AT A GLANCE

Christmas dinner is becoming a holiday tradition

The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City will be serving Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day for the ninth year in a row.

The public is invited to attend the free event to enjoy a traditional holiday meal and a time of fellowship. Entertainment will be provided by Brandy McMillan and Caitlin Hager.

The dinner will be served from noon to 4 p.m. There is no cost, but if possible, those planning to attend are asked to call in advance in order to assist organizers in planning for the event.

Donations are still being accepted in support of the dinner, and volunteers are always welcome. For information, call 582-7983.

The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City is located at 401 S. Park St.

School holiday break begins December 22

Boyne City, Boyne Falls and East Jordan students and staff will begin their holiday break with a half day of school on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

School will resume on Monday, Jan. 3.

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BOYNE CITY JAZZ BAND PERFORMED AT THE FALL FESTIVAL LAST WEEK ALONG WITH THE CONCERT BAND AND MEMBERS OF THE BOYNE CITY DRAMA DEPARTMENT. FOR MORE ABOUT THEIR PERFORMANCES, SEE PAGE 3.

we long-time oyne City **Tommunity** Christmas volunteers are **Ed Hennessey** and Ruth Stark. They along with other volunteers help spread holiday cheer to Boyne area families.

50 years of spreading holiday cheer

■ Boyne City Community Christmas tries to meet an ever-growing need

By Jane Booze **Contributing Writer**

It has been 50 years since Thelma Behling, who was a Boyne City school nurse, decided to do something about children who were obviously missing out on Christmas. She went to Buzz Walls, former minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City, and that collaboration led to Community Christmas, which has decked the halls in many a home ever since.

Year after year, sad stories flood into Ardith Hawley's hands. As the Community Christmas secretary, she

keeps track of all the names of families in need. While the Christmas care is given on an honor basis, Hawley does try to verify need.

"We don't turn people away," Community Christmas president Ruth Witenski said, but the committee does contact referred families - sometimes just to find out what the needs are. They are not worried about being 'taken.'

"As Buzz always said, 'The people who take us have to deal with their own conscience," Witenski said. The task of Community Christmas is not to root out the few who might take advantage, but to serve those who are in need at an especially important time of year.

"This is a hard time of year," Witenski said. "Kids have so much - all some of these kids get is what they get from us.

"I was one of those children," Witenski said, saying she came from a family with 10 children, where Christmas meant a present "to the kids, from Santa" and a bowl of nuts and oranges — for the kids, from

"I don't think it was intentional," Witenski said, "but after Christmas, the teacher would let every kid get up and tell what they got. I will be honest: it made kids lie. You said you got things you didn't get."

Witenski has been criticized for over-filling the bags for kids.

"Some people think I pack too much," she said. "But I can't send those kids home with one toy."

So what might an eight-year-old girl expect? Always socks, hand-made mittens and a hat, always a book to read (donated by the bookstore), and always a toothbrush and toothpaste. But one bag also revealed a Barbie



Ruth Witenski, president of Boyne Community Christmas, says every year there is an increase in the number of families needing help, "but this year there is a great increase."

doll, a baby doll with a hand-made blanket and extra clothes, an Easy-Bake oven, a puzzle, a coloring book and crayons, a game, and small items that could be put in a stocking. And infants through teenagers get a stuffed animal. Teenagers receive age-appropriate gifts as well.

"It's more than I got when I was a child - more than my kids got," said Ruth Stark, but she admits she has come around to Witenski's way of thinking on being extra generous with these kids.

The community is extra generous itself, and often the charity doubles back. Ardith Hawley, the director with the most seniority after 40 years of service, told of a woman this year who was working and had donated generously, after having been on the receiving end of Community Christmas last year. And many people who are recipients show their gratitude by helping to pack and deliver boxes to others in need.

There are sad stories. There are thrilling stories, too.

"One year the committee took a box of food out to a lady (in the Boyne City area). When they arrived, she said they might as well take it back she didn't have a stove to cook on," said Witenski. "Ardith got hold of her

See COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS on page 3

■ Care and Share brings Christmas to EJ families

Thanksgiving depletes the pantry for East Jordan's Care and Share, but Christmas comes around whether or not the cupboard is bare. Care and Share expects to serve between 200 and 250 families, "and we go from there," said Connie Roberts.

Roberts said that, as always, East Jordan businesses and families are very

See CARE AND SHARE on page 2

A party with a purpose

■ Focus is on those serving in armed services

Mike Hamp and his son Jamie

helping to organize the dinner.

purpose?" Martha Hamp said when she and her husband

Mike began discussing their annual Christmas party around Thanksgiving. Thus what was originally going to be a quiet Christmas party at the Hamp's Boyne City home became a fundraiser to help Boyne City servicemen and women and their families at home.

Recruiting the help of friends Nancy and George Krueger, the Hamp's fund-raiser was moved from their home to Garrett's, and invitations were sent out to 100 of their closest friends for dinner at Garrett's on Water Street on Tuesday, Dec. 28; hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. - \$50 a person.

"This is open to the public," Mike Hamp said. "We sent out invitations, but anyone is welcome to come. All the money that we raise will go directly to the troops and their families, other than the actual cost of the food." He

"Everybody has a party. Why not have aparty with a pointed out that all the administrative costs had been paid for by private donations.

> When the Hamps and Kruegers began researching the needs in the Boyne City, they discovered that there were 18 servicemen and women over-

> > seas from this area. "These people are protecting us from terrorists," Hamp said.

"We are trying to support the troops. This is not political, it is strictly to support the people who are putting their lives in jeopardy for us." And one of the ways to support the troops is to support their wait-

ing families. "We want to send care packages," Hamp said. "We will know just how much we can do when we know how

much money we raise." But Hamp is already very happy with the results of the

See HOLIDAY PARTY on page 2



'O say can you see

The Boyne City High School gym was filled with young voices as second graders led the crowd in the National Anthem prior to the Boyne City-Manton basketball game Friday night. Pictured from left are Kendra Shaw, Taylor Carrow, Kevin Hautz, Keirra Long and Molly Rogers. The children started the night off right and the Rambiers kept it going as they defeated Manton 58-47.

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Care and Share ———

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generous in their gifts to Care and Share, but the need seems to be growing and funds are low.

"Financial donations are especially helpful," Roberts said. After Thanksgiving, it does take some time to re-stock the shelves, so coordinators plan to buy items for Christmas baskets to make up for the

shortfall.

CARE AND SHARE IS STAFFED ON THURSDAY MORNINGS IN THE EAST JORDAN FAMILY HEALTH CENTER BASEMENT.

Food and financial donations for Christmas baskets will be taken at Care and Share in the basement of the East Jordan Health Center right up to distribution day on Monday, December 20, but Roberts pointed out that any

donations that arrive after that time will be helpful in replenishing the food pantry stock.

Toys may be dropped of at Ed's Used Cars in East Jordan or Care and Share, and are also being accepted through December 20. Roberts said that they "always especially need older kids' stuff. Almost everything that comes in is for three years and older, so we need toys for children less than 36 months and older than 12 years." She said that they do not give younger children items specified for three years and older to avoid choking hazards.

Roberts said that Care and Share is always in need of items such as toilet paper and peanut butter that are not included in the holiday baskets, but are staple items for the pantry.

Care and Share is staffed on Thursday mornings in the East Jordan Family Health Center basement.

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Drawing for Buy into Boyne just a week away

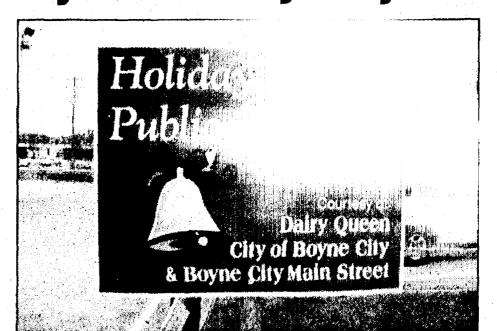
The drawing for the giant Buy Into Boyne . Jackpot is quickly approaching.

The evening of Dec. 22, downtown Boyne City will be bustling with last-minute holiday shoppers and those hoping to win the \$2,500 jackpot organized by the Boyne City Main Street Program.

Businesses will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. offering food and drink for all those needing to do last-minute shopping and warmth to all those waiting for the drawing to begin. People must be present to win the drawing so businesses are expecting a crowd in the downtown. The drawing will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Old City Park.

