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At A Glance

'Footloose' tickets now on sale at BCHS

The curtain goes up on Boyne City High School's spring musical, "Footloose," on Saturday, March 20, at 8 p.m.

Subsequent performances are scheduled for Sunday, March 21, at 2 p.m., Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 27, at 2 p.m., and the final show will be an 8 p.m. performance on Saturday evening.

Tickets are \$5, with patron seating available for \$10, which includes a donation to the drama department and ensures ticket holders one of the 200 best seats in the house.

Tickets are available by calling the high school office at 439-8100, or Sue Breidenstein at 439-8127 during school hours. They can also be purchased from cast members.

Two seats open on Boyne City School Board

The Boyne City Board of Education is accepting candidates for two, four-year seats due to expire this spring.

The seats are currently held by Ed Vondra and Deb Noblett.

Nominating petitions are available at the superintendent's office, located in the Boyne City Early Childhood Education Center, 321 S. Park St., Boyne City.

For more information, call 439-8190.

Home lost in blaze

Responding to a call from dispatch shortly after 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, Boyne City firefighters arrived on scene to find the Barber Road home of Larry and Dolores Thorman fully engulfed in flames.

"One side of the house was falling in a little bit," said Boyne City fire chief Dennis Amesbury. "It had been going for awhile before it got called in."

When it did, Amesbury and company were already at another scene in Boyne City, responding to a gas stove fire. "We had it under control when [the second call] came in for a possible structure fire," he said. "We got out there to see smoke billowing, and we called East Jordan in for backup with tankers and manpower."

"It was pretty much a total loss," he concluded.

Firefighters were on scene until about 4:30 p.m., though the fire was under control within a half hour to 45 minutes, in order to manage, and keep an eye on, potential "hot spots."

"Once stuff started falling in, it was hard to get in underneath," Amesbury said, noting that crews used East Jordan's aerial truck to "get up and shoot down on the fire."

"The biggest thing, once the fire gets knocked down and under control, is to get all the hot spots so it doesn't rekindle," he said.

"With everything falling on top, you've got to get to the stuff burning underneath."

No one was home at the time of the fire; in fact, Larry Thorman first heard of the fire while at Sunburst Marine in Boyne City, where he works alongside his brother,



Firefighters from Boyne City and East Jordan take stock of the remnants of a fire on Barber Road last week. The structure, deemed a total loss, was the home of Larry and Dolores Thorman. Crews were on the scene from just after 10 a.m. on Thursday, until late afternoon.

photo by Vic Ruggles

East Jordan fire chief Glen Thorman, as well as East Jordan's assistant fire chief Steve Hall.

"He rode with me to the fire," Glen said of his brother.

The cause of the fire is "undetermined," Amesbury said, adding that it's unlikely, due to the extent of the damage, that a definitive cause will be found.

"The house is pretty much [burned down] into the basement," he said.

"There's not a lot to go through and try to figure it out."

Holding Steady

Sewer rates see only major hike in proposed 04-05 budget for EJ

After a 35 percent hike last year, East Jordan residents will see no change in water rates if the 2004-05 city budget, introduced at last week's regular city commission meeting, is approved. Sewer rates, however, are a different story.

Last year's hot topic at budget time was a sizable increase in water rates, implemented in order to manage a water fund operating in the red. This year, said East Jordan mayor Mark Postma, the water fund is turning around. "The water fund is in the black," he said, adding that "we've got a few more years before it'll be healthy yet. We're not completely out of the woods, but we're on the right road."

Proposed sewer rates, however, show an increase over last year's, jumping from \$2.75/100 cubic feet to \$3.99/100 cubic feet in operating rates, as well as a proposed hike in the sewer debt retirement from \$1.24/100 cubic feet to \$1.30/100 cubic feet.

The increases, according to city administrator Dave White's written budget notes, are proposed "to keep pace with costs."

"If there is a part of the budget we're going to spend a lot of time talking about this year, I imagine it's the sewer," Postma said at the meeting.

The remainder of the budget, White notes, in light of substantial increases in health and liability insurance combined with decreased state revenue, is "very, very austere."

"The budget I'm presenting is a maintenance budget with little or no spending on new or capital projects."

General Fund revenues are estimated at \$1,732,656, including \$974,000 from property taxes.

see EJ BUDGET on pg. 12

Making progress

EJ Bandshell Committee looks to spring for official groundbreaking

Despite not having held any major or high-profile fund-raising events, the Bandshell Committee in East Jordan has gotten the word out, and the community has responded — the group has raised, in the course of two years, \$50,000 in cash and firm pledges towards the construction of a bandshell in Memorial Park downtown.

If all goes well, groundbreaking will take place this spring.

According to committee chairman Carl Bloom, the donations have maintained a steady flow in support of the project. "We're getting community-wide support," he said. "There really is a good buy-in from the community. The more people who give us \$10 here and \$10 there, the better we feel."

Support has come in many forms, ranging from grants to business donations, to checks from individual community members. The Frey Foundation's Next Generation gave the effort \$4,100, and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation kicked in with \$3,000. "The three

see BANDSHELL on pg. 2

More than a deck of cards

World War II-era song inspires effort in support of soldiers overseas

It was, for Boyne City's Pat Bentley, a moment of sudden inspiration.

"I was home thinking about World War II," she said. "Everything was so different then." For one, she said, folks back home did plenty to show support for soldiers overseas. She got to thinking, too, about an old recording, by Jack Benny bandleader Phil Harris, about the story of a deck of cards.

A soldier in the North Africa Campaign in World War II, the story goes, returned to camp after heavy fighting; the next day being Sunday, the Chaplain had set up church service. The men were asked to take out their bibles or prayer books, when the Chaplain noticed one soldier looking at a deck of cards.

After the service, the Chaplain took the soldier to see the Major, explaining what he'd witnessed. The Major, it's said, told the young soldier he'd have to be punished if he could not explain himself. The

young soldier told the Major that during the battle he had neither a bible or prayer book, so he would use his deck of cards, with the ace reminding him of one God, the two reminding him of the two parts of the bible, and so on (see explanation following this story). The deck, it is said, can serve as Bible, prayer book, and almanac.

Why not, Bentley thought, share that story with soldiers currently serving overseas, especially in Iraq. A member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Boyne City, she contacted legion commander Jerry Evans, as well as her daughter-in-law at Boyne Valley Printing, and Victories Casino, and a project was born.

Listening to the recording over and over to get the words just right, Pat handed over her transcription to Boyne Valley Printing, who put the verse on cards to be stuffed into decks of cards for the soldiers to carry. Victories donated 500 decks of cards to the effort, and the American Legion agreed to cover the cost of mailing.

Legion members stuffed the decks



Members of the American Legion Post #228 gathered at the Post home in Boyne City last week to package the special playing cards for mailing to soldiers overseas.

and packaged them for mailing last week. Bentley, whose grandson Sgt. Eugene Mont, Jr., is serving in Iraq, hopes that the effort makes a difference for those so far from home. In the past, she said, making such an effort did make a difference for her generation. "Some of the stuff we went

through in World War II," she said, "helped shape us."

THE DECK OF CARDS

When I look at the Ace, it tells me that there is one God and no other.

When I see the 2, it reminds me there are two parts of the Bible, the Old and

New Testaments.

The 3 tells me of the Trinity, of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

The 4 reminds me of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

see CARDS on pg. 12

Makin' music

East Jordan's Connor Huckle couldn't help but grin a little as he fiddled for the crowd at the Jordan Valley Fiddler's Jamboree, held on Saturday at the Harvest Barn Church, formerly the Jordan Valley Express, in East Jordan. Though only eight years old, this year marked Connor's fourth appearance at the annual event. Fiddling runs in the family, apparently, as Connor was preceded in performing by his older sister, Cassie. The Huckles joined fiddlers and musicians of all ages, like those pictured below, in creating a day of old-fashioned family fun. Proceeds from the event, which takes at-will donations at the door, benefit area music students.

photos by Angela Shultis



Bandshell

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banks in town, Bay Winds, Charlevoix State Bank, and Huntington, have all given us money," Bloom said, "and the businesses are getting in there one by one. Individuals give \$20 here, \$50 there."

The project began at the impetus of former city commissioner Bernie Hammond, who long dreamed of a new bandshell at the location. After the effort was underway, with the City of East Jordan voting in 2002 to give the committee permission to construct the bandshell in Memorial Park, Hammond stepped down as chairperson, with Bloom then taking the reins.

"We're coming along fine," Bloom said of the committee's efforts. "We've been meeting regularly all winter."

Though the group's monetary goal sits at \$80,000, Bloom said that there is some play in that number, considering the amount is based on "if we paid full price for everything and hired a construction manager." Material and labor donations, likewise, are al-

ready in the works. The design of the bandshell, intended to capture the spirit of an old-time railroad depot, has remained essentially the same throughout the process, though in response to suggestions from community members, the size has changed slightly. "The only criticism we got from people is that it seemed too small," Bloom said. Subsequently, the committee approached the City of East Jordan, who committed eight more feet of space to the effort. "We had the ar-

chitect enlarge [the bandshell design]," Bloom said. As the design now stands, it is expected to be able to accommodate a 40-member orchestra.

To keep the effort on track, of course, more donations are needed. "When we get to the \$60-65,000 mark, which we feel pretty confident we'll do, we'll be breaking ground this spring," Bloom said.

For more information, or to make a donation, call Bloom at 536-7602 or East Jordan City Hall at 536-3381.

Artists invited to enter guide cover contest

The deadline for registration to take part in the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce's 2005 Community Profile and Visitor's Guide Cover Contest is nearing, with registrations due by March 15.

The contest is open to all area artists, with entries due by April 20. Ten finalists will be selected by committee and community votes. The first place entry will become the property of the

chamber, to be reproduced as the cover of the 2005 Community Profile and Visitor's Guide publication, with a distribution of 15,000 copies nationwide. The work will also be utilized for postcards and notecards.

The remaining nine finalists' work will be auctioned off at a chamber-sponsored event this fall. For more information, or to register, call 582-6222.

OBITUARIES

William H. Wells

William H. Wells, age 83, of Canton died Tuesday morning in Aultman Hospital after a brief illness.

A memorial service was held March 4 in the Faith United Methodist Church of North Canton. Dr. Larry E. Morrison officiated. A private entombment took place for the family.

