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East Jordan City Commission

City offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

The first city commission meeting for East Jordan in 2008 is 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15, at city hall.

East Jordan snowmobile rules are posted.

Boyne City City Commission

City offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Boyne City City Commission will hold its first 2008 meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, at city hall.

Family Game Day scheduled

The Jordan Valley District Library will hold Family Game Day on Wednesday, Dec. 26, and Thursday, Dec. 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the library's community room. Board games, puzzles, foosball and air hockey will be available during this time, as well as a movie. Snacks will also be provided. Library assistants will be available for supervision.

Open house

Raven Hill Discovery Center's 17th annual holiday open house is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, so stop by on your way home from work to help us celebrate the holiday season.

New Year's Eve for kids

A New Year's Eve overnight at Raven Hill Discovery Center, from 6 p.m. on Dec. 31, to 9 a.m. on Jan. 1, will entertain the kids and keep them safe, while you celebrate with them or on your own. Registration is limited, so book a spot for your children soon by calling Cheri at 231-536-3369. Cost is \$100 per child and kids must be between 4 and 12 years of age.

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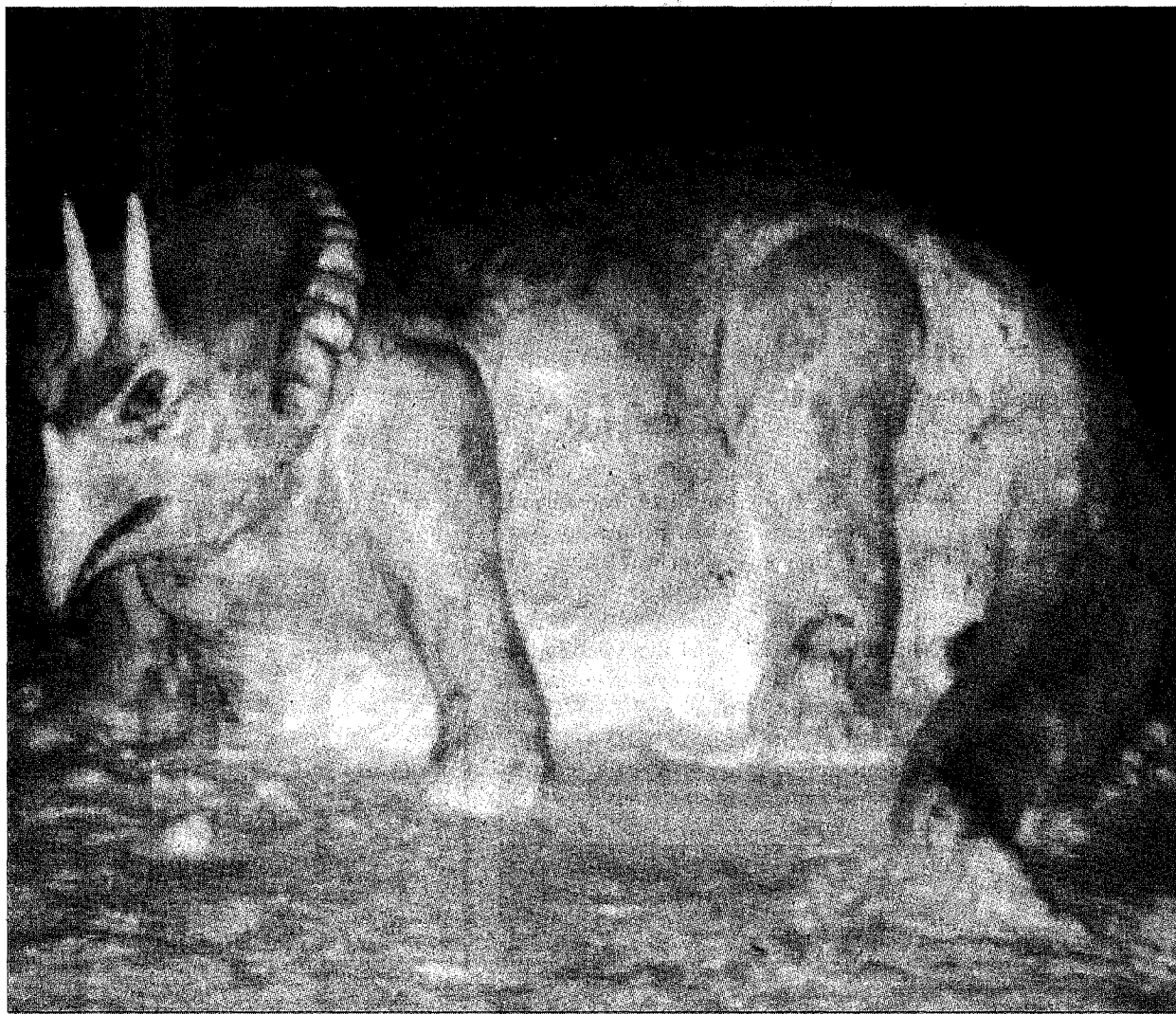


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A dinosaur ice sculpture looks as though he is protecting the yard at this house on Main Street in East Jordan.

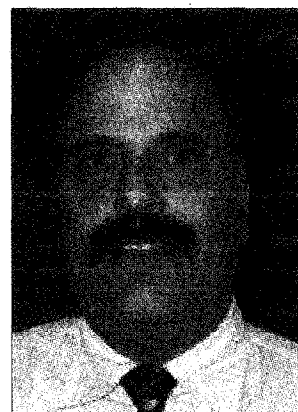
Conundrum for city commissioner

By B. J. HETLER
EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — Whether or not elected city commissioners are employees of the city is up for a court decision and the answer will determine if a commissioner's city pension will be adversely affected.

Recently elected city commissioner Paul Timmons, a former police officer for the City of East Jordan, signed an agreement with the city when he left his employment in October 2006. As part of the agreement he gave up all rights of any future employment with the city.

At the Dec. 18 commissioners' meeting at city hall, a discussion ensued as to



Paul Timmons

whether an elected official is deemed an employee. Commissioners could not reach a consensus.

Timmons presented his fellow commissioners with research he had conducted and cited four or five opinions of the state's attorney general that said elected officials were not employees.

The city charter separates elected commissioners from employees as well, Timmons said.

In addition, Timmons said he had heard from four lawyers that he would not be an employee of the city if he were on the commission.

"If I would have known I wouldn't have been able to run for city commission, I wouldn't have signed the (agreement) contract," said Timmons.

Several residents attended the meeting to support Timmons in his stance that serving as an elected commissioner did not determine that he was an employee.

"Paul was elected by the people and if you are thinking of taking him off of the commission, it should be understood that those who

elect him don't want him removed," said resident Neil Booze.

But Mayor Dan Bennett clarified the issue saying that if it is determined that Timmons is a city employee it will affect his retirement pension, not necessarily make him ineligible to sit on the commission board.

City attorney Scott Beatty said an option for the commission to settle the issue is to ask a judge to review the matter and issue a declaratory judgment.

"The issue is such that it's right to get a reasonable decision on it before you threaten his pension," said Beatty.

Commissioners agreed and gave Beatty permission to take the issue to court for a decision.

Murder trial prep underway

By B. J. HETLER
EDITOR

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — An East Jordan man charged with the murder of his brother has asked the court to allow payment for investigative services. The services will help in his defense for what looks to be a complicated and lengthy trial.

Charles Merriman, 58, is charged with open murder of his brother, William Merriman. No body has been found to date, but DNA testing of blood at the scene indicates that it is William's blood. That and other facts led to the charge. William has not been seen or heard from since June 2006.

Charles Merriman's

court-appointed attorney, Kerry Zahner, based her request for the services of an investigative firm upon a lack of resources needed to properly defend the case.

Zahner said that at the trial scheduled to begin on Feb. 4, 2008, the prosecution plans to call between 50 and 80 witnesses. That necessitates research and interviews by defendant's counsel.

The case is in the 33rd Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix in front of Judge Richard M. Pajtas.

An investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office of the disappearance of William Merriman was prompted by a telephone call on Sept. 5, 2006, from a friend of William's, ac-

cording to a court file report.

The caller told Detective Michael Wheat that William, who lived in the Grand Rapids area, had not been seen or heard from since June 2006.

Investigation shows that Charles and William disagreed on Charles staying in their parent's house and not working. Apparently, William planned to move into the house on Phelps Road and bring their father, Charles Merriman Sr., home from a nursing home to care for him.

No date has been set at this time to hear that motion. An earlier motion by defendant asking the court for a bench trial instead of a trial by jury, and to suppress statements made by the de-

pendant, also waits for a hearing date.

Merriman waived his right to be tried by a jury and asked the court for a bench trial. He appears to have given a great deal of consideration to the issue and has a reasonable basis for his request, Zahner wrote to the court.

Merriman also seeks to suppress statements made by him to police officers. Zahner said that Merriman allegedly made statements to police officers during the course of a year-long investigation, preceding his formal arrest. Defense counsel claims that the statements made by Merriman about the circumstances surrounding William's disappearance were not given voluntarily.

Eagles donate and challenge others

By B. J. HETLER
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Fraternal Order of Eagles has a goal to increase its donations within the community every year. This year as its 100-year anniversary comes to a close, the Eagles issue a challenge to other organizations, businesses and individuals.

The Eagles have pledged \$200 each month for one year to the Lakeshore Community Free Clinic, and the challenge is for others to determine a pledge amount to donate monthly to the clinic.

The Free Clinic located at 624 State St., is a family practice care center. Its mission is to serve the uninsured and under-insured with health care.

Dr. Richard Mansfield founded the Free Clinic with Dave and Cynthia Crumbaugh. They volunteer their time and skills, along with others who work at the clinic.

The Eagles' commitment to the Free Clinic will help it remain open to serve the community, said Eagles' president Bob Hyde.

Historically, the Boyne City Eagles organization has been a club where members and guests enjoy socializing, playing games and organizing events. But within the last 10 years the club has fostered a growing interest in community needs and in helping others.

In 2007, approximately 24 groups and individuals have received contributions from members of the Eagles.

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Courtesy photo

The Boyne City Eagles close out their 100-year anniversary with a financial commitment to the Lakeshore Community Free Clinic. Eagles' president, Bob Hyde (right) gives the first of 12 monthly checks to Dr. Richard Mansfield, one of the founders of the Free Clinic.

Snowmobile rules reminder

By B. J. HETLER
EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — Snowmobile riders take note. The signs are up in the city to designate areas where snowmobiles are not allowed. One of the areas is sidewalks and the mayor reported on the rules at a Dec. 18 city commission meeting.

"I have had numerous concerns from citizens regarding snowmobiles on the sidewalks," said Mayor Dan Bennett. "Signs explaining the operations of snowmobiles in the city have been placed in the lot next to B.C. Pizza and at Community Park. Chief Reece is in contact with the Snowmobile Club and numerous contacts with snowmobiles on the sidewalks have been made."

The situation is a problem at the beginning of every winter as people become re-educated to the rules of riding, Bennett added.

In other business at the meeting, commissioners unanimously approved a resolution to establish an industrial development district within the city on Spring Street. It will be known as: 301 Spring St. Industrial Development District.

The East Jordan EMS submitted its 2006 annual report to commissioners. For the year 2006, EMS responded to a total of 1,120 calls, 785 of those were emergency calls. Most of the calls were logged under the general medical

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United Way distributes toy busses

Local children will enjoy a gift of toy school busses this holiday season, thanks to the Association of Plastic Engineers, Char-Em United Way and several community agencies.

"We learned that the Association of Plastic Engineers was donating 15,000 toy school busses through the Michigan Association of United Ways for local distribution, and decided to get as many as we could for our community," said Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. We are also seeking donations of additional toys, food, coats and household items to provide to families in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.



