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At A Glance

Fireworks Feast will benefit JV Freedom Fest

The Jordan Valley Freedom Festival committee will host a Fireworks Feast at Lumber Jack's Restaurant on Monday, March 10, from 5-8 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will support the Freedom Festival fireworks, a highlight of the annual festival.

The cost is \$8.99 for adults, and \$3.99 for children.

For more information, call Gina or Larry Oliver at 536-9886.

Boyer Falls holding auction of computers

Boyer Falls School will hold a silent auction on several older computers on Thursday, March 13, from 3:15-5:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Computers are five to six years old, and are being sold due to smaller memory and hard drive components.

For more information, call the school at 549-2211.

EJ resident to be featured on PACE TV

Kim Prebble will be featured this weekend on PACE TV's School Forum program.

Prebble was honored in January as East Jordan's Citizen of the Year. The program will air from 7-7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 7, from 4-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, and from 10-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 9.

PACE TV is an educational television network sponsored in part by the Char-Em ISD. Locally, PACE programming can be viewed on Charter Cable's channel 2.

EJES holding Harry Potter book pre-sell

East Jordan Elementary School is pre-selling the fifth Harry Potter novel, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," through March 14.

The book is \$29.99 plus tax, and those pre-ordering will receive a free baseball cap. Proceeds will benefit the Scholastic Book Fair. For more information, call 536-0053, ext. 5108.

BCMS to hold conferences

Boyer City Middle School will hold second semester Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, March 11, from 12:30-6 p.m. and Thursday, March 13, from 5-9 p.m.

The conferences are not connected to a report card period, but rather will focus on progress, discussion of plans for the rest of the year, and, in the case of eighth graders, discussion of the transition to high school. For more information, call the school at 439-8200.

Motel a possibility for downtown EJ

By JANENNE IRENE PUNG

When snowmobilers ride the Jordan Valley Trail, many of them must start and end their day someplace other than East Jordan.

Although the trail runs through the community, which welcomes the sport, there are currently only 19 overnight rooms available at two small motels and one bed and breakfast, according to the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce.

A group of local investors is hoping to change that. They have a purchase option on downtown property with plans of constructing a 50-room motel. A professional feasibility study says it can be done.

"We want this to be an integral part of the community, to blend in with our nature-based tourism," said Barb Worgess, owner of Jordan Valley Accounting and spokeswoman for the group that is more than 12 investors strong.

The vision involves building a locally-owned motel where people can stay for an affordable rate and still enjoy amenities such as an indoor pool, a view of Lake Charlevoix's south arm, in-room jacuzzis, a warm and friendly common space where multiple guests can visit in front of a fireplace, conference and banquet facilities, and a catering kitchen.

"It's our expectation that when you look at it, you won't think of a motel

you'll think of a lodge," Worgess said. "To us, the key is the aesthetic appearance."

The property under option by the group is 4.5 acres at the end of Main Street, between the East Jordan Co-op and B.C. Pizza, and at the head of the Jordan Valley Snowmobile Trail. Known as the Thorsen Property, the land once housed a lumber company and has been vacant since the aging building was demolished. The main question involved in developing the land is: Can it hold the weight of the new structure? The property is wet and has a marsh-like quality as it reaches out where Lake Charlevoix's

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East Jordan resident Barb Worgess feels that as a trailhead, the city needs to offer more overnight accommodations.

Melrose fire hall plan finds support

Melrose Township officials presented a proposal for a new township fire hall at a special meeting last week. The plans, said township supervisor Mike Webster, met with resounding approval from the 35 or so residents present.

The proposed fire hall would build upon the current fire hall, located on M-75 in the village of Walloon Lake, including a 5,900-square-foot addition, which would bring the total square footage to about 8,300. The addition would include two new firetruck bays, a 55-foot by 25-foot meeting/training room facility, basic kitchen facilities for small community functions, two offices for the township and one for fire service. The plans also include space for the Walloon Post Office to continue operation until a permanent location is secured.

In total, the plans will require the township to take out a low-interest loan for \$987,000 to be paid over 30 years with a voted millage, anticipated to be a maximum levy of 1 mill. This, Webster said, would translate to about \$50 per year for a taxpayer with

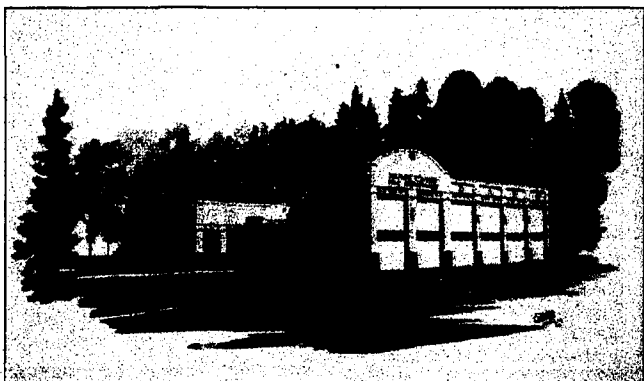
\$100,000 of taxable property value. The amount, he added, may be reduced further depending on additional grant money, and possible project cost reductions. The tax levy is evaluated annually, and only levied to the extent necessary to service the debt.

The need for an expanded fire hall, according to Webster and township fire chief Dennis Howard, is undeniable. "We were in need mode," Howard said, even before the post office took up residence in one of the bays after losing the lease on its own building last year.

Currently, the fire department is storing fire apparatus off-site due to lack of space, and the existing meeting/training room doesn't provide adequate space for many of the group activities required by emergency services, including homeland security training and usage. Additionally, the township is currently without an actual meeting hall, which has been designed into the fire hall plans being proposed.

The plans as proposed include foot-

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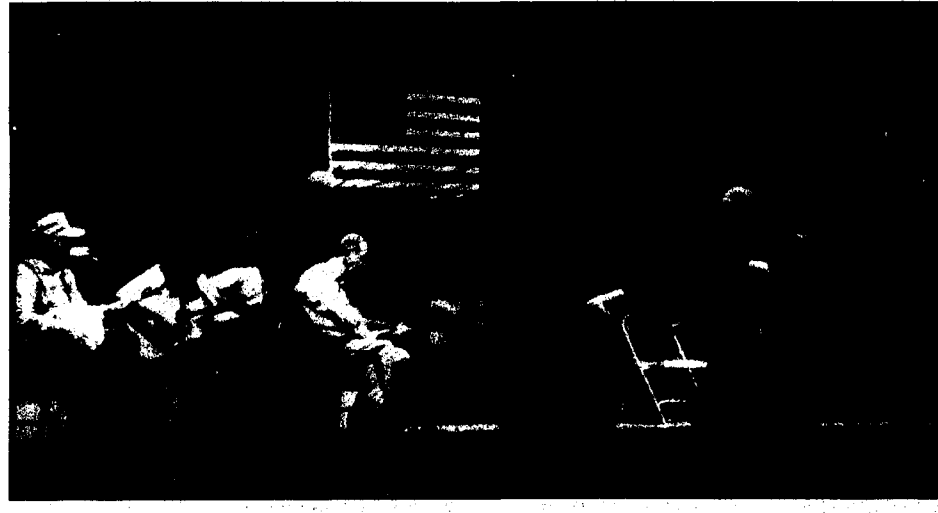
If all goes well, a bond election will be held for the proposed Melrose Township fire hall, above, in May.



Fiddlin' around

The Jordan Valley Express was filled with old-time music and fun last weekend, as fiddlers and musicians from all over northern Michigan gathered for the annual Jordan Valley Fiddler's Jamboree. The event draws fiddlers of all ages, like Dick Shuman and his granddaughter Kathleen Russell, at left, of Bay Shore. Below, each fiddler has the benefit of an ever-changing group of supporting musicians.

photos by Vic Ruggles



Get 'hooked'

Local sponsorships sought to participate in the American Red Cross' 'Great Northern Fish-In'

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan is hoping to "hook" some willing sponsors and artists to create some unique objects d'art for what's been dubbed the Great Northern Fish-In.

The Boyne Area and East Jordan Area chambers of commerce have been tapped to help drum up interest in their respective business communities. "I think [the Boyne community] should definitely be part of this," said Boyne Area Chamber director Scott MacKenzie. "There's going to be some national press on this. It'll be good for the whole region."

