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At A Glance

Old-time music is the order of the day at EJ Jamboree

On Saturday, March 1, the Jordan Valley Fiddler's Jamboree returns to East Jordan, with a jamboree and old-time square dance at the Jordan Valley Express.

The jamboree will be held from noon-5 p.m., with each fiddler afforded the chance to play three tunes at the microphone. Open mike time is 5-7 p.m., for back-up musicians who wish to perform. Square and round dancing will be held from 7-10 p.m.

All musicians of non-electrified instruments are welcome to attend.

Musicians and square dance callers are all asked to register at the door.

The is no admission price, but donations at the door will benefit a scholarship fund for local youths studying music. In recent years, scholarship money has been given to students attending Interlochen Arts Academy, Blue Lake Music Camp, McCune Arts Center, and private music lessons.

Each year scholarships are given to students who request them, and as funds allow.

The Fiddler's Jamboree is sponsored by the Jordan Valley Fiddler's Jamboree committee, whose mission is to promote and continue old-time fiddle music.

For more information, call Bill Stevens at (231) 547-9153 or Rod Stevens at (231) 547-5757.

Local residents to be featured on PACE TV programming

East Jordan schools will be well-represented on PACE TV programming this weekend.

East Jordan Elementary School enrichment coordinator Laura Reid will appear on the network's School Forum, to explain a special mentoring program that has been adopted for students. The program will air on Friday, Feb. 28, from 7-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 1, from 4-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 2, from 10-10:30 a.m.

Also, a group of East Jordan High School students will appear on PACE TV's Community Forum program, to discuss community service projects. The students to appear include Ashlie Bennett, Amanda Brewer, Kelcie Brock, Matt Dyer, Laurie Graham, Megan Luck, and Laura Walter. The program will air on Friday, Feb. 28, from 8-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 1, from 5-5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 2, from 11-11:30 a.m.

PACE TV is an educational television network sponsored in part by the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. PACE programming can be viewed locally on Charter Cable's channel 2.



Lending a hand

Firefighters from Boyne City, East Jordan, and Boyne Valley Township responded to calls for assistance at a fire in Elmira last week which destroyed the landmark Zarembo Equipment garage. The structure burned to the ground after a propane explosion. Firefighters from the local area, like the Boyne City firefighters shown here, were on the scene along with crews from Elmira, Gaylord, Charlevoix, Hudson Township, Alba, Mancelona, and Vanderbilt. No one was injured in the blaze.

photos by Vic Ruggles



Wait & see

State budget woes forcing area school districts to consider all options

Though area schools are bracing for the worst as preparations begin for the upcoming fiscal year, for now, it's a wait-and-see proposition.

With state budget woes calling for cuts in almost every area, per-student foundation grants will surely be among the casualties. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is recommending a pro-rated cut of 3.8 percent for the current year, and a much larger cut for the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Locally, the impact of such cuts could be far-reaching. "For next [school] year, everything will be open again" as a potential area to cut, said Boyne City schools superintendent Jim Cooper. "We're going to try to look at things as far removed from the classroom as we can."

For Boyne City schools, the foundation grant cuts are especially frustrating, coming as they do on the heels of the district's own budget woes that required, in the last fiscal year, significant cuts in order to ensure the financial health of the district. "It's a

see SCHOOL BUDGETS on pg. 3

Future of BC little league depends on volunteers

With spring just around the corner, many area families are looking forward to signing kids up for their annual round of little league play. In Boyne City, though, that annual tradition is not necessarily a sure thing; according to current board members, if volunteers don't step up to the plate, the local ballfields might not see much action this season.

As it currently stands, there are four committed Boyne City Little League board members, leaving the organization painfully short of the volunteer manpower it needs to function. "It's at a crisis point now," said longtime board member Pam Price, in her eighth year of little league involvement. Even with the four members, the board is short of a president and

vice president, two key roles needed to continue to move forward. "Even if we have 30 board members," Price said, "with no president or vice president," the league is not allowed to be active, under Little League regulations.

"We have, and always will, depend on volunteers," said board member Al Aown. "We're desperately low on volunteers. We need new people involved."

At this point, volunteer involvement, Price noted, is at an all-time low for the Boyne City league. Current board members have been involved for a number of years, and those whose children have outgrown little league have moved on. Unfortu-

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nately, the natural turnover one might expect has not been happening: parents of the younger players are, simply, not getting involved. "For the last year or two," she said, "we've actually had board members whose kids were too old to be playing," for lack of other volunteer help.

It's not that there's a lack of interest in playing, to be sure. According

to Price, in recent years more than 300 area kids have signed up to play each season. With only a handful of volunteers, however, the logistics of continuing to serve those players' needs is difficult.

"It's not just board members," Price said, "it's coaching, concession workers. We came to the conclusion that if people don't step up, we can't do it

by ourselves."

The benefits of Little League reach beyond those experienced by players, according to Price.

"During All Star time, we host tournaments in Boyne, which bring a lot of people to the community," Price noted.

Already this year, the area has missed a big opportunity, with the league forced to turn down the hosting of a state tournament, due to the uncertain future of the program.

"We were supposed to hold a state tournament this year," Price said, "but we told them we couldn't do it." The event would have brought players, and families, from all over the state

see LITTLE LEAGUE on pg. 9

Townships asked for input on possible ambulance merger

City and township officials from Charlevoix County gathered in Boyne City last week, along with emergency services representatives, to take part in an informational meeting regarding the possibility of creating an ambulance authority in the area. Organized by Boyne City commissioner Chuck Vondra, the meeting was the first of what proponents hope will be an ongoing dialogue about the possibilities of merging two or more of the county's four ambulance services into a single ambulance authority.

"This is the grassroots of the concept," Vondra said, opening the meeting.

The concept is a long way, he admits, from fruition.

"We have talked about the issue," he said of his own perspective from Boyne City. "No decisions have been made." The idea, however, stems from a desire to assure the long-term sustainability of not only the Boyne City Ambulance Service but others in the area who face the same logistical and budgetary constraints. Exploring

the possibility was likewise endorsed by East Jordan Ambulance director Jay Peck, who has gone on record with concerns over the ability of his own service to financially sustain the Advanced Life Support care it currently provides.

"We need to find ways to increase the number of paramedics and increase the number of volunteers," Peck said. An ambulance authority, he said, may be a way to reduce costs and share resources.

While the meeting was primarily informational, representatives from ambulance services in Boyne City, East Jordan, Charlevoix, and Beaver Island all stated that they were open to taking part in further research on the authority model.

"I don't know why Charlevoix wouldn't want to look into it," said Charlevoix city manager Mike Wiesner.

Some attending the meeting expressed skepticism regarding the need

see AMBULANCE on pg. 9



"Peter Pan" cast members at Boyne City High School are hard at work learning dance steps in preparation for the March 15 opening show.

Their moment in the spotlight

Boyne City and East Jordan school drama departments gearing up for spring productions

Staging their first production in the new Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center, both students and adults alike are feeling the pressure to deliver. "Everybody feels a little trepidation," said longtime drama director Bob Wollenberg of the first show in the new fa-

cility. "The kids have voiced it. It's like, 'if it's not really good here, it's really going to show.'"

If their grand opening showcase held in November of

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Spring productions

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2002 was any indication, it's likely that the group's production of "Peter Pan," scheduled for March 15, 16, 21, and 22, will nothing short of magic.

According to Wollenberg and his wife and co-director, Jackie, the new facility is the perfect setting for Pan, Jackie's "all-time favorite" Broadway show. With their previous venue being the cramped cafeteria stage at Boyne City Elementary School, until now, the show hadn't been a possibility. "As soon as we were able to step in here [during construction]," Wollenberg said, "we just looked at each other, and said 'Peter Pan.'"

The talent, to be sure, is there. "We have a plethora of girl talent," Wollenberg said, adding that with a leading man over six feet tall "that can sing" (senior Pat Cassidy), "we knew we had it." Lead cast members for Peter Pan include Mallory O'Brien in the title role; Betsy Weber as Wendy; Katie Grice as Tiger Lily; Cassidy as Captain Hook/Mr. Darling; Jon Hoaglund as John; Jeff Bonneville as Schmee; Christine Dixon as the head Lost Boy; and Marie Johnson as the nursemaid, Liza. Elementary student Brenton Fitzpatrick will portray Michael.

