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## At A Glance

### Miss East Jordan to be crowned this weekend

Nine contestants will vie for the title of Miss East Jordan 2003 on Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the East Jordan High School cafeteria.

Contestants compete for scholarship money, with a top prize of \$1,000. Tickets, \$6 apiece, are available at the EJ Shoppe and Main Street Hair Cottage.

### City of BC plans River Walk opening, Buff Up Boyne

The City of Boyne City invites area residents to take part in an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 3, to celebrate the completion of the long-awaited Boyne City River Walk project.

The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. at the River Walk, followed by a picnic lunch at Veteran's Memorial Park.

The event will cap off a morning of hard work for many area residents who will participate in the annual Buff Up Boyne event on Saturday, May 3, from 8:30-11 a.m.

Those wishing to help out can meet at the Veterans Park Pavilion at 8:30 a.m. Target areas will be city parks, along the river, alleyways, and more. Trash bags are provided, but participants are encouraged to bring rakes, brooms, and/or shovels. All participants will receive a gift in appreciation for their help.

For more information, call 582-6597. Both events are sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority.

### East Jordan to host downtown Easter Egg hunt

Celebrating the advent of spring, the City of East Jordan will host its second annual Downtown Easter Egg Hunt, to be held Saturday, April 12, at 11 a.m. in Memorial Park.

Hunters will be provided with a bag to hold their finds, as well as some fun goodies to keep.

The event is sponsored by BC Pizza, Burnette Foods, Busy Bridge, Charlevoix State Bank, The Computer Center, East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, EJ Shoppe, Insurance Shop, Jordan Valley Accounting, Just Mom's Inc., Lumber Jack Restaurant, Main Street Hair Cottage, Mortgage North, Subway, Sunnyside Up Tanning, True Value Hardware, and Two Dog Deli.

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## Spinning again

Many community members in East Jordan are smiling as widely as Bruce Woodcock is, as he watches his barber pole outside Bruce's Barbershop rotate for the first time in 20 years. Repairing the pole is Woodcock's personal contribution toward the ongoing downtown revitalization; its first day in operation brought people out of nearby stores to check out the site. Barber poles were originally designed to rotate as a sign that the barber is in.

photo by Janenne Irene Pung



## Lake levels down, again

Though last year's rising lake levels brought some hope to area boaters and environmentalists, the encouragement was short-lived; this March, official measurements found Lake Michigan, and by extension Lake Charlevoix, down a full eight inches from last year at this time.

"In any year, [eight inches] would be a reasonable fluctuation," said Wil Cwikiel of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council; however, "last year we were really hopeful that the water levels would bounce back and at least recover to some extent . . . What we've seen this year, with this seasonal dip in January and February, is lower than what we would have hoped."

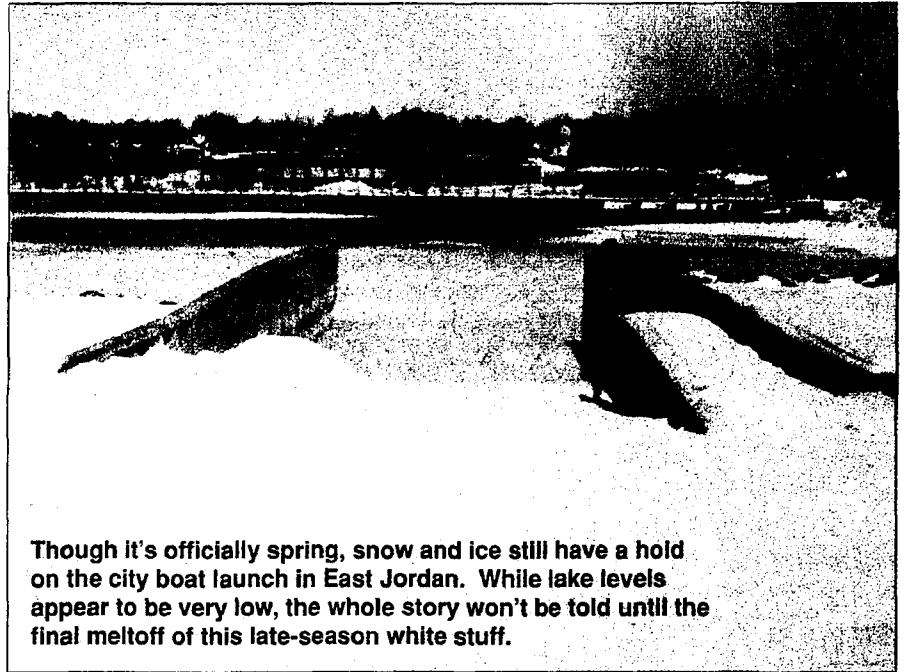
The dip is, indeed, part of the lakes' seasonal cycle, with the highest levels typically measured in July and August, and the lowest in January and February, when water is tied up in ice and snow. The cause for concern comes when one plugs this particular drop into what's becoming a long-term trend.

In March of 2000, lake levels were 20 inches below the long-term average; 2001 found them about three inches less than that, 23 inches below normal. Though in 2002, lake levels rose from that low approximately nine inches, overall levels still registered at 15 inches below the long-term norm.

Now, adding in the eight inch drop, levels are again 23 inches below the long-term average, a status that Cwikiel notes as "getting really close to an all-time low."

Though most northern Michigan residents have grown accustomed to seeing a deeper shoreline than what they were used to seeing a few years back, the change is perhaps more dramatic than one might think. To put things in perspective, said Cwikiel, the highest lake levels were recorded in early April 1986, with water levels measuring almost 95 feet (that's 60 inches) higher than where they currently stand. "Five feet

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Though it's officially spring, snow and ice still have a hold on the city boat launch in East Jordan. While lake levels appear to be very low, the whole story won't be told until the final melt-off of this late-season white stuff.

## Until they come home

### Blue Star Banners honor those serving their country

Though when most of us think of yellow ribbons as a way to show support for soldiers overseas, the American Legion Post #228 in Boyne City is offering families of military personnel a more personal route to show their colors. Local residents, like Boyne City's Pat Bentley, are finding the old-fashioned Blue Star Banners a fitting tribute to their loved ones in the military.

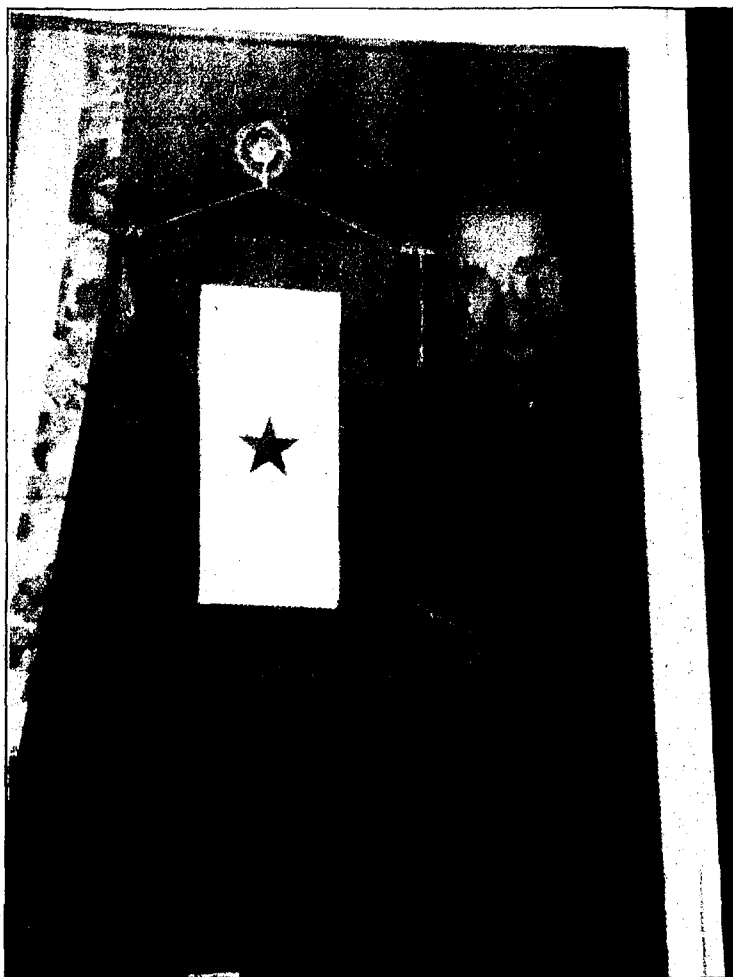
Bentley, who has had a daughter, son, and son-in-law in military service, currently displays one of the banners at her Boyne City home in honor of her grandson, Sgt. Eugene Mont Jr., First Infantry, a member of the 15th Field Service Brigade in Fort Hood, Texas. Mont, who has written occasional letters to the editor to The Citizen-Journal regarding his military experiences, is a Boyne City High School graduate who played both basketball and football in his hometown. Though Mont is currently still in the U.S., his unit is scheduled to be deployed overseas in the coming months.

The banners, according to American Legion Post #228 commander Jerry Evans, are a tradition that dates back to World War II. Featuring a red border and white field, the banners feature one blue star per family member serving in the military.

Should any of those loved ones die in the line of duty, a gold star would be sewn in the blue star's place.

"I just pray to God that no one has a gold star," Bentley said late last week.

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Boyne City resident Pat Bentley displays a single star for her grandson, Eugene Mont, who is currently based in Fort Hood, Texas.

## 'Between a rock and a hard place'

### Citizens voice dismay in East Jordan over proposed water rate increases

Emotions ran high in East Jordan last week, as citizens gave the City Commission and staff feedback on proposed water rate hikes in a public hearing for discussion of the proposed 2003-04 city budget.

The consensus from the 25 or so citizens present, was that the rate hike, currently proposed at an increase of approximately 36 percent, isn't acceptable.

According to commissioners, however, the City that they're blaming virtually tied. Not that their are any one but, well, the City Commission.

"If anyone wants to point fingers and decide who's to blame," said mayor Mark Postma at the opening of the public hearing, "it's the city commission." Mostly previous city commissions, to be specific. In response to one citizen comment noting that no one's being held accountable, Postma agreed: "That's absolutely right. Why [aren't they being held accountable]? Because most aren't here anymore."

The problem, Postma noted, was

created by the same type of opposition the current commission is facing in raising water rate hikes. "Every time we talk about a rate increase, everyone's mad," he said. Now, "we've destroyed our water fund to the point where we had to borrow all the money to fix it . . . and we expect Butch [Breaky] to accomplish miracles with no money to work with. We've got a lot of new equipment, but we've got a lot of old pipes underneath town, and we're trying to keep everything working so everyone has water."

"At the end of the day, we still have to come up with a way to pay for what we have."

According to state regulations, it is unlawful for the City to operate its water fund in a deficit. In recent years, the fund has borrowed from the General Fund balance to cover costs; with everyone tightening belts this year due to national economic decline, borrowing from the fund is sim-

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## Ahead of schedule

### Refurbished EJ building may be open to first tenants by July

Though the project was a daunting one by anyone's estimation, restoration work on the Main Street Center in downtown East Jordan has progressed surprisingly well. Surprising, that is, to anyone "builder/developer" Floyd Wright. "We haven't had any surprises," he said of the project. "It's been surprising to those who've watched what we've been doing, but we've been prepared for all of it."

The foundation underpinning work has been completed, and the building has been equipped with all new floors. Much of the interior partition work has been completed, and window installation began last week.

The condition of two of the south and east exterior walls required that the original bricks be completely removed; new brickwork is slated to begin in about a month.

"We knew what had to be done," he added. "We knew it was very extensive, but it's gone about as planned."

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## Blue star banners

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Though the banners fell out of use during the Korean and Vietnam wars, local Legionnaires thought bringing the banner back would be a perfect way to honor an old tradition and its current active military members at the same time.

The banners are available to the public for purchase, at a price of \$8 each, which, Evans said, just covers the cost of the banner.



Bentley, for her part, hopes to see more families utilizing the banners as well as showing their patriotic colors in general.