Steve Andreae, Vice-President, Joanne Curtis, Vice-President, and Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way play with some of the toy school busses which are being distributed to local children this season.

to serve as an intermediary for this donation," said Lancaster. "Most people know that United

Way raises funds to distribute to area agencies, but many don't know that we also help sup-

port local non-profit agencies in other ways, as well."

For more information

about United Way call 231-487-1006 or email charem@sbcbglobal.net

Eagles

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"Our focus is involvement in the community by helping people who need it," said Hyde. "Our goal is to become more involved in helping others."

Some of the contributions have assisted the Cancer Crusaders, the food pantry, the cemetery reward fund, and the Fourth of July committee.

The club board members discuss the needs that have come to their attention and then vote on how to assist.

Current members number 480 and the Eagles auxiliary has 125 members. Hyde says membership is growing each year, not only because of the contributions the Eagles have made in

the area, but because it is a place where members meet to socialize and have a sense of family.

"We basically have the same beliefs and everyone knows everyone," said Hyde.

Joni Zucchiatti is the Eagles' historian. She helped organize the 100th anniversary celebration earlier this year.

The Boyne City Eagles began in 1907. The national organization was founded in 1898 in Seattle, Wash.

It was the Eagles that first designated Mother's Day, Zucchiatti said. The Eagles were instrumental in the Social Security Act and in ending age discrimination in the work place. When President

Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Medicare bill he presented the pen to the Eagles to recognize the club's compassionate treatment of the sick and disabled.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international, non-profit organization. The mission statement declares that it unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice and equality to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

This past year, Boyne City city officials declared May 6, as Fraternal Order of Eagles Day in the city.

For more information about the Eagles, call 231-582-6904.

American Red Cross offers Disney vacation

LANSING — American Red Cross blood donors across the state of Michigan will have a chance to win a trip for four to Walt Disney World simply by presenting to donate blood or platelets from mid-December through mid-January.

Starting on Monday, Dec. 17, and continuing

through Saturday, Jan. 12, all presenting donors at drives across the state can throw their names into a drawing for a chance to win the trip, provided by Unlimited Travel located in Muskegon. In all, one lucky donor in the Red Cross' Great Lakes Region Blood Services will have his or her name se-

lected to win the trip package. The winning donor will be selected the week of Jan. 21.

The Walt Disney World trip is for one presenting donor and three guests. The fourday, three-night trip includes roundtrip airfare to Orlando, with a stay in a vacation house with a private screened-in

pool just 10 minutes from Disney World. The winning donor also receives passes for four to Disney World for two days.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. That need is yearround, despite the fact that blood shortages are typical during the winter holidays. Snow-

storms and cold weather can affect donor turnout, while people get busy with holiday activities and don't take time to give blood.

For more information on a blood drive near you, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org.

Rules

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category at 869. Trauma calls numbered 105, and cardiac calls numbered 29.

The highest place of origin of calls was the city at 282 calls, followed by South Arm Township at 80, Banks Township at 53 and Jordan Township at 44. For a complete report contact city hall at 231-536-3381.

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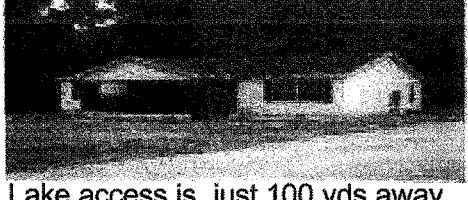
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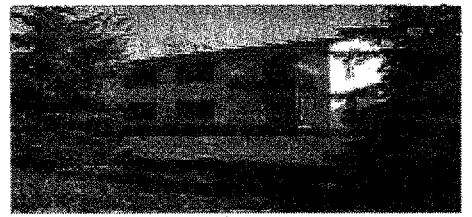
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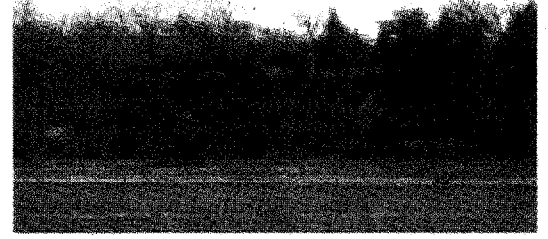
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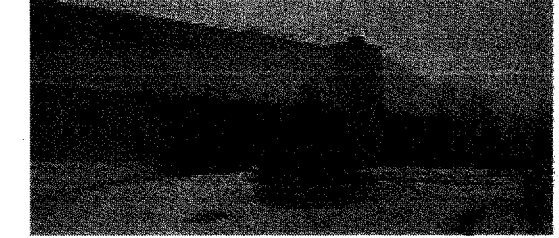
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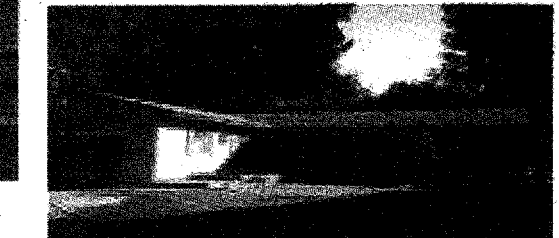
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Foundations support area clay event

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently presented "grant awards" for a clay art exhibit with related workshops to the curators, Shanna Robinson and Dick Cunningham. The exhibit featuring area clay artists entitled, "Clay Artists and Friends," will take place Jan. 20 through Feb. 15, 2008, and will be held at the Jordan River Arts Council, East Jordan.

Two related workshops will be presented at the North Central Michigan College Art Department in Petoskey. Doug DeLind will give a raku workshop on Saturday, Jan. 19 and 26, 2008. Dana Shearin will give a glaze development workshop Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2, 2008. This is a first time collaboration between the NCMC and JRAC. For more information, contact Dick Cunningham, 231-582-9373, or dcunningham@voyager.net

Presentation of checks from the foundations. (l-r) D. J. Jones, Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, curators of the events Shanna Robinson, North Central Michigan College, and Dick Cunningham, Jordan River Arts Council, and Maureen Radke, Charlevoix County Community Foundation.



OBITUARIES

Colleen W. Ouderkirk

Colleen W. Ouderkirk, age 79 of Boyne City, died Dec. 18, 2007, after a courageous seventeen year battle with cancer.

Colleen was born to Mable Koboski-Ellenberger on April 12, 1928, in Petoskey. Colleen never married and lived with her mother and step-father, Ralph Ellenberger, who treated her like his own daughter. They had a common interest in gardening and flowers, which was a topic of conversation in Boyne City for people driving by. She worked

for Top Of Michigan Electric and Gocha's and retired from Top Of Michigan.

She is survived by her aunt, Agnus Lewis; four cousins, Bill Fryczynski, Marion (Lloyd) Stiner, Ruth Lewis and Jane (Phil) Goethal; several distant cousins, including Tom (Pat) Fryczynski, Jerrie Opper and Dick (Judy) Fryczynski; and special friend, Marie Schmittiel.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Nancy Liest with Hospice of Little Traverse

Bay and Dr. Howard Beck.

A funeral mass was held on Thursday, Dec. 20, at St. Matthews Church, with Fr. Duane Wachowiak serving as celebrant.

Burial will take place at Maple Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial contributions be directed to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Genevieve Bartlett

Genevieve "Jennie" Bartlett, 92, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, at her home in East Jordan.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Rev. Fr. James Gardiner will officiate. Interment will be in St. John Nepomucene Praga Cemetery, Jordan Township, Antrim County.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1915, in East Jordan, the daughter of Adam and Stella (Krolikowski) Skrocki. On Nov. 10, 1934, in East Jordan, she married Norman O. Bartlett.

Jennie did whatever it took to keep the family going. Under her guidance, the conservative Norm and Jennie Bartlett's residence on South M-66 was once a swinging Beer Garden called the "Stockade." The Stockade was open from 1939 to 1942. Everybody went there to drink, dance and shoot the bull. (A target coin-operated game.) Among other things, there were a dozen good customers and about another dozen not so good. Norm had said, "I am glad we had the Stockade because so many people have memories of it, and so many people know my wife, Jennie and I more because of it." She also picked cherries for

money for school clothes and helped shovel sand into the trucks for Norman. In the early 1950s, she worked at the old grocery store, known as the Locker Plant, located in the space of the current True Value Hardware Store. She also worked taking the local school census for over twenty years until the late 1960s.

Jennie was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the St. Ann's Guild.

Jennie was a super cook and loved to bake. Although she didn't like to fish, she enjoyed having her children bring home fish for her to prepare. Even though very few people saw her working at her home, she loved cleaning her home and to have it spotless. She also loved her lawn well manicured. Jennie enjoyed flower gardening, mushrooming, pickling and canning. Her favorite pastimes were

playing bingo, square dancing, bowling and playing cards, especially when she was winning.

She is survived by four sons, Leon (Cindy) Bartlett, Gary (Tootie) Bartlett, Wayne (Carol) Bartlett and Steve (Debbie) Bartlett, all of East Jordan; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Betty Skrocki of East Jordan and Sue Skrocki of Sterling Heights; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman O. Bartlett on March 11, 2002; parents, Adam and Stella (Krolikowski) Skrocki; two younger brothers, John Skrocki on May 13, 1994, and William J. Skrocki on Dec. 27, 2001; and two younger sisters, Elvera "Vera" Skrocki on April 13, 2005, and Bernice H. Skrocki on May 19, 2007.

The family received friends on Wednesday at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. A rosary service was held on Wednesday. Memorials may be given to the Norman and Genevieve Bartlett Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Charlevoix County Community Foundation, 507 Water Street, PO Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Alma M Boone

Alma M Boone, age 95, of Boyne City, died on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Alma was born on Nov. 29, 1912, in Boyne City, the daughter of August and Bertha (Talboys) Burns. On Nov. 6, 1932, she married Clayton Boone in the Traverse City area. In 1979 she returned to finish high school and graduated with her granddaughter at the age of 67. Alma worked at the East Jordan and Ellsworth Canning Factories, Essex Wire, Honeywell

and Camp Michigan for many years. She enjoyed babysitting, playing bingo, walking and riding her bike. Alma was a member of the Boyne City Presbyterian Church and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Boyne City.

She is survived by her children, Maxine Smith, Ruth Leist and Clayton Boone; nineteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren and sister-in-law, Onahlee Goff.

Alma is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clayton Boone I; daughter, Phyllis Hall; son,

Donald Boone; five grandchildren; four brothers and one sister.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 24, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with visitation being held before the service. Pastor David Behling officiated.

Burial will be take place in the spring at Evangeline Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to VFW Women's Auxiliary of Boyne City.

Arthur Laurie

Arthur Laurie, age 77, of Melrose Township, went to be with his wife Dorothy on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at his home.

Arthur was born on March 3, 1930, on the family farm in Melrose Township, the son of Louis and Viva (Follette) Laurie.

He grew up on Laurie Road and graduated from Boyne City High School. He served in the United States Army Air Corp and later married Dorothy Spears on December 8, 1951, in Boyne City. Arthur was an avid Michigan fan. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, playing cards and being outdoors. He was a big supporter of the Little

League and attended Walloon Lake Community Church. Arthur worked many years as a postal carrier and clerk for the United States Postal Service.

Arthur is survived by his four sons, Mike (Sharon), Gary (Sherry), Terry (Kathy) and Kenny (Pam); grandchildren, Michael, Michelle, Aaron, Adam, Rachel, Allison, Sarah, Nathaniel, Hannah, Martha, Joseph, Eli, Grace, Andrew and Hopeanne; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Mary (Leroy) Pickett; brothers, Bob (Jane) and Donald (Ellen).

He is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Viva; wife, Dorothy, and brother, Louis. Following Arthur's wishes, cremation has taken

place and a memorial service will be announced in the spring.

The family suggest memorial contributions be directed to the Lakeshore Community Free Clinic, 624 State St., Boyne City or a charity of choice.