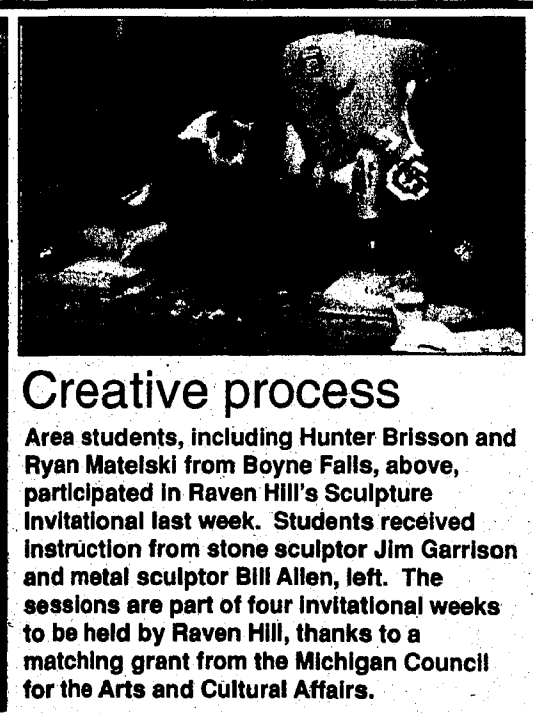
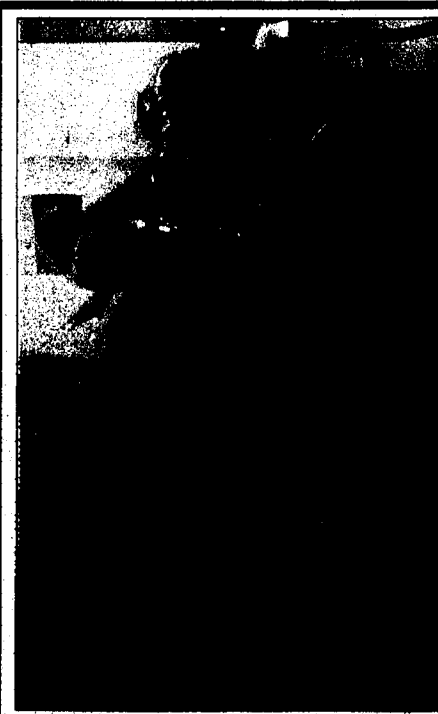
The event also provides an opportunity for cooperative efforts be-

tween various elements of the community; currently, for instance, MacKenzie cites a possible partnership between several local civic groups to sponsor a fish, to be designed by the Boyne City High School art department. "I'd love to have a sponsor for Concord Academy Boyne [to design a fish for] and I'd love to have a sponsor for Boyne Falls School," MacKenzie said.

Sponsorships are available on three levels, titled, in keeping with the fishy theme, "The Fingerling," "The Keeper," and "The Trophy."

Sponsors can choose to back a completed fiberglass fish, approximately

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Creative process

Area students, including Hunter Brisson and Ryan Matelski from Boyne Falls, above, participated in Raven Hill's Sculpture Invitational last week. Students received instruction from stone sculptor Jim Garrison and metal sculptor Bill Allen, left. The sessions are part of four invitational weeks to be held by Raven Hill, thanks to a matching grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

POLICE REPORTS

East Jordan Police Department

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

Friday, Feb. 21: Juvenile on Bridge Street; assist Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on Maple Street; parking cite on Main Street; suspicious vehicle on Mill Street.

Saturday, Feb. 22: Disorderly subjects on Fourth Street; winter parking cite on Esterly Street; fingerprints on Main Street; public relations on Park Drive; threats on South Lake Street; assist citizen on South Lake Street; 911 hang-up on Mill Street; suspicious situation on Echo Street; winter parking ordinance violation on Fourth Street.

Sunday, Feb. 23: Winter parking ordinance violation on Main Street; careless driving on State Street; suspicious vehicle on Mill Street.

Monday, Feb. 24: Winter parking cite on Main Street; snow removal violation on Bridge Street; obstruction of sidewalk on Third Street; suspicious situation on Main Street; malicious destruction of property on State Street.

Tuesday, Feb. 25: Domestic assault arrest on Echo Street; 911 hang-up on Division Street; civil dispute on Echo Street; paper service on Wellington Drive; assist citizen on Main Street; health and safety on Echo Street; assist citizen on Main Street; harassing phone calls on Coopers Street.

Wednesday, Feb. 26: Family dispute on Williams Street; possible child neglect on Nicholls Street; assist citizen on Bridge Street; juvenile on Manning Drive; assist Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on Boyne City/East Jordan Road.

Boyne City Police Department

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

Monday, Feb. 24: Two 911 hang-up calls were checked; parking complaints downtown area; officer assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department with domestic on Erickson Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 25: Found bike reported on Jersey Street; larceny of jacket at Barn Mountain warming house; larceny of property from Silver Street; assault complaint from West Court Street.

Wednesday, Feb. 26: Domestic on Silver Street; assist at Humane Society; drive-off from Shell without paying for gasoline; property damage accident in parking lot off South Lake Street; assisted Michigan State Police on warrant arrest.

Thursday, Feb. 27: Non-sufficient funds check turned in from Boyne County Provisions; property damage

accident reported from Lexamar's parking lot; property damage to Country Now & Then building from snow plowing equipment; property damage accident on Boyne Avenue near East Main Street.

Friday, Feb. 28: Paper service assist on North East Street; drive-off from Shell; unlock needed on Boyne Avenue.

Saturday, March 1: Hit and run accident on South Lake Street; 911 check at Red Mesa; personal injury accident on State Street with one transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Sunday, March 2: Assisted ambulance department at Parkview Apartments; property returned from larceny

Arrests and citations: One arrest on domestic assault, three speeding citations, three expired registrations, no proof of insurance and a following too close.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Van Dam Wood Craft's first apprentice completes program

Chad James was 14 years old the summer he started working at Van Dam Wood Craft in Boyne City. He swept floors, oiled jackstands, sanded boat bottoms, and did all the things no one else wanted to do. If there was a dirty, no-fun job, Chad was the man.

He worked after school that year, and was back full-time the next summer. After a while the jobs got more fun, and in his sophomore year at Boyne City High School he built his first boat, an eight-foot classic pram, in his spare time for an industrial arts project. The boat won the Grand Award in Grand Rapids at the State Competition of the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society.

Chad continued to work for Van Dam throughout high school and during the summers, and after a year away at college he decided to come back and enter full-time into the Apprentice Program at the facility. The four-year, 8,000-hour apprenticeship includes basic woodworking and machinery skills, as well as skills specific to wooden boatbuilding, such as design and lofting experience and cold molding techniques. Outside education classes are also included in such things as metalworking, welding, drafting, etc. Several texts specific to boatbuilding and American Standards for Boatbuilding are required reading as well. Students are expected to show proper use of shop equipment including safety, and build a project each year on their own. The first project is a "proper" tool tote, and the student is expected to equip it during the four years with hand tools for their own use.



Chad James, left, is the first graduate of Steve Van Dam's apprentice program, conducted through Van Dam Wood Craft in Boyne City.

has built some exquisite furniture for his own home, and a tool tote that is admired by all who see it. He is now considered a skilled boatbuilder, and manages a "team" of apprentices who are building a 35-foot custom cruiser, one of three projects going on at Van Dam's.

Chad also has the distinction of being the first apprentice to complete the Apprentice Program. Several years ago company president Steve Van Dam was searching for skilled employees, and had a difficult time finding qualified people. He decided it was time to train his own work force and spent many hours researching and developing the Apprenticeship Program for Boatbuilders.

At this time there are six trainees working with the skilled builders, each at a different stage in the program. Van Dam hopes they will stay with the company afterwards, but feels that it is important to the craft of boatbuilding to plan for its future needs.

Besides building his pram, Chad

is expected to equip it during the four years with hand tools for their own use.

Free investment education session in Boyne City

Edward Jones in Boyne City will host retired four-star Army General Barry McCaffrey for an in-depth conversation on war and terrorism. The event is part of the business "Face to Face" investor-education series.

The free program will be held on Tuesday, March 11, at 11 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. at Edward Jones'

Boyne City location, 101 S. Lake St.

The one-hour sessions will feature McCaffrey and a panel of financial experts discussing homeland security, the next steps for America's military forces, and how these issues impact investment decisions.

To reserve a seat, or for more information, call Jay Duggan at Edward Jones, 582-3416.

STUDENT NEWS

JAMES KRUZEL of Boyne City, and JESSICA VALLANCE, NICHOLE MCCAIG, and HEATHER DANFORTH, all of East Jordan, have been named to the National Honor Roll, and are featured in the National Honor Roll 2002-03 Commemorative Edition publication. Kruzel is a sophomore at Harbor Light Christian School.