"You see lights in the trees at Christmas and scarecrows on the street at Halloween, but how many veteran's flags do you see in windows?" Bentley said. "It's nice to see a small town go out 100 percent patriotic, not just to support their servicemen, and instead of just on the Fourth of July."

Blue Star Banners are available at the American Legion Post home on the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m.

For more information, call (231) 588-6067, or Tuesdays and Thursdays (231) 582-7811 between 4-6 p.m.

**Local resident Pat Bentley's grandson, Sgt. Eugene Mont, is the reason a blue star hangs in the window of her Boyne City home. Mont is currently stationed in Texas, but expects to ship out overseas soon.**

## Lake levels down, again

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is very dramatic," Cwikiel noted. "What's dry land right now, in '86 was flooded."

From an ecological perspective, fluctuations in lake levels are good for the flora and fauna that live there. "In the Great Lakes, water levels do fluctuate," Cwikiel said. "The ecology of the lakes relies on the fluctuation." Shorelines exposed in low water years means "a great habitat" for birds; when the water levels come back up, the marshy shallows create an excellent fish habitat. "If we didn't have fluctuation, it would not be as healthy from a biological standpoint." That said, however, "this is the third year running with very low water levels. I was assuming the lake would start to recover."

Though it's not time to panic yet, concern over the apparent trend is certainly warranted. According to Cwikiel, five years of low water levels would be the point at which one might consider an indication of global climate changes. "We're dealing with seasonal and longer-term fluctuations based on the last 4,000 years of climate," he said. Dramatic changes in contrast to those expected patterns mean it's

time to ask questions about the cause, whether it be global warming, increased evaporation, or some other factor.

However dire the situation may appear, Cwikiel pointed out one reason to be hopeful: the fact that the area has been under the grip, so far this spring, of unseasonably cold weather. "A lot [of the water] is still tied up [in ice and snow]," he said. "We haven't had big spring rains or the big spring run-off." Additionally, he noted, the winter season ended up with "pretty good ice coverage" on Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, and local lakes, meaning potentially less evaporation. "You lose a lot less water to the atmosphere when it's covered," he said.

As for what the spring holds in terms of precipitation, that remains to be seen. A dry spring may spell more bad news: "If we have a quick spring and very little rain, and go right into a hot dry summer, we could easily go below an all-time low. On the other hand, a wet spring, given the ice we still have out there, things could start bouncing back."

In other words, it's wait and see. "That's a good lesson of biology," Cwikiel said. "We think we under-

stand all these systems. When it really comes down to it, we're good at tracking change, but we're not that good at predicting change. We're still learning a lot every day."

Regardless of the outcome, Cwikiel said that the attention to water levels is also a good time to remind folks of the importance of conservation. "We need to con-

serve energy wherever we can, in our own way reduce carbon and greenhouse gases. And we have to conserve water, even in the Great Lakes.

"Evertime we pull water out of the ground, some is lost to the atmosphere. Even though we're in the land of milk and honey as far as water is concerned, we've got to take care of it."

## Boyne Pop Warner to hold registration April 16

Registration for Boyne Pop Warner Football will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, and from 10 a.m.-12 noon on Saturday, April 19, at the Boyne City Middle School Cafeteria.

Pop Warner participants are separated into two divisions: pee-wees are ages 8-10, weighing between 55 and 95 lbs.; junior midgets are ages 10-12, weighing between 80 and 125 lbs.

The cost is \$60 per player. A parent must be present at the time of registration, and a copy of the player's birth certificate is required.

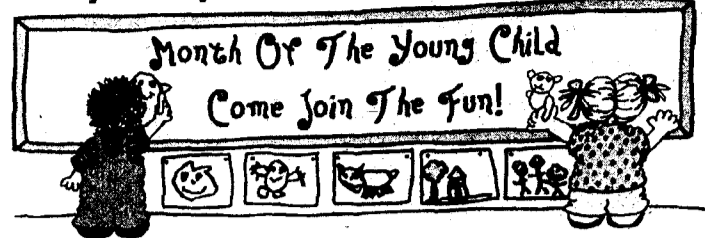
REGISTRATION WILL also be held this month for the fall 2003 season of eighth grade Boyne Youth Football.

Players can register on Wednesday, April 23, from 6-8 p.m. at the Boyne City Middle School cafeteria.

The fee is \$75 per player; a parent must be present at registration, with a copy of the player's birth certificate.

For more information, call Mark Ameel at 582-2075 or 439-8212.

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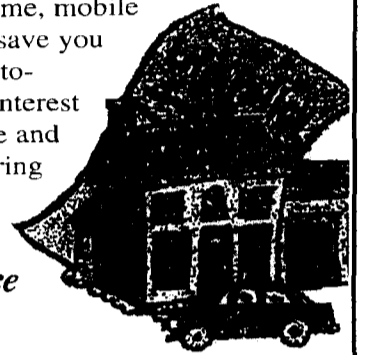
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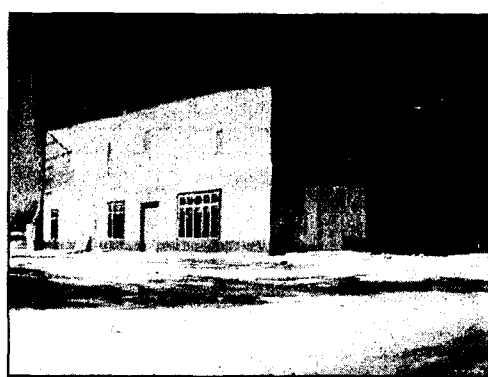
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The face of the former Votruba and Porter Lumber buildings has undergone significant changes over the course of the last few months of construction under the watchful eye of developers Floyd and Todd Wright. The facade, above, has been partially obscured for several months as crews have worked inside; at top right, the original bricks on the south and east walls have had to be completely removed, leaving a blank slate. Brickwork is expected to begin within the month.



### Ahead of schedule

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Or better, considering that the initial moving-in date, previously set for sometime in the fall, could be as early as July for the first tenant, likely to be the Jordan Valley Rehabilitation Center. Charlevoix State Bank, the building's largest tenant and co-owner and developer on the project, hopes to be moving in by September. "Depending on filling up the tenancy," Wright said, "we would have the building substantially completed by September."

Anyone looking at the project at its inception in late 2001 might not have foreseen things going so smoothly. When Floyd, along with his son and partner Todd Wright, took on the building, the East Jordan DDA-owned structure (known alternately as the Dahlquist building, and the Votruba and Porter Lumber properties) was on the verge of demolition after years of being for sale with nary a bite.

The tides turned, however, when the Wrights partnered with Charlevoix State Bank to take over the building, coordinating with City efforts on environmental and historical issues. In 2002, the City of East Jordan found a final piece of the renovation puzzle with the acquisition of a \$435,150 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The forgivable loan is being utilized for building demolition, parking lot improvements, and sewer improvements in the central business district, as well as assisting with renovations. Of the total amount, \$22,000 will be forgiven for each new job created by the project.

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According to Sunnyside Up owner Debbie Chappuies, the process, which consists of a trained technician utilizing a hand-held airbrush device to spray on a self-tanning product, "is very new." Previously, the airbrush tan was accomplished in a booth setting, with head to toe tanning the only option.

The new process featured at Sunnyside Up gives customers a choice of full body, upper body, lower body, or just face and neck. "Some people have trouble getting their legs to tan," Chappuies said. "One lady has difficulty getting her face to tan. It's the answer to a lot of people's tanning problems."

Even so, the airbrush tan is not likely to replace the traditional tan, but rather gives an instant option for short-term needs, such as prom or weddings. The degree of tan can be fine-tuned to suit each individual customer, and will reflect a person's natural coloring. The tan fades gradually in four to seven days, depending, Chappuies said, on how well skin has been exfoliated prior to the tan, and how well it's



Airbrush technician Regina Brown sprays a tan onto customer Samantha Duffey.

taken care of after undergoing the process.

Sunnyside Up Tanning is home to two airbrush technicians, Chappuies and Regina Brown. Tans are by appointment only, and "tanning parties" are offered for five or more people.

Sunnyside Up Tanning is located in Vanity Faire at 124 Main St. in East Jordan. For more information or to make an appointment, call Chappuies at 536-4826.

#### Grandvue Auxiliary to meet on April 10

Grandvue Medical Care Facility's Auxiliary will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, April 10, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the facility's chapel room.

Present and prospective auxiliary members, and all other interested community members, are invited to attend.

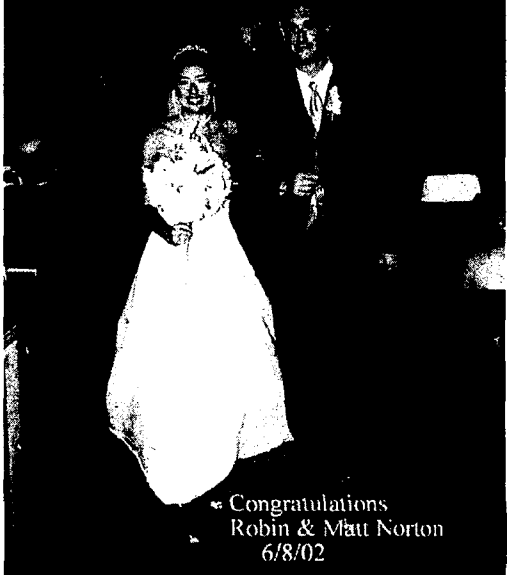
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## LETTERS

### WRC promoting awareness and prevention of sexual assault

TO THE EDITOR:

When hearing the words sexual assault, many people picture a brutal, violent attack by a lurking stranger. While this does occur in some circumstances, it is not what actually happens in the vast majority of sexual assaults. As many as 75 percent of rapes are committed by someone the victim knows; over 50 percent happen while on a date.

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is promoting the awareness and prevention of sexual assault.

In a caring, concerned community, such as ours, many people want to know what they can do to prevent sexual assault.

Unfortunately, there is no easy answer. Many feel that taking a self-defense class will equip them with the skills necessary to ward off an attack.

While self-defense courses may help boost one's confidence, it may also instill a false sense of security.

To prevent sexual assaults, we need to increase community awareness, dispel myths that place blame to the victim, i.e. she was drunk, she dressed provocatively, etc., and abolish gender role stereotypes in our society. If we pull together as a community and accomplish these tasks, we will make a difference.

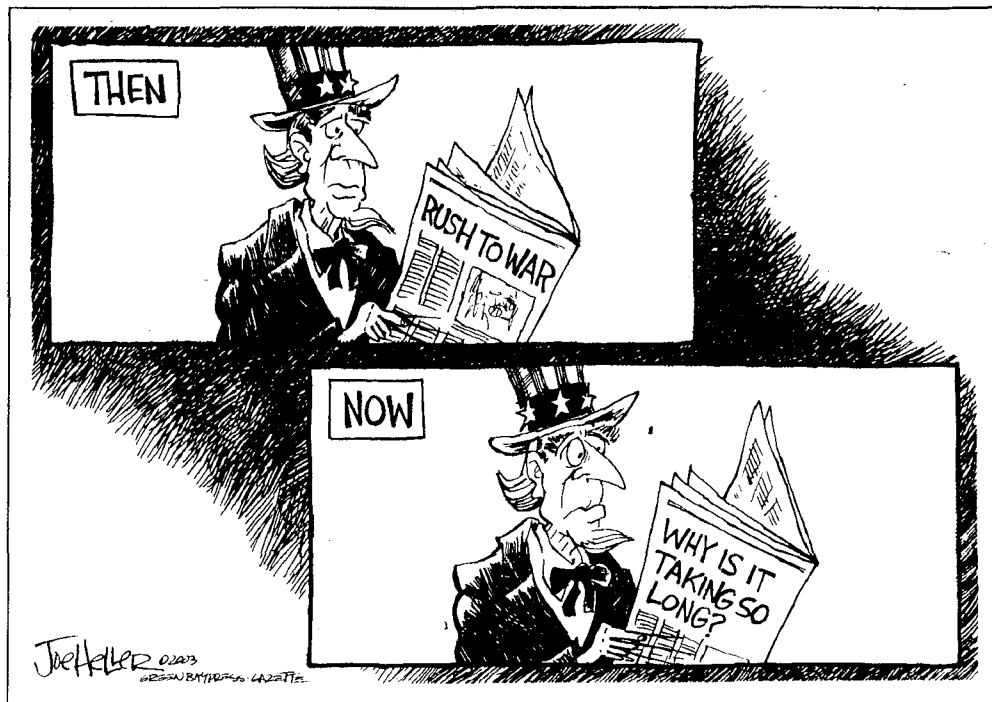
The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is a community-supported nonprofit agency serving residents throughout Antrim, Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Oshtemo counties.