To be eligible for the drawing, purchases must be made at any of the 40 participating businesses in Boyne between Oct. 15 and Dec. 21. Then, as people collect their receipts, they must take them to any redemption store to be redeemed. For every \$10 in receipts, one ticket into the drawing will be given. "People have been bringing in thousands of dollars worth of receipts at a time. We have had a remarkable response thus far and it is only getting busier as the drawing gets closer," said Kelly Larson, Main Street manager.

The goal of the Buy Into Boyne promotion is to reward local residents and visitors who choose to shop locally. The downtown market study, completed this past summer to guide the Boyne City Main Street Program in its efforts, suggested a priority for some promotional efforts in the downtown be



There is more public parking in downtown Boyne City until the end of January, thanks to the owners of the Dairy Queen who have opened their parking lot for visitors and holiday shoppers. The Boyne City Main Street Program and the City of Boyne City have also helped make the parking available. The lot will remain open for public use until Jan. 31, 2005 when it returns to Dairy Queen customer parking for the business's reopening on Feb. 1.

designed to appeal first to local residents. The intent is to strengthen the downtown's identity as a "hometown" business district catering to the everyday needs of local residents and as an attraction offering unique experi-

ences for regional residents and visitors. "Statistics show it costs a business five times as much to gain a new customer than it does to retain an existing one," said Leslie Neilson, owner of bali living imports and organizer of the Buy Into Boyne promotion. "It just makes good business sense to reward local residents for their much needed and appreciated support."

Tips for redeeming receipts:

• The more receipts you have the more time you should plan to redeem them. Please be patient and remember this is all a volunteer driven effort, especially when it comes to the stores that are acting as Redemption Sites. As the Dec. 21 deadline for redeeming receipts gets closer, the redemption stores are getting very busy both with redeeming and with trying to serve their customers. If at all possible drop off your receipts and come back to fill them out.

• You MUST be present at the drawing to win. If someone is unable to make it to the drawing, write the name of a person on the ticket who WILL be present. Winners will have 5 minutes to step up and claim their prize.

• When you redeem your receipts, you will have to neatly write your name on every ticket. Bring mailing labels or a stamp with your name to make the process go faster (and save you from getting hand cramps). If more than one name is written on the entry, only the first name will be eligible/called.

Continued from page one invitations. Many people who will not be able to attend have still sent checks for \$100 — the cost of two tickets. So far several hundred dollars have been raised.

Jamie Hamp, son of Martha and Mike; has been the "point man" in Boyne City, tracking down the names and family information on servicemen and women. If you have information that you would like to get to Jamie, he can be contacted via e-mail at boynesoldiers@yahoo.com. If you would like to attend the fund-raiser on the 28th, or to make a donation, contact Garrett's at 582-1111.



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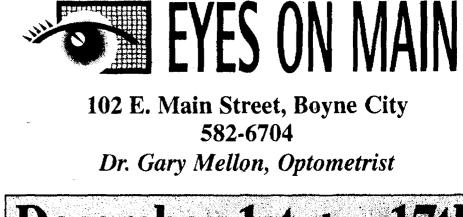
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A festive night

The Boyne City High School drama club, along with the concert band, jazz band and choir, filled the stage with music, dancing and revelry at last week's Fall Festival performances. Above, Clarissa Perfetti, Maria Rosar and Alyssa Burns add a lively touch to "Dance Party." At right, Paige Smith and Lane McCarry collaborate in a song from "Wicked."



Artist releases 'This Christmas in Boyne' CD

much snow, spent many

Dan Farrow loves Christmas music and Boyne City. Farrow was born in Peoria, Ill., and worked for

about 20 years in St. Louis. He became acquainted with Boyne City 20 years ago, and promised himself ever since that he would here live someday.

"Each year, as fall rolled into winter, I made a prom-

ise to myself, 'This Christmas in Boyne.' It took 20 years — and 20 such promises — but eventually I

made it," is the way the liner notes on Farrow's CD, "This Christmas in Boyne," explain it. ("This Christmas

> in Boyne" is available at Boyne Country Books Boyne City, or from the artist.) When his ca-

reer ended in St. Louis, Farrow made the move, "I came up

on a wing and

Dan Farrow a prayer," he said. "I bought an old postal truck to facili-

> He moved up in February, and unfamiliar to

tate the move."

nights walking around the streets of town, enjoying the softly falling flakes in the streetlights, or the pelting snow driven off the frozen lake. These walks resulted in "52", a song about the snow named in honor of a friend's birth-

Farrow worked at Latitudes from Memorial Day to Labor Day — "72 performances helped me get my chops down," he said. "Kid Rock came in and played my piano one night. My piano has a story."

A 30-year piano veteran, including a stint as a recording engineer, Farrow created the CD using his keyboard, with signal directly to a digital camcorder with high-quality sound recording capability.

"It's all live takes — no studio magic," he said, explaining that if you listen closely, you can hear variations and imperfections, but

admitted that he "hears those things." (Garden-variety listeners may not.)

"There's a Santa's workshop quality about it," Farrow said.

Santa's workshop where all the best things for Christmas are made.

Community Christmas

Continued from front page

minister and Buzz talked to his church, and before you knew it, they had a stove, clothes — she had her Christmas."

"Another lady called and said all she wanted was rags. 'Rags?' we said. 'Yes, to make blankets for my kids

- they don't have any.' She asked for socks and underwear for her kids, too. Well — lo and behold, you know she got more than that," said Witenski. "She was raising her grandkids. We got a little red wagon for her grandson."

Witenski said that the Community Christmas is overwhelmed this year. Its by-laws say that they must offer assistance to any public school child, and there are more schools with school of choice, according to Witenski. Besides, Control Engineering closed, and the theater and Butler Drugs.

"These were all employed people," Witenski said. According to Ed Hennessey, a 15-year veteran of Community Christmas, who has been ordering the food for the last three years, the increased needs are obvious.

"There is an increase every year, but this year there is a great increase," Witenski said.

"The kids at school do a great job," said Hennessey. Kids have food drives and bring in a lot of donated food, and high school students will often volunteer to pack and deliver boxes.

Community Christmas has no church affiliation, "but I don't think there's a single church in town that doesn't get involved," Witenski said. "Lots of people, too." Nancy

Hosmer, added, "From out of state, too," and her mother was reminded of a lady in California that sent 200 hand-made hats back to Michigan this year.

A free box is made available to families picking up their boxes in time for Christmas. Witenski told of a little girl who came in one

"A little girl that came in with her momma saw the free stuff and began picking stuff out, saying, 'Oh, good, now I can get my cousin this, and my grandma this," she said.

The Community Christmas boxes will be packed on Dec. 23, and Santa and an elf will be on hand. A lot of families pick up their boxes and bring their children. High school students will be on hand to help out.

"THERE IS AN INCREASE EVERY YEAR, BUT THIS YEAR THERE IS A GREAT INCREASE." - RUTH WITENSKI

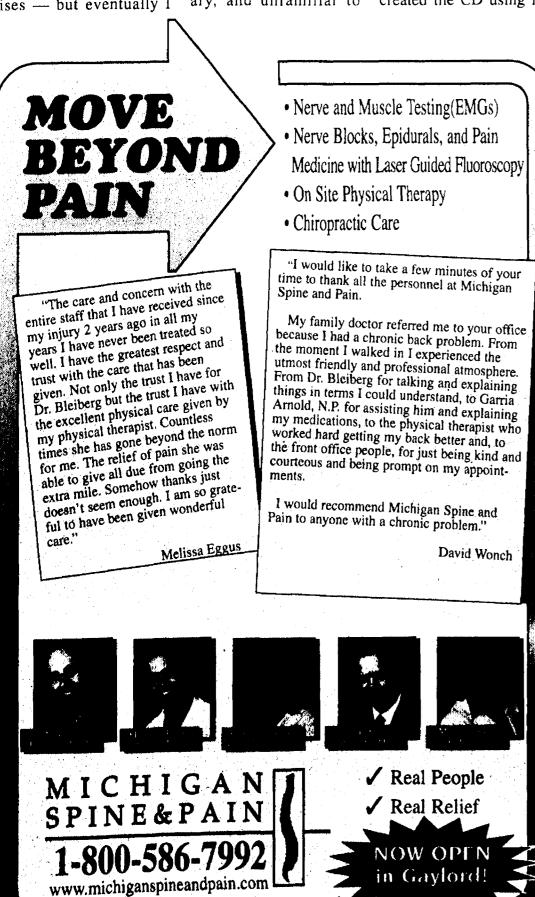
They will pack little bags of candy for people to take with them, the kids can visit with Santa and look through the free box.

