

Man faces charges after standoff

East Jordan's Main Street was closed off for several hours Thursday night when, according to authorities, John Paul Vandenbrook barricaded himself in his home with a gun.

At approximately 5:48 p.m., the East Jordan police responded to a complaint of an assault at a private residence, where Vandenbrook was threatening to take his own life and to shoot any police officer that came through the door, according to a report filed by Officer Dale Boehm.

The owner of the home and her children had fled to the neighbors when the subject assaulted her.

After some negotiations, during which the Vandenbrook refused to cooperate, 19 residents of Main Street were evacuated for their safety to a shelter that was set up at the Lighthouse Missionary Church on Rogers Road.

The East Jordan Fire Department was called out to block off the streets and East Jordan emergency medical service had a crew on standby. The Northern Michigan Emergency Response team was also called to assist. Street lighting on the affected section of Main Street was turned off.

At approximately 8:46 a gunshot was heard coming from inside the residence. According to police, Vandenbrook called his landlord and apologized; the gun had discharged accidentally into the air.

Approximately seven-and-a-half hours of negotiations produced no results, in spite of attempts by the Vandenbrook's landlord, sister and girlfriend to get him to surrender. However, he did indicate that he wanted some cigarettes, and these were placed in the porch of the residence.

When Vandenbrook came out to retrieve the cigarettes, he was shot with a non-lethal bean bag round. He was able to retreat into the house, where he called his landlord.

A member of the emergency response team began negotiations with Vandenbrook, and at approximately 2:15 a.m., he peacefully surrendered. Vandenbrook is being charged with assault and battery, possession of a firearm while intoxicated and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

He appeared before the magistrate Friday, and bond was set at \$100,000. His arraignment was scheduled for Tuesday.



PHOTOS BY JANE BOOZE

Winter games

"The day was incredible," said Challenge Mountain's Sue Moody, about last Thursday's Special Olympics Games. "The kids pushed themselves to do their very best. They get into it, too. They want to know what medals they get." Between families, volunteers and athletes, there were about 200 people at Thursday's Winter Games.

Glad to be home

■ Soldier returns from the battlefield

By JANE BOOZE
Staff Writer

Matt Vincent of East Jordan came home Thursday amid cheers from family and friends, and escorted by the East Jordan Fire Department, ambulances and police cars.

He was returning from 11-and-a-half months in Mosul, Iraq, where he was training Iraqi firefighters.

"I was ready to get out of there," he said, after checking his e-mail to get an "on-the-ground" take on the Iraqi elections. "You never know when you are going to get hit with mortars or rockets. You just try to go to sleep at night."

"I'm glad to come home, I just worry about the replacements."

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Matt Vincent's mother, Laurie, left, and Russ Peck brave Thursday's cold temperatures to welcome him home.

The plot thickens

■ Jordan Valley District Library board can't agree on much

By B. J. HETLER
Contributing Writer

It has the makings of a good novel — questions about the propriety of a land purchase, possible illegal board actions, talk of lawsuits, flaring tempers — but it's not a book, it's the Jan. 25 meeting of the Jordan Valley District Library Board.

The board met at the library in East Jordan for its monthly meeting, but before the gavel went down, a board member questioned whether the Dec. 8, 2004 board meeting had been conducted in a legal manner. That set off a heated discussion and the official meeting never took place.

Board member Chris Curtin wanted a determination of the legality of the Dec. 8 meeting when a majority of members voted to remove her officer status of president, as well as the titles of other members.

The Dec. 8 meeting had just opened. Curtin told the board, when member Harry Watson made motions to remove officer status from Curtin, vice president Joyce Wardwell and secretary Lori Bolt. The treasurer position was vacant. Motions were then made to name Sara Schroeder president, Bob Sherman Jr. vice president, Linda Robinson treasurer and Diane Boyer secretary. The board voted and the motions were approved.

Current president Schroeder determined that if the Dec. 8 meeting was

not legal, then the Jan. 25 meeting may not be legal and all members agreed not to open an official meeting until an attorney reviewed the situation. About 15 people in the audience then listened quietly for about an hour as questions and comments were exchanged.

Member Linda Robinson addressed Curtin several times saying "If you were to voluntarily resign," perhaps it would be better. But Curtin stood firm. "I'm not going to voluntarily step aside," Curtin said. "If this board has done something wrong, I'm going to hold it accountable."

Member Harry Watson repeatedly asked Curtin and Wardwell if they were going to sue the board.

Wardwell said she had not consulted an attorney, but Curtin said "It's none of your business. I am interested in working with an attorney to find out what the state attorney general has to say." Watson countered that he would contact his friend Sen. Jason Allen to look into matters.

Another issue that prompted a heated discussion was the \$400,000 purchase of 18 acres of land on M-66 near Glen's Market. Board president Sara Schroeder and member Harry Watson questioned whether due diligence was practiced because the purchase was made without a professional appraisal to determine fair

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Boyne City couple gives generously to Boyne Rehab

By JANE BOOZE
Contributing Writer

Ora Lynn Smith III and Jane Marzelli Smith moved to Boyne City permanently three or four years ago, and have a shared philosophy that people should give back to the communities they live in.

It was because of a special relationship with Boyne Rehabilitation Center that the Smiths decided to put this philosophy into action with a \$50,000 donation to the Boyne Rehab expansion project.

Ora Smith is a retired child psychologist and Jane is a CPA and attorney, formerly a partner with Deloitte & Touche.

The couple has had a home in Boyne City since the 1980s, but Ora's love of the area reaches back to his college years when attended Michigan State University, taking winter term off and working as a ski instructor at Boyne Mountain and Boyne Highlands. In this way he was able to put himself through school, and in the

process, developed a life-long affection for the area.

Now suffering from back problems, Ora began to receive treatment from Boyne Rehab.

"They've done a wonderful job," Jane said. "I think we are real fortunate to have Cindy Banner — I think she's the force behind getting them here. She's tireless, the staff is tireless. It's made a difference in his (Ora's) life."

"The Rehab always seems to be there, to be available," she added, saying, "Of course they are overcrowded right now. They need this expansion."

For the Smiths, recognizing that need and addressing it were two parts of a whole.

The expansion project is a result of increased demand on the facility, partly because, in the ten years of its existence, the Rehab Center has grown from two persons on staff to a staff of 10. These professionals bring services

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BOYNE CITY CHAMBER ANNUAL AWARDS

Honored for all they do

The Boyne City Area Chamber of Commerce had its annual meeting and auction last Thursday and the highlight of the evening came when it honored some dedicated members.

Leslie Nielson, chamber president and owner of Bali and Beyond, received the first Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award for her work in Boyne City. Nielson was described as hard-working, dedicated and a "go-getter."

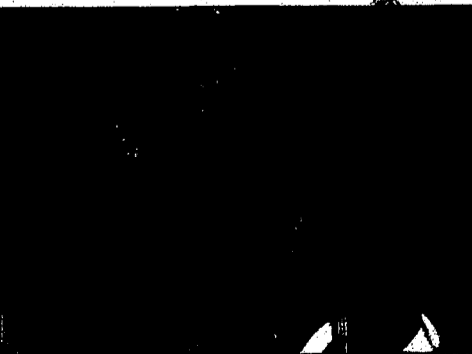
She said that her initial involvement in the chamber

was a result of her dissatisfaction with that organization. She said that she realized that she could be part of the problem or part of the solution, and chose the latter.

Her subsequent dedication and commitment, especially her leadership with the "Buy Into Boyne" program, led to the decision to confer this special award upon her.

The Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award, named for last year's Chamber president and co-owner of Thick

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Leslie Nielson was presented the first Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award. Behind her is chamber executive director Scott MacKenzie.



Ann Parks, left, and Liz Kroondyk represented Boyne City's Fourth of July Committee, winner of the Organization of the Year Award.

Back home

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But Vincent doesn't just worry about the replacements, he also worries about his Iraqi friends, he said.

According to Vincent, Mosul is much like Michigan, climate-wise, with four seasons, including some snow. There are lots of Kurdish people and Christians as well as Sunnis.

"We were mortared a little bit every day, but it stepped up last April or May. There were up-risings when the 101st was leaving out of Mosul," Vincent said, explaining that attacks were increased whenever military personnel was down.

"We got lucky because they didn't have a lot of technology," he said.

Vincent said that his Iraqi friends were convinced that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but that there were moved around.

"It was kind of hide and seek with the weapons inspectors," Vincent said, saying that he was sure many things were moved or buried.

Vincent said that 90 percent of the civilians in Mosul were glad for American and Coalition presence, although he said that much of the population was so tormented and kept in such ignorance by Hussein that some could be close-minded.

"We trained Iraqi firemen. They needed us there and they wanted us," he said. "But the insurgency will pay people and they are so poor that they will do whatever it takes to feed their families. They will take the \$300 the insurgents will give them."

Vincent was in charge of 21 Iraqi firefighters.

"We got along really well in the fire department," he said. "There was no confrontation between the Kurds and the Arabic people - they didn't eat lunch together, but they worked together well."

He said there were religious reasons for the separate lunches, and "it was just the way it was. They



Matt Vincent and his fiancée, Theresa, stand in front of the Christmas tree. Theresa said would stay up until Matt was home from Iraq.

were great with me. Everybody wanted me to sit with them to eat."

"We started with 48 firefighters - now there are four," Vincent said. "They quit because of death threats. They don't just kill that person, they will kill the whole family." Even Iraqis that were willing to risk their own lives would often not risk the lives of their parents, siblings, spouses and children.

"I probably got in closer with them than most. I was in charge. I took good care of them," Vincent said. "They are very friendly people. They want to find out about you as much as you want to find out about them, and they all have dreams of coming to America."

Vincent helped the families he worked with by getting supplies that they might not otherwise get. He and other soldiers gave away toiletries and medical supplies that they got in care packages from home. When an Iraqi friend's wife had a baby daughter, Vincent's daughter, Katie, and Theresa sent baby clothes. In return, Katie got a letter from the grateful father, written in Arabic with English under the Arabic script. It said, "You are beautiful like flowers," and "Your daddy I very like."

Where he was stationed, Vincent said that most of the military support was for President Bush during the U.S. elections. He thought that during a war, it is im-

portant to support the commander in chief, saying that even if the intelligence that took us to Iraq was not good, "we are going to fight the war on terrorism. It is better to fight it there than here."

He said that the terrorists always target the weakest link - "Big vehicles with heavy guns don't get hit," he said, adding that the terrorists would not try and limit civilian casualties if the war was fought here.

Vincent is glad to be home. The Christmas tree was still up. Theresa said she would not take down the decorations until he returned, so the house is festive.

"We talked on the Internet or the phone just about every day," Vincent said. "It's hard to express true and total feelings that way. We had a few arguments because of communication problems."

"I give a lot of credit to Theresa. She helped keep my stress level down. It helped that my daughter was here - they were taking care of each other," Vincent said.

For a while, it looked as if they were going to be extended, but civilian firefighters, U.S. contractors, took over.