Its many programs and services are designed to deal with a broad variety of issues to meet the ongoing and crisis needs of women and families throughout northern Michigan.

To learn more about sexual assault, our educational program can be brought to schools for students and parent groups and to area churches and community organizations.

For more information call 231-347-0082; our 24-hour crisis and information line at 1-800-275-1995.

Casey Robinson  
Sexual Assault Prevention Educator



## LETTERS

### Former Boyne teacher seeking names for military bulletin board

TO THE EDITOR:

I teach sixth grade at Rudyard Middle School now. On Friday, we participated in a dress down day in support of the troops. The staff could wear jeans and casual clothes if they donated money or "quality of life" items for the troops. I challenged my class to wear red, white and blue and added a donation for each of them that did.

I've dedicated a bulletin board in my room for the men and women who are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Several of my students have family members and people they know who are involved. It is a way for us to remember them and pay tribute to their service.

On a recent visit to Boyne I learned that some of the young people that I knew when I was a substitute teacher are stationed in and around Iraq. I would like to add people I know from home to my bulletin board. I'm a 1989 alumna of BCHS, a long time resident, and was a substitute teacher in Boyne City (and area schools) from January 1995-June

1999. If you know of a former student, classmate, or Boyne citizen I would know who I can add to our bulletin board, please let me know.

Please include their name, branch of service, rank, company name, and the base to which they are assigned. I'd love to have a picture to put up and some brief biographical background information-interests, age, family, etc. I want these soldiers to be real people to my students. If you would like to include an address for them and/or write to me to keep me updated when you hear from them that would be wonderful. You may email me pictures and information at hardyjnr@hotmail.com or send them to: Jennifer Hardy, Rudyard Middle School, 11185 W. Second St., Rudyard, MI 49780. You may also drop them off to Penny Hardy at Boyne Rehab Center.

I pray for a swift end to this war, peace, and the safe return of those who serve.

Jennifer Hardy

## LETTERS

### Marine wife sends message to families

TO THE EDITOR:

As I sit here watching the news of war, I would like to send a message to the wives and parents of our military men in action. Have faith in God and trust in your husband or son to know what they are doing and believe they will come home safely.

As a marine wife of 23 years I saw my husband on many mount outs. The Cuban Crisis, three tours in Vietnam, and he made it through them all safely, and wishes he could be in Iraq now helping those who are there and fighting for his country.

We lost a 19-year-old son to a young man driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. It's very hard to lose a child no matter what. I do believe, though, that it would have been easier to accept his death in the name of freedom than his death without reason, driving down the road.

I have another son currently in the hospital with a broken neck. A motorcycle accident involving alcohol. Paralyzed from the waist down, he struggled for his life for weeks. I'd rather have him fighting in Iraq right now, and so would he.

Our freedom is priceless and those fighting right now know that better than anyone. As I watch the anti-war demonstrators on TV I hope they remember that the freedom to do it is exactly what our military men and women are fighting for. I wish the demonstrators could turn some of that energy towards fighting drug and alcohol abuse or better yet supporting our men and women in uniform.

God bless our soldiers, airmen, marines, and sailors, and their families!

A mother and marine wife (name withheld)

### Wagbo grateful for festival support

TO THE EDITOR:

The board of directors and staff of the Wagbo Peace Center would like to thank nearly 200 friends for their support and participation in our recent Maple Syrup Festival. The sap reluctantly began to flow and our sugar operation was in full swing, providing fresh Maple Syrup for pancakes and sausage. Tours of the farm, sugar shack, and sugar bush provided entertainment and education to festival-goers. We truly appreciate the more than 30 volunteers who did the cooking, cleaning, and guided the tours for our guests, many of who had never visited Wagbo before.

Our gratitude goes out to our sponsors and other supporters whose kind assistance provided the special touches that made this event memorable: At Your Service Plus, Friske Orchards, Grain Train Natural Food Cooperative, Heartwood Enterprises, Johan's Breadbox Bakery, JoJo's Natural market, Jordan Valley Outfitters, Oryana Natural Food Cooperative, Randall Chiropractic Clinic, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Shelter Dairy, Two Dog Deli & Bakery, Claire Niewendorp, Dave Swartz, Pat Tinney, Erik VanHorn. Sincere thanks to each and every one who had a hand in making this event fun and enjoyable for so many.

With maple sap boiling and fiddleheads poking through, we're working on the gardens, pastures, and flowerbeds - sprucing the place up for your next visit and our next event. So, thank you again. We can't wait to have you back.

Wagbo Peace Center

## MYSTERY SPOT

Once again, readers were quick to respond to this month's "Mystery Spot" photo (at right). Leona R. Stanek was our first respondent, writing the following:

"The mystery spot is the Peninsula Grange Hall north of East Jordan. We enjoyed many Saturday nights there years ago square dancing and round dancing. Attended wedding receptions also and had good times there."

ALSO IDENTIFYING the mystery spot was East Jordan resident and businessperson Karen Walker, who wrote:

"The photo of the Peninsula Grange hall in the March 26 issue of The Citizen-Journal should bring back fond memories for many long time "Peninsula" area residents. The nearly 100-year-old structure at the intersection of Looze and Advance Road is home of the Peninsula Grange #706, a chapter of a national organization officially known as the Fraternal Order of the Patrons of Husbandry. The Peninsula Grange was organized in 1895 in Dwight, a long forgotten community on the shore of Lake Charlevoix near the South Arm Township line. The hall has always been a place where friends and neighbors gather with their families to discuss local happenings, share a meal and work to help those in need. Besides Grange functions, the hall has been used for many activities such as 4-H meetings, family reunions and wedding receptions. A friend recalls his sister's wedding reception back in the mid 1960s when a bear wandered into the yard and helped itself to some wedding cake.

The clatter of old wooden chairs and the chatter of familiar voices mingle with the smell of sausage, pancakes and maple syrup during the the Grange's biannual pancake supper fund-raiser. The next pancake sup-



The Peninsula Grange Hall

per will be held Saturday, May 3, 5-7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children, under age 5 are free. For more information, or if you would like to share stories or photos of the Peninsula Grange, call Karen Walker at 536-3663."

VERNA (LEU) SWEET responded with this: "Your picture in the March 26 paper has brought back many memories. Everyday my brother and I went to school, we walked by the Peninsula Grange on our way to the school bus. And as my Dad called the square dances, I was on the dance floor on Saturday nights over a period of many years.

Too bad the kids today do not have a place to go with

the mix of generations having a fun night out."

FINALLY, HENRY GRUTSCH was kind enough to stop by our office with a photo album full of pictures and news items chronicling the Peninsula Grange Hall, which included the following history:

Aug. 5, 1895 - Received charter from State of Michigan.

1906 - Built addition to hall. Weddings, family reunions, 4-H clubs, and Saturday night dances held at the hall.

1900s - Started Christmas Party for all children of the community. This continued throughout the 1980s.

1929-35 - Cut wood for needy families during depression years.

1937 - Help start the rural mail delivery in the U.S., Grange members went door to door with petitions to help introduce the REA into Charlevoix County.

1940s - Held benefit Oyster Suppers for the March of Dimes and Polio research.

1950s - Present Master Jack Luebke worked with grange youth on excursion trips and dances.

1970s - Kitchen, bathrooms, furnace, and fireplace were added in remodeling hall. Continued upgrading with painting, paneling, and handicap accessibility.

1980s, 1990s - Carrying on tradition, the Grange sponsors (2) pancake suppers a year to help sponsor a missionary, Tom Crosier and family, from East Jordan in Gambia, Africa.

1990s - Support National Grange Deaf activities, State Community Service activities, and promote and provide stuffed animals for East Jordan Ambulance Service."

Many thanks to those who took the time to respond! Look for our next mystery spot in an upcoming issue.

## In service

◆ Sgt. Eugene Mont, Jr., Army Field Service Company, 15th Field Service Brigade, First Infantry. Parents are Chris and Eugene Mont Sr. Mail can be sent to: Sgt. Eugene Mont, Jr., 84214-1 Guerrero, Fort Hood, TX 76544

Each week, The Citizen-Journal will recognize area residents currently serving in the armed forces. To have a name listed, please send the name, rank, branch of the armed forces, local city of residence, and names of immediate family to P.O. Box A, Boyne City, 49712, or e-mail to citizen@voyager.net.

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# NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

**ETA NU SORORITY** hosted its annual spring dinner for residents of Deer Meadows and Litzenger Place in the community room this past Monday night. All enjoyed and appreciated the delicious home-style chicken meal and deserts as well as their congeniality. After dinner, a drawing of the names of those signing up to attend was held, with the winners receiving the beautiful table centerpieces of healthy blossoming impatiens plants, in various spring colors.

**A REMINDER** goes out that the Boyne City Senior Citizen Advisory Board has changed its meeting time to the second Wednesday of each month. The April 9, 10 a.m., agenda will be concerning the upcoming Farmer's Market new guidelines and corrected changes, progress of business plans and other topics of interest. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**GABRIEL JACK WIXON** was born to Bryan and Deanna (Gainey) Wixon of Petoskey at Northern Michigan Hospital on April 2, 2003. Gabriel Jack weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 inches in length at his birth. His siblings are Zebulon Michael, and Joseph Durant Wixon. Grandparents are Gladys and the late Cloy Wixon of Petoskey, Marvyn and Richard T. May of Sebring, Fla., and the late Durant Gainey of Georgia, and great-grandfather is C.H. Gainey of Climax, Ga.

**THEIR CHILDREN HONORED** Gerry and Maxine Argetsinger of East Jordan on Saturday, April 5, for their 40th wedding anniversary of March 16. About 110 relatives and friends came from Grand Rapids and the local area, while others were unable to attend the lovely dinner and fun time at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club, due to the bad weather. The two oldest there were her mother, Naomi Davis, 92, of Boyne City, and Harley Argetsinger, 88, of East Jordan. Before dinner, friend of the family Chris Christensen, on a fun treasure hunt, chauffeured the happy couple

with clues leading them to eight different places, before returning to the party where they received gifts and congratulations. The celebrated couple has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The afternoon of lots of good food and fun of visiting was hosted by their daughters, Kelly Kaba and husband Alan of Traverse City, Julie McGuire and Darcy Argetsinger and son, Jeff Argetsinger and wife Sherry, all of East Jordan. "It was supposed to be a surprise," said Maxine, "but a mother always knows!"

**DEBRA SWAN** of Boyne City has returned after spending three months in Arizona, caring for her mother, since the passing of her father. She's ready to go back to work, receiving appointments at her office, "A TOUCH OF HEALTH," located in the Boyne Valley Medical Clinic. She does Modality Therapy, specializing in Myofascial Release. For more information, please call Deb at 582-5702.

**ON MARCH 23**, guests at the Charlie Stanek's for his 78th birthday were Rick, Betsy, Candice and Cody Olund, Bonnie, Aaron, Jessica, Aaron Jr., and Alan Olund and friend Treece, and Barb, John, Matt, Niki and Garrett Imel, Holly, Noah, Charles Stanek and fiancé, Carrie.

**DALE, CHONNIE**, Casey and Bobby Holzschu arrived home last Wednesday after a week's vacation in Florida. They had a good time snorkeling in the Atlantic Ocean.