Shows are scheduled for Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m.; Friday, March 21, at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each, or \$10 for patron seats, which includes a donation to support the drama department. To purchase tickets, visit the high school

between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tickets are also available from 4-6 p.m. in the high school auditorium, or during regular business hours at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City.

For more information, call Sue Briedenstein at 439-8127.

IN EAST JORDAN, it's time once again for some quality spring theatre, to be provided by the EJ Thespians this year in the form of a production of "Annie Warbucks."

Performances are scheduled at the East Jordan High School auditorium on Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15, and Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. each evening. A matinee performance will also take place on Sunday, March 16 at 3 p.m.

The cost of admission is \$5 for adults, and \$4 for children and senior citizens. Tickets will be sold on one day only, Saturday, March 1, at 4 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Only 225 tickets are available per show. No phone reservations will be accepted.

As always, students grade 6-12 will take part in all aspects of the production, from acting to set creation to lighting and sound, under the direction of Paula Vollbach.

"Annie Warbucks" is a sequel to the enduringly popular musical "Annie." Having opened in 1993, "Annie Warbucks" picks up where "Annie" ends, continuing the young girl's adventure with new songs, new heroes, new villains, and new problems to be solved. Lead cast members this year include Katie Diller, Morgan Hefty, Ashley Kenney, Jessica Malfroid, Rodney McClung, Nina Peters, and



Boyne City's Mallory O'Brien, now a senior, will complete her long career with the BCHS drama department as the lead player in "Peter Pan."

Garrett Romero.

Supporting cast members include Alex Bayster, Tiffanie Bearden, Kim Beauvais, Melody Bishop, Darin Bluhm, Amanda Brewer, Dan Brooks, Tom Brown, Shelby Campbell, Josephine Cook, Carolyn Elliott, Kimberly Elzinga, Mandy Fish, Alex Gee, Chris Grose, Becky Grutsch, Donna Grutsch, Amanda Haney, Samantha Hartsough, Brooke

Hawley, Dale Henning, Whitney Hershberger, Courtney Jackson, Talon Kenney, Bridget Knight, Cecylia Krolkowska, Benson Massey, Tricia McClung, Samantha McKenney, Kayla Nierman, Alicia Oliver, Steffy Poindexter, John Renkiewicz, Paul Schneider, Ashley Skop, Crystal Stevens, Tassia Sweeney, Cayla Tinney, Levi Warnos, and Megan Warnos.

OBITUARIES

Jason H. Snyder

Jason H. Snyder, 89, died Jan. 29, 2003, at his winter home in Zephyrhills, Fla.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 1, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Jason, the youngest of five children, was born to William and Eva (Plumb) Snyder on Oct. 10, 1913, in East Jordan.

He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1931, and then attended Ferris State College.

He worked in the post office in East Jordan for 32 years.

Jason served in an Army Postal Unit for three and a half years during World War II and saw service in England, France and Germany.

Soon after his return from Europe, he married Lois Rude, also a native of East Jordan.

They had three children, a son, William John Snyder, and two daughters, Mary and Linda.

Jason loved music and shared his beautiful voice at weddings, funerals and in choirs.

For several years, he served as a

volunteer in the American Red Cross acting as a liaison between the U.S. Government and servicemen who needed to get home when emergencies occurred.

Jason was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; two sisters, and by his son, William, in 1978.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; two daughters, Mary (Kenneth) Michelsen of Petoskey, and Linda (Donald) Schoof of Charlevoix; his daughter-in-law, Starr Snyder Roan, of Fremont; five grandchildren, Jason Michelsen of Petoskey, Sara Michelsen of Traverse City, Jason Snyder of Fremont, and William Schoof and Laura Schoof, both of Charlevoix; and four great-grandchildren, Ian, Amber, Emily and David Michelsen, all of Petoskey.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 24, at Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Evangelical Lutheran Church or to Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly Charlevoix County Hospice).

Area Girl Scouts selling cookies

Cookie lovers in northwest lower Michigan will soon have an opportunity to purchase some favorite taste treats, as Girl Scouts from the Crooked Tree Council begin taking orders on Feb. 27. The girls will be canvassing local communities, including those in Charlevoix, Antrim, and Emmet counties, selling cookies

until March 13.

Cookies are \$3 per box, with eight favorite varieties offered this year. Customers can expect delivery beginning April 18.

A portion of the proceeds from the annual event will benefit local troops. For more information call (231) 947-7354 or 1-800-968-5030.

Theresa C. Gentile

Theresa C. Gentile, 91, of Boyne City, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, Feb. 21, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City. The Rev. Francis Partridge officiated. Burial was held in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Theresa was born on May 10, 1911 in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Fran and Felicia Perry Stancato.

She grew up in Pennsylvania and on July 31, 1932 she married Thomas Gentile. After their marriage they moved to Detroit.

Theresa came to Boyne City in 1976 to be close to her daughter.

Theresa was a member of St. Matthew's Church and the Garden Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Anita (Richard) Kuhs of Boyne City; one grandson, Brian (Katrina Dietze) Kuhs of Boyne City; and two great-grandchildren, Kiana and Kielar Kuhs.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas in 1966 and 10 brothers and sisters.

By the request of the family, memorial contributions may be given in Mrs. Gentile's memory to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Arrangements were made by Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.



Prom style

East Jordan Girl Scouts will host a Prom Fashion Show, to be held at East Jordan High School on Sunday, March 2, at 5 p.m. The event will feature students from EJHS modeling the latest styles. Refreshments will be served; a silent auction and door prizes will be featured. Top prizes include gift certificates from The Formal Affair. Tickets are \$5 each; for more information, call Connie Roberts at 536-7195; Pat Poineau at 536-2725; or Lois Huver at 536-2637.

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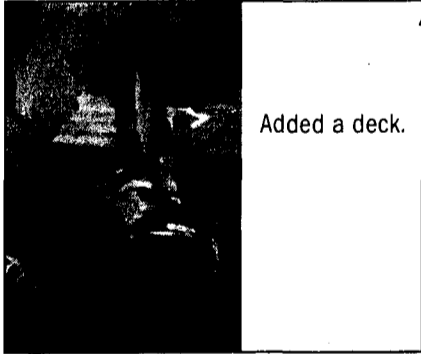
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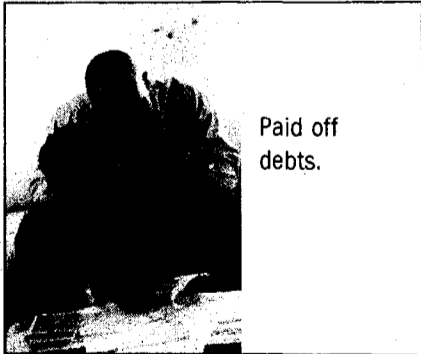
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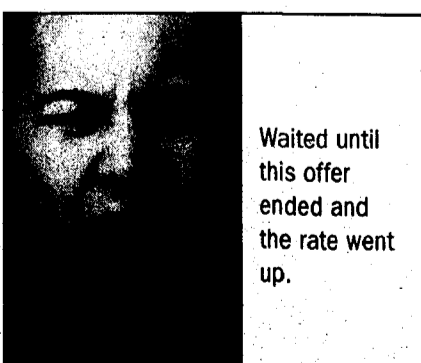
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Schools bracing for budget cuts

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little frustrating," Cooper said. "We made some pretty difficult decisions last year, and positioned ourselves so that we were comfortable that we were putting the district in as sound financial shape as possible." Now, he said, "through no fault of ours, we'll be told, not asked, to cut X amount of dollars," somewhere, he speculated, in the vicinity of 11.8 percent.

Part of the problem, he said, is that any amounts are, at this point, purely speculative. Though the governor will present her proposed budget in March of this year, legislators technically have until September to finalize it.

With the "difficult decisions" they're going to have to face, Cooper said, "I honestly don't see that happening before September."

In the meantime, school districts must present their own budgets in June. "We'll be proposing a budget without knowing what the revenue is going to be," he said. "Everyone is conscious of that."

In East Jordan, schools superintendent Chip Hansen is, along with staff, addressing the same issues, though from a slightly more comfortable vantage point. For the current year, the East Jordan School District expects to maintain a balanced budget, even with the prorated cuts.

