

AT A GLANCE

Students are rocking for Relay for Life

Rock Around the Clock for Cancer will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Boyne City Saturday, March 5, from 7 to 11 p.m.

Music is by Experience E Lectronica DJ Services. There will be prizes, drawings, cash bar, twist and hula hoop contests.

The Boyne City Middle School drama department will do songs from "Grease" and there will be a surprise "Guest." All proceeds will go to the Relay For Life Walk. For more information, call Gail Farley at 582-2424.

Friday concert a fund raiser for arts program

National champion Celtic and jazz fiddler Jeremy Kittel and guitarist Bob Gerics will perform a concert at the Boyne City High School Auditorium Friday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and are available at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce or at the door.

Proceeds from the event will go towards funding the Boyne City Performing Arts Program.

Kittel is earning a reputation as one of the nation's top young traditional musicians. He has performed hundreds of concerts and festivals over the past five years and his second release, "Roaming," received praise from numerous publications and was named second Best Celtic Instrumental Album in an international competition.

Guitarist Bob Gerics has been a professional musician for more than 20 years, performing extensively as a solo guitarist/singer at pubs, concerts and festivals. He has two CDs of instrumental guitar music to his credit: "On the Other Hand" and "Second Hand Guitar."

For more information call 582-6222.



Still winter

After several weeks of above-normal temperatures gave rise to thoughts of spring, winter has returned to northern Michigan, setting the stage for the kind of peaceful walks in the woods that only a blanket of snow can create.

Churches join together to open Crossroads

■ East Jordan resale shop will help those in need

By JANE BOOZE
Staff Writer

Five churches in East Jordan have decided to do what Jesus commanded: Feed and clothe the poor. They will accomplish this through a self-sustaining resale ministry which they have named Crossroads.

It started with Jean Pardee at St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was part of the ministerial association.

"We were approached almost daily with needs," Pardee said, adding that the church was not in a position to meet all the material needs that they encountered. There were too many people who were not being able to provide even the most basic necessities for their families.

"Charlevoix County is under-served, we have found out," members of the Crossroads committee said. They have visited other towns' ministry centers — the Good Samaritan in Ellsworth, the Rainbow Shoppe in Charlevoix, and learned that needs still exist — and East Jordan was the only town in the area that wasn't yet helping to minister to the poor through a resale outreach.

"These people are at a crossroads in their lives," member Linda Robinson said. The name of the ministry came from that fact — and from the focus on outreach.

"There are no dead ends in the cross," Robinson said. The committee sees the ministry as being one that will help people change their situations. The negative connotation of a "handout" can be transformed into the positive impact of giving a helping hand out of a bad situation.

"We see this as a win-win situation," Steve Goebel said. "People who are looking for something to do — it will be a great avenue for them. People who want to get rid of things can. We are looking for this to be self-sustaining and allow us to give back to the community."

According to Terri Warnos, who was first approached by Pardee with the idea, there are people who will want to shop at the resale store, as well as people who can't even afford to do that. Those will be the people that benefit from the proceeds of Crossroads.

"Nearly half our population is under 18," said Gretchen Goebel. "A resale shop will be good for anyone — we will make a profit and give it to people who can't even afford to shop there."

Both the Goebels are educators, and they see first-hand the needs of families in the community.

"There are no negatives to this. It's all positive," the Goebels agree.

The committee has a wish list including store fixtures, a cash register, computer, clothing racks, showcases — and a building.

They are hoping for at least 2,000 square feet, with room to grow.

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State rep pays Boyne City a visit

By JANE BOOZE
Staff Writer

State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer was in the Boyne City at the council chambers Monday. It was his first visit since the November elections, and the intent was to take questions and comments from his constituents.

Visitors were allowed a few moments with Rep. Elsenheimer in an open forum in the order in which they arrived, without limit as to the topics of discussion. Constituents were given the option of a private meeting as needed.

The chambers were nearly empty, with just a few constituents coming forward with concerns, but the topic of the day was mainly education, with three members of the East Jordan school board in attendance, and an East

Jordan man with comments about the Charter schools.

Per pupil funding, and funding inequities, health insurance and retirement costs, specifically cost increases, were the most pressing issues. The school board members said that they believed that Proposal A needed "tweaking."

"There must be a funding system that adequately covers expenses," said Kevin Keane, East Jordan school board member.

Elsenheimer complimented the East Jordan school board for its work.

"East Jordan has done a really good job of involving the community, or working with the Chamber of Commerce and the City. You have done what a lot of communities haven't," he said.

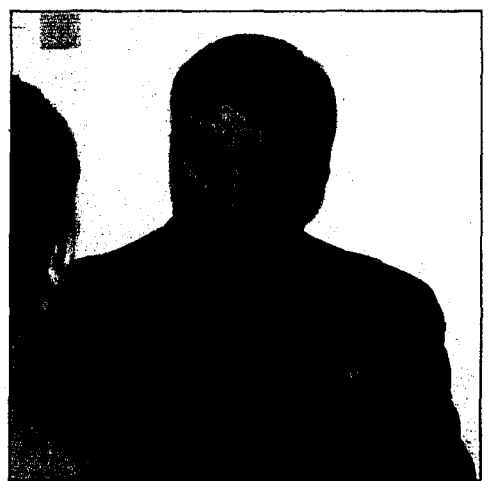
Elsenheimer is on the education committee — something he feels very strongly about, after many years

serving on the Bellaire school board. He requested that citizens call him with questions and concerns regarding education.

"I usually know what's going on about five minutes before anyone else," he joked. But he did say that even with additional monies going into the Foundation Grant, there will not even be enough to cover insurance costs.

"I know that," he said. "I was where you are a year ago. I meet with superintendents regularly, and something does have to be done."

"Quick fixes are not the norm in Lansing," he said. "We have the ability to do something about these issues," but admitted that when the issues of retirement and insurance come up, there is a battle with the Michigan Education



State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, facing, meets with constituent Kevin Keane Monday.

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Returning to her roots

■ Hospital's director of volunteer services 'quasi-retiring'

By JANE BOOZE
Staff writer

Kathy Johnson has been at Charlevoix Area Hospital for almost 15 years, and will be sad to leave it behind as she and her husband Harold move to her grandfather's home in Virginia.

"I was originally hired to be the development director — to raise money for the hospital, to do follow up and fund-raising. In the ensuing 14 years I became the director of volunteer services," Johnson said. "About two years ago, we established a foundation for fund-raising, and I am now the director of that."

"I get paid to work with a lot of terrific Charlevoix Area Hospital volunteers and donors. I like working with and meeting people — sharing our visions for the hospital," she said. "It's an incredible job. If you can get a job that you love and actually get paid for it, that's perfect."

A lot of people will tell Johnson that they could never do what she does — asking people for money. She doesn't see it that way.

"I only ask people for money for something that will benefit them," she said. "It is going to be very difficult to leave the literally hundreds of people I have met and become friends with. We have such a good staff. It makes it fun — and makes it easy."

"Asking people to support, for instance, the Boyne Rehab — well, anyone who has been there has been spoiled by that staff. People want to help. How easy can it be?" Johnson said. "All of those people (at the Boyne Rehabilitation Center) make it easy. They are so nice and their patients truly love them."

Johnson said fund-raising for any CAH project is an "easy sell." In fact, she says she doesn't sell anything, she

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Fiddlers take the stage

If you're hankering for an old-fashioned square dance or just in the mood for some good music, the Harvest Barn church (formerly the Jordan Valley Express, next to Glen's on M-66) is the place to be Saturday, March 5.

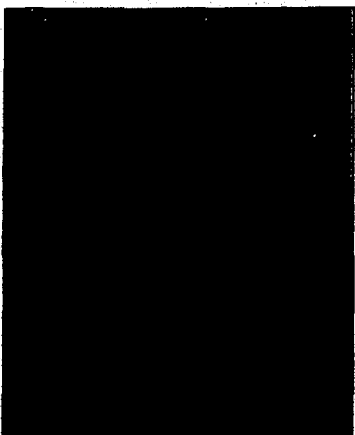
The Fiddler's Jamboree is celebrating its 24th year of music-making and dance. For some, the annual event has come to be a rite of passage into spring. For young fiddlers, it is a chance to perform for an audience, and for old-timers, a chance to pass on tradition, skill and a love of music to another generation.

The Jamboree's doors open at 11 a.m., when musicians and callers can register to perform. Performances will be in the order in which they were registered.

The show begins at noon and goes to 5 p.m., when there will be an intermission for dancing lessons, and from 7 to 10 p.m., there will be square and circle dancing. Everyone is welcome.

Admission for the events is by donation at the door. Patrons should be aware that the proceeds from the show go to scholarships for McCune Art Center, Interlochen Music Camp and private lessons, as well as violin loans from the Jordan Valley Fiddler's Committee.

For more information call Bill or Donna Stevens at (231) 457-9153.



Kathy Johnson is leaving Charlevoix Area Hospital — and the Charlevoix area. She has been in this area for 25 years, and with the hospital for nearly 15, and will miss the people she has met and the job she loves.

Show TIME

Drama students prepare to take the stage for spring performances

East Jordan High School

There is so much going into the spring musical "Annie Get Your Gun" that can't be let out of the bag yet — stunts and special effects and guest stars — that writing about the musical is almost impossible.

But the ghost of a backdrop haunts the stage with effective simplicity, and the cast and crew that gather before it in street clothes quickly morph into a rowdy crew of Wild Western performers even without the costumes.

The costumes are upstairs, in East Jordan's new high school auditorium's massive walk-in closet/mechanical room. Racks and racks of clothes are color-coordinated, and there are styles for every era and sizes for every actor. Hats and shoes abound, bolts of fabric, hundreds of spools of thread in countless colors, with Vollbach's mother, affectionately known as Ma V, designing and altering costumes with a crew of able volunteers.

Paula Vollbach's crew is sporting a new look this year — black t-shirts with red lettering. Front: delegate; back: appreciate. It's taken a while to learn, Vollbach said. Vollbach, the East Jordan elementary art teacher, has been doing the East Jordan spring musical for 14 years now (it is Vollbach's 21st year as a musical director), and she had to learn to let go of every little thing. To learn, in short, to delegate.

Mastering that brought a new lesson to Vollbach. Delegated tasks don't always get done the way she

would have done them, she said, so she also needed to learn to appreciate.

The thing is, they do get done. The show goes on. "Annie Get Your Gun" is a love story about a strong woman in a man's world, and Vollbach wasn't willing to commit the life of Annie Oakley to the stage without doing some research of her own. As is her style, the shows Vollbach puts on are well researched before the public sees them. In this case, the popular version of the show made Oakley more backwoods than she actually was.

