the U.S. Bank National Association, f/k/a First National Bank Association, Trustee under agreement dated Aug. 1, 1999, Assignee by an assignment dated Jan. 7, 2002, which was recorded on Jan. 31, 2002, in Liber 456, on Page 297, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND 03/100 dollars (\$165,571.03), including interest at 11.550% 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 a.m., on April 5, 2002.

Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on April 5, 2002.

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

The East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, except 3 acres in the Northeast corner thereof described as: commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, Thence South on the East 1/8 Line of said Section to the corner of the Boyne River, thence West parallel to the North Section Line of said Section and North Parallel to said 1/8 Line to the North Section Line of said Section and East on said North Section Line to the point of beginning, Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

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

Date: Feb. 20, 2002

For more information please call: Wolves 248-593-1312
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Feb. 5, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Klooster presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amount of \$287,567.19.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of zoning inquiry report January 2002; acknowledged receipt of public safety monthly reports; approved Elm Pointe rental applications; set Board of Review poverty income standards for 2002; awarded surplus fire truck bid; adopted Resolution #102/2002; adopted Resolution #103/2002; approved Little League request to move and use warming shed from the ice rink for concession booth at Community Park and rejected all bids for surplus ambulance.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

**Boyer Area
Gymnastics and
Dance registering
for spring session**

Boyer Area Gymnastics and Dance is now signing up students for the spring session. Classes will begin the week of March 11.

New to the schedule is a yoga class for adults, to be held on Mondays at 6 p.m.; adult aerobics will also be offered, with classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. There will also be an adult tumbling class.

Other classes offered for the session are for boys and girls ages 3 and up and include gymnastics, tumble tots, boys tumbling and conditioning, creative movement, modern dance, and cheerleader tumbling.

The session runs for eight weeks.

For class times and registration information, call director Kari Streefman at 582-9787.

**Concord Boyne
receives high
marks in
Standard & Poors**

In 2001, the Michigan Department of Education contracted with Standard & Poors to evaluate all schools in Michigan. Their Jan. 31, 2002 report observed, "Concord Academy Boyne achieves above-average student results with comparatively low spending."

The statistical results of the study showed several positive indicators of the performance of Concord Academy Boyne, including: the school's

MEAP composite passing rate for reading, math, and science is 53.3 percent, substantially higher than its peer group average of 38.0 percent; the school's MEAP High School Test composite passing rate for all subjects is 60 percent, higher than the average Michigan school district of 57.25 percent; in the initial year of the Michigan Merit Award program, 60 percent of the school's graduating class received financial scholarships based on their MEAP results; and the school's graduation rate is 100 percent, higher than the Michigan rate of 81.2 percent.

In many performance categories, Concord Academy Boyne scored significantly higher than its charter school peer group, those who have been in existence the same length of time and have a similar sized enrollment.

A full report is available at Stan-

dard & Poors website: www.sestandardandpoors.com.

Concord Academy Boyne, located in Boyne City, is a Michigan Public School Academy (charter school) chartered by Lake Superior State University. As such, CAB charges no tuition, boasts a staff of teachers certified by the State of Michigan, and accepts all students on the basis of availability. Currently, there are openings in several grade levels.

The mission of the school is to integrate a strong fine arts program into the traditional academic curriculum.

**Boyer Area Girl
Scouts hosting
'Tea for Two'**

Boyer Area Cadette Girl Scout Troop #252 will be hosting Tea for Two, an afternoon for mothers, daughters, and other special women on Sunday, March 10, from 2-4:30 p.m. at the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City.

The event is a celebration of the 90th birthday of Girl Scouting in the United States, and is also an opportunity for the troop to earn money towards a planned trip out west this summer. Featured will be the musical talents of Boyne City High School students, as well as members of the troop modeling Girl Scout uniforms of yesterday, a silent auction supported by local merchants, and refreshments.

Guests are encouraged to wear their best Victorian hats and bring their favorite teacups. Prizes will be awarded.

Tickets available are limited to 100, purchased in advance. Cost is \$7.50 per person. For tickets, or for more information, call 582-2688.

**Summer
programs added
to Challenge
Mountain offerings**

After working with a ski program for 20 years, Challenge Mountain in Walloon has added summer programming for the physically disabled, mentally impaired or at-risk youth.