**A BIG CELEBRATION** was held at the home of grandparents Mary and Merle Carson on Saturday, April 5, in honor of Jenna Marie Urman's first birthday! Mom and Dad, Todd and Connie, grandparents, great-grandpa Jack Urman, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends all had a "summer meal" (despite the weather!) cooked on the grill by Jenna's Dad and uncle Obie Wicker. Jenna received many wonderful gifts. All the clothes were un-tagged and aunts Linda, Sandi and Karen, had Jenna in her own fashion show. She of course enjoyed the whole affair and was a perfect little

model. Also, everyone got to meet Linda and John's new baby girl, Kaylee Elizabeth Chew, born March 20. Everyone had a great time.

**BUD AND JEANNINE SEVERN** of Clio spent the weekend at their home on Stanek Road. After dinner out they, along with Leona and Charlie Stanek, spent the evening playing cards with Dan and Norma Wilson Sunday night, the 30th of March. Guests for pizza, salad and birthday cake were Bob, and Kate Holzschu, Jean Fiel and Leona and Charlie Stanek there to celebrate Bobby Holzschu's 16th birthday.

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES** go out to the friends and family of Lewis Upton, Sr. of Boyne Falls and Mildred Speltz, both long time area residents who passed away this past week.

**"LATE CHRISTMAS"** for the Vic and Diane Ayers happened on March 29 when Vic's daughter Vicki and husband John Taylor came up from South Lyon to spend the weekend. They had been unable to get up for Christmas because of John being sick.

**MAXINE AND GORDON HUNT** have returned to their home in Deer Lake after having spent the winter in Florida.

**LEWIS AND SUZANNE SEVENSKI** of Vanderbilt welcomed the birth of their daughter, Caitlin Nichol on March 31, 2003, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Caitlin Nichol weighed 8 pounds and measured 20 1/2 inches in length at her birth. Siblings are Charissa, Austin, and Christian. Grandparents are Dorothy and Verlin Thompson of Boyne City and Lula Bell and Jack Sevenski of Elmira. Great-grandmother is Betty Inman of Boyne City.

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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**BOYNE AREA QUILT MEETING**  
Thursday, April 10  
Interested quilters can join the Boyne Area quilt guild at 7 p.m. in the community center at the Boyne District Library. For questions call Darlene at 582-6206.

**PEACE COFFEE HOUSE**  
Saturday, April 12  
The Peace Coffee House will feature Louan Lechler, and Jen Sygit and Angela Dedenbach, from 8-11 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan. The cost is \$5 entry; 12 and under free. Coffee and treats are available. No smoking or alcohol permitted. Peace Coffee House is always the second Saturday of the month. For information, call 525-9168.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Thursday, April 17  
A Boyne City Community Blood Drive will be held at the Trinity Fellowship Church from 12 noon-5:45 p.m. The church is located at 401 State Street. For more information, call 582-9132

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Thursday, April 17  
The First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City will be presenting a live dramatic presentation of The Last Supper at 8:45 p.m. The Church is located at 410 S. Park St. in Boyne City.

**SPRING CRAFT SHOW**  
Saturday, May 10  
The Boyne City Middle School PTO will hold a spring craft show at the middle school gym from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Booths are still available to rent for local crafters. For more information, call 582-0269 or 582-3694.

**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 VALLEY LIONS CLUB MEETINGS**  
Wednesdays  
The Boyne Valley Lions Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room. Any interested person is invited to attend.

**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. For more information, 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.

**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.

# OBITUARIES

## Gertrude (Trudy) Upton Kent

Gertrude (Trudy) Upton Kent, 79, of East Jordan, died Monday, March 31, 2003 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Born in Boyne Falls on April 30, 1923, she was the daughter of William and Florence Upton.

A 1941 graduate of Boyne Falls High School, she was a bookkeeper for Consumer Power in Boyne City, chief auditor for the City of Painesville in Ohio, a bookkeeper for the Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla., and a bookkeeper for Rockwell and Bond in Harbor Springs.

Trudy was a member of the Main Street Baptist Church in Harbor Springs.

Surviving are several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Trudy was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Edith Danforth, Grace Higgins, and Alice Cooper.

Her brother, Lewis Upton, Sr. also died on Monday, March 31, 2003.

Arrangements were handled by Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Priscilla Tripp Johnson

Priscilla Tripp Johnson, 87, of Zephyr Hills, Fla., died on Monday, April 7, in Tampa, Fla. Arrangements are pending. A complete obituary will follow.

You can e-mail us at [citizen@voyager.net](mailto:citizen@voyager.net)

# NORTHERN INSIGHTS

## Contrast is the key to readability

By DR. STEVEN HUFFORD  
OPTOMETRIST

Why can't I read the newspaper? What makes the phone book so hard to see? These are questions that I get regularly. Presbyopia, the stiffening of the lens inside the eye, which limits our ability to focus, happens at age 40 to 45 years old, as I explained in a previous article. During this period of time, some things are much harder to read than others. When reading our eyes work by contrast; the best print to read is very black print on very white paper. This gives the greatest difference or the greatest contrast between the print and background. The focusing system of the eye can then lock on the print and clear it.

The newspaper and phone book compromise the background and the print color to save cost. The paper is a soft gray, not white, and the print is a dark gray, not black. This causes a reduction in the contrast which

makes it harder for the eyes to get focused and stay focused.

Why does light help? Everyone knows that if you increase the light it is easier to read. This is because it increases the brightness of the background. The more white in the background paper, the more light is reflected to the eye. The other option to increase the light returning to the eyes is by increasing the light falling on the paper. Remember your mom saying "don't read in the dark, you'll ruin your eyes." She was right and wrong. Poor light does not cause any permanent damage to the eye but it does make the eyes work much harder and will cause more strain and fatigue.

It is the contrast between the print and the background that allows us to discriminate letters and words; when all else fails, there are always reading glasses.

Questions or comments can be directed to Hufford Vision and Eye Care, 225 State St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

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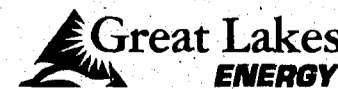
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# SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

## The dawning of new seasons brings OPTIMISM & HIGH HOPES

### Boyne City Ramblers

#### BASEBALL

With six returning players coming back from last year's 22-8 district championship baseball team, Boyne City coach Beano Archey has an excited squad anxious to hit the field and take it even further this year.

Archey lost several starters from last season, but with the six returning, four juniors and three sophomores ready to go, the Ramblers will be contenders for the Lake Michigan Conference crown and a threat in the post-season tournament.

Seniors Beau Detcher, Chris Grice, Scott McDowell, Jeff Prested and Bob Courtright, along with junior Nick Follette are the veterans coming back for another shot at a winning campaign.

"We need a strong year from our seniors," Archey said, "but we're a disciplined team with hitters that wait for the good pitches and we have three sophomores who can all throw the ball well."

Adding talent to the experience will be juniors Tylor Daniels, Justin Houck, Darren Looze and Rob Noeske; as well as sophomores David Austin, Drew Mittig and Ryan Hennessy.

The Ramblers have been working hard to get ready for

the season by sharpening their hitting and fielding skills, while getting down the basics of situational baseball.

Detcher will anchor the four-man pitching rotation for Archey with Austin, Mittig and Hennessy filling out the staff.

Grice and Follette will handle the catching duties as the other half of the Rambler battery.

The Ramblers, weather permitting, will open their season tomorrow when Cheboygan visits for a non-conference game. On Tuesday, April 15 the team will travel to Traverse City West and the league

schedule is set to begin on Monday, April 21, at East Jordan.

Archey is currently in his sixth year as the head coach for Boyne City after previously serving as the JV coach. He lives in Boyne City and has worked as an oiler at the Cemex Plant for over 20 years. He and Cheryl, his wife of 25 years, have four children.

Coaches Buddy Hayden, David Vasquez and Rob Towne will be assisting Archey with the varsity this year. Donny Richards will head the Rambler JV squad along with assistants Doug Archey and Don Richards Sr.

**"We need a strong year from our seniors."**

Coach Beano Archey

**"Depending on our pitching and how our bats come through, we'll see how we do."**

Coach Sandy Clausen

**"We graduated a lot of scorers and we won't dominate like we did last year, but we should do well."**

Coach Andy Place

#### SOFTBALL

Look for some exciting softball action when the Lady Ramblers combine good team speed and aggressive base running with a solid defense to work their way to a winning season at Boyne City.

Coach Sandy Clausen is optimistic going into the season with five players returning and a solid core of juniors to fill out her roster for the year.

"We have high hopes," Clausen said, "and depending on our pitching and how our bats come through, we'll see how well we do."

Returning from last year's 10-14 season are senior pitcher Jessica Raber, senior infielders Meredith Clemens and Brie Hancock, senior outfielder Katie Grice and junior infielder Emma Persons.

Newcomers to the varsity squad will be juniors Kadie Britton (pitcher), Susie Wellert (catcher), Savannah Hartwick (infield), Lindsay Tomkins (infield) and Michelle Metzger (outfield); along with freshman Haili

Friedrich (catcher).

Commenting on the upcoming Lake Michigan Conference schedule, Clausen cites solid programs at Traverse City St. Francis and Elk Rapids as contenders and also points to East Jordan as a tough rivalry as always.

The Ramblers will host, weather permitting, Cheboygan in tomorrow's opener and then they will travel to Traverse City West next Tuesday, April 15.

Clausen is entering her fourth year as the head softball coach for the Ramblers after three years as the JV coach. She is currently in her seventh year teaching math and physics at Boyne City High School.

Kathy Schmoltdt is in her fourth year as the assistant coach and Tom Neidhamer helps out as the third member of the staff.

#### GIRLS TRACK

Team depth and balanced scoring will be the key to another title run for the Lady Ramblers track team as the 2003 begins.

The defending Lake Michigan Conference champions have 13 returning athletes on a team that looks strong at the middle distances and will feature a lot of depth in the relay events.

"We graduated a lot of scorers and we won't dominate like we did last year, but we should do well," said Boyne City coach Andy Place.

2002 conference champions Sarah Hall (100M), Jenna Pearsall (100M hurdles) and Kim Foster (high jump) are all returning to defend their individual titles.

Others to watch include Brie VanDam (senior, 800M), Brean Smith (junior, middle distance), Katie Martin (junior, pole vault) and Carly Stieber (sophomore, 1600M, 3200M).

Place also cited freshman Thereseann Zimmerman as a

promising newcomer in the 800M.

Place expects some tough competition in the conference this year with Traverse City St. Francis, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs set to challenge Boyne City for the crown.

Entering his fourth year as the head of the program, Place and his wife Cindi live in Boyne City. They have four children. He is an engineering data manager for Honeywell.

The team's assistant coaches are Tim Hardy - sprints and relays, Andy Bryant - pole vault, and Tony Herrick - shotput and discus.

The team opens the season on Tuesday, April 15, at East Jordan and the first home meet will be Tuesday, April 22, when it hosts Charlevoix, Elk Rapids and Traverse City St. Francis.

#### SOCCER

If there is strength in numbers then Boyne City's girls soccer team should do quite well this season.

Coach Nick Baic has 20 players back from last year's squad and 22 newcomers on the 2003 roster, all eager to get things started.

The expectations are high, and Baic is looking forward to a good year, saying that the girls have looked good in the gym as they anxiously await to go outdoors and begin play.

"It depends on how well they play as a team," said the coach of his squad. "We have a lot of talent. They are aggressive and athletic, but they also need to be patient."

The coach is stressing a team concept and hopes that his veterans and new-comers mix well into the lineup.

Boyne City plays an independent schedule this year, not belonging to any conference.

The team is scheduled to travel to Traverse City on Monday, April 14, when the varsity will play TC Christian and the JV will take on TC Central.

On Thursday, April 17, it will be at Fife Lake and on Friday, April 18, the team will travel to Harbor Springs.

Baic is currently in his second year as the head of the soccer program at Boyne City and he also coaches a youth soccer team in the area. He is

owner of the Boyne Valley Lodge in Walloon Lake and he and his wife Anne have two children.

Assisting with the program are Henry Burger and Eric Richardson.

**"We have a lot of talent. They are aggressive and athletic."**

Coach Nick Baic

### East Jordan Red Devils

#### BASEBALL

Good pitching and team speed make for a good combination on the baseball field and East Jordan coach Tim Webb has both going for him and his squad as the 2003 season opens this week.