"All the time things were up in the air," Theresa said. Vincent said that the Abu Ghraib scandal hurt the troops in many ways. One was very tangible:

"We took a lot more mortars and rockets after that,"

he said. "It endangered other soldiers - made us mad - put us in harm's way. I understand interrogating a prisoner to get information, but they were totally disrespectful of their religion, their beliefs, their humanity."

Vincent, who is a sergeant, will have 20 years in on March 20, 2007. He fought in the first Gulf War. He said he became friends with some Iraqis that he fought against at that time. He plans to keep in touch with his replacements as well as the Iraqis he befriended.

"They had a hard time when I was leaving," he said. "They understood that I was going home. They were my friends. It was hard for me to leave, too. I drank a lot of tea with them and played dominoes."

"When I was leaving they brought me two big bags of tea and a blanket for Katie. They wouldn't take any money for them, they said, 'You are my brother.' In the Gulf War we were in two different armies, fighting against each other. Now we are friends."

Paul Michael is Citizen of the Year in EJ

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual dinner and silent auction Saturday evening, celebrating with a tropical theme.

The turnout was good, and Mary Faculak, chamber director, said that she was honored and humbled by the support of members and businesses for the chamber and auction.

Faculak said this was the third auction in East Jordan in the last three weeks, but the donations and bidders were excellent in spite of many good local causes.

The Citizen of the Year award was presented to a deserving Paul Michael. Michael is active in many different organizations, of which he is especially proud of his service with the U.S. Marine Corp. He is also active in soliciting Toys for Tots, and is a member of the MI. Marine Corp League (he was their Marine of the Year in 2000-2001). Michael is also very involved in his church, the East Jordan Rotary and Chamber of Commerce and the community at large.

He and his wife, Linda, own and operate Mortgage North. Faculak awarded the honor, saying, "You are one of our country and community's best. Because of you we are all stronger and better."

The Renaissance award went to Mary "Jane" Krumholz of the Jordan Inn for her work in renovating and restoring the historic landmark. Faculak said that the citizens of East Jordan are grateful to her for "giving back the Jordan Inn."

The President's award was given to William "Butch" Breakey, "in appreciation and recognition of his countless hours of service behind the scenes and beyond his job description" to the community and the chamber.

The Ambassador award went to Laurie Lessor-Hodgson, owner of L.L.H. Graphics for "dedication and enthusiastic support." According to Faculak, Lessor-Hodgson has not missed a ribbon cutting, attends all the Wake-Up events that East Jordan sponsors, and also attends the Business After Hours faithfully.

Lessor-Hodgson also helped create the chamber website.

A special appreciation award was given to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Elders Bevan and Chatwin for their outstanding support and assistance over the year at the chamber offices and various chamber events. Faculak said that they would be missed when they are transferred.

The auction, under the auspices of Scott MacKenzie, auctioneer, raised \$8,500.

A new chamber board was recognized, and the retiring members honored. The Caribbean dinner was catered by the Lumberjack Grill and was "extraordinary," according to the feedback Faculak has received.

"It was an outstanding dinner and one of our best events," Faculak said.

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By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



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Know your limits when it comes to snow shoveling

By Ernie Harwell

It's said that there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. Well, I'd argue that here in Michigan, we have a third: snow.

Now there's no doubt snow can be beautiful. However, it can also pose some risk to our health. If you have a personal or family history of heart disease or high blood pressure, if you smoke, or if you're generally an inactive person, you can be in a danger zone if you run out there to shovel the walk.

Even generally healthy people need to be careful. Here are some tips:

- Freshly fallen snow is easier to shovel, so try to remove snow right after a storm.
- Dress warmly and in layers.
- Drink water to avoid dehydration.
- Bend from the knees and lighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow.
- If the snow is too heavy to lift, push it like a snowplow.
- Most importantly, take it slow and stop if you feel pain or discomfort.

The bottom line is that it's important to do what's right for your health. Your best options might be paying a youngster in the neighborhood to shovel your walk or asking someone for a helping hand.

Take care of your health before it's lonnnnggg 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 87, 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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Warriors are on the trail

On Saturday, the Wertz Warriors will have completed their 24th annual week-long fund-raising ride, having made approximately 40 stops in northern Michigan collecting money for the Special Olympics.

The stops vary from American Legion posts to Moose Lodges to restaurants to schools. At each stop the Warriors will collect donations for the 2005 Winter Special Olympics in Michigan.

The Wertz Warriors began their trek on Jan. 30 at Skidway Lake and will conclude in Gaylord. Along the way, they will make overnight stops in Houghton Lake, Grayling, Traverse City, Lewiston, Petoskey and Gaylord. The Warriors will stop at Jake's Place in Boyne Falls on Thursday. They are scheduled to arrive at 2:30 p.m. and depart 45 minutes later.

The Wertz Warriors' organization was started in 1981 by former Detroit Tiger Vic Wertz. His vision was to create a fund-raising organization that would underwrite the Winter Special Olympics in Michigan.

Wertz passed away in 1983, but his dream lived on and grew to be tremendously successful. In total, the Wertz Warriors have raised almost \$6 million to benefit the winter games. This year alone, more than \$500,000 has been raised.

This year, 61 riders and 26 crew members are participating in the week-long ride. According to Wertz Warriors' members, one of their favorite stops is at the Grand Traverse Resort to give snowmobile rides to the athletes competing in the Special Olympics. The Warriors also take part in opening ceremonies. The Warriors are scheduled to arrive at the resort today (Wednesday) around 3 p.m. The opening ceremonies begin at 7:30 p.m.

Winter Special Olympics games are this week

More than 1,000 athletes will be testing their skills in Michigan's 2005 Winter Special Olympics.

The games will take place at the Grand Traverse Resort, Howe Ice Arena in Traverse City and at Schuss Village in Shanty Creek.

The games include Alpine skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, figure skating and speed skating. In addition to the athletes, more than 700 volunteers help put the games on.

Opening ceremonies will take place today at the Grand Traverse resort, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A reception for parents and families will take place at the resort following the ceremony. Events will begin at each venue earlier in the day.

The winter games will continue Thursday morning for all sports, with many competitions and activities scheduled throughout the day. The closing ceremonies and a victory dance will take place at the Grand Traverse Resort on Thursday, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Events will conclude on Friday at 1 p.m.

Events that will be held at Schuss Village include the slalom, giant slalom and downhill in Alpine skiing. Snowboarding events include the slalom, giant slalom and super giant slalom. The cross country races include the 50, 100, 250, 500 meter races and the one, three, and five kilometer races.

Figure skating events and speed skating will be held at Howe Arena. Snowshoeing races will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort.

The games are sponsored by the Wertz Warriors and Spartan Stores. For more information on the Special Olympics and specific time of the events, visit its Web site at www.somi.org.



Betty Beeby is one of the artists featured in the exhibit "From Pencil to Pixel" now on display at the Jordan River Arts Center. Beeby has worked nationally for magazines and TV films, notably Captain Kangaroo.

Drawings and books; animation and videos

JRAC hosts new exhibit

"From Pencil to Pixel," the exhibit now showing at the Jordan River Art Center, has hands-on experiences of interest to all ages — from young to old.

The exhibit consists of original illustrations and their accompanying books, and animation techniques which are explained by video. There are also examples of the development of illustrations for a story, and the technique of multiple drawings and the story board used for animation.

Art patrons are invited to experience the exhibit hands-on by comparing the original illustration with its marked page in the book.

Besides the Mazza Museum Collection, area artists participating are Betty Beeby, Eastport; Jan and Gary Bower, Traverse City; Mary Fuscaldo, Traverse City; Mary Hramiec Hoffman, Harbor Springs; Heidi Marshall, Harbor Springs; Wendy and Brian Froud, England; Ken Scott, Suttons Bay; and Kathy-Jo and Ed Wargin, Petoskey.

Guests are encouraged to play the four videos explor-

ing different techniques of animation. The story board technique and drawing for animations are exhibited. Animators participating are Diana Morse, Grand Rapids; Jim Middleton, Battle Creek; Rob Hughes, Traverse City, and Dave Baker, Galesburg.

A book signing will be held Feb. 6 from 1-4 p.m. Several of the participating artists will be present to sign their books. Artists unable to be present will have signed books available. Calendars, DVDs, prints, and some of the original illustrations will also be for sale.

Items available include: "Great Granny's Stable Table," "Whistle Up the Bay," and "Mrs. Squid, a Story in Her Own Ink." (includes eight pocket books) illustrated and written by Betty Beeby; "Elizabeth Whitney; William's Little Traverse Light" illustrated and written by Mary Hramiec Hoffman; "Petra's Adventures in Nivenatim" written and illustrated by Heidi Marshall; "Look about You" illustrated by Mary Fuscaldo; Thinking of Others Series — "Wyatt's Wagon," "Tessa's Treasures," "Cody's Castle,"

and "Ive's Icicles" written and illustrated by Gary and Jan Bowers; "Leelanau County," "Up North in Michigan," and a Charlevoix poster illustrated by Ken Scott; "Uncle Stans Illustrated Cartoons," and a Calendar by Jim Middleton; and a DVD, "Move, Click, Move" by Dianne Morse.

The exhibit is on display through Feb. 26. The center is open daily from 1-4 p.m. Other times can be arranged by calling (231) 582-6399. The exhibit is partially funded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs through the Cheboygan Area Arts Council.

Building department holding meetings to explain construction process

Are you planning a building project in the near future? If so, the Charlevoix County Department of Building Safety wants to help.

The department is sponsoring two one-night informational sessions to help you understand the building process. Inspectors and zoning administrators will be on hand to provide the latest information on building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, soil erosion and zoning permits.

Items to be discussed include "How, when and why is a permit needed?" and "When and what inspections are required?" Answers to these questions plus more will be available.

Meetings will be held Monday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Boyne City Hall; and Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. at the East Jordan City Hall.

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OPINION

LETTERS

One man does his best to keep sidewalks clear

TO THE EDITOR:

As president of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, I wish to congratulate the business owners and the City of East Jordan Department of Public Works under the direction of Butch Breakley for the exemplary job they have done and continue to do regarding snow removal throughout the business district.

I would also like to recognize one individual who is employed by several of the downtown business owners to maintain their sidewalks throughout the entire year.

David Schweer is no stranger to our community but rather is a very well known and respected East Jordan resident. His dedication and genuine commitment to having the "cleanest" sidewalks are greatly appreciated by all of us who work with him or enjoy the benefits of his labor.

David is often up by 4 a.m. and out on his "route" long before many of us have stirred from a winter's night sleep. He always has a friendly smile and time for a "warm up" visit with many of us business owners. At last year's Chamber Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner I was truly honored to present David with my President's Award. He truly is a great example of the wonderful community spirit and pride we have in East Jordan.

Thank you Kathy Johnson for noticing and acknowledging our special community. We invite everyone to visit East Jordan to dine, shop and enjoy our many nature-based recreational amenities this winter and throughout the entire year. Discover what Kathy and so many others are experiencing and enjoying!

Mary H. Faculak, president
East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

VERNON OSCAR HAUSLER

The Veteran of the Month for February is Vernon Oscar Hausler.