Vallance and Danforth are sophomores at East Jordan High School, and McCaig is a freshman at East Jordan High School.

Forum for pilots to be held in BC

A pilot forum will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Boyne City Airport Terminal Building. The program will feature a NASA

Video Tape on Airframe Icing, followed by open discussion.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call 582-1619.

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Foundation puts out call for grant proposals

The spring 2003 grant funding cycle is currently underway, putting local charitable dollars to work to enhance the community. The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is inviting local nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests to support their projects.

During the next few months, the Community Foundation and its Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts, and human service programs. The YAC, made up of teen representatives throughout Charlevoix County, will recommend awards to programs that address children and

teen issues. Successful applicants must serve residents of Charlevoix County and have a nonprofit tax status. The proposals must meet a community need, or provide life enrichment programs, projects, or services for area residents. Grants are not normally given for general operations. The deadline for grant requests is April 1, 2003.

Grant applications are available by calling the Community Foundation office. All applicants must call and discuss their proposals in advance. Foundation staff is available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in applying for funds.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727, or by phone at 536-2440.

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Volunteers put in plenty of hours of hard work to create the stunning scenery that backs the casts of BCHS drama productions. At left, set designer Chuck Britton problem-solves with a couple of workers. Above, Ed Thurston keeps a steady hand painting a set.



Costumers work to create unique looks for each of the cast members.

Many hands

They say many hands make light work: in the case of the Boyne City drama department, a solid core of longtime volunteers combined with an evergrowing crop of new ones ensures, at least, that the work will be fun. As students prepare for the rapidly approaching opening night of their spring production of Peter Pan, a group of hands-on volunteers toils behind the scenes to create, well, the scenery.

According to long-time volunteer Anne Thurston, the weeks of labor are anything but work. A retired art teacher, Thurston, who works on the sets alongside husband Ed, calls the experience her "vacation."

"We just have a ball," she laughed while munching a doughnut on a well-deserved moment of leisure last weekend. There aren't, too be sure, too many leisurely moments as set-builders undertake the monumental task of creating a multitude of fanciful scenes for the Broadway tale of a boy who refused to grow up. Indeed, behind the stage on Saturday morning, as cast members rehearsed scenes under the direction of drama department head Bob Wollenberg, every corner of available space was buzzing with activity, from painters to builders to seamstresses, all focused on the task at hand. Retired art teacher Chuck Britton quietly directs the activity, moving from one task to the next, making suggestions and giving instructions where needed. Britton has been responsible for many a set for the high school drama crew, creating miniature models of his artist's visions months in advance of the actual production.

This year, Britton's vision has been given a much bigger canvas, with the opening of the 600-seat Boyne City Performing Arts Center, complete with professional sized stage, flown rigging for raising and lowering sets, and plenty of space backstage for set construction and storage. Said Thurston, "This year, we're building sets to last. In the past [when the productions took place at the elementary school cafeteria], we just had to throw them away."

The volunteers' hard work doesn't pass unnoticed. "We have a wonderful group of volunteers," said director Wollenberg. "We couldn't do it without them." Tickets are still on sale for the production, with shows scheduled for March 14, 15, 21, and 22. Prices are \$5 each, or \$10 for patron tickets which include a donation to the drama department.

For more information, call the ticket office at 439-8127.

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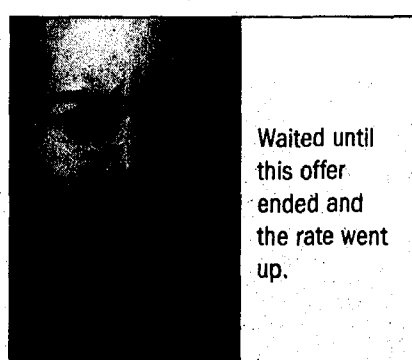
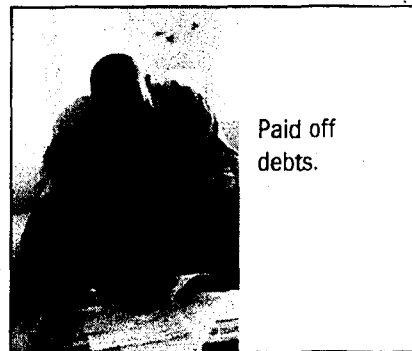
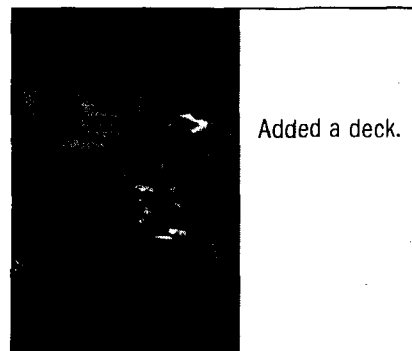
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OPINION

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LETTERS

Disc course fits in at Avalanche

TO THE EDITOR:

Your paper recently covered a meeting of the parks and recreation board and wrote a front page story, "concerns about disc golf on Avalanche." I would like to clarify a few things concerning disc golf on Avalanche.

Only three persons had concerns about disc golf on Avalanche at that meeting. When the concerns first came up they were environmental and safety issues. Disc courses have been installed in every kind of parklands this country has to offer, with great concern for both issues. It was made to sound that there is no plan in place for the use of the "parkland," yes, parkland and outdoor laboratory. The use of Avalanche is clearly stated in the lease, and later in the management plan laid out by the parks and recreation committee. I would like to state on behalf of the board, that thought has been put into the use and development of the parks, and that nothing has been done in haste like some would have you think. That all the uses of the park are re-evaluated each year.

I think that a few would like to see that nothing be done with this land, and walkers only use this park, to me this would be selfish and irresponsible to let this land go unused by the general public, and fine citizens of Boyne. Last, but not least I would like to thank the board on behalf of disc golfers and other users of the park.

Myself and others have great respect for the board, for the great job they have done in the development and care put into our parks throughout town.

Dave Fuller

V.P. Northern Michigan Disc Sports organization, and designer of the course at Avalanche

Teen winter camp was a big success

TO THE EDITOR:

Camp Quality of Michigan Teen Winter Adventure Camp held on December 13, 2002, was a huge success. Our teens had a tremendous weekend to get away from the day-to-day concerns of cancer, and enjoy what the Up North has to offer during this picture-perfect winter. Downhill skiing and snowboarding at Boyne Mountain, dog sledding in Kalkaska, hot tubbing under the stars at Boyne Lodge, and a warm condo for delicious meals and sleep. All free to the teens and their families.

None of this could have happened without the tireless efforts of Nancy Ferguson, Assistant Director of Camp Quality and chief organizer for this event, Lou Fantini, John Morgan and Ian Scott for volunteering their time, and, above all, the many, many donations of time, energy and money from the surrounding communities.

A special "Thanks" to Boyne Mountain, Wendy's of Petoskey, National Association of Legal Secretaries, Blockbuster Video of Charlevoix, and the kind gentleman who donates his condo at the mountain to the teens and staff for the entire weekend.

Eleanor West, director
Camp Quality Michigan

Marty Ward concert touched many hearts

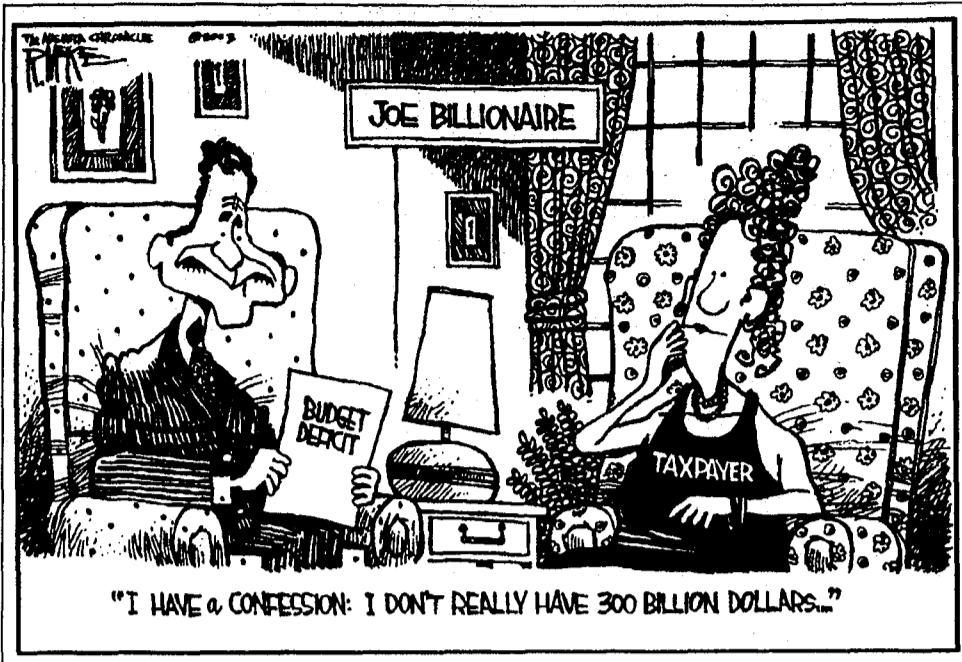
TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc.) Board of Directors I want to personally thank Mary Ward for the wonderfully professional performance he provided at the concert on Feb. 16, at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center. He touched the hearts of many on that Sunday with his musical talent and many people mentioned they were unaware of his song writing ability.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the interest Marty displayed in making this fundraising event the focus of his spirit of giving back to the community. His willingness to learn about the hospice concept and spent time in our office are to be commended.

