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AT A GLANCE

Holiday fun for kids on tap at the library

The Boyne District Library will hold holiday preschool Story Time events on Wednesday, Dec. 8, and Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days.

Also on Wednesday, Dec. 15, the library will host its Elementary Craft Day, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Students grades kindergarten through fourth will create make and take crafts.

There is no charge for these events, but pre-registration is required. To register, or for more information, call the library at 582-7861 or stop in at 201 E. Main St., Boyne City.

Quilt raffle will benefit Humane Society

A handmade quilt is an excellent Christmas present to give or receive, and the Charlevoix County Humane Society is offering the public the opportunity to win a beautiful handmade quilt, made by Margaret Nemeck, in the organization's annual quilt raffle.

Tickets are \$1 each, or five for \$6 and can be purchased at the Humane Society, at Lost and Found Antiques in Boyne City, or from any board member. Tickets can also be purchased through the mail by sending a check to 614 Beardsley, Boyne City, MI 49712.

The drawing will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 14. All proceeds go toward the general operations of the Humane Society

Donations for holiday effort are accepted at BC City Hall

The City of Boyne City is holding a mitten and hat collection for the Boyne Area Community Christmas effort, which supplies meals and holiday gifts for area families in need. Mittens and hats, as well as canned goods, will be accepted at City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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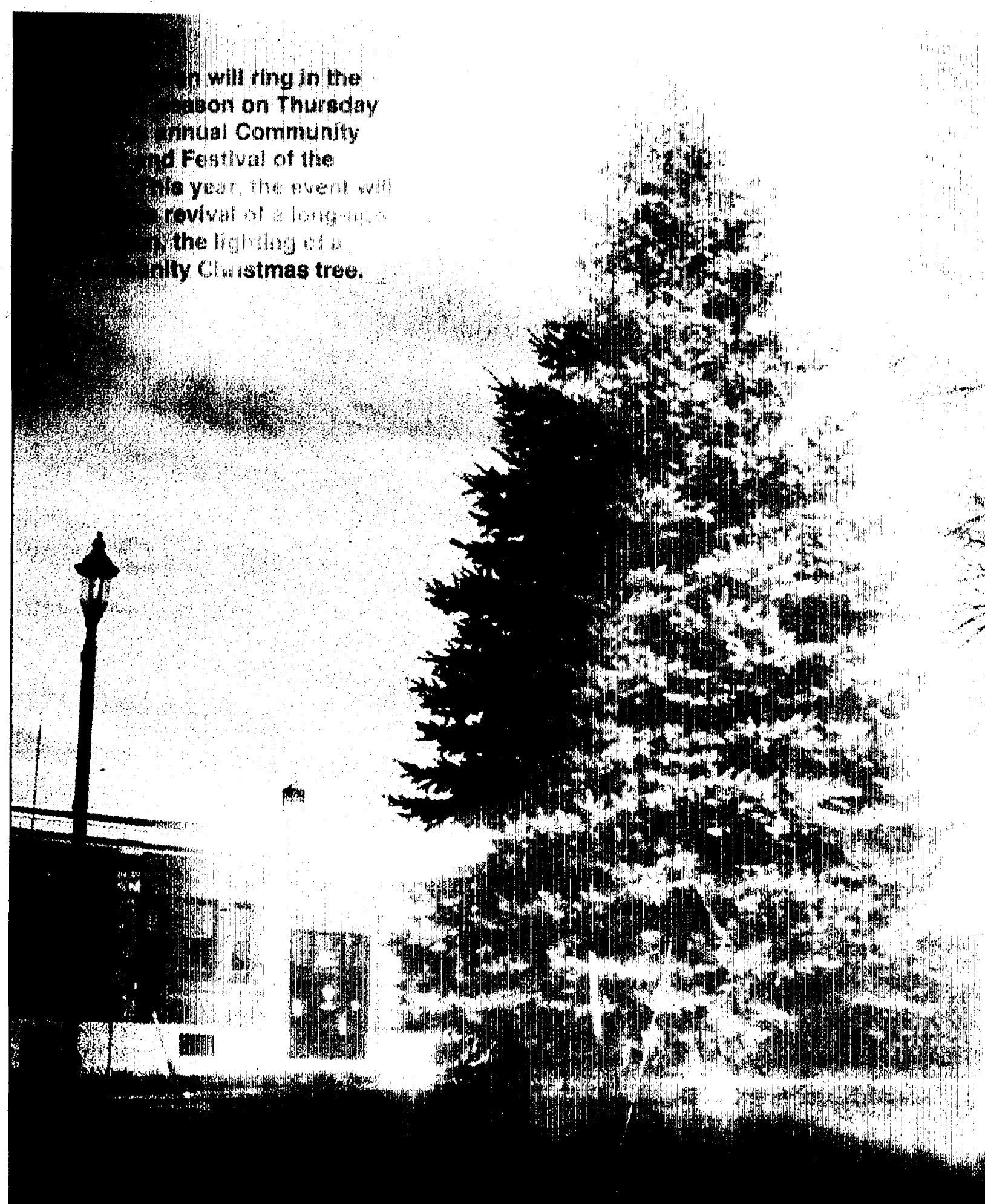


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Reviving tradition

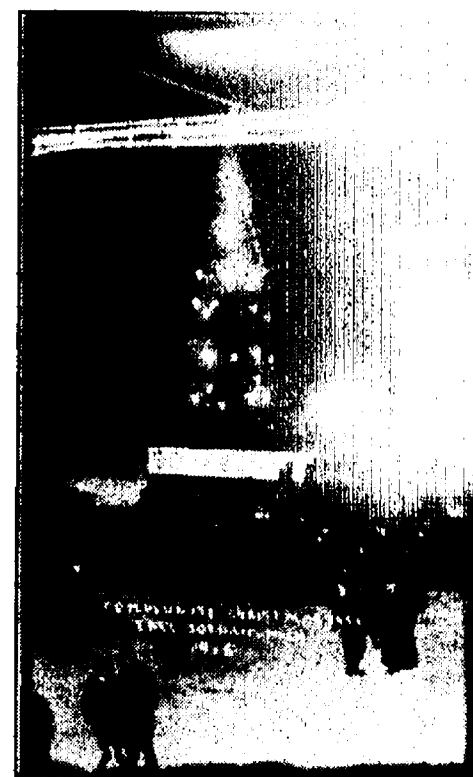
Thanks to the generosity of a local family, EJ will celebrate this year with a community tree

In the early part of last century, the East Jordan community upheld the tradition of lighting a community Christmas tree to mark the season. Over the years, that tradition fell to the wayside; this year, however, thanks to a generous donation by a local couple, the tradition will live on.

"People are just so excited," said East Jordan Area Chamber president Mary Faculak. "It's a very special story."

Indeed, when Mike and Mandy Peterson first looked to donate the towering blue spruce to the City in the early part of the holiday season last year, they had no idea what lay ahead. At the time, the East Jordan residents were just looking to have the tree relocated out of their front yard. "We didn't want to just cut it down," Mandy said, "so we thought maybe we'd call the City and they'd want it." Her husband, she explained, is originally from Marquette, where the community has a long-standing tradition of lighting a community tree on the waterfront the day after Thanksgiving.

At the time, however, the City didn't have the means to make the



Revelers gather in 1915, at the site where the current East Jordan City Hall stands, for the lighting of the traditional tree.

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Sounds of the season

Newly formed Jordan Valley Chorale will make debut at holiday concert

It's never easy putting together a musical group, much less under the pressure of a public performance within the time frame of a few weeks, but, at the request of the Jordan Valley Community Band, that's just what Ellen Addington did. As the director of the newly formed Jordan Valley Chorale, Addington is optimistic about the group's debut performance at the community band's annual holiday concert, set for Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. at East Jordan High School.

"They're doing a good job," Addington said of the group of 25 or so vocalists, who've been practicing on a weekly basis for the upcoming performance. "I tell them, 'you need to have fun.' It's Christmas time, it's going to be fun."

It was only at the end of September that Addington was first called upon to start the group, by members of the long-standing Jordan Valley Community Band. "They said they were going to do a Christmas program, and wondered if I could put a chorale together to sing with them," Addington said. Initially, the thought was just some simple Christmas carols, but quickly the idea

evolved to create something with "a little more substance." And so the Jordan Valley Chorale was born.

In short order, the group grew from 15 to 25 or so members, coming from all around the area to take part in the group. "It's going to be a good group," Addington said.

Addington herself is no stranger to choral music, having been involved with church music for more than 60 years. Previously a teacher in Detroit and Traverse City, Addington later relocated to East Jordan, and spent time leading music programs at the Congregational Church in Charlevoix. Recently, she's been away from working with music programming, and found that the opportunity with the Jordan Valley group was just the ticket to get back into doing

what she loves.

"It's nice to have our little group over here," she said.

Since late September, the chorale has rehearsed once a week, on Thursday evenings, coinciding with the practices of the Jordan Valley Community Band, some of whose members are doing double duty in the vocal group. "They're dividing their gifts between the band and chorale," Addington said. "The people in band have to take about 20 minutes out of band rehearsal to practice with us. It's kind of a tight schedule for everybody."

Shortness of time notwithstanding, the group has had fun so far,

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Ellen Addington leads the newly-formed Jordan Valley Chorale at a recent rehearsal. The group will sing with the Jordan Valley Community Band at its annual holiday music program on Dec. 12. photo by Vic Ruggles

Snow business: season opens at Boyne Mountain

Another up north ski season is underway, after Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls opened the slopes to skiers last weekend. The slopes were closed once again this week, but will reopen for good on Friday, Dec. 10.

Last weekend's season preview was, said Boyne Mountain general manager

Ed Grice, "a typical opening," which was somewhat of a surprise considering the driving rain that plagued the area on Saturday afternoon. "We were surprised we had as many people as we did," Grice said. "It was not a very pleasant day weather-wise."