Born Nov. 5, 1918 in Boyne City, Hausler completed grammar school and went to work to help support his family during the Great Depression. After working on Great Lakes freighters, Hausler was hired by Howe Leather Co. in 1940 and worked as a tannery helper. On June 27, 1941 Hausler was inducted into the U.S. Army Quarter Master Corps entering into active duty in Kalamazoo.



Vernon Oscar Hausler

Following basic training Hausler attended auto mechanic school at Fort Warren and was assigned to the 1116th Quarter Master Company where he was a supply clerk. On Dec. 24, 1943 Hausler departed the USA and arrived in the European Theater of Operations on Jan. 18, 1944 and took part in the Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns.

On Feb. 8, 1944 Hausler departed the European Theater of Operations arriving in the Pacific Theater of Operations on March 13, 1944 and took part in the India-Burma campaign. On Sept. 6, 1945 Hausler departed the Pacific Theater of Operations and arrived in the USA on Sept. 27, 1945.

On Oct. 29, 1945 Hausler received his Honorable Discharge at the Separation Center, Camp Grant, Ill., having attained the rank of Sergeant, and was awarded the following decorations and citations: The American Defense Service Ribbon, The American Theater Ribbon, The European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars, The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Battle Star, three Overseas Service Bars and The Good Conduct Medal.

Hausler returned to work at the Howe Leather Co. and on Oct. 5, 1946 he married Ruth Arlene Hocquard in Boyne City. Following the close of the Howe Leather Co. in 1969 Hausler was employed by the Boyne City Public Schools, retiring in 1984. Hausler enjoyed ice skating, roller skating, bowling, playing cards and being with his family until he answered the final call on Dec. 20, 2004.

He is being honored by his wife Ruth and family.

The Veteran of the Month Program is available for any deceased veteran who served honorably in the United States military. To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 4-6 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of Lake and Main in Boyne City, at 6:15 p.m.



NORTHERN CALLINGS

Always ready to lend a hand

By KATIE WOLCOTT

Through the years, I've had the opportunity to observe a wonderful phenomenon concerning northern Michigan residents—on average, we're down right super nice people.

Of course, every true northern Michigander already knows this. I haven't stumbled upon anything that will change the future. However, I do feel it is important to acknowledge such an overwhelming spirit of caring, generosity, and good will and offer our good Samaritans a well-deserved pat on the back.

Even though these humble-natured souls don't expect anything in return for their kindness, I firmly believe that recognition is order. Obviously, I can't mention every act of kindness witnessed in my lifetime. That would amount to a rather hefty anthology. Instead, I've chosen a handful of episodes that stick out to remind me that, even through mountains of snow and frigid temperatures, the people of northern Michigan can be counted on to keep friends and strangers safe and warm.

Before I begin, it's necessary to point out that several of the following memories date back to childhood. Although I'm certain they really did happen, I cannot guarantee the accuracy of details surrounding the events in question. As most people know, a child's perception of objects and events is far different from those of an adult. So, please keep this in mind as you proceed. Also, I assure you that any episode caused by a severe lapse in judgment falls outside any statute of limitations and cannot be pursued for legal ramifications.

Step back, if you will, to a time when "SUV," "ABS," and "AWD" were just random letters of the alphabet. A time when winter driving required a different mix of experience, skill, and sanity. Don't step back too far, though. I can only go 25 years or so. Beyond that, you're on your own.

My first recollection of winter good will dates back to the early 1980's. I don't know the exact year, but I'm pretty sure we had more snow that winter than every once since. Snow covered my bedroom window and touched the net on the basketball hoop. We could climb on the roof of the garage without a ladder. Dad had to snowblow to the end of the road and back to make a path to get to work in the mornings.

One day, during a particularly vicious blizzard, my family and I were inside playing board games, coloring, doing puzzles and enjoying hot chocolate when we heard a knock on the door. I was always excited when we had visitors. Unexpected visitors were even better. And unexpected visitors in the middle of a blizzard...well, that was icing on the cake.

When my dad opened the front door, we were faced with a family of five snow-covered strangers. Apparently, they'd gone into the ditch in front of our house and needed assistance. After further inspection, it was determined that no assistance we could offer would help their buried car. So, in the face of adversity, my parents did what any caring people would do — invited them to stay with us until we could get them back on their way.

Either tow trucks were in short supply or my memory is severely warped, because I clearly remember them stay-

ing with us for days. In my eyes, it was just like a great big party. We played games, ate dinner, and sat around talking just like they were family. I don't have the slightest idea how they finally got out of the ditch, but I was in no hurry for them to go. In fact, I secretly hoped their little red car would disappear in the snow and they'd stay until spring.

A few years later, the tides turned and our car found its way into the ditch. We were on our way to Traverse City. Our lane was full of thick slush, but the other lane was nicely plowed and clean. My dad, the foolhardy optimist, took advantage of the straight-aways to drive on the wrong side of the road. Even my young mind thought there was something inherently wrong with this stunt, but far be it for me to question his decision.

So there we were, driving on the wrong side of the road when a semi appeared in the distance. "Dad, shouldn't we get over?" my brother and I both suggested. "We've got plenty of time," my dad replied.

Nevertheless, we continued to subtly remind him of the oncoming monster and finally he made his move. At this point, it's important to mention that our car was a sky blue Volkswagen Rabbit. Apparently, the tiny speck of a car had no intention to relocate. Instead, we hit the slush and started spinning like a whirling teacup at Disney World. Any other time, the spiraling ride would have been thrilling. However, the approaching truck stole all the fun.

Miraculously, we landed safely in the ditch. To me, that snowy ditch was heaven on earth...a security blanket...the safest place imaginable...until my feet started to get cold and wet. Mom had warned me to wear moon boots instead of my slouching white boots with clicky heels, but I'd chosen fashion over warmth. I wasn't cold for long, though. The first car that drove by stopped to help us in our plight. Better yet, they let me sit in their car until ours was free.

How our car was freed is the best part of the story. No shovels, kitty litter, or tow ropes were required. Instead, they simply grabbed the tiny car by the bumpers, lifted it up, and put it back on the road. I haven't been on the receiving end of a roadside rescue since then, but I feel secure knowing that help is always a car away.

For a while, I thought courteous offers of roadside help were like second nature to everyone. Then, I learned that northern Michigan is slightly unique when it comes to looking out for one's fellow man.

Fresh from the east coast, on his third wintery day of work in northern Michigan, a former co-worker decided the best way to stop a sliding car was to collide with a stop sign. Despite his bad luck, he came into the office beaming with excitement. We thought for sure he'd hit his head in the crash until he said, "Can you believe at least six people stopped to help me. In Philly, some people would have ignored me. Others would have called me an idiot and continued to drive by. The rest would have assumed I was a raving lunatic waiting to rob them."

After that, the rest of us were a little brightened too. We were reminded that we live in a community where residents care for one another. We were proud to hear that northern Michigan is special.

(Katie Wolcott writes from her home in Gaylord)

GUEST COLUMN

Support for troops comes in many ways

By MAXINE HOUGH

The Gene Mont family has been instrumental in bringing the need for troop support to the attention of the citizens of the Boyne area.

Just about a year ago, Pat Bentley, Sgt. Gene Mont's grandmother, suggested that the American Legion send our troops decks of cards along with Phil Harris's song from World War II. The deck of cards could be used to remind the soldier of parts of the Bible. Victories Casino donated the cards, the song was duplicated and enclosed in each box of cards. The cards were then packed at a work bee in the Legion Hall and mailed to our troops overseas.

At about the same time, Chris Mont, Sgt. Mont's mother, along with her Americorps students, tied yellow ribbons on trees and posts throughout our area. They also placed "Support our Soldiers" signs, donated by Gina Bentley, owner of Boyne Valley Printing, in store and shop windows. Bob Drebenstedt, Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs director, distributed yellow magnetic ribbons, with "Support Our Troops" on them, to be placed on vehicles.

Boyne City American Legion Post #228 distributed 7,000 of them. Donations received were used to cover their cost and also to buy and then mail items to our troops. A list of items needed by the troops was printed in the Citizen-Journal and churches and organizations began mailing packages to our men overseas. The stage was now set for more support when Sgt. Kelli Howard, home on medical leave after being wounded in Iraq, visited the American Legion Post to thank them for the deck of cards.

Coincidentally, I had just asked my fellow Legionnaires if there weren't any women soldiers in the area. Thus the "Women are Soldiers Too" project for Sp4 Jennifer Lehto and Sgt. Howard began. A beautifully decorated drop box was placed in the Advance Store with an appropriate sign. This box was continually filled with items such as toilet articles, books, candy, chocolate drink mixes, etc. by the "Advance Angels."

While Sgt. Howard was home she visited her friend, Dava Maat, at Boyne Valley Library and asked if books could be mailed to the troops to read while waiting for their convoys to move. Thus began the "Books for Soldiers" program. Weekly articles began appearing in the Citizen urging support for our troops and thanking those who did. As packages were mailed to our troops, individuals and businesses willingly and gladly paid for the postage and were given a "We Support Our Troops" sign.

The Lions Club, Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, the Tuesday night Bingo Players and more contributed things to be mailed plus paying for the postage. The Rotary did a huge mailing of needed items and gave each a subscription to the Citizen. The "lunch bunch" at the Senior Center maintained a canister for postage money. Then came the "Treats for Troops" program whereby Gayle at Kilwin's of Boyne City offered a special price and deal for persons who purchased fudge to be mailed to our troops. The special program came to an end on Labor Day weekend, but not before we received word from Sgt. Gene Mont that his troops said "Kilwin's fudge ROCKS."

As the fudge was mailed so were other items such as toilet articles, candy, mixes for drinks, books, magazines, etc. Christmas packages from the Legion included a hand-inscribed Bible of the New Testament and the Psalms for each one. In the fall, American Legion Troop support officer Judy Leist began her new assignment with a spectacular deal she worked out with the owners of Roberts Restaurant and Harbor Wear: Boyne sweatshirts were mailed to our troops — just in time for the cold months in Iraq. Roberts Restaurant keeps a canister on their counter to collect postage money for packages mailed to our troops and a box for patrons to drop off items for the troops. After the holidays more packages were mailed to our troops containing the usual needed items plus the hard candies, gum and drink mixes. Finally — valentines are in the mail from so many people in our area so our troops will receive them in time for that special day.

What's the point of reviewing this history of Boyne supporting our troops? Because supporting our troops, who are in "harm's way" for us and our country every hour of every day of every week of every month — is our way of saying "Thank you" to them ALL the time, not just once in awhile.

(Maxine Hough is a member of the Boyne City American Legion Post #228)

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

ASHLEY SULAK of Boyne City, who lives with her mom, Reva Spencer, has returned home after spending several days in the hospital in Ann Arbor for surgery on her back. Ashley was born with scoliosis twelve years ago. Her family is more than pleased with the outcome of the surgery to straighten her back. Much thanks to the doctors and nurses for the good job!

FORMER RESIDENT, Joe Smith, a 1952 graduate of BCHS, died unexpectedly at his home in Loudon, Tenn. on Jan. 6. A memorial has been set up at the Boyne District Library in his name.