"We had a surplus \$65,000 built into this year's budget anyway," Hansen said. "We typically budget revenues conservatively, and expenditures liberally."

That kind of proactive thinking is good news for East Jordan schools, but, Hansen said, that doesn't mean that for the upcoming year there won't be some tough issues as the budget process moves forward.

"There's no question there's going to be belt-tightening," Hansen said. The plan, he added, is to keep cutbacks confined "to areas that don't have a direct impact on the classroom. That is the highest priority for East Jordan Schools."

Though Hansen is confident that the district is in a good position to deal with the situation, it's certainly not the scenario he hoped to see going into the 2003-04 budget

process. "[Previously] we were expecting that next year it would be highly likely that the foundation grant would be frozen," he said. "Obviously, our fixed expenses would go up, and we'd have to tighten our belt to some degree." Now, Hansen said, a simple freeze "could be our best case scenario." And one that's not likely to come to fruition. "Either way," he said, "we'll certainly do our best to keep our programs and keep our people from being affected directly."

For Boyne Falls School, a 3.8 percent prorated cut for the current fiscal year would mean a reduction of funding to the tune of about \$31,000 for the school, with a future cut of 11.8 percent translating to \$91,000 less than the current year for 2003-04. "That's very significant," said Boyne Falls superintendent Mark Parsons. "A lot of schools are going to have to be very creative in how they calculate out next year's budget."

For his part, Parsons is looking at holding open planning sessions with the school board in order to get community input, as well as hosting town meetings to "explain where we're at and prioritize things."

"Everything," he said, is "being considered now. It has to be."

In Boyne City, Cooper said that while various routes of action are being considered, last year's round of cuts put the district in a position of making a decision about "how much further do we go with cuts,

how much do we try to rely on fund equity?"

"Fortunately, we do put money in a fund equity to rely on for these times," he said. "I think every school district in Michigan is facing [the possibility of tapping into that equity]."

While in the coming months, the budget process will examine "absolutely every line item" for possible cuts, in reality, Cooper concedes, "in some areas, you can only cut so much without affecting programs."

Ultimately, he believes, the district's proposed budget will be a "fine balance" between cuts and tapping into fund equity.

East Jordan, too, is in a unique position, having last fall passed a \$7.9 million bond issue for expansions and renovations of their three existing school buildings. Consequently, areas such as capital outlay may be easily reduced in the coming years, with the bond issue covering things like building improvements without drawing dollars out of the General Fund. "We'll be able to capture a lot of capital outlay dollars right out of the get-go, without affecting the upcoming year."

Hansen also has other hopes for the future of his district, based on encouraging signs from previous years. "The advantage we will have is that our district is a growing district," he said. "Hopefully, our district will continue to increase."



A piece of history

Boyne City native Royal Watkins donated a little piece of Boyne City's history to the Boyne District Library, an aerial photo Watkins, a pilot, took of the downtown area in 1955. The photo, which hangs in other area landmarks such as the Presbyterian Church and the American Legion Hall, will be hung permanently in the library. Watkins is shown here with library director Nannette Miller, left, and Boyne City mayor Eleanor Stackus.

BCHS hosting registration nights

In preparation for the 2003/2004 academic year, Boyne City High School is hosting a series of Next Year Registration nights.

During these events, parents will be able to work with their students in selecting course requests.

"The high school years of academic preparation are very important for our students," said Kevin King, counselor of Boyne City High School.

"There are many decisions and opportunities available during these years and through the cooperative efforts of parents and school staff, students can make better informed decisions."

Parents and students will receive information about student transcripts, graduation requirements, career pathways, Educational Development Plans, extracur-

ricular activities, groups and organizations, and complete information about all courses available by grade level.

During the evening, students will complete their Registration Planning Worksheet (their request for next year's classes.)

The Registration Nights will take place in the Boyne City High School Auditorium from 7-8:30 p.m. according to grade levels as follows:

- Tuesday, March 4 -- 2004 (next year's senior class);
- Wednesday, March 5 -- 2005 (next year's junior class);
- Thursday, March 6 -- 2006 (next year's sophomore class);
- Wednesday, March 12 -- 2007 (next year's freshman class).

For more information, call King at 439-8129.

POLICE REPORTS

East Jordan Police Department

The following information has been provided by the East Jordan Police Department.

Thursday, Feb. 13: Disorderly person on Maple Street; fraudulent activity on Water Street; assault and battery on Williams Street; illegal entry on Garfield Street.

Friday, Feb. 14: Operating under the influence of liquor arrest on North Lake Street; violation of burning or-

dinance on South Lake Street; car/dog accident on Third Street; assist Petoskey Police Department on Manning Drive.

Saturday, Feb. 15: Operating under the influence of liquor arrest on Elm Street; 911 hang-up on Garfield Street.

Sunday, Feb. 16: Parking wrong direction on Fourth Street; suspicious vehicle on Fifth Street; winter parking ordinance violation on Fourth

Street; assist citizen on Williams Street; assist citizen on Vance Street; found property, flag on Main Street.

Monday, Feb. 17: Speeding citation on Maple Street; possession of Marijuana arrest on Esterly Street; assist citizen on Water street; hit/run accident on Main Street.

Tuesday, Feb. 18: Alarm on North M-66; public relations on Maple Street; 911 hang-up on Maple Street; alarm on Mill Street; assist Ann Ar-

bor Police Department on Main Street; assist citizen on Echo Street; suspicious situation on State Street; assist citizen on Seventh Street.

Wednesday, Feb. 19: Winter parking ordinance violation on Second Street; winter parking ordinance violation on Main Street; larceny of cell phone on Seventh Street; delinquent minor on Nicholls Street; runaway/located on Manning Drive; harassment on Nicholls Street.

Boyne City Police Department

The following information has been provided by the Boyne City Police Department.

Monday, Feb. 17: Snowmobile found on private property; juvenile report from CD's Dot Com; juvenile runaway was later located.

Tuesday, Feb. 18: Hit and run accident reported; minor in possession of tobacco on school property; vehicle unlock at Max Car Wash.

Wednesday, Feb. 19: Suspicious situation at McDonald's; property damage accident at Boyne City Elementary School; hit and run accident

on Water Street; domestic dispute at Parkview Apartments; parking complaint on South Lake Street; lost cell phone; stolen vehicle reported white 1998 Ford escort wagon with Boyne City Rambler emblem in back window; assisted Boyne City Ambulance Department at Parkview Apartments.

Thursday, Feb. 20: Larceny from Boyne City High School locker; property damage accident report at Barden's Lumber; unlock of vehicle at high school; home check on Wenonah Street with open door; one arrested and transported to

Charlevoix County Sheriff Department; noise complaint and hang-up call to 911 at Parkview Apartments.

Friday, Feb. 21: Breaking and entering at warming house and hockey shed; property damage accident at corner of Water and Lake Streets; abandon vehicle reported at The Max Car Wash; unlock at Lexamar parking lot; assisted Montmorency Sheriff Department on runaway complaint; property damage accident in high school parking lot; unwanted person at home on North Park Street, officer escorted out.

Saturday, Feb. 22: Phone harassment complaint; Dilworth needing assists with noise; Atrium Inn for disorderly.

Sunday, Feb. 23: Assisted Michigan State Police on breaking and entering; hit and run at Glen's parking lot; vehicle unlock at Boyne City Food Mart; 911 check at Parkview Apartments; barking dog complaint in trailer park.

Arrest and citations: Non-sufficient funds arrest; bond condition; trespass; six speeding, no registration or proof of insurance; parking violation.

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



HEALTH TIPS FROM MEDICAP PHARMACY

COLD OR FLU?

Each flu season we get many calls asking how to tell if a person has a cold or the flu. Since treatments are different, it's important to know which one you have. If you have a sore throat, a runny nose, and a fever not exceeding 100 degrees, you probably have a cold. If you have a high fever and chills, your body aches and symptoms appear suddenly, you may have the flu. Ask us about over-the-counter medications to relieve cold symptoms and prescription antiviral medications that can lessen the severity of the flu.

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February 22

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WEIGHT WATCHERS

BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY MEETING

Join us for weekly Weight Watchers Meetings in your community

Registration/Week 1 Meeting

- DATE** Thursday, March 6, 2003
- TIME** Registration 5:30 P.M. Meeting 6:00 P.M.
- PLACE** Community of Christ Church, 777 Vogel St.