Rain notwithstanding, temperatures

have been cool enough at night to facilitate snow-making, which crews at the Mountain have been busily undertaking in recent days. By Friday, Grice expects there to be five runs and three lifts available to skiers, and, he said, "we'll add runs and lifts starting next week, as we're able to start making

snow in different areas."

"Thank goodness for snowmaking," Grice said. "Although we're golf people, green grass isn't what we want to see this time of year."

Among the new additions at the Mountain for this season are free skiing and snowboarding for seniors ages

70 and up, and discounted rates for seniors 65-69, early through mid-season demo weekends featuring top ski/snowboard equipment manufacturers, and evening winter sleigh/wagon rides for houseguests.

For the latest snow conditions, visit www.boyne.com.

GUEST COLUMN

Wastewater treatment upgrade project is moving forward

(The following information was provided by the City of Boyne City)

In the recent copy of the Boyne City newsletter, recently mailed to all City taxpayers with their winter tax bills, was an article on the progress of our new Wastewater Treatment Plant. While the newsletter is a good way to communicate with many of our customers it is very limited in the amount of space available. With a complicated issue that has been under study for several years, producing literally reams of information, it is difficult to make it fit into a few paragraphs. So here the City is presenting a slightly longer version of that article, containing additional information about the Wastewater Treatment Plant project and related issues. It is hoped to provide additional insight on an issue of great importance to the Boyne City community. For additional information on this topic, contact information is provided at the end of this article.

The long term goal of the Boyne City Community, the relocation of our wastewater treatment facility from the water front, is moving closer to reality. After many years of study, and obtaining the proper state approvals, approximately \$8.4 million dollars in special low interest funding was obtained through the Clean Water Re-

volving Fund. Shortly thereafter, in October actual site work began at both the new plant location at the east end of town near the airport and also at the existing wastewater treatment facility location on Front Street adjacent to Peninsula Beach.

Why move the plant?

There are two main reasons something needed to be done to the existing wastewater treatment plant: age and location. With major components of the existing plant being up to 50 years old, they are just plain wearing out and in need of replacement. Pipes, pumps, buildings and other equipment were simply at the end of their useful life. The question was: Do we reinvest and expand in the existing location or is it time to find a new home?

Looking at the existing wastewater treatment plant on the Lake Charlevoix waterfront surrounded by a public beach, parks, single family homes, residential condominiums, restaurants and a marina one often hears 'why was it put there'? Because it made sense. 50 years ago, Boyne City - and particularly its waterfront - had a completely different and much more industrial character to it. As the economy of northern Michigan

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Local ministry hopes to create weekly youth event

It's a mission from the heart, according to Pastor Michael and Shelly Breimer of Boyne Falls, founders of the Seed of Faith Ministry.

The couple, who run their non-denominational church services from the VFW Hall in Boyne City at 10 a.m. Sundays, is looking to extend their outreach a little bit further, hoping to connect with the community to create a youth program.

"The 'Seed of Faith Ministry' would like to reach out to the community in hopes to get the youth off the street, and give them something constructive to do, other than getting into trouble using drugs and alcohol, vandalism and violence," said the couple in a project proposal distributed to interested parties around

“Parents have told us they need a program for kids”
--Shelly Breimer, Seed of Faith Ministry

the area.

The hope, according to Shelly, is to create a community-led program, with appropriate supervision, to give kids a place to go and have some safe fun.

"Parents have told us they need a program for kids," she said. "That's really made us think about what we can do."

Though initially one might expect the focus to be on teens, the goal is to create a program for all kids,

Shelly said.

"It's not just for teens or small children," she said. "We need something for the community."

The plan, too, is to not charge for events, but rather look to the generosity of the community to help support a free event for kids. "There are parents living paycheck to paycheck, and they can't offer to give kids money to get involved in an activity," said Shelly, a mother of two and grandmother of one.

The concept is in its infancy and that's where the community part comes in. The program will be "families participating, with parents," she said.

At this point, the Breimers are gathering information, seeking donations from businesses and individuals and looking to take surveys, perhaps through the schools, to find out what the kids would like to have available to them.

Ultimately, the shape the program takes will be led by those interested in investing time, energy and/or funding. "It depends on the participation of the community, it depends on how this comes together," Shelly said.

For more information, call the Breimers at 549-3126.

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move happen immediately. Then, the unthinkable happened, with the Petersons losing their home to an early morning fire on Dec. 18, just a week before Christmas. Though the family was able to salvage some guns, jewelry, and some food from a freezer, all else, including the home itself, was a total loss.

In the days that followed, however, the family found out just how generous their neighbors and community members are, receiving ample gifts of money, food, clothing and gifts for the holiday.

The donation of the tree was an idea that was pushed to the background for the time

being. This year, however, as city officials began to toss around the idea of reviving the old-fashioned holiday celebrations of yore, the Petersons received a call from city hall. "This year the city called us back, and it worked out at kind of the same time of year," Mandy said of the tree donation. Reflecting on the kindness the community had shown her family in their time of need, Mandy said the tree was "the least we could do to pay back everyone in the community. We turned a bad thing into a good thing."

Between the efforts of volunteers and the City of East Jordan's Department of Public Works, the tree was relocated to downtown, now standing at the corner of Esterly and Spring streets, across from City Hall. "It's

been a community at work here," said chamber president Faculak of the effort to move the tree. "It's just been stellar."

The tree will be lit officially at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, coinciding with East Jordan's downtown Community Night and Festival of the Bells events, complete with holiday music and old-fashioned Christmas carols.

The Petersons, of course, are planning to attend the tree lighting. "We went down there and looked at it," Mandy said of the tree in its new home. "It looks like it's always been there."

For more information on Community Night, call the East Jordan Area Chamber at 536-7351.

Boyne area calendars available for holiday gifts

Historical calendars, with a theme of "Boyne Area School Sports," are currently available for purchase, featuring historic photos of athletic teams from Boyne City and Boyne Falls past.

The calendars are \$10

each, with proceeds to support the operation of the Boyne City Historical Museum, located at Boyne City City Hall.

Calendars are available at City Hall, and Boyne Country Books and Country Now and Then, both lo-

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For more information, call City Hall at 582-6597.

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OBITUARIES

Grace Marian Aten



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Grace Marian Aten, 92, formerly of Alpena, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

Funeral services were held on Saturday at the First Congregational Church in Alpena.

The Rev. Thomas Orth officiated. Interment took place at Battle Creek Memorial Park.

Born on April 18, 1912 in Chicago, Ill., to Raymond and Rose

(Keeley) Appleyard, she married George Avery Aten in 1942 in South Haven. He preceded her in death on March 6, 2001.

Mrs. Aten received a bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University in 1938 and was an elementary school teacher in the Lakeview school system until she retired in 1972.

She was a member of First Congregational

Churches of Alpena and Battle Creek, the Michigan

Retired Teachers Association, Wally Byam Air Stream Caravan Club, and Kalamazoo Gem and Mineral Society. She was a Cub Scout den mother for many years.

Surviving are her three sons, Raymond Frank and Cynthia of Montana, Avery John and Marcia of Alpena, and William James and Maxine of Boyne Falls; one daughter, Rose and Mark Muniak of

Boyne City; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary (Mrs. Benjamin) Green of Massachusetts, and Jean (Mrs. Norman) Watts of Pullman, Mich.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Richard and Edwin, and one sister, Alice Koch.

Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

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By **Steve Czerkes** Pharmacist

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Humane Society will host annual open house Dec. 12.

The Charlevoix County Humane Society invites the public to its annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1:30-3:30pm. The public is welcome to tour the facility, enjoy refreshments, meet staff, board members, and many cats and dogs who are seeking their forever homes.

Visitors are encouraged to bring Christmas presents for the animals, who always are in need of raw-hides, catnip, cat and dog treats, regular cat litter (not the scoopable kind), and NutroMax cat and dog food.

The Humane Society can always use office supplies, stamps, laundry detergent, old blankets and towels, and regular bleach (not ultra).

The Humane Society is located at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City. For more information, call 582-6774.

Charlevoix County sheriff offers tips for winter safety

While winter is synonymous with the joy of the holiday season, there is also danger in the cold and icy weather of the winter months.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater wants area residents to know the four most common winter weather notices so they can take the proper action.

Winter storm watch: Be alert, a storm is likely but has not been spotted yet.

Winter storm warning: The storm has entered, or is approaching, your area.

Winter weather advisory: Conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists.

Blizzard warning: This is the most dangerous situation. Combinations of snow and strong winds will produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts, and life-threatening wind chill - seek refuge immediately!

Before heading out onto snow-covered roadways, Lasater cautions residents to pay attention to travel advisories and adjust your plans accordingly.

Additionally, Lasater provides some tips on what you can do now to stay safe later.

Winterize your car - check levels of antifreeze, oil (10W30 is best for colder months), windshield wipers and fluid, and tire pressure. Replace your battery if it is more than three years old, or if it no longer holds a full charge. Carry an ice scraper with a brush for removing snow.

Prepare an emergency car kit which should include sand or kitty litter to provide traction; snow shovel; candles to provide light and heat inside your car; blankets; non-perishable food items and water; brightly-colored cloth to use as a flag.

Additionally, always maintain a full tank of gasoline and keep your cell phone charged. Lasater urges every person who will be on the roads this winter to carry a cell phone. "In so many instances, the difference between life and death has been a person's ability to call for help from a cell phone," he said.

It is also highly important that residents prepare their homes for the coming winter months. Lasater suggests having your furnace checked by a certified technician, seal any windows leaking air, and create a home emergency kit that includes the following items: battery-operated radio to listen to weather forecasts; candles and matches or flashlights and batteries; extra blankets including some for sealing doors and hanging over windows; non-perishable food, several gallons of water, and extra supplies of prescription medication. For any outdoor activities this winter, Lasater advises citizens to put on several layers of lightweight, loose-fitting clothing; choose mittens over gloves; and always wear a hat. The combination of strain from cold temperatures and heavy exertion (shoveling, pushing a car, or walking in deep snow) can trigger a heart attack in people who are susceptible.