Vollbach read letters and eyewitness accounts, she studied photographs of pre- and post-fame Oakley for styles of dress, for clues to her character and manners of speech.

The result is a show that will be a little more true-to-life, Vollbach hopes, reflecting a little more nearly a woman Vollbach said she, "... would have hung with."

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and senior citizens. They will go on sale Saturday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and March 7 — 9 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the high school gym lobby.

There are 500 tickets available for each show, and tickets are not refundable.

The show times are March 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. and March 13 at 3 p.m.



East Jordan lead Justin Nierman (in cowboy hat) studies his script during a rehearsal of "Annie Get Your Gun" last week. Nierman plays Col. Buffalo Bill in the show, which has a cast of 55 students singing and dancing to what has been considered Irving Berlin's best score, including the entertainment anthem, "There's No Business Like Show Business!"



Taylor Carlton, tormented in this scene by Brenton Fitzpatrick and Danielle Johnson, plays the unpopular "ugly duckling" in a modern version of the Hans Christian Andersen classic.

'Honk' is the beginning of a new era

By JANE BOOZE
Staff Writer

Stacy McGeorge took to the director's job like a duck takes to water, with her first high school production, "Honk" being a musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling." "Honk" was selected for the prestigious "Olivier" award in London in 2001, before McGeorge brought it to the Boyne stage.

She brings new blood to the program, according to Dee Kelly, a longtime friend of Boyne City drama.

"She knows the kids before they get to high school — that's an advantage," Kelly said. Besides, McGeorge, a Boyne City graduate, was a member of the cast under the direction of the Wollenbergs for several years.

But McGeorge's first year is physically demanding in the time it takes. With the season running from December through March, it is longer than any of the sports seasons.

By the end of production, the students have emerged with some very definite relationships.

"I think that when they work together for such a long period of time they either love or hate each

other," Kelly said. "They learn to tolerate. There are a lot of different skill levels up there, but they are very encouraging of each other."

Dee and Bill Kelly, who retired with the Wollenbergs, are still playing a supporting role backstage and with music production. The new cast is 70 strong, counting students, staff, tech crew and community members who get involved.

Susan McAdams is doing the costumes, Jodi Adgate is the choreographer, Cindy Otmanowski is the music director, and Chuck Britton is bringing his artistic skills to bear on the set.

Watching the student actors on stage practicing chorus songs against a backdrop of scrambled sets, some in costume, some in T-shirts and tennies, it is hard to imagine it coming together for opening night.

But close your eyes, listen to the soaring voices, and a whisper of crowd rustle sneaks in, the unsilent hush that attends a performance — and you can hear the beginning of a new dramatic era at BCHS.

Tickets will be on sale from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and two hours before each performance. Tickets are \$10 each.

Show dates are March 12 and 18 at 7 p.m., March 13 at 2 p.m., and March 19 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Boyne City High School

New director fills big shoes

By BRITTNEY MOODY
Student Writer

After Bob and Jackie Wollenberg reigned over the drama productions for 33 years, Stacy McGeorge was handed the torch to carry on the tradition of Boyne City drama as the new director.

Although she was not expecting to take over the duties until at least five years from now, that has not stopped her from putting everything she's got into her new experience.

"I think there are ups and downs no matter who's in charge," McGeorge said. "My style's a bit different, so I try to be fair, try to communicate a lot about what's going on and what I'm thinking. I just kind of try to make sure everybody's happy, plus try to create a successful show."

For the past 10 years, McGeorge has been teaching seventh-grade language arts as well as being the middle school drama teacher. She said she really had a passion for working with middle school productions and that moving to the high school program has definitely been a change in pace.

"I guess I just didn't realize the time commitment, even though I was told up front what it would take," McGeorge said. "I didn't realize just how much time it actually takes to put this thing together and make the show work. It's a big commitment and for the Wollenbergs to do it for 33 years it had to be their life."

Aside from the time commitment, she listed various other differences that have been harder on her than they were in middle school productions. Communication is the biggest factor in any production or event and it is a lot harder on her because she does not have the luxury of being able to stop kids in the hallway to discuss practice times and such. Instead, she has to rely on phone calls and E-mailing students.

Another factor, different from middle school, has been eligibility. If student's grades are not high enough they are not allowed to practice, and if they can't practice and perfect their lines and songs the show breaks down.

Although McGeorge was well acquainted with the high school drama program, she said she was nervous when she took over as director. She did find some

stress lifted due to the fact that she had become comfortable with the new auditorium, and had explored its qualities last year during "Annie."

"So I kind of knew a little bit about the theatre rather than just walking into it cold, which I think was very helpful to me," she said.

One worry she did not have was the pressure of taking over Mr. Wollenberg's position.

"I know that my style's different than his and so I just figure I'd do it the way that I'm comfortable with. I think he was a great director and he did a lot for BCPS. I had thought that when he was ready to retire I might give it a shot," McGeorge said.

According to some students the hardest part of the transition has been trying to find a good median. "For the fall festival and BMB we tried to figure out the show which was kind of rough because we were trying to explain to her how we do it and she was trying to explain to us how we should do it," one student said. "The kids are used to different things so we kind of butt heads sometimes," McGeorge said.

The consensus regarding the fall festival and "Boyne Meets Broadway" was that they went quite well, and they did not fall at all short in comparison to other years.

Next up for McGeorge is the spring musical "Honk." "It's a version of the Ugly Duckling. It's a comedy with a serious message about people accepting people's differences. It's a family musical, with humor in it that kids will get and there's humor in it that adults will like too," McGeorge said.

Her expectations for the musical are simply for the students to make the effort, work together, and learn their songs and lines in order to put on a great show.

When asked if she planned on being drama director for the next 30 years, McGeorge thinks that 33 years is an awfully long time and she would just like to finish this year first and see how it goes.

"Hopefully next year, after I've got a year under my belt, it'll be a little bit easier," McGeorge said.

(Brittney Moody is a senior at Boyne City High School. During her final semester she is interning at the Citizen-Journal.)



No show is complete without a cast of adult characters behind the scenes. In Boyne City, those volunteers are, front row from left: Chuck Britton, Bob Harmelling, Stacy McGeorge and Cindy Otmanowski. Back: Susan McAdams, Jodi Adgate and Bill Kelly.

EJ School Board approves building repair fund; voters will decide in May

The East Jordan School Board met in the Elementary School media center last Monday for its regular meeting, during which budget amendments were discussed and building and maintenance needs were outlined.

The budget was approved as amended, with superintendent Chip Hansen crediting the food service department for being well within its budget, in spite of the unexpected necessity of purchasing a new walk-in cooler.

"The food service program has operated in the black all 17 years that I have been here," he said.

Hansen also applauded the work of the sports boosters in helping with the financial needs of the athletic department.

"We benefit so much from the sports boosters. I appreciate that committed group of people. They are having a tremendous impact on this budget," Hansen said.

But the hottest topic of the meeting was consideration of a proposal to establish a building and site sinking fund. The fund would provide annual dedication of funds to support necessary repairs to school buildings and sites, including, but not limited to, roof replacement, door and window replacement, heating, plumbing, electrical and airconditioning (permanent infrastructure replacement). The funds cannot be used for preventative maintenance, and are dedicated solely to those needs that are imminent. The funds are from a millage and are appropriated each year in advance for approved projects, and according to Hansen, would free up general fund monies for classroom instruction.

Because the state's funding has not increased over the last three years, and because school revenues are not expected to keep pace with increases in expenditures, it would be advantageous to the public schools to be able to create a building and site sinking fund, Hansen said.

Currently there is a bond issue levied against taxpayers, which is lowered incrementally as the debt is reduced by the school system. The board heard a proposal to reduce the debt levy by .25 mills, while requesting a building and site sinking fund of .40 mills. The net millage increase would be .15 mills.

The board was apprised of three major building and site needs that would require repair, either from the general fund or through the additional millage: re-roofing the main academic area of the high school; re-roofing the 1978 addition at the elementary school and replacing the pool's dry-a-tron system.

"The pool is a very caustic environment," Hansen said. "All that chlorine literally rusts the wires in electrical fixtures."

The average life-span of a dry-a-tron system is approximately 15 years, and the current system has been in place for 18.

"It doesn't owe us anything," Hansen said, adding that it will not last another year.

The board agreed to attach a resolution to seek a .40 millage for a building and site sinking fund at the May 3 school election.

Hansen said that the school system has made \$1.2 million in cuts the last two years, and will need to reduce next year's budget by another \$650,000 in order to balance expenditures against revenues, in spite of the fact that the governor's preliminary budget would increase the school's budget by approximately \$60,000.

"It would've been nice to have another \$1 million in the bond issue," Hansen said, "but we only asked for what we needed. We didn't need the dry-a-tron. We can't be faulted for having a fuzzy crystal ball, but we can't be faulted ... (for asking) for what we don't need."

"That's how boards build trust with their communities. They know we will only ask for what we need."

Peggy Midener's work featured at arts center

Peggy Midener will be at the opening of her art exhibit, "60 Years of Art," at the Jordan River Arts Center on March 6.

Midener has been an East Jordan resident since 1979, and she continues to create new pieces to add to an already prodigious collection. In searching for work to include in the exhibit, Midener found some old friends.

"The experience of wading through tons of paintings, drawings, constructions and fantasy boxes has been like a non-ending reunion with ideas, techniques, phases and long-forgotten works — many of them unseen for the past 25 years, as they were packed away for the move to East Jordan from Detroit," said Midener.

Midener will become an octogenarian in September — a fact of birth that her face denies. Sixty of those years have been spent as a professional artist. She sold three paintings at student exhibitions in the 1940s, and went on to become an art instructor, first at the Art School of the Society of Arts & Crafts, and later at the College of Creative Studies. She has won prizes for her work at both the state and national levels, and received purchase awards from the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Butler Art Institute in Ohio.

Midener has also been a juror on many state-wide exhibitions, as well as having her own work in a

number of collections in this country and abroad.

The pieces Midener has chosen for the JRAC exhibit include some fantasy boxes, such as "Toby's Egg," which represents "two states of visual thinking," according to information from JRAC. "The exterior is fashioned and painted in a primitive manner while the interior is surprisingly realistic."

The interior features a three dimensional tree branch against a back-drop of sky, and the branch cradles a nest which holds a tiny egg. The egg was a gift to Midener from her then-five-year-old grandson, Toby. In the painted sky, a single wood dove flies with an olive branch.

In the mid-1970s Midener's work reflected her "personal battlefield of transcending the appalling destruction of war with some kind of creative visual response. Her works incorporated inanimate objects that represented the impotency of former powers," according to the JRAC.

The 1970s works incorporated paintings of natural and architectural objects infused with the mythologies and religions of ancient civilizations.

"Power Objects" is representative of that time in the JRAC exhibit of Midener's works.