"We have fairly strong pitching and that's a nice luxury to have," Webb said, "and we plan on running and bunting a lot to make good things happen."

Webb is also stressing the defensive aspect of the game to back up his veteran pitching staff.

Two lefties and two righthanders make up the four-man rotation that will feature seniors John Reese, Scott Murray, Robert Grover and Bryan Diller.

Seniors Tim Murphy (second base) and Kevin Roberts (left field) along with junior Kevin Whiteford (catcher) round out the six players coming back for another season.

Webb hopes that his team's style of play will make for good baseball, entertaining games and a competitive year on the diamond this spring.

The Red Devils also look to be a real factor in a Lake Michigan Conference race that has good programs from top to bottom.

East Jordan has a good shot at the title, according to their coach, but they can expect Boyne City, Traverse City St. Francis and Charlevoix to be in the fight all along the way.

The season opener was scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, with an away contest at Glen Lake.

Tomorrow the team is set to take on Pellston at home and next Tuesday they will play host to Cheboygan. Conference play will start on Monday, April 21 with a home game with Boyne City. All home games are scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m.

Coach Webb is starting his first year as the varsity baseball headman and he teaches special education at East Jordan High School.

Bill Tisron and Matt Jackson are the assistants on Webb's staff.

**"We have fairly strong pitching and that's a nice luxury to have."**

Coach Tim Webb

**"We hope to finish in the top three in our league and have a good showing at the districts."**

Coach Meg Kitson

#### SOFTBALL

Solid defensive play will be the mainstay when East Jordan's softball team hits the field this week, weather permitting, with aims on a winning season.

Coach Meg Kitson has a young group of players who are all working hard to get ready and meet the goals they have set for themselves.

"We hope to finish in the top three in our league and have a good showing at the districts," Kitson said.

Five players return from last year's squad and a good junior class with JV experience will join them to make up the roster.

Back for another year will be seniors Kandra Carson in the outfield, first baseman Laura Graham and catcher Lisa Talboys; juniors Amy Schroeder at third base and Amanda Brodein on the mound.

Moving up from the JV's as first are Jessica Crick (outfield), Krista Kenny (shortstop), Jill Derenzy (second base), Sam Bingham (first base), Brittany Hanson (catcher/outfield) and Chrisanne Selonke (outfield).

The 2003 Lake Michigan race will be tough as usual,

according to Kitson, with Traverse City St. Francis and Elk Rapids looking to be the teams to beat. Kitson also noted Boyne City as another school with a lot of talent coming back.

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Tomorrow the team is set to take on Pellston at home and next Tuesday it will host Cheboygan. Conference play will start on Monday, April 21, with a home game with Boyne City. All home games are scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m.

A former Alma college player and Charlevoix High School graduate Kitson is starting her 10th year as the varsity softball coach at the school. She has lived in East Jordan for 13 years and currently teaches fourth grade at East Jordan Elementary School.

The assistant coaches on the staff include Lery Buchanan, now in his 10th year, and Kelly Neer, who is starting her third year. Senior Kelcie Brock is the equipment manager and statistician for the team.

#### GIRLS TRACK

East Jordan track coach Dennis Snarey points to leadership from his upperclassmen as the key factor for success as his otherwise young 2003 team prepares for the upcoming season.

Two seniors come back for another year and they are joined by four junior lettermen to lead the way for the 10 freshmen on the roster.

Senior Krystal Birgy will run races from the sprints on up to the 800M run as well as taking part in the relay events.

Amanda McMichael, also in her fourth year, is set to run the distance races and compete in the high jump.

Snarey will also rely on juniors Tiffany Bareden (distance), Jacque Brun (hurdles, relays), Heather Danforth (800M, relays) and Courtney Hammond (sprints, 400M).

First-year sprinters include Jalessa Baier, Sienna Richards and Tassia Sweeney; while Sierra Roberts, Amanda Thomas and Chelsey Poindexter will add talent to the distance events.

In the field events look for throwers Liz David and Stephanie Olyzowski as well as vaulter Morgan Warnos.

The team will begin its competition with a tough home meet against Charlevoix, Harbor Springs and Boyne City on Tuesday, April 15.

Coach Snarey has been coaching the girls team for the last 20 years and currently teaches fourth grade at East Jordan Elementary School.

Shelley Bowden, Jennifer Waites, Jean Schneider and Heather Jones are the assistant coaches on Snarey's staff.

**East Jordan opens season with home meet April 15.**

#### SOCCER

It will be a rebuilding year for East Jordan's soccer team, but coach Peter Elliott is looking forward to a competitive season when his Red Devils take to the field in 2003.

Seven starters have graduated from the 2002 team and this squad is making the transition with five seniors, eight juniors and five freshmen on the roster.

"It will be interesting to see," said the coach. "We are getting our defense together and getting set to play good positional offense."

Elliott is working to get ready for the season with a lot of young first-time athletes that are showing a lot of early potential as the offensive and defensive lines take shape.

Fourth-year player Cayla Tinney is back for her second year as the goal keeper and will anchor the defense.

Third-year starter and senior Amanda Kline is another

exciting player that can play on any of the lines.

Rounding out the senior class will be Josephine Cook, Amanda Haney, Cecylia Krolikowska and Julia Shultz.

Juniors Carolyn Elliott and Amanda Evans will also add some depth and experience to the squad.

The Northern Michigan Soccer League play will be rugged again this year with Harbor Springs, Roscommon and Houghton Lake fielding talented teams to challenge for the title.

East Jordan was scheduled to open its schedule with a game at Houghton Lake on Tuesday, and followed with a home game with Charlevoix Wednesday, April 9, weather permitting.

Next Monday the team travels to Harbor Springs, followed by a rematch at Charlevoix on Wednesday, April 16.

Games begin at 5 p.m. for all home matches this year.

**"We are getting our defense together and getting set to play good positional offense."**

Coach Peter Elliott

# Boyne Twisters take Squirt title

The Boyne Twisters skated their way into the finals of the Sault Ste. Marie Invitational Squirt Championship recently, winning against the Char-Em Wild Cats. The win makes it two championships in a row for the Twisters.

Scoreless at the end of the first period, Boyne's Trevor Price found the net early in the second period to make the score 1-0. The Wild Cats countered, but Price answered back with another goal. Boyne won the game 2-1.

Scoring throughout the tournament for Boyne were Billy Kraemer and Kolbi Shumaker, with one goal apiece, and Price who put in an astounding 15 goals, including a double hat trick in game two.

Keegan Reynolds was in goal for the Twisters. The team is coached by Jeff Porter and Chris Goodwin.

Boyne Twister team members and coaches posed with their trophy after the big win in Sault Ste. Marie.



# Northern Lakes announces winter All Conference honors

The Northern Lakes Conference recently announced students named to All Conference teams for boys basketball and girls volleyball.

Melissa Anthony of Boyne Falls was named to the All Conference team for girls volleyball.

Local students named to the All Conference boys basketball team include Archie Griffin, Josh Jarema, and Nate Burks of Boyne Falls.

The conference also announced All Academic selections, which included Anthony in volleyball, and Matt Skop of Boyne Falls in basketball.

# EJ water rates

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ply not an option. Nor, according to Postma, should it be. "That \$100,000 [borrowed in previous years] missing from the General Fund would be real handy right now," he said.

Though the current crisis state of the water fund is a direct result of many years of no gradual rate increases, including a 10-year period in which rates were not increased at all, the problem is compounded by the fact that last year the City lost its largest water customer when Dura Automotive closed up shop. "When Dura stopped buying water, that took a big chunk out of the water system," Postma said, "and we were already losing money before that."

Water usage, he noted, dropped almost 20 percent in 2001-02, meaning primarily that the cost to run the water system was then divided up into a smaller portion of water usage.

Citizens present, however, were not convinced, citing a blue-collar workforce and elderly on fixed incomes who would find it difficult, especially in current economic conditions, to make up the difference in their monthly bills. Said one citizen, "if water keeps going up, I'm going to have to sell and get out of this town."

Even at a 36 percent rate hike, however, the problem will not be totally alleviated, commissioners said; the originally proposed rate-hike was in the 60-80 percent range. It became clear, however, that such a hike would be too much at one time: "nobody's trying to fix the problem in one year," Postma said.

Even so, "we're stuck between a rock and a hard place at the moment."

Though most commissioners indicated support of a rate hike, commissioner Tim Hoffman was vocal in his opposition. "I'm against this water [rate increase]," he said. "I will fight for these people until I get impeached or whatever."

No action was taken at the meeting; a follow-up meeting to work on the budget was scheduled for Tuesday, April 8.



# Successful season

Boyne 4-H wrestlers proudly displayed their medals and certificates after the 2003 Awards Ceremony held recently. Forty-one students grades 1-8 from the Boyne Area participated in the folkstyle wrestling program this year.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harry A. Burkart, Jr. and Charlotte L. Burkart, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Credit Corporation, f/k/a Novus Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded on June 30, 1999 in Liber 366 on Page 840 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE AND 76/100 dollars (\$132,259.76), including interest at 7.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on May 9, 2003.

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

Lot 48, Beardsley's Second Addition to the Village, now City of Boyne City, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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: April 9, 2003  
For information, please call: Team M (248)593-1306  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road,  
Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200316025  
Team M

**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 H. Goebel, married and Carolyn J. Goebel, married (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank successor by merger and/or name change to Charlevoix County State Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 7, 1993, and recorded on May 17, 1993 in Liber 254 on Page 223 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 04/100 dollars (\$40,208.04), including interest at 5.250% per annum. Said Mortgage modified by Notice of Increase dated May 7, 1993 and recorded May 22, 1996 in Liber 300 Page 609, Charlevoix County Records.

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 May 2, 2003.

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

Part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, commencing at the Northeast corner of said East 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 32; thence West 13 Rods (214.50 Feet); thence South 13 Rods (214.50 Feet); thence East 13 Rods (214.50 Feet) to the point of beginning.

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: April 2, 2003  
For information, please call: Team J (248)593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road,  
Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200316224  
Team J

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harold J. Osterbaan and Patricia A. Osterbaan, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated Nov. 29, 2000, and recorded on Jan.

5, 2001 in Liber 404 on Page 480 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THREE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 42/100 dollars (\$306,156.42), including interest at 9.625% 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 May 9, 2003.

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

Unit 23, Belvedere Terrace Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 322, Pages 359 through 392, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and amendments thereto, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium, Subdivision Plan No. 60 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and Amendments thereto; and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

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.

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 May 2, 2003.

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Dated: April 2, 2003  
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Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road,  
Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200316224  
Team J

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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

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Unit 23, Belvedere Terrace Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 322, Pages 359 through 392, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and amendments thereto, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium, Subdivision Plan No. 60 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and Amendments thereto; and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

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: April 9, 2003  
For information, please call: Team X (248)593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road,  
Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200316778  
Team X

**CITY OF EAST JORDAN REQUEST FOR VARIANCE**

The City of East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals has received a variance request from Daniel and Christine Brooks for the property commonly known as 756 Division Street, for a side yard setback variance of 12 feet.

A Public Hearing to receive comments on this request will be held on Monday, April 28, 2003 at 5:15 p.m. in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI. Written comments may be submitted to East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals, % City Clerk, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

**ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS FOR BOYNE CITY 2003 WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS DWRP NO. 7115-01 CONTRACT 1: WATER MAIN & PRV'S CITY OF BOYNE CITY CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

1. Sealed Bids for Boyne City 2003 Water System Projects, Contract 1: Water Mains and PRV's will be received by the City of Boyne City at 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 until 2 p.m. local time Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at which time all Bids will be publicly read aloud.

2. The principal items of work consist of the following:  
Construction of approximately 13,250 feet of 6, 8, and 12 inch diameter PVC water main including new water services, valves and hydrants.  
Construction of two each pressure reducing valve vaults with 8 inch diameter pressure reducing valves.  
Reconstruction of approximately 1,900 feet of roadway including sanitary sewer, storm sewer, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, and bituminous pavement.  
Roadway and grade restoration.  
Miscellaneous items of appurtenant work.