"With this information, the citizens of Charlevoix County can prepare themselves for the winter ahead and more fully enjoy the beauty of the season," he said.



Locks of love

Boyer City Elementary School students Emily Lindsay, 9, above right, and Emilee Evans, 8, did their own holiday giving last week, each donating 10-inch ponytails to the Locks of Love, which provides wigs for children who have lost their hair due to treatment for cancer. According to Emily's mom, Chris, the girls "donated their hair in the spirit of the season, in the hope that they could help a little girl who lost her hair due to cancer get a Christmas wish. At right, Kristi Wilson at the Center Salon in Petoskey did the honors. For more information on the program, visit www.locksoflove.org.



courtesy photos

Peace Coffee House set for Dec. 11

Peace Coffee House will host Melanie Hayes with Mark Walker, and Ruth and Max Bloomquist on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 8-11 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center.

Hayes brings her own blend of Americana folk with a touch of country and bluegrass to the stage.

Entertaining audiences since the 1970s, Hayes has lately been traveling around spreading her music from as far north as Harbor Springs all the way down to Louisville, Ky.

Performing with Hayes will be multi-instrumentalist Mark Walker, who will

compliment the performance with rhythmic additions and mandolin solos.

Vocalist Ruth Bloomquist and her bass player husband Max will also take the stage, both being founding members of the popular west Michigan folk band Amaryllyis. Now performing as a duo, Ruth and Max concentrate on presenting Ruth's original songs, which are showcased in her two CDs, Jewel of My Heart, and All For Love's Sake.

Performances will be followed by an open stage. The cost is \$7, with com-

For children under age 12, attendees are asked to donate as they are able.

The Jordan River Art Center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan.

COLLEGE NEWS

DAVID BURNS. 2004 graduate of Boyne City High School, has earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of his exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

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and is making progress. "The attitude is good, but we could use more men," Addington said. "We have eight or nine men," she noted, to nearly 20 women.

Among the numbers the group is currently polishing for their debut "Festival of Carols" performance are two John Rutter selec-

tions, "Angels' Carol" and "Hush Baby," an original composition by Elizabeth Humphrey, who will also be piano soloist in her arrangement of a "Christmas Potpourri."

Jester Hairston's rousing Jamaican flavored "Mary's Little Baby Boy," accompanied by two trumpets and string bass will conclude the chorale's selections.

The audience won't be left out, according to Addington, with sing-alongs of many familiar and beloved carols.

Though all focus right now is on the holiday performance, Addington notes that the future may hold more events for the group. "I'd like to get a little series started here in East Jordan," she said.

"We'll see if we want to stay together, but I have a feeling we will want to stay together."

For more information, or to volunteer for the chorale, call Addington at 536-7018.

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By ANGELA SHULTIS

I'm really not good at good-byes.

The only reason for opening a column like that, you might have guessed, is that I am in fact going to have to say a lot of good-byes in the coming days, this being one of them. After more than six years at The Citizen-Journal, five as writer and editor, I'm saying good-bye to the paper and good-bye to northern Michigan, as my family and I set off for new adventures on another peninsula far to the south, as a full-time resident of the great state of Florida.

As you read this, I will have completed my final issue of the paper, put to bed for the last time my experiences as a community journalist in our little corner of Charlevoix County. And while with that closure there comes a certain sense of relief, there's a great deal of sadness, as well.

It's been a distinct privilege to head this paper for the last few years. I've been gifted with the unique opportunity, as a "transplant," to learn these communities from the inside out. Sometimes it's been warts and all (mine included), but most of the time, it's been really, really lovely. I've met some remarkable people, been to some remarkable events, and seen some remarkable projects go from conception, to planning, to fruition.

As a community newspaper, The Citizen-Journal holds a unique position in Boyne City, East Jordan, and the surrounding area. Our goal has always been to provide a means of keeping the communities connected through information while helping neighbors to get to know each other a little better. Over the years, there have been some slightly scandalous, somewhat sensational stories to cover, but for the most part, it's been a whole lot of generally good stuff — school events, festivals, meetings, businesses, new ventures and old friends.

That inclination to keep things clean is, ironically, one of the things we've been most criticized for over the years — it's been perceived, at times, as a reluctance to dig in and get our hands dirty.

I see it, however, as choosing not to dwell too long on the negative, and making an effort to keep journalism as it should be — unbiased. There are plenty of papers out there that spend a whole lot of time digging out the minute details of every sordid event to come down the pike — we've chosen, in most cases, to report the facts and move on. It's a position that may not be popular with everyone, but it's one that's allowed me to sleep at night.

It's a position, too, that I recently realized has its own share of merit with the good people of our communities, especially after the delightful Donna Moll wrote a letter pointing out our propensity for reporting the "good stuff" that's happening out there, and expressing her appreciation for that.

If I've done nothing else as the editor of this paper, I hope I've at least given Donna, and others like her, a good read every now and again.

You have all, in return, given me a wealth of experiences and friendships I will carry with me wherever I go.

ON A MORE personal note, this departure is made all the more difficult knowing what we're leaving behind.

After six and a half years in the area, I've become convinced of the fact that, despite occasional differences of opinion, this is a community of givers. That hit very close to home this past weekend, as my family hit snag after bump after serious difficulty in the progress of our move. Friends and neighbors wasted no time in converging, taking worry after worry off our shoulders. None wanted anything in return — we heard repeated choruses of "That's what friends are for," and "that's what neighbors do."

Well, it's true, that's what they do here, and it's a blessing I'm certain not all communities can claim. In this part of the world, the actions of my friends and neighbors is not unique to those particular individuals; it's just the way things are done here. What a valuable commodity that is. I can only hope to find half of the kindness and generosity in my new home that I've been lucky enough to find in this one.

So, thank you readers, thank you neighbors, and thank you friends. It's been a blast.

And — do I have to say it? — good-bye.

LIFE, LOVE, LAUGHTER

The holidays with little ones is about 'keeping your sanity, sister'

By MINDY S. GIEM

I love having a baby in the house, and to celebrate Christmas with them for the first time is so much fun. Watching them rip (and eat) wrapping paper, gaze in wonder at the Christmas tree lights, and do their own type of baby boogie to Christmas carols just adds to the holiday merriment. Along with that wonder comes curiosity and the desire to eat, grab, and climb on everything in sight.

Our house will once again be filled with holiday cheer — and 10-month-old Paxton will be right in the middle of it all — but I'm going to try to take it a little slower, for my own sake. I'm going to try the KYSS (closely related to KISS) method; it stands for Keep Your Sanity, Sister. I'm employing KYSS as a matter of survival this year. My sweet little lumpkin Paxton surprised me, and the rest of the family, by starting to walk (you know the Frankenstein steps?) at nine months, almost three months earlier than his siblings. I was counting on his mobility being limited until at least Christmas, but he had other plans.

First, my decorating scheme will definitely have to change. Along with Paxton's walking ability comes the advantage (his, not mine) of being able to reach the top of every surface in the house, seriously limiting the decorating space I do have available. Pretty holiday tablecloths are out of the question and candles, even unlit, will have to be placed above those dimpled little hands' reach. It's best for me to avoid decorating below four-feet anywhere, for when I see the look of pride on his face as he accomplishes his goal (reaching a breakable trinket and waving it in the air with his big gap-toothed grin, his eyes squinted behind those pinchable, chubby cheeks), I'm more likely to forget myself and applaud him for his success than reprimand him for playing with something he shouldn't have.

Second, my holiday visits will have to be limited. This is due to Paxton's uncanny resemblance to a Hoover vacuum cleaner. He munches on everything,

from dried leaves to beach sand to unsuspecting bare toes. While Trenton and Eleri both did this as babies, they lacked the gusto that Paxton exhibits. This snacking is not limited to my own home. He sees every house we visit as an all-you-can-eat buffet. In order to preserve my sanity and keep him from a big belly-ache, I guess I'd rather have him eat items from my floor instead of anyone else's.

Finally, there will be no Christmas presents under the tree until the morning of, to avoid early peeks and wreckage. Paxton also exhibits some Sherpa-type qualities — climbing anything and everything he can find, starting with the stairs at six months. However, if there are no stairs to find, he makes his own, using his head to push objects where he wants them, then crawling or stepping on them. Any encouragement from any member of the family (which could be clapping, saying the word "bouncy," or even making eye contact) results in vigorous bouncing on the object bearing his weight. The look of delight upon his face makes it hard for us to try and stop him, but I don't think Eleri and Trenton would understand if all of their gifts had a Paxton indentation on them. So to avoid tears or tantrums, (my own included), gifts may stay hidden a little longer this year.

Now KYSS does not eliminate all Christmas fun from the schedule. Far be it from me to deprive Eleri of the pleasure of frosting cookies and, when she thinks no one is looking, licking them clean again. And Trenton will get to see all of the animals at a live nativity. However, I am contemplating a tabletop Christmas tree this year, otherwise I may find Paxton scaling its heights from a precarious pile of presents, and munching on a smorgasbord of decorations as he goes. And if I saw that, I could really KYSS my sanity good-bye.

(Mindy S. Giem lives in Boyne City with her husband and three children and is looking forward to sharing the Christmas chaos with all of them)

LETTERS

'Buy Into Boyne' continues

TO THE EDITOR:

Buy Into Boyne reminders . . . Redeem your receipts! There are less than two weeks until the *Buy into Boyne* promotion ends on Dec. 21. As a reminder, we are encouraging people not to wait until the last minute to redeem their receipts because if you do, it could end up taking you a long time.

Why? When receipts are redeemed there is a lot of information that the Redemption Sites are recording so that the information can be compiled and reported back to the Buy into Boyne participating merchants. This will enable the businesses to judge how well the promotion worked for their particular business. Because of this, it does take a few minutes to redeem your receipts and fill out all of your entries.