It will be a good year, serving more families than ever, but donations are still being accepted, always needed, and always appreciated, according to Witenski.

If you know of a family in need, call Ardith Hawley at 231-538-7880. To donate or volunteer, call Ruth Witenski at 231-582-3152.







UPINION

LETTERS

It was a watershed year for Friends of the Boyne River

TO THE EDITOR:

As this year draws to a close, Friends of the Boyne River (FOBR) would like to pause in memory of one of our founders and leading lights, Tom Sheets, who passed away in October.

We would like to remind area residents that contributions are still being accepted in his memory in care of the Friends of the Boyne general fund or designated to the Thomas A. Sheets Memorial Research Fund which we established in his name.

Looking back, 2004 was also a 'watershed year', so to speak, for the Friends of the Boyne River in other ways. A number of crucial issues threatened our river. Our existence as a grassroots group was justified when we were called to respond. It hasn't been easy, however. We still need the help of our members and other citizens who care about the Boyne River.

The purpose of the FOBR is to "improve and conserve the environmental health and recreational quality" of the Boyne River and its watershed. When we formed this nonprofit organization years ago, we did not know what challenges would lie ahead. We never imagined that we would find ourselves in conflict with our city commission and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Yet, in March of this year, the City of Boyne City tested our resolve with its decision to dump effluent into the river.

Focused on our mission, FOBR was ready and able to mobilize. An "Effluent Fund" was established to obtain engineering analysis, environmental studies and to pay attorney fees. A lawsuit was filed, challenging the MDEQ permit which would have allowed this to happen. We could not have done that without the support of our members. While the city implied that the new sewage treatment plant will not dump treated waste into the river, the City of Boyne City 2004 Winter Newsletter still refers to "treated water released into the river."

The Friends of the Boyne River and local citizens must remain vigilant. The Friends of the Boyne River intend to monitor every step of this process to insure that the quality of the water in the Boyne River is not degraded in any way. We need your help in order to do this. We need members to renew and we need new members to join our ranks. You can help by sending your membership donation to "FOBR" c/o PO Box 151, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Let's make 2005 a banner year for the Boyne River. Become a member today. Call me at (231) 582-7138 for an application.

Genevieve "Gen" Varnum, Membership Chairperson Friends of the Boyne River

It pays to shop in Boyne City

TO THE EDITOR:

When I was out walking recently I fell because of the ice. It happened so fast because it was so slippery, that there was no way I could have caught myself.

I made a statement to the other girls with me, that I had to get me some Yaktracks for my shoes/boots before I fell and really hurt myself. One of the girls mentioned that I could get them at a certain store in Petoskey. I thought to myself that I was going to try to get them at a Boyne City

I went down to the Outside Edge on Water Street and they had them. They not only had them but at less cost than my friend paid for hers in Petoskey. So people that goes to show you that it does pay to shop in Boyne City. Shirley Howie

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS

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



LETTERS

Gift card great for Boyne City

TO THE EDITOR:

is on the cutting edge again.

Working with First Data Corp., the Boyne Area Chamber has established an exciting program to keep business local. The Boyne Area Gift Card program works on the same principle as your phone cards or other similar gift card programs, except this card can be used at any participating chamber member business.

The Boyne Area Gift Card can be purchased at any participating location, charged up in amounts from \$5 to \$500 and redeemed at any participating location. As a participating business, you can ad your business logo to the card at the point of sale to encourage customer loyalty and advertise your business. All transactions will be cleared on the 10th of each month using a pooling ac-

count hosted by the chamber.

There is a \$100 set up fee to participate in the program, In case you haven't heard, your Boyne Area Chamber a 25 cent per transaction fee, and your credit card machine must be compatible (most are).

This exciting program will encourage customer loyalty. and local shopping. We anticipate the card being used as holiday bonuses, stocking stuffers, promotional marketing, closing gifts, and the list goes on. Statistics show people who use gift cards spend, on average, up to 30 percent more per use. The Gift Card Program has many marketing opportunities, and almost limitless potential.

I hope you become as excited about this venture as I am. For more information (if you haven't been contacted already) give us a call,

> Scott MacKenzie, director Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce

OUR SOLDIERS SERVING OUR COUNTRY

SSGT. Russell 'Rusty' Gilmore

SSGT. Russell "Rusty" Gilmore, a Legionnaire from Post #228 on active duty, is continuing his family's history of military service. His father, also a member of Post #228, served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Rusty's wife, Vanessa, and his children are currently living in Ft. Hood, Texas. His grandparents, Woody and Marie Everest, sister, Chris Adkison and brother, Rob Jensen, all live in Boyne City.

Gilmore is presently stationed in Iraq with a medical unit that runs a Battalion Aid Station. The Station is staffed by one doctor, two physicians assistants, one medical officer and 34 enlisted soldiers who take care of over 800 soldiers, as well as dozens of civilian nationals and American contractors. They run continuous operations 24/7 working in shifts.

In a recent email to his sister, Rusty wrote "if you happen to see on the news a vehicle with a 70, 71, 72, or 73 on the sides, that's us. My vehicle will have a big 70. That is to



SSGT. Russell "Rusty" Gilmore

identify the company."

Gilmore has been in the Army almost 13 years, having "jump started" his high school delayed enlistment program a year early because the Gulf War had started and he didn't want to wait any longer to join. He changed his contract and entered 11B (infantryman) Basic Training at Ft. Benning, Ga.

His service has taken him to Panama, Egypt, Somalia, two tours in Kuwait, Israel, Kenya, Germany, Italy and Ireland.

He was wounded by shrapnel while on duty in Somalia when a grenade launcher blew up. He still has shrapnel in his hip and knee. For the last five years Gilmore has been stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, as part of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Division (2/7 CAV, 1CD) Medical Platoon.

(Soldier profiles are provided by members of the Boyne City American Legion and written by Maxine Hough.)

GUEST COLUMN

Some call it the nuttiest club

By NANNETTE MILLER

In the spirit of the holiday season, which is giving to others, allow me to wear my Kiwanis hat for a moment and tell you a little about this great service club.

The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club has been called "The sweetest club," because they produce and sell maple syrup to help fund their community projects. One of their members recently commented that the Boyne City Kiwanis Club should be called "The nuttiest club," and it wasn't entirely because we sell nuts as a fundraiser.

Kiwanis Clubs the world over dedicate their time, efforts, and money to serving children and families. The clubs in our area provide many wonderful services and support for a variety of programs. This month the Charlevoix club is celebrating 70 years of serving their community. The Charlevoix club sponsored the club in Boyne City, which has been a vital and productive club for six years. The members are caring, fun-loving, active people. And maybe just a little nutty at times...

Some of the programs Kiwanis of Boyne supports are Camp Quality, the swim and sailing schools, Michigan Youth in Government, the Learning Kits at the library, Community Christmas baskets, the Salvation Army, Challenge Mountain, and we provide a scholarship for a local child to attend Camp Daggett. Many other worthy causes have also been supported over the years.

Once again Kiwanis of Boyne is selling nuts to fund projects for next year. These gourmet mixed nuts make great gifts, if you can bear to give them away. A hefty 3.25-pound can of a tasty combination of cashews, pecans, brazil nuts, hazelnuts, almonds and pistachios (NO peanuts) sells for only \$20. All of the money goes directly back into the community to help children and families in our area. Nuts can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, Radio Shack, ReMax, the library, or from any Kiwanis member.

Celebrate the holidays with some special nuts – buy a can, or join us for breakfast! (Kiwanis meets Thursdays at 7 a.m. at Robert's Restaurant.)

MANY THANKS

Support of food pantry appreciated

The Boyne City Seventh-Day Adventist Community Services Center, with its directors Jack Dunlop and Tammy Johnson, would like to thank the following groups and local businesses for their generous continued support of our food pantry:

Northern Michigan Food Commodities, Curves for Women, Eta Nu Sorority, Glen's Market, Johan's Pastries, Lexamar Corporation, Litzenburger Place residents, and the community at large for supporting our food drives. Thank you. May the Lord bless you in this, His season.

Seventh-Day Adventist Community Services Center

City boosters buy more decorations

The Boyne City City Boosters would like to thank the following for their help that enabled us to purchase our third Christmas decoration in as many years.