Volunteers have worked together to offer two water sports days, including sailing, canoeing and a picnic lunch, on Saturday, June 22, and Saturday, Aug. 3

Additionally, camping and hiking on the facility's brand new hiking trails will be offered on six dates, including the following: Friday, June 14, overnight camping, hiking; Friday, June 28, overnight camping, hiking; Wednesday, July 10-12, camping, hiking, horseback riding; Friday, Aug. 9, overnight camping, hiking; Friday, Aug. 23, overnight camping, hiking.

Challenge Mountain is seeking volunteers to assist with programs. Training classes are scheduled from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on April 6 for interested volunteers, beginning with first aid and safety skills. For more information, or to register, call 535-2141.

**Boyer Mountain
ranked among
'Top 75' resorts**

Golf Digest Magazine, a leading golf publication, has selected Boyer Mountain, along with Boyer USA properties Boyer Highlands and Bay Harbor, to be ranked among the "Top 75 Resorts in America," as listed in the March 2002 issue.

Golf Digest's panel of 700 raters

were asked to rank over 225 of the leading golf resorts in the country for the first time ever in the publication's history. Raters assigned scores of 1 (very bad) to 10 (absolutely perfect) in determining the top 75. A resort had to be named on at least 35 ballots to be included in the top 75.

Boyer Mountain features 36 holes of golf with the Alpine course and the Monument course. Future plans are underway for a new Grand Mountain Lodge, currently under construction, and a Pete Dye-designed golf course.

**County sheriff's
office participates
in snowmobile
initiative**

The first-ever multi-jurisdictional snowmobile initiative between Charlevoix County and Antrim County took place in February, including Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, and the Antrim County Sheriff's Office.

The agencies combined resources to focus efforts to the Mancelona/South 131 Trail. Results from the agencies show that over two days, officers made 245 contacts, including 90 verbal warnings for snowmobile infractions, including registration infractions and trespassing. One arrest was made for operating under the influence of liquor, and two for driving with suspended licenses. Also, during the weekend, a fugitive was caught while riding his snowmobile.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater anticipates additional enforcement programs in the counties.

BUSINESS BRIEF



Agents and staff are pictured here in front of the newly unveiled Boyne Realty sign.

Vacation Property Network partners with Boyne Realty

Boyer Realty and Vacation Properties Network have become real estate partners, expanding Boyer Realty's office and showroom locations to include Boyer City.

According to Boyer Realty Managing Associate Broker David Levy, the Boyer City office will complement Boyer Realty's successful northern Michigan network.

"We expect to enhance customer service and complete the synergy between Boyer Mountain and Boyer City offices," Levy said.

"The public will have ready access to information about our wide range of properties, from resort developments to in-town listings."

Boyer Realty was founded in the early 90s as a response to the steady growth of Boyer USA Resorts and the increasing need for real estate services. Vac-

ation Properties, originally founded as Ski & Shore in 1968, has been a consistent leader in sales of northwestern Michigan resort properties.

Concurrent to the partnership with Vacation Properties, Boyer Realty has also opened a sales center in the Bloomfield Hills Boyer Country Sports store, to connect Boyer's downstate customers with northern Michigan.

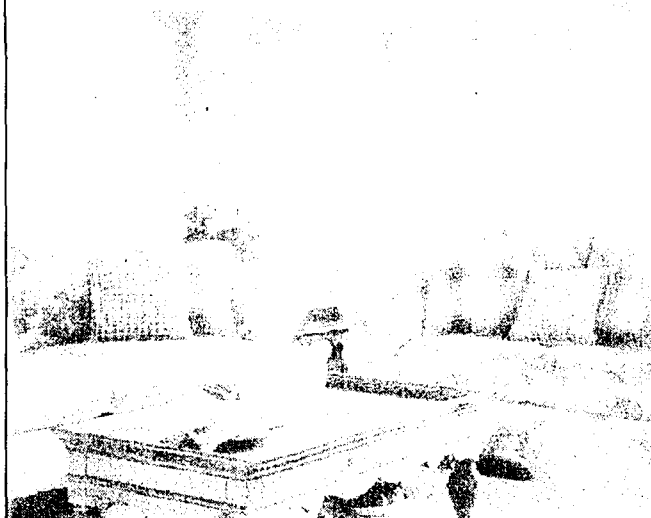
"We want to make it as convenient as possible for our customers to explore their real estate options," said Stephen Kircher, Boyer USA Resorts principal. "This expansion also enhances our strategic alliance with Vacation Properties Network."

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