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GLANCE

Daylight Savings Time begins on April 4

The snow is melting, and the robins have returned, meaning that it must be time to "spring forward" again. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, April 4. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour..

Area students on spring break next week

Boyne City Public Schools will be on spring break beginning Saturday, April 3, 2004. Classes will not be held from Monday, April 5, through Monday, April 12. School will resume on Tuesday, April 13.

East Jordan Public Schools will begin spring break with a half-day on Thursday, April 1. The middle school will be dismissed at 11:20 a.m., followed by the high school at 11:30 a.m. and the elementary school at 11:40 a.m. Lunch will not be served. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 13.

Fire depts to face off in **Boyne City** donkey b-ball

Area fire departments will show what they're made of in the second annual Donkey Basketball showdown at the Boyne City Middle School gym on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

Teams of four riders will face off against one another in the crazy contest. The event is a fund-raiser for the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. For spectators, advance tickets are \$5 adults and \$3 for children under 12; tickets will be \$2 more at the door. Tickets are available at the Chamber, Boyne Country Books, and Thick 'n Juicy.

Free donkey rides will be offered to children under 12 at the show's intermission.

For more information, or to sponsor a rider, call the chamber at 582-6222.

Boyne City 'Early Learners' registration set for April 22

Registration for Boyne City Public Schools' Early Learners Program will be held on Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m., for fall and summer sessions.

The Early Learners Program is a combination preschool and childcare setting, offering preschool for kids ages 3-5 in the morning with extended childcare opportunities in the afternoon. Families can tailor their child's attendance in any manner that meets their needs, from full-time, five days a week to morning preschool five days a week, to two or three days of preschool attendance.

Anyone seeking more information is invited to attend the registration session, or call Mary Anne at 439-8178.

Taking shape

■ Construction at East Jordan schools moving forward, on budget

Nearly a year after breaking ground, the \$7.9 million construction project in the East Jordan School District has made big progress. A season of disagreeable winter weather, however, has meant some delays, and that, despite an original target completion date of fall 2004, some work will continue into the next school year.

"The additions at the middle school will probably not be ready for opening day next year," said East Jordan schools superintendent Chip Hansen. "A mid-year termination of the middle school project is more likely."

That fact, however, doesn't dampen Hansen's enthusiasm for the progress of the project overall. "I remain really pleased with the efforts on the job," he said. "We've had good communication with our contractors, including the three major ones, Petrie [Construction], Sky Electric, and Arms and Cole. They have done an excellent job on this project, and frankly, it's through their hard work and dedication that we're as close [to completion] as we are. They've worked through some pretty rugged conditions this winter and still are keeping us close to target."

The project, approved by voters in September of 2002, includes additions and renovations to all three school buildings. The experience, Hansen notes, has

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Workers have taken advantage of the recent warmer temperatures to complete brickwork and install windows in the entryway of the new auditorium at East Jordan High School. The auditorium is expected to be completed in time for the EJ Thespians' May 7 performance of "Cinderella." photo by Angela Shultis

Weather Service: spring weather may be here to stay

"The jet stream is . . . running a little

In northern Michigan, the transition from winter to spring can be an arduous, and unpredictable, journey. Often, as any seasoned resident knows, sightings of crocus and robins are quickly followed by winter weather advisories.

According to the National Weather strong it's diffi-Service in Gaylord, however, after a long and trying winter, it looks as though spring may really be here to

Local snow has been reduced to a ticipate that the month of April in the few dirty piles here and there, right on time, according to meteorologist Jeff Lutz, who notes that on average

the snow cover has disappeared from the ground somewhere between March 25-27, "just because the sun gets so cult to keep snow on the ground."

predications anlocal area has a 40 percent chance of

seeing above-average temperatures,

said Lutz, with normal precipitation.

bit to the north to give us warmer temperatures for the next month" -- National Weather Service meterologist Jeff Lutz Long-range

Since spring officially began on March 20, above average temperatures have already made their way into the area, with much of the last

peratures at or above 45 degrees. The monthly average temperature for March in a "normal" year sits at about 42 degrees. "It's been quite a turnaround," Lutz said.

> Indeed. The winter, on the whole,

turned out to be essentially average in temperature but well above average for snowfall. "The biggest factor this year has been the jet stream,"

week seeing tem- Lutz said, noting that a low-riding jet stream, situated (in the upper atmosphere) south of the Great Lakes, brought a lot of cold air into the area throughout the season. The snowfall for the season was unique in that, besides being plentiful, it was made up of more "system" snow than usual. "We probably had a normal amount of 'lake effect' snow, but also a lot of 'system' snow, brought in when low pressure systems come over the area. Typically, the snow is a little wetter than what you get with lake effect.

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Airborne sieds were the order of the day, as riders ranging from amateur to professional to part in the 2004 U.S. Open Snocross Championships at Boyne Mountain over the weekend. Racers competed in 29 different classes in the annual event, which was held on a groomed trail near the base of the Superbowl run. For more on the races, visit www.michigansnowx.com.

Final phase

Overhaul at Grandvue should be done this fall

Though the most visually dramatic portion of the construction project at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan has been finished since fall, that doesn't mean that there's not much going on behind closed doors.

Following the completion of a new residential wing in late 2003, workers moved inward, concentrating on Phase II of the three-phase construction project, which included the floorto-ceiling renovation of two existing resident wings.

With Phase II coming to a close, the project, the result of a \$7.5 million bond proposal approved by voters in 2000, will soon move into the final stretch, Phase III, entailing total renovation of the remaining residential wing and the overhaul of the central area, modeled after a "Main Street" concept. "It has a theater, cafe and sweet shop, library, a chapel, beauty shop," said facility administrator Penny Drury.

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Official business

State Senator Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, welcomed East Jordan officials to the state Capitol last week, when the group, consisting of local government representatives, traveled to Lansing for the annual Michigan Municipal League meeting. Allen (center) pauses for a photograph with (from lift), city administrator David White, city clerk Lori Campbell, city commissioner Fred Vollbach, East Jordan **High School student** Margaux Rowley, mayor Mark Postma, police chief Dan Reece, and city commissioner Lee Symonds.

UBITUARIES

Samuel J. Persons

Samuel J. Persons died Monday, March 15, 2004 surrounded by his family after a two year battle with cancer.

A funeral service was held Thursday, March 18, at Boyne City United Methodist Church. The Rev. Carl Litchfield

officiated. Burial took (Emma), and Justin Perplace at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan. Samuel was born in East

Jordan, the son of Lyle G. and Esther (Piggott) Persons, on Sept. 24, 1934. Samuel will be sadly missed by his sons, Samuel L. Jr. (Pat) Persons of Grand Rapids, Bruce (Pam) Persons of East Jordan and one daughter, Sherry (Dan) Van Slyke; seven wonderful grandchildren who meant the world to him, Scott Persons, Jason, Jacob sons, Tricia (Dennis) Poll, Dan and Mark (Dawn) Van Slyke; three great-grand-

nephews; and the love of his life, that he met again five years ago, Shirley, and her four children, 11 grandchildren, and two greatz grandchildren, whom he loved and also will miss.