"The evolution of Midener's creations is steady but sometimes elusive as she moves on from one stage and age to the



East Jordan artist, Peggy Midener, stands beside "Toby's Egg," at the Jordan River Arts Council display. The piece is part of a retrospective of Midener's 60 years of work, which will be featured by the JRAC March 6 through April 1.

next," according to the JRAC. "This body of work is dynamic, and equal to any 'great' artist's. The board of the Jordan River Arts Council is honored to exhibit the retrospective of Peggy Midener."

In addition to the opening on March 6, Midener will be at the arts center on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. to present the "Opening of the Boxes," where she will open her three-dimensional pieces and relate their message.

The exhibit will be open daily from 1 to 4 p.m. through April 1.

For more information, call 582-6399 or visit jordanriverarts.org. The arts center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan.

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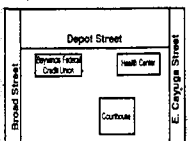
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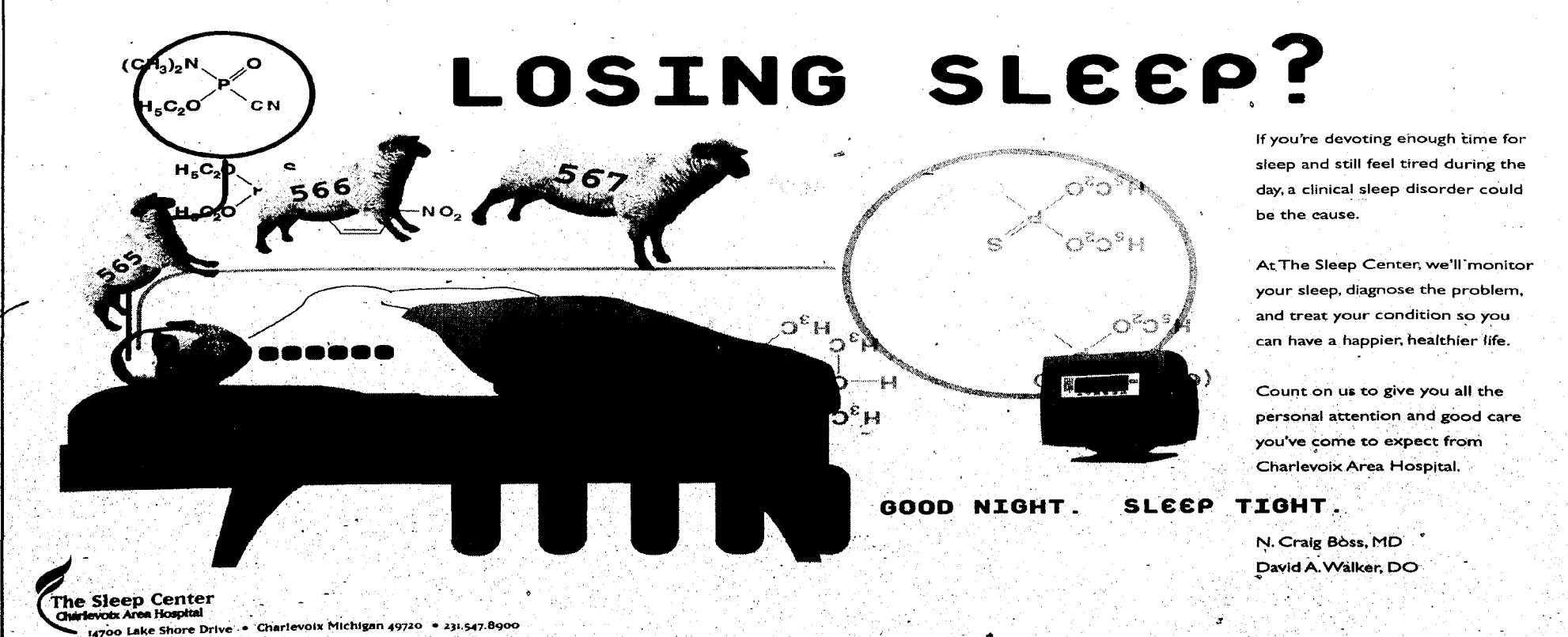



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Ready to run

By ZACK LOEPRICH

Their names are as synonymous with the sport as Jordan, Dr. J and Magic are with the NBA. They've come from as far away as Russia, Japan, Norway, Argentina and Australia. Over the years, they've represented more than 20 U.S. states. Their endurance is second to none, their drive is unmatched by any other athlete. They are known and revered by all the fans of the sport. The biggest of the stars include Martin Buser, Doug Swingley, Dee Dee-Jonrowe, Jeff King, Charles Boulding, and Susan Butcher.

However, those names are as foreign to the vast majority of the population as the sport itself. Only in such villages as Ruby, Galena, Anvik, Unalakleet, and Ophir are they instantly recognized and flocked to. Those names are the stars, a few of the greats, of what's dubbed as the last great race. They are the mushers of the Iditarod.

What is the Iditarod? For 49 of the states here in America, it's just an annual sled dog race. It may find its way into the back pages of the sports section. Who is in the lead or who the eventual winner was may get a quick mention on the evening news, but more as novelty than anything. However, for Alaska the Iditarod is something different. The race itself is as unique as the state. It embodies the spirit of the Last Frontier.

Given a choice, Alaskans would say "keep your Super Bowl," "keep your World Series," and "we don't want your Daytona 500." Given a choice, Alaskans will rally around a musher and his team of 12 dogs. What is the Iditarod? It's the personification of a state.

Now strictly defining the Iditarod is easy. It's an approximately 1,100 mile sled dog race to Nome. Unfortunately, strictly defining something is as accurate as paraphrasing the Bible.

In what Alaskans call "the lower 48," the sport and its stars are fairly unknown. There are as many misconceptions as there are facts floating around about the Iditarod. While its roots are steeped in the state's heritage, the race itself is only two decades old.

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, as it was originally called in its birth year of 1973, was first run to celebrate the centennial of Alaska's purchase from Russia. As sled dogs were as much a part of Alaska's heritage as anything, the idea for a trans-state race was easily conceived.

The original race went from Wasilla, a city 40 miles north of Anchorage, to Nome, a distance of approximately 1,100 miles. In its first year, 22 of the 35 mushers that started would finish the race described as "impossible" by most. Dick Wilmarth was the first-ever winner of the Iditarod, finishing in just over 20 days.

Over the years, little has changed to the exterior of the race. The race still follows the same basic route, although it alters some every other year. It's still as much as an endurance ride as anything and, as it was in 1973, it's still the biggest race in dog sled racing.

The spirit of the Iditarod has also gone unchanged since its inception. While innovations have improved and quickened the race, mushers still battle the severe Alaskan elements. In the end, the Iditarod is still about one person, driving in near isolation from a majority of this world, with his or her team of 12 dogs.

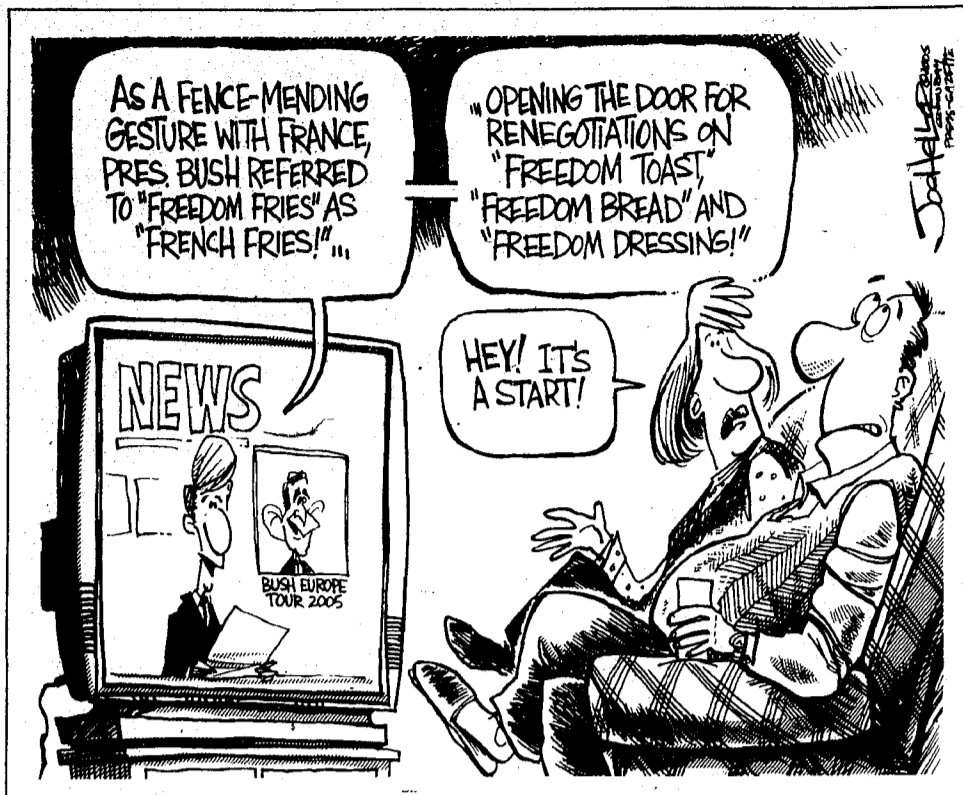
One of the great misconceptions of the Iditarod is that it recreates the great serum run of 1925. In January of that year, the children in the town of Nome were exposed to and dying from diphtheria. A cry went out from the isolated town. More than 1,000 miles away, Anchorage responded. Unfortunately, the only possible, and most reliable, mode of delivering the serum during the winter was by sled dog team. Over the next six days, 20 mushers would take their turn and drive their team across the frozen tundra of Alaska. On Feb. 2, in the early morning hours, the serum arrived in the town. Its children were saved.

The names born out of this historic and lifesaving journey became famous nationwide, Leonhard Seppala and his lead dog, Togo, and Gunnar Kaasen and his lead dog, Balto. Today's Iditarod is run in memory of that historical feat.

The 2005 Iditarod will begin on Saturday. Anchorage plays host to the race's ceremonial start that day while the official start is on Sunday in Willow. The winner should arrive in Nome in a little more than nine days. While the field is currently at 80 mushers, only a handful have a legitimate chance at winning.

I encourage everyone to follow along this coming week with this unique and exciting sporting event. Grab a map, pick a musher, and follow his or her progress. The best way to follow the Iditarod is on the web at www.Iditarod.com or one the Anchorage Daily News Web site at www.acn.com.

(Zack Loeprich, a former resident of Alaska, is editor of the Antrim County News).



Dad would be proud of the by-line

My father died when I was 36. His funeral was the day after my divorce was final. The weekend was one of loss and closed doors and endings.