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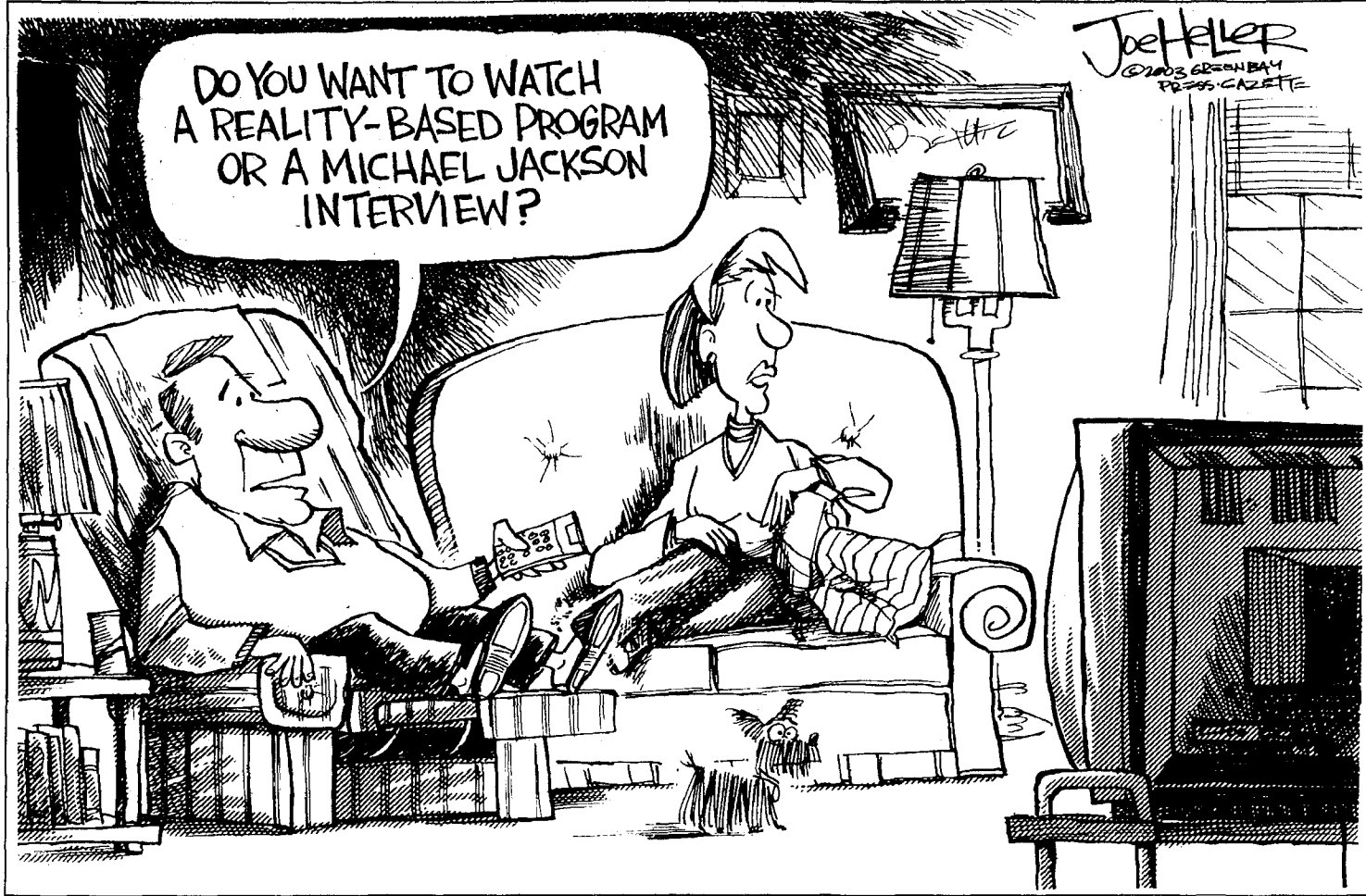
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OPINION



Garnet Rogers will perform at the Jordan River Art Center with special guest, Boyne City's Robin Lee Berry.

Folk musician Garnet Rogers to play at JRAC

The Jordan River Arts Council will host a concert featuring singer/songwriter Garnet Rogers with special guest Robin Lee Berry. The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 9, at 4 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan.

Rogers is an artist who has been hailed by the Boston Globe as a "charismatic performer and singer" and "one of the major talents of our time." His vocal and instrumental talents are complimented by a powerful physical presence, at close to six-and-a-half feet tall, with a "smooth, dark baritone" to match, according to the Washington Post.

His latest album, All That Is, contains poetic songs in the contemporary folk vein for which he is known. Rogers spent nearly a decade touring with his older brother, the late folk legend Stan Rogers, and has most recently been performing with Greg Brown in sold-out venues.

Opening for Rogers is local singer/songwriter Berry, a Michigan native who began her professional career in the folk clubs of East Lansing in the late 1970s. A resident of Boyne City for a number of years, Berry has continued her career performing, writing music, and recording three CDs. Most recently, she participated in Red House Records' CD Going Driftless, an artist's tribute to Greg Brown, joining Mary Chapin Carpenter, Ani DiFranco, Shawn Colvin, and others in compiling an album of Brown's songs.

Tickets for the East Jordan show are now available for \$10 apiece, at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan. Advance reservations can be made by calling 582-5057. Tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information, call the center at 536-3385. The event is smokefree.

Support sought for safety program

The Boyne City Volunteer Fire Department is organizing their annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for area children. Through the program, according to fire chief Dennis Amesbury, more than 550 children, ages 5-12, will receive educational fire prevention materials created for and geared to each specific age level. The comprehensive program includes fire safety guidebooks including activity pages to stimulate a child's awareness and independent thinking about everyday fire hazards. Various other safety booklets, folders, posters, and brochures are also made available.

The department is currently in the process of mailing sponsor request letters to area business, industry and professional leaders, seeking financial support to help cover the cost of materials. Amesbury stressed that this is the only program of this type that the Boyne City Fire Department will be conducting this year.

Those who do not receive a letter but would like to support the program can send a check made out to the National Fire Safety Council to the Boyne City Fire Department, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

EJ Senior Center holding annual quilt raffle event

The East Jordan Senior Center will hold its annual Quilt Raffle on Saturday, March 1, at 7 p.m. at the Fiddler's Jamboree at the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan. Tickets are available at the Senior Center on Main Street in East Jordan, and will be available at the Jamboree, for \$1 each, or six for \$5. Proceeds support activities at the center.

MANY THANKS

BCES students benefitted from dentists' visit

TO THE EDITOR:

The Boyne City Elementary School would like to extend a big thanks to local dentists Dr. Bruce Stewart, Dr. Robert Polleys and Dr. Bauer (retired) for volunteering their time to come into the Boyne City Elementary School

and check the oral health of all of the students.

It is this type of volunteerism that shows our children that the community cares. The students also see that it isn't that "scary" to visit the dentist and are reminded that it is a good idea to keep their teeth clean. The children learn that volunteering is a good thing to do, and they get

a brand new toothbrush in the deal.

The students' parents are sent a report of the condition of their student's teeth and recommendations for care.

Jean Odgers, RN, BSN
Boyne City Public Schools

Family grateful for support from community

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many friends, neighbors, coworkers and other individuals from throughout the Boyne City community and vicinity, who so kindly assisted us in so many ways after the recent death of our son, father, grandfather and brother, Mike McCleary.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to those who provided meals and food, floral tributes both before and at the memorial service, and for the many kind acts and words of sympathy which we have received throughout the week.