Marty provided our organization with motivational materials for volunteers to introduce the concert to the community in a timely manner. He also prepared the ticket packages and delivered them, provided press releases and coordinated the media advertising with little effort on our part. I am looking forward to working with Marty Ward on the next concert for Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Patricia A. Johnson
Hospice of Northwest Michigan



LETTERS

Residents urged to attend next meeting of BC commission

TO THE EDITOR:

On March 11, at 7 p.m. the Boyne City Commission will be holding a meeting at the city hall to discuss Greg Krueger's right to encroach on Boyne City riparian rights. Greg Krueger is the person that wants to put a 750-foot dock out into our lake from Water Street. After going out into the lake 750 feet, he wants to put a 332-foot shopping dock across the end. It is my opinion that the future of the Boyne City business district is not dependent on the proposed dock/marina currently being considered by the City Council. I (as well as others) believe that the loss of view, the increased lake traffic, as well as the environmental impact could never be worth the minimal profit that just a few business owners may experience. I was born and raised here in Boyne City, and after my husband got out of barber school we chose to stay and open a shop here. I'm sure we could have made a lot more money if we would have moved to a bigger city, but we chose to stay here so we could raise our children in a natural area away from the more commercial, noisy, and at-risk communities. We wanted our children to have the kind of environment that we both had in the beautiful Boyne City.

I (as well as others) are not in favor of any plan that would give up riparian rights of the people of Boyne City. Everyone should continue to enjoy the beautiful view of Lake Charlevoix as they drive into town. We have already

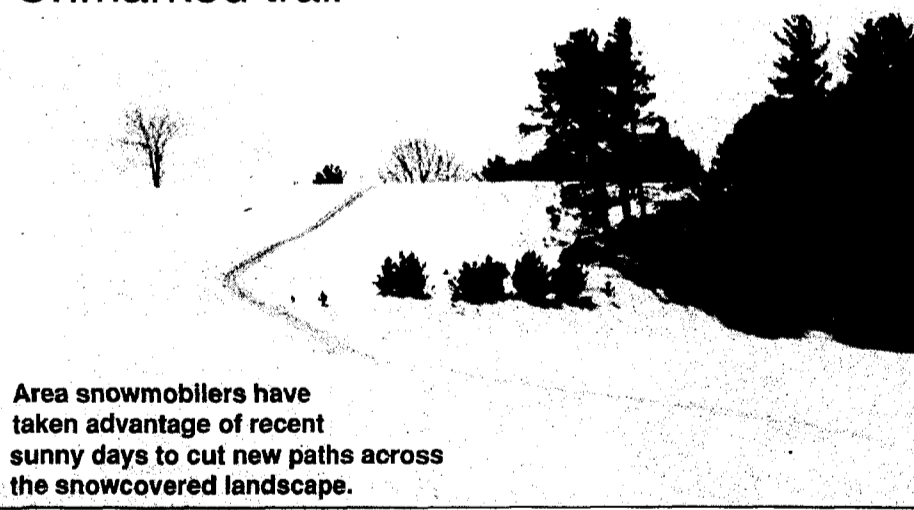
lost a lot of our view. The families and the children (our future) deserve to play in the playground with the wonderful background of the water. Generations have grown up here with fishing, sailing and swimming. Boyne City is identified with Lake Charlevoix and we don't want to see that challenged by Boyne being identified as a boater's haven. The City Council might consider their responsibility to the citizens of Boyne City as their goal as greater than their goal of maybe drawing in more tourists. We will be looking at that dock for 365 days a year (I might add, that is all we will be looking at because there won't be any more view of the lake) and the boater will be using the docks (maybe) 90 days of the year. Realtors might consider that many choose to come here precisely because Boyne does offer a quiet, serene life-style. If you interfere with the existing shoreline and the lake you might lose lifelong citizens for a more affluent but a more mobile group of people that only spend their summers here.

Other than the boaters, what tourist will want to come here when all they can see of the lake is a huge dock with a bunch of big boats around it. There will not be a view of the lake anymore. Goodbye beautiful Boyne City.

Anyone who thinks the same way as I do, should show up for that meeting March 11, at 7 p.m. at the City Hall and voice their opinion.

Shirley Howie

Unmarked trail



Area snowmobilers have taken advantage of recent sunny days to cut new paths across the snowcovered landscape.

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.

EJ motel

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most southern section ends.

Recent results of the final phase of the feasibility study show that the investors can move forward. They plan to use a technique being utilized across the street at the Main Street Center to stabilize the building. The method involves drilling eight-foot-long screws into a deeper, firmer section of the earth to serve as a base for the foundation.

With professionals telling the investors that the community can support a 50-room motel, as long as it is tied into a national chain reservation service, and soil borings showing that development challenges are surmountable, the investors are planning to increase in number and financial commitment. Until now, each has contributed \$1,000. To purchase the property, the ante will increase to about \$10,000 each to help cover the down payment on a project that's expected to cost about \$3.5 million. The core of the investors group was formed three years ago with hopes of putting a theater downtown. However, preliminary research showed that small, hometown theaters struggle when competing with multi-screen facilities, such as those located in Gaylord and Petoskey.

Since the investors' goal has always been to invest in the downtown, Worgess said the members were refocused when hearing of the community's need for overnight accommodations.

"We all want to contribute to the overall growth of the community," Worgess said. City manager David White believes a new motel would do just that.

"The motel would change the whole complexion of the community," he said. "It's going to allow people to stay in town and help other businesses. It would be a great addition to the renaissance of the downtown."

East Jordan Economic Development Coordinator, Rod Benson, has been working with the investor group.

"The success of putting together the Main Street Center project bolstered our confidence that we could put together something in terms of a motel on that property," he said. "A successful motel will be extremely beneficial because of the number of new dollars it brings into the community." Benson estimates that a 50-room motel with a 60 percent occupancy rate could generate \$2 million a year for East Jordan.

Melrose fire hall

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ings and foundation adequate to permit the addition of a second story at some future date were needs to require such an expansion.

The plan, to be sure, has been carefully thought out. The process, said Webster, began more than a year and a half ago, with research being done on several locations in the village as possible sites for a new fire hall. With an initial site on the waterfront rejected by community members, officials "pulled back from that and regrouped," Webster said, focusing then on potential improvements at the current fire hall location.

One priority, Webster said, was to keep the fire hall within the village limits. "You want the fire department close to the most dense population," Webster said. Additionally, Howard noted, "you want it visible, to encourage membership."

If all goes as planned, the new fire hall proposal will go in front of residents as a bond issue, tentatively set for May 13. If the bond passes, work on the hall could start as early as July. "A lot depends on getting bids in from builders," Webster said, adding, however, that the goal is to start construction this year and be in operation by the spring of 2004. "It's definitely a front-burner issue."

Melrose Township residents and businesspeople are invited to take a look at the proposed plans at the current township fire hall. The office will be open through Friday, March 7, Monday through Friday from 8-10 a.m. The plans, additionally, will remain in the office until the bond issue. For more information, call 535-2310.

Fish-in

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five feet, four inches long by three feet, four inches high, designed and decorated by an artist selected by the sponsor from the Red Cross "Fish Folio" of Michigan artists. An unfinished fish can also be selected, with the sponsor then responsible for finding the artist and ensuring that the sculpture is completed.

Artists are also being sought to participate in the project. Artists selected to decorate a fish and matched with a sponsor will be paid an honorarium of \$800 for their participation. Artists will have 30 days to complete their fish.