3. Bid documents, including specifications and plans, are available for inspection at the following locations:  
Office of the City Clerk  
City of Boyne City  
319 North Lake Street  
Boyne City, MI 49712

Office of Capital Consultants  
123 West Main Street Ste. 200  
Gaylord, MI 49735

Builder's Exchange - Saginaw, Traverse City, Lansing  
Dodge Reports - Grand Rapids, Southfield

4. Copies of the Bid Documents, including specifications and plans may be obtained at the Office of Capital Consultants, 123 West Main Street, Ste. 200, Gaylord, MI 49735. A check in the amount of \$50 payable to Capital Consultants must be submitted for each set of Bid Documents. No refund will be made.

5. A certified check, bank draft, or bid bond payable without condition to City of Boyne City in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Amount, shall be submitted as a "Bid Guaranty" as required in the Information for Bidders.  
6. The intent of City of Boyne City is to award one (1) Contract for the entire Contract No. 1 project.  
7. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish bonds and insurance as specified.  
8. Bids shall remain firm and shall not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after bid opening.  
9. City of Boyne City reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, or to waive bidding formalities in the best interest of the Owner.

By Order of:  
Sue Hobbs  
Boyne City Clerk

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rebecca D. Bowers a single person (original mortgagors) to Bank One, NA, Mortgagee, dated Jan. 14, 2002, and recorded on Feb. 1, 2002 in Liber 456 on Page 394 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTEEN AND 01/100 dollars (\$40,916.01) including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on April 25, 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 degrees 00 minutes 44 seconds West 1315.23 feet to a 2 inch pipe at the South-west corner of government lot 2 of said section; thence continuing along said quarter line (West line of said government lot 2) North 00 degrees 2 minutes 12 seconds East 896.50 feet to a 1/2 inch re-rod, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along the last described course, North 00 degrees 02 minutes 12 seconds East 300.00 feet to a 1/2 inch re-rod; thence South 66 degrees 21 minutes 37 seconds East 43.65 feet to a 1/2 inch 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 degrees 21 minutes 37 seconds East 150.00 feet to a 1/2 inch re-rod; thence South 5 degrees 45 minutes 4 seconds East 223.60 feet to a 1/2 inch re-rod; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 48 seconds West 160.00 feet to a 1/2 inch re-rod on the East line of said easement; thence continuing North 89 degrees 57 minutes 48 seconds, 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 26, 2003 For information, please call: Team G (248)593-1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 200314644 Team G

in Liber 306 on Page 0124 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Huntington National Bank t/k/a Empire National Bank, Assignee by an assignment dated Sept. 16, 1996, which was recorded on Sept. 25, 1996, in Liber 306 on Page 130, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE AND 91/100 dollars (\$61,279.91), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on April 25, 2003.

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

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

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 26, 2003 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Team M (248) 593-1306 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 200213154 Team M

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eugene Boyd and Kerri G. Boyd, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage- MI, LLC, mortgagee, dated Dec. 17, 2001 and recorded Jan. 3, 2002 in Liber 451, Page 893, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen and 59/100 Dollars (\$79,216.59) including interest at the rate of 6.5% 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 County, Mich. at 11a.m. on May 2, 2003.

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

Lot 104, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records.

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 third party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 26, 2003 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage- MI, LLC, As Mortgagee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 200.0792

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles L. Dawson, II and Susan R. Dawson, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to First National Bank of Michigan, a National Banking Association, Mortgagee, dated Jan. 5, 1996, and recorded on Jan. 11, 1996 in Liber 294 on Page 0409 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns, as nominee for Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns, Assignee by an assignment dated March 27, 2001, which was recorded on Dec. 12, 2002, in Liber 504 on Page 637, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 17/100 dollars (\$64,772.17), including interest at 14.950% 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 Court-house in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on April 18, 2003.

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

The Southeast quarter of Northeast quarter of Section 28, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, and also, the East half of the Southwest quarter of Northeast quarter of Section 28, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, except beginning at the East quarter corner of Section 28, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds West along the East and West quarter line of Section 28, 603.30 feet; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East 411.67 feet; thence South 88 degrees 53 minutes 09 seconds East 604.93 feet to the East line of Section 28; thence South 0 degree 26 minutes 31 seconds West along said East line 402.23 feet to the East quarter corner of Section 28 and the Place of Beginning.

Except commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the East 1/4 corner of Section 28, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said Section, North 00 degrees 16 minutes 57 seconds West (recorded as North 00 degrees 26 minutes 31 seconds East) 402.23 feet to a point in the Centerline of Waterman Road, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 02 seconds West (recorded as North 88 degrees 53 minutes 09 seconds West) 33.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the West line of said road; thence continuing North 89 degrees 37 minutes 02 seconds West (recorded as North 88 degrees 53 minutes 09 seconds West) 220.58 feet to a 1/2

inch rod; thence North 01 degrees 06 minutes 22 seconds East 350.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 02 seconds East 212.10 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said road line; thence continuing South 89 degrees 37 minutes 02 seconds East 33.00 feet to said Section line, thence along said Section line and along the Centerline of said road; South 00 degrees 16 minutes 57 seconds East 350.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 19, 2003 For information, please call: Team G, (248) 593-1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 200118824 Team G

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Grady L. Frederick, Mary M. Frederick and Alva F. Compton as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, (original mortgagors) to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. d/b/a Norwest Mortgage Inc. d/b/a Directors Acceptance, Mortgagee, dated May 11, 1998, and recorded on May 15, 1998 in Liber 337 on Page 873 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TEN AND 75/100 dollars (\$110,710.75), including interest at 10.125% 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 Court-house in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on April 18, 2003.

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

The East 334.57 feet of the West 669.15 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 19, 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 # 200015753 Team D

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Helen M. Norman, an unmarried person (original mortgagors) to The Prudential Home Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated Dec. 21, 1993, and recorded on Dec. 29, 1993 in Liber 266 on Page 105 in Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. t/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc. a California Corpora-

tion, Assignee by an assignment dated May 16, 1996, which was recorded on Aug. 6, 1996, in Liber 303 on Page 940, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT AND 88/100 dollars (\$70,738.88), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on April 18, 2003.

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

Lot 88, Michigan Shores, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 158 through 160, 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: March 19, 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 # 200315058 Team D

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Erik K. West and Colleen K. West, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Republic Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated Feb. 19, 1999, and recorded on Feb. 22, 1999 in Liber 358 on Page 77 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated March 22, 1999, which was recorded on July 19, 1999, in Liber 368 on Page 64, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHT AND 60/100 dollars (\$58,108.60), including interest at 7.000% 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 Court-house in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on May 9, 2003.

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

Lot 63, Block I, Plat of South Boyne, according to the recorded Plat thereof, also the North 1/2 of the alley abutting said Lot as vacated in Liber 217, Page 256, 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: April 9, 2003 For information, please call: Team X (248)593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 200027352 Team X

**NOTICE TO BOYNE CITY WATER CUSTOMERS**

The Boyne City Water Department will be flushing hydrants from April 21 through May 2. If your water becomes discolored, open a cold water faucet, which does not have a screen, and let the water run until clear.

**CITY OF EAST JORDAN REQUEST FOR VARIANCE**

The City of East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals has received a variance request from Bart Roehrig for the property commonly known as 746 Seventh Street, to allow for and accessory building with a floor area greater than 60% of the floor area of the primary structure.

A Public Hearing to receive comments on this request will be held on Monday, April 28, 2003 at 5:15 p.m. in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI. Written comments may be submitted to East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals, % City Clerk, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

**PUBLIC NOTICE NORTHERN MICHIGAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES INC.**

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Inc., is the Regional Substance Abuse Service Coordinating Agency serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties. As part of its annual action planning process, the agency is accepting Public Comment on services for the 2003/2004 Fiscal Year.

Written comment will be received by email to heidi@nmsas.net or by mail through April 30, 2003 at: Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. P.O. Box 1278 Gaylord, MI 49734

In addition, Public Hearings will be held on April 22, 2003 in the lower level conference room at the offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, located at 1165 Elkview, Gaylord, MI from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and April 23, 2003 in the second floor conference room of District Health Department #10, 521 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, MI from 12 noon-2 p.m.

Individuals interested in attending the above meetings and require special services are asked to contact Heidi Serven at 989-732-1791 ext. 18, three days prior to the scheduled meetings. Driving directions are available upon request. Federal and State funding has been provided to support in the project costs.

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR BOYNE CITY 2003 WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS DWRF NO. 7115-01 CONTRACT 2: SOUTH BOYNE RESERVOIR CITY OF BOYNE CITY CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

1. Sealed Bids for Boyne City 2003 Water System Projects, Contract 2: South Boyne Reservoir will be received by the City of Boyne City at 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 until 2 p.m. local time Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at which time all Bids will be publicly read aloud.

2. The principal items of work consist of the following: Construction of a 250,000 gallon Cast-in-Place Concrete Water Storage Reservoir and related appurtenant work.

3. Bid documents, including specifications and plans, are available for inspection at the following locations:  
 Office of the City Clerk  
 City of Boyne City  
 319 North Lake Street  
 Boyne City, MI 49712  
 Office of Capital Consultants  
 123 West Main Street Ste. 200  
 Gaylord, MI 49735

Builder's Exchange - Saginaw, Traverse City, Lansing  
 Dodge Reports - Grand Rapids, Southfield

4. Copies of the Bid Documents, including specifications and plans may be obtained at the Office of Capital Consultants, 123 West Main Street, Ste. 200, Gaylord, MI 49735. A check in the amount of \$50 payable to Capital Consultants must be submitted for each set of Bid Documents. No refund will be made.

5. A certified check, bank draft, or bid bond payable without condition to City of Boyne City in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Amount, shall be submitted as a "Bid Guaranty" as required in the Information for Bidders.

6. The intent of City of Boyne City is to award one (1) Contract for the entire Contract No. 2 project.

7. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish bonds and insurance as specified.

8. Bids shall remain firm and shall not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after bid opening.

9. City of Boyne City reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, or to waive bidding formalities in the best interest of the Owner.

10. A portion of the funding for this project may be provided by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The Contractor and all Subcontractors on this project are required to comply with the Federal Labor Standards provisions, Equal Opportunity Clause, Section 3 Clause and Wage Determination if CDBG funds are provided.

By Order of:  
Sue Hobbs  
Boyerne City Clerk

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR BOYNE CITY 2003 WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS DWRF NO. 7115-01 CONTRACT 4: WATER PRESSURE BOOSTER STATION CITY OF BOYNE CITY CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

1. Sealed Bids for Boyne City 2003 Water System Projects, Contract 4: Water Pressure Booster Station will be received by the City of Boyne City at 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 until 2 p.m. local time Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at which time all Bids will be publicly read aloud.

2. The principal items of work consist of the following: Construction and installation of a prefabricated water pressure booster station and miscellaneous appurtenant work.

3. Bid documents, including specifications and plans, are available for inspection at the following locations:  
 Office of the City Clerk  
 City of Boyne City  
 319 North Lake Street  
 Boyne City, MI 49712  
 Office of Capital Consultants  
 123 West Main Street Ste. 200  
 Gaylord, MI 49735

Builder's Exchange - Saginaw, Traverse City, Lansing  
 Dodge Reports - Grand Rapids, Southfield

4. Copies of the Bid Documents, including specifications and plans may be obtained at the Office of Capital Consultants, 123 West Main Street, Ste. 200, Gaylord, MI 49735. A check in the amount of \$40 payable to Capital Consultants must be submitted for each set of Bid Documents. No refund will be made.

5. A certified check, bank draft, or bid bond payable without condition to City of Boyne City in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Amount, shall be submitted as a "Bid Guaranty" as required in the Information for Bidders.

6. The intent of City of Boyne City is to award one (1) Contract for the entire Contract No. 4 project.

7. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish bonds and insurance as specified.

8. Bids shall remain firm and shall not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after bid opening.

9. City of Boyne City reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, or to waive bidding formalities in the best interest of the Owner.

10. A portion of the funding for this project will be provided by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The Contractor and all Subcontractors on this project are required to comply with the Federal Labor Standards provisions, Equal Opportunity Clause, Section 3 Clause and Wage Determination.