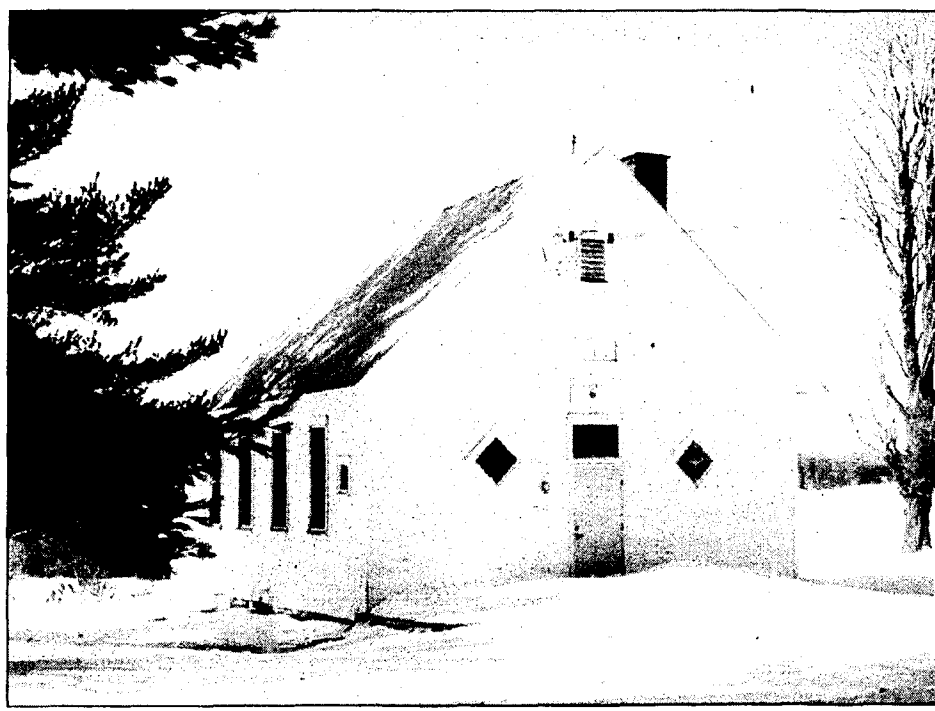
We especially wish to thank Reverend Robert Faulman for his words of comfort, Mr. David Beek of Stackus Funeral Home, and Jack and Marty McLeod of Boyne Avenue Greenhouse for their wonderful attention to detail.

In kindest regard,
Mr. Christopher McCleary and Family
Mr. Shawn McCleary and Family
Mrs. Caroline McCleary
Mr. Patrick S. McCleary

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

BETTY SHAVER recently returned home after spending the past month in California on vacation. While there she visited in Fresno with her son and family, which includes five-year-old twins. In Yreka Betty spent time with her childhood life-long friend. A highlight was an overnight stay at the Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort in Canyonville, Ore., with tickets for the Collin Raye stage show. In Fresno, snapdragons, pansies and poppies were in bloom. The mountaintops surrounding Yreka were covered with snow, along with frosty and cold night temperatures.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES go out to the family and friends of Michael McCleary and Theresa Gentile, both well-known Boyne City residents who passed away this past week, and also for long time resident, Margie Elzinga, who passed away over the weekend.

MERLE AND MARY CARSON have returned from spending the Valentine's Day weekend in Davison, to care for their grandchildren, Katie and Cameron Vobach, so Mom and Dad could attend the ballet "Swan Lake" in Toronto. All had a great time.

KATHY DAGLEY of Lapeer was here last weekend, to especially take her grandmothers, Evelyn Newville and Ruth Yahr, to the well-attended Hospice Benefit Concert held in the high school auditorium, featuring Boyne City resident

Marty Ward.

MICHELLE, KEITH AND DUSTIN ELLISON of Clio spent the last weekend with her parents, Dan and Norma Wilson on Stanek Road and enjoyed some snowmobiling while here.

SHAWN AND NATALIE MCCLEARY; Chris and Ericka McCleary with daughter, Riley and Patrick McCleary were all in town over the weekend and into the week due to the death of father and brother Mike McCleary which occurred on Saturday, Feb. 15. Other family members were expected to arrive later in the week from the southern part of the state.

LEONA AND CHARLIE STANEK, Ron and Bonnie Olund, Alan Olund and friend Treese and daughter Gabby spent Sunday in Curtis and shoveled the snow off the roof. Not as much snow up there as down here.

A BUSLOAD of Grandvuc residents were warmly welcomed by many old-time friends and neighbors as they came to join those enjoying lunch at the Boyne City Senior Citizen Center last Tuesday.

A BELATED Happy Birthday to Dave Bricker of Boyne City, who celebrated on Feb. 16. Another family birthday honored daughter Molly's special day on the 21st!

THE THIRD ANNUAL Great Lakes Burns Camp event at Challenge Mountain was a great

success. Three busloads of children, victims of burns, from throughout the state and volunteers numbered 110, taking part in this wonderful winter-time fun of a day of skiing, sledding and other outside activities on Saturday's beautiful day, sharing a great lunch too and all seemed to have a memorable time!

WANDA WAREZAK of Linwood and Judy (Gerrie) Bryant of Traverse City were among those attending the worship service at the United Methodist Church on Sunday's cold morning. They also went to Grandvuc to visit Wanda's mother, Vivian Heaton.

CARRIE AND JOE HAUGER of Boyne City welcomed the arrival of their second child, a daughter. Inanna Asha was born at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, and weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches in length. Inanna (pronounced Eeanna) has a sister, Cora, age 2. Grandparents are Robin and Dave Bricker of Boyne City and Pat and Joe Hauger of Levering. Great-grandparents are Darlene and Don Persons and the late Cal Bricker and Nancy and Jerry Adams, all of Boyne City.

STEVE MCGEORGE, son of Norm McGeorge of Boyne City, is progressing well since his recent transplant surgery of a kidney donated by his sister Stacy.

(To submit an item, call Nancy at 582-9174 or e-mail her at neighbors @gtlakes.com)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Josh Smith
PARENTS: John and Karol Smith
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, National Honor Society, weightlifting
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Football, weightlifting, spending time with friends
FUTURE PLANS: Vocational School for CAD
FAVORITE CLASSES: Drafting, Physics, and FST
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Josh does a great job in class," said Jennifer Richardson. "He's very intelligent and hard-working."



Josh Smith

"Josh always gives his best in class," said John Cross. "His positive attitude rubs off on others around him."
 "Josh is an extremely hard worker that always goes the extra mile," said Greg Bowden.

Boyne City

NAME: Kassie Bedford
PARENTS: Sherry and Ken Bedford
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Softball, pottery, SADD, fund-raising dinners, chili cook-offs, student aid, MYG (Michigan Youth in Government)
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hockey, reading, running, cooking, working and helping with animals, and watching cops and trauma life in ER
FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS: "I plan on going to MSU and becoming a veterinarian or going into law enforcement. I plan to play college softball and hockey."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Kassie is a hard working, pleasant person to have in class," said Mrs. Neidhamer. "She is a leader in the classroom, on the sports field and in 'real life.'" Congratulations, Kassie."



Kassie Bedford

Boyne Falls

NAME: Reggie Fiel
PARENTS: Gary and Diane Fiel
GRADE: Fourth
FAVORITE CLASS: Science
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Ride snowmobiles and bikes
FAVORITE SPORT: Baseball
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE BOOK: Mummies Don't Coach Softball
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Reggie Fiel is never satisfied with less than his best," said Mr. Book. "The quality of his work and his attentiveness in class shows that he cares about doing well and is willing to put in the necessary time and effort. He works and plays well with others and is a good group leader. He's going to go far!"



Reggie Fiel

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, March 6
 The Northwest Michigan Services Agency (NMHSA) in Petoskey will hold a March food distribution under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Boyne City Senior Center. The CSFP targets nutritionally at-risk mothers, infants, children, and senior citizens. For more information, call 347-9070 or 1-800-445-5518.

EJ SNO-MOBIERS BREAKFAST

Every Sunday
 The East Jordan Sno-Mobilers will be serving their Snow Lovers Breakfast through March 16 at the Clubhouse located on Mt. Bliss Rd. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$5 for adults, ages 5-12 cost \$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 the 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.

BOYNE CITY SCRAPBOOKING

Second Monday
 A Boyne City Scrapbooking Night will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room. Participants should bring own supplies. There is no fee to attend. For more information, call 582-1853.

EAST JORDAN OPEN GYM

Tuesdays
 The East Jordan Community Education adult open gym will meet every Tuesday through March 25, 7-9 p.m., at the East Jordan Elementary School gym. The cost for admission is \$1. No children or students will be permitted to play. You must be at least 18 years old to participate. Bring your own equipment. For more information, call 536-2250.

GRANDVUE AUXILIARY

Second Thursday
 The Grandvuc Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month, except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. Anyone interested in learning more about Grandvuc or volunteering is invited to attend a meeting or call Helen Deming at 582-6278.