Samuel will also be missed by many friends and fishing buddies.

Samuel is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Family would like memorial contributions to be directed to Hospice of Michigan, 128 North Court St., Gaylord MI 49735.

Kristen Marie Cleary

children, Bryant and Bryce

Poll, Cameron Persons;

one brother, Jim Persons of

Florida; many nieces and

Kristen Marie Cleary, 18, of Boyne City, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 18, 2004.

A Mass was held Monday, March 22, at the St. Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City.

Kristen was born on July 3, 1985 in Petoskey, the beloved daughter of John D. and Marilyn (Kabat) Cleary. Kristen grew up in Boyne Falis and Boyne City. She graduated from Boyne City High School and was currently attending North Central Michigan College and was on the Dean's list. Kristen was a talented artist, writer of poetry, and a piano music composer. She could often be found reading her Bible or the Celestine Prophecies. Kristen loved animals and had a very gentle and kind

Kristen is survived by her parents John and Marilyn; sister Joslyn (Daniel) Cleary Matelski, brother Justin D. (Jennifer) Cleary; her two nieces Si-

erra and Kaylie; two grandmothers, Margaret G. Cleary and Muriel Kabat; and many special aunts, uncles and friends.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be directed to an art scholarship fund to be established in Kristen's name, c/o her mother Marilyn Cleary, 390-F Drury Lane, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Kristen's loss will be felt by all and her family will miss her deeply, Kristen we will always love you.

Ardis Rose Lockman, 80, of Boyne City, died Friday, March 26, 2004 at her

Per her wishes, a family graveside service will be held later this spring.

Ardis was born in Charlevoix, on Nov. 26, 1923, the daughter of Lyle and Christine (Krulik) Kowalske.

When she was six years old, her family moved to Boyne City, where she attended Boyne City Schools, graduating in

1942. During World War II, she worked in a defense plant, building airplanes in Mount Clemens, Mich.

She later worked at Selfridge Air Force Base as

Ardis Rose Lockman

a secretary (also in Mount Clemens).

On Nov. 4, 1950, she married Robert (Bob) Lockman of Boyne City and her next job was being a super "stay at home"

For several years (1962-1974), she was secretary to the Charlevoix County Extension Agent in Boyne

The main goal in her life was simply to make other people happy.

Many stories and laughs were shared around her kitchen table with family and friends over the years.

This brought joy to both her and her husband, Bob. Ardis loved to read novels, do crossword puzzles, and to go shopping, especially with her "girls" and sisterin-law, Ester Lockman. Holidays were a special time for her bringing her family together.

Her smile and kind gentle ways will live on in the hearts of all that knew

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Lyle Kowalske.

Her loving husband Bob passed away on July 19,

Survivors include her brother, Don Kowalske of Virginia Beach, Va.; her sons, Don (Jackie) Lockman and Carl (Elaine) Lockman of Boyne City; daughters,

(Raymond) Fortune of Walloon Lake, and Chris (Sandy) Robinson of Boyne City; sisters-in-law, Loretta Fineout of Traverse City and Ester Lockman of Boyne City; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Northwest Michigan at P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712 or to the Charlevoix County Easter Seals Loan Closet, c/o Gen Varnum, 519 State Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 or call (231) 582-7138.

The family was served by Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Margaret Louise (Johnson) Moore

Margaret (Johnson) Moore, age 84, of Boyne City passed on Fri-

in Boyne City.

Louise will be at a later date in the Lakeview Cemetery, Harbor Springs.

> She was the wife of Rolland Elmer Moore and loving mother of Rodney Karston, Marcia Karen, Janice Karla Fangboner and Jeryl Kara (Moore) Harford

and helped to raise her David Harford. Loving grandson, Kevin Moore.

Proud and loving grandmother to Andrea (Moore) Melzer, Amanda (Moore) Elsner, Brian, Atrena, Trent, Adam and Ambera Moore; Jason, Jared and Jalend Fangboner; and Kevin and

great-grandmother to Victoria, Ethan and Kayla Melzer; Daniel Elsner; and

Nathan and Katie Moore. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two older brothers, Ralph and Earl Johnson.

day, March 19, 2004.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 23, at the Stackus Funeral Home

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The sticky art of 'duct tape'

The "Duct Tape Art Invitational" of handson experiences for both students and adults is set to run April 18-May 8 at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan.

The whimsical event is a result of the Jordan River Arts Council visual arts committee's belief in offering diverse programs from the traditional to the contemporary, keeping in mind the needs of both students and adults. Using "duct tape" or sticky materials in creating works of art is a 21st century technique introduced by Canadian artist Todd Scott. Working with tape appeals especially to the students who are looking for new and exciting ways of expression and has become a challenge for adults who create in the more traditional media.

Four age levels will be invited to participate, including elementary - grade 4, middle school art students, high school art students, and adults, 18 years or older. Schools participating are East Jordan Public Schools, Ellsworth Community School, Concord Academy Boyne, Boyne Falls Public School, and Alba Public Elementary.

John Stevens is curator of the event and has conducted in-school workshops not only in howto but also offering a brief history of duct tape, for all four levels in each of the participating

schools. This portion of the project is partially funded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Michigan Council of Art and Cultural Affairs through the Cheboygan Arts Council.

According to Stevens, students are excited about creating using duct tape as an art media. Items being created range from clothing—dresses, hats, purses, bathing suits, and shoes, furniture, animals of all sizes and even a life size man, masks, two dimensional designs,



Event curator John Stevens poses with a few examples of his own duct tape artwork.

patriotic designs, and the use of found objects incorporated and covered with tape. Interested adults have also been invited to participate, but they must furnish their own supplies.

An opening reception is scheduled April 18. The Center will be open daily, 1-4 p.m. Guided tours, with hands-on experiences can be arranged by contacting Stevens at 582-6399. The art center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan.

It's 'Round-Up' time at area schools

■ Kindergarten sign-ups set in East Jordan, Boyne area

A sure sign of spring is tered, they will receive a the scheduling of Kindergarten Round-Up events at area schools.

IN BOYNE CITY, Kindergarten Round-Up is set for April 26, 27 and 28.

9-11 a.m., and afternoon sessions, from 1-3 p.m., will be held on Monday, April 26, and Tuesday, April 27, as well as a morning session on Wednesday, April 28.

Once a family has regis-

packet of information by mail detailing what to bring to the session.

Vision and hearing screenings will also be available for the entering Morning sessions, from kindergarten child at the Round-Up.

> For more information or to sign up for a session, call the Boyne City Elementary School at 439-8300.

IN EAST JORDAN, Kindergarten Round-Up is set for Tuesday, April 27, and Thursday, April 29, with morning and afternoon appointments available. Each session is limited to 15 children; child care will be provided.

To be eligible to attend, children must have been born on or before Dec. 1. 1999 and be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 2004.

Vision screenings will be available at the Round-Up appointment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call East Jordan Elementary School at 536-7564.

BOYNE FALLS Public School will host a Kindergarten Round-Up on Friday, April 16, Parents can call 549-2211 for an appoint-

AT CONCORD Academy Boyne, the Round-Up will be held on Thursday, April 15. For an appointment call 582-0194.