Nancy Huff joined our ranks last year and chose Holiday Bells that is currently hanging on the front of Huff Pharmacy. With the help of Jessie Howie and Ryan Crib, employees of North Country Cycle Sport, our next decoration will be on North Country Cycle Sport.

We would also like to thank the Boyne City Rotary Club for providing the venue for our fundraising. The Boyne City City Boosters were formed several years ago with the purpose of purchasing Christmas decorations. Our fundraising got off to a slow start but when the Boyne City Rotary Club gave us a venue to use, we have been able to purchase a new item every year. Last, but not least, we would like to thank Peggy Baker, who has helped for several years.

If you would like to help, please contact Shirley Howie at 582-7087 or Steve Baker at 582-7211.

> Shirley Howie Steve Baker Boyne City City Boosters

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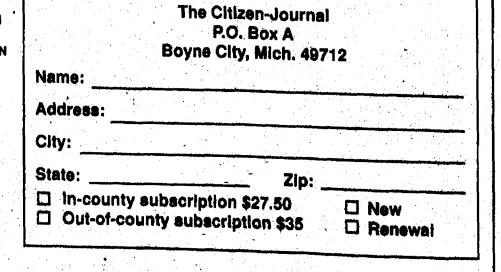


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Learning the right way to be good pals

Kathy Breedlove, owner of Pet-Haus Cuisine, is on a mission to teach kids how to treat dogs and avoid being victims of canine aggression.

She and her co-worker, Carlee Brazell, along with working Bernese Mountain dogs, Mitzi and Leo, begin at the beginning — in kindergarten.

When Breedlove comes to a classroom, like she did last Friday morning when visited Sheri Fitzpatrick's kindergarten class at Boyne City Elementary School, she does not introduce the dogs right

She starts by showing the students a video, where children their own age are taught dog safety techniques. She capitalizes on the fact that most young children have been taught to avoid strangers — humans, that is.

She teaches them that they should also avoid strange dogs, and that dogs will sometimes instinctively protect themselves against strangers, especially those who may raise a hand to them.

A raised hand represents aggression to the dog, even if it is intended only to pat the dog's head.

She teaches the kindergarten students that if they are approached by a strange dog, they might start by tossing away something

that they may be holding or wearing, a ball glove or baseball cap, for the dog to smell. They are to avert their eyes and not look at the dog's face, and walk away — but not run — covering their hands, or putting them in their pockets so the dog can't smell them.

If the dog persists in following him or her, the child should "pretend to be a tree," according to Breedlove's lesson, standing still with arms crossed upon the chest, still avoiding looking at the dog's

The child is taught also to ask the owner before petting a dog, and, only upon obtaining permission, should hold out his or her hand to be sniffed by the dog before petting under the chin or on the dog's

"Do not pull your hand back," Breedlove said. Make sure the dog gets to smell it. She tells children never to chase or corner a

When the students, five or six years old, are able to remember the rules upon questioning, Mitzi and Leo are brought into the class-

Mitzi and Leo are huge, well-behaved, gentle dogs, and some students, in their excitement, instantly forget the rules in their desire to hug the newcomers. But Breedlove calmly directs



them to remember her dog etiquette, and each child is allowed to pet the dogs only with permission, only after their hands have been sniffed, and only under the

chin or on the chest. Understanding the rules helps the students remember them, as does getting to practice with the real dog volunteers.

Each student gets a Christmas treat for a cat or dog to take home, and Breedlove and Brazell bring a new level of responsibility to the children they



Kindergarten students in Sheri Fitzpatrick's class practice their new skills at encountering strange dogs with the help of Carlee Brazell and dogs Mitzi and Leo. At left, Lucas Day scratches the chin of his new friend. while Tyler Himebauch, Elizabeth Mansfield and Jacob Coates, above, "pretend to be trees" as part of the lesson.



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Forrest Williams **PARENTS: Chris and Michelle Williams GRADE:** Fifth

FAVORITE CLASS: Math HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Play football **FAVORITE BOOK:** The Hobbit

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "I would like to nominate Forrest Williams as Student of the Week," said Mrs. Knapp. "Forrest transferred to Boyne Falls fifth grade a few weeks after school began. He quickly made friends, as he is always courteous and considerate of others. Forrest is a good all-around student and a motivated and hard worker. It is a joy to have Forrest as a member of our class.'



Forrest Williams

East Jordan High School

NAME: Krista Nichols PARENTS: Patricia Nichols, and James and Lisa

GRADE: Senior HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Art, music, and photog-FUTURE PLANS: "Go to college either at CCS or

FAVORITE CLASSES: Art, photography, and English NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Krista very much deserves to be Student of the Week," said Mrs. Redmer. "She's always ready to work hard and has such a positive attitude every day. I really enjoy having Krista in



Krista Nichols

"Krista is a very hard worker and has an excellent attitude when it comes to approaching problems," said Mr. Panoff. "I like seeing her smiling face in my

"Krista is a person that strives for the best," said Mr. Podskalny. "Her effort and Ideas in photography are very impressive. Nice Workl"

"Krista is a quiet, creative, and very polite young student," said Mrs. Tinney. "She is always considerate of others, always willing to give a much needed hand up or a wonderful hug. Her creative skills have grown by leaps and bounds with a great portfolio as a result. I am sure she will do well at the college level and

East Jordan Middle School

PARENTS: Dwayne and Nancy Miller GRADE: Eighth FAVORITE CLASS: Math HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Reading, movies, and snowboarding NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Dustin shows maturity beyond his years, as well as a great ability to relate to

others," said Kay Holley, Matt Hamilton, Barb Noirot,

and Paul Nachazel. "He has an uncanny knack for writ-

ing. Dustin is a very cool student."

NAME: Dustin Miller



Dustin Miller

Boyne City High School

NAME: Adrian Bryant PARENTS: Janet Jasklewicz SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: School work and volunteer work HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Music, guitar, life, hanging with friends

FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to go to college. I'm not sure what I want to go into, but I want to get a good job." NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Adrian is an excellent F.S.T. student," said Mrs. Clausen. "His work is complete and his level of understanding surpasses many of his classmates. Adrian is worthy of being student of the week every week. Congratulations!"



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Elinor Kathleen Dubin

Elinor Kathleen Dubin, 84, of Boyne City died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A memorial service was held Dec. 2 at the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City.

Elinor was born on Feb. 21, 1920 in Petoskey, the daughter of Thurman J. and Bernice M. (Paquette) Sutliff. Elinor worked at Willow Run during World War II and was a U.A.W. retiree. After returning to Boyne City she worked a few years at Courters (Allied), then operated an

tive Lioness in the Lions Club for many years. Elinor is survived by her son, Joe Ruehle; grandson, Keith; great-grandsons, Dylan, Matthew and their mother

adult foster care home for many years. Elinor was an ac-

Sally; brother, Oral (Eleanor) Sutliff; sister, Leanna (Jim) McCarry; sister-in-law, Carol Sutliff; brothers-in-law, Stephen McCarry and Wilfred Nichols; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

> She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; parents; brother, T.J. Sutliff; sisters, Dolores, Jeanne and Thurleen; and brother-in-law, Jim Eaton.

> Elinor especially enjoyed her nieces, nephews and babysitting whenever she could. She will be sadly missed by everyone.

> The family suggests that memorial contributions for Elinor be directed to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund or Grandvue Medical Care Facility Memorial

Fred W. Korthase

Fred W. Korthase, 86, died Dec. 8, 2004.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, at Clock Chapel-Whitehall. The Rev. Fr. Chris W. Rouech officiated.

Interment was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Montague. Military graveside rites were conducted at the cemetery by White Lake VFW Post #3256.

Born April 9, 1918, in Boyne Valley Township to William and Marie (Johnson) Korthase, he lived in the White Lake area the past 56 years. He married the former Bernice Gasiorek in Chicago.

An electrician by trade for 65 years, with specialized diesel engine training at the National School of Engineering in California, he had worked for Consumer's Power Company until 1976, and later became self-employed, as owner and operator at Top Rail Electric Co. of Montague.