KIWANIS OF BOYNE

Thursdays
 Interested persons are invited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie, and community service every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE

Thursdays
 A Service Officer will be at the Ameri-

can Legion Post #228 of Boyne City every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post or call 582-7811 at that time, Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

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, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. 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.

COLLEGE NEWS

DEANNA AVERY, ROGER COATES, AMY SEELEY, and **LINDSAY WHITLEY,** all of Boyne City, and **CAROLINE GOEBEL** and **NICOLE PECK** of East Jordan, were named to the dean's list of Grand Valley State University for the fall 2002 semester.

JEANIE LEWIS of Boyne Falls was named to the dean's honor list at Eastern Washington University for the fall 2002 term.

DAVID GRACE of Boyne City was named to the fall 2002 dean's list at Case Western Reserve University.

ANDREW MORIARITY, NIKOLE REWALD, MARY LAHTI, MATTHEW RADER, NICHOLAS RIEHL, STEPHEN RITTER, NISSA RYDER, and **KELLY WOODARD,** all of Boyne City, were named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Boyne City resident joins Huntington as vice president

Stephen Weber recently joined Huntington as Vice President and Community Banking Relationship Manager.

Weber's main responsibility is to provide commercial banking services to business customers and prospects in the Petoskey and Charlevoix market area.

Weber previously held senior level management positions in branch operations and business banking at FMB-Northwestern and subsequently at Huntington as a result of the 1998 acquisition of FMB-North-



Stephen Weber

western. Weber earned his Bachelor of Science degree in both finance and marketing from Eastern Illinois University.

He is currently a board member of the Lake Charlevoix Mariners.

In addition, he serves on the Charlevoix Area Hospital business and professional committee and the Boyne City Schools curriculum committee.

Weber and his wife, Nancy, live in Boyne City. They have a son and daughter.

Bill Sherman joins Fifth Third board of directors

Fifth Third Bank Northern Michigan has announced that Bill Sherman, President and CEO of Burnette Foods, Inc., recently accepted an invitation to join the Board of Directors.

Burnette Foods, Inc. is both a grower and processor of shelf stable fruit and vegetable products for the retail grocery trade.

The company maintains its corporate headquarters in East Jordan, and has three factories in Michigan located in East Jordan, Elk Rapids and Hartford.

Established in 1958, Burnette Foods was started by

Sherman's parents when they purchased an East Jordan cherry orchard. Today Sherman and his two brothers are the company's primary stockholders, with five of their seven children employed at the business.

Sherman has been an active community volunteer, and is a past member of several area boards of directors including the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Board, the Charlevoix Area Hospital board, the Charlevoix County United Way board and the Charlevoix - Emmet Intermediate School District board.

Tai Chi classes to be offered in Boyne City

Local resident and businessperson Meg McClorey is offering Tai Chi classes in the month of March. McClorey, who has run Fire & Clay Pottery in Boyne City since 1999, is an Alexander Technique teacher and Tai Chi practitioner.

Workshops will be offered in the Alexander Technique, Tai Chi and movement awareness, as well as pottery.

Tai Chi classes will begin on Tuesday, March 4, studying the Tai Chi Yang "short form."

The emphasis in these classes, according to McClorey, is health-based, intended to reduce stress and increase flexibility.

Classes will focus on learning to "center," ease and fluidity of movement, and breath.

McClorey's classes will be held March 4, 11, 18, and 25, at 7 p.m. at 207 River St., in Boyne City.

The cost is \$28 for four classes. For more information, call McClorey at 582-7689, or e-mail her at megpots@voyager.net.



photo by Vic Ruggles

A group effort

Friends of the Jordan River Watershed members gathered at the Jordan Valley District Library over the weekend to officially unveil their newly published resource book, *Jordan Valley Voices*, written cooperatively by FOJ members. Pictured here at Saturday's book signing event are, back row from left, Terry Ryan, Bob Sayer, John Richter. Front row: JoAnne Beemon, Linda Beers Aydrott, Peggy Midener.

SERVICE BRIEFS

Coast Guard Seaman **BARBARA J. WYSOCKI** recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Wysocki is a 2000 graduate of Fairview Area High School of Fairview, Mich.

She is the daughter of Holly E. Finnerty of East Jordan and Stuart R. Wysocki of Fairview.

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Brad Vazales
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East Jordan falls behind early in loss to Elk Rapids

Elk Rapids left no doubt in the minds of East Jordan fans why it shares the top spot in the Lake Michigan Conference, as it defeated the Red Devils 80-54 last Friday in the team's final home game of the season.

Elk Rapids jumped out to an early 28-12 lead after the first quarter and never let East Jordan back into the game, even though the Red Devils matched the Elks basket for basket in the second and third quarters.

"We knew going in that this was going to be a battle," said East Jordan head coach Lance Bailey. "They are big, strong and fast. I was proud of how the kids played and taking away the first quarter we were extremely competitive."

"We played real strong man-to-man defense and attacked the basket. They are just a tough matchup for us and Jeff Wierzbicki gave us trouble once again."

Kyle Daneff led East Jordan with 19 points, Kevin Roberts scored 15 and Jon Reese had nine.

"It was the last home game for our seniors and I thought they played their hearts out and went out with class," Bailey said. "We

want to say thanks to our parents and fans for the support this season as it has been tough at times, but also has been rewarding in many ways."

Earlier in the week, the Red Devils traveled to Glen Lake and it might have been the long trip that had an impact on their play as they lost 68-47.

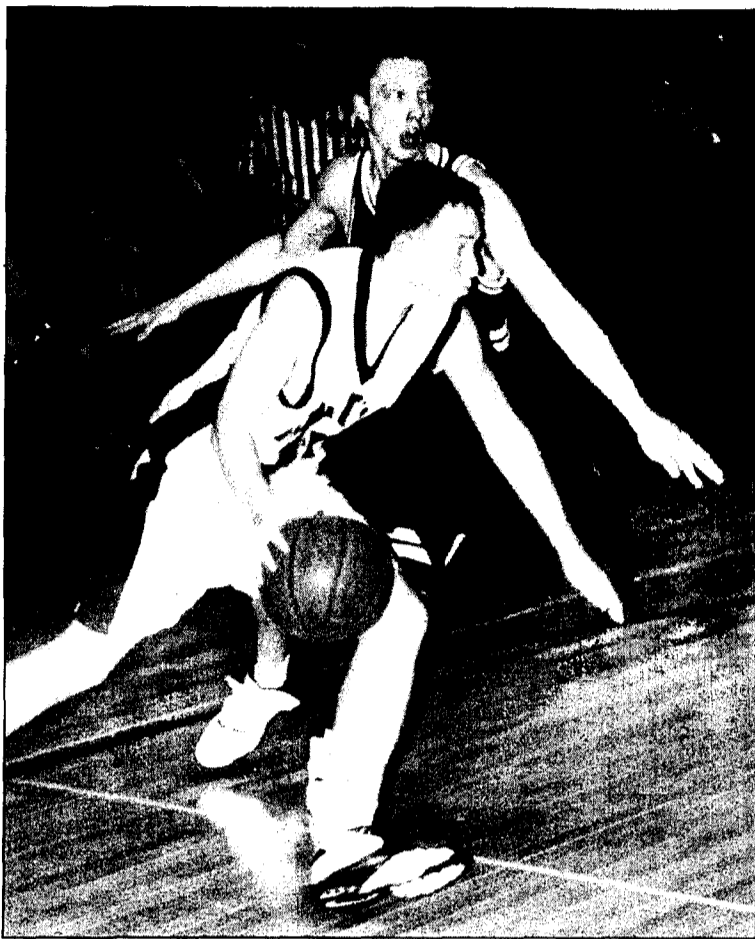
The first quarter was another nightmare for the Red Devils as they were down 17-5. They held their own in the second quarter, but the third period was another disaster as they were outscored 23-8 and trailed Glen Lake 57-28.

"I was disappointed in our mental approach to this game," Bailey said. "I'm not sure if it was the travel or what, but we didn't show up to play."

"We were outrebounded two-to-one and shot 10 of 27 from the free throw line which indicates we weren't mentally in the game. It was a long night."

Reese led the Red Devils with 15 points and Daneff scored eight.