Born in East Jordan, Mr. Wells was a graduate of Purdue University and retired from the Hoover Company in 1985 as Vice President of Manufacturing for Hoover World Wide. He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Brookside Country Club and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, Jane C. Wells of Canton; two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Kim) Nicely of North Canton; Mrs. Douglas (Pamela) Mills of Can-

ton; a son, John W. (Shelley) Wells of Rye, New York; six grandchildren, Geoffrey, Suzanne, Melissa, Megan, Ian and Lily; and stepmother, Mrs. A. E. Wells of East Jordan.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be

made to Faith United Methodist Church, 300 Ninth St. N.W., North Canton, Ohio 44720 or to the American cancer Society, 925 S. Main St., North Canton, Ohio 44720. The Spiker-Foster-Shriver Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Patrons at the opening of the Jordan River Art Center's 'World of Wood' exhibit listen as local artist Glen McCune discusses the construction of his King Island Kayak.

Big turnout for JRAC opening

■ 'World of Wood' runs through March 27 in East Jordan

More than 150 art patrons and friends attended the opening of the World of Wood Exhibit on Sunday, Feb. 29, at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan. Refreshments at the exhibit opening were served by the board of directors with the curator Peggy Midener serving as hostess. The exhibiting artists were in attendance and each commented about their works, fielding questions from guests.

"The uniqueness of the exhibit is in the diversity among the artist and their own use of wood," said Jane Diller of the Jordan River Arts Council. "Each artist's work is par excellence in design and craftsmanship. Each artist used a variety of woods in their specialty."

Local resident Glen McCune's projects were large, carved in pine, such as "The Door," 10 feet tall with a high relief carved life-sized deer. He also has on exhibition a King Island Kayak type canoe of Mahogany, Redwood, White Ash, and Bone. In direct contrast are the small movable mechanical models — all precision made by Richard Barnett. Bill Koucky's forte is making stringed instruments; the fine Cello of Spruce and European Maple is a completed form, while there are many parts of the violin

demonstrating the process of making the instrument. The "Mani Birdhouse" by multi-axis turning, four feet tall, is one of Gary Weirmiller's objects that shows his expertise in turning wood. An entire corner of the gallery houses Ron Abfalter's collection of fine furniture, including a chair, a screen, a wall hanging, a floor lamp and several tables. Also featured is a unique Pagoda bench of Antrim County Cherry created by Russ Courtright. There are sculptural carved objects of women forms by Walter Midener and André Poineau, each very different in interpretation. Finally, the carved puppets, 54 in all, by the late Edward

Sowoboa kept the docents busy during the opening turning the crank shaft demonstrating the movement of all at the same time. The exhibit will be open from 1-4 p.m. daily through March 27 at the center, located at 301 Main St., East Jordan. For other times, and group and school tours, call the center at 536-3385 or Diller at 582-6399. For other information, call Peggy Midener, 536-2117.

Down, but not out: Surviving the seasonal blues

By DAVE LEIN
Contributing writer

Just sick of winter, or just sick of life? That's a serious question, and the answer isn't always that simple.

There is a difference. And depending on your personal level of frustration, either or both may require special care.

Many people report feeling "blue" or down during the long cold months of winter. This dip in mood is thought to be caused by low levels of serotonin, a chemical in the brain.

Serotonin levels are characteristically low in people suffering from clinical depression. But recent studies indicate that low serotonin levels also develop in otherwise "healthy" people during the dark days of winter.

Typically, this condition is known as SAD, or seasonal affective disorder. SAD affects an estimated half a million people every winter, and usually occurs between September and April, most notably from December to February.

The condition itself was discovered after blood samples were taken from vessels leading to the brain in 101 healthy men at several different times over the course of a year. Test results indicated that the activity of serotonin-containing neurons was lowest during the fall and winter, and highest in spring and summer — when sunlight is most plentiful.

A technique known as phototherapy, in which patients are exposed to bright light, is now frequently used to treat those with SAD. The general belief is that since serotonin levels rise in the brain on days with increased sunlight, bright light may boost mood by activating neurons in the brain that contain serotonin, leading to increased levels of the chemical in the brain.

Although the first study involved men, researchers believe that women likely experience a drop in serotonin levels during the winter as well, though the actual amount may differ according to gender. In addition, researchers have said that results point to a biological reason for SAD, which may help to displace some of the skepticism regarding this, and other forms of mental illness.

"We have seen an increase in patients this winter with typical depression-like symptoms, along with forms of depression such as manic or bipolar," said Marilyn Conlon, the behavioral health director at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

"Seasonal affective disorder could also be classified in the increase of depression," she said. Because symptoms occur most often in winter, Conlon said Munson often prescribes therapeutic light sessions for patients, which has proved to be a valuable solution for many suffering from the winter blues.

"We administer this treatment to a lot of our patients," Conlon said. "Usually they'll receive treatments 20 to 30 minutes every morning with a light about 18 inches away from their face."

"We have found this technique has resolved a lot of the typical SAD symptoms," she added.

While SAD is seen as a seasonal condition, Conlon said its symptoms are similar to basic forms of depression.

How do you tell the difference?

Kim Nicholls, physician assistant and director of clinical affairs at the East Jordan Family Health Center said the warning signs aren't that different.

"They may include loss of energy, or anxiety, irritability, headaches, loss of interest in social activities, overeating — especially with foods high in carbohydrates, weight gain, along with general difficulty processing information," she said.

Like Conlon, Nicholls also lists light therapy as a possible solution for SAD, in addition to limiting a person's intake of carbohydrates, exercising more, or taking medication as prescribed by a professional.

In general, a condition is considered more serious when it doesn't improve over time, or begins to interfere with regular day-to-day activities.

LIFESTYLE CHANGES

Carole Doherty, associate director of community consultation and treatment at North County Community Mental Health, said people who have suffered from SAD for two or more winters should consult their primary care physician to see if additional medical treatment is needed.

STAVING OFF THE WINTER BLUES

"There are a number of lifestyle changes that can make life easier if you suffer from the winter blues," said Carol Doherty of North County Community Mental Health. Some of her recommendations include:

- Increased levels of exercise, especially outdoor activities. The combination of natural daylight to stimulate the brain, and the proven fact that exercise improves mood should make this a priority. Exercise also helps control weight gain.
- Increase the amount of natural light in the home. Trim back branches that block light from entering windows and remove shades and curtains where appropriate.
- If natural light cannot be improved, improve general lighting. Use clear, or full spectrum light bulbs with a high wattage.
- Not giving in to food cravings. Follow a balanced healthy diet. Snack on fruits and vegetables rather than foods high in sugar or carbohydrates.
- Keep sleep patterns regular. Go to bed at the same time each night and get up at the same time each morning. Set an alarm clock and strive to get up when the alarm first goes off.

Doherty said traditional antidepressant drugs are generally not helpful for SAD patients because they increase the sleepiness and lethargy that are typical symptoms of SAD.

However, she said, newer selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) medications are not usually sedating and have been found to be effective in alleviating the depressive symptoms of SAD.

"These are very effective when combined with the self-help techniques," she added (see box). "Psychotherapy, counseling, or any complementary therapy which helps the sufferer to relax, accept their illness, and cope with its limitations are extremely useful."

Conlon agreed, and said specific medication may be the only viable solution, especially when symptoms continue year-round.

"That's what we encourage our patients to do," Conlon said about available treatment options. "However, if they are prescribed medication, they need to continue (taking the medication) and not let up. If they do, a recurrence of their symptoms is common."

SILENT SEGMENT

The affects of SAD and depression are not limited to adults.

"I would say that kids and adolescents are the most under-diagnosed segment with regard to depression," said Tim Meagher, an Elk Rapids psy-

chologist who works for The Child Guidance Center in Traverse City.

"Kids manifest actions such as bad behavior or irritability as depression," Meagher said. "And like adults who are depressed and have less energy or interest in activities — the same is true for kids with regard to social skills and academic performance."

"Too many times bad behavior, poor social skills or low grades are blamed on any number of factors. But after taking a closer look, they may likely be related to SAD or depression."

Meagher said it's important to listen and be aware of what a child may be trying to communicate. "If their behavior or actions interfere with their day-to-day activities and general well-being, someone needs to dig deeper and have them talk with the school social worker or family physician to see if additional treatment is needed. Whether it's talk therapy, light therapy or medication — it all starts with communication."

"Many of us — children and adults alike — tend to think things will get better and go away on their own. But that's not always the case," he said.

"There's still that stigma over depression as a mental illness. But as knowledge and resources grow, many more people are realizing that help is available, and can provide the best step forward toward effective recovery."

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Northern Michigan Hospital will host stop-smoking class

A stop smoking class, focusing on hypnosis and self-hypnosis, will be offered on Wednesday, March 24, at Northern Michigan Hospital. The free, three-hour program is designed to help smokers understand the dynamics of their compulsive smoking behavior. Instruction will include information on creating a healthy lifestyle that includes coping skills, stress management, and healthy energy sources. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the hospital's Community Health Education Center. For more information, call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777.



Tone Soup, above, will appear with Mike MacNamara in East Jordan.

Live music on tap at March 13 Peace Coffee House

On Saturday, March 13, Mike MacNamara and Tone Soup will be featured at the Peace Coffee House, held at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan. MacNamara, an accomplished singer/songwriter and guitar player from Cadillac, is making his second visit to the Peace Coffee House stage. Tone Soup, a Traverse-area based trio, will create harmonies that are "gourmet food for the ears and soul." The event begins at 8 p.m., and cost is a \$5 donation at the door. Coffee and treats will be available. Peace Coffee House is a non-smoking event. The Jordan River Art Center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan. Upcoming Peace Coffee House events will feature Hall & Morgan and Cow Cow Boogie on April 10, and Kevin Meisel and New Third Coast on May 8. For more information, call event organizer Rick Meisterheim at (231) 525-9168.