Community participation, from artists as well as sponsors, MacKenzie said, will help put local cities in the spotlight. "They're going to put [all of the fish] on a map," he said, "[Hopefully], people will come to see the fish."

Fish will be on display for the months of July and August, at which time the Fish-In will conclude with an auction of all participating fish, with proceeds to benefit the American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan.

For more information about becoming a sponsor, call Nancy Porter at 348-7666 or 1-800-691-6059. Those interested can also contact their local chamber, in the Boyne area, call 582-6222, or 536-7351.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

MITCH MOORE, a 1980 graduate of Boyne City High School, fulfilled a longtime dream this past Sunday. He ran in the Los Angeles Marathon, amongst 26,000 other runners. He finished the 26 miles! Mitch is the son of Owen and Arlene Moore of Boyne City.

IRENE RICKARD, formerly of Boyne City, invited her daughter and husband, Janet and Bill Vuilleumot on Friday, Feb. 28, to a pre-dinner gathering, where refreshments were served to residents and guests of Independence Village of Petoskey as they enjoyed a delightful 45-minute performance by 15-year-old classical pianist, Carson Lo, who attends school in Petoskey and is the son of Dr. Gustav and Dree Lo. The group found Carson to be a personable young man, and with this wonderful talent, his future looks very promising.

LAST WEEKEND, Eileen Olund of East Jordan spent the weekend with Ron and Bonnie Olund. On Sunday, dinner guests for a delicious turkey dinner were the Aaron Olunds and son Aaron Michael, and Leona and Charlie Stanek and also Alan Olund.

TRICIA LANGERMAN of Boyne Falls enjoyed a weekend visit with her mother, in Indiana.

A BELATED happy birthday goes to Molly

Bricker of Deer Lake, who enjoyed a Feb. 21 family celebration.

ON SUNDAY NIGHT the 23 supper guests at the home of Chonnie and Dale Holzschu were the Charlie Staneks, and the Bob Holzschus, there to celebrate Casey Holzschu's 20th birthday. It was a delicious turkey meal.

KIM MARTIN and children Madeline and Ben of Grand Rapids visited parents and grandparents Louisa and Nels Northup in Boyne Falls over the weekend.

PRAYERS AND CONCERN go out for Jean Korthase of Deer Meadows, who was admitted to the Charlevoix Area Hospital this past Tuesday and remains a patient there, receiving treatment and physical therapy.

LOUISE MOSES arrived in Boyne City from Spring Lake on Monday the 17th to spend time with her sister, Caroline McCleary, during the recent loss of her son, Michael McCleary. Other out-of-town visitors at the McCleary home last week and weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moses, Ms. Carol Moses-Rowell and Ms. Donna Moses-Stillson, all of Spring Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnes with grandchildren, Alexis and Isaiah McCleary, all of Wyoming, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fiorenzo, Grand Rapids; and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lehner, Coopersville, Mich. All were in attendance at the memorial service held for

Michael on Friday, Feb. 21, at Stackus Funeral Home.

PAM (HEGERBERG) SCHMIDT, formerly of Boyne City, and husband, The Rev. Dr. Richard Schmidt of St. Louis, Mo. left on Tuesday for a three-month stay in England, where he will preach at an Episcopal church.

NORA BRICKER, VFW 3675 Auxiliary president, presented checks to the winners of the recent Voice of Democracy contest. Receiving first place was Beth Kosci; second place went to Brandy McMillian; and third place winner was Tracey Moore of Concord Academy Boyne.

LISA AND MICHAEL CARLSON and children Shelby and Franke of Larson Bay, Alaska spent several days this past week in Boyne, visiting her mother, Flo Kominski. While here they also attended the Mid-Michigan Chapter fundraiser of the Safari Club Show in Mt. Pleasant.

THE CONGREGATION of the Walloon Lake Community Church on Sunday morning very well received Gail Gerrie, who lives on Healey Road, and is the daughter of Boyne City's Jack and Judy Gerrie. As soloist, with her beautiful voice and inspirational music, she sang, "Precious In His Presence."

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Julia Schultz
PARENTS: Norma Petrie and Larry Schultz
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, jazz band, soccer
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Cooking, and soccer
FUTURE PLANS: Plan to attend Grand Valley State University and become a Secondary Education Teacher
FAVORITE CLASSES: Advanced biology and jazz band



Julia Schultz

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Julia is so very kind," said Kathleen Stangis. "She is focused and is not afraid to fail and re-try. She's always happy!"
 "Julia is extremely committed to band," said Steve Emery. "She assumes leadership when asked and follows through on tasks and assignments."
 "Julia is dedicated, committed, and contributes quality ideas to the yearbook class," said Darrin Podskalny.
 "Julia is a truly delightful student who enjoys learning for all the right reasons," said Lance Bailey. "She is extremely talented and well rounded in a variety of areas, a true Renaissance Woman!"
 "Julia is going to make an amazing teacher and her future students will be lucky to have her - - and she makes an incredible chocolate chip cookie," said Alice McPherson.

Boyne City

NAME: Samantha Burns
PARENTS: Gordon and Kathleen Burns
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cheerleading at football and basketball, track
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Girl Scouts, youth group
FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS: "Going to college to possibly study social work or missions. Right now I am looking at the University of the Ozarks and several in-state universities"



Samantha Burns

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Samantha comes to class with a lot of energy," said Mrs. Neidhamer. "She is always trying new things and willing to take on a variety of assignments. Thanks for being a hard worker in your group and all you do in and out of class. Congratulations for being student of the week, it is well deserved."

COLLEGE NEWS

NATE HOWELL, an Alma College senior from Boyne Falls, played the part of Abhorson in the Alma College Theatre (ACT) Winter Term production of William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure. He is the son of Tom and Laurie Howell of Boyne Falls.

MARK PENIZEN, an Alma College senior from East Jordan, played the part of the Provost in the Alma College Theatre (ACT) Winter Term production of William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure. He is the son

of Mark and Cynthia Penzien of East Jordan.

CHARLES FOWLER, LEAH HERRICK, BO REINHARDT, and BETHANY TOMKINS, all of Boyne City, and **LACEY TAYLOR** and **LAURA WARREN**, both of East Jordan, have been named to the dean's list Lake Superior State University for the fall semester 2002.

MARY LAHTI of Boyne City graduated with a degree in cosmetology from Northern Michigan University.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, March 6
 The Northwest Michigan Human 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-MOBILERS 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.-12 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, Nov. 19 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 Grandvue 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 Grandvue 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 American 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.

To have your event included in the community calendar, call 582-6761 or e-mail citizen@voyager.net. Items can also be faxed to 582-6762.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Ernest Peterson Post #228

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held Feb. 6, communications were read from National which included a 50 year membership certificate to be presented to Jim Bunting and citations of achievement earned by the Post during the 2001-2002 Legion year in the Americanism and Children and Youth programs.

The Post Honor Guard conducted the Veteran of the Month ceremony for Harry Pearsall and Harold Lang.

Chaplain Gondzar reported on area veterans who are sick, disabled, home bound or have answered the final call.

The Adjutant reported we need nine more for 100 percent in membership, and that bingo attendance is still down due to the weather but should improve in the next few weeks.

An overview of the January meeting and Veteran of the Month were published in the local newspaper.

The Blue Star Banners for display in home and office windows to recognize family members in the military are available at the Post for \$8 each.

The district meeting will be March 9 in Alpena.

The next regular meeting will be March 6, at the Post home. The meeting will be preceded by the Veteran

of the Month Ceremony at 6:15 p.m., followed by a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Boyne River

Friends of the Boyne River will meet March 12, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Boyne District Library.

Teresa Salveta of Antrim Conservation District will give a presenta-

tion on Home Assessment System Guide. HOME*A*SYST is a self-assessment program you can use to evaluate your home and property for pollution and health risks. The public is welcome to attend.

CRADLE CALL

A son, **MASON MICKAE SHALER**, was born to Valerie Shaler of Boyne City, on Feb. 16, 2003 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mike and Shelly Breimer and Kevin Shaler of Boyne City; great-grandparents are Frank and Ann Shaler of Boyne City, Tom and Fay Podgorski of Illinois, and Robert and Linda Garramone of California; and great-great-grandfather, Kenneth Torp of Illinois.

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WITH AN 18-1 RECORD, THEY HAVE THEIR EYE ON BIGGER PRIZES

Loggers are conference champions

With a conference title in hand, the Boyne Falls Loggers now have their sights set on even bigger prizes. They began that pursuit Monday night in the opening round of the district tournament, where they topped Vanderbilt 85-61. Despite the relatively wide berth of the final score, according to head coach Frank Hamilla, "We were never real comfortable with the lead we had. It was not one of our better games." Nate Burks put in a strong performance, though, with a game-high 25 points. Archie Griffin followed with 20 points, and Matt Skop contributed 11.