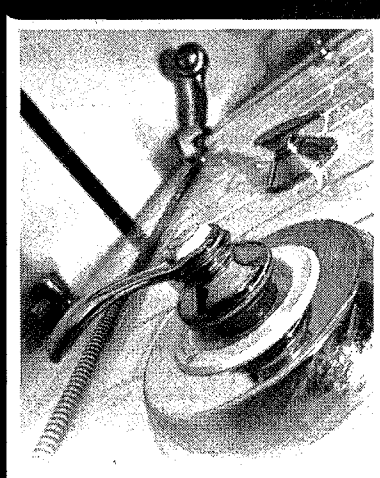
Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family

DEATH NOTICES

Rodney Glenn McClung Sr., 47, of East Jordan, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 23, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

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EDITORIAL

Mind over matter

The snow, the wind, the ice, it's all easier to take if one just sets their mind to it. Embrace the cold, make it your own, some would say, but those are usually people living in California.

More practically, just know that for six months you are going to be cold. Car doors will ice shut, your life will flash before your eyes when your feet go out from under you on icy sidewalks, brisk winds will usher you into the doorway of your home and it will take a half hour to rid yourself of gloves, hats, coats, scarves, boots, wet socks, etc.

The trick is to not think about it. When you run out to the mailbox in your slippers and without your coat, disregard that breath-taking burst of frigid air. Shake it off and tell yourself it's nothing - you're a northern Michigan gal or guy.

And if the weather forecast predicts six inches of new snow, say you want eight or ten. The more there is to shovel, the more beneficial exercise.

Winter entertains us with various little challenges. Driving is one that quickly comes to mind. Let's say you are driving along about 30 miles per hour because it's snowing hard and it's windy. There are artistic swirls on the pavement that you can look at when the snow coming at the windshield begins to make you think you may be going crazy. Suddenly you look in the rearview mirror just at the moment a car, or an SUV, no, no, let's say a huge semi truck is bearing down on your car. Without a second's hesitation they've passed your car, the red taillights disappearing into the grey-white blanket of snowfall. That's when you think, well maybe I can go 35.

Take up a winter sport to help the winter days go by. Bundle up and ice skate, ski, or snowboard. The best part of a winter sport is when you get inside and your cheeks are red and you look healthy and "cool." The next best part is when your hands are cupped around the hot chocolate mug.

Winter is great if we just accept it, work through it, take advantage of it and not think about it.

— Editor
On assignment
Phoenix, Arizona

NEIGHBORS

On Dec. 12, the Boyne City High School Student Council hosted their fourth annual Dress Down Day. This event involves staff donating \$5 to dress in jeans or sweats for the day and students donated \$1 to wear a hat. All proceeds went to the Community Christmas Baskets.

Student Council added a twist to the day by inviting Boyne City businesses to participate. They would like to thank the following businesses: Boyne City Hall, Huntington Bank, and Boyne Area Medical Center. With the combined participation of these businesses, BCHS, BCMS, BCES, and the Early Childhood Building, BCHS Student Council raised \$784.97 for Community Christmas Baskets.



By
Nancy Northup

Boyne Area Seniors were blessed with many favorite Christmas Carols on Monday, Dec. 17. Area home-schooled students came, sang and performed to our seniors at the center. What a great job you did. Thank you all.

Litzenburger Place "Busy Bee's" director, Mabel Knapp, has handed the keys over to Judy Owen, who will be the new director. Mabel has headed up the craft room for the past seven years and will still be active but now will have more time to spend with her family. The "Busy Bee" Craft room will officially be open Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. for anyone who would like to purchase any of their crafts or drop off donations of fabric, yarn or other craft items. You can contact Judy at 231-582-0250 for any special orders or questions

An "Awareness Plug-In" goes out from Margaret Murray, 231-582-5379, of Deer Meadows, in wanting to let people know of her passion to play Pinnacle. It would be greatly appreciated if interested people would give her a call.

Monday Study Club gathered at Pasta Bella this past week. The 13 members enjoyed their Christmas party lunch and Santa's visit and fun of his gifts. The Monday Study Club will resume their regular meetings in March.

Loretta Stansell hosted a lovely afternoon Christmas Party in the upstairs community room at Deer Meadows on Wednesday. Neighbors enjoyed punch and tasty finger foods and holiday goodies and visiting. Loretta said when she moved in here in July of 2003, she gave a Christmas party just to get acquainted with her neighbors and now it seems to be an annual event, her way to extend the holiday spirit to all the people in the building.

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And away we go

I am on my way to Florida. It's a pretty exciting prospect. The lure of the open road, a boxful of books on tape and two good dogs for company. What could be better than that? My destination is basically a straight shot down I-75, which allows for a certain sloth in my navigational skills. As long as I don't drift off onto an exit, it's foolproof.

Packing up the car requires the most diligent restraint. I have always found it problematic to differentiate between the vital and the expendable. Imagined scenarios requiring a camping tarp or a case of duct tape nudge me to the point of dizzying paralysis. I will stand frozen, holding two kinds of shampoo, while every conceivable climate condition and coiffure contingency plays through my mind. Finally, I will pack them both, plus another one, just in case.

This inability to weed out the superfluous transforms my car into a rolling flea market. In the end, the unimpeded use of the rear view mirror is sacrificed to a towering collection of suitcases, boxes, coolers and enough raw materials to fashion and sustain an emergency tent city.

My dogs are stationed on their cozy beds in the back seat, raised to human eye-level upon the eclectic underpinnings. Given their small stature, this is a revelation for them and, Chamois in particular, seems to enjoy her lofty perch. Jersey is oblivious; happy just to be included. But Chamois has attained the position she was born to achieve. Elevated and imperious, she is smiling as we set out on our adventure.

Nine hours later, after visiting every rest area between Gaylord and Cincinnati, I spot a hotel that looks promising. We are in luck, as they do accept small, well-behaved dogs for a staggering additional fee. After a hellish half-hour of jostling baggage, a rickety luggage cart burdened with our nightly necessities and

coaxing my canine companions into the open elevator, we are settled in for the night.

The following morning at 7 a.m., after retrieving the luggage cart from the hallway outside my door and repeating the arrival process in reverse, I am cramming the last of it back into my car when I hear a woman's voice behind me.

"How long have you had that cart in your room?" The voice is interesting for two reasons. First, it is imbued with an accent that is so affected that I believe for a moment that I am being addressed by Dame Judi Dench or a member of the Royal Family. Secondly, it's quite obvious from her tone that the royal knickers are in quite a twist.

"I'm sorry?" I ask, hoping that my ears and assumptions are faulty, as I turn to face The Voice.

She looks precisely like a dowager extra in a Marx Brothers film who has taken a pie in the face. Instead of a 1930s evening gown, she's swathed in a Burberry raincoat. Her mouth is trembling with rage and she has breached my social distance barrier by a good 18 inches. She is standing so close to me that I could fog her monocle merely by exhaling.

"That cart," she sputters, completely bereft of social decorum and obviously convinced that she is dealing with a feral nincompoop in need of a good dressing-down. "I have been waiting and waiting. How long have you had that cart in your room?"

This is so odd and unexpected that I'm taken aback. Could the fact that I have possession of a luggage trolley truly be the impetus for this assault? And is this going to escalate into a smack-down between two middle-aged women at the front door of a Hampton Inn outside of Cincinnati?

"How...long...have..." she begins again, speaking in a slow, venomous snarl.

"I have not had it in my room. It was in the hall," I interrupt before she can work up a full head of steam.

"Really? What hall was that?" she snaps back with the ferocious.

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MORE OR LESS

By
Christine Gwidt



YOUR VOICE

Seniors thank Girl Scouts

To the editor:
30 seniors and 10 Girl Scouts went on a Christmas light tour on Thursday, Dec. 20. Boyne City

looks very festive and bright. Hats off to Bill Brooks for his awesome display. Refreshments and Christmas bingo at the Boyne

Area Senior Center concluded the evening. Thanks to the Girl Scouts for being hostesses to the seniors.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

— Teri Powers
Boyne City

Unplowed roads unsafe

To the editor,
My hat's off to Neil Booze for speaking up and against the "no plow weekends." What he had to say about emergency vehicles not being able to get to where they need to quickly, or not at all, is my worry too. Plus he isn't the only one who thinks this shows poor management decisions.

I drive these secondary roads in a four-wheel-drive Jeep delivering mail for the U.S. Postal Service. The Monday after the big

storm three weeks ago, I couldn't deliver to a lot of my customers on these roads. Sure I could get down the roads. The middle of the road. Some with a hope and a prayer. And if someone came from the other direction, someone had to give way. I had to feel my way through the roads like a ship in a glacier lake. It took me a lot longer to get down them, than it would of if they would have been plowed.

What if I was an emergency vehicle?

What if two cars don't want to give to the other?

What about night-time driving?

What about the elderly getting to church? They pay taxes.

What about people getting out to spend money in the community? Or work, so they can pay their high taxes?

What about the mother about to give birth, or the father having a heart attack?

Charlevoix County citizens you need to be heard. Say no, we

want these roads plowed.

It's funny how you can go north to Emmet County, south to Antrim County, and east to Otsego County and they have beautiful roads on the weekends.

This isn't just a lousy idea. It's a very unsafe one.

The cost to plow secondary roads in Charlevoix County - \$\$\$

The cost of a loss of a loved one or home - priceless

— Maria Everett,
Rural Carrier
East Jordan



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HAPPENINGS

Festival of Carols

Sunday, Dec. 30, at 4 p.m., the Jordan Valley Chorale, under the direction of Ellen Addington, will present a "Festival of Carols" at the United Methodist Church at 201 Fourth Street, East Jordan. Singers from Charlevoix, East Jordan and Central Lake join in presenting a program of works including Palestrina, Grotenhuis, Reger, Marshall, Rutter and Darke.

The audience will be an important part of the "Festival of Carols," joining with the Chorale in singing many of the favorite carols and ushering in this joyous time of Advent/Christmas with happy sounds of the seasons. There is no charge, but contributions will be gratefully ac-

cepted and donated to the Community Food Pantry.

A reception in the undercroft will follow the program.

Financial course offered

Financial Peace University, a 13-week financial course by Dave Ramsey, will kick off at the Lighthouse Missionary Church on Jan. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. There is an orientation at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan on Sunday, Dec. 30, at 12:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Matt Hamilton at 231-536-3261.

Sunday breakfast

The East Jordan Snowmobile Club will be serving Sunday break-

fast every Sunday through March, from 7 a.m. to noon, at the club on Mt. Bliss Rd.

Freedom from smoking clinic

Charlevoix Area Hospital, along with the American Lung Association, wants to help you quit smoking. If you have reached the point where you are ready to be free from smoking this program will provide support, guidance and advice to help you reach your goal.

This eight-session, seven-week program, conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital, starts Jan. 7 and ends Feb. 25. There is no charge for this program. Call 231-547-8672 or send an e-mail to potterm@cah.org and register today.

Story hour

Story hour at the Crooked Tree District Libraries in Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake is on Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, crafts and other book-related fun with a different theme each week. Ages 6 and under welcome, with no registration required. For more information, call 231-535-2111 or 231-549-2277.

Food pantry hours

Boyne City Seventh-day Adventist Community Services Center/Food Pantry is open every Monday from 10 a.m. until noon. Call 231-582-0151 for additional information. Emergency service is available.

LEGION NEWS

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held on Dec. 6, the following communications, reports, discussions and actions were presented or acted upon: a thank you card from Sheriff George T. Lasater for the \$3000 donation from Post 228 for the Veterans Memorial project; the troop support officer reported on packages and cards sent to our active duty personnel including two in Iraq; the memorial committee reported \$233 was raised at the VFW chili dinner and \$133 from their buck pole 50/50 raffle; membership stands at 129 and delinquent renewals will be contacted.