Parenting program based on best-selling book to be offered through NMCHA

"How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and How to Listen So Kids Will Talk," a six-week parent education program based on the best-selling book of the same name, will be offered at no charge starting on Thursday, March 11, at the Bellaire office of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. The program will run from 6-8 p.m., and consists of six weekly sessions to help parents cope with their child's negative feelings and learn how to express anger without being hurtful. Instruction will also cover how to engage a child's willing cooperation, set firm limits while maintaining goodwill, new ways to praise, and peaceful resolution of family conflicts. "This is a step-by-step approach to improving parent-child relationships," said Cindy Garwood, prevention specialist with the health department, who will lead the sessions. "It gives parents the know-how we need to be more effective with our children, and more supportive of ourselves." The book "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and How to Listen So Kids Will Talk" will be available for \$13 for those interested at the first session; the book is not required for the program. For more information, or to register, call Garwood at (231) 533-1013. The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

BCHS Class of '84 now planning 20-year reunion

The Boyne City High School Class of 1984 is starting to plan its 20-year class reunion. Anyone with suggestions, addresses, or other information that would be helpful in planning, or that would help in locating other class members, can send an e-mail to bclass84@yahoo.com.

OPINION



ON THE ROAD

Preparations are finalized for 3,100 mile journey

(Editor's note: The following column is the first-in-what will be a series of "letters from the road," as local resident Donna Moll, 76, embarks on a cross-country bike trip with a group of ladies "over 50," a fund-raiser for breast cancer research and support.)

By DONNA MOLL

The 3,100-mile San Diego, California to St. Augustine, Florida bike trip has not yet begun, but my anticipation and excitement are building daily. Spinning classes at North Country Cycle three days a week since January are giving me preparation training. I am receiving camera coaching to teach me the functions of my new digital camera.



Donna Moll

Packing a clothing-weight of 35 pounds is a challenge. The interest and support of friends has been overwhelming. Cancer Coalition sponsorship donations have been received from the Lions, Eagles, Delta Delta and Eta Nu Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Many individuals have made contributions to the National Breast Cancer Coalition Fund expressing the spirit of giving and the closeness of the community of Boyne City.

I flew from Pellston on March 9, but the tour officially begins on March 11 at the Holiday Inn with a "send off banquet." We will dip our tires in the Pacific Ocean on March 12 and ride a short day of 32 miles to Alpine, California. Our average riding day is 58 miles. We are on our way.

LETTERS

Decision to build a new library in East Jordan raises questions

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently it has come to my attention that our East Jordan District Library has banked nearly \$400,000 from unused tax dollars budgeted to them. I have also read that other district libraries, such as Boyne City, is short of operation money and was forced to cut back on books and hours of operation after their sizable remodel. Charlevoix is in the news with their plans to remodel and develop a 28,000 sq foot library. I believe they will soon look for more tax dollars.

What is the logic of a library of this size? Who is pressing to build these "new" community malls?

I am not against libraries. I think expanding the hours, or adding computer stations are all necessary to make the great information tool accessible to all. Our libraries have some wonderful kids programs and book services. I am concerned that the size of the expanded floor space will do more harm than good by limiting resources to maintenance and having little monies left for the true duties of the library.

Our District Library in East Jordan owns the relatively new 13-year-old building (a gift) with no debt, it is located near the new auditorium, community pool, high school and middle school. It could easily expand in the present location and do so without running into the financial woes of the adjacent Library Districts.

In January of 2003, our district library went into debt for land! Wishing to move to another location, the board chose to ignore the feasibility study results.

The feasibility study clearly stated the public was not in favor of a move from the present location. The study also said that the district library does not have the means

to financially support a 4 million dollar project.

Regardless of the facts, they hired an architectural firm to plan their 4 million dollar new library on the 18 acres recently purchased.

I have attended two library board meetings. It has been very obvious that they will continue to use our tax dollars toward this unpopular goal unless citizens with more open minds, voice their opinions to the library board by attending the open meetings (first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level of the library) or the school board or city commission meetings as they appoint the library board members.

Library board seats are not elected, yet they are in control of our tax dollars by the thousands. I might mention that between the first and second meetings I attended, rules had been altered so that the entire library board is prevented from answering any questions presented to the board!

Write or send a postcard voicing objections to this move and know you aren't alone.

The taxpayers in the Jordan Valley Library District are fortunate to share in the gift of the existing library. We have, in return, been generous in our financial support. Please don't let a few careless decisions by a small board take us into the financial hardships shared by our neighboring districts.

Send your concerns to: City of East Jordan, City Commissioners, PO Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727, and East Jordan Public Schools, Board of Education, PO Box 399, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Friends of the existing library,
Kathryn Slough

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Letters must be signed, and must include a daytime phone number for verification purposes. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

CHALLENGE MOUNTAIN'S Family Day Saturday, Feb. 27, had a very special guest. Bob Bryant, ski instructor at the location some 40 years ago when it was known as Thunder Mountain...

HER SISTER Nancy in Anchorage, Alaska and her brothers Fred C. Steuer of Kewadin and Walter C. Steuer of Traverse City, all remember the day that sister Norma J. arrived home from the hospital 50 years ago on March 17 and wish to express the warmest wishes to her on that day...

MONDAY STUDY Club of Boyne City will resume its 2003/04 programs after a two-month hiatus. Their next planned meeting on March 15 will be held at the Boyne District Library, at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

NANCY SANDO shared a riveting challenge with the Wednesday night 5th and 6th grade girls at Walloon Lake Community Church, Feb. 25. Nancy shared the impact of the rare disease she has and how it has created "tools of the trade" for dealing with the changes in her life.

not only for the daily tasks of life but also for sharing the love of Jesus. The girls made spring paper flowers and gifted Nancy with a small bouquet.

THE BRICKER family honored Amanda Hildebrandt, daughter of Mitch and Sara Hildebrandt, with a bridal shower on Sunday afternoon. Hostesses of this special event, The Pampered Chef Shower, were her sisters, Dixie Lahti of Lansing and Betty Brewer, at the Brewer home on Rogers Road.

LAST WEEK, an old group of friends got together to celebrate Stuart Wright's 40th birthday. Attending were Leslie Reinhardt, Cathy Wonski, Kris Grice, Kathy Stutzman, Rachel Fair and Tracy Wilmot.

THREE CHEERS go out to Gene Beer, now the manager of the Charlevoix County Transit, who has also put in 29 years of service with the transit in various skilled capacities within the company. Long overdue "congratulations" also come from the public as well as from many of his employees.

A "MAKE a note of it" message goes out to online former BCHS class of '59. Mary Carson's new computer is up and running, but she has a new user name. Send e-mail to: mary@gtlakes.com

NANCY STEUER of Anchorage, Alaska sent in an update for another Web cam in downtown Anchorage, wanting to share as much of her adventure with all that are interested in "The Last Great Race" being held in the "The Last Frontier."

Rondy which started Feb. 20 and ends March 7. Look for her in the crowd, she will have a banner flag and "will wave at y'all at 12 noon, which is 4 p.m. Alaska time or 1 p.m. California time 3 p.m. Texas time."

BOYNE CITY'S Christopher Grice is in basic training with the U.S. Air Force in San Antonio, Texas this week. Upon graduating, he will begin military training as a police officer.

JODY COSIER and infant daughter Isabella were the honorees at a baby shower at the Cosier home on Sunday afternoon. Her sister Jamie was hostess to about 35 Bricker family members and friends.

LAST SATURDAY'S open house at the Boyne City Fraternal Order of the Eagles was very well attended. Celebrating 100 years, many non members appreciated the chance to see the newly remodeled social and banquet rooms as well as learn of the various service works they do for the community.

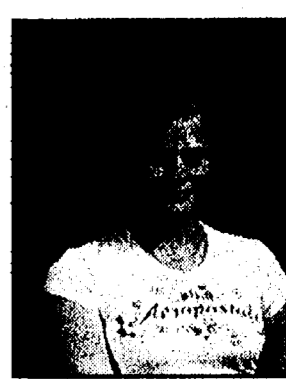
A RECENT baby shower honored Michele Hoth at the Simer's house in Boyne City. Michele is expecting her third child in a couple of weeks, but it will be her first boy!

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

NAME: Erika Looze PARENTS: Rick and Donna Looze GRADE: Sophomore FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "After high school I plan to go to cosmetology school to become a cosmetologist."



Erika Looze

Boyne Falls

NAME: Hunter Brisson PARENTS: Janie Guilliani and William King GRADE: Seventh FAVORITE CLASS: Math HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Football and bowling FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL TEAM: Green Bay Packers



Hunter Brisson

East Jordan

NAME: Justin Persons PARENTS: Pam and Bruce Persons GRADE: Senior SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football and baseball HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hunting, fishing, and riding dirt bikes



Justin Persons

"Justin is a considerate and friendly person," said Mrs. Cardwell. "He always smiles and seems to be upbeat. He is a hard worker who is determined to put forth his best effort."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, March 10 The Boyne Falls High School National Honor Society will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the high school from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

CHILI SUPPER Friday, March 12 The East Jordan Light-house Missionary Church is sponsoring a chili supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Cost is by donation. All proceeds will be used to help support our Missionaries.

FISH FRY Friday, March 12 The Boyne City First Presbyterian Church is hosting a fish fry from 4-8 p.m. to benefit the youth group. The church is located at 301 South Park St., Boyne City.

BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER Saturday, March 13 A benefit spaghetti dinner

for Carol Heeres, a nursing assistant at Charlevoix Area Hospital, will be held at Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth from 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

FOOD PANTRY Every Sunday The East Jordan Baptist Church holds a food pantry every Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the church located at 812 Ontario Street.

EJ FOOD PANTRY Monday & Thursday The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the Health Center.

OES CHAPTER 95 First Monday The OES Evangline Chapter 95 meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 212 N. Lake Street.

membership, call 582-6819 or 582-0506.

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.

SCRAPBOOKING First Tuesday Come join the scrapbooking group at the Boyne District Library in the community room from 5-10 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring any projects you are working on.

JORDAN VALLEY VFW MEETING Second Tuesday A meeting of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 is held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall.

JV VFW POTLUCK Third Tuesday A potluck dinner of the Jor-

dan Valley VFW Post 7580 and Auxiliary is held at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall.

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.

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 at the corner of Lake and Main streets or call 582-7811 at that time.

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.

AA MEETINGS Weekly The Boyne Valley Group of AA meets in the basement of St. Matthew's, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday noon, 8 p.m.; Tuesday noon; Wednesday noon (Big Book Study); Thursday noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday noon, 8 p.m.