If you have ever been divorced (and I sincerely hope not), you know that a person you once loved has become a stranger. Often the strangest of strangers — what was once the most intimate of relationships has become the most isolationist, the coldest, the most bleak. It is a tragic and sad place to come to, even in those instances where divorce is the lesser of evils. Mine was one of those, and yet an amicable divorce. Amicability doesn't scratch the implacable surface of that isolation, however.

But death is another thing altogether. I was not close to my father. He left our home when I was 15, and the isolation of divorce extended not only to my mother, but to us all. Some of my siblings were able to bridge the gap. I never wholly did, and didn't at all before I was 30, when I wrote him a letter telling him that I forgave him. I'm not sure that he thought he needed my forgiveness, and for me forgiveness wasn't a one-time deal. But once I had committed it that way, I was able to keep giving it. Seventy times seven times, if necessary.

So that when my husband left, and my dad came back, in a sense, I was ready for him.

He came to me out of empathy. We were comrades in divorce, we were the only ones in our family to be divorced (you can't count Mom; she was one who abided by "Till death us do part"). He didn't seem to realize my new position gave me more in common with Mom than with himself, and I decided not to point it out, but to accept what it was he offered.

It was support. It was commiseration. I think it was forgiveness (I didn't realize until just now that he probably had to forgive me as I did him). It was love.

It was a little misplaced, a little too late, but it was worth something. He called about once a month. He started remembering my kids' names right — first and last. He never seemed to get used to my married name, and called the kids by his last name.

He let me talk, when I desperately needed to talk, and I must have been wearing thin on the people I chose to talk

to. Divorce does that. It wears your friends and family out as you work through it. It was nice to have a volunteer — most people are pressed into service and held there by the sheer strength of need.

I was separated in July, and by December I had a new, if tenuous, relationship with my dad. It was short-lived. He was going for testing. An already tried body — Dad was a juvenile diabetic, who had out-lived his life expectancy by 30 years — was failing in a whole new way. The doctors were looking for cancer, and I think Dad and I both knew it was his last battle.

He died in Puerto Rico late in February eight years ago — he opted for a cruise rather than chemo — and his wake was held the day after my divorce.

It was not sad. Neither was the divorce. Both were merely final.

But I miss my dad, all these years later. Dad was an English teacher at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. I took a couple classes from him, out of necessity, but in one I got a 2.5. I was used to good grades in English, and didn't have to work awfully hard to get them. And I hadn't worked awfully hard to get the 2.5, either. So the next class I did work hard, and earned the 4.0 that a peer accused me of getting "because Mr. Shaw is your dad." Ha.

Dad, though, that semester, told me I should consider trying to get some work published. Dad didn't throw away compliments when it came to writing, but I didn't trust him anyway. I have never trusted anyone with compliments — though there are times when I am sensible of their sincerity, and grateful.

Years later I had another English teacher say that it was "time" I got published, and he reminded me of my dad.

Anyway, here I am. Every week my name is in ink. Sure it's a weekly newspaper, not the creative writing I imagine he imagined. My collection of short stories, my novels remain unwritten. But I think he would like this. I remember him telling me, "There is nothing so exciting or humbling as your first by-line."

I think he would read everything I write. I think he would know when I was interested in my subject, if I were lazy (he had a knack for that) or in a hurry. I think he would be proud of me, you know, and it matters to me that my dad might be proud.

I can impose any thoughts I want to on my dad now. I can make him beam at me from Heaven and be pleased. He once signed my autograph book, "To my beloved daughter, in whom I am well pleased," so he played right into this fantasy.

But somehow I believe it.

LAST CALL



Jane Booze

MANY THANKS

Barb Sterly benefit a big success

We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support and outpouring of love they gave to make the Barb Sterly Benefit the "huge" success that it was.

A special thanks to the St. Augustine Church members: The Rev. Francis Partridge; The Polka Pals and Friends; Mary Jane and John Kirby; Sam Kosci and his family; and Frank Leist and son Wade Leist; the Knights of Co-

lumbus; and the ladies of the Saint Augustine Altar Guild. A special thank you for the whole area who came together and helped us raise approximately \$19,500 to date for Barb's benefit.

Thank you everyone.

The Barb Sterly Benefit Committee

GUEST COLUMN

Troops out of 'Harm's Way'

By MAXINE HOUGH

Soon after Sgt. Gene Mont, Jr. arrived back at Ft. Hood, Texas last Wednesday morning from his tour of duty in Iraq, I learned Sgt. Troy Drepenstedt had arrived at Fort Riley, Kansas the same morning from his tour of duty in Iraq. With those two back safely, I was prompted to re-visit the list of our troops from the Boyne Area who have returned to their homes in the States.

The first to return was Sgt. Sean Hagerty, who is an Army Ranger, stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., and is currently recovering from knee surgeries for injuries incurred through multiple parachute jumps in Iraq and Afghanistan. Next was Sgt. Scott Sinclair, who served for a year at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a Corrections Officer. He is currently furthering his education while on duty as a sergeant on the Muskegon Heights Police Force.

Sgt. Kelli Howard arrived back in the States in October, not to her home, but to Walter Reid Medical Center to receive treatment for her injuries received in Iraq last April. She is currently continuing treatment and therapy at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Last November, CWO2 Kevin Crandell, USMC, surprised his family in 29 Palms, California with his unannounced arrival home. Too late for Christmas, but soon after, Sp4 Jennifer Lehto arrived at her home in Boyne City. Jennifer is now enrolled in the nursing school at NCMC.

With just two of my fellow Legionnaires and troops from the Boyne Area left on our support list, I received an email from SRA Shawn Weisler this past week with the welcome news that he expects to be back at his Air Force base in Alaska April 1st. And winding up the list was Russell Gilmore, Sr.'s news that Sgt. "Rusty" Gilmore, Jr. is expected home from Iraq the early part of April. Although it is too late to send packages to Weisler and Gilmore, please remember them with cards and letters—especially Easter cards.

All of the above have expressed their appreciation to the people of the Boyne Area, through letters, emails, or family for the tremendous support their community has given them while they were serving "in harm's way." The Boyne area deserves a big "thank you" for a job well done.

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

LETTERS

Hollywood and religion

TO THE EDITOR:

In December the Parents Television Council, in conjunction with the National Religious Broadcasters, released the results of a new study entitled "Faith in a Box: Entertainment, Television and Religion."

The study found that television's treatment of religion has become increasingly negative and doesn't reflect the viewpoint of a majority of Americans.

"Religion and the public expression of faith is a crucial element in the lives of most Americans. Our findings should challenge Hollywood to accurately reflect this in television content," said L. Brent Bozell, president of the PTC.

According to a 2003 Harris Poll, 90 percent of Americans believe in God and 80 percent of those polled believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A total of 2,385 hours of primetime entertainment programming on seven commercial broadcast networks (ABC, CBS Fox, NBC, Pax, UPN, WB) were analyzed and contained 2,344 treatments of religion.

Major findings: NBC programming had 9.5 negative treatments for every positive treatment of faith; Fox had 2.4 negative depictions for each one that was positive; WB and ABC had 1.2 negative for each positive and UPN had 1 negative for every 1.1 positive; CBS with 1 negative for every 2 positive and Pax, which did not have a single negative depiction.

References to faith were the most common, (582 of the 2,344 treatments), and also the most positive. More than 32 percent of TV's treatments of religious institutions and doctrine were negative while 11.7 percent of such treatments were positive (the rest were neutral).

Negative depictions of clergy were more than twice as frequent as positive and representations of devout laity tended to be negative more than positive. Negativity toward religion grew steadily with each passing hour of prime time. During the 7 p.m. hour, religious content was negative 16.9 percent of the time, in the 8 p.m. hour 20.8, in the 9 p.m. hour 27.5, and in the 10 p.m. hour 28.2 percent were negative.

It makes you wonder what the real agenda is in Hollywood and who will profit.

Jerry Evans
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WE WELCOME YOUR
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

SHARING A great trip were Judy, Glenda, Pamela, Willis and Kim Planck and Judy's sister Barbara Laughbaum. Also in the group was Krista Planck, Willis' oldest daughter who lives in Florida and met the others in Orlando. They spent the week visiting the different Disney Theme Parks, sitting at the pool at the condo, really enjoying the 70 to 80-degree weather. All had a wonderful time!

CHARLEVOIX AREA Hospital Foundation will be hosting an Estate Planning Seminar on Wednesday, March 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. This free program is for all interested women. It will be held downstairs in the Conference Room at 2:30 p.m. and will last about an hour.

ON SATURDAY, Feb. 19, BCHS seniors Kathleen Adkison and Amy Berns traveled to Kalamazoo to compete in the Medallion Scholarship Competition at Western Michigan University. To be invited to this competition, you must have a cumulative GPA of 3.80 or higher by the end of your junior year, and an ACT score of at least 25 or an SAT score of at least 1130. Good luck girls! Much anticipated results will be forthcoming on March 31.

ZONTA HAS their Sensational Sessions next weekend - this program is for women and offers a variety of classes you can select from. Order blanks are available at the

Charlevoix Library. The cutoff day is past, but they WILL still take late requests.

HEARTFELT sympathies go out to the family and friends of Harley Argetsinger of East Jordan and Michael Moore of Boyne City, as well as Charles (Charley) Stocker, a resident of Litzenburger Place, who was transferred to Grandvue this past week and died there on Saturday morning.

A WARM "Welcome Neighbor" goes out to Charlotte Keech, who was in the process of moving into Litzenburger Place over the weekend, and a fond farewell to Dwight Sumner, who left here to reside in Grandvue.

INFORMATION YOU might find useful and want to share with those who you know and or work with to make the yearly income tax adventure a little faster and easier! Information To Online Tax services: E-file is: Free for qualified taxpayers, secure and fast. More than half of Michigan taxpayers chose to e-file their 2003 income tax returns. Visit the site and see if you qualify! Visit: www.MIFastFile.org To check the status of returns (all!) you can visit the Treasury web site at: www.michigan.gov/treasury. For Federal income tax e-file (free to qualified folks) you can visit the following site for more information. <http://www.irs.gov/app/efile/jsp/index.jsp>

ANGELA AND SHAWN DeYoung of Boyne City welcomed the arrival of a daughter, Anna Renée DeYoung, at Northern

Michigan Hospital on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005. Anna Renée weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches at birth. She has a brother, Tristen, age 2 1/2. Proud grandparents are Peter and Beth Inman of East Jordan and Gary DeYoung of Charlevoix. Great-grandmother is Arlene Inman of Boyne City.