The honor guard conducted the following: memorial service at Veterans Park on Veterans

Day and advanced and retired the American Flag at the Veterans Day program in the Boyne City High School auditorium; a graveside service for Carl Grutsch; and Veteran of the Month ceremonies for Roy Eugene Coates and Gerald Harold Mapes.

The Citizen-Journal and The Petoskey News-Generations published Veteran of the Month for Roy Eugene Coates, The Citizen published two veteran alerts, Veterans Day schedule and an open letter from the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Committee stating their mission. A request to the Citizen to publish the correct layout of the proposed new Memorial Park has failed to yield results. The Chaplain reported

on the 14 veterans at Grandvue Medical Care Facility and area veterans who are sick, disabled, shut-in or have answered the final call. The 19th District Post Development Chairman reported the new Elk Rapids Post 350 held their first meeting, initiated members, nominated, elected and installed their officers. SAL member Lane Young will restore the VFW's 3-inch howitzer for display in Veterans Memorial Park and arranged to move it to his home.

The inflated cost of the post insurance was discussed and the post will shop for other quotes.

The honor guard will attend a four hour class, conducted by the National Guard, to become accredited and receive a \$50 stipend from the gov-

ernment per funeral.

The next regular public bingo will be Jan. 5, 2008.

The Christmas party will be Dec. 29, at 5 p.m., exchange gift \$5 or less, finger foods and bring several dollar bingo prizes.

We are accepting items from the public to be sent to our troops overseas at the post on Saturdays between 3-9 p.m., and Blue Star Banners and troop support ribbons are available to the public. The next regular meeting will be held Jan. 3, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the post home and will be preceded by the Veteran of the Month ceremonies at 6:15 p.m. to be followed by a potluck supper in their honor. Area veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Neighbors

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The Boyne Area Senior Center was thrilled on Thursday with the awesome Christmas gift of a \$500 check presented to the board from the Boyne City Ambulance Association, and of course, their response was, "Thank You, thank you,

thank you." ***

Residents of Litzenburger Place had about 40 in attendance for their December potluck followed by their annual Christmas party and gift exchange. Making it a little more fun, each resident had to

answer questions to receive another gift, so the residents all left the party with at least three gifts, thanks to an anonymous donor, who provided some of the gifts. All enjoyed cookies and punch and at the potluck, and wonderful food that was made by the

residents. Honored residents were Florence Hoelzey and Rose Reinhardt for being the youngest of our residents, ages 97 and 96 years old. Also honored were Mary Ellen Coyer, with an elf hat for her help at our potlucks and other events, and Steve Sage, with deer

antlers for being such a dear for keeping the hallways so clean, and Mary Smith, who played the piano and had everyone sing Silver Bells along with her. A great time was had by all and to say the least, the president Bonnie Hiller has settled down for a long

winters night, but says, "Merry Christmas from all of us here at Litzenburger place and have a blessed New Year." ***

And I, too, wish everyone a healthy, safe, and Happy New

Year. Appreciation is mine for all who have responded to the Neighbors column throughout 2007 - look forward to hearing from you next year. ***

Items of interest for

the Neighbors Column may be called into Nancy's home phone, 231-582-9174, or send e-mail to neighbors@gtlakes.com before the Friday noon deadline.

BC SENIOR CENTER

Welcome to the Boyne Area Senior Center. The senior center will be ready for lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at noon. Come and enjoy crunchy drummies, potato salad, butter beans and applesauce. The day will begin at 10 a.m. with line dancing.

Thursday, Dec. 27, fish is planned for lunch along with potato casserole, peas and carrots and mixed berries. Bingo will follow lunch. Everyone wins. Come and enjoy the fun.

Friday, Dec. 28, plan to arrive at 11 a.m. to enjoy Gail Williams

and karaoke. Served for lunch will be swiss steak, potato, broccoli and strawberry shortcake.

The senior center will be closed Monday, Dec. 31, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, for the holiday.

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, for lunch a beef patty, carrot raisin

salad, green beans and citrus blend fruit will be served. Line dancing will start at 10 a.m.

For more information regarding the senior center call 231-582-6682. To contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging call 231-237-0103. The toll free number is 866-

428-5185.

The suggested donation for lunch at the Boyne Area Senior Center is \$2 if you are 60 and over or \$4 if you are under 60. Home delivered meals are available for homebound individuals 60 or over. Call the Commission on Aging for information.

EJ SENIOR CENTER

We hope you will join us this week at the East Jordan Senior Center for lunch and fun activities. Every Tuesday and Friday we play bingo after lunch. On Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. we have line dancing, and for

lunch, a soup and salad bar.

Thursday, Dec. 27, fish will be served by the EJ Cheer Club after their performance.

Friday, Dec. 28, we will be serving swiss steak.

Monday, Dec. 31,

and Tuesday, Jan. 1, the center will be closed.

Wednesday, Jan. 2, we will be serving beef patty.

Thursday, Jan. 3, chicken and noodles will be served.

Friday, Jan. 4, enter-

tainment will be provided by "Gail Williams and the Black Box Band". Lemon pepper cod is on the menu.

The menu is subject to change so please feel free to call the East Jordan Senior

Center at 231-536-7831 with any questions.

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging can be reached at 231-237-0103, or toll-free at 1-866-428-5185. We look forward to seeing you.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public

NAME: Yukon Vinecki
PARENTS: Michael Vinecki and Dawn Estelle

GRADE: 5th
FAVORITE CLASS: Science
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Playing in the snow
FAVORITE SPORT: Skiing
FAVORITE COLOR: Orange
FAVORITE FOOD: Spaghetti
FAVORITE BOOK: Avatar



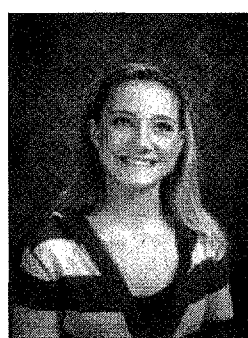
FAVORITE MOVIE: Transformers
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Myth Busters
STAFF COMMENTS: "Every day Yukon comes to class with a smile on his face. He is always pleasant and happy. Yukon is well liked by staff and his peers. His favorite subject is science. Someday he would like to be a computer programmer." Mrs. Knapp

East Jordan High School

NAME: Tori Carr
PARENTS: Bernadette and Rich Raymond
GRADE: 12th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball and track
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): English
FUTURE PLANS: To become a radiologist

STAFF COMMENTS: "Tori's positive attitude when she comes into class each day is a delight. She is always willing to try something new, and I appreciate her efforts." Mrs. McPherson

"I have been incredibly impressed with Tori's performance in English class. She puts so much effort into her work, and is very serious about being a good



student. It has been such a pleasure to have her in class this year, and I'm really proud of what she's accomplishing." Mrs. Richardson

"Tori Carr is the Student of the Week that I would hire if I had a business. She is intelligent, has amazing work ethic and follow through, is courteous, and has organizational skills that are far beyond the average student. She stays cool no matter how overloaded she is and is always professional. Tori deserves this award and much, much more." Mrs. Tinney
"Wow Tori, our fourth year together – and always your dynamic presence has been a positive force in EDP, English and Yearbook. I know how important it is for you to do your best and it shows. Congrat's girl." Mrs. Zell

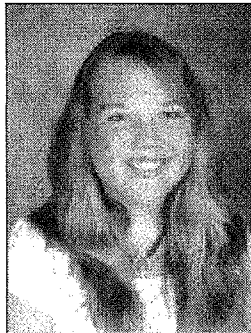
Boyne City High School

NAME: Kelsey Kruzal
PARENTS: Ken and Lisa Kruzal
GRADE: 10th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band, Student Council, Drama, Ski Team, Softball, Tennis
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hanging out with friends, designing purses, and participating in sports.

FUTURE PLANS: I would like to go to college to become a wedding planner

STAFF COMMENTS: "Kelsey is outgoing and willing to volunteer for Student Council duties, and she is always excited about it. What a great personality to work with." Chris Adkison, Media Center Director

"Kelsey is an outstanding student as her assignments are of the highest quality. She is a conscientious student with a strong work ethic. Kelsey is focused, ambitious and gives 100% in all she does. I appreciate her always smiling and her positive attitude. I am honored to nominate her for "Student of the Week." Congratulations Kelsey, I have enjoyed having you in biology this year." Elizabeth Hemming, Science Department



More

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pomposity of Lady Sniffington catching the scullery maid in a lie.

That's it. It's early - very, very early in the morning. I've had one cup of coffee and I'm looking at a nine-hour day of dodging 18-wheelers and foraging for doggie pit stops. I have no intention of being tied to the whipping post by this uppity old git with a penchant for pre-dawn confrontation.

"I think that if you have a problem with the luggage cart, you should take it up with the hotel staff," I hear myself say in a

ruinous imitation of a British accent. "Or perhaps you should consider traveling with your own personal trolley."

I sound like I'm auditioning for a Dogpatch community theater production of "My Fair Lady."

"And furthermore, I don't understand

why you find the need to be so boorishly nasty to a total stranger about something so trivial."

As her eyes widen and her mouth forms a little circle of surprise, I slam my trunk shut and jettison the trolley toward her.

"You're welcome

to it," I chirp, actually becoming quite pleased with my accent. I wasn't exactly channeling the Queen Mum, but I didn't break character. "Ta!"

And we motor off in a cloud of petrol exhaust, the hounds and I, into the misty 'morn.

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



Reduce Risk of Blood Clots

It appears that eating less red or processed meats and more fruits and vegetables may reduce the risk of blood clots. Researchers looked at the diets of 15,000 healthy middle-aged men and women. Those who consumed at least 1 1/2 servings per day of red or processed meats doubled their risk of blood clots when compared with those who ate no more than one serving every other day. Also, people in the study who ate at least 4 servings of fruits and vegetables a day had a 40% reduced risk of blood clots over those who consumed less than 2-1/2 servings per day.

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Church events

Horton Bay United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Dec. 30, Sunday School classes will be held at 9:15 a.m. for all ages. Worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m., with Pastor Tim. After the service there will be a time of fellowship.

Everyone is invited to the Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

Church of the Nativity

The final Sunday for 2007 will find Reverend Peggy Natterman as celebrant at Church of the Nativity for the 10 a.m. Eucharist service. A special treat, sent by our friend Helen Fortney, will be served in the church undercroft at the coffee hour which immediately follows the service.

January is 'Tuesday film nights' for Nativity. All films will be shown in the church undercroft, beginning at 7 p.m., with popcorn and other treats available. The first film, "Snow Dogs," will be shown on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The public is cordially invited to attend this free event.

Please call the church answering machine 231-582-5045 to obtain more information about any of the church events. Please leave your name, telephone number and information you seek. A member of the church will return your phone call. Church of the Nativity is located

at 209 Main Street, Boyne City.

Lakeshore Community Church

Lakeshore Community Church is located at 624 State St. in Boyne City. It is a charismatic congregation and a 'Resurrection Life' Affiliate.

Services are Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Children's church is available for ages 2 through 12. For more information, you can call Pastor Dave Crumbaugh at 231-582-5294.

Lakeshore Community Free Clinic is a ministry of Lakeshore Community Church and is open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone who does not have insurance, or is underinsured is welcome to utilize this service. Dr. Richard Mansfield and Kathy Helsley, along with many volunteers from the community, continue to help make this possible. The clinic is run strictly on donations. If you are interested in donating to the Free Clinic, send your donation to PO Box 933, Boyne City, MI, 49712, or call 231-582-6828 Tuesday through Friday.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan worships at 9:30 a.m.

All are welcome. A time of refreshment and friendship is held at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 207 Williams Street in East Jordan, 231-536-2941.