ALANON Thursday nights Al-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

A New Senior Center for Boyne

We need your help - Give to the New Senior Center at the Litzenburger Campus

Advertisement for the new Senior Center for Boyne, featuring a thermometer graphic showing a goal of \$725,000 and contact information for 582-6682.

Honeywell Employees

We need to talk We want to make sure you get the most out of your retirement plan distribution.

Advertisement for Edward Jones, a financial advisor serving individual investors since 1871, with contact information for Jay Duggan.

Place of Worship advertisement for Christ Lutheran Church, including address (1280 Boyne Avenue), contact info (582-9301), and worship times.

East Jordan United Methodist Church advertisement, providing address (Corner of Fourth & Eastery), worship service times (9:00 a.m.), and contact info (536-2161).

Buy life insurance and save on your home and car. Advertisement for Auto-Owners Insurance, highlighting special discounts and expertise in insuring people.

Need Real Estate Advice? Advertisement for Jeff Wellman, REALTOR, with contact info (800-968-5092) and a list of support items for troops.

Korthase Insurance & Financial Services, Inc. advertisement, listing office locations in Boyne City (1150 Boyne Ave.) and East Jordan (100 Main Street).

BUSINESS BRIEFS

RE/MAX of Boyne realtors honored at regional conference

Realtors with RE/MAX of Boyne in Boyne City were recently honored by the RE/MAX Real Estate System for outstanding sales and service in 2003, receiving awards at the RE/MAX of Michigan Annual Regional Conference, held Feb. 12-14, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

RE/MAX of Boyne was awarded The Premier Market Presence Award, presented to Gary Deters, Becky Voice and Jeff Wellman, whose office has achieved PMP. The office is measured by superior performance in the following

areas: Quality Professionalism, Brand Name Awareness, providing Premier Customer Satisfaction, being Premier Community Citizens, and achieving dominant Market Share.

Pat O'Brien achieved the distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award, a sales award for individuals who have seven years of consecutive service with RE/MAX and have attained the RE/MAX Hall of Fame Award. O'Brien was also awarded the Chairman's Club Award. Qualifications for the Chairman's Club are based on exceptional sales production and commission

income for the year. It is the highest annual award in the RE/MAX network. In 2003, 13 Associates in the RE/MAX of Michigan Region achieved this status, representing the top one percent of the Region.

Gary Deters was inducted in the RE/MAX Hall of Fame, one of only 1,563 individuals among the 88,500 RE/MAX membership last year. The award is earned by members who, during their careers with RE/MAX, have helped at least 350 families buy or sell homes.

Voice and Wellman received the Platinum Club Award; in 2003, 67 associ-

ates in the RE/MAX of Michigan Region achieved this status, based on sales production for the year.

Mario Cioletti, Deters, James Lindsay and Ida Miller were honored with the 100% Club Award, based on sales production for the year. In 2003, 342 associates affiliated with the RE/MAX of Michigan Region qualified for the 100% Club Award.

Donna Dilworth was awarded Executive Club honors. In 2003, 119 sales associates affiliated with the RE/MAX of Michigan Region qualified for this club level, based on sales pro-

duction for the year. Samantha Voice was awarded President's Club honors. In 2003, 138 sales associates in the Region qualified for President's Club, based on sales production for the year.

"The number of award winners from RE/MAX of Boyne is testament to the hard work and dedication of our real estate agents," said Michel Metzner, Regional Director of RE/MAX of Michigan.

"RE/MAX of Boyne is part of the reason why RE/MAX agents are true leaders in the real estate industry in Michigan."



EJHS physics students competing at LSSU included, from left, Kim Beauvais, Courtney Hammond, Beth Stallard, Margaux Rowley, Nathan Hartman, Reece Bartlett, Aaron Meads and Richard Derenzy.

EJHS students take third place at physics competition

East Jordan High School Physics students earned a third-place finish out of 21 schools competing in the Lake Superior State University-sponsored Rube Goldberg Competition recently.

Lance Bailey, EJHS Physics instructor, was excited about the competition. "Our team did a great job," Bailey said. "The third place finish is our highest ever, and it's indicative of the students' efforts, and their ability to work together to apply their knowledge."

The competition rules require each competing team to design, construct and test a Rube Goldberg "pancake machine" that includes at least 15 energy changes, the end result of which would flip a pancake perfectly onto a designated target.

The East Jordan team designed "Baileyville," a model city that utilized a superhero theme to flip the pancake. "We had Batman, Spiderman and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," Bailey said, "and a lot of other classic comic book characters, all involved in the energy changes."

Points were awarded for creativity, use of the theme, quality and durability of construction and the use of the required number of energy changes.

The event, which was sponsored by the Engineering Department at LSSU, celebrated National Engineers Week, honoring the achievements of engineers like Goldberg, who have made a difference in the way we work and play.

Creative kids

With the current school year characterized by a strong focus on literacy, East Jordan Elementary School students are putting plenty of energy into creative writing. Throughout March, The Citizen-Journal will feature a few examples of their work. This week, fifth graders write:

I'm Going on a Spaceship

By TRISTA KARLSKIN

I'm going on a spaceship. I just stepped out on a planet called Magmarus. I took a look around and - "Oh, my gosh!" - I saw a whole city of alien pets. Well, the other way around, the humans were pets. It smelled like a lot of different smells: Cat food, dog food, fish, meat, cat litter, and all kinds of pet odors.

I was doomed! A human catcher came up and caught me. That net felt all wet and gooey. He threw me in a cage and drove off. Before I could even get up, I was at the Human Pound. I heard people screaming and the animals were looking at me. They said, "I will take that one."

The family of dogs got me out and put me on a leash like a dog. They took me home and put me in a cage. One doggy said, "I'll name you Stinky because you smell a lot!" the other one took me outside and put me on a chain. I was so mad that I started yelling at them. "Let me go! Let me go!" They told me to shut up and they threw me a piece of broccoli. I tried to run away but my chain was only 2 feet long. So I went to sleep. This went on for a week. Finally one day after the dogs went to school, a stranger came up to me

and set me free. I ran away with the stranger. He took me to his place in an alley. I asked for his name, and he said, "Jorje." "Hey," I thought, "That is my captain's name!" He said, "come on! Let's go back to earth." I started to go back with him. A dog yelled, "Hey, come back human! You are mine!" "No you're MINE," I said, I turn around and grabbed my old owner. We flew back to Earth.

After our exhausting trip to Earth, we took the dog around and showed how we lived here. About a week later, we had taught him a lesson. We sent him to his home planet Magmarus. He was free again. He taught the animals on his planet what it was like to be a human on Earth. Now the animals and humans were equal, and one was not treated better than the other.

Mystery in the School

By SARAH BYCE

One day there was a mystery in the East Jordan Elementary School. Someone had stolen all of the teachers. The four people on the case of the missing teachers were Sarah, Kourtney, Kara, and Morgan. Mrs. Malpass, the assistant principal, assigned the jobs. "Kourtney and Kara you will find clues inside the school, and Sarah and Morgan you two go find more clues outside. Before you kids go, I'm going to give one walkie talkie to each group. If you find anything, use the walkie talkies. Also, if you find anything you can bring it back to my office."

"We found a piece of clothing in Mrs. Ferguson's classroom door." "We've started our clues for the missing teachers," said Sarah. In the meantime Sarah and Morgan were outside and found a cell phone in the sand. On the top part of the cell phone it said Mr. Patrick Zimbabwe. On the bottom it had his address which was 12470 Patricia Rd. Heartsville, Zimbobwa 49681.

Kara went to go find a phone. She found one in Mrs. Drenth's classroom and called Mrs. Malpass. Kara asked her to come because neither Kara nor Kourtney had a camera to take a picture. Also, everybody knows you can't pick up dirt without it crumbling to pieces. Mrs. Malpass came with her camera and took a picture and left. While Morgan and Sarah were still outside, they went to the bus garage and found big skid marks and a flat tire, that looked like it had been ripped from going too fast. The tracks were leading towards the East Jordan Iron Works.

After Kourtney, Kara, Sarah and Morgan were done collecting their clues, they went to Mrs. Malpass's office to figure out where the teachers were. Morgan said "We think the teachers are in a bus at the East Jordan Iron Works parking lot behind the factory." "The guy who stole the teachers name is Patrick Zimbabwe," said Sarah. Kourtney then said, "The man had size 8 shoes and a polka dot shirt."

When the other classmates and the missing teachers came back on Wednesday, everybody congratulated the four kids who saved the teachers. Also, the four kids got the day off. Everybody was happy that's how the four kids saved the teachers.

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A Beautiful Friendship

By KATIE CARTER

A friendship is so beautiful. It is more beautiful than a rose. You can't make someone dislike a special friend. They are so together like a lock. There is no combination to make it unlock. That friend is so special, you would never want to leave their side. Everyday and every night you talk to them 'till the day is done! That friend is so special you don't want to change who they are. That is why friends are so special; that is what makes a friendship so beautiful. This was dedicated to: Kaylee Berreth, Josselyn Bishop, and Megan Keyser.

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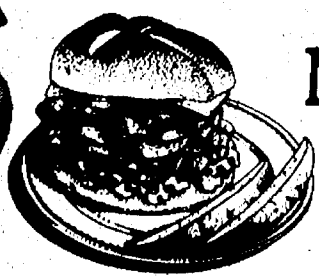
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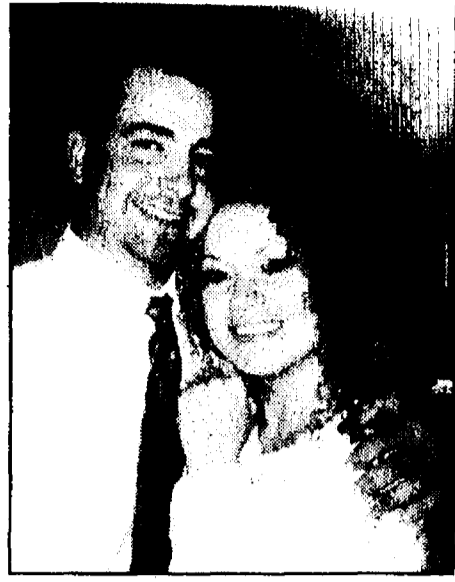
Mickey-Sherman

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mickey and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sherman, all of East Jordan, announce the engagement of their children Amy Jo Mickey of Nashville, Tenn. to Matthew Allan Sherman of Mattawan, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of East Jordan High School and received her Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Belmont University in Nashville. She is currently pursuing a music career, recording under her co-founded record label Riverbeat Music.