ARCHIE NEMECEK celebrates his 82nd birthday on Feb. 4. His family and friends are looking forward to sharing this special day with Archie. "Happy Birthday, Dad!"

BETTER LATE than never news is that Mary Jane Kroll has been recuperating at her Deer Road home since her release from Boulder Park Rehab about January 5. Still sees her doctor weekly, but just might be able to return to Wednesday's Boyne Valley Slim & Trim Club at Litzenger Place!

A PROUD and happy mother is Boyne City's Kris Grice! Her son, Christopher Grice, serving in the U.S. Air Force, out of Great Falls, Mont., was home on a two-week leave. While here, he went to see Ryan Aimesbury and Jon Ku in Alpena for a couple of days, Sam Bricker in Grand Rapids and other

friends at Central Michigan University. Dressed in full uniform, he visited some classrooms at Boyne City High School, giving talks about the Air Force, showing the equipment he used when he was based in Georgia in June with the Military Police, and answered questions students had. After all that, he enjoyed lunch with his brother Bill, who is a senior this year. Christopher is scheduled to be transferred to Paramedic and Jump Training for the Ranger Program, at which point he may be deployed for overseas duty. His family was so glad to see him and wishes him well, as does the community, for whatever lies ahead.

DAVE SKROCKI, Randy Bennett, Bill Crick, John Stark and Al Legato of East Jordan all left from Curtis on Sunday, Jan. 23 to go on their annual roundtrip snowmobile trip to points west.

JIM AND LINDA FELTON of Boyne City enjoyed a "Whole Family" belated Christmas celebration, a weekend of fun at the Wolf Lodge and Water Park in Traverse City, taking in a wide variety of entertainment at the popular lodge last weekend!

ABOUT 30 friends and relatives honored Sarah and Brion Sobleski with a baby shower last Sunday. A great time it was, visiting, playing games, enjoying refreshments and gift-giving moments for baby to be — and soon, as Sarah and Brion are expecting their first child, a daughter, named Madlyn, to be born Feb. 3! His mother, Angie Sobleski and sister Melisa, hosted the lovely party.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES go out to the family and friends of Joanna Haas of Walloon Lake, who passed away at the Otsego Memorial Hospital this past week and also, Jane Carter of Boyne City.

A "THANK YOU" party was hosted at the Woody and Penny Hardy home last Sunday. It was a great time and way for the Hardys to express their appreciation of about 20 families and friends who have stuck by them, in providing labor during their three year home remodeling project. All enjoyed a lasagna dinner and laughs and looking at a phase by phase photo album of when they started and not quite finished, where it is now. That's the way life is, in a small town, friends helping friends and vice-versa!

MASON MALPASS, little brother of Madeline Malpass, celebrated his first birthday on Jan. 28. Mason is the son of Andy and Sarah Malpass of East Jordan.

BOYNE CITY'S Kyrsha Zimmerman, Shelby Parks and squad were among those competing in the "Cheer America" State Competition held in Grand Rapids Saturday at Delta Plex Sport Arena. There cheering for the girls were grandparents Ann and Harley Parks and Kyrsha's parents Laurie, Chris and sisters MaKayla, Maddison and Aunt Natalie Peck. A good time it was, and the family spent the night and enjoyed pizza at Chucky Cheese.

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Katelynn Wilson
PARENTS: Kurt and Ruth Ann Wilson
GRADE: Kindergarten
FAVORITE CLASS: Reading
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Play with my sisters
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Katelynn Wilson is an outstanding student and member of our community," said Mrs. Collins. "She is a true role model to her peers teaching them about making friendships and treating others with respect. I am very proud to have Katelynn as a member of our class."



Katelynn Wilson

East Jordan High School

NAME: Josh Hanks
PARENTS: Sam Walton and Barbara Hanks
GRADE: Freshman
FUTURE PLANS: Join Coast Guard and then Merchant Marines
FAVORITE CLASSES: English, BMT, and conditioning
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Josh is hard working and a pleasure to have in class," said Mr. Gle.



Josh Hanks

"Josh is a kind, well-mannered young man," said Mrs. Standerfer. "He always has a smile to brighten the day and is kind to everyone he comes in contact with. In addition to his fantastic personality, he is a hard-working student who is a pleasure to have in class." "Josh has improved his classwork dramatically in Biology," said Mr. Bailey. "His sense of humor keeps me on my toes!"

East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Jessica Gibbard
PARENTS: Rex and Freida Gibbard
GRADE: Eighth
FAVORITE CLASS: Language arts
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Softball, volleyball, and participating in musicals
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jessica is very polite, considerate, and always thinking of other people," said Kay Holley, Barb Noiro, Matt Hamilton, and Paul Nachazel. "She puts a lot of effort into helping others. She is kind, responsible, and intelligent. Her attitude is always positive and up-beat."



Jessica Gibbard

Boyne City High School

NAME: Ken Poirot
PARENTS: Richard and Kathy Poirot
GRADE: Junior
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Play football, play video games, skiing, and snowboarding
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Work study program
FUTURE PLANS: Go to the Military or go to school to work in foods area.



Ken Poirot

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Ken, a student trainee placed at Subway in the Work Study program, has been doing a terrific job at his work placement," said Jill Towne-Patton. "His strengths are his enthusiasm and his ability to get the job done," said Kathy Dipzinski. "I have been working with Ken for the past three years, and it's been a great pleasure. Ken is always giving his best. He brings a smile to everyone he meets. Keep up the great job, Ken!"

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COFFEE HOUSE

First & third Saturday
The Open Door Christian Coffee House in East Jordan meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Main Street in East Jordan. The Boss's (Ken, Scott and family) will perform on Saturday, Feb. 5; Feb. 19, The Messiah Misfits; March 5, Maple Sugar; and March 19, Southern Praise. Donations will be accepted at the non-denominational family event. Pizza, coffee, tea and pop are available. The public is welcome.

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 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.

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.

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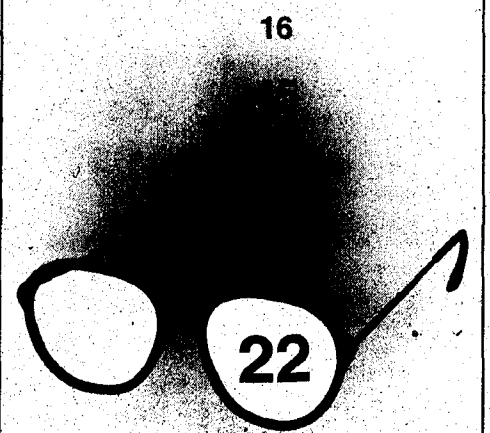
Thursdays
Interested persons are invited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie, and community service every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City.

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.

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Happy to be at Boyne City High School are exchange students, from left: Nassima Merouani, Astrid Graefe, Ann-Kathri Spitz, Stefanie Gabler, Christiane Raabe, Maria Augusta-Rosar, Chalakov Phuchonga, Yuki Endo, Mario Marmo, and Sebastian Klodda. Pictured below is Rocio Ruiz.

PHOTOS BY BRITTNEY MOODY

FRIENDS FROM AFAR

11 foreign exchange students making Boyne City High School their home

By BRITTNEY MOODY

Next stop, Boyne City. How did the small town of Boyne City end up with such a culture make over? It started when 11 exchange students from seven different countries found themselves in Boyne City to spend one of their years of high school.

Five students are from Germany. They are Ann-Kathri (Anki) Spitz, Astrid Graefe, Stefanie Gabler, Sebastian Klodda, and Christiane Raabe. The others are Yuki Endo of Japan, Rocio Ruiz of Spain, Maria Augusta-Rosar of Brazil, Mario Marmo of Venezuela, Chalakov (Catch) Phuchonga of Thailand, and Nassima Merouani of Algeria.

None of the students listed Michigan as a first preference yet all of them were placed here by their organization. However, Christiane said she had hoped she would end up in Michigan because her U.S. Army neighbors in Germany were from Michigan and she had

For most, coming to a small northwest Michigan community has been a real adjustment. "It's pretty different because it's a small town," Mario said. "And I am from a big town. I'm from a large city with four and a half million, almost five million people. I'm from Caracas, the capital (of Venezuela). I like big city because I'm accustomed to a big city."

"At my home town it's big so we have something going on all the time," said Maria Augusta-Rosar. "Here it's kind of calm and more relaxing than where I live." When comparing their host families and real families most students said they found a big difference in how Americans ate and the food they ate. "The food, it tastes different. I don't know why. Not good different," Sebastian said. Despite that, Sebastian said he really enjoys his host family. "They're funny, we don't have problems or anything, there's more people there and I'm an only child so it's easier."

Anki said her host family does "a lot of fast food cooking like dinner stuff that you just need to put in the oven." Rocio also thought that dinner was more formal in her country. "In my house we are always having dinner together but here we don't eat together. We do sometimes, but it's different."

Christiane agreed. "They're not eating together. They just come and grab stuff and they're not really together. We in Germany, we sit together and talk."

Anki found Thanksgiving a huge cultural difference. "Here we have Thanksgiving but we have not in Germany or in most countries, so that is a big difference. Also we open the presents on the 24th of December." Rocio said "We do it (open presents) on Jan. 6."

Stefanie also believes Americans watch a lot more television than Germans do. The way school and sports are organized is also very different from what the students have at home. Every exchange student said the class day was shorter at home, that it usually ended somewhere between noon and 1:30 p.m. "Classes are only 45 minutes," said Astrid. "We have mostly six hours, sometimes seven or eight." Regarding homework, Nassima said that "in my country we have homework if you want to do it. But here it's like they grade it."

For Rocio the biggest difference in the way school works is the mixing of age groups. "I'm a senior and I can be with sophomore or freshman. Sometimes it's like wow. In Spain we don't have that."

Ankie said that in Germany students have 10 or 11 classes and "we have just six hours a day but it's not



New ski team member Rocio Ruiz poses with snowboarding bud Mario Marmo.

like everyday the same schedule."

"It's like you have more time to do homework the way we do it, but you learn more the way you do it."

In Brazil, according to Maria, "the teachers change classes. Here we have to change and there we stay in same class and the teachers go around."

In Venezuela, according to Mario, it is set up the same.

"Here we raise our hand and say something we think," Yuki said. "But in Japanese school the teacher keeps talking. We don't raise our hands and we don't say our opinion." Yuki said students in Japan rotate subjects, instead of repeating like Americans. Also she said "We can't decide by ourselves classes, but Americans we go to office and choose our class by ourselves. We don't in Japan. The teacher gave us class."

School sports are also different in Japan. "We have sports," Yuki said, "But we play only one in a whole year. American students play many sports in each season. In Japan either once or twice we have really, really big game."

She also described how in Japan girls don't play soccer. "Soccer is for only boy sports so I can't imagine girls play soccer."

Rocio is on the Boyne City ski team and has participated in drama. She said "here there's more chance for sports, there's a lot of sports and everything. We have sports but it's not like that, here it's much bigger. It's like a different focus."