Grandvue

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The Main Street feel is iust one piece of the overall "Neighborhoods" concept the facility is implementing, both in terms of environment and lifestyle. Working against the institutional construct, Grandvue is seeking to achieve a warmer, more home-like atmosphere for residents, a concept put into practice when residents moved into the new wing in November. "It's working

very well," Drury said of the change, which has included breaking wings down into self-contained units complete with comfy living rooms and meals served in kitchenettes rather than the traditional central dining room, "We have daily neighborhood meetings with residents and staff to go over the events for that day, talk about what's going on the neighborhood, if anybody has a concern," Drury said. "All that kind of neighborhood

around coffee in the morning."

The format gives residents an opportunity to take a more active part in planning their daily activities, like a group who recently came up with the idea of putting together a garage sale trip. "Every day I get good comments [from residents and families]," Drury

Managing ongoing construction while still serving residents and their families can be challenging, she notes, but on the whole, "it's been unusually good." The planning of the project has translated well into making smooth transitions, with work broken down into phases. "We were able to add on initially, then basically move into finished areas, and blocked off the next areas to be renovated," Drury said. "There's been

conversation you'd have some noise at times, but for the amount of construction and demolition, it's gone amazingly well."

Good communication between staff, department heads, and administration. too, has helped smooth the process. "It's meant some new job descriptions as we've gone along," she said. "It's a new building and a new way of doing services along with the building."

The major issue for residents with the current and final phase is the displacement of the main entrance, which is closed during the last leg of the renovation. Alternate entryways for visitors and deliveries are marked at the site.

The current work is expected to be complete by fall, after which a grand opening celebration will be held. "That will be a huge party," Drury said.

Weather

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The water content is actually a little higher."

In an "average" year, the Gaylord area (where the National Weather Service is located) sees a total snowfall of 151 inches; this year, the amount thus far sits at 173.8 inches.

The way it looks, however, that may be close to a final tally.

"The jet stream is meandering around, running a little bit to the north to give us warmer temperatures for the next month," Lutz said.

Average temperatures for

April in the local area include daytime highs around 50 degrees at the beginning of the month, hitting the low 60s by the month's end. "This year, we're expecting a little warmer, so there will probably be a few 70s days in there," he added.

And though some rain/ snow mixes are still possible, it's unlikely that any significant snowfall will manifest.

'We're getting more into a time period where it's harder for us to get straight snow unless there's a big shot of cold air from Canada," Lutz said.

Safety lesson

Coloring books promoting home safety were a big hit at area schools when Little **Traverse Association of** Home Builders (LTAHB) members distributed them recently. First graders in Rebecca Disney's class at **Boyne Falls Public Schools** had plenty of questions for LTAHB members Myron Matz of MGM Construction, and **Robin Berry of Berry Nice** Kitchens. The two passed out the coloring books "Bob the Builder: Blueprints for Home Safety" to the eager hands of the students. They also answered questions posed by the students about what tools they use in their jobs and how homes are built.

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UPINION

LETTERS

Jordan Valley library already in ideal location

TO THE EDITOR:

It was gratifying to see the letter to the editor entitled "Decision to build a new library in East Jordan raises questions!" It certainly does!

"Rules have been altered so that the entire library board is prevented from answering any questions presented to the board!" Why? Don't I and others who use the library frequently have any say in the matter at all?

The library is wonderfully situated right next to the high school. When I was there this afternoon at about 4 p.m., eight or nine school kids with their backpacks came in and quietly went to the computers and tables. Someone said, "The library doesn't want to be a hangout for kids." What better place for them to be? They might even read a book! There's no food or drink allowed, so that isn't a problem.

I saw some of them later, walking home. They certainly wouldn't walk way out to a library situated next to Glen's Market on M-66! Who gave the go-ahead to the district library to go in debt for land, to hire an architectural firm to plan a four million dollar new library on 18 acres of recently purchased land? Certainly not library supporters, who are not in favor of a move from the present location.

I understand that there is land available adjacent to the present library building, which the school board would be willing to have used for an extension of the building, so why this harebrained scheme-to uproot a library building which is so ideally situated?

This is a disturbing situation and one that needs to be thoroughly and carefully examined and brought out in the open for the scrutiny of all the people in East Jordan who support and treasure the library and like it situated right where it is, not off on a busy highway on the outskirts of East Jordan.

All of this says nothing of the four million dollars it would cost to uproot it and reseat it in a new building. The library belongs to its loyal and dedicated supporters and readers, not to a board who refuse to respond to any questions about its activities.

Elizabeth Humphrey

Local agencies contribute much to CharEm **United Way**

TO THE EDITOR:

CharEm United Way would like to thank the many individuals and businesses that have so generously given of their hard-earned money to help support our local agencies by contributing to United Way.

All of the money collected, \$173,000 so far this campaign, stays right here in Emmet and Charlevoix counties for the benefit of those who need our extra help. We only send about \$1,550 per year to United Way of America to use their trademark and benefit from their advice and programs. The rest of your donations are at work right here at home.

The following are just some of the agencies you help support through your United Way contributions: the Bergmann Center, Boyne City Nursery School, Camp McSauba, Charlevoix Alano Club, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Charlevoix Senior Center and B.A.S.E.S.

Most of our local non-profit agencies who receive governmental grant money in addition to local United Way money are having their government grant money cut back. This means that private donations, like those allocated to them by United Way, are more important than ever.

Thank you again for all you have given. If you can find it in your heart to help just a little more, please do. Our address is PO Box 22, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

> Dianne Clifford, executive director CharEm United Way



LETTERS

Ministerial Association needs support now more than ever

TO THE EDITOR:

The pastors who participate in the Boyne City Ministerial Association would like to share with you some information concerning our outreach ministry to our area.

As most folks probably already know, we have for many years maintained a modest fund to be able to help people facing a financial crisis. With the economic downturn lasting so long and the recovery yet to be fully felt here in our area, there are many more people who are experiencing tough times and greater needs right now. Despite those greater needs, we have been able continue to help people through the generosity of folks just like you.

Up until this past year, we had relied upon the Charlevoix Emmet Housing Coalition to administer these funds for us. We always appreciated the help the people in their office had been to us. They were able to check out background information on all requests and limit abuses by some who wanted to return repeatedly. None of us pastors could possibly have been as consistently available to the public as had been true through the Coalition. Neither would we have had the time to adequately, carefully check out all the information that is necessary to be good stewards of the gifts you had entrusted to us.

However, as you probably also know, the Coalition's office has been closed for some time while their current legal difficulties are being sorted out. This has had two deleterious effects upon the BCMA's outreach ministry.

First, we lost the agency we had trusted to administer our funds.

Secondly, yet more importantly for our ministry, we also lost access to our funds which had been on deposit with the Coalition. While the office remains closed, we do not know when or if all or part or any of our monies can be returned to us for our ministry.

You can understand the dilemma we are facing. We want to continue to be of help to the community as

we had in the bast, but have virtually no resources available to do this right now. Traditionally, our Good Friday Service has been our main source of income to replenish our fund. With that service approaching soon on April 9 beginning at 12:15 p.m., we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and believe that we will soon be back in minis-

We wanted to share this information with everyone ahead of time so that people can prepare to respond as they feel led.