ICE CREAM and cake were enjoyed at the Howard and Peg Crozier home on Sunday, Feb. 20 in an early celebration of Howard's 80th birthday. Guests were Butch and Phyllis Crozier; Brenda and Terry Urman and children Hilary and Tyler, Tysh and Scott Snyder; and Carri Crozier and daughter Melorie. Pastor Carl of the United Methodist Church also stopped by. On Tuesday, his actual birthday, Howard and Peg enjoyed an outing at B.C. Pizza with granddaughter Daphne and John Oly and daughter Madelyn.

CONGRATS GO out to Gene Beer for 30 years of service with the Charlevoix County Transit on the 23rd of February. And I quote, "We at the transit are proud to have him as our manager and leader." Three cheers for the hard work and effort Gene puts into the transit! Also, a little birdie says he celebrated 30 plus years being married on the 24th of February, must be doing something right at both jobs.

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School

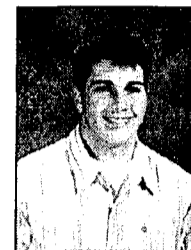
NAME: Danielle Ellis
PARENTS: Christine and Daniel Ellis
GRADE: Third
FAVORITE CLASS: Art
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Play outside
FAVORITE BOOK: Tico and the Golden Wings
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Boyne Fall's Student of the Week is Danielle Ellis," said Mrs. Grams. "She is new to the district this year and has shown herself to be a friendly, hardworking member of our classroom. Her work is consistently excellent. She has developed good friendships and is a positive influence on her peers. Congratulations Dannie!"



Danielle Ellis

Boyne City High School

NAME: Nicholas Simeri
PARENTS: Paul and Barb Simeri
GRADE: Freshman
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hunting, snowmobiling, fishing and skiing
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, ski team, track and co-class president
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan on attending college after high school, however, I am not sure where or what for, but I definitely want a degree."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Nicholas Simeri has done a great job so far in our new Freshman English Class," said Mr. Wollenberg. "He has answered questions in class, turned in his work on time, and has been a fine academic student so far! His participation in class helps the class, as well as himself. He takes part in extracurricular activities here at BCHS and is extremely polite and well-mannered. It's a pleasure to have Nick in English class this term."



Nicholas Simeri

East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Alyssa Piechocki
PARENTS: Jeff and Dorinda Piechocki
GRADE: Eighth
FAVORITE CLASS: Math
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Ski team
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Alyssa is kind, motivated, curious, and always strives to do her best," said Paul Nachazel, Kay Holley, Matt Hamilton, and Barb Noiro. "She never disappoints in achieving above and beyond her teachers' expectations. She is a sweetie!"



Alyssa Piechocki

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 Hershey Brothers and Friends will perform on Saturday, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Cen-

ter). The Center is located at 116 Main Street in East Jordan. For information, call Barb Shrooks at 231-536-5300.

BOYNE VALLEY LIONS CLUB MEETINGS
Wednesdays
 The Boyne Valley Lions Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library.

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

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

GRANDVUE AUXILIARY

Second Thursday
 The Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month, except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. For more information, call 582-6278.

AA MEETINGS
Weekly
 The Boyne Valley Group of AA meets in the basement of St. Matthew's, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday noon, 8 p.m. (Big Book Study); Tuesday noon; Wednesday noon, 8 p.m.; Thursday noon, 6:30 p.m. (Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday noon, 8 p.m. (Grapevine Study); Saturday 10 a.m. Meetings are closed and non-smoking. The first Friday of each month is an Open Talk/Potluck at 7 p.m., with meeting at 8 p.m.

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

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East Jordan Elementary student employees of First Kids Bank take their new job seriously, as they greet the public at FKB's anniversary celebration last week. From left, Emily Crick, Joshua Rathbun, Derrick Schroeder, Tyler Gaimore, Taylor Diller and Kelsey Moore.

Kid's Bank celebrates anniversary

By TOM KRAUSE
Student Contributor

EAST JORDAN — The morning bell rings and I sit down in a row of chairs accompanied by a few of my peers and a number of teachers. Before this audience stands six well-dressed elementary school students anxiously awaiting the start of their new jobs.

Each student politely introduces him or herself to the people present and then gives a brief presentation on what their new job is all about.

What exactly is this bustle that transforms the library of the East Jordan elementary school into this formal affair? It is the anniversary of the First Kids Bank.

The FKB is a special elementary school branch of the Huntington Bank, created for the students. The intriguing quality about FKB is that it is not only geared toward students, it is also run by students. Students who want to have the opportunity to work at FKB go through all of the procedures an employee at any job would go through.

A student must first fill out an application explaining their qualifications for being able to work at FKB. Each student who applies must go through a formal interview — the same as any adult would. After the interview, students are chosen to have the opportunity to work at the bank.

Before going to work, each new employee is trained to do banking with customers. Each employee is taught to deal with withdrawals, deposits, opening accounts and various other banking tasks. After that, it is time to show their banking prowess and they are ready for the job. FKB is a great learning program for students. It gives them the opportunity to have their own bank account and teaches them to manage their money. Bank employees learn what getting a job is really like and

how a bank works. Lessons students learn at FKB are important and invaluable.

I know first-hand how FKB is run, because I am a former employee of the bank. I am now a senior at East Jordan High School, and I had an opportunity to be present for the anniversary of FKB, along with a few other former employees. It was an opportunity that brought back many memories.

I talked with some other kids that used to work at FKB and it is very interesting to listen to one another's accounts of the memories. We told each other stories that made us laugh and we remembered a few things we had forgotten. I remember filling out my application and how I tried so hard to make myself sound desirable as an employee. I remember how my heart beat nervously in my chest when I went in for an interview. I recall the importance I felt of being selected as an employee of FKB.

My partner and my bank "window" was Richard Bjorem and we used to bribe other kids to do their banking with us with candy. It worked. I had a lot of fun working with Richard and everybody else, and I hope all future employees have a great experience as well.

FKB gives kids a great learning opportunity that is difficult to get in a normal classroom setting and it teaches them simple lessons that they will build on in the years to come. First Kids Bank is a great program and should continue to give students a unique experience.

(Editor's Note: Tom Krause participated in the First Kids Bank in its second year, and will be among the second group of graduating seniors who were elementary-age bankers. The anniversary marked the ninth year; the bank was started Feb. 27, 1997).

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EJ nursery school holding open house

The East Jordan Co-op Nursery School will hold an open house and registration Tuesday, March 22, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. and Wednesday, March 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Children ages three or older by Dec. 1 will be eligible for September classes.

Registration is not required during the open house, but would save your child a spot in the fall class. Immunization records are needed for registration.

The school is located at 207 Williams St. in East Jordan at the First Presbyterian Church.

For more information, call Kim Piechan at 536-0775 or Teresa Spence at 536-9921.

Local author visiting Jordan Valley library

The public is invited to attend a free program with author Keith Evans at the Jordan Valley District Library on March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Evans is the author of Dead Caribou Bags Hunter. The book contains 17 true stories of hunting and fishing in Alaska. The humorous and near-death happenings include encounters with a grizzly bear, and falling through the ice three times on a remote lake.

While the stories detail successful hunting and fishing trips, they also show the awesome beauty of Alaska through pictures.

Evans, a native of East Jordan, has been

hunting and fishing since he was 12 years old. As a boy he read stories by his favorite author, Jack London, and vowed that someday he would go to Alaska to hunt and fish. He moved to Alaska in the fall of 1998. He currently resides in Traverse City.

He will be narrating a video he produced that features the majestic scenery and wildlife of Alaska. He will also have books to sell and sign.

Evans's visit is part of Turn the Page at your Library, a district-wide reading program. The library encourages everyone to read and discuss the selections and participate in the author events.

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WEDDING



Karin and Scott Quarderer

Wolff-Quarderer

Karin Elaine Wolff and Scott Quarderer were married Nov. 13, 2004 at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Lake Orion. The Rev. Fr. Dennis R. Stilwell presided over the 2 p.m. double-ring nuptials and Mass.

The bride's mother is Sally Parish of Boyne City. Her father and stepmother are Alex and RoseMary Wolff of Boyne City. Parents of the groom are George and Carol Quarderer of Midland.

Matron of honor was Koni Johnson, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ann Holland, sister of the bride; Janell Quarderer, sister-in-law of the groom; and Robbyn Burden, Kirsten Beekel, and Anne Dasich, friends of the bride.

Junior bridesmaids who carried Liturgical Season Streamers were Beth Holland, and Nicole Dasich.

Best man was LCDR Kevin Quarderer, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Eric Johnson and Bill Holland, brothers-in-law of the bride; and Steve Baker, Todd Sinelli, and Kurt Leuter, friends of the groom. Junior Groomsman and Cross Bearer was Gregory Holland. Flower Girl was Sarah Holland. Ring Bearer was Dain Quarderer. The children in the wedding party were Joshua and Ethan Johnson, Billy Holland and Joshua Quarderer.

The couple greeted guests at a reception at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion, then left for a honeymoon to Glen Arbor.

The bride, a graduate of Boyne City High School and Michigan State University, earned her master's degree in curriculum and teaching from Michigan State University. She is a first grade teacher at Lake Orion Community Schools.

The groom, a graduate of H.H. Dow High School and Michigan State University, earned his master's degree in business administration in finance from Central Michigan University. He is a senior account manager for J.D. Power in Troy.

The couple resides in Lake Orion.

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At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held on Feb. 3, the following letters and reports were presented:

• A letter of thanks from the Melrose Township Fire Department for the child-size blood pressure monitor and the child's immobilization back board, which were presented by the Post through the Tabs For Tots Legion program for use on their ambulance;

• A letter from U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak stating that WW II and Korean War veterans who had not received a high school diploma may complete an application, send it to the State of Michigan and receive their diploma. Applications are available at the Post on Tuesdays before and during bingo.

The chaplain reported that the 14 veterans at Grandvue Medical Care Facility were all doing well, as is Fred Gondzar and Jim Wicker, and asked that the public be invited to visit them whenever possible to thank them for their service to our country.

The service officer reported that he assisted a veteran in acquiring hearing aids and supplied directions to the VA hearing center in Detroit.

The troop support officer reported that three boxes were packed and shipped to our troops in Iraq.

The chaplain asked for financial assistance for a nine-year-old girl, who needs a liver transplant. The Post donated \$200 from the Child Welfare Fund.

The next regular meeting will be held March 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 pot-luck supper. Area veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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OBITUARY

Michael Alan Moore

Michael Alan Moore, Sr., 50, of Boyne City died early Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Michael was born on April 25, 1954 in Grand Rapids the son of Harold and Margaret (Washburn) Moore. He married Marsha Ferris in 1973.