Astrid is also on the ski team and ran cross country last fall. "I think it's for the better. It's a different lifestyle here," Astrid said. "And they treat each other good when you're in a community, in a group."

Playing football was a new experience for Sebastian. "We don't have football and stuff. Football was pretty cool. Sports are better here."

Students have 'big impact' on high school

While expecting three, Boyne City High School instead welcomed 11 foreign exchange students last August for the 2004-2005 school year.

In past years there have been three or four who spend a year of study at Boyne City, so why so many this year? According to high school principal Karen Jarema, the new exchange program, EF, had placed seven students with families in the school district without realizing school protocol of hosting four exchange students per year.

However, enough families in Boyne City stepped forward to welcome the students into their homes that housing was no issue. It was done easily and well before school started, Jarema said.

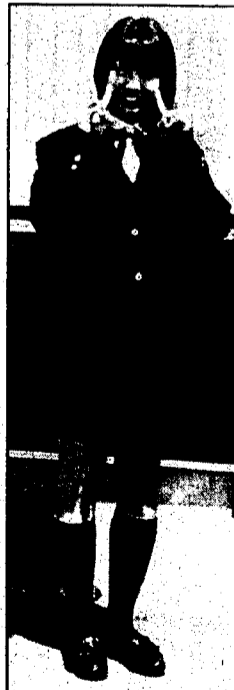
In the future, she said, BCHS will go back to having about three exchange students annually, one from each of the three agencies it works with: Rotary, NACEL International, and EF.

Even though there are many more exchange students, the larger number doesn't make the experience any less enjoyable for BCHS students. Jarema believes that the exchange students have a big impact on the rest of the student body. "It gives the opportunity for traditional students here at BCHS to see the difference in cultures," she said.

It also gives students the opportunity to develop relationships with people from a different culture, which may not otherwise occur until a BCHS student went to college or later on in their careers.

"I think it's great," said senior Amy Berns. "It provides a wonderful opportunity for us to learn about cultures, and for them to get first-hand knowledge of ours."

From the perspective of Ali Danforth, a sophomore at BCHS whose family is hosting exchange students Yuki and Catch, "it's fun and a good experience for anyone



And you think your dress code is bad? Yuki Endo, shown here in her school uniform, prefers Boyne City's freedom of wearing what you choose.

STUDENT	CITY/COUNTRY	POPULATION
Ann-Kathri Spitz	Kamp-Liutfort, Germany	40,000
Astrid Graefe	Grevenbroich, Germany	76,000
Stefanie Gabler	Schleswig, Germany	2,700,000
Sebastian Klodda	Hannover, Germany	500,000
Christiane Raabe	Hanau, Germany	90,000
Yuki Endo	Yamanashi, Japan	4,000
Rocio Ruiz	Madrid, Spain	4,000,000
Maria Augusta-Rosar	Florianópolis, Brazil	300,000
Mario Marmo	Caracas, Venezuela	4,500,000
Chalakov Phuchonga	Suphanburi, Thailand	864,520
Nassima Merouani	Algiers, Algeria	2,010,000

a good relationship with them.

Others had hoped to go elsewhere, but all are now glad to be here. Stefanie had wanted to go to Canada but it didn't work out and now she says "I really like it here." Yuki said "Michigan is so cool," but at first had "really wanted to go to Louisiana, because Britney Spears is from Louisiana, and every Japanese girl likes Britney."

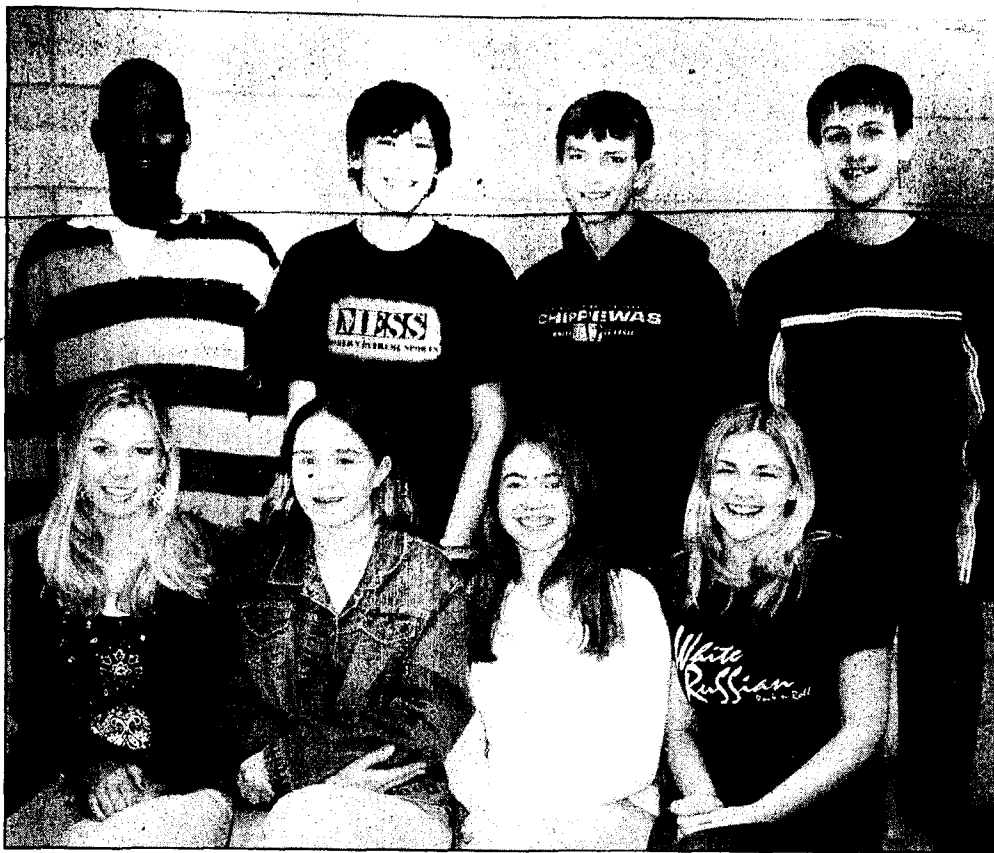
Anki said if you want to list a preference as far as states or specific cities go, then it costs an extra \$600.

For most, they just wanted to come to America for the new experience and to learn the language. "I wanted to come just to learn other traditions and languages. I like languages, and English is my third language," Nassima said.

BRITTNEY MOODY, A SENIOR AT BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL, IS WORKING IN AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WITH THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL DURING HER FINAL SEMESTER. HER WORK FROM NOW THROUGH MAY WILL BE A REGULAR FEATURE OF THE PAPER.

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Students

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"At home, I did running and we play soccer at school, we play all of these things together," Maria said. "It's not like here. It's like gym class there." Many of the exchange students said the newest thing to them was the snow. "I never had snow before like Brazil and where I live it's always warm," said Maria. "So here there's snow and it's really cold and you can ski." Stefanie and Mario said that they have enjoyed snowboarding. Overall, the exchange students have enjoyed their experience. "I think the people here are more friendly so I got a lot of people to know and love," Anki said. "There are a lot of like hugging here," Catch said. Yuki, who is the youngest student at 16, and a sophomore, was most enthusiastic about her time in

Michigan. "I want to come back to Michigan to go to college. I want to go to any college in Michigan. Though it's cold, I really like it. But first I need to study and after college and I graduate high school I want to get married to an American. Americans are so cool! Tall, blonde hair, blue eyes, tall nose." "I want to go to college around here," Sebastian said. "I don't know where, but I want to try to get a scholarship for soccer or football kicking or something. I would like to stay here after college too." The others explained that they would definitely like to visit their host family, and their friends again, but, they do not plan on living here. Christiane gave a good summary of the best thing about becoming an exchange student. "I think that the best memory is when you're like here and the family here is like your own family and you can talk with them about everything and treat them like family and you're like really family now."

Logger royalty

It is a big week at Boyne Falls as the high school celebrates homecoming. Events will culminate Friday when the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned during the Loggers game against Mackinaw City. Member of the court are, back row from left: Demetrius Burks, Adam Raphael, Josh Jarema, and A.J. Hawkins. Front row: Ashley Mauchmar, Jessica Massey, Kari Jepsen, and Brittany Matelski. The game begins at 6 p.m.

Getting along fine

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who tries it." BCHS teachers enjoy the experience of having so many exchange students. Science teacher Andy Bryant explained that "They all speak different languages, yet they seem to understand the concepts because I believe science is universal." "It's fantastic the amount we have this year," said history teacher Chris Ames. "The amount is very impressive and the level of English skill is quite good. It'd be a neat opportunity if our kids decided to all leave and do something like that." "All of the students have been very successful," BCHS principal Jarema said. "When talking to the kids they all talk about how much they enjoy their experience." She did explain that while the comfort level for the exchange students was probably higher since

there are so many of them which creates "a group for them to interact with and have a close communication with," she expressed concern that "it is also unfortunate for them because since we have so many, it takes the uniqueness away by having 11 students in such a small school." The school talks on a regular basis with the local directors of the exchange program agencies, who keep in touch with the students to make sure they are doing well. According to Jarema, "it's been an enjoyable year. There is a large number of exchange students but it's been a great experience for Boyne City Schools."

OBITUARIES

Pearl H. 'Polly' Sinclair

Pearl H. "Polly" Sinclair, 99, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at her home in East Jordan.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan. The Rev. Robert H. Carter officiated. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.



Polly was born on Aug. 18, 1905 in Ellsworth, the daughter of Alfred and Anna (Peebles) Johnstone.

She attended school until she received her teaching certificate at County Normal. On

June 17, 1925 in Charlevoix, she married Alex Sinclair. They made their home in East Jordan.

Polly was a homemaker who loved to garden. She also enjoyed knitting, mushrooming and making Christmas handicrafts as gifts. Polly was known as a good cook, baker and seamstress.

Alex Sinclair preceded her in death in 1965. Afterwards, Polly worked at the East Jordan Cooperative for a few years.

Polly was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Bridge Club, Garden Club and Rotary Auxiliary, all of East Jordan.

Polly is survived by three children, Patricia (Leland) Hickox of Big Rapids, Shirley Barton of Brighton and Kay (Loren) Hughes of East Jordan; one daughter-in-law, Wava Sinclair of Havre, Mont.; 22 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by one son, Daniel Sinclair; two sisters and two brothers.

Memorials are to be directed to the First Presbyterian Church, East Jordan. Arrangements were made by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

DEATH NOTICES

Edward E. Modeen

Edward E. Modeen, 40, died Sunday, January 30, 2005, at his home in South Arm Township near East Jordan.

No services are scheduled. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.



Honored for their work

Elise Freed and Krista Scott display their certificates and pins they received at the Charlevoix County 4-H Recognition Banquet for the 2004 Project year. The banquet was held in Boyne City, with the Boyne City Schools Hospitality Program providing refreshments. Charlevoix County 4-H leaders, volunteers, and members were recognized for their efforts and commitment to 4-H. The annual event is sponsored by the Charlevoix County 4-H Leader's Council.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228 held on Dec. 2, the following letters and reports were presented: a thank you letter from Gordon Dana for the Veteran of the Month ceremonies conducted for his brother James Dana; a thank you letter and year book from Camp Quality stating next year's theme will be South of the Border.