Church of the Nazarene

The Boyne City Church of the Nazarene will open a drop-in ministry center before and after school for children grades 1-6. The center is planned to open Jan. 2, 2008. Children may register for before or after school, or both. Space is limited to 15 students in each program. The drop in ministry center is a safe and supervised place for children while parents work. For more information call the office, 231-582-9611, from 10 a.m. to noon, or the pastor, 231-582-2635, or visit our website at www.boynecitynaz.org and click on the drop-in center tab on the homepage. We would also like to invite you to visit our weekly Sunday morning services. The service time is Sunday at 11 a.m. Children's church is provided for children ages 4-12.

The church is located at 225 W. Morgan Street, on the corner of West and Morgan.

Walloon Lake Community Church

Sunday, Dec. 30,

Word and Worship start at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Worship will be led by the Worship Team. Communion will be served at both services. KidConnection will run from 9 a.m. to noon, with a break from 10:15 to 10:45. Junior and senior high youth will attend Worship and Word at 9 a.m. and then meet at the youth center from 10:30 to noon.

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1. Wednesday, Jan. 2, the family meal will start at 5:30 p.m. and classes will resume at 6:30 p.m. Men's fraternity will be at 6 a.m. on Thursday, with MOPS starting at 10 a.m.

For more information, please contact the church office at 231-535-2288 or visit the website at www.walloonchurch.com. Sermons are available online.

Boyne City, Boyne Falls United Methodist Church

Services in Boyne Falls are at 9:15 a.m. at 3057 Mill Street. Children's programming is held during the service. In Boyne City, worship is at 11 a.m. at 324 S. Park St., with Sunday School during the service.

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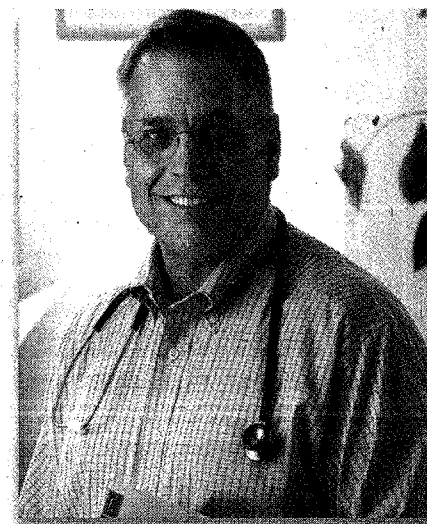
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COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS, BOYNE FALLS LOGGERS AND THE EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

Rambler girls stun Kalkaska, 46-43

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — It wasn't gift wrapped in a multi-colored package, with a pretty bow, lying underneath the tree.

Still, it served the same purpose for the Boyne City girls basketball team last Wednesday night in their final game before taking a week off for Christmas and New Year's.

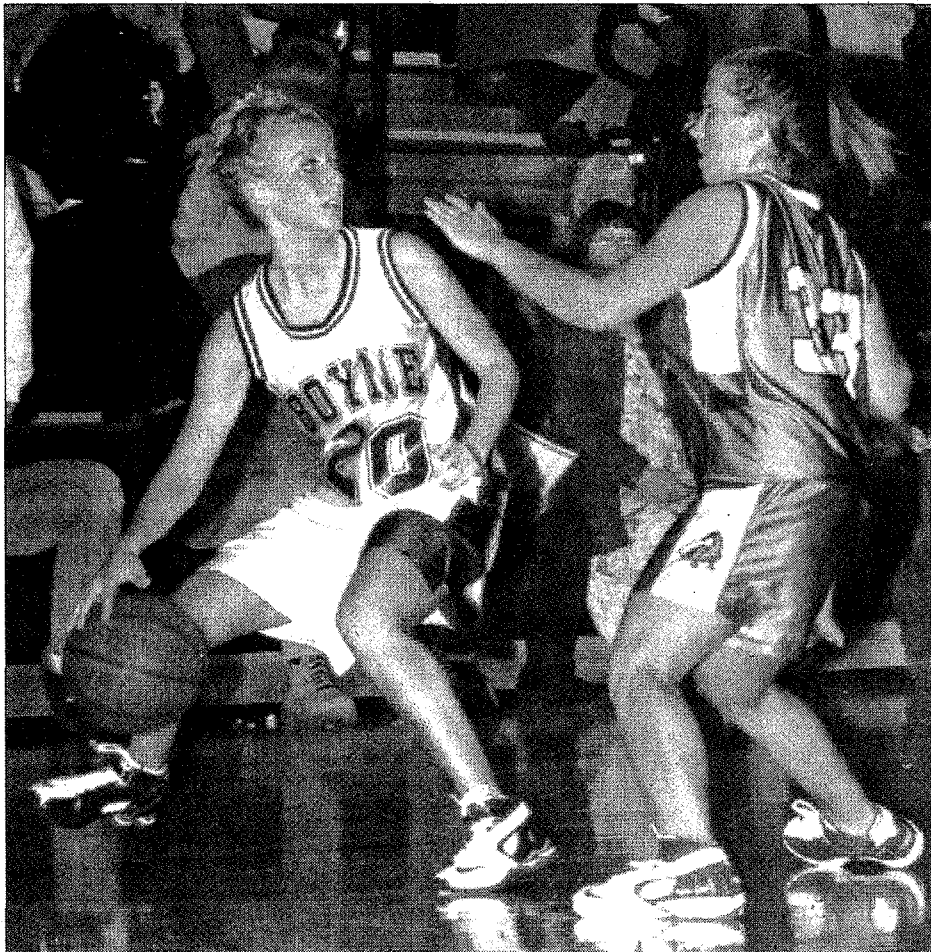
Coach Scott Hausler probably won't receive any more gratifying of a present than the Ramblers' thrilling 46-43 victory over previously unbeaten Kalkaska.

The Ramblers improved their record to 5-2 overall and 3-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference where they now lead the Blazers by a half-game.

Boyne never enjoyed a safe lead as the Blazers kept the game close all the way. The Ramblers had the lead at the end of each quarter.

After taking an 18-9 lead at the end of the first quarter, Boyne found itself in a real scrap.

Kalkaska cut the Ram-



Boyne City's Allison Aown (20) waits for the play to develop in Boyne's upset victory over previously unbeaten Kalkaska.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

blers' lead to 24-20 at the half, but Boyne managed to rebuild its lead to nine, 36-

27, after three periods. Which proved fortunate for the Ramblers, too, as the

Blazers made a run at them in the fourth quarter, finishing with a 16-10 advantage.

Trisha Tomkins led three Ramblers in double figures with 12 points. Jessica Kynsz contributed 11 and Alison Aown had 10.

"Caitlyn Wonski and Tomkins did a great job for us on defense," Hausler said. "Katie Sweet, Stevie Carlson and Hillary Urman came off the bench and gave us some big minutes on both ends of the floor. This was a big win for us heading into the break."

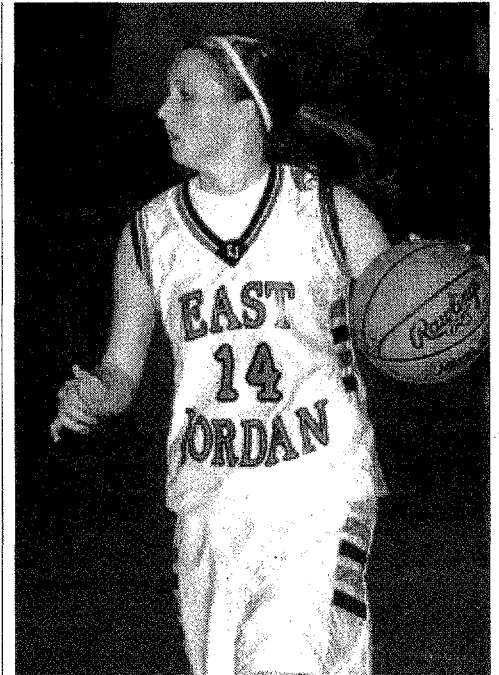
The Ramblers crushed Traverse City Christian, 59-20, in a non-conference game last Monday night.

Boyne shut out the Sabres, 17-0, in the first quarter and took a 37-7 lead at the half. It was 49-11 at the end of three periods.

Kynsz paced the Ramblers with 12 points, followed by Carlson with 10 and Tomkins added 9.

The Ramblers won the junior varsity game, 39-31. Sydney Gahn scored 18 points, Tracy Miller 9 and Veronica Sisson grabbed 10 rebounds.

Boyne returns to league action on Jan. 4 when the Ramblers host Charlevoix.



Junior point guard Andi Chew takes charge of the East Jordan offense early in the second half last Friday.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

EJ girls blow out Harbor, Grayling

By CHIP CORWIN
SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — Look out, Lake Michigan Conference, the East Jordan girls basketball team has awoken from an early winter slumber just in time to give them momentum going into 2008 and the league schedule. The Red Devils won their two games last week by a combined 69 points. They throttled a struggling Grayling team 51-16 and spanked Harbor Springs, 62-28, as if they caught the Rams pilfering their Christmas presents.

Against Harbor Springs, East Jordan thundered out to a 29-4 lead after the first quarter. "For the first time all year, we were firing on all cylinders and played up to our potential offensively," East Jordan head coach Sean Ferguson said. "We really controlled the tempo from the tip. It seemed in the first half it didn't matter who, where, or when, the ball just found the center of the rim, including Meghan Thomas' beyond half court heave just before the first half buzzer."

That rainmaker put the Red Devils up 38-16 at the half. The second half was a little more tame, with East Jordan only gaining a 14-12 advantage over the last two periods. But by then, the damage had already been done.

Thomas led East Jordan with 23 points, 6 assists and 7 steals. "In addition to Meghan's points, we were really pleased with her assists tonight," Ferguson said. "Katherine (Rowley) played a great all-around game, and Andrea (Chew) continues to give us scoring off the bench. We shared the ball (19 assists), and had a season low on turnovers (10).

"The girls just played great!

"It was our night; they were fun to watch."

Rowley added 14 points, 4 assists, 4 steals, and 4 rebounds.

East Jordan used another big first half last Wednesday to turn back Grayling. The Red Devils were up 37-7 at the half.

"We were able to run the floor and get some transition buckets," Ferguson said. "Grayling really concentrated on not allowing Meghan the ball by playing a box and one, and that left our shooters open.

"Cassie (Crick) and Andrea (Chew) just took advantage of this by knocking down some threes. When Grayling ran at them, we were able to dump it into our posts. For the most part we were very unselfish.

"We moved the ball much better tonight."

Crick led the East Jordan scorers with 15 points. Rowley had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Treasure Timmons had 7 rebounds and 2 blocks. Sarah Kupovits had 6 rebounds. Thomas came away with 7 steals.

The JV girls beat Harbor Springs 51-46. Melyssa Scrocki had 18 points. The JV team also beat Grayling, 59-36. Scrocki had 11 points in that game.

East Jordan is back in action Jan. 2 in a non-conference clash at home with Houghton Lake.

Devils on winning streak

Score league victories over Grayling and Elk Rapids

By CHIP CORWIN
SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — After finding themselves down 17-13 to the visiting Grayling Vikings last Tuesday, the East Jordan boys basketball team held Grayling to only eight points in the second quarter and went into the lockerroom up 26-25 at halftime.

The third quarter was more good news for the Red Devils, as they put up 21 points to Grayling's 12 en route to a 64-54 conference victory.

"This was a good league win for us," East Jordan head coach Darrin Weber said. "I know it's been a number of years since we've beaten Grayling at the varsity level."

Adam Daneff led East Jordan with 23 points and 8 rebounds. He scored 17 in the second half as the Red Devils clung to their lead.

"It was a close game throughout," Weber said. "We put together a good third quarter."

Scott Hansen added 16 points, and Teddy Snowden contributed 10. James Brown came down with 10 rebounds.

The Red Devils shot 55% from the floor in the victory.