Mr. Korthase was a member of White lake VFW Post #3256, had been a member of various 4-H clubs, and was a member of the Trailblazers Saddle Club. He served in

the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice; a daughter, Celeste (Jeremy) KorthaseHarpner of California; three sons, Jerome (Bernadine) Korthase of Colorado, Fritz (Mary) Korthase and Tim (Tracy) Korthase, both of Montague; grandchildren, Melisa, Corinna, Tim, Christopher, Justin and Brody; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Esther Stueller of Kalamazoo; two brothers, Ed (Arlene) Korthase of Walloon Lake and Norval (Alma) Korthase of Boyne City. He was preceded in death by a brother, William Jr., and two sisters, Carolyn and Helen.

Memorials may be sent to Hackley VNS, 250 Morris Ave., Suite 150, Muskegon 49440-1129, or the Building Fund of St. James Catholic Church, 5179 Dowling St., Montague 49437.

Mary H. (Zink) Witzka

Mary H. (Zink) Witzka, 88, of Flint and Boyne City, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at McLaren Regional Medical Center.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6012 E. River Rd., Flushing. Pastor Garnet Haase officiated.

Mary was born July 5, 1916 in Flint. She married Ned Witzka in March 1948. She had a career in nursing and spent many hours making beautiful family Christmas stockings. Mary loved playing cards, traveling, reading and casino trips.

Her favorite times were spent with family and friends at the Caboose Cottages on Lake Charlevoix. She stayed in touch often with many wonderful lifetime friends. She did volunteer work at Hurley Hospital, for The Red Cross and at the King of Glory Lutheran Church.

Whatever she was doing, her friend Snoopy was always nearby.

Surviving are her son, Ned A. Witzka of Flint; daughters, Marejo Carson of Redondo Beach, Calif., Suzanne (Elie) Moynet of Grand Blanc and Merrily (Gary) Ray of Naples, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and brother, Frank Zink of South Bend, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ned Witzka; daughters, Judith Wright and Martha Clement; and also by a sister, Gladys.

COLLEGE NEWS

MATTHEW JUSZCZYK of Boyne City was named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for the Summer 2004 semester.

Charlevoix Area Hospital offers first aid courses

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005: Adult Heartsaver CPR from 6-10 p.m. in classroom B.

Wednesday, Jan. 19: Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/

Child) from 6-10 p.m. in classroom B.

Wednesday, Jan. 26: Basic First Aid from 6-10 p.m. in classroom B.

Cost is \$20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Preregistration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once regis-

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tration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations which

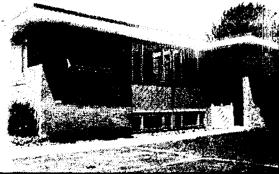
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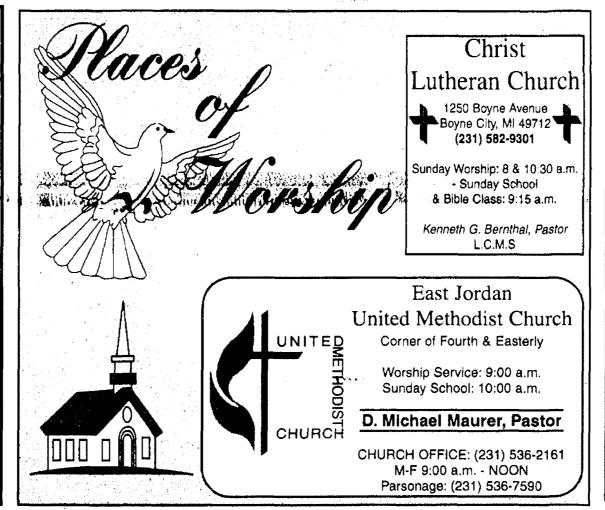


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By Ernie Harwell



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uses food to manufacture all of its building blocks and provide fuel. Vitamins assist us with some essential processes:

- * Regulating blood sugar levels and blood pressure
- * Converting food to energy
- * Bolstering the immune system

In other words, vitamins, in food or as supplements, help us to live. Making a healthy diet can be hard in these fast-paced times. Talk with your doctor about your diet and whether you may need to supplement it with vitamins and nutrients.

And remember, take care of your health before it's lonnggg gone!

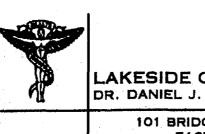
Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, 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.

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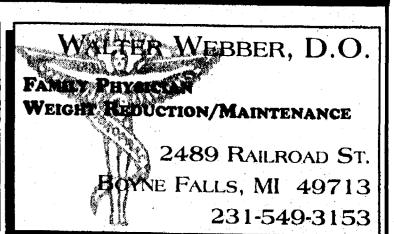
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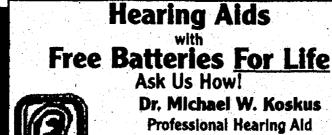
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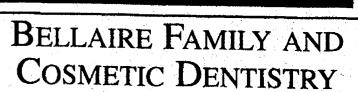
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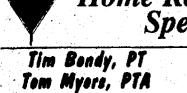
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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

HIGHEST ACCOLADES go out to Al Lawson of Boyne City and his helpers of the First Presbyterian Church, for their many years of faithful dedication of spreading the true spirit of Christmas. This is their ninth year of inviting others, who might otherwise spend the holiday alone, to come to the church and enjoy a free Christmas dinner with all the trimmings as well as a fun time of fellowship, ensuring it to be a "Merry Christmas" on Christmas day.

ON TUESDAY night Bill and Lynda, Bob and Kathy and Ted and Delores Christensen all met in Mt. Pleasant to enjoy the Willie Nelson show. While there they celebrated Ted and Delores' 50th wedding anniversary. All had a fun time.

CONGRATULATIONS go out to Ann Campbell, daughter of John Campbell of Charlevoix. All those who voted for her might like to know she is a winner in the \$25,000 VISA scholarship in the "Ideas Happen" competition. It is believed there were 12 winners from a field of 19,000 applicants. The top prize of \$25,000 will be awarded to help make her idea happen. Ann's mission was "Amazon Health." A big thank you to all those who helped to make her dream come true and helped the people of Belen, Peru.

THE BOYNE Valley Trim and Slim Club shared a great holiday "dinner out" at lar meeting at Litzenburger Place

family and friends of Loretta Mae Goldsmith of Boyne City and Joseph Frank Bentler, of East Jordan, who each passed away this past

Litzenburger Place Apartment on Saturday, after having spent a few days in Northern ing. Michigan Hospital as a medical patient this past week.

been in Boulder Terrace Rehab in Charlevoix. Coming along somewhat better, she was not we talked, but hoping to make it!

of AACA (Antique Auto Club of America) was really pleased with the holiday atmosphere and service at Boyne's Smitty's, as they celebrated their annual Christmas Dinner and gift exchange. An added highlight was combining the evening with honoring Carol and Arnie Hudson for their 50th wedding anni-

ing forward to the family holidays as their niece, Dawn Hobbs who lives in Livonia. daughters, Samantha, who will be arriving shortly, from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, daughter Emily, a student at Northland or e-mail to neighbors @gtlakes.com

Robert's Restaurant, festively decorated for the College in Ashland, Wis. and daughter Molly, season, on Wednesday, following their regu- of Pacific Grove, Calif., make it home. After the holidays, Molly will be joining the HUMANA program for 6 months, in Botswana, HEARTFELT sympathies go out to the Africa, to help educate its people about AIDS, as its population ranks the highest percent in the world in having this disease.

THE BOYNE City High School class of '47 will meet on Dec. 16 at noon for their an-FERN SHALER returned to her nual Christmas Party at B.C. Pizza. There will be an exchange of gifts and a good day of visit-

THERE WAS a benefit held for Cheryl Noeske, a former resident of Petoskey and MARY JANE KROLL of Boyne City has homecare aide of the District Health Dept #3. She was diagnosed with A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's disease) and is in need of a hi-tech joystick sure she'd be home for Christmas, the last time headrest for her existing wheelchair, which is not covered by insurance. The Pizza and Bake Sale benefit was held on Thursday, Dec. 9 at LAST WEEK, the Boyne Country Region the Waltoon Lake Community Church. There were many friends, family and co-workers that came to contribute to the cause. Anyone who might like to help, or for further info please call 347-1833. It surely would be appreciated!