Her fiancé is a graduate of East Jordan High School and received his Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Alma College. He is currently working in sales and distribution at Burnette Foods in Hartford.

The couple is planning a May 8, 2004 wedding at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.



POLICE REPORTS

Boyer City Police Department

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

Monday, March 1: Hit and run on Boyer Avenue near Division Street; trespassing on McKinley Street reported; driver running school bus red lights on State Street; unlock at Litzenburger.

Tuesday, March 2: Driving complaint on Adams Street, two warnings issued; property damage accident on South Park Street; unlock of vehicle on Second Street; hit and run in Glen's parking lot.

Wednesday, March 3: Three car personal injury accident at North Street and North Park Street intersection; speed citation issued; unlock at Lexamar's parking lot; personal injury ac-

cident on Boyer Avenue near Boyer Summit Drive, three transported to Northern Michigan Hospital by Boyer City Ambulance Department; snowmobile warning for trespassing on private property; threatening complaint under investigation from Thompson Street; civil stand by at Parkview Apartments; unlock on South Park Street; personal protection order violation on North Lake Street.

Thursday, March 4: Civil complaint on Morgan Street; citation issued for speed; medical assist on North Lake Street.

Friday, March 5: Unlock vehicle on Water Street; 911 check on Call Street; unlock on Clark Street; parking complaint on South Lake Street; 911 check on Lower Lake

Street; minor accident on Boyer Avenue near High Street; citation for careless driving issued; one arrested on warrant and transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

Saturday, March 6: Operating while intoxicated arrest, lodged at Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; many speeding citations issued; minor in possession of tobacco issued.

Sunday, March 7: Report of juvenile runaway, located; unlock at Litzenburger.

Super Crossword

Answers

MEDIA	EGGON	CIPOWD
HAROLD	LARVA	HOLYER
BERATED	AHRAIS	EVINCEC
PAT DANNY	UATEEN	ATIA
AVID EWO	ERA FROH	
GENDIA	STEIN	ADAM
DANCE	STAGGER	SPOOL
A TO CRUEL	MEAN	
ESTUARY	DIN	HEALTHY
ELIE	SICOTIS	HAMATS
GOOD	HUE	AIVE
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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Jack Elwood Cyr

The Veteran of the Month for March is Jack Elwood Cyr.

Born on March 9, 1931 in Boyer City, Cyr graduated from high school in June of 1949. On July 26, 1949 he enlisted in the Navy in Detroit. Following basic training at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Cyr attended Hospital Corps School from Nov. 1, 1949 to March 17, 1950 and Operating Room Tech School from Aug. 24, 1952 to Nov. 1, 1952. He was stationed at naval hospitals in Jamaica, New York and Key West, Fla. and in 1950 was assigned to the 3rd Marine Brigade, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. and Camp Lejeune, N.C.



Jack Elwood Cyr

He attended college on the G.I. Bill at Eastern Michigan University where he received his Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degrees in education, and from 1958 to 1971 held the position of teacher-counselor-assistant principal in the Farmington, Mich. area. Following his wife's death on Nov. 13, 1971, Cyr moved to Boyer City where he was Boyer City Middle School principal. On April 19, 1973 Cyr married Sally Kay Wum and in 1987 he retired. Cyr enjoyed reading, traveling, hunting, fishing and boating until he answered the final call on July 7, 2003. He is being honored by

Cyr attained the rank of Hospital Medic 3rd Class on April 16, 1952 and served 19 months at sea. On April 20, 1953 he received his Honorable Discharge in San Diego, Calif. and was awarded The Good Conduct Medal. On Dec. 22, 1951 Cyr married Virginia Lewis.

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COLLEGE NEWS

CHARLES FOWLER, LEAH HERRICK and BETHANY TOMKINS, all of Boyer City, and NICKOLAS MOES and LACEY TAYLOR, both of East Jordan, were named to the dean's list at Lake Superior State University for the fall 2003 semester.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



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Depression and Folate Linked

Depression in some people may be linked to a lack of the B vitamin folate. In a recent study involving nearly 6,000 people, depression was more prevalent in those with high levels of the amino acid homocysteine. Participants with the higher levels were two times more likely to be depressed. Folic acid (the synthetic form of folate found in supplements) breaks down homocysteine. The study suggests that a vitamin B imbalance may be a risk factor for depression. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information regarding folic acid supplements.

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Ramblers take big win over Gaylord

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports writer

The Boyne City varsity basketball team closed the regular season on a winning note last Friday when the Ramblers downed Gaylord 50-37 to earn their sixth win of the year in front of the home crowd on Seniors Night.

"We set the tempo and we beat a Big North team on Seniors Night and that was nice," said Boyne City head coach Tim Smith. "All six of our seniors played well in their last game."

Jordan Voice scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds, while Reed Ameel added 13 points and dished out three assists to lead the Boyne City offense.

The Ramblers set the pace early and took a 13-7 lead after one quarter that moved to a 23-15 margin at the half. A 19-9 run in the third period made it a 42-24 game going into the final eight minutes.

Dillon Olmstead added to the attack with eight points, while Tylor Daniels hauled in six rebounds. Brenton Rozycki chipped in with five boards and Nick Follett dished out three assists.

Traverse City St. Francis 42, Boyne City 38

The Ramblers stayed right with the Lake Michigan Conference champion St. Francis team on Tuesday night, but just fell short as the Gladiators held on for a 42-38 win in a defensive battle at St. Francis.

Boyne City held a 20-19 lead at the half and were within two points of the Gladiators late in the game when Boyne City outscored TCSF 14-12 in

the final period.

"Defensively we played a tremendous game," Smith said. "We controlled the tempo and played solid. We had some shots at the end to win it, but we missed some layups."

Reed Ameel led the scoring with 20 points and Grant Ameel had seven points. Rozycki pulled down eight rebounds and Voice contributed with six boards and three assists.

Josh Jorkasky scored 14 points to lead the St. Francis scoring.

THE BOYNE City junior varsity team gained a split in its games last week falling to St. Francis 62-45 and then defeating Gaylord 63-50.

Scott Morrow hit for 12 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter against Gaylord, while Taylor Voice hit nine free throws in the last eight minutes to power a 27-8 run that gave the Ramblers the victory over the Blue Devils.

Gaylord held leads of 11-6, 28-25 and 42-36 at the end of the first three quarters.

Voice netted 23 points total in the contest, while Evan Conklin added seven points and 13 rebounds. Morrow had 11 boards.

"We had a nice game and Armen Karaptian did a great job defensively for us," said Rambler coach Dale Thomason.

"Tyler Kruzel did all that we asked him to do and gave us a spark in the fourth quarter."

Morrow scored 14 points and grabbed 12 boards on Tuesday and Voice netted 12 points, but the Ramblers came up on the short end of a 62-45 score against St. Francis.

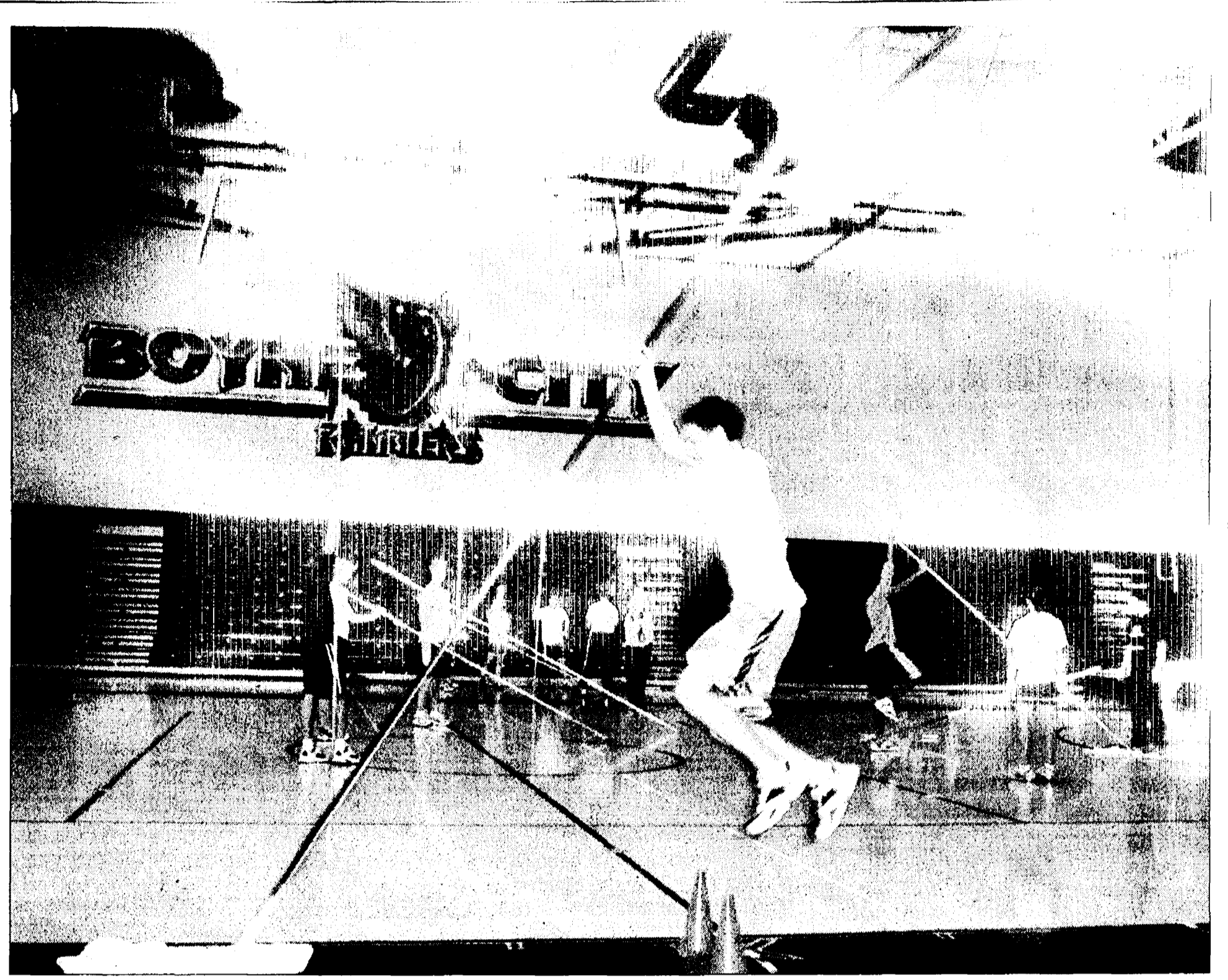


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Practice makes perfect

The Boyne City High School gym came alive with a prelude to spring sports, as students from schools across northern Michigan took part in a pole vault clinic held on Saturday. Training for the spring sports season begins officially on Monday, according to Boyne City athletic director Kirk Kujawski who hopes, he said, that the weather will cooperate.