The next stop for the Loggers in their quest for the district title is the final matchup on Thursday, when they will likely face Gaylord St. Mary (who was

scheduled to meet up with Wolverine Tuesday night). "We have been looking forward to it for a year," Hamilla said of the possible match-up, in light of the fact that it was the Snowbirds who knocked the Loggers out of the running last year. "It's a good motivation for us."

Not that the conference title isn't achievement enough. "The kids deserve it," Hamilla said. "They've worked real hard."

Last week, Loggers hosted Alba on Feb. 25 for parents night and they made their moms, dads and grandparents proud as they defeated the visitors 88-59. Boyne Falls took an early lead and never let go of it. Josh Blackwell and Griffin led the Loggers with 16 points each. The Loggers then traveled to

Wolverine on Friday where they dominated the court in their last game of the regular season, winning 86-48. Griffin led a balanced scoring attack with 19 points. Demetrius Burks and Josh Gasco each added 14 points.

Blackwell led the team with seven rebounds while Griffin and Gasco each had six. Griffin also had four steals. Burks had five assists, and Josh Jarema added four.

Entering last Friday's game the Loggers shared the Northern Lakes Conference top spot with Harbor Light, but thanks to Mackinaw City's 49-43 win over Harbor, Boyne Falls earned the title outright and ended their regular season with a winning conference record of 11-1 and an overall record of 18-1.

Ramblers roll in district opener

On this night at least, there was no doubt who was the superior team.

The Boyne City Ramblers, known for their defensive intensity, showed a little offensive flare as well, as they trounced Mancelona 77-46 in the opening round of the district tournament Monday night.

The Ramblers, hosting the tournament in their new gym, jumped out early against Mancelona and put the game out of reach, leading 34-4 with four minutes left in the half.

"I thought our full-court pressure gave them problems," said Boyne City head coach Tim Smith. "We ran the ball real well and we knocked down the threes."

For the game, the Ramblers nailed 10 3-pointers.

Grant Ameal led Boyne City with 20 points, followed by Brent Moore with 11 and Jordan Voice with 10.

Smith also gave high praise to Nick Follette and Reed Ameal for "playing a real solid game."

With the win, the Ramblers move on in the tournament to face a familiar opponent: the Charlevoix Rayders. That game tips off Wednesday at 8 p.m. and will follow the matchup between Elk Rapids and East Jordan which begins at 6 p.m. Elk Rapids defeated Harbor Springs Monday night 76-58 in the tournament's opening game while East Jordan drew a first-round bye.

Jordan, falling behind 8-0. But the Ramblers battled back to trail 12-11 at the end of the first quarter and built a 29-24 lead at the end of the half.

In the third quarter, the Ramblers took charge and looked to have the game in hand as they built a 13-point lead. But East Jordan hung tough and made the game interesting down the stretch before Boyne City put the game away.

The Ramblers were led by Reed Ameal, who had 17 points, eight rebounds, seven steals and five assists. Tyler Daniels scored 15 and Grant Ameal had 12.

For East Jordan, Kyle Daneff led the team with 26 points and Tyler Spence had 14.

Kevin Roberts has a big night

Kevin Roberts wanted to make sure he made his mark in his last regular season game for the East Jordan Red Devils.

How did he do that? He scored a team-high 32 points, including six 3-pointers, in the Red Devils 81-69 loss to Harbor Springs last Friday.

"This was a shoot out," said East Jordan head coach Lance Bailey. "It was an entertaining game to watch."

It was also a game in which both teams relied heavily on the 3-point shot. Between them, there were 24 3-pointers.

After trailing by only five at the end of the first quarter, East Jordan had trouble keeping pace with Harbor Springs until the final eight minutes of the game. At the end of the third quarter, Harbor Springs led 67-45.

"We struggled to match up with Harbor's bigger guards who can hit from the outside and take it to the

rack," Bailey said.

"I was proud of the way the kids played. They showed poise and really went after Harbor Springs. Everyone played and contributed."

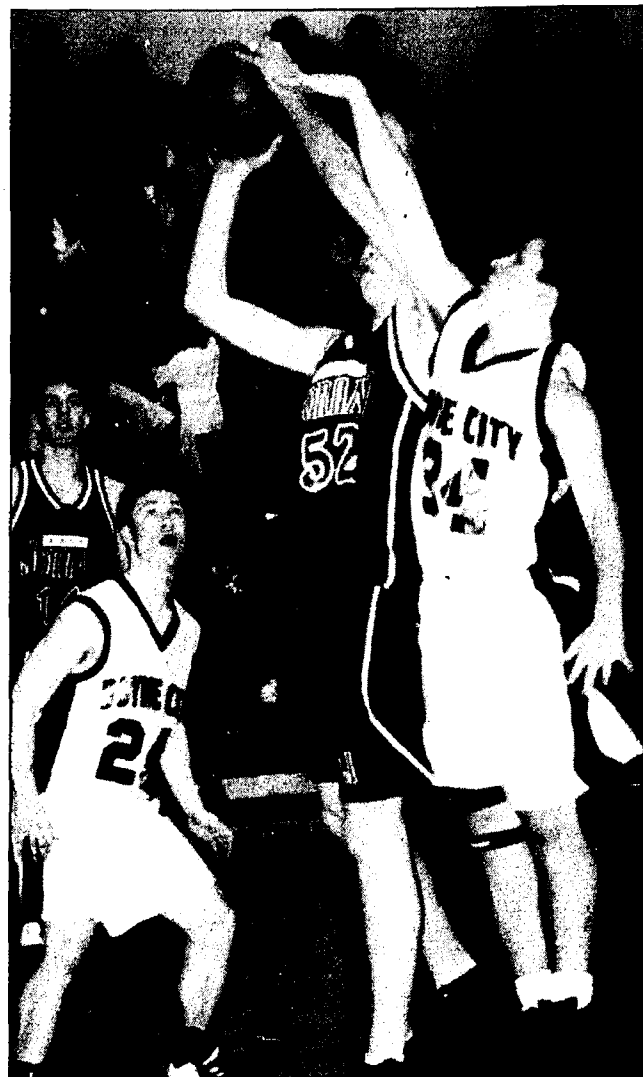
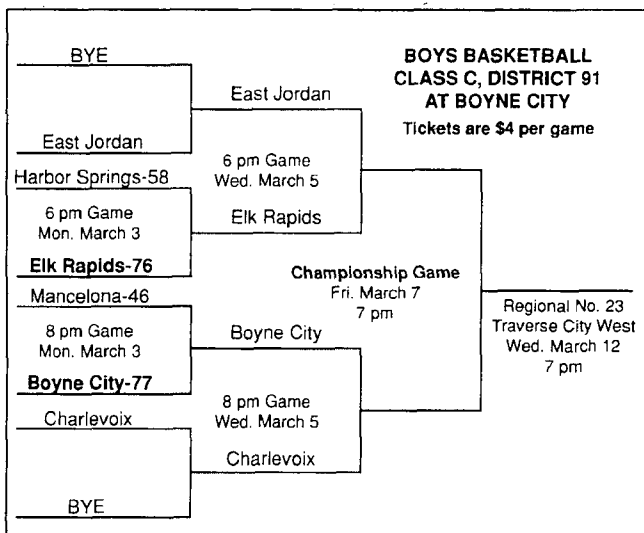
Bailey also had high praise for Roberts, fellow senior Jon Reese, and Kyle Daneff. Reese had 10 points and Daneff had 16 along with seven rebounds.

"Kevin and Jon really played well in their last regular season game and Kyle is establishing himself as a go-to guy for us. He consistently puts up numbers on the scoreboard and rebounds extremely well as a sophomore. They really brought a spark to the game."

With the conclusion of the regular season, East Jordan now prepares for the district tournament. The Red Devils drew a bye in the opening and will play Elk Rapids, winners over Harbor Springs in Monday's opening round game.

THE RAMBLERS' win over Mancelona came on the heels of their 71-64 win over East Jordan in the final game of their regular season last Tuesday.