To those who will worship together on Good Friday, please prayerfully consider the gift you could bring. To the churches in the area, please prayerfully consider if you are able to respond to this need at this time. To any persons or groups in the community who have compassion for the truly needy we offer you this opportunity to care for those who are less fortunate.

Truly, we hope you will be generous. And we also hope you will continue to trust us to be in ministry on your behalf to those who are less fortunate, in the Name of Jesus and for His sake.

Please contact me, Pastor Carl Litchfield, at 582-9776 for any further information.

If you'd like to make a contribution right away please send it to Pastor Paul Wise, BCMA Treasurer, PO Box 218, Boyne City.

> Thank you and God bless you, Pastor Carl Litchfield

Erosion at Boyne City's River Walk needs to be addressed

TO THE EDITOR:

I was leaving work the other night and ran into a group of our Main Street Development members, overlooking the new boardwalk. And being the curious person that I am, I asked what was being pondered. They were discussing what could be done to make the boardwalk more aesthetically pleasing.

Of course, me and my big mouth could not or would not keep shut, so I suggested maybe starting with the erosion problems caused by the building of the boardwalk to begin with would be a good start.

I know it's hard to see the damage that has been caused to the banks of the river under all the snow, but if you walked the boardwalk before the snow fell you know what I am talking about. Most of the rocks that they had used under the boardwalk are now in the river changing the natural flow of the river, but there is major erosion

on the north banks of the river causing the bank incapable of natural growth of grass and wild plant life.

As I was driving home after my conversation with Scott MacKenzie it hit me, none of this is going to matter after the new discharge from the upgraded sewer treatment plant is implemented. Who in their right mind is going to want to walk along the banks of a beautiful river when there is sewage floating by? Not me, how about you?

I feel for the people that live above the banks of the river, most of whom own businesses on Water Street. I know you can't please all the people all of the time, but you can compromise.

And now is the time to compromise before Mother Nature says enough is enough and all the hard work put into the downtown is for naught.

Colleen Moore

LETTERS

Commissioner stands by river outfall decision

TO THE EDITOR:

On Tuesday, March 9, the City Commission of Boyne City voted to designate the Boyne River as the discharge location for our water treatment plant expansion. The other option was to discharge the treated water into Lake Charlevoix. In an effort to facilitate open communication with the citizens of Boyne, as well as our neighbors who share our waterways, I wish to make clear my reasons for voting for the river discharge.

First of all let me say that the treated water entering our water system has completed a long and thorough process of contaminant removal, and meets or exceeds all government standards for water treatment. It is not sewage. In many ways it is cleaner than the river or lake water. The maximum amount of treated water entering the river will be only 2.3 percent of the river volume, and this can only happen if the river is at its minimum flow level while the treated water is at its maximum level. The average will be about 1.3 percent of the river's volume.

Although the river discharge option saves Boyne City taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars, economic considerations played only a secondary roll in my decision. I voted for the river discharge option because I believe it is the best plan for our environment.

The lake discharge option would bypass the natural dispersal mechanism of the Boyne River, and dump millions of gallons of treated wastewater into Lake Charlevoix. This discharge site is hardly more than the length of a football field from our beaches. It is located in only 16 feet of water, and is within important fishing and spawning waters for walleye, bass, and baitfish that are consumed by fish from both the lake and river. Contaminant levels would be higher in that area because of the slow dispersal ability of the lake, and therefore more likely to have a negative impact on the environment.

I believe the river discharge option is the more environmentally sound alternative because it works with the river's natural ability to disperse the treated wastewater. All sides agree that lower contaminant levels mean less risk to the environment.

The river will dissipate the treated water, lessoning the contaminant levels in any given area. About a mile and a half down the river the water will reach the lake, but it will have been diluted in the river current, and will be more easily processed by the lake.

Instead of a single point of discharge, the discharge point is spread out over the entire distance, lessoning contaminant levels, and easing the strain on the entire ecosystem. We also have more control over how we introduce the treated water into the river than the lake. We have options other than simply running a pipe into the river.

The river discharge option could potentially make it easier in the future for us to make changes if we wish to reduce or eliminate altogether the treated wastewater entering our waterways. Someday we may find practical ways of taking treated water out of the system for other uses or disposal methods. New technologies may make it possible to remove more contaminants from the treated

If contaminant levels rise, or are found to be more dangerous than previously realized, it may become necessary to find other alternatives. The lake discharge option could possibly make it more difficult and expensive to react to new technologies or health concerns because of its downtown location.

In my opinion, the Boyne River option works with nature to treat our wastewater in the most environmentally responsible way that is available to us today. It puts less strain on our aquatic eco-system, and allows for future growth and improvements.

The Lake Charlevoix option would place higher concentrations of treated water into a smaller area, and although neither option is proven to be harmful to our environment at this time, I think it is potentially more likely to create negative effects in the future.

For these reasons I am proud to have voted for the river discharge option.

Jerry Douglas, Boyne City Commissioner

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WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

GLADYS SHEPHERD of Boyne City celebrated her 88th birthday on March 21. Really a "first" big party for her, the open house, held at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Murray Follette, with ing room only" but happy event! All enjoyed good food and a great time! Many thanks go this a special day for a special lady.

GRANDSON DOUG and Robbie Mack and children, Cody, Quintin and Trevor of Columbus, Ohio, spent several days at the Four Seasons, enjoying area skiing and visiting his grandparents Bob and Mary Jane Kroll in Boyne City.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES go out the Litzenburger Place. family and friends in the loss of two wellknown people of Boyne City, Ida Marie Nesson and Ron West.

SUGGESTED IT is, to come early to the Nome for the end of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Boyne City Senior Center on Friday, April 2. for a good meal and conversation too!

DON AND DARLENE PEARSONS have from her whirlwind trip. whom she now resides, was truly a "stand- returned after having spent the past two months in Fort Myers, Fla. "The weather was wonderful!" said Darlene. They will be stayall gone.

> **THE BCHS** class of '59 had a great committee meeting at Litzenburger Place, and yet those unable to make it were missed. Plans for a wonderful 45th reunion on Aug. 14 are pretty well underway. The next committee meeting, ers in attending, will be June 15, 7 p.m. at

A NOTE from former area resident Nancy Steuer of Alaska said she had a great trip to or e-mail her at neighbors @gtlakes.com)

Leaving Anchorage on the 12th, she arrived The Cousins Band will be playing their great home on the 20th. "It was a super busy eight lively music from 11 a.m.-noon. Linger on days. Lots of activity and met people from all over the world. Loads of activities --- what fun." She said. It took her two days to get rested up

THERE WAS a better turnout for the March Swiss Steak dinner on Saturday night at the out for all the cards that were sent to make ing here at the Bricker farm until the snow is VFW. Alas, due to overbooking, once again, April's dinner has been slated for the third Saturday, April 17. Hope folks don't get confused and miss out on a delicious meal, as the ladies put forth a lot of effort in scheduling and preparing this community favorite event!