Besides trying to redeem your receipts often, another helpful reminder is to bring along address labels or a stamp with your name on it. Some people are turning in \$1,000+ in receipts at a time. That's over 100 entries and it takes some time to write your name that many times.

Also, as reminder, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. This is nonnegotiable.

If you choose to write more than one name on your entries, only the first name written will be called. Please write your name neatly on the entries. If we can't read your name, you won't be able to win.

We realize that some people may have to work and won't be able to be present. If this is the case, find someone who will be present and write their name on the entries. Winners will have five minutes to step up and claim their prize.

Buy into Boyne — rewarding the hometown shopper by encouraging people to buy locally and buy often! Please redeem your receipts and redeem them often.

Leslie Neilson

GUEST COLUMN (CON'T FROM PAGE 2)

Wastewater treatment upgrade progressing

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has shifted over time, the plant's old industrial neighbors like the railroad and the Tannery have moved out and been replaced with its new neighbors who are much more closely tied to the natural benefits of the lakefront. It's time for the wastewater treatment plant to move on too.

Bad News/Good News

As the wastewater treatment plant prepares to move on, the experiences from our current location next to the City's only formal public beach plays a role in our future. The bad news is that we have had two very opposite uses, that of a public beach and that of a wastewater treatment plant and discharge location right next to each other. The good news for the environment is that because of the proximity of the beach and the discharge point for the treated wastewater the Boyne City wastewater treatment plant has some of the strictest discharge limits of any plant discharging into the open waters of this state.

To the highest standards!

Claims have been made by opponents to relocating our plant's discharge location from the waters of Lake Charlevoix to those of the Boyne River that the City will be putting in dirtier water (some statements have misleadingly called it untreated) into the river than we are to the lake. While such statements are great for getting people scared, they don't reflect the truth of what will really be happening. While state and federal standards do allow more fecal coliform, one indicator of the cleanliness of water, into rivers than to lakes (because science has determined that they can handle it better) our new plant is designed to meet the same strict water quality standards as our current plant. If this wasn't the objective the City could have saved hundreds of thousands of customer dollars by eliminating treatment processes from the new plant that wouldn't be necessary to meet typical river discharge standards. The City has a very good track record of operating our existing plant within the strict limits set by the State. Our lagoon system, by holding and treating water for usually between 60 and 90 days, is a very forgiving system that allows us to monitor and treat (and if necessary re-treat) water long before it is ever discharged to any water body. It gives us

more control and much more time to catch any problems than more mechanical systems that can treat and discharge treated water in hours or days versus our weeks and months. In a worse case scenario, our current and proposed wastewater treatment plant and lagoon systems give us the storage capacity that allow us to stop our discharge for days and weeks if we are not satisfied with the quality of our treated discharge.

It is also important to keep the scale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge in perspective. When the new plant is operating at its maximum design capacities, in an estimated 20 years or so, the amount of treated water that would be discharged into the Boyne River would average between 1.0 and 1.3 percent of the river's typical water flow. In other words, for every gallon of river water flowing by, less than three tablespoons of that would be treated water from the new plant.

Can good be better?

Despite designing a first class system, the City has remained open to exploring ways to make the system even better. While there is no doubt that the plant being built would not only meet but greatly exceed all typical standards for a river of the quality of the Boyne River the City, has gone the extra mile to see if it was feasible to make the treated water even better. On one occasion, the City Commission ordered a further study to determine if a land application method to handle the treated water would be feasible. The publicly announced research and findings showed that because of the characteristics and quantity of City owned land, that land application was not feasible. Further suggestions that the treated water be piped to a large property owner in Boyne Valley Township and discharged on their land were found to be neither economically affordable nor environmentally beneficial.

In addition, the City is currently studying the use of existing wetlands on City property adjacent to the Boyne River to "polish" or further filter the treated water prior to a river discharge, on top of, not instead of, any portion of the treatment processes already under construction. Although local environmentalists initially recommended that the City consider the wetlands option, they later reversed, after purchasing the book "Treatment Wetlands" by Kadlec and Knight,

whose authors they cited as leading experts in the field. The City again followed through on its commitment to determine whether the use of the wetland is a viable option. And instead of the City buying the book it hired one of the experts recommended by local environmentalists, Dr. Robert Kadlec, to give us his honest assessment of whether the use of these wetlands makes sense. At this point, the City does not know if using wetlands is a viable addition to our processes. We will conduct sound research, publicly present the findings, and then make an informed decision.

The unknown

Throughout the many discussions on this topic issues have been raised, like that of the impact of pharmaceuticals, for which there are no regulations, standards or even agreed to science. While such "what if" issues are great at stirring emotions they are nearly impossible to address, let alone resolve. In such cases, the City shall continue to keep an open mind and, once there is accepted science and regulations, take action to best protect community interests.

Keeping it all in balance

Although we may prefer not to think about the details of sanitary sewers, to have a successful, vibrant community a sound sanitary sewer system that protects the environment and is affordable is a necessity. By planning and building for the future now, before our sanitary sewers become a problem — like they have in other communities — the City is pro-actively protecting our environment and economy, much like it did when it voluntarily and without outside prompting developed its own wellhead protection program, to help protect this area's drinking water.

To be ready for the future we have to make choices in the present based upon the best information we can obtain and looking at the resources we have available. For issues affecting the City that task ultimately falls upon the City Commission, which considers all information received, no matter what the source. The Commission works hard to make well informed, reasoned decisions that will be good for the environment, good for the economy, good for the future and in the long run, good for Boyne.

For more information or to share comments, questions or suggestions, contact Michael Cain, city manager, at 582-0377 or at mcain@boynecity.com.

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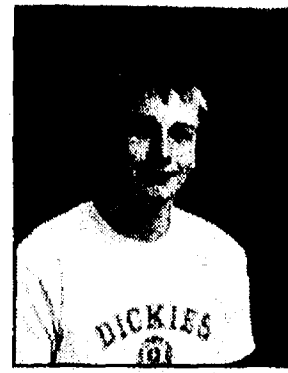
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Josh Haskin
PARENTS: Dana and Kevin Willson
GRADE: Freshman
FAVORITE CLASS: Algebra
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Basketball and snowboarding
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Josh works very well with his lab partners and displays fine leadership skills," said Mr. Kirkby. "It is a pleasure to have him in my physical science class."



Josh Haskin

East Jordan High School

NAME: Kristi Werner
PARENTS: Bill and Ann Werner
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, BPA, and track
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Basketball, reading, and writing
FUTURE PLANS: Interior design
FAVORITE CLASSES: Advanced Drafting
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Kristi is a great student in chemistry," said Mrs. Moeke. "She will work on something diligently until she completely understands it or feels it is her best work! She has great attention to detail and is a pleasure to have in class."



Kristi Werner

"I was especially proud of Kristi's diligent planning and work on our recent Water Quality Unit," said Mr. Essenberg. "She is also doing a superb job in Advanced Algebra. Keep it up!"
 "Kristi is a great student to have in class," said Mrs. McPherson. "She always participates in class discussions and offers unique perspectives on topics. Additionally, she will write and re-write her papers until they are of top quality. Good job, Kristi!"
 "Kristi is truly one of the hardest working students I have," said Mr. Cross. "I can't think of anyone more deserving of student of the week."

East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Sara Robinson
PARENTS: Mark and Linda Robinson
GRADE: Seventh
FAVORITE CLASS: English
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Violin, pinball, basketball, skiing, reading, and playing games
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Sara does an outstanding job in Social Studies," said Sean Ferguson. "She is a natural leader, and always gives a maximum effort!"
 "Sara is an excellent student who consistently performs at the highest level in Language Arts," said Michelle Bergquist. "Great job, Sara!"
 "Sara always does a great job in Science," said Matt Peterson.
 "Sara's talents extend beyond her superior classroom performance," said Jeff Komondy. "She graces us with her violin and wonderful playing ability. Keep up the great work, Sara!"



Sara Robinson

Boyne City High School

NAME: Kylie Belcher
PARENTS: Mike and Ginger Ailer
GRADE: Freshman
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, tennis, and drama
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I love writing poetry and hanging out with friends and family."
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to go to college and major in English."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Kylie gave a great presentation about WWII," said Michele Deming. "She incorporated some of her grandfather's artifacts which was really great to see. Keep up the good work Kylie!"



Kylie Belcher

OUR SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

Sgt. Eugene M. Mont, Jr.

Sgt. Eugene M. Mont, Jr. graduated from Boyne City High School in 1994 where he played varsity football and worked with the Drama Club his junior and senior year. Mont loves sports. For college football he's a big U of M fan as well as Florida State. He's an avid hockey fan, his favorite team being the Detroit Red Wings.

Like so many of our Legionnaires on active duty, Gene is continuing his family heritage of service to his country. Both of Gene's parents served in the military and are members of American Legion Post #228; Gene's grandmother, Patricia Bentley, is an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in Boyne City, and a regular at the Post's Tuesday night Bingo.

When not deployed overseas, Sgt. Mont's residence is at Ft. Hood, Texas with his wife Jamie and their four children, Christopher, Brandon, Amber and Matthew.

Mont enlisted in the Army before graduation and participated in the delayed entry program. He departed Boyne City in August of 1994 and entered Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. He was next assigned to Ft. Knox, Ky., and Ft. Benning, Ga., before being deployed to Germany and then Bosnia. Sgt. Mont is with the 1st Cavalry unit from Ft. Hood and they have been in Iraq since January 2004. His unit is due back to Texas sometime in February, 2005, with orders to deploy to Iraq in 2006.



Sgt. Eugene M. Mont, Jr.

Mont was able to obtain a two week R&R and is presently with his family in Ft. Hood, Texas. The last time his family saw him was in June 2004, via satellite, for his son Christopher's high school graduation. The graduation was featured on the major news networks, due to the high number of parents stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

An NPR reporter spent the day with Mont's son, asking questions on how his family was coping with his absence. After the graduation ceremony, the family actually spent about eight minutes talking with Mont.