Unlike their victory Monday, the Ramblers started slow against East



East Jordan's Rhett Malpass struggles to put up a shot under pressure from Boyne City's Robert Noeske, while Red Devil Kyle Daneff and Rambler Ben Hausler look on. East Jordan will face Elk Rapids in round two of the district tourney this week, while Boyne City will play Charlevoix.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY RESULTS

Boyne Bantams

The Boyne Bantams skated against the Gaylord Blades on Feb. 14. Gaylord scored two quick goals at the start of the game but Boyne came back to earn the 5-3 win. John Miller led the scoring with four goals. William Brown tallied the other. Assists came from Keegan David, Dylan Clark, Alex Bajko and Russell Williams. Charlie Courtright was in goal.

On Feb. 15, Boyne hosted two games with Alpena's Weinkauf team. The first game began fast and defen-

sive, with no score until Alpena scored in the second period. Boyne lit a fuse and scored four unanswered goals to win the game 4-1. Credited with assists were Miller and Britt King with goals scored by King, Williams, Clark and Evan Keller. The second game seesawed with Alpena hitting the last goal on a power play, and winning the game 4-3. Matt Thomas, David and Keller scored with assists from Thomas, David, and Miller. Courtright was in goal.

On Feb. 16, Alpena's Mancino's team came to play in the cold. Boyne

totally dominated the first game, taking it 11-1. Thomas scored a hat trick with three goals, Miller scored four, Williams, David, Keller and King contributed the rest. Keller earned a playmaker with four assists; David and Tyler Price each had two. Brown, Isaac Krey, Miller and Williams all chipped in one. Courtright made 13 saves as Boyne put 33 shots on net.

The second game was a 2-1 Boyne victory. They outshot Alpena 30-21 in the effort. Keller and Miller scored with assists from Miller and Williams. Courtright was the netminder.

The Boyne Bantams hosted their last home game on March 1. In a game marked by crisp passing and solid defense, they stormed over Cheboygan's McDonald team 6-0. Goalie Nick Ferree earned the shut-out, turning away 13 shots. Williams and Clark each scored twice for Boyne, with John Miller and Evan Keller topping it off. Assists came from Miller, Williams, Keller, David, Krey, and Brown with three earning a playmaker.

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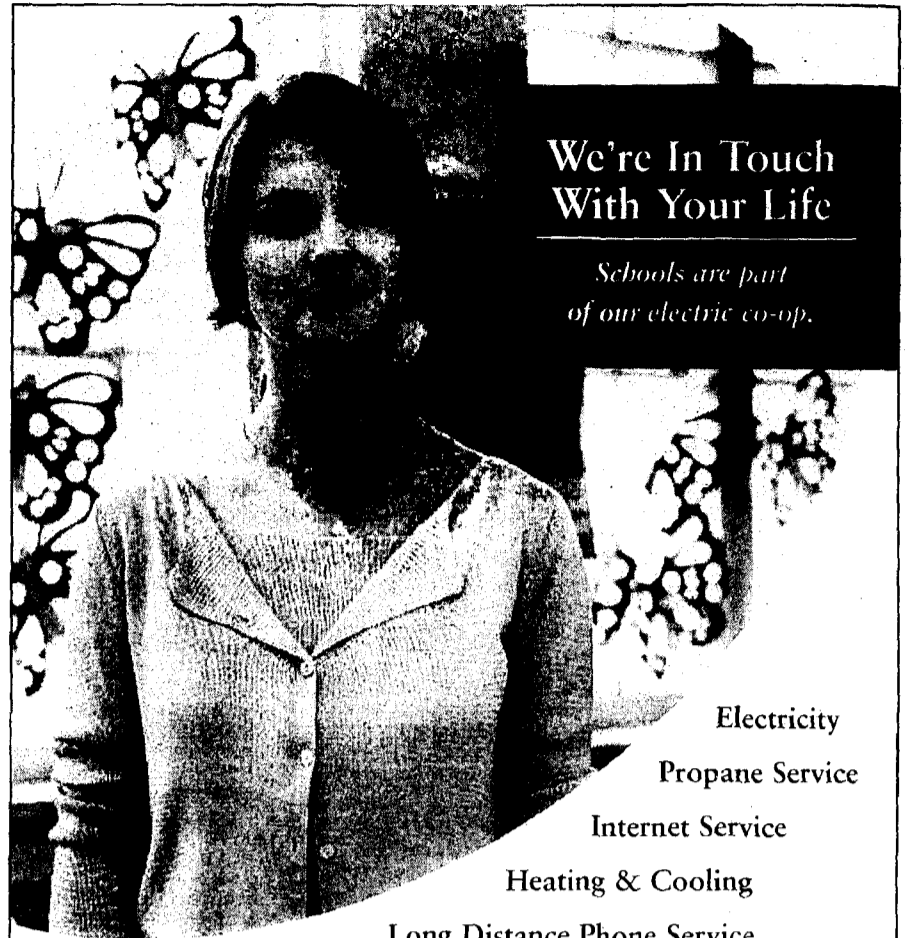
Middle school skiers wrap up the season

Middle school skiers from Boyne City and East Jordan wrapped up their season late last month in the annual Brown Jug Regional Ski Meet at Nubs Nob. The Boyne City girls and boys teams each placed third overall, out of nine teams competing, with the Petoskey boys and girls taking the top team spots. East Jordan received no team score as sixth graders, who make up more than half of the East Jordan Middle School team, were not eligible to compete.

Medaling in the boys' individual standings were Boyne City's Nick Simeri, in first place overall; Boyne City's Lee Blossom in seventh; and East Jordan's Mac Brennan in fourth. East Jordan's Katherine Rowley took fifth overall for the girls.



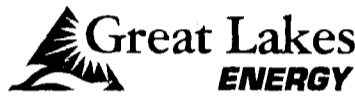
BCMS team members, above, wore big grins after the meet. At right, Boyne's Nick Simeri and Lee Blossom show off their medals.



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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 March 28, 2003.

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

Commencing at a 1 inch pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 10 West, being the point of beginning of this description; thence along the South line of said Section North 89 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds West 966.62 feet to the center line of Michigan Avenue, as existing; thence along the center line of said Avenue North 10 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds West 97.21 feet; thence continuing along the center line of said Avenue North 10 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds East 4.83 feet to the North line of the South 100 feet of Government Lot 5 of said Section, thence along said line parallel with the South line of said Section South 89 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds East 985.52 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section; thence along said 1/4 line South 0 degrees 13 minutes 18 seconds East 100.01 feet to the point of beginning, being part of Government Lot 5, Section 23 Township 39 North, Range 10 West also described as South 100 feet of Government Lot 5, Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 10 West, lying Easterly of the Easterly line of Michigan Avenue.

The redemption period shall be 6

month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Feb. 26, 2003
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Team D (248)593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200225150
Team D

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Maxine Brocco, a single person, a/k/a Maxine R. Brocco (original mortgagors) to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated Feb. 6, 1996, and recorded on March 5, 1996 in Liber 296 on Page 853 in Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN AND 62/100 dollars (\$20,316.62), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on March 14, 2003.

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

Commencing at the West quarter post of the East and West quarter line of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Northerly along the West line of said section line, a distance of 394.2 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along the said West line of Section 9, a distance of 394.2 feet; thence East parallel with the East and West quarter line of said Section 9, a distance of 221 feet; thence South parallel with the West line of said Section 9, a distance of 394.2 feet; thence West parallel with the East and West quarter line of said Section 9, a distance of 221 feet to the place of beginning, all being a part of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, together with rights of ingress and egress over and across the Private road known as Lee Street and described as: the East 86 feet of the West 287 feet of the South 656 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; and also together with and ease-

ment and right of way 33 feet in width as recorded in Liber 218, Page 222, Charlevoix County Records

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

Dated: Feb. 12, 2003
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rebecca D. Bowers a Single Woman (original mortgagors) to Traverse Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated Jan. 21, 2000, and recorded on Jan. 25, 2000 in Liber 381 on Page 409 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Michigan, as assignee by an assignment dated Jan. 21, 2000, which was recorded on Jan. 25, 2000, in Liber 381 on Page 417 Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE AND 61/100 dollars (\$86,539.61) including interest at 6.250% 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 4, 2003.