> VIRGINIA MCGOWAN and son of the same day as "deadline date" of respond- Pierson, Mich. spent the weekend in Boyne, visiting mother and grandmother Charlotte

> > (To submit an item, call Nancy at 582-9174

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

NAME: Kathleen Adkison PARENTS: Dan and Chris Adkison

GRADE: Junior SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, track, student council, class officer, Spanish Club, journalism HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Basketball, photography,

dance, English FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to go to college, but for what I am not too sure. I am thinking about psychol-

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Kathleen is a dedicated hardworking student," said Jodi Barringer. "She is kind and well liked by her peers. She is also a great academic and athletic role model to many. Her enthusiasm for learning



Kathleen Adkison

and school spirit is contagious. Boyne City High School is lucky to have such a motivated and enthusiastic Rambler!"

Boyne Falls

NAME: Ashley Phillips PARENTS: Tim Phillips and Connie Higdon GRADE: Second

FAVORITE CLASS: Math **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Read FAVORITE SPORT: Soccer FAVORITE BOOK: Bible**

enjoy seeing her smile each day."

NAME: Ashlynn Brown

GRADE: Junior

council

PARENTS: Chip and Jill Brown

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Ashley has a wonderful attitude and gives her best each day," said Mr. Massey. "She always has a smile on her face and treats others with respect. I enjoy having her in my class;"

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, student

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Ashlynn is an awesome

student," said Mrs. McPherson. "She does her best on

each assignment and stays with a task until she fully

understands it. Ashlynn has a great attitude in school

"Ashlynn is a very talented student," said Mrs. Moeke.

hard," said Mrs. Russell. "She is a pleasure to have in class."

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Softball and drawing

FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: To attend college

FAVORITE CLASSES: English and Government

every day, and is a true pleasure to have in class."

"Ashley is a kind person who is willing to help anyone that needs help," said Miss Gibes. "She completes her work on time and always does her best. Ashley is a well-liked girl in our class. I

East Jordan



Ashley Phillips

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OPEN DOOR COFFEE HOUSE

Saturday, April 3 "Southern Praise" will perform from 7:0-9:30 p.m. at the Open Door Coffee House in East Jordan's Senior Center on Main Street. Donations will be accepted at the non-denominational family event. Pizza, coffee, tea, and pop will be available.

BLOOD DRIVES

Month of April The following blood drives will be held in the local area in April: on Tuesday, April 13, from 1-6:45 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in East Jordan, and on Monday, April 21, from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at Boyne City High School in Boyne

> **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. For more information, call 536-7155.

EJ FOOD PANTRY

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.-noon.

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. All OES members are invited. For membership, call 5826819 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. The food pantry is located at 401 State Street.

> **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. For information call 544-

> JV VFW POTLUCK Third Tuesday

A potluck dinner of the Jordan 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. For more information call 544-5312.

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

vited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie, and community service every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Robert's Restaurant on Lake Street

VETERAN ASSISTANCE Thursdays

in Boyne City.

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. For more information, call 582-6278.

> **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.

To have your event included in the Community Calendar, e-mail items to citizen@ voyager.net, fax to 582-6762, or call 582-6761. The deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.



Camp funds

Boyne City's Kiwanis Club recently donated funds for a scholarship for one local student to attend Camp Daggett this summer. Pictured here, Camp Daggett director John Heinzelman accepts a check from Kiwanis representative Fred Sitkins.

CRADLE CALL

SARAH JANE JOHNSON was born to Jody and Johnny Johnson of Boyne City on Friday, Feb. 27, 2004 at 1:35 p.m. at Charlevoix Hospital. Sarah weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 22 inches in length at birth.

Alexander J. and Annie

"She works hard in class, questions things she doesn't understand and always

contributes in classroom discussion. She always pushes herself to do her best and

"Ashlynn has been asking good questions in FST and has been working very

even when she is overwhelmed with work she keeps her sense of humor."

Grandparents are John and Linda Reilly of Gregory, Mich.; Bud and Judy Shaw of Mason, Mich. and Margaret Walling of Duluth, Minn.

CALEB MICHAEL March 22, 2004 at 5:52

Ashlynn Brown

Thursdays Interested persons are in-

Clubs & Organizations

American Legion Post #228

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held March 4, thank you letters were read from Grandvue for a \$100 donation to their veterans activity fund and Boyne City school special education class for \$50 donation for their Chicago trip.

The Honor Guard conducted Veteran of the Month ceremonies for Cadwell Glaza and Jack Cyr.

The Chaplains reported on area veterans who are sick, disabled, shut-in or have answered the final

The Adjutant reported

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that membership has reached 100 percent and that bingo attendance is up due to added community support for which we are thankful.

Cardş" project was completed with the packing of the 500 decks of cards into shipping boxes which was witnessed by reporters from The Citizen-Journal, The Petoskey News Review and TV 7 & 4.

The membership was asked to inform the public that the Post would be sending other needed items such as Gold Bond medicated powder, snacks that won't

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wet wipes, and that the public is encouraged to drop off such items at the Post Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4 and 6 p.m. containing alcohol may be shipped. At present three Post members, Eugene Mont, Troy Drebenstedt and Russell Gilmore are in

melt, individually wrapped Iraq and will distribute the shipments as they arrive. Anyone wishing to write to them can get their addresses from a posting on

the Post front door. The Commander reported the Veterans Appreciation Day will be Wednesday, May 12, and the schools will be noti-

fied. We are expecting to

have several military vehicles on display as an added interest this year.

The next regular meeting will be held April 1, preceded by the Veteran of the Month ceremony at 6:15 p.m. followed by a potluck supper and guest speaker.

All area veterans are welcome to attend.



Christ Lutheran Church Sunday Worship: 8 & 10:30 a.m. · Sunday School

Kenneth G. Bemthar, Pastor L.C.M.S

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Pastor: Paul Wise Associate Pastor: Bryan Shook Sunday School 9:30 am 10:30 am Sunday Worship Wed. Family Night 7:00 pm

Everyone is Welcome!

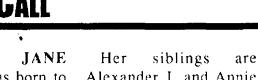


East Jordon United Methodist Church Corner of Fourth & Easterly

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

D. Michael Maurer, Pastor

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GIBBERT was born to Aimee and Justin Gibbert of East Jordan on Monday. p.m. at Charlevoix Area Hospital, Caleb weighed 9 lbs., 15 ounces, and measured 22 inches long.

Congratulations **Mark & Jody Kowalske**



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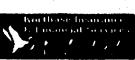
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Story time

East Jordan Elementary families enjoyed an evening of storytime fun at the Family Literacy Night, held last week at the school. Guest readers and storytellers, like East Jordan High School forensics student Whitney Hershberger, left, entertained kids, who then took part in fun crafts, above.

TUDENT EWS

ALEX BAYSTER, JESSICA BUSH, JOSH CUTRIGHT, TYLOR DANIELS, MARCIE DI-ENER, SAMANTHA FERREE, DANIELLE **NICOLE** HADIX, HELLSTROM, JEF-FREY KRUZEL. ASHLEY MAUCHMAR, JONATHAN MAUCHMAR, BEN PLACE, MARGAUX ROWLEY, ASHLEY SMITH, **NICOLE** WALLESVERD, and PAULA WITTE, all of Boyne City, are among the students included in Who's Who Among American High School Students 2002-2003.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches, and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievements and involvement in extracurricular ac-

You've tried the rest. now try the Sandy Koufax diet

By Ernie Harwell



Did you know that 30 percent of Americans will eat everything on their plate - no matter how much food is there? When you consider that portions in restaurants have increased over the

years, you can begin to understand one aspect of our country's growing obesity problem.