East Jordan used another third quarter burst against Elk Rapids to turn back the Elks 50-37 on their home court. Enjoying a 20-16 lead to start the third, the Red Devils outscored Elk Rapids 19-6 in the quarter and were able to coast to victory.

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Boyne boys drop two in LMC

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Kalkaska is off to a fast start this season, and that spelled big trouble for the Boyne City boys basketball team last week.

The Ramblers found it especially troublesome keeping Kalkaska's top two scorers, John Kasza and Travis Schuba, under wraps last Tuesday.

With the pair combining for 35 points, Kalkaska weathered a furious Boyne rally and hung on for a 56-50 victory.

Down by 12, the Ramblers came back and cut the deficit to just a deuce before Kasza sank four free throws to put the Blazers up by six.

Boyne couldn't get any closer to the Ramblers the rest of the way.

"We played well defensively, especially after we made some adjustments early," Boyne coach Scott Hausler said. "The game really came down to shooting, and they (the Blazers) shot the ball better than we did."

Kalkaska enjoyed a 16-10 lead at the end of the first quarter, and outscored the

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Robby Jensen makes a Jordan-esque move to the basket against Kalkaska last Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

Up North Power Rankings

Editor's Note: This feature did not run in last week's Citizen-Journal, but last week's rankings are shown in parentheses.

The Up North Power Rankings are determined by a panel of Up North Publications sports writers. The rankings take into consideration overall record, conference record, head to head matchups (strength of schedule), overall momentum, and chances of postseason success. The "Top Team" is considered the best team, for now, in our four county coverage area, regardless of gender. Here's how the teams stack up this week, compared to last week's ranking (LW):

Girls

1. Central Lake (8-0): Played inspired to defeat JoBurg in battle of unbeaten. (LW: 1)
2. Boyne City (5-2): Still undefeated in LMC action. (LW: 3)
3. East Jordan (4-3): Starting to play up to their potential. (LW: 4)

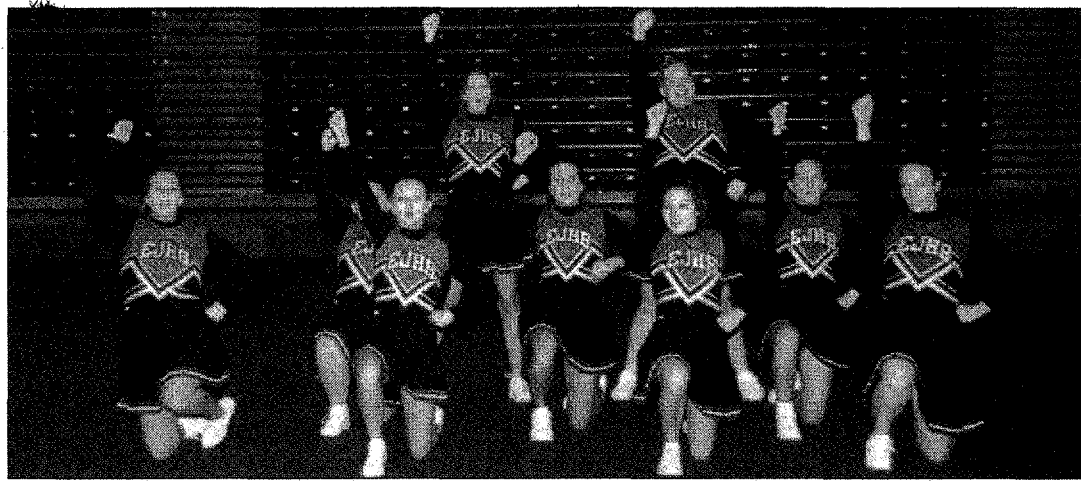
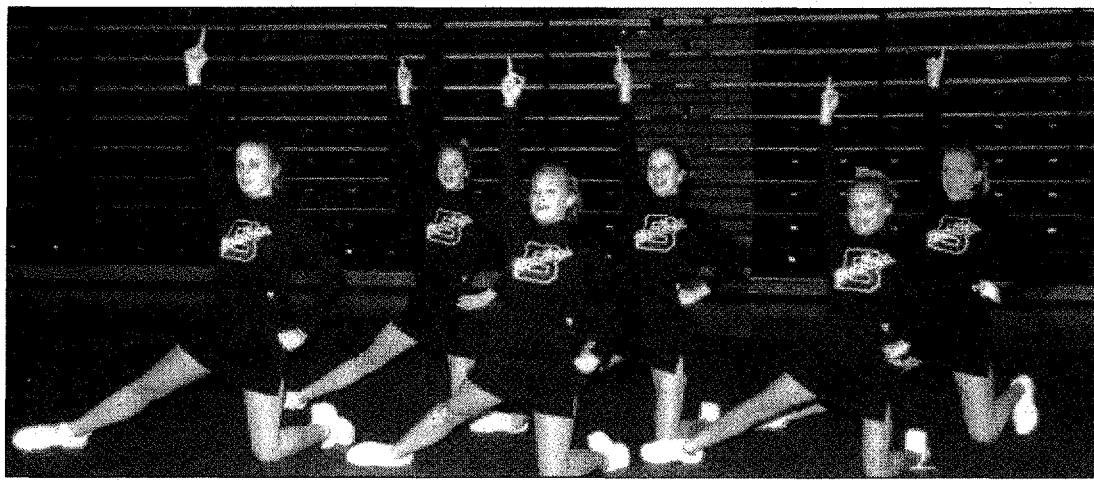
4. Kalkaska (5-2): Two losses moves Blazers down. (LW: 2)
5. Bellaire (4-3): 1-1 week just enough to keep them where they are. (LW: 5)
6. Ellsworth (4-3): Starting to shoot better, but not enough to move up. (LW: 6)
7. Elk Rapids (3-4): On three game winning streak. (LW: 7)
8. Alba (4-3): Close loss to Ellsworth hurts.
9. Forest Area (1-5): Win over Mancelona has Warriors heading in right direction. (LW: T10)
10. Mancelona (1-6): Need all parts of game to start clicking at same time. (LW: 9)
11. Boyne Falls (0-8): Young team is having growing pains. (LW: T10)

Boys

1. Bellaire (5-1): Finished week with two double-digit wins. (LW: 1)
2. Ellsworth (5-1): Smooth sailing for the Lancers. (LW: 2)

3. Mancelona (5-1): Thumped Central Lake on Thursday, beat Pellston by double digits on Tuesday. (LW: 4)
 4. Kalkaska (4-2): Huge comeback win against TCSF has Blazers on the move up. (LW: 5)
 5. Forest Area (4-2): Got down to Bellaire early and couldn't recover. (LW: 6)
 6. East Jordan (3-2): 2-0 week moves Red Devils up. (LW: 8)
 7. Boyne City (1-4): 0-2 week against Blazers and Rayders. (LW: 3)
 8. Central Lake (1-5): Let game against Onaway slip away. (LW: 7)
 9. Elk Rapids (1-4): Got first W, but followed it up with 37 points against East Jordan. (LW: 11)
- NR: Results for Boyne Falls (LW: 9) and Alba (LW: 10) were not available by press time so they have not been ranked this week.
- TOP TEAM: Central Lake girls. Beat JoBurg even without one of their starters.

Cheer teams show spirit



Members of the Boyne City (left) and East Jordan (right) cheer teams compete in a meet held at Boyne City on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Photos by Vic Ruggles

NMSA 2008 ski season starts soon

The Northern Michigan Ski Academy training sessions start Jan. 2 at Boyne Mountain and Jan. 3 at Boyne Highlands. Training sessions take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Boyne Mountain and Thursdays at Boyne Highlands. A meeting for parents will take place at both locations during the first sessions.

The Northern Michigan Ski Academy (NMSA) began more than 27 years ago as a program to teach area children the fundamentals of ski racing. The program is the only non-profit ski academy in the area where youth skiers learn how to race and have fun on snow. Volunteers that run the Academy are interested in promoting the sport.

Training sessions are held for eight weeks beginning in January. During the Wednesday and Thursday night sessions, skiers will ski in small groups with a NMSA coach. Skiers learn the fundamentals of ski racing. Friday nights are open gate nights only at Boyne Mountain with courses set that the skiers can run as they wish. Coaches are available at the top and bottom of the courses to provide feedback to the skiers.

Each Sunday, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. "racing" scrimmages take place. Two of the Sundays will offer timed gate racing where skiers ski against themselves and the clock. Six of the Sundays bring together the Boyne Highlands and the Boyne Mountain skiers for combined racing. Racers are ranked for participation in the NMSA Racing Team that race in the Tecnica Cup, which brings together the top club racers from across Northern Michigan. The Tecnica Cup will be held on Sunday, March 2 at Boyne Highlands.

For registration forms, pricing and additional information on the Northern Michigan Ski Academy please refer to the website www.nmsa-zone.org or call Steve Ludwig at 439-9549 or Bob Simpson at 758-7600.

For information on this press release please call Tom Teske @ 231- 536-3128

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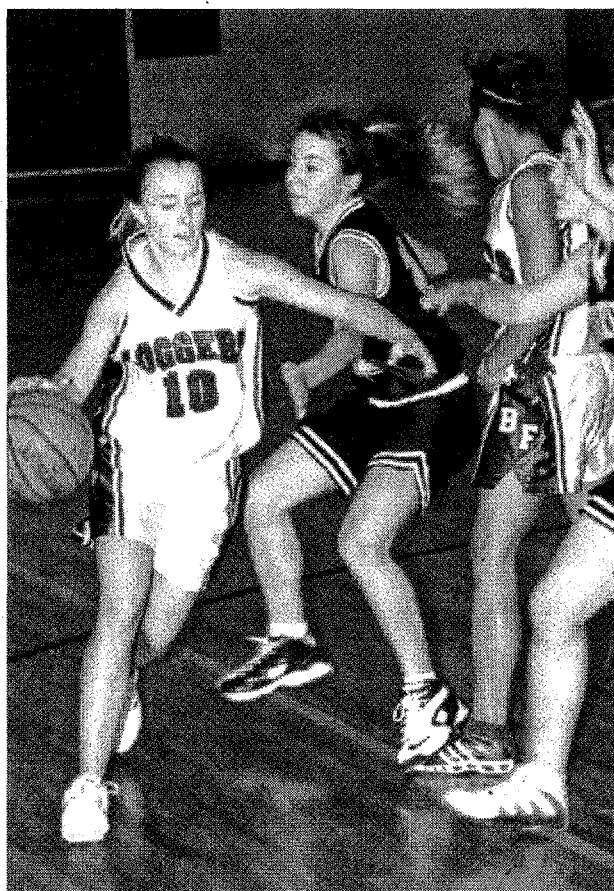


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Boyne Falls' Aurielle Thompson (10) drives around two defenders from Wolverine on Friday, Dec. 14. The Loggers lost to JoBurg, 73-27, on Dec. 10. Roslyn Fiel led Boyne Falls in that contest with 9 points and Shramai Wheaton added 6.

Ramblers

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Ramblers, 13-11 in the second for a 29-21 halftime lead.

The deficit reached its zenith at 42-31 after three quarters as the Blazers had a 13-10 advantage in the period.

Boyne made a big run at the Blazers in the fourth quarter, but couldn't get the key basket it needed to get over the hump and take the lead. The Ramblers outscored the Blazers 19-14 in the fourth.

Josh Konecki paced the Ramblers with 13 points and added 5 rebounds. Trevor Krusel contributed 10 points, Robby Jensen and Dan Remsberg had 7 points each and Ryan Musser scored 4 points and hauled down 8 re-

bounds.

Kasza had 19 points to lead Kalkaska, and Schuba finished with 16.

"They hit quite a few threes with a hand in the face, and went 17-of-22 at the free throw line," Hausler said. "We missed too many bunnies (close shots) and went 2-of-6 from the line.

"It hurts to lose one like this, but we have to move on and keep working at it."