Troop Support - Judy Leist reported that the names and addresses of all area troops serving in Iraq are needed as Operation Home Front has people who want to send letters and packages to the troops; Karen Roberts of Roberts Restaurant has set up a collection box at her restaurant for items donated for our troops. Commander Kleinschrodt entertained a motion to donate \$100 to the Community Christmas Basket Program which passed.

At the regular meeting held on Jan 6, thank you letters for donations to the Alzheimer's Association and the Boyne Area Community Christmas Basket Program were read. The chaplain reported there are four new veterans at Grandvue: World War II - John Antrobivus, Harold Ferris and William Vrontran; Korea - Robert Shouts.

Blue Star Banners and magnetic ribbons are available to family members and others who wish to show their support for their loved ones and friends serving their country on active duty and may be purchased at the Post on

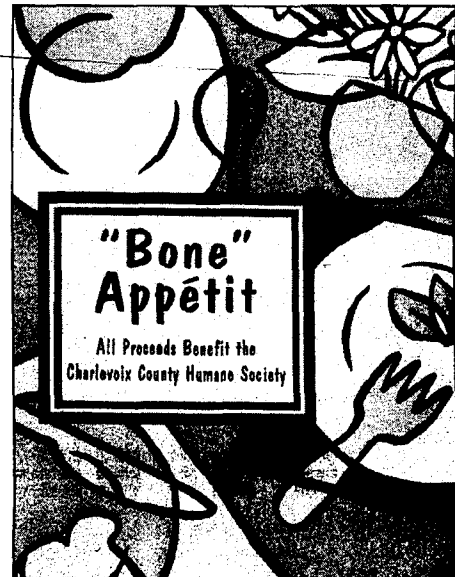
Tuesdays between 3 and 10 p.m. during bingo. The next regular meeting is Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and will be preceded by the Veteran of the Month Ceremonies at 6:15 p.m. followed by a potluck supper and guest speaker. Area veterans are encouraged to attend.

Genealogical Society

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main Street, Boyne City.

At the meeting, members will view the video, "Using Online Resources to Do Genealogy," which will be followed by discussion on the same topic.

The public is welcome. For more information, call Joy at 582-3440.



Cookbook fundraiser

The Charlevoix County Humane Society has released its "Bone Appetit" 2005 cookbook loaded with local recipes from main dishes to desserts. The cookbook is available in Boyne City at the Humane Society, Lost and Found Antiques and Boyne Country Books. In Charlevoix it is available at Juilleret's Restaurant. The cost is \$10 and all proceeds go to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

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The Town Meeting
(231) 264-9711

Zelda Hughes

Zelda Beals Hughes, 66, of Sulfer Springs, Texas, and formerly of Boyne City, died Jan. 29, 2005 in Sulfer Springs.

Memorial services will be held in Sulfer Springs.

COLLEGE NEWS

ALEX BAYSTER, a Northwood freshman from East Jordan, was granted the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year.

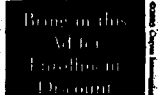
Bayster is the son of Chadwick and Diane Breithaupt of Boyne City.

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SPORTS

Oh, so sweet

BC defeats Elk Rapids for first conference win

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

It wasn't easy but it sure was exciting. And it wasn't until the final buzzer before the Boyne City Ramblers claimed their first conference victory of the season, defeating Elk Rapids Friday, 52-50.

With the clock winding down, trailing by two, and poised to cap a 10-point second quarter comeback, Elk Rapids had the ball in the hands of its point man and leading scorer Jeff Guntzville.

Guntzville had a clear look at the basket from the three-point line, put up the shot, but it rimmed out at the buzzer, giving Boyne City the hard-earned Lake Michigan Conference victory on the road.

In a game that had Boyne City up by 11 points at the half and 10 points after three, the Elks outscored the Ramblers 13-5 down the stretch to set up the dramatic finish.

"We had a chance to put it away, but they did a good job of chipping away at the lead," said Boyne City head coach Tim Smith. "We had a chance



After chasing each other around the court, Jordan Sweet, left, and Tyler Spence catch their breath during a stop in play. East Jordan came back from an 11-point halftime deficit to beat Boyne City to earn its first conference win in 48 games.

"I thought that Dillon (Olmstead) had a fabulous night shooting for us. Caleb (Helsley) hit two threes at the end of the first half and he had his best performance defensively."

Tim Smith,
BC head coach

to ice it, but we made only three of seven free throws in the fourth quarter."

The victory moved Boyne City to 2-10 overall with a 1-6 mark in the conference.

Dillon Olmstead paced the Rambler offense with 20 points and Caleb Helsley scored 14 to offset Guntzville's 19 points and Mason Yankee's 14 for Elk Rapids. Reed Ameel chipped in with nine points for Boyne City.

"I thought that Dillon had a fabulous night shooting for us. Caleb hit two threes at the end of the first half and he had his best performance defensively against Guntzville," Smith said.

The coach also cited the inside play of his interior men Drew Mittig, Scott Morrow and Grant Ameel as a key factor saying, "they really responded to the challenge."

"Reed Ameel's floor leadership was outstanding, while handling the pressure and distributing the ball," Smith added.

For the game Grant Ameel had seven rebounds and Morrow grabbed five boards, while Reed Ameel dished out four assists.

The Ramblers will host Grayling this Friday and travel to Harbor Springs next Tuesday.

The streak is over, at last

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

They did it.

The East Jordan Red Devil varsity basketball team overcame an 11-point half-time deficit to defeat rival Boyne City 60-53 on Tuesday, Jan. 25, to win their first conference game since 2001.

"The kids came out with passion in the second half and really played as a team on both ends of the floor," said head coach Lance Bailey. "The kids executed very well and made their free throws down the stretch.

"We were able to get the conference losing streak (48 games) off of our backs and I was really happy for them. It was a pretty exciting locker room," Bailey added.

Boyne City took a 10-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and then added a 22-13 run in the second quarter to build a 32-21 cushion going into the intermission.

"Boyne City always comes prepared to play and brings interesting twists to their game plans," Bailey said. "They came out and really challenged our younger players to beat them."

The Red Devils turned the tables with a 21-point run of their own in the third period to tie the contest at 43-43 going into the final eight minutes.

"We were in a position to win it down the stretch, but we didn't make our free throws when it counted," said Boyne City coach Tim Smith. "Give East Jordan the credit. Their kids hung in there and showed a lot of composure in the end. Coach Bailey has a group of kids that has a lot of potential."

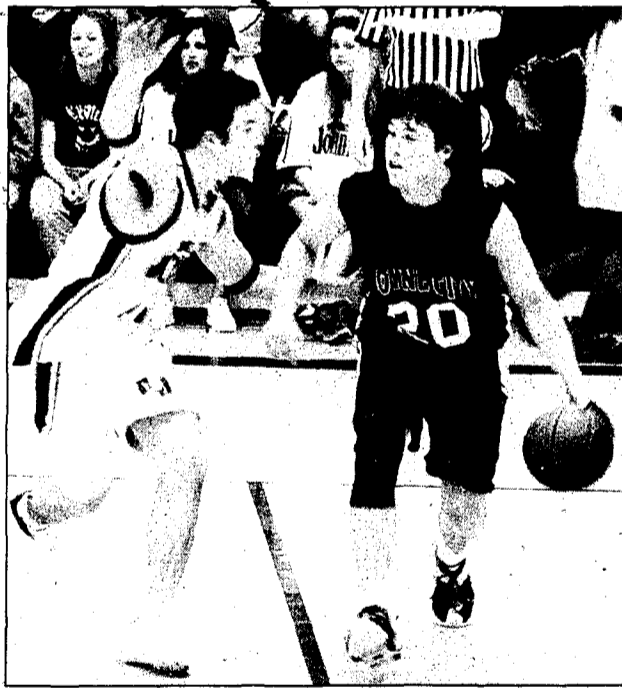
East Jordan outscored Boyne City 17-10 in the final eight minutes of play.

Tyler Spence led the East Jordan stat sheet with 21 points, four rebounds and two assists, while Kyle Daneff chipped in with 18 points, nine rebounds and two blocks. Andrew Streufert dished six assists and Tom Krause handed out five helpers.

Dillon Olmstead led three Ramblers to hit double-digit scoring with 18 points, while Reed Ameel added 15 points and Grant Ameel chipped in with 11. Caleb Helsley and Grant Ameel hauled in six rebounds each.

Charlevoix 92, East Jordan 81

The league-leading Charlevoix varsity basketball team got 31 points



Tom Krause, left, and Reed Ameel, two seniors with a long sporting rivalry during their four years of high school, were matched up against each other at times during last Tuesday's game.

from Ed Waldron and three other Red Raiders reached double figures when Charlevoix downed East Jordan 92-81 on Friday, Jan. 28.

Matt Kautz and Jared Hunt added 17 points each, while Ben Bergmann chipped in with 12 points to bolster the offensive attack that kept Charlevoix

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Racing down the hill

Just seconds separate Kyle Barden and Katherine Rowley

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

After four runs of intense competition, just two seconds was all that separated Boyne City's Kyle Barden and Charlevoix/East Jordan's Katherine Rowley at the Lake Michigan Conference league meet held at Boyne Mountain on Thursday, Jan. 27.

In the end, the winning edge went to Barden in both races as she turned in times of 29.98 and 30.61 to capture the slalom and posted times of 21.70 and 22.61 to take the giant slalom.

Rowley had runs of 30.78 and 31.19 in the slalom, and times of 22.34 and 22.59 in the GS to grab second place.

Traverse City St. Francis had seven racers earn top 10 finishes, while all of the Lady Gladiators finished in the top 25, to head the girls team standings with 52 points.

Charlevoix/East Jordan came in second with 72 points followed by Boyne City (99), Harbor Springs (106), Grayling (124), and Elk Rapids (no score).

In the boys' competition, Boyne City's Nick Simeri and Josh Grove both earned a spot in the top 10, while Charlevoix/East Jordan's Andrew Mallory and Cameron Attee finished among the top 15.

Simeri was fourth in the GS (45.60) and sixth in the slalom (1:00.98), while Grove was 10th in the GS (47.85) and 10th in the slalom (1:04.68).

Mallory finished 11th in GS (47.89) and 12th in slalom (1:05.19), while Attee placed 15th in slalom (1:06.14).

Harbor Springs won the boys' competition with 31 points. Grayling placed second with 78 points followed by TCSF (116), Boyne City (119), Char/EJ (150) and Elk Rapids (178).