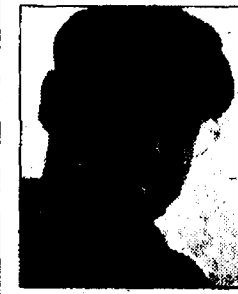
Sgt. Mont and his family want the people in Boyne City to know how much their support has meant to him. There are soldiers from other towns, cities and states -- Mont's hometown is the greatest. When all of this is over, maybe Boyne's population could increase with former military families. Boyne has made its way into the hearts of a lot of soldiers stationed in Iraq. Mont says he already knew what a great place Boyne City is. His "battle buddies" think Kilwin's Fudge "rocks!"

"Thank you to everyone for everything. There is no way to explain how much everyone involved has done to make this place a little more tolerable"... Sgt. Eugene M. Mont, Jr.

Citizens have become friends, friends have become family!
(Soldier profiles are provided by members of the Boyne City American Legion.)

It all comes out in the wash

By Ernie Harwell



When I was a boy growing up in Georgia, we worked hard and we played hard. And come suppertime, you knew without having to be told, to wash your hands.

Now there's a simple way for all of us to help keep ourselves and others healthy — just by washing our hands. Not just when they're dirty, but just out of habit.

If you petted a dog or other animal, before and after you've prepared food, if you've taken out the trash, coughed or sneezed, wash those hands.

All it takes is a little soap, some warm water and about 20 seconds of scrubbing, followed by a rinse and a dry with a clean towel.

Just the simple act of washing can help remove germs and keep you and others from picking up a bug that can lead to a cold, the flu or even more serious infections.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg 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 and Blue

Care Network, 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 titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

You can e-mail us at:
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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Monday Study Club

The Monday Study Club of Boyne City will meet at the Dilworth Hotel at noon on Monday, Dec. 13, for its annual Christmas luncheon. The Barber Shop-

pers Quartet will entertain. Each member is asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift for a teenager to be put in the community Christmas baskets.

To have news of your club or organization included in The Citizen-Journal, e-mail to citizen@voyager.net or send items to P.O. Box A, Boyne City, MI 49712. Items submitted will be printed on a space-available basis. For more information, call 582-6761.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER
Mondays
The Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center is open every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., located on Park Street in Boyne City. For information, call 582-0089.

OES CHAPTER 95
First Monday
The OES Evangline Chapter 95 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 212 N. Lake Street. All OES members are invited. For 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. The food pantry is located at 401 State Street.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE
Tuesdays
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City every Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. preceding weekly bingo. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets or call 582-7811 at that time.

ADULT OPEN GYM
Tuesdays
The East Jordan Community Education Adult Open Gym will meet every Tuesday, Nov. 23 through March 29, from 7-9 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School gym. The cost is \$1. No children or students will be permitted to play; participants must be at least 18 years old, and should bring their own equipment. For more information, call 536-2250.

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. Information: 544-5312.

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.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
First Wednesday
The Alzheimer's Association Support Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Adult Day Center (Senior Center). The Center is located at 116 Main Street in East Jordan. For information, call Barb Shooks at 231-536-5300.

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.

EJ FOOD PANTRY
Thursdays
The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the Health Center. Pickup or donation hours are held Thursday at 9 a.m.-noon.

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.

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. (Big Book Study); Tuesday noon; Wednesday noon, 8 p.m.; Thursday noon, 6:30 p.m. (Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday noon, 8 p.m. (Grapevine Study); Saturday 10 a.m. Meetings are closed and non-smoking. The first Friday of each month is an Open Talk/Potluck at 7 p.m., with meeting at 8 p.m.

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

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

ON DEC. 6, Lauren and Logan Smith (sister and brother), the children of Arnold and Angela Smith of East Jordan, shared a "Happy Birthday." Happy second birthday, Lauren and happy sixth birthday, Logan.

SAINT ANN'S Altar Society of St Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan held its Annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 2, at the parish hall. A delicious meal was catered, and there was a gift exchange. It was an evening filled with fun and great fellowship and "Merry Christmas!" spirit.

HEADSTART is in desperate need of coats, boots, gloves or mittens for small children — i.e. toddlers up to age six. They will also gratefully accept coats for older children and adults. Many of the children at Headstart do not have coats, boots, etc to wear. Coats may be dropped off at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation - 14634 Park Ave., in Charlevoix, across from the hospital. Boyne City residents may drop theirs at Boyne Rehab, and East Jordan donors may drop off at Jordan Valley Rehab. If you have good "used" coats that you are willing to donate for a child

in need please help. In the season of giving, much thanks goes out to all who help these children and their families!

ON FRIDAY, Nov. 22, the EJPS teaching assistants group met at the Lumberjack Restaurant in East Jordan to honor Marilyn Oliver who is retiring after 26 busy and productive years at East Jordan Elementary School. The whole school family wishes Marilyn the best!

IMPRESSIVE and successful was Saturday's Christmas Bazaar of Crafts and Bake Sales held at Litzenger Place. Those ladies all outdid themselves with a wide variety of colorfully creative and useful things and the "hot dog" lady did a bang up job, during a long but fun day!

IT WAS "Cook's Night Out" for the kitchen staff at EJPS who all joined together on Nov. 30 at the Lumberjack Restaurant for their annual Christmas dinner. The kitchen staff enjoyed a fine meal, great conversation and had a gift exchange. They are already looking forward to their next gathering!

JUSTIN HOLZSCHU was honored with a party on Saturday night, Nov. 27 with about 50

people attending it at the home of his parents, Dale and Chonnie Holzschu. Justin graduated in September from the Police Academy at Kirtland College.

CHARLES AND CARRIE Stanek spent Wednesday to Saturday in Ohio enjoying the Thanksgiving Holiday with her father and wife.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY goes out to the many friends and relatives of former Litzenger Place resident, Elinor Dubin, who passed away at Grandvue this week.

ANOVERDUE and warm "Welcome to our area" goes out to Eloise McGeorge, who recently settled in at her home in Boyne Falls after many years of living in Williamston.

FREEMETHODIST Church guest speaker this past Sunday was their conference superintendent, the Rev. Tinsley, of Big Rapids. He and Mrs. Tinsley were among the 100 attending the Christmas dinner potluck, with the church providing turkeys and hams following the service. All enjoyed a great time of the upcoming holiday spirit.

To submit an item, call Nancy at 582-9174 or e-mail to neighbors@gtakes.com



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Toys still needed for area tots

The Marine Corps League is still seeking donations of toys for area youngsters this holiday season. New, unwrapped toys are being collected, with collection boxes available in Boyne City at Glen's Market, Carter's, Johan's Bakery, Bob Mathers Ford, and Kiss Carpet. Toys will be accepted at those locations until Dec. 20. According to the Marine Corps League, items donated locally will benefit local children in need.

A Marine Corps League member accepts a donation of a bike from little Kinsley Williams at an area drop box.



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- 25 Kind of paint
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- 46 Atmosphere
- 47 Discontinues
- 49 Sharpens a skill

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BCHS FALL FINE ARTS SHOW
Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 8 and 9
 The Boyne City High School's Fall Fine Arts Show will be held at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 8 and 9, with shows at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets, priced at \$3 apiece, are now on sale at the high school box office. For more information, call the high school at 439-8100.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK
Saturday, Dec. 11
 The Boyne City Presbyterian Women will host the annual Cookie Walk, beginning at 8 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Park and Pine streets in Boyne City. Shoppers can select cookies to fill provided containers. Coffee will be available. Proceeds support the mission and outreach programs of the Boyne City Presbyterian Women.

HOLIDAY QUILT RAFFLE
Drawing, Dec. 14
 A handmade quilt, created by Margaret Nemeo, is being raffled by the Charlevoix County Humane Society. Tickets are \$1 each or five for \$6, and can be purchased at the Humane Society; Lost and Found Antiques in Boyne City; or from any board member. Tickets

BOYNE AREA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
Packing and delivery, Thursday, Dec. 23
 Volunteers and donations are needed for the Boyne Area Community Christmas program, which supplies holiday food and gifts to area families in need. Donations of canned and other non-perishable food items, as well as gift items for all ages, are being accepted at area schools and churches, as well as at the program's headquarters, the art room at the Boyne City Early Childhood Education Center (the former middle school, located on Pine Street). Boxes will be packed and delivered on Thursday, Dec. 23, starting at 10 a.m.

East Jordan

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
Wednesday, Dec. 8
 East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce hosts a joint Business After Hours event with the Central Lake Chamber of Commerce, to be held at the Jordan Inn on Main Street from 6:30-8 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. The cost is \$5 for chamber members and \$10 for prospective members. The event is sponsored by East

Jordan Iron Works, Inc. and the Jordan Inn.

COMMUNITY NIGHT/ FESTIVAL OF THE BELLS
Thursday, Dec. 9

Storytime for Preschoolers
 The Jordan Valley District Library will host a storytime for preschoolers from 10:30-11 a.m.

Garden Club Greens, Crafts and Bake Sale
 The East Jordan Garden Club will host its annual sale at the civic center from noon-8 p.m.

Open House/ Festival of the Bells
 East Jordan's holiday community open house will be held from 4-9 p.m., featuring business open houses, special sales, activities and refreshments. Ring a bell at participating businesses and receive a discount or gift. The evening will also feature a soup cook-off; tree lighting and caroling at 6 p.m.; the Santa Parade at 6:30 p.m.; and time to visit with Santa from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the senior center. A tour of lights will begin at 7 p.m. at the senior center. A Jingle Bell Run (5K or one-mile walk) will also be held - for information on the run, call 536-7449 or 536-7195.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
 The community Christmas tree will be officially lit at 6 p.m., at the corner of Esterly and Spring streets.

JRAC Family Night
 The Jordan River Arts Council will host a Family Night event from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the art center, 301 Main St. Participants will make a craft.

PEACE COFFEE HOUSE
Saturday, Dec. 11
 The live acoustic folk music event will feature Melanie Hayes and Ruth and Max Bloomquist at the Jordan River Art Center, from 8-11 p.m.