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

Commencing at a monument at the South quarter corner of Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; Thence along the North and South quarter Line of said Section, as monumented, North 00° 00'44" West 1315.23 feet to a 2 in. pipe at the Southwest corner of government Lot 2 of said section; Thence continuing along said quarter line (West line of said government Lot 2) North 00° 02'12" East 896.50 feet to a 1/2 in. re-rod, being the point of beginning of this description; Thence continuing along the last described course, North

00° 02'12" East 300.00 feet to a 1/2 in. re-rod; Thence South 66° 21'37" East 43.65 feet to a 1/2 in. re-rod on the East line of an easement for ingress and egress described in Liber 266, page 115 Charlevoix County Records; Thence continuing South 66° 21'37" East 150.00 Feet to a 1/2 in. re-rod; Thence South 05° 45'04" East 223.60 feet to a 1/2 in. re-rod; Thence North 89° 57'48" West 160.00 feet to a 1/2 in. re-rod on the East line of said easement; Thence continuing North 89° 57'48", West 40.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of government Lot 2, Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

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

Dated: March 5, 2003
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
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File # 200314410
Team J

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James L. Elzinga, Sr., a married man and Donna L. Elzinga, his wife (original mortgagors) to MMS Mortgage Services, LTD, Mortgagee, dated July 21, 1997, and recorded on July 25, 1997 in Liber 319 on Page 0849 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Standard Federal Bank, Assignee by an assignment dated July 25, 1997, which was recorded on July 25, 1997, in Liber 319 on Page 0856, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND 58/100 dollars (\$81,525.58), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on March 14, 2003.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as: Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 4, Clarke's Addition to the City of Charlevoix, as recorded in the Office of the

Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Mich.

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

Dated: Feb. 12, 2003
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BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - Feb. 13, 2003

Acceptance of Treasurer's report. Approval to pay Township obligations totaling \$7,000. Discussion of Recreation Plan for years 2004-2007. Discussion of budget for year ending March 31, 2004. Next Board of Trustees regular meeting to be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 7 p.m.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

Feb. 25, 12 noon regular meeting - The City Commission designated City Manager Michael Cain as the authorized representative for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRFF) project; approved a resolution proclaiming the third week in May 2003 as Athletes with Physical Disabilities week; recommended the City proceed with the conditional use permit request for Up North Earthworks, 1441 Lexamar Drive; and approved an engineering services proposal from Capital Consultants for the State Revolving Fund Project Plan for the Boyne City treatment plant improvements.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to rules and regulations as outlined in the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance A-80, a public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Boyne City Planning Commission on Monday, March 17, 2003 at 5 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI to review and consider the following:

A. A request from One Water Street L.L.C. for development plan review to construct a marina at 1 Water Street. (Property I.D. #15-051-445-082-10)

More details and proposed plans are available for review at the Boyne City Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and participate in discussion. Any input for or against this project will be received in writing by the City Planner's office until 5 p.m. on the day of the public hearing or at the public hearing. For further information contact the City Planner's office at 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 or call (231) 582-0337. Questions and comments may also be e-mailed to toleary@boyncity.com.

Timothy O'Leary
Planning Director

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Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on April 4, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located 1079.64 feet North 88 degrees 46 minutes 14 seconds West along the South line, from the Southeast corner of said Section 1; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 49 seconds West 417.15 feet; thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 19 seconds West 240.00 feet to the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence Southerly 416.98 feet along the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1 to the South Section line; thence Easterly 240 feet along the South Section line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1, to the point of beginning. To-

gether with and Subject to a 66 foot wide ingress-egress and utility easement, the centerline being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located 33 feet North 00 degrees 19 minutes 49 seconds East of the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence Easterly 1319.64 feet along a line parallel to the South Section line to the point of ending. Including the 2000 Fleetwood manufactured home, Vin # NFLY55AB07608BJ13, which is permanently affixed to the real property.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: Feb. 26, 2003
ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 280.0200

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dwayne A. Bean and Sandra J. Bean, husband and wife, to FMB-Northwestern Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, mortgagee, dated Oct. 8, 1996 and recorded Oc-

tober 17, 1996 in Liber 307, Page 244, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated July 17, 2000 and recorded on Aug. 28, 2000 in Liber 395, Page 261, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six and 82/100 Dollars (\$58,246.82) including interest at the rate of 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on March 21, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 8 West; thence East along the

North line of said Section 350 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing East 450 feet; thence South parallel with the East Eight line 500 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of said Section 450 feet; thence North parallel to the East Eighth line 500 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 8 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: February 12, 2003
ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 280.0157

CITY OF EAST JORDAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of East Jordan will hold a public hearing on the proposed Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project Plan for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on April 8, 2003, at the following location: East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Michigan.

The purpose of the proposed project is to design and construct an iron removal treatment system for Well No. 8 and to design and construct new 12" watermain on Mill Street, from Main to State, and on State Street from Mill to Depot. Project Construction will involve a new treatment building with oxidation/filtration treatment at the Well No. 8 site at 513 Downing Street, and installing new 12" watermain as part of the Mill Street streetscape Project. Impacts of the proposed project include improved water quality from Well No. 8, thereby improving the City's effective well capacity and improved water distribution and fire fighting capability. The estimated costs to users for the proposed project will be \$665,000.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project will be available for public inspection on March 8, 2003, at the following locations: City of East Jordan City Hall.

Written comments received through Friday, April 11, 2003, will be entered into the public hearing record and should be sent to Mr. David M. White, City Administrator.

Lori M. Campbell, City Clerk
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WinterFest fishing winners announced

The fifth annual Boyne Area Winter Festival Fishing Contest, hosted by Foster's Live Bait, wrapped up recently, with awards being given on Feb. 23.

More than 200 people attended the awards ceremony, according to Foster's owner Alice Traylor, despite the cold weather.

A bonfire and hot dog roast rounded out the event.

All children present, ages 4-16, a total of 85, were presented with fishing poles, thanks to event sponsors Randy Pedigo Custom Carpentry; Thomas Walker, realtor; Tony and Martha of the Fieldcrest Inn; and Siegrist Farm and Greenhouse.

One hundred and seventy-five anglers participated in the contest.

Winners in the adult categories included Bill Sparks with a 22 1/2 inch splake; Charlie Prevo with a 9 1/2 inch smelt; Roger Sevenski with a

14 1/8 inch perch; Robert Barren with a 13 inch crappie; Mike Hall with a 31 7/8 inch perch, speared; Ken Sieradski with a 32 3/4 inch perch, hook and line; and Amos Skrocki with a 10 5/8 inch blue gill.

In the 16 and under division, winners included Jack Sevenski, with an 11 1/2 inch perch; Chris Eaton with a 25 inch walleye; Josh Peck with an 11 1/4 inch crappie; Doug Fettig with an 8 7/8 inch blue gill; Kevin Beaton with a 13 7/8 inch splake; Ty Reynolds with an 8 5/8 inch smelt; and Nick Sevenski, with a 26 inch pike.

A drawing was held following the awards ceremony, with everyone entered in the contest receiving merchandise.

The grand prize was an Atlantis Underwater camera, donated by Foster's.

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Story time

Area schools took storytime seriously last week, with separate events giving students a chance to enjoy the simple pleasure of hearing tall tales. East Jordan Elementary was treated to a visit from storyteller John Mooy and illustrator Wendy Halperin. The two spent time practicing their craft for the student body as a whole, as well as in small groups. At left, Boyne City Elementary students Lacey Kotalik, Morgan Weldon, and Cortney Caverly got cozy for the school's "Snuggle Up and Read" day, which started out with guest readers and RIF during the school day, and wound down with a PTO-sponsored reading event for families in the evening.

Sheriff announces scholarship program

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater has announced that his professional organization, the Michigan Sheriffs Association (MSA), is calling for nominations for the 2003 Bernard Grysen Memorial Criminal Justice Scholarship, sponsored by the Michigan Sheriffs Association Educational Services, Inc.

Ten \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to Michigan high school seniors pursuing a career in criminal

justice. Two scholarships will be awarded in each of the MSA's five state districts.

Nominations for the scholarship must be made by a member of the Michigan Sheriffs Association (however, the nominee does not have to be a member.)

Nomination forms must be submitted to Sheriff Lasater no later than Thursday, May 1, 2003.

Now in its 10th year, the program

has awarded nearly \$100,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors around the state.

Individuals who wish to make a nomination can obtain the form from Lasater at Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, located at 1000 Grant St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Remember that nominations MUST come from MSA members and should be forwarded to the Sheriff's office no later than May 1, 2003.

To the residents of Boyne City and Charlevoix County:

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The new owner of One Water Street has asked the City Commission of Boyne City for approval to build a marina.
2. The proposed marina will extend over 700 feet into Lake Charlevoix. (almost 2 and 1/2 football fields)
3. The proposed marina will have a 322 foot wide "T" at the end. (1 football field)
4. The marina developer wants to extend the marina into the riparian rights of Boyne City.
5. The proposed marina will include decking covering the current pilings which are critical fish spawning habitat.

Please attend the CITY COMMISSION MEETING on TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 7 P.M. to find out more about this proposal.

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