Michael served in the United States Army for three years. He worked for Matelski Lumber Company for the past 17 years. Michael enjoyed fishing and taking walks, over the past several years he really loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Michael is survived by his wife Marsha Moore; son Michael and Jessica (Bunting) Moore; two grandchildren, Emily and Alexander; five brothers, Roy (Jane) Moore of Texas, Mark (Laurie) Moore of Boyne City, Steve (Rhonda) Moore of Mancelona, Marty (Theresa) Moore of Florida, and Harold (Jessica) Moore, Jr. of Boyne City; five sisters, Pam (Robert) Roberts of East Jordan, Penny (Rick) Richards of Boyne Falls, Debra (Lee) Loebiq of Florida, Christine Adame of Florida, Alica (Monty) Loper of Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews.

Michael is preceded in death by his father Harold in February of 1993; mother Margaret in December of 2000; and grandson Dominic Michael Kitson in March of 1992.

Per Michael's request cremation has take place and no services are planned at this time. The family would like to thank all the people of Northern Michigan Hospital, especially Dr. Heise, Dr Griffin and all of the third floor staff for your support and kindness.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Northern Michigan Hospital or American Liver Foundation, 74 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, NY 10038.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

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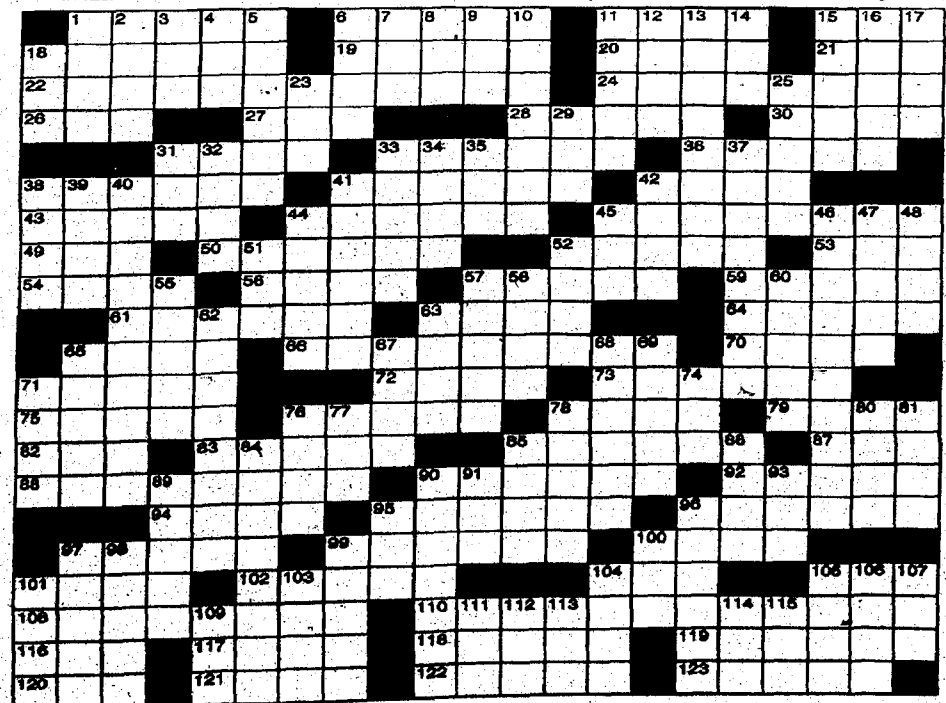
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SPORTS

Barden, Rowley are champions

■ They win slalom, giant slalom at state ski meet

Boyne City's Kyle Barden and East Jordan/Charlevoix's Katherine Rowley capped off an outstanding season of prep skiing when they each earned a state title at the Class B-C-D final meet held in Marquette on Monday.

Barden captured the giant slalom race with two runs of 31.16 and 31.51 for a combined time of 1:02.68 on Marquette Mountain.

Rowley won the slalom event with runs of 40.02 and 40.61 for a combined time of 1:20.63.

Rowley finished second to Barden in the GS (1:03.62) and Barden finished fifth in the slalom (1:23.71).

In the boys competition Boyne City's Nick Simeri finished ninth in

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The Boyne City girls team and two members of the boys team converged on the slopes of Marquette for the state ski meet on Monday. Pictured from left: Nick Simeri, Astrid Graefe, Rocio Ruiz, Kyle Barden, Jessica Grice, Alex Welborn and Josh Grove. Back: Coach Bob Simpson. Not pictured: Kayla Potter.



The East Jordan/Charlevoix ski team headed for the hills in Marquette for the State meet on Monday. Though not all the girls raced, the entire team attended the meet to offer encouragement to their teammates. Front, from left: Steffy Poindexter, Michelle Fritsch, Kelsey Poineau and Liz Hasseld. Back, from left: Tricia McClung, Kristen Kovel, Katie Diller, Kristin Dupuis and Sarah Lorne. Not pictured: Katherine Rowley and Jenny Rich.

EJ wins second half and the game

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The host Boyne City Ramblers came out strong in the opening quarter, while the visiting East Jordan Red Devils came back strong in the second quarter when the two Lake Michigan Conference rivals met for the final game of the season for both clubs on Friday, Feb. 25.

It was in the third quarter that the Red Devils turned the tide and set the tone for the remainder of the contest to earn a 67-55 victory.

Boyne City had the hot hand early taking a 25-11 lead after one, but East Jordan responded with 23 points in the second to cut the lead to just four points, 38-34, going into the locker room.

"They really jumped on us early. Their shots were falling and we were having a hard time finishing at the offensive end," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey.

Boyne City was the team struggling after the break as East Jordan took the third quarter 18-6 to forge an eight point 52-44 lead.

The Red Devils closed the door on the Ramblers with a 15 point fourth quarter to pull away for the 12 point final margin.

"The kids expected to win and they really finished the game well. It was a solid way to finish the regular season," said Bailey.

"To their credit they pounded us inside and we fouled way too many times," said Boyne City coach Tim Smith. "We missed a ton of easy shots and to me that was disappointing."

Kyle Daneff paced the Red Devils with 20 points and 13 rebounds to post the double-double. Tom Krause added 13 points with four rebounds and Tyler Spence had nine points,



Intensity and hustle were a big part of the regular season finale between East Jordan and Boyne City last Friday night and was illustrated by the efforts of East Jordan's Tom Krause and Boyne City's Caleb Helsley, left, and Dillon Olmstead.

eight rebounds and four assists. Chad Kraemer pulled down eight boards.

For Boyne City Dillon Olmstead scored 19 points, Grant Ameal had 11 points and five rebounds and Reed Ameal had 11 points.

East Jordan 69, Glen Lake 67

Daneff hit the clutch shot with 18 ticks on the clock to put his team

ahead by two points and give East Jordan a 69-67 non conference win at Glen Lake on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Daneff's shot capped a big comeback as the Red Devils trailed by 14 points in the third quarter, but they were able to hold their poise and cut the lead down to just one point going into the final period.

The first quarter ended with the two

teams tied 16-16 before the Lakers took a 37-27 lead to the locker room.

The score stood at 55-54 after three before East Jordan out pointed Glen Lake 15-12 in the final eight minutes.

"Glen Lake is always a difficult place to play - the ride down makes it tough," said Bailey. "This was a huge step forward for our program. The kids are refusing to lose."

Spence led East Jordan with 21 points, seven rebounds, six assists and four steals, while Daneff added 18 points and seven boards. Kraemer contributed a strong game with 14 points and seven rebounds.

Brian Reinierston scored 20 points and Dennis Smith added 18 points to lead Glen Lake.

Ramblers have Elks number this season

Dillon Olmstead scored 12 points and Taylor Voice added 0 points with seven rebounds when Boyne City downed Lake Michigan Conference rival Elk Rapids 52-45 on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The victory was the second this season for the Ramblers over the Elks.

In a slow starting game Elk Rapids held an early 13-7 lead after one quarter before Boyne City bounced back to take a 17-16 margin into the locker room. The third period made the difference as the Ramblers out scored the Elks 15-9 to make it a 32-25 game going into the final eight minutes.

"It took us about a quarter and a half to get it going," said Boyne City coach Tim Smith. "I thought we struggled early on, but we played well defensively and that kept us in the game."

For Boyne City Grant Ameal added nine points, four rebounds and three assists and Scott Morrow chipped in with six points and 11 rebounds coming off the bench.

Josh Ayers led Elk Rapids with 14 points.

The Ramblers will begin district play tonight in the semi final round of the Class C tournament in East Jordan.

Loggers on top of their game

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

Josh Jarema tossed in 28 points and Trevor Matelski added 20 points to lead the Boyne Falls varsity basketball team to a 77-68 Northern Lakes Conference win on the road over Harbor Light on Friday, Feb. 25.

Ben Kondrat contributed with 12 points, A.J. Hawkins had eight points and Demetris Burks chipped in with seven for the Loggers as they closed out the regular season at 9-3 in the league and 13-7 overall.

"I thought we played one of our better games of the year. We cut down on our turnovers, moved the ball well and played good defense," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla.

"I thought we played one of our better games of the year."

— Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla

"Josh played a great floor game and Trevor played his best offensive game of the year. We are playing our best basketball at the right time of the year," he added.

The Loggers led the Swordsmen 19-15 after one quarter before the two teams headed to the locker room tied at 31 points. Boyne Falls took control in the second half outscoring Harbor Light 16-13 in the third quarter

and 30-24 in the fourth.

Harbor Light's Misha McCray led all scorers in the game with 41 points.

Harbor Light took the junior varsity game 62-34.

Northport 64, Boyne Falls 50

Northport handed Boyne Falls a 64-50 non-conference loss at Northport on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Jarema scored 14 points, while Hawkins had 12 points to lead the Logger offense.

Boyne Falls played even with Northport through one quarter, but the Wildcats put together a 22-12 run in the second to take a 38-28 margin at the intermission. Northport held a 52-36 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

EJ cruises in opener

The East Jordan Red Devils opened district tournament play Monday with a dominating 90-46 victory over Mancelona in front of the home crowd.

Kyle Daneff scored 29 points and hauled in nine rebounds to lead East Jordan which advances to play Boyne City in the second semi-final game tonight, Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

The Red Devils held a slim 19-18 lead after one quarter before a 29-9 second quarter surge put them ahead 48-27 going into the half-time break.

East Jordan kept pouring it on, outscoring out Mancelona 22-10 in the third period and 20-9 in the fourth.

"It started a little passive, but we got it going defensively. We have some role players that are playing well," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey. "Tom Krause has always been our leader and he stepped up tonight. So did Tim Kraemer."

Krause had 16 points, five rebounds, seven assists and seven steals, while Kraemer chipped in with 12 points and six boards.

"We played well in the first quarter, but in the second quarter their press bothered us. They put us in a hole that we just couldn't get out of," said Mancelona coach Rick Duerksen.