Sandy Koufax, the great pitcher for the Dodgers, had a good idea about eating - and this was long before dieting got as popular as it is now. He'd go out to a restaurant and he would eat half of what was served to him, no matter what it was. If it was a 16-ounce steak, he'd eat 8 ounces. If it was a bowl of soup, he'd eat a half a bowl of soup. And it's not a bad idea because you've got to get over the feeling that it's bad to leave food on your plate.

So next time you sit down for a meal, forfeit your membership in the "Clean Plate Club." You might find that it's just the trick to help you take a few extra inches off the waistline.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg 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.

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Christian bands to play at Jordan Valley Express

So, you're not going to Florida for spring break? You have no plans at all, except not to get near school? Don't just sit around — make a fool of yourself by joining the April Fools Tour at the Jordan Valley Express Saturday, April 10, at 7 p.m. The live concert features three bands, with rapper recording artist John Reuben headlining. Opening the concert are rockers from of OK, formerly known as Jacob's Generation. Next up, accomplished hard rock recording artists Spoken will stir things up.

Reuben will be performing songs from his new CD, "Professional Rapper." The 25-year-old's third CD challenges hip-hop fans to push forward, take control, and believe.

"An album like this represents human life and emotions, the good times and the bad times, the questions and the struggles, and all the other things that we go through," Reuben said. "For me, the album is a replication of who I am and where I'm at as a person."

Growing up in Brooklyn, Reuben was first influenced by the inner-city kids and then began visiting

downtown hip-hop shops and honing his lyrical skills in open mic rap battles. At 16, he took out a loan for what should have been a car and bought recording equipment and samplers, and so the story goes.

Spoken has recorded three full-length records and a greatest hits compi-

The "Spoken sound" began as a combination of rap meets metal, and a bit of melodic rock. It then took on a heavier approach, with songs like "Forevermore" and "This Path," generating repeated rotations on national rock radio and video

Tickets are \$12 at the

door, \$10 in advance or \$9 for group tickets (10 or more people). Ticket outlets are Record World and Promises & Praises in Petoskey, The Word Bookstore in Gaylord, Bridge Street Books in Charlevoix, The Rainbow Bookstore and Borders in Traverse City, and, in East Jordan, The Jordan Valley Express, also known as Harvest Barn Word of Life Church,

For more information about the concert, call (231) 536.2870 or e-mail questions to harvestbarnproductions@hotmail.com.



Recording artist John Reuben is one of three acts set to play in East Jordan on April 10.

Free CPR class offered in Charlevoix

A free CPR class will be offered on Saturday, April 17, by Charlevoix Area Hospital and the American Heart Association.

CPR for Family and Friends is a modular course that teaches lay rescuers skills in CPR and relief of foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO) in the responsive victim.

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sudden infant death syn-

Classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association community-training

For more information and to register, call Connie Roland at 547-8570. Early registration is recommended due to limited class

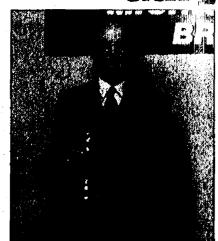
CPR Classes are also offered to private organizations upon special request.

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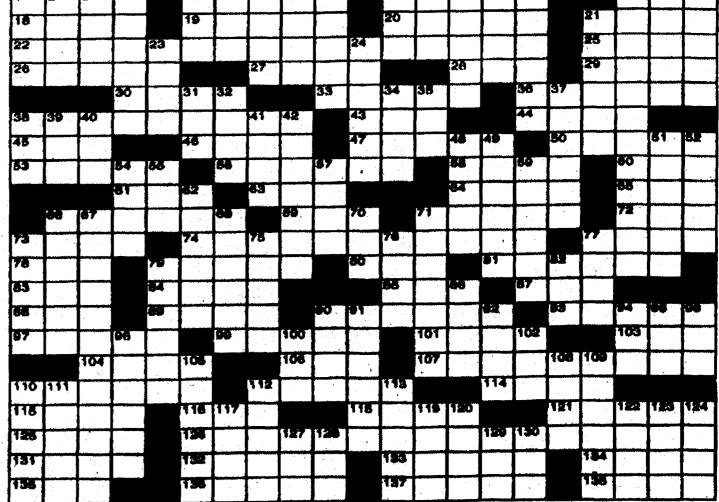
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Century 21 Up North agents receive awards

Agents from Century 21 Up North in Boyne City were among those receiving honors from the Century 21 Real Estate Corporation.

Mark and Jody Kowalske were the recipients of the Centurion Team Award for outstanding production in 2004.

Sue Grobaski received the system's ruby level Master's Award, as one of the system's top producers nationwide.

Gary Roberts earned two honors, receiving the Centurion Producer award for continued sales success, and being named to the Centurion Honor Society, established in 2003 to recognize sales professionals who have achieved Centurion level sales production for a minimum of five years within the Century 21 sys-



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Attorney opens new office in East Jordan

In response to an advertisement put out by the City of East Jordan in search of adding attorney services to the area, John Ferguson PLC has opened an office at 109 Mill St. in East Jordan.

Open since Jan. 15, the law practice aims, Ferguson

said, "to provide attentive and knowledgable legal coun-

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For more information, call Ferguson at 536-9940.



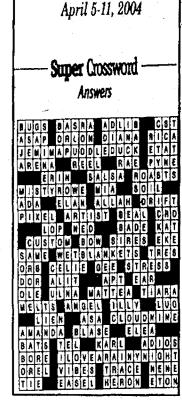
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The Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus #6314 will conduct its annual Tootsie Roll sales on April 2, 3 and 4, as a fund-raiser to help the developmentally disabled. Donations will remain in the local area, with proceeds supporting the Walloon Lake Development Center and the Bergman Center of Charlevoix.



Puzzles

College News

DENNIS A. CRISSMAN and LEEANN E SCHRADER, both of Boyne City, were named to the dean's list for the fall 2003 semester at Saginaw Valley State University.

JENNIFER DENISE and MICHAEL HOUSER, of Boyne City, and LISA HOOGERHYDE of East Jordan were among the December graduates at Grand Valley State University. DeNise earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, while Houser received a Bachelor of Science degree. Hoogerhyde earned a Master of Education degree.