Loggers fall short against Swordsmen

By HOLLY GASCO
Student writer

Try as they may, the Boyne Falls Loggers pulled up just short against the Harbor Light Swordsmen in their last regular season game, with a final score of 52-42, costing the team a chance at sharing the conference title.

"I am very proud of the team, as they fought back to even get this opportunity," said Boyne Falls head coach Frank Hamilla. "Now we need to shake it off and get ready for Gaylord St. Mary's on Thursday"

Josh Jarema had team high score with 14 points, and Ben Kondrat had 12. "We just hit a streak in the 3rd quarter where we went cold," Hamilla said, "and they hit a couple of threes." Josh Blackwell had 13 rebounds and Josh Gasco followed with 7, and Burks with 5. The Loggers were 6 for 8 from the line.

The JV won their game 69-60.

EARLIER IN THE WEEK, The Loggers took on the Ellsworth Lancers and beat them on their home court. The final score was 56-44. Jarema led the Loggers with 19 points with three, 3-point shots; he was also, 100 percent from the line. Blackwell had 14 points along with 15 rebounds. James Newson added 8 points for the Loggers.

Ending the season, The Loggers were 15-5 overall, and 9-3 in conference.

The JV also won their game against the Lancers 61-31.

District Finals will be Thursday, March 11, at Vanderbilt Court. The teams playing will be the winner of Monday night's game where the Vanderbilt Yellowjackets took on Gaylord St. Mary's, and the winner of Tuesday night's game where the Boyne Falls Loggers took on the Wildcats from Wolverine.

Rowley, O'Brien make dream team

Senior skiers Riley O'Brien of Boyne City and Margaux Rowley of Charlevoix/East Jordan have been named to the Traverse City Record-Eagle All-Region Alpine Skiing Dream Team to cap their outstanding seasons on the slopes.

In addition Charlevoix/East Jordan's York Smith as well as Boyne City's Matt Mercier and Kyle Barden earned first team all-region.

Bryce Endline (BC) and Taylor Fisher (Char/EJ) were honorable mention selections.

Men's slowpitch softball meeting set for March 16

There will be an organizational meeting of the Boyne City Men's Slowpitch League on Tuesday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at Boyne City's BC Pizza. Any teams, players, umpires or

anyone else interested in being a part of this league is encouraged to attend.

For more information call Don Hull at 582-2743, or Denny Kruzel at 582-2433.

Red Devils close regular season with win

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports writer

The East Jordan varsity basketball team started well and then finished well when the Red Devils traveled to Central Lake last Friday and came home with an 88-79 victory over the Trojans.

East Jordan opened the game with a 12-0 run and Tom Krause hit on four big free throws down the stretch as the Red Devils outpointed the Trojans 25-19 in the fourth quarter to seal the non conference win.

In between East Jordan withstood a hot shooting Central Lake team that hit 11 three point buckets to keep the game a close one.

East Jordan held slim leads of 23-19 after one quarter, 43-42 at the half

and 63-60 going into the final eight minutes.

"This was a crazy game! Back and forth the whole evening. We started out with a 12-0 run and then a technical foul seemed to really take the wind out of our sails," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey.

"Overall it was a solid team effort, though we need to be more intense and control the issues that we have control over during the districts."

Kyle Daneff led the Red Devil scoring with 28 points, Tyler Spence netted 19 points, Dan Reeves and Krause each had 12 points and Rhett Malpass scored 11 points.

"This is the first time all year that we had five players in double figures. It was nice to see a balanced attack," said Bailey.

Central Lake had three players hit for double digits as Dave Crossman tossed in 26 points, while Brent Patton and Vern Roberts scored 15 points each.

Harbor Springs 91, East Jordan 63 The Red Devils closed out the Lake Michigan Conference portion of the schedule on Tuesday when East Jordan fell to Harbor Springs by a 91-63 score.

"We did everything we could to stop them, but they always had an answer. Harbor Springs is a tough team to beat at home," said Bailey. "The kids played hard and we accomplished quite a few of our team goals during the game."

Harbor Springs took an 18-13 first quarter lead and made it 47-35 at the break before out scoring East Jordan

26-16 in the third period and 18-12 in the fourth to earn the win going away.

Greg Oldman (26 points) and Mark Morse (24 points) accounted for more than half of the Ram's offensive output.

East Jordan was led by Reeves with 14 points, Spence with 17 points, Daneff with 11 points and Malpass with ten, while Krause and Brandon LaCount chipped in with eight points each.

"Dale Reeves played a great game and really has been a solid contributor the last couple of games," Bailey said.

"Brandon LaCount, who was brought up from the JV's due to some injuries, played extremely well on both ends of the court,"

EJ volleyball season comes to a tough close

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports writer

East Jordan's varsity volleyball season came to a close last Saturday when Elk Rapids defeated the Red Devils 15-2, 15-6 in the semi-final round of the Class C district in Mancelona.

"The first round bye hurt the team," said Red Devils coach Paul Nachazel. "We never got into the groove."

Jessica Crick led the Red Devils with five digs, three assists and two aces, while Kayla Matejewski chipped in with five digs.

East Jordan finished with a 7-24-6 overall record.

"We had our best year for tournaments in five years," Nachazel said.

Charlevoix captured the district title with a 15-6, 15-2 victory over Elk Rapids that moves the Red Raiders on to regional play this Saturday in Suttons Bay.

Charlevoix (32-10-7) defeated Traverse City St. Francis (15-9, 15-11) and Suttons Bay (6-15, 15-10, 15-11) in its first two matches.

Harbor Springs 2, East Jordan 0
Sam Bingham led the team in Thursday's regular season finale, with four kills, one block and one dig and Schroeder chipped in with two kills and two digs, but Harbor Springs prevailed for a 15-13, 15-3 Lake Michigan Conference win at East Jordan.

"Sam played a great game," Nachazel said. "We had our chances in the first game, but we could not pull it together in the second game."

Grayling 2, East Jordan 1

Christine Jackson led the squad in last Tuesday's match up with Grayling with three kills, two blocks and one ace, while Jessica Crick chipped in with nine assists and one ace and Jill Derenzy added six digs.

The Lady Devils won the opening game by a 15-13 score, but dropped the next two games to the Lady Vikings 10-15 and 19-21.

"It was a great match and it was so well played that it was too bad that anyone had to lose," Nachazel said. "We fought very hard and Christine Jackson had a great match."

THE JUNIOR VARSITY team lost its match to Grayling by a 7-15,

6-15, 4-15 score.

Megan Warnos scored eight points and Christa Fazio scored four points to lead the Red Devils.

"We started off well and then lost some intensity," said coach Lisa Greenier.

"Megan Warnos and Rachel McKenney were our top offensive players. Rachel McKenney, Stephanie Olsewski and Mish Massi were our top defensive players."

BC, EJ cheer teams earn trip to state championship

The Boyne City and East Jordan Cheer teams both qualified for the MCCA State Cheerleading Championship with performances in Gaylord on Saturday at the MCCA Regional.

Boyne City finished third and East Jordan finished fifth in the Regional competition, which was won by Suttons Bay.

The top three teams plus any teams scoring within 90 percent of the first place team's score qualified for the State Championship.

The Ramblers had two solid rounds that produced 319.5 points.

The Red Devils were second after the first round and finished with 309 points.

The other teams qualifying were Suttons Bay 332.5 points, Eyart 327.5 points, and Brethren with 318

points. Charlevoix finished 11th overall.

Last week, the East Jordan and Boyne City Cheer teams finished 1-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference Championship held in Grayling.

The Red Devils scored 508.5 points with two near perfect rounds.

The Ramblers scored 454 points.

The Ramblers were followed by Grayling 434.5, Kalkaska 395, Charlevoix 391, and Elk Rapids 380.5 points.

Judging score sheets vary between competitions and therefore point totals vary from competition to competition.

Both teams will compete in the Ryder Center at Saginaw Valley State University on Saturday starting at 2:30 p.m.



Boyer Alpine Race Team skiers Nick Simerl and Katherine Rowley, pictured with coaches Rob Berquist and Pat Buron, are competing this week in Winter Park, Colo. courtesy photo

Area skiers qualify for Nationals

Boyer City Middle School's Nick Simerl and East Jordan Middle School's Katherine Rowley, both members of the Boyer Alpine Race Team, have qualified to represent Central USSA in Winter Park, Colo., March 7-13 in the USSA J3 Junior Olympics. Both will be competing in four events, slalom, giant slalom, super giant slalom and downhill.

4-H wrestlers compete in Rudyard tournament

Participants in the Boyer 4-H Wrestling Club recently participated in a tournament at Rudyard. Following are the results:
 First place — Ethan Habasco, Zach Wandrie, Nathan Haley, T.J. Wandrie, Tommy Anderson; second place — Carter Wilmot, Allie Wandrie, Wyatt Crick, Seth Lashuay, Jordan Wilmot, Jordan Harasewicz, Collin Krugel, Jacob Looze, Spencer Aldrich, Gage Burt, Cody Wilmot, Marc Calo, and Robert Oleso; third place — Harmony Aldrich, Josh Wiesanaur, Zac Trafelet; fourth place — Elliot Crouch, Caleb Crouch, Jeremy Wiesanaur.