SATURDAY SCIENCE FOR KIDS
Saturday, Dec. 11
 The theme is "Motion -- Experience Newton's Laws," at the Raven Hill Discovery Center from 1-3 p.m. Participants will make a kit. For information, call 536-3369.

SENIOR CENTER DINNER
Sunday, Dec. 12
 From 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., with entertainment by "The Cousins."

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
Sunday, Dec. 12
 A holiday concert to begin at 3 p.m. at the East Jordan Community Auditorium, located at East Jordan High School.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
Sunday, Dec. 12
 The Lighthouse Missionary Church will host a holiday concert at 6 p.m. to benefit a medical drive for an upcoming missionary trip. Needed are: ibuprofen; cough and cold medicine; vitamins; and acetaminophen.

EJES K-1 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Monday, Dec. 13
 "My Favorite Things" will be held at the East Jordan Elementary School gym at 7 p.m.

EJES 2-3 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Tuesday, Dec. 14
 "Once On A Housetop" will be held at the East Jordan Elementary School gym at 7 p.m.

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EJES 4-5 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Wednesday, Dec. 15
 "Twas the Night Before Christmas" will be held at the East Jordan Elementary School gym at 7 p.m.

EJMS BAND & CHOIR HOLIDAY CONCERT
Thursday, Dec. 16
 The East Jordan Middle School band and choir concert will be held at the East Jordan Community Auditorium, located at East Jordan High School, at 7 p.m.

STORYTIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS
Thursday, Dec. 16
 The Jordan Valley District Library will host a preschool storytime from 10:30-11 a.m.

ADULT ART WORKSHOP
Saturday, Dec. 18
 Raven Hill Discovery Center will host a glass bead-making workshop from 1-4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Sunday, Dec. 19
 The Lighthouse Missionary Church will hold a Christmas Program at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 7824 Rogers Rd.

EJHS BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT
Monday, Dec. 20
 The high school holiday band and choir concert will be held at the East Jordan Community Auditorium at 7 p.m.

To add an item to the holiday calendar, e-mail to citizen@voyager.net, or call 582-6761.

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Boyer Falls Public School Lunch Menu
Week of Dec. 13-17

Dec. 13: Breakfast for lunch, Cheese omelet, sausage or ham, hash browns, English muffin, applesauce
 Dec. 14: Beefy ravioli, with breadsticks or PB&J with chesestick, green beans, salad, fruit
 Dec. 15: Bill of Rights Day constitutional corn dog or parliament pizza burger, freedom fries, salad, fruit
 Dec. 16: Little Caesars Pizza or tuna sandwich, breadsticks, salad, fruit
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Boyer City Public Schools
Week of Dec. 13-17

Elementary/Middle School
 Dec. 13: Chicken nuggets, beef tacos, corn medley, mashed applesauce
 Dec. 14: Ravioli, french bread pizza, fresh baby carrots, later tots, pears
 Dec. 15: Bunuelos, pizza breadsticks, tossed salad, Italian blend veggies, pineapple
 Dec. 16: Sub and sandwich, hot dog on a bun, oven baked fries, green beans, peach cup
 Dec. 17: Spaghetti, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit

High School
 Dec. 13: Beef tacos, chicken nuggets
 Dec. 14: Ravioli casseroles, cheese breadsticks
 Dec. 15: Grilled cheese, hamburgers
 Dec. 16: Soup and sandwich bar, turkey noodle casserole
 Dec. 17: Mashed potato bar, ruben and meat sauce
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East Jordan Public Schools
Week of Dec. 13-17

Dec. 13: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese or cheesy fries, green beans, peaches
 Dec. 14: Red devil salad shakers, pizza dippers with sauce, meat and cheese wraps, baby carrots with dip, fruit
 Dec. 15: Popcorn chicken, chili with crackers or mini corn dogs, french fries, orange juice
 Dec. 16: Pizza or cook's choice, hot veggie, fruit
 Dec. 17: Christmas dinner: ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, rolls and cranberry sauce

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SPORTS

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BOYS BASKETBALL

BOYNE CITY LOOKING TO CAPITALIZE ON EXPERIENCE

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

With five returning players, who all either started or turned in some significant playing time last year, the Boyne City varsity basketball team has the experience needed to be a factor against any opponent they may face this season.

All conference senior 5'11" guard Reed Ameel is back to lead the Ramblers along with co-captain senior 5'10" guard Buddha Sweet.

Also look to returning lettermen Dillon Olmstead (5'10" guard), Caleb Helsley (6'0" forward) and Grant Ameel (6'0" forward) to contribute to the action.

Rounding out the roster for head coach Tim Smith are seniors Drew Mittig (6'0" forward), Collin Babb (5'9" guard) and Bill Kurtz (5'10" guard) along with juniors Scott Morrow (6'1" forward), Evan Conklin (6'4" forward), Chris Eaton (5'9" guard) and Armen Karaptian (6'0" forward).

Tim Smith says that this squad is a very athletic bunch that works hard both on the court and in the classroom.

"My expectations are the same every year," said Smith. "We need to be good students, be good people and we have to play hard."

A lack of size is the team's drawback and Smith feels that they must play smart ball to get the job done

down low where hard work pays off with rebounding numbers.

The coach also wants his club to accept the coaching they get, while preparing to play the games and then play smart when it counts.

The Ramblers will utilize a motion offense to put the points on the board as they take advantage of what the opposition defense gives them in order to get the good shots.

On defense look for lots of man to man pressure from the Ramblers with some zone play thrown in from time to time.

Boyne City will open the schedule with four non conference games against Bellaire (Tuesday, Dec. 7), Manton (Friday, Dec. 10), Petoskey (Tuesday, Dec. 14) and Gaylord (Friday, Dec. 17).

The Lake Michigan Conference play begins on Tuesday, Dec. 21, with a match up at home against Elk Rapids.

The race for the league title will be another battle this year and Smith cites Traverse City St. Francis, Grayling, Charlevoix and Kalkaska as the teams to watch.

Smith is entering his third year as the head of the Boyne City varsity basketball program following a six year stint as the head coach at Gaylord St. Mary's. He currently sports a 122-58 record as a varsity head coach.

EAST JORDAN FOCUSING ON STRONG TRADITION

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

East Jordan varsity basketball coach Lance Bailey is reaching back to invoke the traditions of winning Red Devil basketball in order to instill the confidence and attitude needed to put together a successful 2004/2005 hardcourt campaign.

"Three things that we looked at this summer were discipline, enthusiasm and working hard to build on a sense of tradition," said Bailey about the work that his squad has already put in.

"These kids have really grasped that and they want to bring back a strong basketball tradition at East Jordan. We have a lot of team goals."

Bailey also hopes to build on the positive attitude shown so far by a group of six new players

who have come up to the varsity level after a very successful season on the junior varsity and who all have had winning seasons at every level of play.

"They expect to win as a team," Bailey said about the youngsters. "They are very skilled, they work hard and they bring a level of intensity that has made our practices very competitive."

It's not just the newcomers that Bailey is excited about, though, as a core group of six seniors with some solid numbers and big time game experience will temper the enthusiasm with maturity.

Heading this year's Red Devil squad are three year varsity lettermen: senior 6'3" Kyle Daneff, who averaged 19 points and eight rebounds at the forward position last year, as well as

senior 5'10" Tyler Spence who averaged 14 points and three assists as a guard a year ago.

Rounding out the senior class are Tom Krause (guard, 5'10"), Kaleb Brown (guard, 6'0"), Tim Kraemer (forward, 6'2")

and Ryan Peterson (forward, 6'2").

Filling out the roster are juniors Chris Becker (center, 6'3"), Eric Hansen (guard, 5'10"), Chad Kramer (forward, 6'1"),

see EJ B-BALL on pg. 9

OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT FOR BOYNE FALLS LOGGERS

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

This year's Boyne Falls varsity basketball team has three starters returning from last season's 16-6 team, so the outlook is bright for another fine season of Logger basketball excitement in 2004/2005.

It will be a quick squad that will hit the floor utiliz-

ing an up beat running offense on one end of the court, while showing a varied look pressure defense on the other end.

"We're not as big as we have been in the past, so we have to play an up tempo game," says coach Frank Hamilla. "This is one of the quicker teams I've had."

see BF B-BALL on pg. 9

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

YOUNG RED DEVIL SQUAD SEEKING EARLY WINS

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The East Jordan girls varsity volleyball team will field a young team of six seniors, six juniors and two sophomores all looking to put the numbers in the win column early and build on that as the schedule progresses through conference and tournament play.

"Two years ago we had no wins. Last year we had seven wins. We are building momentum, but that trend needs to continue," said Red Devil coach Paul Nachezel.

"I have high expectations. I expect that we will be competitive in every match and we will improve all year long," he added. "We will improve in our conference play. We pushed a lot of teams last year, but we were not able

to finish off any of our conference opponents."

Five Lady Devils return from last year's squad with seniors Amanda Arreguin, Tabatha Grover, Christine Jackson and Kayla Matejewski all back as well as junior Sierra Roberts.

Middle hitter Jackson and outside hitter Grover will captain this year's Lady Devils when they open the schedule at the Early Bird Invitational this Saturday, Dec. 11, at Inland Lakes. Competition is set to begin at 9 a.m..

"So far in practice Christine has been the most improved player. She has the ability to control the net and we need her to have a strong season," said Nachezel.

"Tabatha is a very versatile player. She can play any position on the court

and she needs to be a leader on the floor."

Nachezel feels that his team needs to get some early victories to build up their confidence level and he points out that his team is young, but that may be its biggest strength.

"Winning is contagious and we need to get some early wins to harness that feeling all season long," said Nachezel. "This is the most relaxed team I have been around. Volleyball is a mental game, so this attitude is really going to help us."