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Notice Of Mortgage

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ATTN PURCHASERS: 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 Benjamin G Matelski, aka Benjamin George Matelski and Kimberly K Matelski, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated Jan. 21, 2003, and recorded on Feb. 7, 2003 in Liber 516 on Page 670, in Charlevoix county records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three And 95/100 Dollars (\$135,423.95), including interest at 9.99% 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 vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11 a.m., on April

30, 2004. Said premises are situated in Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a 5/8 inch rod at the North quarter corner of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West 791.34 feet along the North and South quarter line of said Section to a 1/2 inch rod being the Point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 00 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West 396.00 feet along said quarter line to a 1/ 2 inch rod; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 13 seconds West 75.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod: thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds East 396.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 13 seconds East 75.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, ALSO: Commencing at the North quarter of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence South along the quarter line 1187.34 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 396.00 feet; thence East 219.75 feet; thence South 396.00 feet; thence West 219.75 feet to point of beginning. TOGETHER WITH: A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress for pedestrian and motor vehicles and public utilities, described as follows: A 20 feet private roadway easement, the center line of which is described as follows: Commencing at a 5/8 inch rod at the North 1/4 corner of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West 550.00 feet along the North line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West 879.65 feet along the West line of the East 550 feet to the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section to a point in the center line of said easement, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence along said easement center line the following described courses in

sequence; South 59 degrees

34 minutes 35 seconds East

16.74 feet; thence South 78

degrees 37 minutes 00 sec-

onds East 135.51 feet, North

81 degrees 26 minutes 40

seconds East 74.15 feet,

North 67 degrees 39 minutes

28 seconds East 109.77 feet,

North 66 degrees 56 minutes

59 seconds East 56.83 feet,

North 85 degrees 38 minutes

22 seconds East 58.68 feet,

South 70 degrees 18 minutes

58 seconds East 62.56 feet,

and South 46 degrees 23

minutes 35 seconds East

79.85 feet to a point on the

North and South 1/4 line of

said Section which is South

00 degrees 39 minutes 47

seconds West 906.75 feet of

said North 1/4 corner being

Point of Ending. ALSO TO-

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lic utilities, described as fol-

lows: A 20 foot private road-

North, Range 5 West. 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 31, 2004

For more information, call: FC G 248.593.1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan

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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 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 in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 77, Charlevoix County Records. Commonly known as 709

N Park Street, Boyne City MI

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

Dated: Feb. 27, 2004

Bank One, National Association, as Trustee, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 36150 Dequindre Rd. Ste 810 Sterling Heights, MI 48310 (586) 795-4400 Ext 129 Our File No: 04-21871

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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DUTY. **ATTN PURCHASERS: 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 inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel M. Bajko and Susan B. Bajko, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2001, and recorded on April 6, 2001 in Liber 413 on Page 864, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One And 55/100 Dollars (\$155,251.55), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11a.m., on April 23, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as:

Commencing at a T-Iron

stake at the North quarter

corner of Section 16, Town-

ship 33 North, Range 7 West,

thence along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, South 00 degrees 17 minutes 03 seconds East 2636.38 feet to a T-Iron stake at the center quarter corner of said section as denoted by E.A. Robinson, past County Surveyor, in 1910; thence continuing along said quarter line, as monumented, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1978.37 feet (recorded as 1978.95 feet) to a spike, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said quarter line South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 208.75 feet: thence perpendicular to said quarter line North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 33.00 feet to a T-fron stake on the Westerly line of Sanderson Road; thence continuing perpendicular to said quarter line North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 592.00 feet to a T-Iron stake; thence parallel with said quarter line North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 208.75 feet to a T-Iron stake; thence perpendicular to said quarter line North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 592.00 feet to a T-Iron stake on the Westerly line of Sanderson Road; thence continuing perpendicular to said quarter line North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 33.00 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 16, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, Charlevoix County

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

Records

Dated: March 24, 2004 For more information, please FC D 248.593.1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd

Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #018904F01

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gagee. 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 Patrick Secretan, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2002, and recorded on April 30, 2002 in Liber 468 on Page 621, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen And 88/100 Dollars (\$102,715.88), including interest at 7% 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 vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11 a.m., on April 30, 2004.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as: Lot # 12, Block B, S. G. Isaman's Addititon to the Village of South Arm, now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such Dated: March 31, 2004

For more information, call: FC D 248.593.1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #018939F01

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PURPOSE. **MORTGAGE SALE - De**fault has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathleen R. Werbicki, a single woman, Mortgagor, to Conseco 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

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 Courthouse, County Charlevoix, Mich., on Friday, April 16, 2004, at 11 a.m. Said premises are situated in the City of Boyne, County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan and are described

Parcel B (revised) Commencing at a T-iron stake at the Southeast corner of lot 55 assessor's plat of Jersey's Addition to the City of Boyne City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of plats, Page 10, Charlevoix County Records; thence along the East line of said lot 55 (west line of East Street), North 00* 19' 04" East 9.23 feet to a 1/ 2 inch rod, being the point of beginning of this description; thence North 89* 35' 32" West 147.77 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of an alley; thence along the West line of lots 55 and 56 of said plat, North 00* 29' 10" East 95.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 89* 21' 38" East 147.50 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the West line of East Street, thence along East line of said lots 55 and 56, South 00* 19' 04" West 94.71 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of lots 55 and 56, assessor's plat of Jersey's addition to the City of Boyne

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The redemption period shall be six (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

Dated: Nov. 4, 2003 Conseco Finance Servicing Corp. n/k/a Green Tree Servicing, L.L.C. Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esg. Sotiroff & Abramczyk, P.C. 30400 Telegraph road, Ste. 444, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541 (248) 642-6000

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DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jarred Lee Betten and Victoria Ann Betten, husband and wife, to Bank of Yorba Linda, a division of BYL Bank Group, mortgagee, dated May 24, 2001 and recorded June 4, 2001 in Liber 421, Page 459, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian by assignment dated June 26, 2001 and recorded on Nov. 26, 2001 in Liber 445, Page 150, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight and 35/100 Dollars (\$77,358.35) including interest at the rate of 11.24% per

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

Charlevoix County, Mich. at 11 a.m. on April 16, 2004.

The premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as:

Lot 12, 13, and 14, block 5, Nettleton's Addition to the village of South Arm (now City of East Jordan), as per the recorded plat thereof.

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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simul-

taneous resolution with the

borrower. In that event, your

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solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: March 17, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/ a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 244.0867

CITY OF BOYNE CITY SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

March 16, 2004 7 p.m. special meeting - The Commission went into closed session to discuss pending litigation; received an introduction presentation of the budget which included projects and events accomplished during the current fiscal year (which ends April 30, 2004), challenges of current fiscal year and foreseen challenges of next year, and a list of items and projects proposed in the FYE 2005 budget.

March 22, 2004 12 p.m. regular meeting - The meeting was cancelled and a special meeting scheduled for March 30, 2004 at 9 a.m. at City Hall.

Bay Township Board of Trustees

Synopsis of Minutes of Regular Meeting - March 11, 2004

Approved minutes of Feb. 12, 2004 regular meeting. Amended General Fund budget for year ending March 31, 2004. Approved payment of Township obligations totaling \$8,100. Completed preparation of budgets for year ending March 31, 2005. Heard report from Zoning Administrator on zoning related matters during the month of February 2004 Next regular meeting to be held on April 8, 2004 at 7 p.m.

HUDSON TOWNSHIP CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Hudson Township will hold its regular meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Hudson Township Hall, Reynolds Rd., Elmira. The Hudson Township Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Township

27 April 2004

27 July 2004

26 October 2004 25 January 2005

The Parcel Division Committee Will meet the first Monday of each month, if needed, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall.