Ruhs named to first team

Andrew Ruhs of Boyer City, currently skiing for Cranbrook Kingswood Schools in Bloomfield, was named to the B-C-D All State first team for skiing. At the State Ski Meet recently held at Boyer Mountain, Ruhs placed third in giant slalom and eighth in slalom. He won both events at the Regional Ski Meet held at Pine Knob, and has been named to the All Region Ski Team as well. He has also been named to the Southeastern All-Conference first team, made up of skiers from A-B-C-D schools. Ruhs received the Most Valuable Award for skiing and the Captain's letter at Cranbrook, where he is a senior. He was also the captain of the Boyer Alpine Racing Team of Boyer Mountain.

Knowing the score is an absolute must in life's later innings

By Ernie Harwell



One of the first things I learned in broadcasting baseball games was that I had to give out the score every three minutes or the listeners would lose interest. I used an egg timer to develop this "habit."

In the game of baseball, knowing the score in every inning is an absolute must. The same is true in the game of life — especially in the later innings.

Having said that, I imagine you're wondering what "score" I'm referring to. Well, I recently read an article about a World Health Organization report recommending that older adults regularly assess how well they can carry out daily activities.

What score would you give yourself today? Do you consider yourself "winning" or "losing" at the challenge of living the healthiest life possible? How easily can you prepare meals, climb stairs, do housework and care for pets? Do you walk regularly, even when it's not necessary?

Paying attention to the quantity and quality of our daily physical activity helps shift our perspective. Rather than desiring to be healthier so that we can be more active, we should become more active so that we can be healthier.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

Boyer Area Squirts

In the last two weekends, the East Jordan Iron Works — Lexamar squirt hockey team advanced to the finals in two back-to-back tournaments. The District 7 tournament was held in St. Ignace the weekend of Feb. 14 with the winner going on to the state finals. Boyer won their division against

Cheboygan, Mackinaw and Alpena. They also won their semi-final game against St. Ignace, advancing to the championship against Cadillac. The Boyer Bears put in a valiant effort but were not able to hold off the tough Cadillac team. Boyer finished with a well-earned second in the tournament.

The team and each player received a plaque recognizing their efforts. Goals were scored by Miles Wilkes, Zach Goodwin, Kolbi Shumaker and Eddie Brook. Assists were from Zach Goodwin, Weston Kartes, Kolbi Shumaker, Keegan Reynolds and Aaron Clark. Keegan Reynolds was outstanding

as goaltender. The following weekend Boyer played in the OCHA invitational tournament in Gaylord. Once again Boyer came out strong winning their division against teams from Gaylord, Royal Oak, and Westland. In the semi-finals, Boyer defeated another Westland team ad-

vancing to the championship game against Soo, Canada. Boyer skated well but was unable to beat the experienced Canadian team. Overall, Boyer ended up a respectable second in the tournament, receiving a nice team trophy and medals for the players. Goals were scored by Kolbi Shumaker, Miles Wilkes

and Zach Goodwin. Assists were from Nick Kolodziej, Shumaker, Goodwin, Trey Reinhardt, Wilkes, Shane Severn and Kaley Aown. Keegan Reynolds helped carry the team to their second place finish with over 100 saves and a shutout in goal. The team is now 22-7-4.

Paul Bunyan Lanes Midgets

Boyer Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team continued their success this weekend with aggressive play on both ends of the ice and unselfish passing, resulting in two more wins.

Alpena's Burger King team came to play at the Polar Bear Arena on March 7. Boyer took the first game 8-4. With three men out injured and new lines, Boyer proved their versatility. Ryan Fields and Russell Williams each scored two, Eli Barys, Dylan Clark, Stephen Cahoon, and Justin Conklin each added one. Playmakers were earned by Conklin with four assists and Williams with three. Fields, Cahoon, Barys, and

Evan Keller all gave one. Bobby Courtright was in goal.

In the rematch Boyer ran away 5-1 by the end of the first period and kept rolling, resulting in an 8-3 win. Williams scored a natural hat trick with three straight goals, then added one more. Fields netted two and Keller one. Fields and Conklin both earned playmakers with three and four assists, Barys gave two, JP Fiedorek, Cahoon, Clark, Britt King, and Keller all chipped in one. Nick Ferree was tenacious in goal. Boyer Area Hockey hosted a five-team round robin invitational at the Polar Bear Ice Arena on Feb. 28 and 29. Boyer's

Paul Bunyan Lanes team played four games and were the only team to go undefeated.

On Saturday, the Midgets played Royal Oak #1. Scoring for Boyer were: Williams, Barys, Cody Webster, Fields, and Keller; with assists by Barys, Conklin, Fields, Will Brown, Webster, Josh Aown, Williams and Darren Looze.

In their second game, with Midland #2, Boyer controlled the tempo and the game from start to finish, taking it 6-1. Gabe Korthase, Williams, and Conklin scored; Ryan Fields netted a hat trick with three goals. Assists were credited to playmaker Darren Looze with three,

Webster, Aown, Brown, Fields, Conklin, and two from Barys. Ferree was between the pipes.

Sunday, the team took on Midland #4. Boyer put in 8 straight goals in the 8-1 victory. Ryan Fields netted four goals, earning his second hat trick in two days. Darren Looze scored two, Cahoon and Korthase one each. Assists were led by playmaker Russell Williams with four; Brown, Conklin, and Webster gave two each, and Fiedorek, Looze, and Aown each added one. Courtright and Ferree shared net minding duties.

Sunday afternoon Boyer took Royal Oak's Firehouse team to school. Royal Oak took the first

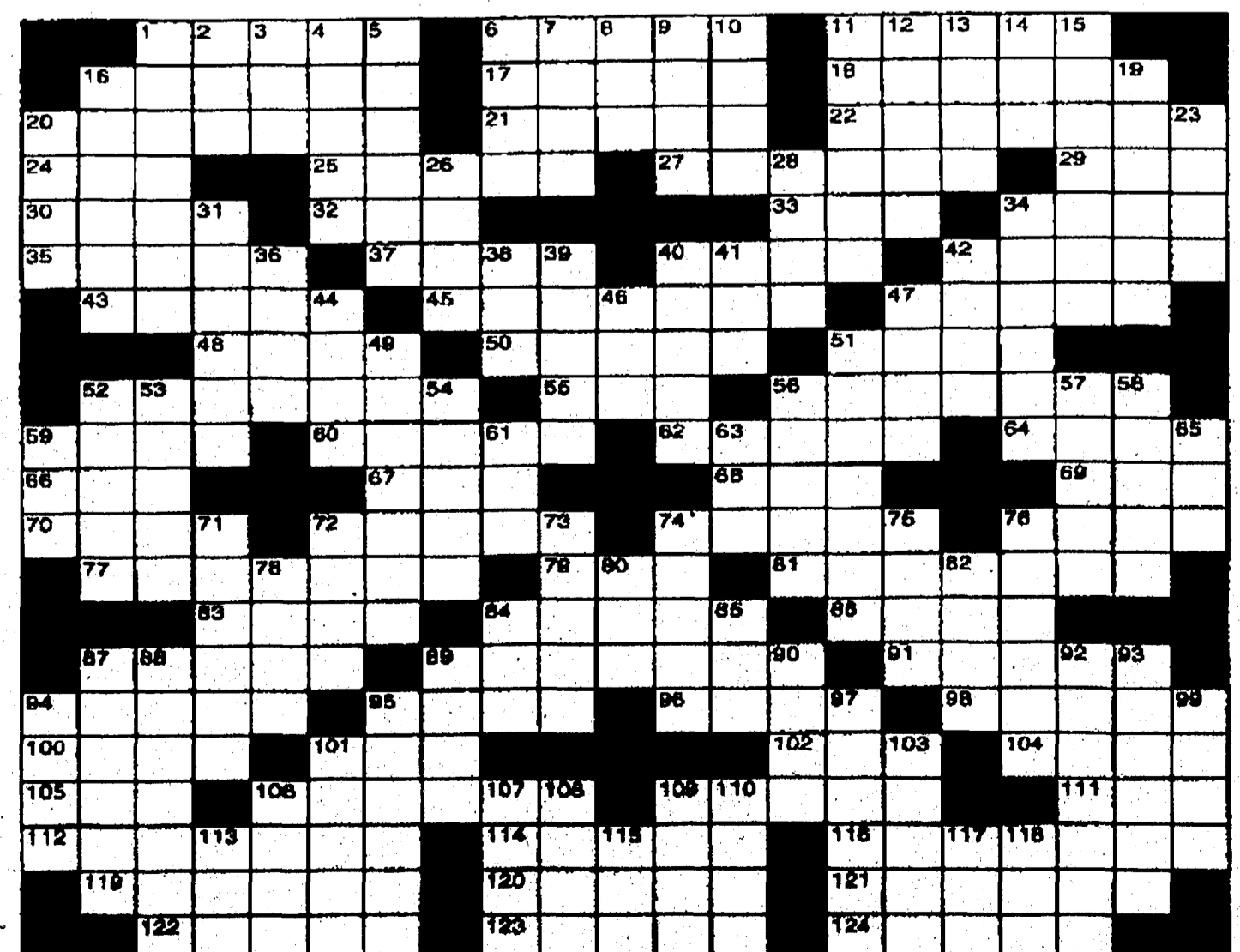
goal of the game, but it was all Boyer after that. Aown tied the game with assists from Korthase and Webster. Fiedorek put one past the goalie with a pass from Webster, Barys scored assisted by Williams and

Brown. Fiedorek batted one in with assists from Fields and Barys. Williams hit from Fields and Clark, and Conklin capped the 6-1 win with a pass from King. Courtright was in goal.

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 41 Singer Shannon
 42 Autumn birthstone
 44 Greek vowels
 46 Computer abbr.
 47 Vast quantities
 49 Nero
 53 — City, IA
 54 "Sixteen" ('60 song)
 56 Destruction
 57 Tarzan, for one
 58 It makes eye high
 59 Freud topic
 61 Pro — (for now)
 63 Crone
 65 "Nova" network
 71 Tap
 72 Baptism site
 73 Descending, to the
 74 Calculating rapids?
 75 Olive —
 76 Fit in
 78 Plunder
 80 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)
 82 Annoy
 84 Actress Charlotte
 85 Granada gold
 87 North Pole
 88 Bouquet
 89 — majesty
 90 Football
 92 Watched "Trains" ('66 film)
 93 Kirstie Alley's birthplace
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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 3, 2004 at 10am: #103, Ward, miscellaneous household items; #160, Beamer, miscellaneous household items.