Harbor Springs defeated Charlevoix 83-71 in the second game to advance to play Pellston tonight at 6 p.m.

Boyne Falls rolls past St. Mary's

The Boyne Falls Loggers will vie for the Class D district championship on its home court thanks to an impressive 74-46 win over Gaylord St. Mary's on Monday, Feb. 28.

Boyne Falls will face either Vanderbilt or Wolverine Thursday. Game time is 7 p.m.

Josh Jarema scored 24 points to lead the Loggers against the Snowbirds. Demetris Burks added 13 points, Trevor Matelski chipped in with 10 points and Ben Kondrat scored nine.

Tom Weber scored 13 points and Ryan Smith had 12 to pace Gaylord St. Mary's.

VOLLEYBALL

Charlevoix ends Red Devils' season

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

East Jordan's varsity volleyball team ended the season with a 16-25, 9-25, 16-25 loss to Charlevoix in the second round of the Class C district tournament in Mancelona on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Sierra Roberts led the Lady Devils with seven digs, four kills and two blocks. Jessica Roberts had eight digs and two kills and Tabatha Grover had eight digs and three kills.

"When you play a team the caliber of Charlevoix you can't make mistakes," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel. "I feel bad for my team because we have played better than this all year."

The Lady Devils finished at 6-21-6 overall with a 4-10 mark in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The match was the last appearance for seniors Nina Peters, Tabatha Grover, Kayla Matajewski, Christine Jackson, and Amanda Arreguin.

Suttons Bay defeated Charlevoix 25-20, 26-24, 16-25, 23-25, 15-4 in the finals to advance to the regional tournament next week at Manton.

Harbor Springs 3, East Jordan 0

Harbor Springs defeated East Jordan 25-9, 25-11, 25-18 in the final regular season match on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Sierra Roberts led the Lady Devils with eight kills and six digs, while Jessica Roberts chipped in with 12 assists, eight digs and four aces. Grover had four kills, six digs and two aces; Stephanie Olszewski had three kills with one block and Christine Jackson had two kills and one block.

"We were missing two starters and still played very well. I am proud of how this team has strived to improve all season. They have worked hard all year," said Nachazel.

The East Jordan freshman team closed its season with a 27-25, 25-23 victory over Harbor Springs.

The Lady Devils were led by Ashley Warrington (nine points, five aces), Stephani Morris (eight points, four aces, two kills), Paige Fuller (three points, one ace, three kills) and Treasure Timmons (four kills).

Boyne City falls to Pellston at districts

The Boyne City varsity volleyball season came to a close when the Lady Ramblers fell to Pellston 12-25, 16-25, 15-25 in the semi-final round of the Onaway district tournament on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Jessica Nichols paced Boyne City with 16 digs and six kills, while Molly Hausler, Trisha Tomkins and Lindsay Baic were all 100 percent from the serving line. Emma Clemens contributed with 12 assists and Emily McLane

had 12 digs, four kills and three blocks.

"Pellston is a good team. They don't make a lot of mistakes," said Boyne City coach Cassie Parker.

In the championship game Pellston downed Rogers City 25-20, 25-21, 25-16 to advance to the Manton regionals.

The game marked the last appearance for seniors McLane, Ashleigh Wiltjer, Jennifer Connall, Tori Crum, and Stephani Vroman.

Ice Dogs go undefeated to win tourney

The Boyne City Ace Hardware Ice Dogs Peeewe hockey team posted four wins and one tie in six games to capture first place at the Alpine Invitational Tournament held at the Otsego County Sportsplex on Feb. 18-20.

Miles Wilkes and Katie Cannon scored one goal each to lead the team to a 2-0 win over the Mt. Clemens Blues in the finals. Adam Parada and Daniel Babrick chipped in with one assist each.

The Ice Dogs defeated the Westland Raiders 4-1 in the semi finals as Wilkes, Bryan Wonski, Graham



The Boyne City Ice Dogs celebrate after their tournament championship.

Young and Sam Mussio all scored one goal. Wilkes, Wonski and Cameron Robinson contributed with one assist each.

Keegan Reynolds was the winning goalie in both games.

In the early round action the Ice Dogs tied with Sault

Ste. Marie 3-3, defeated the Kentwood Cyclops 4-2, lost to the Mt. Clemens Blues 3-1, and downed the Flint Jackals 2-1.

Kaliseum hosts women's hockey tourney

The Kaliseum Recreational Center in Kalkaska will host the annual Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association Championships starting Friday, with five teams competing for top honors, including Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Ohio State University, as well as teams from Northern Michigan University and Western Michigan University.

Paul Woods, facilities manager at the Kaliseum, said he's hoping for crowds of up to 1,000 people to attend each game.

"We've got the women's champions here," said Woods, a former player and broadcaster for the NHL Detroit Red Wings.

Children 16 and under are free; adults can purchase a weekend pass for just \$5.

Tournament action gets underway at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 4 and at 9 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday, with the championship game slated for 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

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Skiers

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the GS with a time of 1:01.81 and added a 10th in the slalom with a time of 1:19.20.

"I felt overall that the girls had a great season end," said Sue Miller, EJ/Charlevoix coach. "They ended on a high note. They skied very well in the slalom. There were a few errors in the giant slalom that hurt us, but in the end I'd say that they had a great day."

"Katherine skied a great race — probably the best she's skied all year. Everything finally clicked together for her," she added.

"Michelle Fritsch, one of my two seniors graduating this year, skied well yesterday and ended her high school skiing career on a good note. We'll be sad when Michelle and Katie Diller leave."

Miller also mentioned that Mac Brennan of the Charlevoix/EJ-boys team, qualified independently for the state meet, and finished in 35th place in the slalom.

Barden said that the courses were set up "pretty normally, nothing tricky," but that the conditions were pretty hard and icy even at the beginning.

"There was some challenging terrain that I have never skied on before," she said. "I was kind of disappointed with my slalom results, but it was still the best I've done at state before."

"With GS, I was really happy. I hadn't won state at all, but it all came together during the last run of my last year," said Barden, a senior at Boyne City High School.

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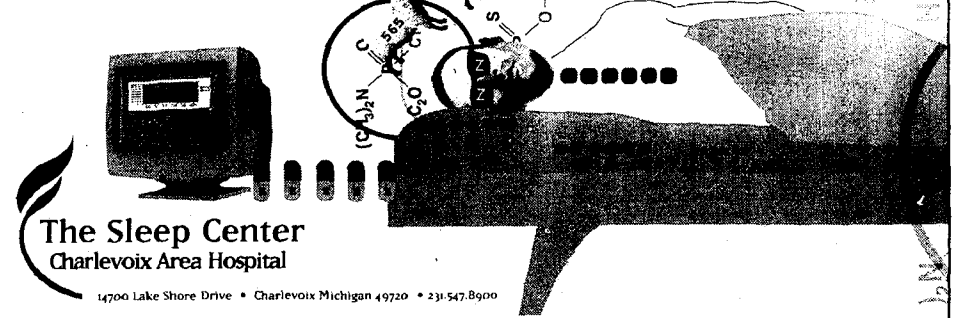
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made a provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the main lobby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

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LOT 33, WESTPORT AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE(S) 211 AND 212, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS.

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DATED: Feb. 9, 2005
Assignee of Mortgagee:
Fifth Third Mortgage Company
ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee
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Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 360 feet of the North 1/2 of the North 3/8 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 Section 29, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, Being a part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast 1/4 Section 29, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. Subject to all easements, covenants, conditions, reservations, leases and restrictions of record, all legal highways, all rights of way, all zoning, building and other laws, ordinances and regulations, all rights of tenants in possession and all real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable.

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

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Plat of Zoulek Woods according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records.

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

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

Lot 127 of Upright and Hurlbut's Addition to the Village (now City) of Charlevoix, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records.

Being the same property conveyed to Peter Couture and Natalie Couture, husband and wife by a Warranty Deed dated 10/8/99 and recorded 10/13/99 in Deed Book 398, page 723, in the Office of the Recorder of Charlevoix County, Michigan

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Dated: FEB. 10, 2005
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R2 under the Pooling & Servicing Agreement dated as of March 1, 2004. Without Recourse.
Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Polestivo & Associates, P.C.
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Our File No: 05-32260

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Said premises are situated in Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 36, Town 33 North, Range 5 West, thence East 13.5 rods, thence South 12 rods, thence West 13.5 rods, thence North 12 rods to the place of beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 33 North, Range 5 West.

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Dated: Feb. 23, 2005
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Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 224, Block 15, Nicholis & Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne (now City of Boyne City), according to the recorded plat thereof in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan. ALSO the West 1/2 of the vacated alley as recorded in Liber 39, Pages 633 and 634 and corrected in Liber 416, pages 304 and 305, Charlevoix County Records.

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Dated: March 2, 2005
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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 vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11 a.m. on April 1, 2005.

The premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

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RANGE 7 WEST; EXCEPT A PARCEL DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING 12 RODS EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24; THENCE EAST 15 RODS 8 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 39 RODS; THENCE WEST 15 RODS 8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 38 RODS TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, EXCEPT ALSO A PARCEL 100 FEET BY 150 FEET CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 101 OF DEEDS, PAGE 224, REGISTER OF DEEDS OF CHARLEVOIX, COUNTY, MICHIGAN, CITY OF EAST JORDAN, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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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: March 2, 2005
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Citifinancial, Inc.
As Mortgagee P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 293.0080

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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 Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated Jan. 23, 1995, and recorded on Jan. 25, 1995, in Liber 294, on page 983, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE Assignments to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy two thousand six hundred ninety nine and 50/100 dollars (\$72,699.50), 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 vendue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 o'clock a.m. on April 1, 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, TAX PARCEL ID#: 015-100-006-00

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 the sale.

Dated: Feb. 21, 2005
GMAC Mortgage Corporation
Mortgagee
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23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, Michigan 48075

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010787-DE
Estate of Hattie Louise Sarasin, deceased, date of birth: May 1, 1905.

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The Decedent, Hattie Louise Sarasin, who lived at 927 Wilson St., Boyne City, Michigan 49712, died Jan. 30, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joseph F. Richards, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: Feb. 22, 2005
Attorney:
Timothy D. Amer (P33744)
110 Water St., P.O. Box 100
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 582-6741
Personal representative:
Joseph F. Richards
458 Call St.
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 582-2804

CITY OF BOYNE CITY CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
FEB. 8, 2005 REGULAR MEETING: The City Commission approved the minutes from the Jan. 25, 2005 regular meeting; approved holding the Boyne Thunder Poker Run on July 15 and 16, 2005 and authorized City staff to work with the Executive Committee on issues that may arise as event plans move forward; approved the proposal submitted from Capital Consultants for engineering design and bidding services for the Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements project; approved the resolution to implement MERS Defined Contribution program as the retirement for all non-union and AFSME City employees, and as an optional replacement program for current non-union and AFSME City employees; and approved changes in the Personnel Policy for non-union employees.