Other local results included:

Girls slalom - Jessica Grice (BC, 7th), Michelle Fritsch (Char/EJ, 9th), Kelsey Poineau (Char/EJ, 14th), Alex Welborn (BC, 16th), Katie Diller (Char/EJ, 19th), Astrid Greafe (BC, 24th), Sarah Lorne (Char/EJ, 25th)

Girls GS - Fritsch (Char/EJ, 6th), Grice (BC, 8th), Poineau (Char/EJ, 9th), Diller (Char/EJ, 11th), Natalie Lindsay (BC, 17th), Elizabeth Hazzled (Char/EJ, 21st), Lorne (Char/EJ, 23rd), Greafe (BC, 25th)

Boys slalom - Mac Brennan (Char/EJ, 16th), Geoff Baier (Char/EJ, 24th), Lee Blossom (BC, 25th), Billy Brodin (Char/EJ, 26th), Ryan Kasper (BC, 30th)

Boys GS - Blossom (BC, 15th), Corey Mills (BC, 19th), Baier (Char/EJ, 21st), Nic Williams (Char/EJ, 25th), Brodin (Char/EJ, 26th), Brennan (Char/EJ, 28th), Garrett Shepard (BC, 29th), Attee (Char/EJ, 32nd), Ryan Witten (Char/EJ, 33rd)

The next league meet will be this Thursday at Boyne Mountain.

EJ netters start fast but lose to Harbor

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The East Jordan varsity volleyball team won the opening game 26-24, but the Lady Devils dropped the next three games when Harbor Springs won the Lake Michigan Conference match on Thursday, Jan. 27.

The Lady Rams came back from the first game stumble to power past the Lady Devils 25-11, 25-9, 25-15 and drop East Jordan to 2-5 in league play.

"We started out strong, but faded quickly. This team has shown the ability to play with any team, but we need to keep up the intensity," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel.

Jill Drenth led East Jordan with nine kills, three digs, two blocks and 100 percent serving.

Jessica Roberts contributed 14 assists, five digs, three kills and 100 per-

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Cheer team is tops

The Boyne All Star Cheerleaders recently took first place at the Division 3 regionals in East Jordan and they competed last Saturday at the state competition in Grand Rapids. Members of the team are, front row from left: Samantha Gilmore, Jordyn Bacchus, Brittney Gregmore, Kyrsha Zimmerman, and Stevie Bartig. Back row: Maria Largermen, coach Jamie Prince, Courtney Aytes, Brittney Vanatta, Lynn Ridel, Jasmine Steinhoff, coach Paula Jorgensen, Jasmine Davis, and Shelby Parks.

Lady Ramblers making progress on the court

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

Despite a season of disappointments, as measured by wins and losses, the Boyne City varsity volleyball team continues to show progress on the court as the Lady Ramblers move through the regular season schedule and into the post season tournament.

The Lady Ramblers played their best game of the year against Gaylord on Saturday, Jan. 29, according to coach Casie Parker, when Boyne City competed in the Rogers City tournament.

"We just couldn't keep the lead," said Parker about the 24-26, 13-25 loss to Gaylord, "but this was the best we've served all season at 92 percent."

Five players turned in 100 percent performances at the service line during the tourney as Trisha Tomkins, Emily

McLane, Alex Welborn, Lyndsay Baic and Rachel Jabara led the offense for Boyne City.

McLane added 35 digs, seven blocks, six kills and five aces; Tomkins put down six kills and Baic contributed four blocks.

"Freshman Trisha Tomkins and senior Emily McLane played solid for us all day," said Parker.

In its four games Boyne City lost to Inland Lakes (11-25, 17-25), Gaylord, Harbor Light (13-25, 9-25) and Frankmouth (10-25, 12-25).

Traverse City St. Francis 3, Boyne City 0

Traverse City St. Francis dealt Boyne City its sixth loss in seven league matches with a 25-18, 25-15, 25-16 win at Boyne City on Thursday, Jan. 27.

"The most important thing is that we are still improving with every game whether the score shows it or not," Parker said. "The girls have good attitudes and they've

done everything that we have asked them to do. They don't give up."

For the Lady Ramblers, Emma Clemens, Welborn and Tomkins all turned in 100 percent serving games with Clemens adding 12 assists and Welborn contributing four kills.

Adding backup were McLane (17 digs, four kills, four blocks) and Jessica Nichols (16 digs, four kills, three aces).
Kalkaska 3, Boyne City 0

Kalkaska won three games to defeat Boyne City 25-20, 25-21, 25-19 on Monday, Jan. 24.

Welborn paced the Lady Ramblers with 100 percent serving, three kills and two blocks. Baic was also 100 percent serving. Nichols contributed with 15 digs and Clemens had 10 assists.

Boyne City will host East Jordan and Grayling on Monday starting at 6 p.m.

BC-EJ

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on top of the conference standings with an 8-0 record.

"We truly felt that with some adjustments we could pull off an upset with Charlevoix at our place," Bailey said. "It had all the elements for a great game: good crowd, confident teams and a Friday night game."

"The kids came ready to play and it was a battle from the onset. It was a pretty physical game the kids played their hearts out."

The Red Rayders led the Red Devils 26-17 after one quarter, 47-41 at the half and 67-61 after three quarters.

The Red Devils pulled within two points of the Red Rayders with a little more than two minutes to play, but

they missed a couple of key inside shots that cost them in the end.

"Kyle was able to finish against their press with some great assists from Tommy," Bailey said.

Daneff led the Red Devils with 30 points and 13 rebounds to post a double-double, while Spence added 16 points and six assists.

Eric Hansen scored eight points, including some big free throws in the end, and Chad Kramer contributed seven points and four rebounds.

East Jordan will be on the road for its next two conference games against Traverse City St. Francis on Friday and Kalkaska next Tuesday.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

Boyne Area Hockey Association's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team took on three tough teams over the weekend.

They met Lakeland AA Friday, Jan. 28, in Kalkaska, and lost 5-1. Ryan Hennessy, assisted by Troy Scarbrough, scored Boyne's goal. Charlie Courtright and Nick Ferree shared goaltending duties.

On Saturday the team hosted Newberry. The first game was marked by very fast skating and end-to-end action. Ryan Paridde scored a hat trick with three goals, and Troy Scarbrough backhanded in a rebound to score in the 4-2 win.

Assists came from Russell Williams, Darren Looze, Gear Robinson, who each had one, while Nick Dunwoody and Eli Barsy had two each. Boyne had 23 shots on net, while goalie Ferree saved 18 of 20 shots.

Boyne dropped the second hard-fought game 5-4. Matt Kopke had two goals; Looze and Dunwoody each scored one. Barsy tallied an assist. Courtright was in goal.

Boyne hosted Traverse City's AA team on Sunday and skated to a solid 4-1 win, outshooting TC 31-17. Hennessy, Barsy, Kopke, and Scarbrough scored. Looze had two assists while John Miller, Will Brown, Scarbrough and Kopke each had one. Courtright and Ferree shared netminding duties.

EJ netters

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Tuesday's match with Grayling has been rescheduled as a part of a three-way match at home with Boyne City on Monday, Feb. 7. Grayling and Boyne City will open the action at 6 p.m.

JV, Freshmen Win

East Jordan's junior varsity team rebounded from a first-game setback to defeat Harbor Springs 20-25, 25-20, 25-21.

Cassy Crick (nine points, 10 digs, four aces, three kills); Mary Shaw (seven points, seven digs, three aces, three kills) and Kayla Hines (six points, four kills, two aces) led the East Jordan attack.

Rosemary Egan and Clancey Garland had 11 points each to lead the freshman squad to a 25-15, 25-13 victory.

Garland put down seven aces, while Egan had five aces. Sarah Kupovitz chipped in with seven points and two aces.

Library's friends holding book sale

The Friends of the Boyne District Library will hold a book sale at the library on Friday, Feb. 4, from noon to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale will be in the library's community room and will feature hundreds of new and used books for all ages and all interests. The cost for books is strictly a donation made to Friends of the Boyne District Library.

There will be a special preview sale on Feb. 4 for members of the Friends of the Boyne District Library. If you are not a member and would like to join, contact the library at 582-7861 or stop in during regular library hours for information.

In partnership with Pam Butz, owner of Boyne City Tea & Herb on Water Street, tea will be served during the preview sale.

Proceeds from the book sale will help the Friends with their efforts to enhance the services offered by the library. The Friends' committee is currently working with the library staff to choose projects for 2005. Some of its past projects include new bicycle racks, landscaping on the south (East Main Street) side of the building with the assistance of volunteers from the Boyne Valley Garden Club and some area residents, several successful book sales, and a children's story time and open house, bringing in two guest readers who read to children and adults before the annual Santa Parade.

The Friends are asking all library patrons to donate used or new books to the sale between now and the date of the sale. The library will accept donations of books during regular library hours. The library will accept books in good condition; but not textbooks, collections of condensed books, encyclopedias or magazines.

For more information about donating books contact the library at 582-7861.

Chorale starting rehearsals

The Jordan Valley Chorale will begin its rehearsals on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the old band room of East Jordan High School.

The chorale will be preparing for its spring concert and encourages anyone interested in singing with the group to attend Thursday night's rehearsal.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default

has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Charles Blacker and Carla Blacker, husband and wife to First Capital Mortgage Corp., An Illinois Corporation Mortgagee, dated September 18, 2002 and recorded September 30, 2002 in Liber 489 Page 465 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC2, by assignment dated June 11, 2003 and recorded July 14, 2003 in Liber 554, Page 722, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$160,649.50) including interest 10.49% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM, on Friday, February 18, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 170 and 171, Upright and Hurlbut's Addition to the Village, now City, of Charlevoix, according to the recorded Plat thereof. Commonly known as 503 West Lincoln, Charlevoix MI 49720. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: JANUARY 13, 2005 LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC2

Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-31266

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Robert W. Scholey, a married man and, Roberta J. Scholey, an unmarried woman as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 28, 2004, and recorded on June 11, 2004, in Liber 619, on page 122, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred sixty seven thousand six hundred and 70/100 dollars (\$167,065.70), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 o'clock a.m. on Feb. 18, 2005.