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# OUTDOORS

## Turkey numbers down for Michigan's spring hunting

By LINDA GALLAGHER  
Contributing Writer

Wildlife biologists report lower numbers of wild turkeys throughout the northern Lower Peninsula, which means area spring turkey hunters may have to look a little harder for the big gamebirds than in previous years.

"It's all going to depend on where you are this year, and in some areas, how much scouting you do," said Al Stewart, Michigan Department of Natural Resources upland game bird specialist. "Wild turkey numbers apparently took quite a dive in some parts of the northern Lower Peninsula this year, but numbers of wild turkeys continue to be excellent in southern Michigan."

Wild turkey populations have been dropping throughout the region for the last two years.

Stewart said hunters will find about 165,000 wild turkeys in Michigan this spring, with more than half of those in the southern part of the state. Most of those birds, as in past years, are located in southwestern counties.

Stewart attributes the excellent

numbers of wild turkeys in southern Michigan to a mild winter, an abundance of food in prime agricultural areas, and to better spring nesting conditions last year than the rest of the state experienced.

"The opposite was true of most areas in northern Michigan," said Rick Riley of Elmira, president of the Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association. "The winter was cold, and the snows were very deep, especially in Antrim, Charlevoix and Ossego counties. If those birds weren't fed a steady diet every day, they may not have made it."

Riley credited the late start to the winter as a help to many wild turkeys in the local area.

"They were able to put on a good layer of fat from the very abundant beechnut crop we had. That helped a lot," he said.

Stewart said there are up to 68,000 turkeys in the northern Lower Peninsula, whereas Northeastern Unit Supervisor Glen Matthews put populations of northeastern Michigan birds at about 25,000. Northwestern Unit



Northwest Michigan counties, including Charlevoix and Antrim, have seen a substantial drop in turkey numbers in recent years.

Supervisor Penney Melchoir said winter counts in her 13-county area showed a total of 16,000 birds.

"There are pockets in northern Michigan with good populations of birds, most of those on private lands," said Melchoir from her office, in Cadillac.

Overall, with at least a five percent reduction in numbers in the southern counties of Mecosta, Osceola and Missaukee, and a 15 percent drop in

numbers in the northern counties, including Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, and Wexford, Melchoir said hunters should plan on spending more time scouting this year both before and during the season.

The northwestern counties, including Charlevoix and Antrim, saw a substantial drop in turkey numbers over previous years, according to Matthews.

"We had a total count this year of

6,672 birds in Area J, quite a drop from our high numbers for that region of 14,000-plus birds as recently as 1999," he said.

Both Melchoir and Matthews said extreme cold and deep snows were factors in winter survival of northern Michigan turkeys this year, but neither was aware of any mortalities due to starvation or trauma.

"At least, not yet," Matthews said. "But most of the birds in northern Michigan came into the winter in pretty good condition, although some of them might have been pretty small, with the late hatches last spring."

Wherever the birds received supplemental foods, survival is likely to be much higher.

"That's why hunters will probably find most of the birds on private lands, especially in Antrim County, where most that survived were fed. But, as the season goes on, more and more birds should spread out to public lands," continued Matthews.

"I think that we're all going to have to do a lot of scouting this year, and there's going to be hunters who won't get a turkey this year. If you do, you'll

have earned it," said Riley, who does most of his spring hunting on the east side of Antrim County.

More than 100,000 turkey hunters are expected to participate in the spring hunt this year. With fewer wild turkeys in northern Michigan, Stewart said he believes more hunters will opt to remain south during the Unit 234 unlimited quota season in May. "Most of our spring turkey hunters live in southern Michigan, and it's easier and cheaper for them to hunt around home," he said.

"They know where the birds are in that area. The price of gas and the faltering economy may also be factors this year."

Anyone who applied unsuccessfully for a spring turkey license, can purchase one for Unit 234.

A number of leftover tags from undersubscribed hunts, including Units M, N, and O in the Upper Peninsula, are also available for sale over the counter to anyone who applied unsuccessfully for a 2003 spring turkey tag.

Michigan's spring turkey season runs April 21 through May 31.

## Hunters may see extended bushytail squirrel season next year

By LINDA GALLAGHER  
Contributing Writer

Dedicated small game hunters may be able to enjoy cold weather squirrel hunting this year if a proposal to extend Michigan's bushytail season is approved by the Natural Resources Commission at its upcoming April and May meetings.

The proposal would extend squirrel hunting statewide from the present 100-day season, which begins on Sept. 15 and ends Jan. 1, to a 160-day season, closing Feb. 28.

Errol Lee, a resident of Boyne Falls and an avid-squirrel hunter who enjoys hunting bushytails with squirrel dogs, first made the proposal to the NRC at its October meeting.

NRC Commissioner Bob Garner, a resident of Cadillac, supported Lee's proposal to extend squirrel season.

"It would offer more recreational opportunities for hunters, especially for the youngsters out there, at a time

of the year when there aren't a lot of other hunters in the woods," Garner said. "Squirrels are one of our most under-utilized resources, and they have a very high rate of fecundity. I don't think hunting them a little longer would have any ill effects at all."

Tim Reis, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Furbearer Specialist, is studying the possibility of extending the squirrel season. Biologically, there is no reason not to hunt squirrels in January, said the biologist from his office in Lansing.

"I don't think a little bit of February hunting, which probably wouldn't be attractive to many small game hunters, would hurt squirrel populations," Reis said.

It isn't uncommon, however, for females to nurse litters in February, especially in southern Michigan. During a normal Michigan winter, breeding often begins in February. With a 40-day gestation period, many litters

are born in March, depending on the weather and food sources.

Reis said there had been talk of extending the squirrel season about two years ago, but a lack of support killed the idea.

Squirrels are one of Michigan's most prolific wildlife species. They inhabit much of the state except in the harsh weather climates of the Upper Peninsula.

Healthy squirrels can give birth to two, or in some cases, even three litters, during a normal year, which explains why numbers traditionally remain high in most areas despite high predation and occasional disease outbreaks, such as mange and distemper. Harsh winters after years of failed mast crops affect squirrel populations most, research has shown.

Garner said an extended season would be popular among small game hunter during the cold months of January and February.

"I've heard from a number of

bushytail hunters who are very enthusiastic about the proposal," he said. "One of them said to me, 'Let me have the chance to hunt my tree rats in the snow and cold!'"

With the recent interest in expanding hunting opportunities, which has resulted in extending late pheasant and antlerless deer seasons, the proposal to extend squirrel season appears to be on a fast track within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, according to Garner.

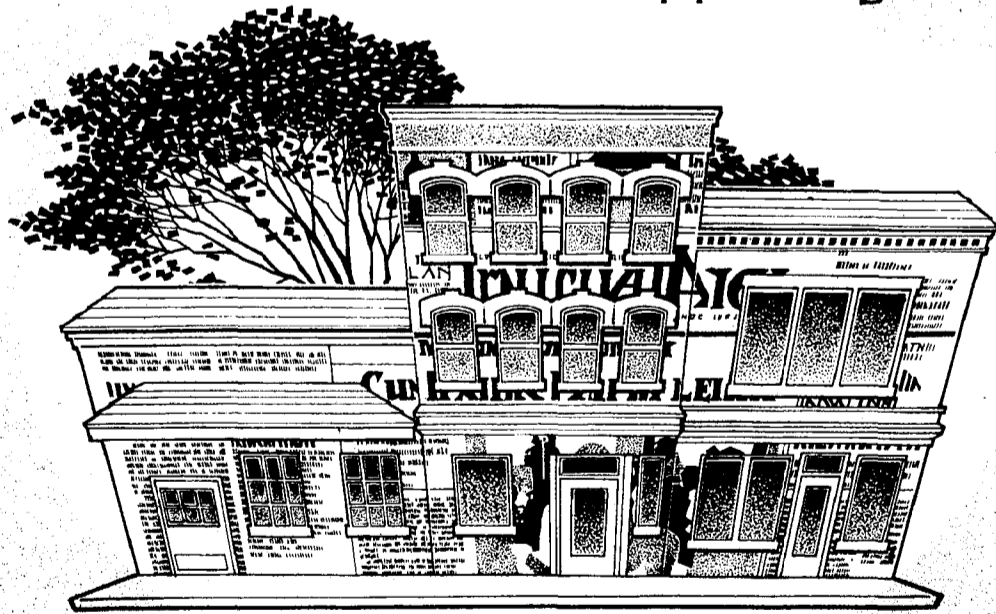
"Unless there are are substantial biological objections, I would bet my last \$10 that we'll be able to offer an extended squirrel season to small game hunters this fall," the commissioner said.

The proposal is on the NRC's April 10 agenda. To comment on the proposal, contact the Natural Resources Commission at: P.O. BOX 30028, Lansing, MI 48909, phone (517)373-2352, or visit the MDNR Web site at: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)



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### Announcements

**BOYNE RIVER STORAGE.** 980 Division Street (behind Sunburst Marina). The contents of the following units are to be sold at public auction at the above address on Saturday, April 12, 2003 at 10am: Unit #157, Gregware, misc. household items; Unit #162, crumpler, misc. household items.

**THE INSURANCE SHOP** of East Jordan has moved, 824 Water St., 231-536-3331.

THIS IS TO INFORM THE following occupants of Boyne Storage and Fuel Center, 1050 BC-EJ Road, Boyne City, MI 49712 of the disposal of stored goods. The occupants have until April 21, 2003 to reclaim their goods. Francis Bush #105: Refrigerator, bicycle, table, misc. boxes, clothes, misc. items; Michael Aller #4: Clothes dryer, misc. household goods.

PLEASE HELP! DIAMOND ring lost in vicinity of Cedar Creek Lodge, Shanty Creek. Reward, 517-655-3079.

### Services

**STAIR CONSTRUCTION** Interior - exterior 231-588-6136

### Child Care

LOOKING FOR babysitter to watch my two young children while I work from home. Applicants must have own transportation and be available approximately three mornings per week. Job pays \$7/hour. Retirees welcome. Call Carrie at 231-582-0947.

### Help Wanted

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY is accepting applications for the position of Equalization Director. The 2002 total combined State Equalized Value of the County is 2,053,359,143. The Equalization Department does assessing for the three cities in the County. The County is looking for a Level 3 Assessor that is working towards their Level 4 Certification. Applications should be submitted to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, c/o Charlevoix County Clerk, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Charlevoix County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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THE CITY OF EAST Jordan is accepting applications for the position of Clerk/Treasurer Assistant. Under the direct supervision of the City Clerk with some assignments from the City Treasurer. Good communication skills, telephone courtesy, computer knowledge and experience with word processing a must. This is a full time position with benefits. Wage will be dependent on qualifications. Applications will be taken until April 25, 2003. Application and job description can be obtained at City Hall, 201 Main Street, PO Box 499, East Jordan, MI, 49727 from 8am to 5pm Monday-Friday. The City of East Jordan is an equal opportunity employer.

### Miscellaneous

TWO 1998 SKI-DOO Formulas SL, low miles, excellent condition, cover, saddle bags included. Must sell, \$4,800 for both, 231-582-3388 or 313-350-9381.

### Wanted

WANTED: STANDING timber and saw logs. Selective cutting and long term forest improvement available. Call Burt Moeke, Fahl Forest Products, 231-631-9600.

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### Mobile Homes

MOBILE HOME: TWO bedroom, one bath on partially wooded one acre setting, \$48,000. Call Mark or Jody Kowalske, CENTURY 21 Up North, 231-582-6981, 231-582-6554.

### Real Estate

1.5 PLUS ACRES zoned commercial, just before the entrance to Boyne Mountain on US 131 South, \$35,000. Call Jeff Wellman, Re/Max of Boyne, 231-582-0097.

1909 FARM HOUSE near Boyne on 50 acres. large country kitchen, fieldstone fireplace, barn, only minutes to Walloon Lake, \$329,000. Call Mark or Jody Kowalske, CENTURY 21 up north, 231-582-6981, 231-582-6554.