Boyne lost a 78-40 decision to undefeated No. 1-ranked Charlevoix last Thursday night.

Jensen scored 12 points, Musser added 11 and Konecki had 8 for the Ramblers.

Nate LaBlance had a

game-high 26 points for Charlevoix, which improved to 6-0 overall and is tied with Kalkaska for first place in the league.

Charlevoix jumped out to a 26-13 first-quarter lead and never trailed. The Red Rayders had a 50-26 halftime advantage. It was 75-35 after three quarters.

"They are an excellent ball club," Hausler said of Charlevoix. "They play with a tremendous amount of intensity."

"Next time we play them, we need to match their intensity. When we go into practice, we will be working on intensity and toughness."

Boyne dropped to 1-4 overall, 1-2 in the LMC.

Devils

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Daneff came up big for East Jordan once again, as he put up 26 points. Snowden added 9. Jordan Burry was Elk Rapids' high scorer with 16.

After last week's loss to Kalkaska, East Jordan did just what they said they were going to do — play

better defense, limit their turnovers, and shoot better from the free throw line.

Weber's team forced Elk Rapids into 23 turnovers and shot 75 percent from the charity stripe (15-of-20).

"The kids played a great game defensively," Weber said. "Teddy Snowden had

his best floor game of the year, and we got good contributions from our bench play."

East Jordan now goes into the holiday break with a 3-2 overall record and a 2-1 league record. They are back in action at home on Jan. 3 against Harbor Springs. JV tipoff is at 6 pm.

NOTICE OF **SHOW CAUSE HEARING** AND **JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING** **NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by May A. Davidson aka Mae A. Davidson, an unmarried woman and Gary Robert Davidson and Virginia Davidson, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 20, 2006 and recorded October 26, 2006 in Liber 771, Page 530, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen and 81/100 Dollars (\$110,617.81) including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 25, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the North one-eighth corner of the West line of Section 27, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, thence North on the West line of said Section 232 feet to the point of beginning of this description, thence continuing North on said Section line 280 feet, thence East, parallel with the North one-eighth line of said Section, 777.86 feet, thence South parallel with the West line of said Section, 280 feet, thence West 777.86 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 27, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: Dec. 26, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 280.3569

MORTGAGE SALE (CHARLEVOIX COUNTY)

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by THE DEE COMPANY, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, Mortgagor, to BANK, ONE, N.A. now known as JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., a national banking association, (Successor by merger of Bank One, NA), of 611 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan on September 24, 2003, in Liber 573 of Mortgages, Page 918. The sum claimed

to be due and owing on said Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is TWO HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND 43/100111 (\$238,738.43), plus interest at 5.625% 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 on Friday, the 18th day of January, 2008, 11:00 o'clock, in the forenoon, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix Charlevoix County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises and land described in the Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on the Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest.

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

TAX ID NO. 15-052-125-057-00 Land situated in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan Unit 57, THE EDGEWATER INN CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed, recorded in Liber 306 on Page(s) 540, including any and all amendments thereto, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 34, together with rights in general common elements and limited general common elements, as set forth in the above Master Deed, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Commonly known as: 100 Michigan Ave Unit 57, Charlevoix, MI 49720-1803 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241 or 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: Nov. 30, 2007

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. - F/K/A BANK ONE, N.A. 611 Woodward Avenue P.O. Box 331789 Detroit, MI 48232-7789, Mortgagee Kevin D. Welsh, Assistant General Counsel

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry P. Erno and Mia M. Erno, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated November 12, 2003, and recorded on November 17, 2003 in Liber 584 on Page 876, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six And 83/100 Dollars

(\$96,756.83), including interest at 7.948% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 11, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of Lot 71 and the North 1/2 of Lot 72 of McIntire's Addition to the City of Boyne City, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 69, Charlevoix County Records.

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

Dated: Dec. 5, 2007
For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #174786F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda S Hall, a Married Woman, and Robert J. Kopec, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2005, and recorded on March 11, 2005 in Liber 671 on Page 119, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Citimortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Eighty Three and 23/100 Dollars (\$88,023.23), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 11, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel C: Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the South 1/4 corner of Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along said Section line 88 degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds West 1309.28 feet to a P.K. nail on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line North 00 degrees 50 minutes 09 seconds East 358.43 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northeastly line of Highway M-75; thence along said highway line South 53 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds East 111.42 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, being the point of beginning of this description; thence along the centerline of a 66 foot wide private drive easement North 15 degrees 03 minutes 28 seconds East 997.10 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 60 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds East 34.15 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing South 60 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds East 130.88 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 12 degrees 55 minutes 56 seconds West 424.61 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence along said highway line North 53 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West 153.06 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said highway line North 53 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West 35.52 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the of Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West.

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

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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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 11, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel C: Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the South 1/4 corner of Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along said Section line 88 degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds West 1309.28 feet to a P.K. nail on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line North 00 degrees 50 minutes 09 seconds East 358.43 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northeastly line of Highway M-75; thence along said highway line South 53 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds East 111.42 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, being the point of beginning of this description; thence along the centerline of a 66 foot wide private drive easement North 15 degrees 03 minutes 28 seconds East 997.10 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 60 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds East 34.15 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing South 60 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds East 130.88 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 12 degrees 55 minutes 56 seconds West 424.61 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence along said highway line North 53 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West 153.06 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said highway line North 53 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West 35.52 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the of Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West.

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

Dated: Dec. 12, 2007
For more information, please call: FC H 248.593.1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #173798F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sara, Giern, A Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, A California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 8, 2004, and recorded on November 11, 2004 in Liber 649 on Page 572, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy And 57/100 Dollars (\$79,970.57), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 4, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5, Skl Town U.S.A. According to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 84, Charlevoix County Records.

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

Dated: Dec. 12, 2007
For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #155693F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan L Hamilton, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 18, 2003, and recorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 538 on Page 679, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Twenty-Three And 23/100 Dollars (\$88,023.23), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 11, 2008.

FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan L Hamilton, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 18, 2003, and recorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 538 on Page 679, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Twenty-Three And 23/100 Dollars (\$88,023.23), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 11, 2008.

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Dated: Dec. 12, 2007
For more information, please call: FC D 248.593.1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #155693F02

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE B Default has been made in the conditions of a certain future advance mortgage made by Harbor Building Company, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 5, 2005, and recorded on November 23, 2005, in Liber 717, on page 947, Charlevoix County Records, on which future advance mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Two Thousand Forty-Seven and 80/100 Dollars (\$202,047.80), including interest accruing at 13.00% 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 the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 18, 2008. The Mortgagee will apply the sales proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at a rate of interest accruing at 13.00% per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law; and also any amount paid by the Mortgagor to protect its interest in the property.

Said premises are situated in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as: Parcel 1: Lots 59; Block 8 of COLLINGS & CRANE'S ADDITION to the Village (now City) of Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 77 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

Sidwell No.: 051-108-059-10 Parcel 2: Lots 60; Block 8 of COLLINGS & CRANE'S ADDITION to the Village (now City) of Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 77 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

Sidwell No.: 051-108-060-00 Parcel 3: Lots 61; Block 8 of COLLINGS & CRANE'S ADDITION to the Village (now City) of Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 77 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

Sidwell No.: 051-108-061-00 Parcel 4: Lots 62; Block 8 of COLLINGS & CRANE'S ADDITION to the Village (now City) of Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 77 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

Sidwell No.: 051-108-062-00 Parcel 5: A parcel of land located in and being a part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, more fully described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 26 and proceeding along the North-South 1/4 line of said section, North 00 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds East, 1,320.65 feet (platted as North 00 degrees 31 minutes West) to the monumented South 1/8 line of Section 26 and along said monumented 1/8 line, South 89 degrees 34 minutes 48 seconds West, 454.70 feet (platted as North 89 degrees 11 minutes West, 461.25 feet) to an iron pipe and the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence from said point of beginning, North 01 degrees 06 minutes 20 seconds West, 74.38 feet; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds West, 121.69 feet; thence South 01 degrees 04 minutes 18 seconds East, 74.27 feet to the monumented South 1/8 line of Section 26; thence along said monumented 1/8 line, North 89 degrees 34 minutes 48 seconds East 121.74 feet (platted as South 89 degrees 11 minutes East, 121.65 feet) to the point of beginning.

Sidwell No.: 051-026-026-10 Parcel 6: A parcel of land located in and being a part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, more fully described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 26 and proceeding along the North-South 1/4 line of said section, North 00 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds East, 1,320.65 feet (platted as North 00 degrees 31 minutes West) to the monumented South 1/8 line of Section 26 and along said monumented 1/8 line, South 89 degrees 34 minutes 48 seconds West, 454.70 feet (platted as North 89 degrees 11 minutes West, 461.25 feet) to an iron pipe and the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; continuing thence from said point of beginning, North 01 degrees 06 minutes 20 seconds West, 74.38 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 24 seconds West, 121.65 feet; thence South 01 degrees 04 minutes 18 seconds East, 74.30 feet; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds East, 121.69 feet to the point of beginning.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan L Hamilton, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 18, 2003, and recorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 538 on Page 679, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Twenty-Three And 23/100 Dollars (\$88,023.23), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 11, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at an iron stake at the intersection of the North and South quarter line and the North Eight line of Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence East along said Eighth line 583 feet to an iron stake; thence South, parallel with said quarter line, 480 feet to an iron stake; thence West, parallel with said eighth line, 583 feet to the said quarter line, thence North along said quarter line 480 feet to the point of beginning; being part of the West half of the Northeast quarter (West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4) of Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Dec. 12, 2007
For more information, please call: FC D 248.593.1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #155693F02

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met, December 4, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.; Mayor Bennett presiding with all members of Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amount of \$161,936.97.

Further Commission Action: adopted Resolution 128-2007; adopted Resolution 129-2007; and adopted Resolution 130-2007. A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

Lori M. Campbell, CMC City Clerk

Records. Sidwell No.: 051-108-059-10 Parcel 2: Lots 60; Block 8 of COLLINGS & CRANE'S ADDITION to the Village (now City) of Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 77 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

Sidwell No.: 051-108-060-00 Parcel 3: Lots 61; Block 8 of COLLINGS & CRANE'S ADDITION to the Village (now City) of Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 77 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

Sidwell No.: 051-108-061-00 Parcel 4: Lots 62; Block 8 of COLLINGS & CRANE'S ADDITION to the Village (now City) of Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 77 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