The Red Devils close out their regular season Friday when they played at Harbor Springs. On Tuesday, they played at Boyne City.



Beau Detcher finds an opening along the baseline and takes advantage of it as he drives to the basket.

Ramblers give Charlevoix their best shot

The team played hard. The gym was full. The game was exciting. All the elements of what makes high school basketball so appealing was on display last Friday when Boyne City hosted Charlevoix.

Unfortunately for the Ramblers, the score did not favor them as they lost 61-45. The score, however, does not indicate how close the game was.

The Ramblers won the first half, leading 24-22 at the break, but the second half belonged to Charlevoix.

"We didn't have a good third quarter," said Boyne City head coach Tim Smith. "We had too many turnovers."

The Ramblers also struggled at the free-throw line and missed several easy shots — two problems they have had all season. The Ramblers shot only 12 of 24 from the line and missed several key free throws in the final period.

"We really had a great effort out of our kids," Smith said. "We played tough defensively. We held our own."

Smith had high praise for the play of Brenton Rozycki and Brett Moore. Rozycki was a dominating presence under the boards, grabbing 10 rebounds to lead the team. Moore had nine points.

"It was nice to see the gym full with both communities supporting their teams," Smith said. "I really enjoyed coaching a game like this. There is a tremendous amount of respect between players and coaches."

The Ramblers closed out their season Tuesday when they hosted East Jordan in their final regular season game. Then they host next week's district tournament.



Loggers roll to three more wins

BY MANDA SEWEJKIS
Student Writer

Can anyone stop the Boyne Falls Loggers? That's a question a lot of people are asking, and so far, the task has proven to be a difficult one.

The Loggers completed a busy

week of action with wins over Alanson, Pickford and Central Lake to improve their record to 16-1 overall and 9-1 in the conference. The Loggers traveled to Alanson Feb. 18 for a non-conference game and earned an 84-73 win.

Matt Skop was a vital asset as he

scored 21 points, and was 9 of 10 from the free throw line. Nate Burks scored 15 points. Josh Jarema added to the free throw percentage, as he made all six of his attempts. Archie Griffin and Skop each had six rebounds. Griffin also had three steals, and Josh Gasco blocked two shots.

The first quarter was tight, and the Loggers went into the second quarter only up by three points. Then the Loggers stepped it up and ended the first half with a 46-25 lead — a lead they never relinquished.

The Loggers then hosted Pickford on Friday in another non-conference game. Griffin led the Loggers to the 56-41 victory, scoring 13 points to go along with four assists and four steals. Skop had 12 points and eight rebounds, while Josh Blackwell had seven rebounds.

Boyne Falls took an early 19-10 lead after the first quarter and never

looked back.

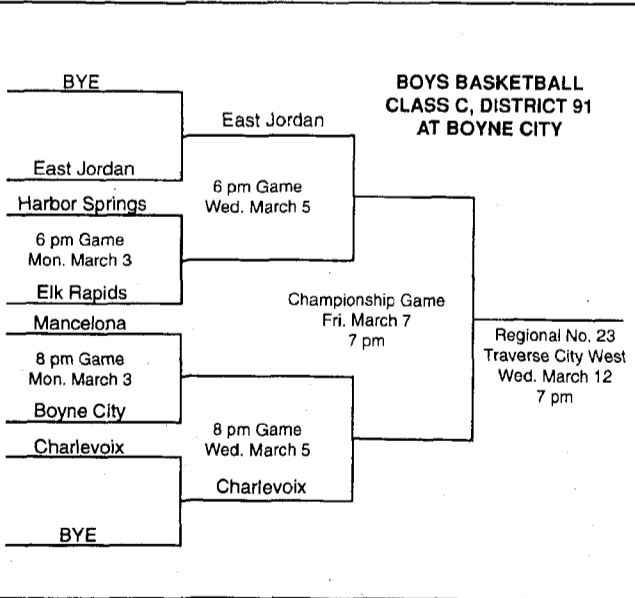
Less than 24 hours later, the Loggers were on the road to Central Lake for a rare Saturday game. Griffin led in scoring with 18 points. Blackwell had six rebounds. The game was close from start to finish, with the two teams tied 38-38 at the half.

The second half was just as intense and the victory was not sealed until Griffin made two free throws with just seconds remaining.

In JV action, Boyne Falls lost to Alanson 83-60. Dan Clark had 14 points and Shawn Kilmer 13 to lead the team. Against Pickford, the Loggers lost 79-42. Clark led Boyne Falls with eight points. The Loggers also lost to Central Lake 45-37. Clark had seven points to lead the team.

Boyne Falls will play in the district tournament in Wolverine; the game schedule was not available at press time.

Logger Archie Griffin, far left, puts one up for Boyne Falls. At left, Boyne Falls' Demetrius Burks fights for possession against Central Lake last week.



Boyne City hosts district tournament

A new season dawns for the Boyne City Ramblers when they host the Class C District 91 boys basketball tournament next week.

Joining Boyne City at the district tournament are East Jordan, Charlevoix, Mancelona, Elk Rapids, and Harbor Springs.

The tournament opens Monday with games scheduled for 6 and 8 p.m. The semifinals will be played Wednesday at 6 and 8 p.m. and the championship game is Friday at 7 p.m.

The winner of the district tournament will move on to the region 23 tournament at Traverse City West High School.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and students. Tickets are available from each schools' athletic office. They will also be available at the door. The gym will be vacated between games on Monday and Wednesday.



Air . . . plane?

There were no air balls at Friday night's basketball game at Boyne City High School, but there were plenty of airplanes . . . paper ones, that is. The half-time paper plane tossing was part of a fund-raiser for the Boyne City All School Boosters. Participants purchased the planes, then attempted to win prizes by flying them into baskets set up on the court. Proceeds will benefit Booster programs for Boyne City schools.

photos by Vic Ruggles





The East Jordan-Charlevoix girls team includes, front row from left, Brenna Bergmann, Kelsely Poineau, Margaux Rowley, Cecilia Krolikowska, Claire Niewendorf, Michelle Fritsch. Back row: asst. coach George Peet, Elizabeth David, Katie Diller, coach Susan Miller. Not pictured: Kristin Dupuis.

EJ-Chx skiers earn academic honors

The East Jordan-Charlevoix girls high school ski team has been named the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association (MHSSCA) All Academic Team, for achieving the highest overall grade-point average in the state of Michigan. The honor was earned among Class B-C-D schools, but the girls' combined grade point average of 3.801 was actually higher than even the top school in the Class A category. Members of the girls team are Claire Niewendorf, Margaux Rowley, Brenna Bergmann, Katie Diller, Michelle Fritsch, Cecilia Krolikowska, Kelsely Poineau, Elizabeth David, and Kristin Dupuis.

In addition to their academic honor, the girls qualified for the B-C-D State Ski Finals this year, and were scheduled to ski on Monday, Feb. 24, at Nubs Nob.

The team skied in the high school League Championship Meet at Nubs Nob on Feb. 19, with the girls taking third overall and the boys taking second. Receiving All Conference honors for the East Jordan-Charlevoix team in the slalom were Margaux Rowley and York Smith. All Conference in the giant slalom were Rowley, Smith, and Taylor Fisher. All Conference honorable mentions were earned by Claire Niewendorf, Patrick



The East Jordan-Charlevoix boys team includes, front row from left: Chad Johnson, Taylor Fisher, Mike Dupuis, Andrew Mallory. Back row: assistant coach George Peet, Matthew Malpass, Patrick Teske, Lawrence Reiser, Billy Brodin, Cameron Attee, coach Susan Miller.

Teske, and Fisher in the slalom, and Niewendorf, Michelle Fritsch and Mike Dupuis in the giant slalom.

The East Jordan-Charlevoix boys ski team placed fifth in the state for Class B-C-D schools in academic ranking by the MHSSCA, with a

combined grade point average of 3.365.

Members of the boys team include Matthew Malpass, Lawrence Reiser, Andrew Mallory, York Smith, Patrick Teske, Taylor Fisher, Mike Dupuis, Cameron Attee, Billy Brodin.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Boyne Mites

The Boyne Area Hockey Mite team played host to the Cheboygan Kiwanis Mite team on Sunday, Feb. 16. In the first of two games, the Avalanche lost 5-3.