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### Real Estate

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Boyer City Police Department

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

**Monday, March 31:** Officer assisted ambulance run on South Lake Street; unlock of semi-truck at Lexamar; seven non-sufficient funds complaints turned in from S&K Foods; family dispute on East Jordan Street.

**Tuesday, April 1:** Arrested minor for operating under the influence of liquor and transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; computer complaint on Ann Street; checked Hemlock Street for possible minor in pos-

session; phone harassment under investigation; malicious destruction of property to house on Lewis Avenue; found property on East Main Street and East Court Street; domestic dispute on First Street.

**Wednesday, April 2:** Different complaints on mailbox damage on State Street; disorderly person on South Lake Street; fireworks on Vogel Street.

**Thursday, April 3:** Property damage accident on Boyer City-Charlevoix Road; hit and run reported; over two hour parking citation Water Street; assisted ambulance on Jersey Street; well-being

check on North Park Street; property check on Terrace Street; assault complaint on Front Street; one arrested on Friend of Court warrant.

**Friday, April 4:** Property check on North Lake Street; malicious destruction of property on Water Street; officer assisted at vehicle fire on East Cedar Street; parking complaint on Water Street; fraud complaint at BC Pizza under investigation; arrested one on bench warrant/transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; disorderly kids in front of cinema; malicious destruction of property to vehicle parked off South Lake Street.

**Saturday, April 5:** Non-aggravated assault complaint on Front Street; malicious destruction of property of windows on Boyer Avenue; larceny of DVD player; two different noise complaints at Parkview Apartments; property damage accident at South Lake Street and Ray Street; minor in possession outside of Shates; family dispute on Pleasant Avenue.

**Sunday, April 6:** Harassing complaint on Water Street; trespassing on North Park Street.

**Arrests and citations:** Two contempt of court, operating under the influence of liquor, four speeding citations, two parking violations.

## East Jordan Police Department

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

**Thursday, March 27:** Civil dispute on Maple Street.

**Friday, March 28:** Assist citizen on South Lake Street; no proof of insurance cite on State Street; assist Kalkaska Michigan State Police on Main Street; threats on Spring Street; domestic disturbance on Williams Street; assist Charlevoix Police Department on North Lake Street.

**Saturday, March 29:** Landlord/tenant dispute on Nicholls Street; operating under the influence of liquor/driving while license suspended arrest on Josephine Street; larceny form building warrant arrest on Main Street; malicious destruction of property on Main Street; 911 hang-up on Sherman Street; suspicious situation on South Lake Street; delinquent minors on Bridge Street.

**Sunday, March 30:** Suspicious situation on Esterly Street; disregard stop sign-cite-Main Street; health and safety on Prospect

Street; parking problem on Fourth Street; health and safety on Third Street.

**Monday, March 31:** Assist citizen on Garfield Street; assault and battery on Nicholls Street; finger prints for liquor license on Main Street; domestic dispute on Williams Street; suspicious situation on Main Street; larceny of bike on Second Street.

**Tuesday, April 1:** Suspicious situation on Spring Street; larceny from motor vehicle on Mill Street; larceny from motor vehicle on

Fifth Street; larceny of flag on Seventh Street; larceny of flag on Main Street; larceny from motor vehicle on Division Street; larceny from motor vehicle on Mary Street; larceny from motor vehicle on Prospect Street; assist citizen on Main Street; 911 hang-up on Maple Street; barking dog on Third Street; larceny from motor vehicle on Echo Street; larceny from motor vehicle on Fourth Street; delinquent minor on Second Street; assist citizen on Main Street; family dispute on Water Street; assist citizen on Maple

Ridge Lane; trespassing on Manning Drive; retail fraud on Main Street; trespassing on Division Street.

**Wednesday, April 2:** Assist Citizen on Main Street; Larceny from building on Mill Street; fraudulent activity on Main Street; larceny from building on Mill Street; embezzlement on South Lake Street; larceny from motor vehicle on Hulbert Street; private property accident on South M-66; recover stolen property on Second Street; suspicious subjects on Second Street; breaking and entering on State Street.

## WRC offering parenting workshop

A parenting workshop based on the best-selling book, *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* starts Wednesday, April 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center in Petoskey.

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The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joann F. Townsend, ACSW.

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# Digging up one's ROOTS

By **ASHLEY SCHLESINGER**  
Contributing Writer

Some people spend their whole lives wondering about their background, but neither Elden Johnson of East Jordan nor Jackie Weber of Elk Rapids were satisfied to be one of them. Weber and Johnson wanted to learn more about their ancestors—a curiosity that led them to their passion for genealogy.

"I have been doing it for five years and it is the most gratifying thing I've ever done next to having children," Weber said.

Her interest in genealogy started when her aunt passed away. At the funeral, a woman Weber had never met talked about how she and Weber's family came to America on a boat called the SS Rotterdam. Weber had always wanted to know more about her father's family and the information about the immigration increased her interest, so she attended a four-day genealogy seminar at the Grand Traverse Resort.

"From then on I've been hooked," she said. "I'm finding out so much of what our relatives went through to get to America. It's a big wonderful story and sad. I know more history about World War I and Europe than I ever learned in school."

Since beginning her search, Weber has discovered family memorabilia and several cousins that she keeps in touch with—one who lives in Germany. In October 2002, Weber attended a family reunion and met her cousins for the first time.

"It was the most awesome experience I had ever had," she said.

In addition, Weber has made several new friends through her research.

"It's really a lot of fun," she said. "I've met some wonderful people doing it."

Johnson also got started in genealogy to find out more information about his family. His search, which has lasted more than 15 years, has not led him to unknown cousins, but he has traced his ancestry back to the Revolutionary War. He also learned some of his ancestors came to America in 1635 and were related to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Johnson started his search by following a myth—he heard his family had once lived in Elsie, near Grand Rapids.

"I took a Saturday and drove up from the city," said Johnson, who was living in Dearborn at the time. "I started roaming around cemeteries looking to find stones I knew were for relatives."

Through a little bit of luck and his efforts to learn how to search historical records, Johnson is learning more about his background. He has also discovered another genealogy past-time: researching and recording information about Antrim

County families. "There was not very much being done in Antrim County as far as research and preservation of data," said the Antrim County native.

Johnson moved back to the county in 1995 and has collected about 110,000 pieces of information about area families.

"I enjoy doing it," he said. "In a sense, I'm only getting started." Johnson is proud of the database he has created with his information.

"I probably have a better collection for this county than the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Family History Center in Salt Lake City," he said.

His collection is one place area residents can start when searching for information on their own families.

Johnson sells information from his database at \$5 a page. He said a typical report is about 10 to 15 pages and includes family tree information and any vital information on family members. Sample reports can be found on his Web site [www.antrimfamilies.com](http://www.antrimfamilies.com).

His database is also available on one of two CDs. The first has basic information and is available for \$8.95, while the second CD has information on Antrim County's cemeteries, including data on the hundreds of people for whom no stone was erected. That CD is available for \$12.95.

Johnson will also research information for people for a fee of \$10 per hour.

For those who want to do the research on their own, Johnson and Weber suggest they start by talking to living relatives.

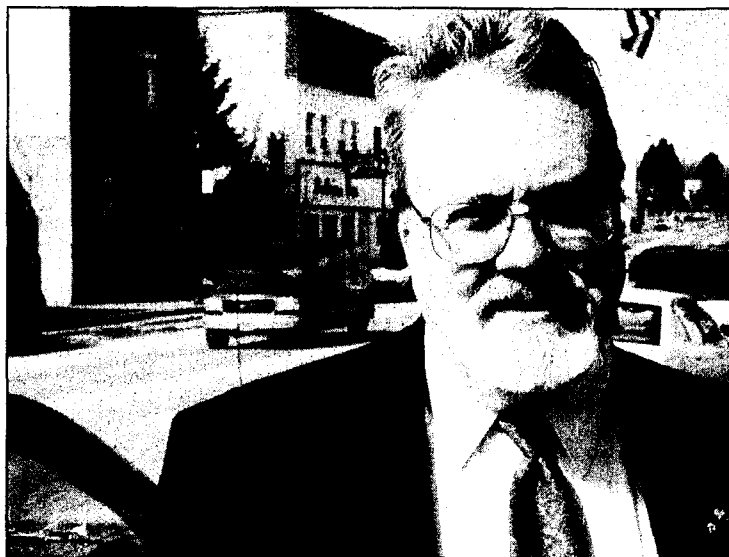
"I highly recommend you do it when you're young," Weber said. "I never thought to ask my grandfather and grandmother all about their life."

Weber also advises people start with themselves and work backwards to create a family tree. She recommended a computer program to help with the process, called Family Tree Maker is available at stores or online.

Once researchers have gone as far as living relatives can remember, Johnson recommends starting with a myth—a story they have heard repeated about their family or a place family members supposedly lived.

There are also several resources to turn to. Newspapers are useful in finding vital information, such as birth and death dates, as well as next-of-kin information from obituaries. Another resource is the Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Traverse City, which Weber and Johnson have both used.

"Not only can they give you advice, they can show you how to use the equipment," Johnson said. "A lot of beginning work can be done that way."



East Jordan's Elden Johnson has a passion for genealogy that's led him to compile a vast database of information about area families.

After the Family History Center, researchers can head to the genealogy department in the Traverse City Library, or use census information at the Northwestern Michigan College library. Census information can be useful in learning ancestors' names and pinpointing decades when the family moved from one location to another, Johnson said.

Some families, however, have only been Americans for a few decades. For those families, the Ellis Island Web site—[www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)—can be a helpful resource. Once researchers have determined a country of origin they can join an online listserve for the appropriate country. One Web site with such lists is [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

"Start sending out questions," Weber

said. "They share everything, that's the whole idea. You find more family out there just by putting out feelers. You should never be afraid to ask a question."

Occasionally, researchers will run into a dead end, but amateur genealogists should not give up.

"There's a lot of brick walls," Weber said. "That's why I tell people to join a list."

Anyone interested in additional help can attend one of the genealogy classes Weber plans on holding this fall. In addition, Weber and others in Elk Rapids are forming a club. For more information on the club or classes call Weber at 322-4205.

Genealogy information is also available through local libraries. To contact the Boyne District Library, call 582-7861; call the Jordan Valley District Library at 536-7131.

## Area youth to participate in World Vision 30 Hour Famine

The Boyne City Christ Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, and United Methodist Church youth groups are participating in a World Vision 30 Hour Famine on Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12.

The 30 Hour Famine is a time where group members learn the reality of hunger by going without food for 30 hours, while they grow closer to Christ, learn how to love their neighbors here and around the world, and live through an experience that will change the whole group.

In addition to fasting, the youth will be out in the community collecting canned foods on Friday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and on Saturday they will deliver their collections to the Boyne Food Pantry.

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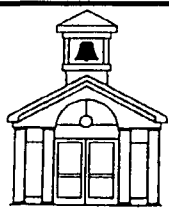
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"These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), Factory auctions and other sources," Brad Scheer, owner of Scheer Motors said. "Our creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale, then that is what we will do." Every bank repo and other preowned vehicle will be available for just \$29 plus a fee\* and then start making payments. "It's just that simple," said Scheer. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick a car and a payment. You won't find a faster easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range will be available, from luxury, to 4x4's, to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Scheer said.

**Auto Liquidators of North America** has flown in extra financial staff from three states to assure Scheer Motors of Grayling customers prompt, courteous service and the best financial terms possible. Scheer said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event. So chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

**All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2000 guaranteed value** and customers are encouraged to bring their titles or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these

vehicles. "The opportunity bargain-hunters have been waiting for is here, Monday through Saturday in Grayling. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making payments. Customers won't find a faster easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Scheer said.

**After the mega-sale ends at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19, Scheer Motors of Grayling will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to 1-989-348-5451. Scheer Motors of Grayling is located at 825 I-75 Business Loop in Grayling, Michigan. The hours of this sale will be Monday and Thursday 9am-9pm; Tuesday and Wednesday 9am to 8p.m.; Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 3pm.** "We hope to see everyone there and ready to walk away with the deal of a lifetime," said Scheer.

\*\*\$29 plus tax, title and fees, with approved credit.  
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