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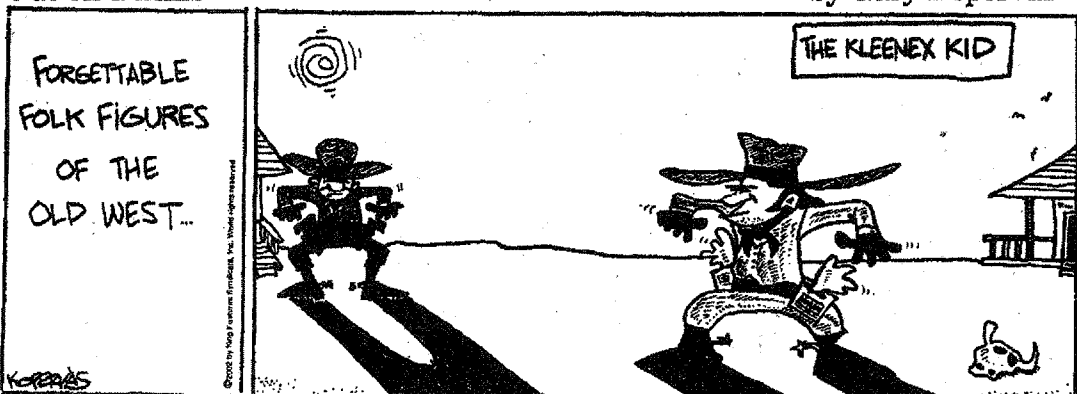
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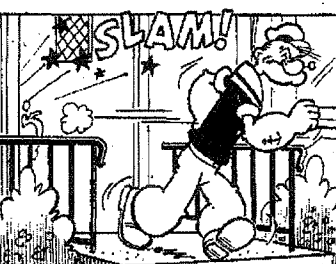
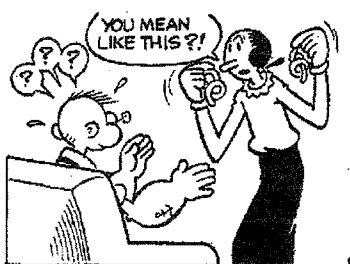
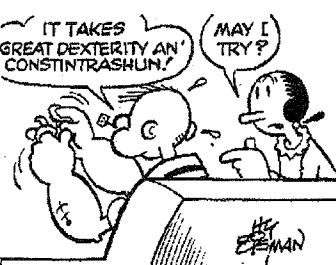
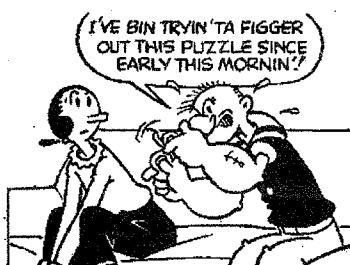
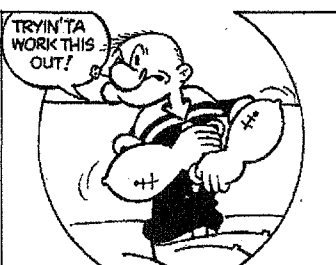
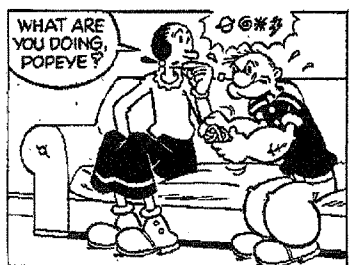
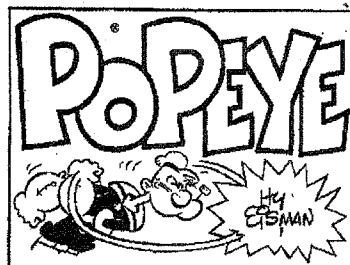
Mama's Boyz

by Jerry Craft



Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Earlier this year — on Nov. 20, to be exact — those who make such observations celebrated the feast day of St. Edmund the Martyr. Not familiar with him? As we're near the height of flu season, it might be wise to remember that St. Edmund the Martyr is the patron saint of pandemics.

• It was American lawyer Clarence Darrow, famous for defending John T. Scopes in the so-called Monkey Trial in 1925, who made the following observation: "When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become Pres-

ident, I'm beginning to believe it."

• Famously flamboyant country singer and songwriter Dolly Parton once entered a Dolly Parton look-alike contest — and she lost.

• According to travel experts, the top cities worldwide that tourists want to visit are, in order: Paris, Rome and San Francisco.

• The first atomic bomb was detonated on July 16, 1945, near Alamogordo, N.M. More than 60 years later, the substance at ground zero is still too radioactive to touch.

• When the movie "Grizzly Adams" was filmed, the grizzly bear that played the title role was paid \$9,000 a day, plus an extra \$15,000 for performing its own stunts. I wonder if it went out on a shopping spree after payday?

• In order to help those famously large sumo wrestlers put on weight, trainers have them stop eating breakfast.

• Those who study such things say that the average woman changes her hairstyle 20 times between the ages of 18 and 24. Between the ages of 50 and 80, women only change their hairstyle four times.

• It's been reported that singer Sting doesn't use deodorant. In fact, after interviewing him for a concert once, the journalists nicknamed him "Stink."

Thought for the Day: "Politics is not the art of the possible. It consists in choosing between the disastrous and the unpalatable." — John Kenneth Galbraith

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Sudoku Answers

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Go Figure! answers

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Super Crossword Answers

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ADEN	OMOG	LETON	ABIDE
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EMILE	IDOL	GEE	ONO
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WRESTLER	AMOR	SUEY	
EAT	ARIM	FROM	NIMTOY
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SENDER	ELK	CORN	UTE
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WAD	TENNIS	SPROWADE	ERN
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TOV	FEST	DOT	ERODE
ARIEL	NICOLE	FORN	APRISON
NELLY	NILE	SARL	LUV
ONEA	FIAT	DILATORY	
BAKING	POTATO	EMO	
ALA	GOD	REBA	MOOSE
ROYAL	GOODTI	MESMOTHER	
OWAGA	ERRIE	MATA	HIED
MARKI	ESSEX	ARRA	YOKE

Super Crossword

CLEARLY STATED

- ACROSS**
- 1 Brent
 - 5 Greenhouse items
 - 9 Novelist Jong
 - 14 Future officer
 - 19 Mideastern gulf
 - 20 "Typee" sequel
 - 21 Reveal
 - 22 Put up with
 - 23 ARIZONA
 - 26 "The Boys From Brazil" author
 - 27 Zola or Durkheim
 - 28 Elvis, for instance
 - 29 "Holy cow!"
 - 31 Lennon's lady
 - 32 SASE, e.g.
 - 34 WASHINGTON
 - 40 He engages in brute force
 - 45 "Porgi" (Mozart aria)
 - 46 Tallow source
 - 47 Demolish
 - 48 Composer Khachaturian
 - 50 "Night" (80 film)
 - 52 "In Search of..." host
 - 56 OKLAHOMA
 - 61 Hold forth
 - 62 Tijuana title
 - 63 Lodge brother
 - 64 Podiatric problem
 - 66 Actress Hagen
 - 67 Cabbage cousin
 - 70 Shoe part
 - 73 Master
 - 74 Strauss' "Rosenkavalier"
 - 75 Clump
 - 78 VIRGINIA
 - 82 West ender?
 - 83 Pindaric poem
 - 84 Hog heaven?
 - 85 "My word!"
 - 86 Sounds like a Shorthorn
 - 88 "Mazel —!"
 - 89 Sense
 - 90 Speck
 - 92 Carve a canyon
 - 96 The Little Mermaid
 - 98 INDIANA
 - 104 Nobelist Sachs
 - 105 "Aida" river
 - 106 Ahmedabad attire
 - 107 "64 Murray Schisgal play
 - 108 Draft status
 - 111 Arbitrary order
 - 113 Sluggish
 - 116 IDAHO
 - 120 Philips of "UHF"
 - 121 Chicken — king
 - 122 Dollop
 - 123 Melodious McEntire
 - 127 "Archie" character
 - 131 Fit for a king
 - 134 FLORIDA
 - 139 "My Friend Flicka" author
 - 140 Spine-tingling
 - 141 — Harl
 - 142 Hastened
 - 143 Uncovered
 - 144 English county
 - 145 Certain Semite
 - 146 Draft device
 - 9 TV Tarzan
 - 10 Part of USAR
 - 11 Klugman co-star
 - 12 Michael Crichton work
 - 13 Patrons
 - 14 Hubbard or Tjader
 - 15 Vigoda of "Fish"
 - 16 St. Andrews cload
 - 17 Minnesota city
 - 18 Tauber or Thill
 - 24 Time to give up
 - 25 Soprano Gluck
 - 30 Aussie walker
 - 33 Hammer feature
 - 35 Word on a fuse
 - 36 Actress Singer
 - 37 River reptile
 - 38 Vacuum-tube gas
 - 39 "Crazy" (80 film)
 - 40 Networks
 - 41 Uncommon
 - 42 School founded in 1440
 - 43 Significant years
 - 44 "Monsieur Verdoux"
 - actress
 - 49 2,056, to Tiberius
 - 51 Jungle bird
 - 53 "All In the Family" spin-off
 - 54 Playful fisherman
 - 55 Long for
 - 57 NASA
 - 58 "Confound it!"
 - 59 Order of the czar
 - 60 Resident
 - 65 Try again
 - 68 — majesty
 - 69 Record
 - 71 EPA
 - 72 Banleader Paraz
 - 75 Valhalla VIP
 - 76 Venerate
 - 77 Pester
 - 79 Windbreaker material
 - 80 Efluvia
 - 81 Kind of pitcher
 - 87 — Lanka
 - 89 "Captain Blood" star
 - 91 Senator Cochran
 - 93 Christiania, today
 - 94 Gloomy
 - 95 Covet
 - 97 Wells creatures
 - 99 Ride
 - 100 Literary pseudonym
 - 101 Exploit
 - 102 Onassis' nickname
 - 103 Annoy
 - 109 Souffle ingredient
 - 110 Climax
 - 112 Amos or Spelling
 - 114 Snowballs, sometimes
 - 115 Like some smiles
 - 116 Nobleman
 - 117 Hilo hello
 - 118 Palindromic progue
 - 119 Some woodwinds
 - 124 Jane Austen novel
 - 125 Gentle Ben, for one
 - 126 Actress Nielsen
 - 128 Rock's — Players
 - 129 Pursue
 - 130 Mahler's "Das Lied von der —"
 - 132 Exist
 - 133 Fictional coilie
 - 135 Hosp. areas
 - 136 Casino cube
 - 137 Saxophonist Beneke
 - 138 Fairy queen

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9, but only once in each. No number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com. For solutions check 'JRC Publications' on the solutions page of www.sudoku.com.

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EASY

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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★ Moderate ★ ★ Difficult ★ ★ ★ GO FIGURE!

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Senior center receives donation



Cathy Handy (front) of the Boyne City Ambulance service presents a \$500 check to Ron Grunch of the Boyne Area Senior Center. (Back, l-r) Dick Dunsmore, Nels Northrup, Linda Christensen, Clark Rouse, Delores Wherenberg, and ambulance personnel Mike Anderson.

Boyne City home destroyed



This house on Brockway Street may be totally destroyed from the fire that broke out Friday, Dec. 21. The fire is believed to have originated in a corner of the living room. The Boyne City Fire Department responded, and Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury believes it was accidental.



Pictured with Mrs. Kircher is (left) granddaughter Piper (age 1) and to the right is granddaughter Loren (age 7)

NMRH offers digital mammography

Area donors provide funds for women's imaging technology

New digital mammography technology to be offered by Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in early 2008, may mean more accurate, earlier detection of breast cancer, while making the procedure more convenient for both patients and doctors.

While the process of receiving the mammogram will be the same as for a conventional film procedure, the images will now be available almost immediately, which means no wait-time for film development. The digital images can be electronically viewed, transmitted and stored, and the interpreting physician can use digital tools to electronically enhance and magnify images to better examine any suspicious areas. This reduces the need for the patient to be called back for additional exposures.

Further, the technology allows for long-distance consultations with other specialists, because the digital images can be easily transmitted to other facilities.

Petoskey resident Lois Kircher, one of the main donors behind the digital mammography equipment purchase, said it is important technology for the northern Michigan area.

"I do have a couple of daughters and a daughter-in-law, and granddaughters," Kircher said. "It is special for their future. Hopefully it will be a big help for many, many people."

Once operational, the digital mammography method will be made available to all women scheduled for breast screening. This will allow the dedicated breast health team at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital the ability to work more effectively and efficiently.

"This enables us to provide the top level of care for our breast imaging patients," said hospital president and CEO Tom Mroczkowski. "It is the most widely used digital mammography system in the world, and we are pleased to be among the first facilities in the region to offer its benefits. We are so grateful to the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Foundation and the area's generous donors for providing the funds needed for this life-saving technology."

The new technology will be covered by all major insurances, and the hospital will continue to offer its supporting specialists who remain on hand when further treatment is necessary. Breast cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death in women between the ages of 15 and 54, according to the American Cancer Society.

RING IN THE CHEER

With resounding best wishes from all of us here.

To all of the people who've stopped by this year.

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