Travis Porter was in net, backed by the defensive efforts of Aaron Clark, Reilly Philliben, and Trey Reinhardt. After a scoreless first period, Boyne came back from a 3-0 deficit when Spencer Bajko scored in the second period with the assistance of Mitchell Carlson.

Bajko earned a hat trick by adding two more goals in the third period, one unassisted and one assisted by Carlson, to tie the game at 3-3. Cheboygan, however, answered the goals with two more of their own to clinch a 5-3 win.

The second game ended in a 1-1 tie. Mitchell Reynolds was in net allowing only one goal with 14 shots on net. Tyler Messina tallied his first-

ever goal with Bajko assisting in the second period of the game.

The Mites are sponsored by Subway.

Boyne Midgets

The Boyne Area Midgets, sponsored by B.C. Pizza, played four games last weekend.

The weekend began with a 9-0 loss to Gaylord, followed by a 10-1 victory over Traverse City.

The weekend concluded with 4-2 and 4-1 victories over Alpena, thanks to strong goaltending by Bobby Courtright. Goals and assists earned for Boyne were Tyler Kalbfleisch, Jake Gusmano, Stephen Cahoon, Justin Conklin, Eli Barsity, Chris Grice, Tyler Barsity, Josh Aown, and Ryan Hennessy.

Strong performances were contributed by Gabe Korthase, Scott McDowell, Keith Dafeo, Josh Black, Josh Grove, and J.P. Fiedorek.

BC Little league future depends on volunteers

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to Boyne City for several days of play.

"It is a lot of money for the community," Price said of the revenue generated by the tournaments. "Last year we held three [in Boyne City]. We had people from Traverse City, Grayling. Some stayed in town. A lot of people camped. It did impact the community."

In addition to the loss of revenue, the community's efforts to create new fields, recently completed at Rotary Park, could be in vain. "For those new fields to not be used would be a sad thing," Price said. "They could be empty all spring."

The timeframe for action is a short one, at this point, with the time already passed when registration would normally take place for the

spring season. The year wholly "depends on volunteers," Price said. "We're already two weeks behind on getting started."

Though a president and vice president for the board are crucial, other board members and volunteers are also direly needed. "The more board members we have, the easier it makes it," she said. Volunteers are also needed to coach and work concessions, and paid positions of umpire and field maintenance are also available. Umpires, Price said, need not be parents; "they can be a grandparent, uncle or aunt. We've even tried to get high school-age kids."

For more information, or to volunteer, call one of the following board members by March 1: Price at 582-7269; Al Aown at 582-2646; Sherry Bedford at 582-9411; or Bob Courtright at 582-0905.

Ambulance meeting

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those services like East Jordan and Beaver Island who are already running Advanced Life Support, or ALS services. "What does the City of East Jordan have to gain and the townships [who are already served by East Jordan EMS] have to gain?" said Bob Christensen. "We have a good ambulance service over there."

"Basically," answered Peck, "it's sustainability. We have two full-time paramedics. To continue operating ALS, we need more full-time staff. We have the same concerns as Boyne City does."

Ultimately, though, Vondra told those attending that he "don't have

all the answers tonight." East Jordan commissioner Jerry Cihak, who has been appointed to represent the City of East Jordan on a committee to research the ambulance issue, added that the only commitment they're looking for now is whether or not all involved parties want to take the next step in researching the possibilities. "Maybe none of us want it, maybe everybody wants it," Cihak said, adding that at this point, gathering information is the only goal.

The next step, Vondra said, will be to get the four ambulance services together in order to define areas that need further inquiry, after which another meeting will be set.



Hockey winners

Members of the Northern Travelers Bantam A hockey team, which includes Brad Boyer of Boyne City, won the District 7 Championship game recently in Traverse City. The team will represent their district in the state playoffs.

Snow fun

Boyne Falls kindergarten and first grade students took an hour out of their busy schedule last week to celebrate a temporary weather warm-up by creating snowmen. Pictured here with their handywork are, from left, Kathryn Miller, Jade Matelski, Andrea Reynolds, Emily Matelski, Calsey Matelski, and Jennelle Roberts.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
File No. 89-8969-CG
Hon. Frederick R. Mulhauser
In The Matter of MARK V. COULTES, DECEASED
NOTICE FOR EXECUTION SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Pursuant to a Request and order to Seize Property issued by the 7th Probate Court to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department in favor of the Estate of Mark V. Coultres, deceased, as plaintiff, and against Sandra K. Jozwiak, as defendant, dated the 21st day of August, 2002, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, on the 28th day of August, 2002, levied upon all the right title and interest of the defendant in the following real estate:
In the Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan to-wit: The North Half (N-1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE-1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE-1/4) of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres more or less, commonly known as 04515 and 04545 Woodin Road, Vanderbilt, Mich. 49795.
Public notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of March, 2003 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all right, title and interest of the defendant in the real estate described above. The sale will be held at the main entrance of the Charlevoix County Building, in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.
Dated: Jan. 20, 2003
Amer & Banner, P.C.
110 Water St., P.O. Box 100
Boyne City, MI 49712
By: Robert A. Banner (P44709)
Attorneys for the Estate of Mark V. Coultres, Deceased

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE
Charlevoix County
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Bryan D. Honeysett and Suzanne Honeysett, husband and wife to FMB-Northwestern Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 13, 1997, and recorded on March 17, 1997, in Liber 313, on page 445, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, by an assignment dated Aug. 1, 2000, and recorded on Feb. 27, 2001, in Liber 409, on Page 478, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR AND 05/100 dollars (\$26,754.05), including interest at 6.26% 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 mortgage premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 o'clock a.m., on March 21, 2003.
Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as: Northerly portion of Lot 6, described as: beginning at a concrete monument at the Northeast corner of Lot 6, Fisher's Maple Ridge according to the plat thereof recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Mich.; thence along the Westerly line of Ranney Road South 09 degrees 31'14" East 305.62 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 83 degrees 22'36" West

437.73 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence along the Westerly line of said Lot 6 North 11 Degrees 41'54" West 255.20 feet to a concrete monument at the Northwest corner of said lot; thence along the North line of said Lot North 89 degrees 51'56" East 436.00 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Lot 6 Fisher's Maple Ridge. Also 1988 Holly Park 14x70 Ser #01CPC21251 which is permanently affixed to the land.
The redemption period shall be 12 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 90 days from the date of such sale.
Dated: Feb. 12, 2002
GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee
Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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Charlevoix County
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: James L. Hankins, a single man and Patricia A. Valchansky, a single woman to The Huntington National Bank, successor by merger to FMB-Northwestern Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 13, 1997, and recorded on June 18, 1997, in Liber 317, on page 0785, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY NINE THOU-

SAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 91/100 dollars (\$79,819.91), including interest at 8.25% 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 mortgage premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 o'clock a.m., on March 21, 2003.
Said premises are situated in Township of Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:
Situated in the Township of Bay, Charlevoix County, Mich., described as: commencing at the West 1/8 post of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 34 North, Range 6 West; thence North along the West line of section, 33.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North along said West section line 208.75 feet; thence East parallel with the South 1/8 line 208.75 feet; thence South parallel with the West section line 208.75 feet; thence West section line with said 1/8 line 208.75 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section 33.
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. 13, 2002
The Huntington National Bank, successor by merger to FMB-Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee
Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James L. Dvorak and Amy B. Dvorak, Husband and Wife (original mortgagors) to Bank One N.A. Mortgagee, dated April 5, 2000, and recorded on May 2, 2000 in Liber 387 on Page 285 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated Sept. 11, 2000, which was recorded on Feb. 12, 2001, in Liber 408 on Page 115 Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN AND 30/100 dollars (\$100,787.30) including interest at 7.950% 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 11a.m., on March 28, 2003.
Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BAY, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as:
Beginning on the West line of Section 21, Town 34 North, Range 6 West, 664.4 feet North of the Southwest Corner of said Section; thence North on the West line of said Section 332.2 feet; thence East 1321.37 feet to an iron stake on the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence South along said West 1/8 line 333.33 feet to an iron stake; thence West 1321.38 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 34 North, Range 6 West.
The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.
Dated: Feb. 26, 2003
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL Team J (248) 593-1311
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 1250 Boyne Avenue
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 Kenneth G. Bernthal, Pastor
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 582-2551
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