SUE HOBBS and daughter, Kim Matelski, and granddaughter, Brittany Matelski, went to Ann Arbor last Thursday to tour the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. **DAVE AND ROBIN BRICKER** are look- While in Ann Arbor they also visited with Sue's

To submit an item, call Nancy at 582-9174

A visit with Santa

December is always a special time at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Boyne City, as developmentally disabled adults from all over northern Michigan are invited to attend an annual holiday party. In addition to enjoying lunch prepared and served by volunteers, and musical entertainment, the guests attending also have the opportunity to enjoy a visit with Santa Claus. The Knights of Columbus of Boyne City would like to thank the businesses, volunteers and individuals for the contributions they made for the developmentally disabled holiday party. "We had a very happy group of people," said Knights of Columbus members.

Posing with the general

Cora Howe Clarke of Hobbs, N.M., formerly of Michigan and a 1951 graduate of Boyne City High School, was on hand to welcome retired U.S. **Army Four-Star General and NATO Commander Wesley** Clark to Hobbs. Clark, who was among the original eight **Democratic candidates** running for president, came to Hobbs on behalf of presidential candidate John Kerry. Howe returns to Michigan each year to visit her mother, Mrs. May Howe, who lives near Horton Bay.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Boyne Area

FOBR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, Dec. 15 The Friends of the Boyne River will be holding their Christmas party at Suzie Dickow's place at 848 State Street. There will be a board meeting before the party at 5 p.m. The party will start at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. There is extra parking at the storage buildings next door. For more information, call Suzie Dickow at 582-0157 or Shirley Howie at 582-7087.

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-perisnable tood 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

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Wednesday, Dec. 15 "Twas the Night Before Christmas" will be held at the East Jordan Elementary School gym at 7 p.m.

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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.

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Dec. 21: Snowflake spagnetti with sauce or bologna snadwich, shivering salad, frosty fruit (Winter begins)

Dec. 22: Chicken nuggets or cook's choice, salad,

Dec. 23: 1/2 day no lunch, Christmas break begins

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Members of the Boyne City High School ski teaml are, back row from left: Lee Blossom, Garrett Shepherd, Josh Grove, Ryan Kasper, Nick Simeri, and Cory Mills. Coach Bob Simpson. Front row: Jessica Grice, Alison Wright, Alex Welborn, Natalie Lindsay, Astrid Graefe, and Ricio Ruiz. Not Pictured: Kyle Barden, Jared Wilmot and Ryan Witten.



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Intensity is written all over the face of Grant Ameel who drew a tough assignment against Manton – guarding Blake Allen, an all-state player last season. Ameel was up to the challenge as he held Allen to just 11 points for the game. On the offensive end, Ameel finished with 17 points.

Ramblers earn big win over Manton

By PHIL TROMBLEY **Sports Writer**

Dillon Olmstead tossed in 18 points and Grant Ameel added 17 points and eight rebounds to lead the Boyne City varsity basketball team to a 58-47 victory at home over Manton on Friday,

The 11-point win was the first of the season for the Ramblers, who bounced back from a loss to Bellaire in their season opener.

Caleb Helsley also hit for double digits to bolster the Boyne City attack with 10 points. Helsley had eight rebounds.

"We played most of the game with a 10-point lead," said Boyne City head coach Tim Smith.

"We took care of the ball and we

only turned it over 10 times. It was like the shoe was on the other foot from the Bellaire game."

In that game the Ramblers fell behind early and could never cut the margin to less than 10 points.

The Ramblers set the tone early on Friday taking a 15-6 lead after one quarter and went into the locker room at the half with a 32-22 advantage. Boyne City outscored Manton 26-25

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Cutting across the lane, the Ramblers' Drew Mittig finds an opening and looks for a pass during Boyne City's win Friday against Manton.

Loggers have no problem with Detour

By PHIL TROMBLEY **Sports Writer**

The Boyne Falls varsity basketball team bounced back from an opening game loss to East Jordan with a dominating 70-46 victory over Detour on Saturday, Dec. 11.

The Loggers did a much better job of taking care of the ball on offense in their second game with only eight turnovers, down from a total of 24 in the game against East Jordan.

"I think that our overall quickness overwhelmed them," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla. "They never got into their set offense and after the first quarter we were pretty comfortable."

The Loggers took control of the contest early and held leads of 16-6, 40-19 and 53-28 at the quarter breaks. Forward Demetrius Burks turned in his second straight standout performance with 22 points, 10 rebounds and five steals.

"Demetrius took control for us as the overall leader. He spread out the floor and he did a good job of penetrating with the ball," Hamilla said. The well-balanced offensive attack also included Ben Kondradt with 12 points, Jim Gross with 10 points and Trevor Matelski with nine.

Up front A.J. Hawkins led the rebounding crew with five boards, while Jeff Miller hauled down four. Jeremy Burton led the Red Raiders with 14 points. Boyne Falls will travel to Pickford this Friday.

JV's Win In OT

The Boyne Falls junior varsity squad outscored Detour 8-3 in overtime to gain a 59-54 win. The Loggers led the game 14-10 after one quarter, while Detour led 27-22 at the half before the two teams stood even at 41-41 after three quarters and 51-51 at the end of regulation time.

Netters tip off the season

By PHIL TROMBLEY **Sports Writer**

The high school varsity volleyball season began Saturday, Dec. 11, when both Boyne City and East Jordan traveled to the Early Bird Tournament hosted by Inland Lakes.

Charlevoix captured first place at the six-team round-robin tourney with a victory over Hillman in the championship match, while Inland Lakes defeated East Jordan in the consolation game to earn third place.

It was fast-paced action at the event which featured new rally scoring, which awards points on every serve. A new rule was also in effect that counts a serve as good even if it touches the net on the way over.

East Jordan's Lady Devils went 1-1-3 in the round-robin session defeating St. Ignace, losing to Hillman and then gaining splits with Charlevoix, Inland Lakes and Boyne City.

"I was very happy with our play. It was a great way to start the season," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel. "We played great defense, but we need to work on our hitting. The foundation for a good team is there, but we need to keep working hard."

Nachazel praised the play of sophomores Jessica Roberts and Jill Drenth as well as senior Tabatha Grover for leading the effort on Saturday. Grover (nine aces, four kills, five digs) and Drenth (three aces, 19 kills, three

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EJ off to strong start

By PHIL TROMBLEY **Sports Writer**

East Jordan guard Kyle Daneff poured in 21 of his game-high 31 points during the second half to lead East Jordan's varsity basketball team to a 70-63 victory over Boyne Falls in a season opening Lake Michigan Conference vs. Northern Lakes Conference match up on Tuesday, Dec.

Daneff's high output overshadowed a 22-point performance by Boyne Falls swing man Demetrius Burks. Daneff also hauled down seven rebounds, had five steals and dished out two assists in a game that "established himself as a complete player both defensively and offensively," according to his coach Lance Bailey.

Daneff's second-half surge was a huge factor as East Jordan rallied from a 33-32 deficit at the half to outscore Boyne Falls 38-30 after the intermission and pull out the win.

"It was a great basketball game that was well fought on both sides. Boyne Falls came out crisp and took it to us in the first quarter, but we were able to get back in the game with some intense defense and some turnovers," said Bailey.

The Loggers showed their crispness taking a 20-13 lead at the end of the first quarter before the Red Dev-

ils cut the margin down to one point, Conference-foe Mancelona. 33-32, going into half time.

"Our downfall was that we had too many turnovers against their press," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla about his team's miscues.

"If we take care of the ball, we'll do better. We'll learn from our mistakes."

The East Jordan press forced the Loggers to turn the ball over 24 times in the game. East Jordan outscored Boyne Falls 18-15 in the third period and then a 20-point fourth quarter run by the Red Devils put the cap on the seven-point victory.

Two other Red Devils reached double figures as Eric Hansen contributed 11 points, five rebounds and seven assists, while Tyler Spence added 11 points, three boards and five steals. Adding to the Logger stat sheet were Jim Gross (eight points), Josh Jarema (eight points), A.J. Hawkins (seven points, eight rebounds, three steals) and Ben Kondradt (seven points).

In the junior varsity game, East Jordan built a 40-17 first half lead and then outscored Boyne Falls 36-22 after the break to earn a 76-39 victory.

East Jordan 100, Mancelona 52 East Jordan scorched the nets in a big way on Friday, Dec 10, to reach the century mark on the scoreboard

with a 100-52 win over Ski Valley

Four different Red Devils reached double figures to power the attack as Danneff hit for 18 points, Spence and Hansen tossed in 14 points each and Tom Krause contributed with 10.