East Jordan will play host to non-conference foe Bellaire on Monday, Dec. 13, and then begin Lake Michigan Conference play

with a trip to Grayling on Thursday, Dec. 16.

Nachezel sees a tough conference schedule ahead for the Lady Devils with Charlevoix getting the nod as the team to beat for the title.

Coach Nachezel is starting his eighth season coaching volleyball. He was the East Jordan head coach in 2001/2002, before taking a year off from the varsity program to be with his family. Nachezel returned to head the varsity team in 2003.

Nachezel is in his fourth year teaching at East Jordan following seven years as a teacher at Grand Rapids Northview High School.

RAMBLERS LOOK FOR SUCCESS IN POSITIVE FOCUS

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

For the Boyne City girls varsity volleyball team, being positive and staying focused on the court, as well as working hard during practice, will be the key to a successful 2004/2005 season.

The Lady Ramblers will start play with only three returning players on the roster and a new head coach on the sidelines when Casie Parker takes her squad to Inland Lakes for the Early Bird Invitational this Saturday, Dec. 11.

Seniors Tori Crum and Ashleigh Wiltjer along with sophomore Jessica Nichols are all back for their second varsity season to lend their experience to the younger girls. Parker will look for Crum to lead with her experience and leadership skills, while Nichols will move from the setting position over to the passing and hitting position in a new role for her.

Molly Hausler and Emma Clemens will be doing the setting for the offense this year.

In addition look for Alex Welborn and Lindsay Baic

to move up from last year's junior varsity team and utilize their height to help out in the middle of the court.

"Our weakness is that we don't have very much experience, but these players are eager to learn. They pick up on things fast and they are athletic," said Parker.

Boyne City will open the Lake Michigan Conference portion of the schedule with a match against Harbor Springs on Monday, Dec. 13, and then travel to the Lake Superior State University tournament on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Parker, who has coached for seven years at all levels of middle school, high school and junior college, is entering her first year as the skipper of the Boyne City program. She played softball as well as volleyball at Lake Superior State and has recently received a teaching certificate.

Parker teaches at the RTC room at Boyne City Middle School.

The assistants on the coaching staff are Sara Hall and Myra Bagley.

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(guard, 5'10"), Chad Kramer (forward, 6'1"), Brandon LaCount (guard, 5'10"), Alex Lorne (center, 6'2") and Andrew Streufert (guard, 6'0"). Also new this season is assistant coach Ferguson,

who Bailey credits with bringing defensive focus, enthusiasm and intensity along with a knowledge of the game that has gained respect from all the players.

Look for the Red Devils to utilize a balanced motion offense that will work

to get the good shot every time down the floor, while playing the tough man to man defense required at the other end of the court.

Bailey will get an early look at how well his team can put it all together when East Jordan opens the season with three non-conference

battles against Boyne Falls (home, Tuesday, Dec. 7), Mancelona (away, Friday, Dec. 10) and St. Ignace (away, Tuesday, Dec. 14).

The Red Devils will fight to be in the hunt for a Lake Michigan Conference title while

Charlevoix, Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis will all provide for a wide open race.

Conference play gets underway on Friday, Dec. 17, when the Red Devils travel to Charlevoix. All contests are set for a 6 p.m. junior varsity game tip off.

BF B-BALL

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Leading the way for Hamilla will be the three returning starters from a year ago 5'10" point guard Josh Jarema, 6'1" forward Demetrius Burks and 6'0" forward A.J. Hawkins.

Also returning as lettermen are senior guards Adam Raphael and Troy

Smith and junior guard Ben Kondradt. Senior James Newson (center/forward), junior Jimmy Gross (guard) and junior Shawn Kilmer (guard) will add to the overall team depth.

Without a true post player in the line up coach Hamilla sees his team running the ball and firing the shots from the outside to put the

points on the board.

The Loggers will mix up the defense look with zone and man to man coverage with lots of trapping and pressing to keep the opposition off balance.

Hamilla sees a tough Northern Lakes Conference schedule ahead for the Loggers with Boyne Falls, Ellsworth, Harbor Light and Mackinaw City all with a

shot at the conference crown.

"Any one of those four teams can beat each other and I think that the team that wins it could end up with two or three losses.

Hopefully we can hold our own at home and pick up some wins on the road and be in it at the end."

Hamilla is entering his 18th season as the head

coach at Boyne Falls with a 243-148 record.

Hamilla, who lives in Gaylord with his wife Lori and two small daughters, teaches business at Boyne Falls High School as well as social studies at the middle school.

The Loggers will travel to Detour this Saturday and then play host to Wolverine next Tuesday.

Logger All Conference, All Academic players named

Local players named to the Northern Lakes Conference 2004/05 All Conference team in girls basketball are Ashley Mauchmar and Annie Pernicano, both of Boyne Falls Public School. Several Boyne Falls players were also named to the conference's All Academic

team, which includes only juniors and seniors who have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. They are: Pernicano, Mauchmar, and Tiffany Matelski, girls basketball; and Nathan Wasylewski and Shawn Kilmer, cross country.

Northern Storm AAU girls basketball club registration set for Dec. 12

Registration for the Northern Storm AAU girls basketball club will take place on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1-3 p.m. at Boyne City High School. A \$20 fee is required at registration, as is a copy of the players birth certifi-

cate. Boyne City High School is located at 1025 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. For more information, call Maurie Tomkins at 582-9824 or e-mail to mtomkins@nmo.net.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY RESULTS

Paul Bunyan Lanes Midgets

The Boyne Area Hockey Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team hosted a pair of games on Nov. 27 with Kalkaska. Boyne's size, depth, and experience dominated Kalkaska's team as they took the first game 14-1 and the second 17-0.

Charlie Courtright was between the pipes the first game, as the rest of his squad kept most of the action on the other end of the ice. Eli Barys and Will Brown each scored two; Nick Dunwoody, Darren Looze, Chris Loyselle, Ryan Hennessy, Evan Keller, Gear Robinson, John Miller, JP Fiedorek, Gabe Korthase, and Isaac Krey each tallied a goal. Assists came from playmakers Miller with five, Russell Williams and Korthase with four each, and Hennessy with three. Robinson, Looze, Dunwoody, Brown, and Keller gave one each, and Barys two.

In the second game, goals were scored by Robinson, Looze, Dunwoody, Keller, and Loyselle; Miller scored two, and Hennessy, Korthase, and Courtright earned hat tricks with three goals each. Hennessy had a playmaker with five assists, as did Courtright and Miller with three each.

Korthase, Williams, and Fiedorek all gave two, and Krey and Loyselle pitched in one apiece. Rookie goalie Eli Barys earned the shutout.

Pee Wee Ice Dogs

The Boyne Area Hockey Ice Dogs met Kalkaska on the ice on Saturday, Dec. 4, winning 4-0. Sam Mussio had one goal and one assist, as did Miles Wilkes, followed by Corey Cook and Cam Robinson with one goal apiece. Keegan Reynolds was between the pipes, and Spencer Korthase was noted for strong play. Also on Dec. 4, the Ice Dogs played Gaylord, tying 4-4. Cook had one goal and one assist, followed by Mussio, Bryan Wonski, and Cameron Robinson with one goal each, and Wilkes with one assist.

Daniel Babrick was cited for strong play. On Sunday, Dec. 15, the Ice Dogs traveled to Cheboygan to meet Cheboygan LaHaies Auto, winning 4-2. Reynolds was again in goal.

Top scorers for Boyne were Cook and Adam Parada, with one goal and two assists each; Mussio and Wilkes with one goal apiece, and Katie Cannon and Wonski, who each had one assist.

Strong play was attributed to Graham Young.

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OBITUARIES

Donald James Renwick

Donald James Renwick passed away on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at age 94. He was a resident of Sunnybank Retirement Community in Petoskey, where he lived with his wife of 68 years, Florence (Brown) Renwick.

Mr. Renwick was born in Seattle, Wash. He moved with his parents to Michigan in 1920, eventually settling in Grand Rapids where he was valedictorian of the first graduating class of Ottawa Hills High School. He attended Grand Rapids Junior College and later earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1932. He earned a teaching certificate from Central Michigan University in 1933, and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from University of Michigan in 1949.

Mr. Renwick was a planning engineer for Keeler Brass in Grand Rapids; an experimental engineer for Kelvinator Corporation in Detroit; assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks; and a research engi-

neer at Westinghouse Research Labs in Pittsburgh, Pa.

In 1946, he moved to East Lansing as an associate professor of mechanical engineering at Michigan State University where he retired in 1974. The Renwicks were members of Plymouth Congregational Church in Lansing. Mr. Renwick enjoyed visiting family, traveling, MSU football games, classical music, and writing humorous poems to celebrate occasions for family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Renwick is survived by three daughters, Judith (James) Whelton of Arvada, Colo., Barbara Knutson of Knoxville, Tenn., and Dr. Marilyn (Paul) Servais of Boyne City; eight grandchildren, Lynn Tolfree, Tammy (Ken) Bannick, James Whelton, Robert Whelton, Daniel Whelton, Ann (Keith) Parrish, David Knutson, and John (Jen) Knutson; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

We will miss his wonderful smile, the twinkle in his eye, and his gentle presence.



Donald Renwick

James Rex Beyer, P.E., 48, of Jefferson City, Mo., formerly of Petoskey, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia, Mo.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Bay Shore Presbyterian Church in Bay Shore. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the Greenwood Cemetery in Bay Shore.

Mr. Beyer was an engineering supervisor for Framatome ANP (Duke Engineering & Services) for 26 years and was also P.E. in North Carolina and South Carolina. He was

James Rex Beyer

also a religious education teacher. He was a member of the Cathedral of St. Joseph and the Knights of Columbus in Jefferson City, Mo.

Mr. Beyer was also in the Leadership Circle of the United Way and was involved with Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of ASCE and numerous other professional organizations.