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EJ budget

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\$220,000 in state revenue, and \$200,000 in contributions and donations towards the completion of Community Park. Of the General Fund expenditures, estimated at \$1,732,583, the largest pieces include \$415,582 for the Police Department and \$437,420 in the Community and Skate Parks Department. The latter amount includes a \$190,000 bike path on M-32 to extend from State Street to the Community Park, to be funded through \$114,000 in State grant fund and \$76,000 through bonds by the City.

The millage for the General Fund as proposed will remain unchanged.

With a July 1, 2004 beginning fund balance of \$209,867, the proposed budget expects a June 30, 2005 ending fund balance of \$209,940.

A two percent cost of living increase is proposed in the wages of all non-

union employees. Union employee wages will be negotiated at a later date.

All in all, the document, Postma contends, is fairly straightforward. "Most of the budget is not too hard," he said, "when we're not spending anything because we don't have anything. It's easier for [the commission] because there's just not that much to cut." The commission set a budget work session for commissioners for Wednesday, March 10. Postma asked commissioners to come to the session with a couple of things in mind: their preferences regarding a minimum fund balance, and what areas in the General Fund they consider most important, and which areas are the most likely places to see some cuts.

The public will have their first opportunity to officially address the budget at a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Deck of cards

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When I see the 5, it tells me of the five unwise virgins who were lost and five were saved.

The 6 makes me mindful that God created the earth in just six days, and God said that it was good, so he rested on the seventh day.

As I look at the 8, God destroyed all life by water except eight people. There was Noah and his wife, their three sons, and their wives.

When I see the 9, I think of the nine lepers that God healed. There were ten but only one stopped to thank him.

The 10 tells me of the "Ten Commandments" carved in stone by the

hand of God.

The Jack makes me remember the prince of darkness, like a roaring lion that devours those he can.

When I look at the Queen, I see blessed Mary, Mother of Jesus.

As I look at the cards I see the King, which reminds me Jesus is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

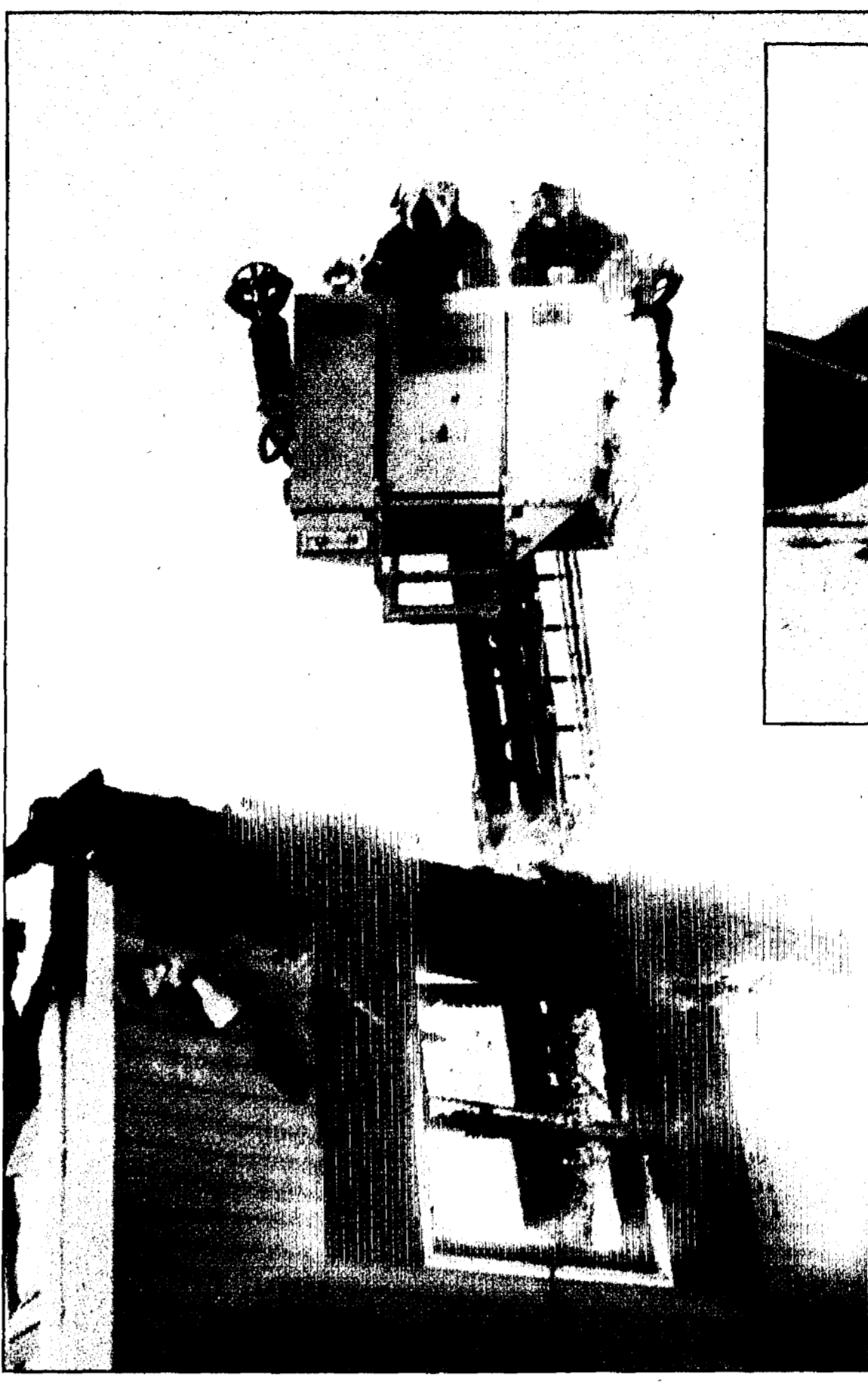
There are 365 spots on the cards, the number of days in the year.

There are 52 cards to a deck, the number of weeks in a year.

There are 12 picture cards, the number of months in a year.

There are four suits, the number of months in a quarter.

There are 13 cards to a suit, the number of weeks to a quarter.



Big blaze

Firefighters from Boyne City and East Jordan teamed up to fight this fire on Barber Road last week. With the structure fully engulfed by the time emergency crews arrived, crews made good use of the East Jordan Fire Department's aerial truck to get above the burned out structure, left, eliminating troublesome hot spots. Homeowners Larry and Dolores Thorman were not home at the time of the blaze. For the full story, see page 1

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael Genson, a single man to Old Kent Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation Mortgagee, dated Nov. 9, 1999 and recorded Nov. 22, 1999 in Liber 377 Page 514 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan said mortgage was assigned to: Bank One, National Association, as Trustee, by assignment recorded Dec. 2, 2002 in Liber 502, Page 360, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$29,274.71) including interest at 11.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 2004.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 39, 40 and 41, Block 5 of Collings and Cranes Addition to the Village of Boyne (now City of Boyne City) according to the Plat Recorded

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

Dated: Feb. 27, 2004
 Bank One, National Association, as Trustee,
 Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys:
 Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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 Ste 810
 Sterling Heights, MI 48310
 (586) 795-4400 Ext 129
 Our File No: 04-21871

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathleen R. Werbicki, a single woman, Mortgagee, to Conesco Finance Servicing Corp., Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2000, and recorded on July 27, 2000, in Liber 393, Page 102, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of nineteen thousand four hundred forty and 34/100 (\$19,440.34) dollars, including interest at 16.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6 and the East 1/2 of Lot 7 of Glenwood Beach Resort, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 85 of Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months 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 3, 2004

For more information, please call:
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 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., a corporation
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Dated: Nov. 4, 2003
 Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. n/k/a Green Tree Servicing, L.L.C.
 Mortgagee
 Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
 Sotiroff & Abramczyk, P.C.
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 This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles K. Hooper and Nancy Ellen Hooper aka Nancy E. Hooper, husband and wife, original mortgagee(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., a corporation, Mortgagee, dated Oct. 23, 2000, and recorded on Dec. 29, 2000 in Liber 404

on Page 178, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Thirty-Five And 01/100 Dollars (\$366,035.01), including interest at 8.125% 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 Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11 a.m., on April 2, 2004.

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CITY OF EAST JORDAN REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

The City of East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals has received a variance request from Herbert and Betty Griffin for the property commonly know as 605 Maple Street, for a 1.54 acre lot area variance.

A Public Hearing to receive comments on this request will be held on Monday, March 22, 2004 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.

BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - Feb. 12, 2004

Approved \$5,000 decrease of Planning Commission Planner Contract account and increase Township Board Legal account. Approved Lot split for Bradley property located at 6179 Horton Bay Rd N. Approved Treasurer's Salary increase of \$625 for an annual salary of \$10,125.00. Approved Clerk's Salary increase of \$1,000 for an annual salary of \$9,000. Approved Board of Review hourly rate increase from \$12 per hour to \$13 per hour. Approved hourly wage increase for Sexton from \$10 per hour to \$12 per hour. Approved MOJO Enterprises side agreement resolution. Approved bid proposal from Advantage Electric for installation of radiant heaters. Accepted resignation of R. Santina from Clerk position. Accepted resignation of Irv Sturm from Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE #190 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 PARKS AND RECREATION, SECTION 18.10 LOITERING, REMAINING IN PARK OVERNIGHT, OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN CODE OF ORDINANCES.

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 18.10. The following provisions of Chapter 18 Parks and Recreation, Section 18.10 Loitering, remaining in park overnight, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of East Jordan is amended as follows:

Sec. 18.10. Loitering, remaining in park overnight

No person shall loiter or remain upon any public park between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. This shall not apply to persons in the act of docking boats or removing their boats from the docks or fishing from the boat launching facilities or the municipal fishing pier of the city; or persons in the act of loading or unloading their snowmobile(s) from their vehicle or trailer. Vehicles and trailers for snowmobiling purposes shall be allowed to remain only for parking purposes in Sportsman's Park for a maximum of 48 hours.

Roll Call Vote:
 Ayes: Klooster, Timmons, Bennett, McNitt, Symonds and Postma
 Nays: None
 Absent: Vollbach
 Adopted: March 2, 2004
 Published: March 10, 2004
 Effective: March 17, 2004