"It was one of those nights where everything went our way," Bailey

"It was keyed off of our defensive intensity and the team attitude that the guys had,"

Adding to their all-around games, Daneff had eight rebounds, Spence had five assists and three steals, Hansen had three assists and five steals and Krause had six rebounds, five assists and four steals.

In addition Alex Lorne and Brandon LaCount hauled in six boards apiece, while Chris Becker and Ryan Peterson each grabbed five.

"It was nice to see the guys really work together and have some fun. I'm really pleased with the attitude, work and team focus of theses guys so far," Bailey said.

East Jordan jumped out front by a 34-14 margin after one quarter, led the contest 61-30 at the half and held a 78-45 advantage going into the final quarter. Jeremy Howard scored 12 points and Bobby Flake added 11 to lead the Mancelona scoring.

East Jordan will open league play this Friday with a trip to Charlevoix.



Tyler Spence takes a slap to the wrist as he drives to the basket Friday night at Mancelona. Spence and the rest of his teammates were firing on all cylinders in their 100-52 victory over Mancelona.

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Members of the East Jordan High School Varsity basketball team are, back row from left: Chris Becker, Alex Lorne, Chad Kraemer, Kyle Daneff, and Tim Kraemer. Middle row: assistant coach Sean Ferguson, Kaleb Brown, Andrew Streufert, Ryan Peterson, Eric Hansen and coach Lance Bailey. Front row: Brandon LaCount, Tom Krause, and Tyler Spence.





Members of the East Jordan High School Varsity cheerleading team are, back row from left: Sienna Richards, Brooke Sheridan, Katy Kovel, and Samantha McKenney. Middle row: Britney Kline, Amanda Thomas, and BobAnn Fick. Front row: Ashley Kenney and Bethany VanderMay.



Members of the East Jordan High School Varsity ski team are, back row from left: Elizabeth Hasseld, Katherine Rowley, Jason Palmrose, Mac Brennan, Ben Archer, Katie Diller, and Sarah Lorne. Front row: Kristen Kovel, Kelsey Poineau, Tricia McClung, Stephanie Poindexter, and Kyungjin Rhew.

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Members of the East Jordan High School Varsity girls volleyball team are, back row, from left: Stephanie Olszewski, Jill Drenth, Kayla Matejewski, Christine Jackson, Tabitha Grover, Amanda Arreguin, and Sierra Roberts. Front row: coach Paul Nachazel, Megan Warnos, Bridget Knight, Katlin Hefty, Jessica Roberts, and Nina Peters.

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blocks) were both named to the all-tournament team, while Roberts (five aces, eight kills, 38 assists, six digs) earned the team most valuable player honor.

Boyne City struggled in its first outing losing to St. Ignace, Charlevoix, Inland Lakes and Hillman before gaining a split with East Jordan.

"The girls played well and they stayed in the game against every team," said Boyne City coach Casie Parker. "We've improved so much these last few weeks, especially with the new offense and defense this year. I think that we will surprise a lot of teams this year."

Ramblers

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after the intermission.

James Phillips led Manton with 17 points, while Blake Allen chipped in with II points.

"Grant Ameel did a tremendous job defensively holding the Allen kid to just 11 points," said Smith. Guard Reed Ameel turned in a solid performance running the offense in his first game of the year dishing out five assists, while scoring seven points and grabbing five rebounds.

"Reed is our leader and we had three guys in double figures due to the fact that he was getting those guys a lot of open shots," said Smith.

Bellaire 58, Boyne City 40 Three Bellaire players reached double

Boyne City's Jessica Nichols earned the team's most valuable player award serving at an 80-percent clip for the day with 49 digs and 10 kills. Lindsay Baic added an 88 percent serving performance with 33 digs and nine kills, while Molly Haulser had an 86 percent serving day with 10 aces. Emma Clemens chipped in with 24

In addition, the Boyne City team was given the sportsmanship award as voted by the coaches and officials.

East Jordan will travel to Grayling tomorrow, while Boyne City will travel to the Lake Superior State University tournament on Saturday. Boyne City will host Grayling next Tuesday.

figures as the Ski Valley Conference Eagles downed the Lake Michigan Conference Ramblers 58-40 on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Mike McClary scored 18 points, Skyle Hindes added 13 points and Brandon McClary chipped in with 12 to pace the Bellaire offense. "We played without Reed Ameel and that hurt us," said Smith. "We got down by ten points and we never recovered. They played extremely well and their big guy hurt us inside." Bellaire led the contest 16-6 after one quarter, 34-18 at the half and 46-28 after three quarters to gain the win, Olmstead led Boyne City scoring with 19 points.

The Ramblers will travel to Gaylord this Friday and then host Elk Rapids next Tuesday as the Lake Michigan Conference play gets underway.

Rating the deer season

■ Despite herd reductions, season was 'good'

By NATE THOMPSON **Contributing Writer**

A lack of snow, warmer than average temperatures and the Department of Natural Resources' efforts of reducing the deer herd size in northern Michigan to around 20-25 deer per square mile has each had a hand in limiting the number of deer shot in the region during the firearm deer season.

At least that's what officials have found at six deer check stations in northern Michigan, DNR wildlife habitat biologist Brain Mastenbrook said.

"We're down about 10 percent from the same time as last season," Mastenbrook said from the DNR field office in Atlanta, Mich. "At the same time, this is only one indication of what happened, so it's kind of difficult to put an exact number on how successful or unsuccessful the season was."

Hunters are not required to bring their deer into check stations, and DNR officials would be hard pressed to talk with every successful hunter in the region. But at check stations throughout Northwest Michigan, Mastenbrook indicated the DNR checked 961 deer from late September until the end of November. The total is down from last season's total of 1,050, he said.

The numbers could also reflect declining concerns of bovine Tuberculosis (TB). Mastenbrook said the DNR checked close to

1,500 deer in 2000, a year in which the threat of bovine TB was relatively new and hunters generally took greater precautions.

At the same time, the deer count at the Mackinaw Bridge was also down, indicating hunters crossing into the Upper Peninsula from the Lower Peninsula also didn't have as much luck as the year before.

"One big reason for the potential drop in numbers is we have issued a lot of doe permits the past couple of years," Mastenbrook

Mastenbrook said the DNR had a goal coming into the season of trimming Michigan's estimated deer herd of 1.8 million. Issues such as crop damage, increased concerns in car-deer accidents and deer survival throughout the winter are key reasons for the DNR reducing the deer herd, Mastenbrook added.

Although the numbers might indicate otherwise, Mastenbrook still labeled the deer season as "good," despite all things considered.

"With the weather situation, I'd say overall the season was a good one," he said. "I think herds were more in pockets instead of being spread out this year, but that's going to happen when the herd size is reduced."

What made the season brighter was it was a relatively safe one. Only one shooting fatality was reported; it occurred in Hillsdale County, DNR law enforcement officer Jeff Gaither said. No serious injuries were reported in northern Michigan, he added.

Central Lake resident bags near 700-pound elk in Gaylord

> By NATE THOMPSON **Contributing Writer**

For nearly 20 years, Central Lake resident Steve Juday has applied for an elk permit in the state of Michigan.

And for 20 years, he has failed to receive

That is, until this year, when he received a call from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources indicating he had been one of the few lucky ones selected. Only 126 hunters were awarded a permit this season, out of an estimated 40,000 hunters who applied.

Of the 126, 36 permits were awarded for bulls, while the remaining 90 are for cows.

"It's really a lottery-sort of system (the DNR) runs," Juday said.

"Actually, you probably have a better shot at winning the actual lottery than getting an elk permit."

Fortunate enough to have received a bull permit, Juday now had the challenge before him of locating an elusive elk. According to

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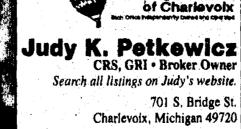
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Worth the wait

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DNR wildlife habitat biologist Brain Mastenbrook, the department's goal is to keep the elk herd in the state to around 800 animals. Smaller herd sizes helps reduce their tendency to wander off state land onto nearby farmlands, where one elk can do more damage than an entire herd of deer.

Juday set up camp on state land in Gaylord, near Tree Tops Resort.

"I hunted with the help of a guide and it's awfully good we had one," Juday said.

"They had permission to hunt on land that otherwise I probably couldn't have

"And the guides knew the land, which was also a plus," he added. "They told

going after a big one." Juday hunted throughout most of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 7 in a steady rain and didn't see a thing. The rain turned to snow late Tuesday, however, which usually means tracking will be

me right away that we were

Early Wednesday, Juday and others in his hunting entourage finally got a beat on where "one of the big ones" may have been.