Jim liked to build furniture and do volunteer work. He also liked to read and travel. But most of all, he loved to play with his boys Chance and Cole. Jim was a gentle, loving, honest and humble man who will be

missed by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by two sons, Chance and Cole Beyer of the home; his parents, Herman and Betty Beyer of Petoskey; a sister, Nancy Griffin (husband Craig) of Levering; two brothers, Theodore "Ted" Beyer of Boyne City, and Thomas Beyer (wife Karin) of Gaylord; a sister, Amy Beyer of Petoskey; and two nieces, Taylor and Mariah Beyer. He was preceded in death by a niece, Whitney Beyer.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors - Jefferson City, Mo.

Stanley Sweet

Stanley Sweet, 76, of Gulliver, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at his home in Gulliver.

According to Mr. Sweet's wishes, no visitation or services will be held at this time.

Graveside services at Morehouse Cemetery, Antrim County, will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Sweet was born Nov. 3, 1928 at Echo Township, Antrim County, the son of Herbert

and Belle (Murphy) Sweet.

On Feb. 7, 1953 he married Verna Leu in East Jordan.

He was a member of the Lake City, Fla., American Legion Post #0057.


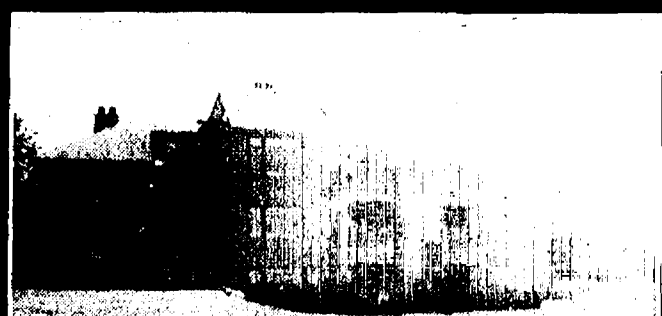
He is survived by his wife; two sons, Kenneth (Debra) Sweet of Scottsville, and Thomas (Karen) Sweet of Lake City, Fla.; a brother, Basil (Virginia) Sweet of Petoskey; a sister, Kathleen Peck of Boyne City; sister-

-in-law, Betty Sweet of Grand Haven; a brother-in-law, Joe (Mary) Leu of Mass City; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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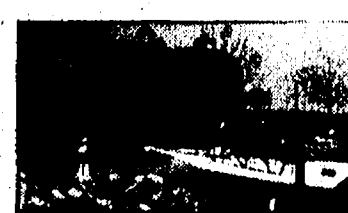
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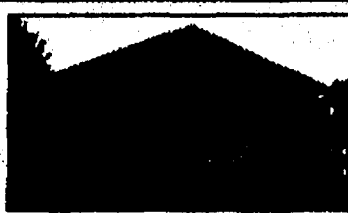
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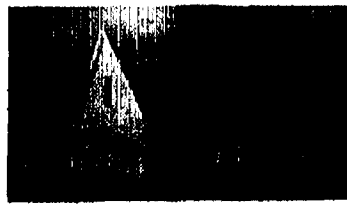
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on January 7, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 12, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section North 00 degrees 03 minutes 14 seconds East 14 seconds East 19/100 Dollars (\$107,900.19), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

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onds East (recorded as South 89 degrees 47 minutes East) 200.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 14 seconds West (recorded as North) 10.56 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00 degrees 03 minutes 14 seconds West (recorded as North) 258.50 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South line of a 16.50 foot wide private drive and utility easement; thence continuing North 00 degrees 03 minutes 14 seconds West (recorded as North) 16.50 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said section; thence along aforementioned line South 89 degrees 25 minutes 10 seconds East 525.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 14 seconds East 275.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 10 seconds West 16.50 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the West line of said easement; thence continuing North 89 degrees 25 minutes 10 seconds West 508.50 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: December 1, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #041650F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Johnny R Johnson and Jody Johnson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2004, and recorded on March 5, 2004 in Liber 601 on Page 417, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three And 11/100 Dollars (\$86,733.11), including interest at 7.65% 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 11:00 AM, on January 7, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 59, Cobb's Addition to the City of Boyne City, according to the plat recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan.

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: Dec. 1, 2004
For more information, please 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 48025-5822
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle S. Taylor, original mortgagor(s), to Millennium Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated April 17, 2000, and recorded on April 28, 2000 in Liber 387 on Page 001, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated June 8, 2000 recorded on March 7, 2001 in Liber 410 on Page 723, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven And 7/100 Dollars (\$48,427.71), 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 vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on December 17, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 61, Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 197-200, inclusive, 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: Nov. 17, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #040031F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by August J. Witthoef and Michelle Witthoef, husband and wife, and Ivan Witthoef and Lucille Witthoef, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 3, 1999, and recorded on May 10, 1999 in Liber 363 on Page 182, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine And 89/100 Dollars (\$265,669.89), including interest at 4.32% 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 11:00 AM, on January 7, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 24 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 and the South 45 feet of the East 6 feet of the West 40 feet of the North 137.5 feet of said Lot 2, all in Block 5, of Mason's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Charlevoix, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 32, Charlevoix County Records, excepting the South 66.35 feet of said Lot 3, Block 5.

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: Dec. 1, 2004

For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Standard Federal Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #041338F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph A. Arquette Unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to The Prime Financial Group Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2002, and recorded on March 19, 2002 in Liber 462 on Page 952, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee dated March 15, 2002 recorded on March 19, 2002 in Liber 462 on Page 968, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen And 35/100 Dollars (\$82,413.35), 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 vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on January 7, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot #11 and Lot #12, Except the East 60 Feet thereof, Block 20, Nichol's Second Addition to the Village of South Lake, 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 sale.
Dated: Dec. 8, 2004
For more information, call:
FC S 248.593.1304
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Attorneys For: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dominic David Gibson and Lynn G. Gibson, husband and wife and John David Gibson and Wanda Lee Gibson, husband and wife to Sterling Mortgage & Investment Co., Mortgagee, dated Dec. 10, 2003 and recorded on Dec. 19, 2003 in Liber 590 on Page 473, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Eight-Four and 23/100 Dollars (\$70,084.23).

And no suit or proceedings at law in or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday the 14th day of January, 2005 at 11 o'clock a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 12.99% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: Premises situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, and Michigan, and are described as follows:
The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 7 East, Charlevoix County, Mich. Tax I.D.: 008-122-010-00

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: Nov. 30, 2004
Sterling Mortgage & Investment Co. Mortgage
Law Offices of Eden J. Allvin, Attorney
37000 Woodward Ave., Ste 101
Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48304-0922 (248)681-2440

For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Independent Bank f/a First National Bank of Gaylord
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John R. Moriarty, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated June 23, 2003, and recorded on June 30, 2003 in Liber 550 on Page 528, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven And 76/100 Dollars (\$268,887.76), including interest at 4.375% 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 vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on January 7, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 11, 12, 26, 27 and 28 Cadwell's Addition to Boyne, according to the recorded plat thereof and alley abutting said lots as disclosed in Liber 381, Page 604, 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: Nov. 24, 2004



Up close

Alton Minor and Shane Falls, both fifth grade students at Boyne Falls Public School, got up close and personal with a young American alligator, a resident of Raven Hill Discovery Center, last week. The students were given an opportunity to hold, and learn about, a variety of animals kept at the educational, hands-on museum.

photos by Angela Shultis

Boyne Falls students joined a number of other student groups from around the area at Raven Hill last week to participate in UP (Unlimited Potential) North, which focuses on five science processing skills. At right, students work on sequencing skills with the creation of tiny paper boxes. The program is supported by grants from the Coleman Foundation of Chicago and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The goal, according to Raven Hill co-founder Cheri Leach, is to help students tap into their potential and improve test scores on the science portion of the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test.



POLICE REPORTS

Boyne City Police Department

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

Monday, Nov. 29: Malicious destruction of property at Northland Tobacco on North Park Street; report of larceny of vehicle from North East Street - was located and returned to owner; complaint of phone scam; officer assisted County in Walloon Lake.

Tuesday, Nov. 30: Breaking and entering under investigation from BRI; non sufficient funds turned in from BC Pizza; assault complaint from north East Street; unlock at Deer Meadows; one arrested for possession of stolen vehicle from Florida - lodged; suspicious person at Tannery.

Wednesday, Dec. 1: Citation issued for speed; larceny of copper bird feeder from the Harborage; unlock

at Lexamar Drive; two citations issued for expired plate.

Thursday, Dec. 2: 911 check on North East Street; ticket issued for two hour parking on Water Street; unlock of vehicle on East Cedar Street; malicious destruction of property to vehicle; hit and run in parking lot of South Park Street.

Friday, Dec. 3: Two vehicles impounded - removed for snow plowing; one arrested on bench warrant - transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; as-

sist motorist on South Lake Street; vehicle unlock on Elm Street.

Saturday, Dec. 4: Trespassing on Grunow Drive; unlock at Litzenger; property damage accident at Pine and South Park Street; two speed citation issued; larceny report under investigation; suspicious vehicle at Parkview Apartments.

Sunday, Dec. 5: Suspicious situation on North Park Street; unlock at Boyne Mobil; four speed citations issued; Juvenile complaint on Adams Street.

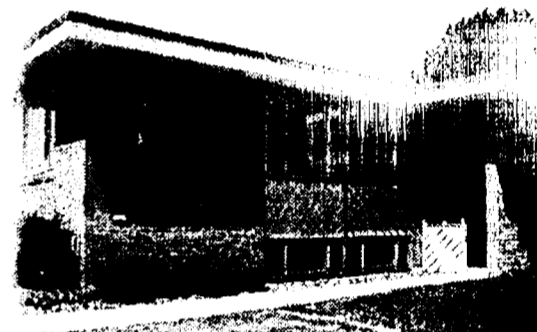
SERVICE BRIEFS

Army ROTC CADET NATE J. HOWELL has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

He is a 1999 graduate of Boyne Falls Public High School and is currently a student at Central Michigan University. Howell is the son of Tommy Howell of Boyne Falls.

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