Sara McRae
Deputy City Clerk

WILSON TOWNSHIP PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

The Wilson Township Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the regular Board meeting at the Township Hall, 02530 Boyne City/East Jordan Road, Boyne City, Mich., for the purpose of presenting and adopting a budget for the Township of Wilson for the fiscal year April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006.

The Property Tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

All discussion and comments will be received at this time, or can be sent to the Supervisor at 03060 Boyne City/East Jordan Road, Boyne City, MI 49712, or by calling 231/582-7122 for an appointment. This notice is posted in compliance with Public Acts 267 or 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act, MCL 41.72 a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Marilyn Beebe
Wilson Township Clerk

BOARD OF REVIEW HUDSON TOWNSHIP

The Hudson Township Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 9 a.m. to review the 2005 assessment roll.

Property owners may review their assessments before the Board of Review on March 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on March 15 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Protests may also be made by mail or fax (231-549-2646) if received prior to March 15.

All meetings will be held at the Hudson Township Hall, Reynolds Road, Elmira, Mich.

Tentative ratios and multipliers are:

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural 101	38.23%	1.30787
Commercial 201	46.17%	1.08295
Industrial 301	31.29%	1.59795
Residential 401	45.12%	1.10816
Timber-Cutover 501	44.32%	1.12816
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Frank D. Wasylewski
Hudson Township Clerk

CITY OF EAST JORDAN BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The East Jordan Board of Review will be holding its organizational meeting March 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. the purpose of this meeting will be to receive the assessment roll for the current year and proceed to examine same.

The East Jordan Board of Review will be in session March 14 and March 15, 2005. Property owners may examine their 2005 property assessments at City Hall during the following times:

March 14th:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
March 15th:	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The City of East Jordan tentative ratio and multiplier subject to change by the Assessing Officer, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization:

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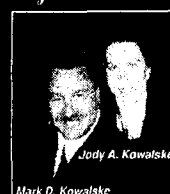
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Resale shop

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The committee took advantage of Senior Core of Retired Executives — a group of retired senior business people helping other businesses as consultants — who advised that they also get a volunteer professional advisory board, which should be comprised of an accountant, a lawyer and an insurance agent. This board would serve in an advisory capacity only, but would meet on a quarterly basis.

"We are targeting early August for opening," Pardee said. "But that will depend on a building. We will open earlier if we have a building."

The committee consists of nine women and one man, and is a diverse group from five diverse churches. They see that as one of the project's beauties.

Pat Gerhardt, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church said she was approached about the project and volunteered to go to the first meeting.

"Which I missed! But I thought it was a good idea and would benefit the people. And then getting all the churches together — I was hooked," she said.

Shirley Jansen of the East Jordan United Methodist

Church got involved merely because she thought it was a wonderful idea, she said. Terri Warnos was on the Christian Service Committee at her church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church in East Jordan, where the idea had originated with Pardee.

Warnos said she knew that St. Joseph and St. John, the two local Catholic churches, couldn't do it alone, and she thought of getting other churches involved.

"We had an informational meeting in October," Warnos said. She also began working on writing grants, making requests of the Charlevoix County-Community Foundation and the Great Lakes Energy People Fund.

Pardee said, "The Chamber, the city — everybody agreed we needed it, but nobody took it. We contacted all the outreach-type committees."

Steve and Gretchen Goebel, of the Lighthouse Missionary Church, got on board because of their vantage point of seeing the unremitting need for assistance in the schools.

"We see families in need all the time," Gretchen said. "And there are plenty of students who would be willing to help, too."

The First Presbyterian Church is well represented, with

Linda Snyder, who, when she began hearing about the project, knew it was something she wanted to be involved in.

"The united group appealed to me," she said. Linda Robinson, also of First Presbyterian, said that to her nothing is more important than helping others, and Tony Jeffrey of the same church said, "I was asked to come on board. It's a big undertaking and will take many dedicated people. I am willing to do all I can."

But it was Bonnie Thomas, of the United Methodist Church, whose reason for getting in on the project struck the most homely and humorous chord:

"I just love resale shops," she said. "I go to them. They're a lot of fun."

But the mission is serious, and the ecumenical group is committed to accomplishing their outreach ministry by living up to their mission statement: Christians Reaching Out to Serve those in need, Showing God's love, Responding to Our call to Action; Devoted to Service in His name. Crossroads.

For more information, or to donate wish list items or services, call Jean Pardee at (231) 544-6988.

Heading home

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just gives folks an opportunity to support something they already believe in.

But she is leaving the area. Retiring?

"I am quasi-retiring. I am leaving the hospital. We have been in the area for 25 years, but my family is from Virginia, outside of Charlottesville," Johnson said, describing the area as much the same as this — minus the water, plus mountains, she said.

She and her husband have bought a home that her grandfather built in 1895, which has been the home of her uncle, who recently went into a nursing home. Johnson is his caretaker and she needs to be nearby. Besides, both she and her husband have always loved the old house.

"It's a great old house. Oh, it needs to be updated — the wiring was put in in 1926," she said. "But it's on 12 acres, with a rolling hillside, views and a lot of space to garden."

Both the Johnsons are master gardeners and she expects to enjoy the longer growing season. Her uncle is also a gardener, so the house is already surrounded by many of the essential plants and flowers.

"I will miss everyone up here, friends, my work, our church, the garden club," Johnson said. But needing to be near the uncle has forced the retirement, which Johnson does not see as permanent.

"I hope to find another, similar position down there," she said. But Johnson has another passion she intends to indulge.

"I hope to do some writing," she said. "Both my husband and I have been writing mysteries for Mystery Dinners." In April, while making a trip to Virginia, the Johnsons plan to take a detour to Washington DC to "Malice Domestic," a mystery-writing seminar. It will be their second such seminar.

"Gosh it was just the most fun," Johnson said. "It was fun to listen to authors and find out how they do it. Do they write an outline and then the story? Do they just write it all out?"

Johnson does her own writing between 6 a.m. and noon.

"I am better coming up with ideas and concepts at 5:30 in the morning. At 3:30 in the afternoon I am more about figuring out mechanics," she said.

Virginia will provide more visiting opportunities:

Harold's children and a sister will be nearer, and the Johnsons look forward to being able to see more of their family. Besides, there are things to do — Johnson said she is attempting to develop a taste for wine so that she can take advantage of Virginia's growing wine-making economy.

As for the hospital, a replacement has been hired, Johnson said.

"It will be wonderful for the hospital," she said. "The hospital has this great board, the foundation has a terrific board. I don't think people realize how fortunate we are to have people like Dick Fish and Steve Hufford for board members. The people on the development council — Barb Malpass, Ann Bisbee, Floyd and Nancy Wright, Shirley Diller — who are willing to donate hours and hours, and how valuable that is to the hospital and the community."

Johnson said that it is wonderful that people are willing to write checks.

"We couldn't survive without that. But these are people who are willing to give up their time," she said. "These people devote a lot of time to this, in spite of the fact that they have businesses to run. They have seen the value and they can get pretty passionate about it, because it means something to them."

As Johnson contemplates her move, she knows that she is ready for the next adventure. But she also knows that she is leaving a lot behind. Schools, churches, hospitals, she says, are what builds a community. She thinks that Charlevoix County is fortunate not only to be well-represented in all of these institutions, but in the folks that make them work.

Johnson has been one of those folks. She will be missed.

State rep

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Association.

"If we push these issues, they go nuclear," he said. He said that he doesn't see Proposal A being tweaked.

"I think we will have to live with Proposal A and control the expense side," he said. "That's not to say people are sitting on their hands down there — there is work going on. The system is set up to slowly and methodically get things done."

Debbie Bartlett, an East Jordan school board member, said that cuts were already painfully deep, creating a cycle.

"If we cut sports, enrollment goes down," Bartlett said, noting that as enrollment drops, funding drops correspondingly.

"I hope we don't have a poster child for bankruptcy of schools," Elsenheimer said, but said he knew there were schools that are close. In addition he agreed that cuts were painfully deep. "We're at bone," he said.

Regarding business, Elsenheimer said that it is important for northern Michigan cities to provide,

with the state, tax relief with the singlebusiness tax, and create enterprise zones, provide basic infrastructure, as well as provide qualified and able workers.

"That is where it is important to have a partnership with the schools, chambers and city ... jointly preparing entrepreneurs for tomorrow," Elsenheimer said. "Part of that is attitude — an entrepreneurial spirit tends to grow. But it's not all attitude — some of it is government doing what government should do: providing good schools and infrastructure."

Having been in state government for two months, Elsenheimer feels he's had some surprises.

"The bicameral system of the House and Senate — the system of passing a bill is really intended to make sure all parties are listened to and have a hand in the process," he said. "The amount of time and effort put into every single bill is substantial. The system is designed to make sure only quality bills are passed — which is not to imply that I agree with all of them."

The other thing that surprised Elsenheimer was the level of "regionalism."

He and others have worked to form a coalition of northern Michigan legislators so that they can represent the northern counties' way of life.

"We don't always see eye to eye. Senator Allen and I fight to make sure northern Michigan isn't being ignored by the administration and in funding issues," he said. He said that there are areas with

greater population than Detroit, but notes that Detroit receives additional funding above and beyond the rest of the state, citing \$15 million in additional school funding and \$30 million in support of hospitals, as well as \$200 million spent on roads and bridges.

"We are continuously fighting that. It is important for Michigan to have a world-class city, but East Jordan and Boyne City schools and the Charlevoix Area Hospital are equally important," he said. "There are times when you act as a state representative rather than a local district representative. But when it comes to funding, making sure your district gets its fair share, every representative is regional."

Elsenheimer said that it is sometimes "fascinating that anything gets done," citing regional concerns and policy differences between representatives and administration. But he added that a lot does in fact get done, and that he is in a great position to facilitate that.

"I don't have any excuses," he said. "I have the ability and responsibility to go and do something about it. It's a good situation to be in."

The new job keeps him in his Lansing office for long hours. He said a day is typically 16 hours. A constituent asked him if the phone calls and E-mails are important, and he said he personally reads every E-mail, and that they are very important. But in spite of the long hours, Elsenheimer said the

job has provided more at-home time than he had working as a full-time attorney.

Elsenheimer intends to be in the area at least every six weeks, and encourages people to contact his office in the meantime.

Allen plans office hours

Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, said his chief of staff, Jamie Callahan, will hold office hours in Boyne City on Friday, March 4, from 2 to 3 p.m. Callahan will meet with constituents in the commission chambers at city hall.

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By **Steve Czerkes** Pharmacist

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