"I was hunting with this young kid and his dad and the kid jumped on a track," Juday said. "He starts going on a dead run through

the woods and he expects me to keep up in the snow while I'm holding a gun," Juday said, with a grin.

The pair finally caught glimpse of a bull in the distance, but were in a thick stretch of woods and initially couldn't get a clear

"We saw the track and we kept on following it," Juday said. "We didn't want to spook it because elk can go for four or five miles without stopping. They're not like deer who run for a mile or two and then stop and rest."

Fortunately, the massive bull halted in a somewhat open stretch.

"If you don't get excited at that point, you shouldn't

Steve Juday of Central Lake rolled into Bellaire last Thursday with a 700-pound elk in the back

be hunting," Juday said. "I was fumbling my shells and shaking pretty bad."

From about 75 yards away, Juday pulled up, aimed, and fired.

And a bull that dressed out at close to 700 pounds with a massive rack of 14 points, dropped to the ground.

"They needed a frontend loader just to lift it up and place it in the back of my truck," Juday said. "I had a hard time just lifting its head up for a picture."

Juday, who was the starting quarterback on Michigan State University's 1965 National Championship team, stopped in downtown Bellaire during the early evening hours on Wednes-

day with the massive animal in the back of his truck. A number of admirers stopped by to congratulate him on a successful hunt.

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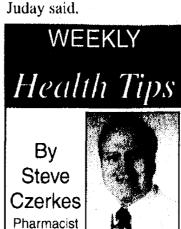
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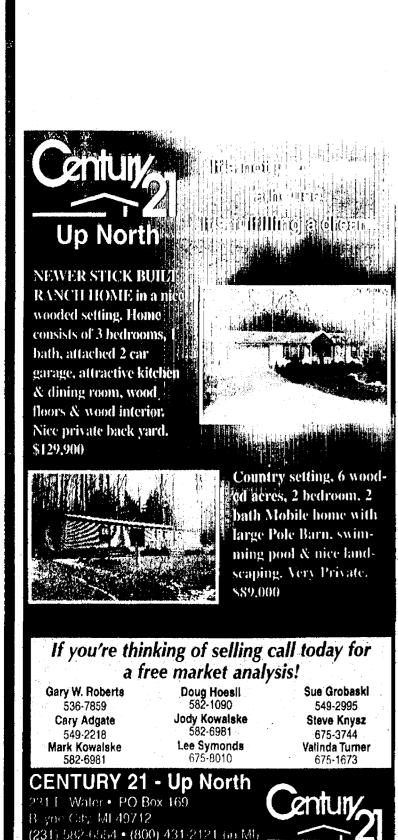


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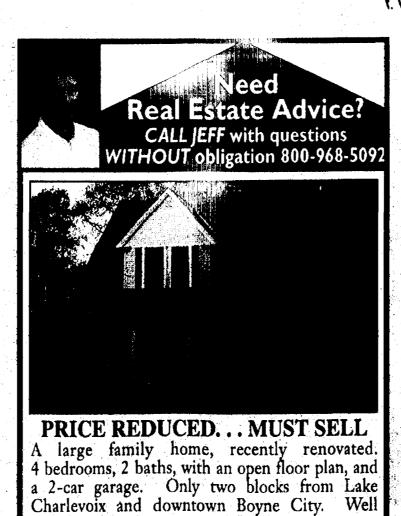
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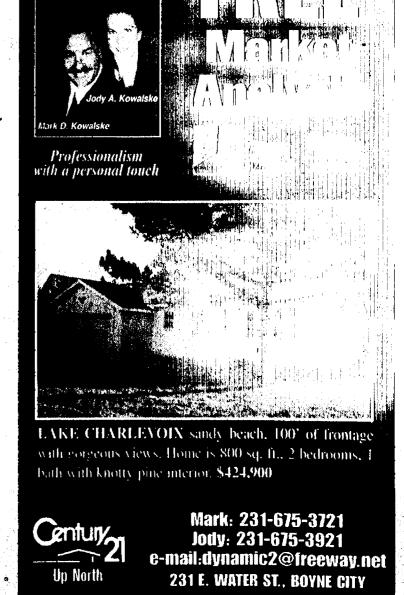




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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joshua Pepin and Melissa Pepin, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 6, 2003, and recorded on January 13, 2003 in Liber 511 on Page 47, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred And 19/100 Dollars (\$107,900.19), including interest at 6.375% per an-

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 Charlevolx 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 a 1/2 inch steel bar 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 West 1651.48 feet to a point, being 973.50 feet South 00 degrees 03 minutes 14 seconds East from the Northwest corner of said section; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 14 seconds East (recorded as South 89 degrees 47 minutes East) 33.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of the Advance-Boyne City Road; thence continuing South 89 degrees 50 minutes 14 seconds 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 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 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 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, Charlevolx County Records

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For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin Swadling and Renee' Lynn Swadling, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Client Mortgage Incorporated, Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2002, and recorded on November 15, 2002 in Liber 499 on Page 456, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank, FA as assignee by an assignment dated November 26, 2002 recorded on November 24, 2003 in Liber 586 on Page 516, in Charlevolx county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Five And 68/100 Dollars (\$69,895.68), including interest

at 7.5% 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 14, 2005.

Said premises are situated City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land in the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/ 4) of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 16, Town 34 North, Range 7 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast guarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 16, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence South 8 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence East 10 rods to the place of

beginning 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: December 15, 2004 For more information, call: FC R 248.593.1305 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Washington Mu-

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John R. Moriarity, 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 76/100 Dollars (\$268,887.76), including inter-

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

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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 For more information, call: FC F 248.593.1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Independent

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Bank f/k/a First National Bank

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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

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Dated: Dec.1, 2004 For more information, please

FC G 248.593.1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

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MORTGAGE SALE - De-

fault has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert L. Bunting, a single man and Angela L. Starr, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2003, and recorded on February 24, 2003 in Liber 520 on Page 220, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight And 96/ 100 Dollars (\$102,438.96), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevolx County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on anuary 14, 2005.

Said premises are situated

in Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 130 feet of that part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 34 North, Range 7 West, lying North of Highway US 31 and South of the Chesapeake and

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by August J. Witthoeft and Michelle Witthoeft, husband and wife, and Ivan Witthoeft and Lucille Witthceft, 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 an-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 Charlevolx County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on January 7, 2005. Said premises are situated

City of Charlevolx, 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 Charlevolx, 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

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Dated: Dec. 1, 2004 For more information, please

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond John Stolt and Wanda Stolt, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 10, 2003, and recorded on October 17, 2003 in Liber 579 on Page 570, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date bereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five And 48/100 Dollars (\$151,795.48), including interest at 7.375% 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 Charlevolx County Courthouse in Charlevolx at 11:00 AM, on January 14, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevolx County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9. Township 32 North, Range 6

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: December 15, 2004

For more information, please call: FC D 248.593.1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Wells Fargo Bank,

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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 by an assignment dated March 15, 2002 recorded on March 19, 2002 in Liber 462 on Page 968, in Charlevolx 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, Nicholl'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

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FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan

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When a child gets an opportunity to get up close and personal with the couple from the North Pole, there is no way you are going to get them to "look at the camera." This young child, filled with the wonderment of the season, was one of many who had a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in East Jordan last Thursday.

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Santa's visit packs the house

It was a still, mild December night in East Jordan when Santa stepped off the untraditional fire engine sleigh on Thursday. The sidewalk was crowded from the Civic Center all the way around the corner by the

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expectantly after the tree-lighting ceremony. Volunteers passed out hot chocolate and home-made cookies.

When the fire engine arrived and delivered its passengers, the crowd cheered for Santa and Mrs. Claus and their entourage of Center where they took seats and began

Each child received a stocking full of goodies and a framed photo of him or herself on the famous lap.

Adults, meanwhile, enjoyed a smorgas-

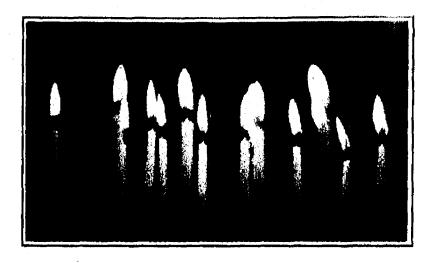
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