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

Parcel A: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 34, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence Easterly along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 100 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing Easterly along said 1/4 line

100 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the West line of said section 538.88 feet to an iron stake on fence line; thence Westerly along said fence line 100.35 feet to an iron stake; thence Northerly, parallel with said West section line, 532.51 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 34 North, Range 8 West. Tax parcel ID# 15-04-034-030-00

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

Dated: Jan. 13, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, Michigan 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Martin T. Lurpp, a single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., Mortgagee, dated Feb. 6, 2003, and recorded on Feb. 14, 2003, in Liber 518, on page 033, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred forty two thousand six hundred thirteen and 04/100 dollars (\$142,613.04), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 o'clock a.m. on Feb. 18, 2005.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MELROSE, CHARLEVOIX County, Michigan, and are described as:

That part of the North 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 12, lying North and West of the county road commonly known as Pedgett Road, all being in section 12, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

Tax parcel ID# 010-012-007-00

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: Jan. 13, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. Mortgagee Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, Michigan 48075

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Hoskins Manufacturing Company, a Michigan corporation, of 600 Buht Building, Detroit, Michigan 48226 to Comerica Bank-Detroit, of One Detroit Center, 500 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48226, dated Nov. 30, 1988 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on Dec. 9, 1988, in Liber 205 Pages 656 through 670, Charlevoix County Records, as amended, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$6,352,049.20.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 11th day of February, 2005 at 11 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Mich. of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the

amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Commencing at an iron stake on the East and West quarter line of Section 2, Town 33 North, Range 8 West, 28.55 feet North of the Southwest corner of Highway M-66, which stake has previously been described as being 40 rods West of the West quarter corner of said section (and which measures 9.98 1/4 chains from said quarter corner according to survey of E.A. Robinson); thence South 28.55 feet to the Southwesterly line of said highway; thence Southeasterly along said highway line 88 feet to the Westerly fence line common to Datus Dean property known as the "Loeb" property, the point of beginning of this description; thence Southeasterly along said highway right of way line 1760 feet to an iron stake (which is 1392.77 feet South and 1234.4 feet East of the first described iron); thence South 601.45 feet to an iron stake; thence West 1236.10 feet to an iron stake on the line which has previously described as being 40 rods West of the East line of said Section 2; thence North on said line 1828.59 feet, more or less to the angle point in the fence line common to said Loeb and Dean properties; thence Northeasterly along said fence line 88.7 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 2 and a part of Government Lot 4 of Section 1, all in Town 33 North, Range 8 West, EXCEPT: A part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, and part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 33 North Range 8 West, described as follows:

Commencing at the center of said Section 2; thence South 85 degrees 47 minutes 31 seconds East 1530.97 feet along East-West 1/4 line of said section (as monumented) to the Southwest corner of "Loskets and the Good Neighbor Foundation" (an unrecorded plat); thence continuing along said quarter line and the South line of said unrecorded plat South 85 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds East 445.20 feet to T-iron located in Highway M-66; thence South 4 degrees 06 minutes 24 seconds West 1994.02 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence North 69 degrees 30 minutes 46 seconds, East 1358.02 feet; thence South 3 degrees 58 minutes 38 seconds West 564.70 feet; thence North 85 degrees 54 minutes 57 seconds West 1236.10 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

BODMAN LLP Date: Jan. 12, 2005

ATTORNEYS FOR COMERICA BANK 34th Floor, 100 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Mich. 48226 Attention: Timothy P. Bliss, Esq. (313) 393-7536

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert R Graves and Linda T Graves, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank, successor by merger and/or name change to Charlevoix County State Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 1990, and recorded on November 9, 1990 in Liber 221 on Page 398, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty And 61/100 Dollars (\$40,860.61), including interest at 4% per annum.

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

Said premises are situated in Township of Peaine, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 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: January 12, 2005 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank, successor by merger and/or name change to Charlevoix County State Bank 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #029117F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas E. Hart and Shirley J. Hart, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 1, 2000, and recorded on December 8, 2000 in Liber 402 on Page 838, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Three And 30/100 Dollars (\$66,703.30), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

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

in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on February 25, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point distant 353 feet South along the West line of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, and 220 feet East from the Northwest corner of said section and extending thence East 80 feet; thence South 159.63 feet; thence South 64 degrees 55 minutes 30 seconds West 88.32 feet along the centerline of Nichols Street; thence North 197.06 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, 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: January 26, 2005 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 #046029F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert R Graves and Linda T Graves, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank, successor by merger and/or name change to Charlevoix County State Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 1990, and recorded on November 9, 1990 in Liber 221 on Page 398, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty And 61/100 Dollars (\$40,860.61), including interest at 4% per annum.

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Said premises are situated in Township of Peaine, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

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Dated: January 12, 2005 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew S. Crego, Husband and Colleen E. Crego, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated August 28, 1997, and recorded on September 11, 1997 in Liber 322 on Page 539, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Seventy-Three And 93/100 Dollars (\$47,073.93), including interest at 4.67% per annum.

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on February 25, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 15, thence West 30 rods, being the point of beginning of this description; thence West 15 rods; thence South to the center line of Woodward Road; thence Southeasterly along the center line of said Woodward Road to a point due South of the point of beginning; thence North to the point of beginning, and being a part of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 2005 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #045274F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Duane Herriman and Leslie Herriman, husband and wife to Old Kent Bank of Petosky, mortgagee, dated July 7, 1993 and recorded July 13, 1993 in Liber 257, Page 96, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated March 16, 2001 and recorded on May 2, 2001 in Liber 417, Page 333, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Eighty-Five and 66/100 Dollars (\$55,085.66) including interest at the rate of 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 a.m. on February 25, 2005.

The premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West, lying Southeasterly of Old U.S. Highway 31 except beginning at a point at the Southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of section 10, Northward along quarterline to point of junction of centerline of Old U. S. 31 Highway; thence 350 feet Southwesterly along the centerline of Old U. S. 31 Highway; thence Southeasterly to point of beginning. ALSO

Beginning at a point at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, Northward along quarter line to point of junction of centerline of Old U.S. 31 Highway; thence 350 feet Southwesterly along centerline of Old U.S. 31 Highway; thence Southeasterly to point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with

MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: January 26, 2005 ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys For GMAC Mortgage Corporation, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 280.0466

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Kevin J. Fineout and Lynne A. Fineout, husband and wife, to Independent Realty Capital Corp.; Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2000, and recorded on May 4, 2000, in Liber 387, on page 590, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on

which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seven six hundred ninety two and two hundred eighty two and 58/100 dollars (\$7,692,282.58), including interest at 11.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 o'clock a.m. on March 4, 2005.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF WILSON, CHARLEVOIX County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT(S) 6, SHANGRI-LA VALLEY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGES 236 AND 237, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS.

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

Dated: Jan. 26, 2005 First Tennessee Bank, N.A. Mortgagee Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, Michigan 48075

along the centerline of said road on a bearing of North 570.00 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 2005 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 #046287F01

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BOYNE CITY MAIN STREET REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Boyne City Main Street Program is requesting proposals for the design, construction, and installation of directional and identification signage for Boyne City's downtown area. For a copy of the Request For Proposals (RFP) contact Kelly Larson, Main Street Manager, at (231) 582-9009 or bcmainst@localnet.com

BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES Special Meeting - Jan. 3, 2005

Appointed James G. Vanek as Clerk. Approved David Skornia and John Gernaat's Farmland Preservation Agreement Applications. Re-appointed Jack Turn to a three year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Reviewed proposed Private Road Ordinance amendments

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Synopsis - Jan. 26, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7 p.m. in Charlevoix on Jan. 26, 2005. Commissioner Jason was absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the Jan. 12, 2005 meeting as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #05-005, Resolution of Intent. Meeting adjourned the meeting. Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - January 13, 2005

Acceptance of Treasurer's report. Approval to pay Township obligations totaling \$8,153.30. Made appointment, as an alternate member, to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Received Zoning Administrators report on December Zoning Permits issued and zoning enforcement matters. Adopted Private Road Ordinance revisions. Reviewed proposed Inoperable and Dismantled Vehicle Ordinance. Reviewed 2005-2006 Township budget items. Reviewed various Freedom of Information Act Appeals. Next Board of Trustees regular meeting to be held on Thursday, February 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES Jan. 25, 2005 regular meeting:

The City Commission approved the minutes from the Jan. 11, 2005 regular meeting; approved CDBG Grant Writing Agreement with Northern Lakes Economic Alliance; approved request from Boyne City Public Schools to collect 2005 summer taxes; approved request from Crooked Tree Girl Scout Council to conduct annual cookie sale 2/24/05 through 3/13/05; received and filed December 2004 Financial Statement; approved adjournment to executive session regarding periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager and to meet with city attorney to discuss settlement strategy regarding pending litigation. The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at 7 p.m.

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Chamber

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N' Juicy, will not be given every year, but will be reserved for those who demonstrate true community and business leadership. It was presented by Frank Roselli, husband of the late Sally Roselli.

The Chamber also presented the Organization of the Year award, which went to the Fourth of July Committee, represented by Ann Parks and Liz Kroondyk.

"We wish it weren't just the two of us here tonight," Kroondyk said. "We are two of many hard-working people. There are 11 of us that meet regularly, and about 40 that volunteer on July 4th.

"We need more," Kroondyk added, appealing for volunteers to work on the Fourth of July celebrations. "If you can give just two hours — it is as simple as handing out water to runners as they go by, or helping with crowd control."

Kroondyk said that their committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the library, downstairs. Anyone interested in volunteering for the committee or to work during the celebration is welcome to attend.

Boyne Rehab

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and areas of expertise with them that further increase the patient services the center is able to provide.

The expansion project will more than double the facility's square footage, and will also bring a whirlpool, gym or exercise room, an indoor pool, a pediatric area and a community education room.

In addition to patient services, Boyne Rehab also provides opportunities for clinical internship, where students spend between six and 12 weeks working with a clinical instructor (physical therapist) "to learn or enhance the skills and knowledge to work as a licensed professional," according to Kathy Johnson of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

Library

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market value. Members who were on the board at the time, January 2003, unanimously approved the purchase. Currently, some members want to use the land to build a new and

She said that three of the center's current employees did their internship through the Rehab Center.

Additionally, the Rehab Center participates in Career Days through local schools and has a summer mentoring program.

But it isn't just programs and patient services that people appreciate.

"Penny, at the front desk, makes everyone feel welcome and comfortable," the Smiths said. "She knows everyone, says hi, how are you? She doesn't make anyone feel uncomfortable, no matter what you come in for."

"She's a real Gal Friday," Jane said, adding that all the staff are encouraging.

The fact that the Smiths have backed that sentiment with the Center's largest-ever single donation puts the Rehab Center almost at the

halfway point in reaching its expansion goal, according to Johnson, who revealed the news at Thursday's annual Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Donna Prevost, owner of Sun for the Soul, has a fund-raiser "thermometer" outside her business, which will track the money raised so that people can visualize the progress.

There is a group of people in Boyne City who don't see fund-raising as solely the responsibility of Charlevoix Area Hospital. A group, spearheaded by Floyd and Nancy Wright and Howard and Marsha Newkirk, has organized with the purpose of "generating funds for the expansion of Boyne Rehabilitation Center."

Their goal is to promote the cause of the rehab center by stressing the fact that it has

economic value to the community in terms of jobs whose wages go back into the community, and also to area employers.

"As an employer," Wright said, "if I have an injured employee, I do not want that person driving to the hospital. I want someone else to drive. So now I have two employees out of commission. It is a lot better for me if they are driving a couple blocks instead of all the way to Petoskey or Charlevoix."

There are other anticipated draws for the Rehab Center. It will have a pool that offers warm water therapy, specializes in women's treatments, including pre- and post-natal care, and sports injury rehabilitation. These services will bring patients into Boyne City, with the expected benefit of additional business to local restaurants and shops.

expanded library; others want to expand the existing library at its school location.

The board decided to make the February annual payment on the 18-acre property and then the matter was put aside.

President Sara Schroeder said that the first

priority was to determine the proper conduct of meetings. She directed that the minutes and the audio tape of the Dec. 8 board meeting be sent to the library attorney.

"We need to go ahead with the attorney to make sure we are operating correctly,"

Schroeder said. "We need to increase the public trust."

A board meeting will be scheduled following the results of the attorney's review, if not before. For more information contact the Jordan Valley District Library at 536-7131.

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