Frank D. Wasylewski Hudson Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF EAST JORDAN REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE

The City of East Jordan has received a Special Use application from Herbert and Betty Griffin to allow a public building for the purpose of an EMS Department office and to house the EMS on-call personnel at 605 Maple Street, an R2A zoned district. A Public Hearing to receive public comments on this request will be held Thursday,

April 8, 2004 at 5 p.m. in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Ml. Individuals unable to attend the Public Hearing may submit written comments to: East Jordan Planning Commission c/o Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The Special Use application is available for review at City Hall during normal office

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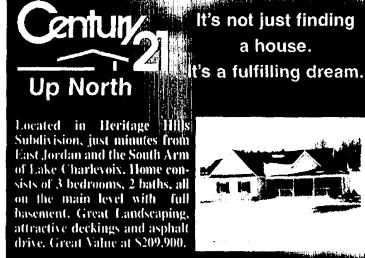
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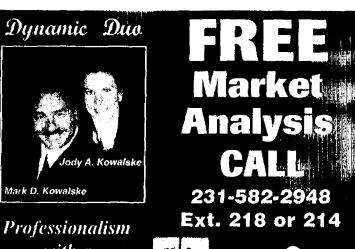
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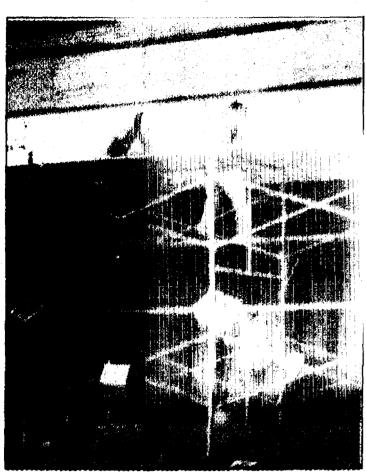
the high school.

EJ school construction

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been vastly different from the district's last construction project, the building of a new middle school in 1997.

"It is so much different,"



The warmer days of late have given workers ample opportunity to get outside and lay the brickwork on the exterior of the auditorium addition.

he said. "The challenges associated with adding on and remodeling while school is in session are many."

Though much of the interior remodeling at the elementary school was completed by the beginning of

The key, he said, has been working with companies who understand the importance of balancing work progress with the safety and well-being of students and staff. "There have been times they've had to take a couple of steps backward before they move forward," Hansen said, in order to accommodate the demands of the school chedule.

A major portion of the high school project currently underway is the construction of the 500-seat community auditorium, which was originally slated to be open for the annual spring musical this month. Mother Nature, however, had other plans. "We ran into some really rough weather," Hansen said. "It was a winter unlike any in recent memory, which slowed the whole closingin process of the auditorium down. It put the interior finish of the facility behind the eight ball for a March open-

the 03-04 school year, exinto the school year, as have

The musical, "Cinderella," has been rescheduled to open May 7, a timeframe which Hansen feels confident that crews will be able to accommodate. "We're now really starting to recover [lost time]," he said, noting that much of the work left to be done in the auditorium is interior finishing, such as seating, lighting, and flooring. Work is progressing fast enough at this point, he said, that it's "becoming exciting to just walk into the auditorium."

The additional focus on the auditorium means, however, that other areas, specifically the completion of three classrooms and an addition at the elementary school are on the back burner for the time being. "Both those [areas] are so close to being finished, we can afford taking time off," Hansen said. "We're down to floor coverings and furnishings."

The work, he adds, will be completed this summer, as will a number of extensive interior renovations at the high school including the construction of a new

media center in place of the current high school offices, and the construction of new offices where the old cafetorium stage used to

The existing media center will be converted into two new technology labs, and the existing woodworking shop and CAD room will be expanded. Similar interior work on the elementary school "went literally right down to the wire" last summer, Hansen

"I expect the same scenario with the high school this summer." Like last summer, too, he added, no matter how tight the timeframe gets, the work will be complete.

"It has to be done," he said. "I'm reasonably sure it will go down to the last week [of summer vacation]. It's a tight time schedule, but it's one we know and the contractors know we have to meet."

Budget-wise, the project continues to be healthy, with \$300,000 still available in contingency funds. "That's good news," Hansen said. "We have an

Every inch of the auditorium ceiling must be painted black, keeping work crews logging long hours on the manlift, suited up in protective

elevator to install yet at the elementary school, and whenever you do interior

renovation, you always come across things that haven't been anticipated.

"We're happy to be this far along and be in as good a shape as we are."

And the show must go on.

"Cinderella" cast and crew learn to work without a stage

From casting to set building to lighting and music, staging a high school spring musical is always a challenge. But what happens when there's not even a stage?

In East Jordan, the EJ Thespians, hard at work in recent weeks in preparation for their spring production of "Cinderella," are learning the answer. With construction of the school's new 500-seat auditorium running later than originally expected, preparations are being made sans stage. Fortunately, under the tutelage of longtime leader Paula Vollbach, the show will, indeed, go on.

"In reality, you can rehearse anywhere you want," Vollbach said, noting that she and the cast are nearly finished with blocking out scenes. "It's once the sets are built in those last few weeks, that's what really matters."

At present, rehearsals are taking place in a cleared-out space in the high school's newly revamped cafeteria, which up until this year also contained the stage used in previous productions. For now, tables are rolled aside and

scenes are blocked out in the temporary space.

For Vollbach, a drama veteran, the setback just isn't that big of a deal. Though the auditorium itself is not completed, it's far enough along that students have been able to get a glimpse of what they can expect. "I walked the cast through so they could visually see it, and that really helped," Vollbach said. "Not only were they able to get a vision, but it built up the whole excitement." As their access to the evolving auditorium increases, Vollbach will take advantage of any opportunity to take cast members in to walk through positions for various scenes. The real trick, she said, is not so much the rehearsals but timing the building of sets that will need to be constructed onsite, which will happen in an abbreviated period of time as construction allows. "Smaller pieces," she said, "can be built at different locations."

Vollbach is quick to point out, of course, that the steady progress of preparations for the production is due, in large

> part, to the trusty group of longtime volunteers behind the scenes. "The reason it's so under control is that we've got a committee that's been working for 11 years together," she said. "At the end of last year, we met and talked about the possibilities of what this year would bring [with the construction project]. This fall we met again, and made what decisions we could

make at that point. "It evolves as you're cre-



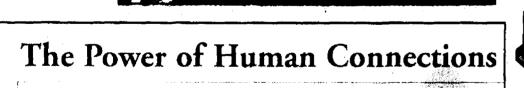
Carol Elliott and Melody Bishop, as Cinderella's stepsisters, get a lesson in catching a man from mom, played by Margaux Rowley.

ating it. You wait for certain moments to make decisions." Performances are scheduled for May 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15. Tickets will go on sale May 1, with prices rolled back due

to an increased number of seats. The cost will be \$3, or \$2 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call the high school at 536-2259.

Rehersals in the high school cafeteria are often a combination of learning lines, blocking out scenes, eating dinner and doing homework.

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